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**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: CRIME**

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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 6-9, 2011 with a random sample of –1,005— adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.**

**For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of –876— registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.**

**Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.**

**Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.**

**In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.**

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16. Is there more crime in your area than there was a year ago, or less?

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Oct 6-9	48	29	18	5
2010 Oct 7-10	49	30	16	5
2009 Oct 1-4	51	29	16	4
2008 Oct 3-5	44	31	19	5
2007 Oct 4-7	51	29	17	4
2006 Oct 9-12	51	30	15	4
2005 Oct 13-16	47	33	18	2
2004 Oct 11-14	37	37	22	4
2003 Oct 6-8	40	39	19	2
2002 Oct 14-17	37	34	24	5
2001 Oct 11-14	26	52	18	4
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	34	46	15	5
1998 Oct 23-25	31	48	16	5
1997 Aug 22-25	46	32	20	2
1996 Jul 25-28	46	24	25	5
1992 Feb 28-Mar 1	54	19	23	4
1990 Sep 10-11	51	18	24	8
1989 Jun 8-11	53	18	22	7
1989 Jan 24-28	47	21	27	5
1983 Jan 28-31	37	17	36	10
1981 Jan 9-12	54	8	29	9
1977 Nov 18-21	43	17	32	8
1975 Jun 27-30	50	12	29	9
1972 Dec 8-11	51	10	27	12

17. Is there more crime in the U.S. than there was a year ago, or less?

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Oct 6-9	68	17	8	8
2010 Oct 7-10	66	17	8	9
2009 Oct 1-4	74	15	6	5
2008 Oct 3-5	67	15	9	9
2007 Oct 4-7	71	14	8	6
2006 Oct 9-12	68	16	8	8
2005 Oct 13-16	67	21	9	3
2004 Oct 11-14	53	28	14	5
2003 Oct 6-8	60	25	11	4
2002 Oct 14-17	62	21	11	6
2001 Oct 11-14	41	43	10	6
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	47	41	7	5
1998 Oct 23-25	52	35	8	5
1997 Aug 22-25	64	25	6	5
1996 Jul 25-28	71	15	8	6
1993 Oct 13-18	87	4	5	4
1992 Feb 28-Mar 1	89	3	4	4
1990 Sep 10	84	3	7	6
1989 Jan 24-28	84	5	5	6

18. Is there any area near where you live - that is, within a mile - where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Oct 6-9	38	61	*
2010 Oct 7-10	37	63	*
2009 Oct 1-4	34	66	*
2008 Oct 3-5	37	63	*
2007 Oct 4-7	37	62	*
2006 Oct 9-12	37	63	*
2005 Oct 13-16	38	62	*
2004 Oct 11-14	32	67	1
2003 Oct 6-8	36	64	*
2002 Oct 14-17	35	64	1
2001 Oct 11-14	30	69	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	34	66	*
1997 Aug 22-25	38	61	1
1996 Jul 25-28	39	60	1
1994 Dec 19-26	39	60	--
1993 Oct 13-18	43	56	1
1992 Feb 28-Mar 1	44	56	--
1990 Sep 10-11	40	59	--
1989 Jan 24-28	43	57	--
1983 Jan 28-31	45	55	*
1982 Jan 22-25	48	52	*
1981 Jan 9-12	45	55	--
1979 Nov 2-5	42	58	--
1977 Nov 18-21	45	55	--
1975 Jun 27-30	45	55	--
1972 Dec 8-11	42	57	1
1968 Sep 19-24	35	62	3
1967 Aug 3-8	31	67	3
1965 Apr 2-7	34	66	--

19. Overall, how would you describe the problem of crime [ROTATED: in the United States/in the area where you live] -- is it extremely serious, very serious, moderately serious, not too serious, or not serious at all?

**A. In the United States**

	<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Moderately serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Oct 6-9	18	36	39	5	1	1
2010 Oct 7-10	21	39	35	3	1	2
2009 Oct 1-4	20	35	40	3	*	1
2008 Oct 3-5	16	35	43	5	*	1
2007 Oct 4-7	20	37	39	2	*	1
2006 Oct 9-12	17	39	41	2	*	1
2005 Oct 13-16	19	30	46	4	*	1
2004 Oct 11-14	13	29	52	5	*	1
2003 Oct 6-8	17	37	40	4	1	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	22	38	35	3	1	1

**B. In the area where you live**

	<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Moderately serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Oct 6-9	4	7	41	32	15	1
2010 Oct 7-10	4	9	37	33	16	1
2009 Oct 1-4	4	8	36	35	16	*
2008 Oct 3-5	3	8	32	35	22	1
2007 Oct 4-7	5	10	34	34	17	1
2006 Oct 9-12	3	9	35	35	18	*
2005 Oct 13-16	5	7	30	39	19	*
2004 Oct 11-14	2	6	31	37	24	*
2003 Oct 6-8	4	7	33	35	21	*
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	3	9	35	35	18	*