

Table 2.31

Respondents' feelings of safety walking alone at night in own neighborhood

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1996

Question: "How do you feel when you are out alone at night walking in your neighborhood?
Do you feel very safe, or fairly safe, or fairly unsafe, or very unsafe?"

	Very safe	Fairly safe	Fairly unsafe	Very unsafe	Not sure
National	28%	40%	13%	16%	2%
Sex					
Male	40	41	10	8	1
Female	16	39	17	23	3
Race					
White	31	40	13	13	2
Black	13	32	22	27	5
Age					
18 to 29 years	25	44	14	17	0
30 to 44 years	31	41	14	12	1
45 to 64 years	32	40	12	12	2
65 years and older	21	36	12	21	7
Education					
College graduate	35	45	11	7	1
Some college	29	44	15	10	1
No college	25	36	14	21	3
Income					
More than \$60,000	44	41	10	4	1
\$40,000 to \$60,000	29	44	13	14	0
\$20,000 to \$39,999	23	43	13	18	2
Less than \$20,000	21	29	17	22	7
Community					
City	19	39	17	23	2
Suburb	30	44	14	9	2
Small town	29	37	13	17	3
Rural	37	40	7	11	1
Region					
East	26	39	13	17	3
Midwest	35	36	12	15	1
South	30	36	13	17	3
West	18	51	16	13	2
Politics					
Republican	30	44	15	8	1
Democrat	24	37	14	21	3
Independent	29	41	11	16	2

Note: See Note, table 2.30. The "refused" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100.

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