

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: NBC News/Marist Poll of 1,018 National Adults

This survey of 1,018 adults was conducted December 4th and December 5th by The Marist Poll sponsored in partnership with NBC News. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. Respondents in the household were selected by asking for the youngest male. To increase coverage, this landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 Census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.1 percentage points. There are 865 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.3 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

		National Adults	National Registered Voters
		Col %	Col %
National Adults		100%	
National Registered Voters		85%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	34%	34%
	Republican	29%	29%
	Independent	35%	35%
	Other	1%	1%
Gender	Men	49%	49%
	Women	51%	51%
Age	Under 45	43%	38%
	45 or older	57%	62%
Age	18 to 29	25%	20%
	30 to 44	18%	18%
	45 to 59	29%	30%
	60 or older	28%	32%
Race	White	67%	70%
	African American	11%	11%
	Latino	14%	13%
	Other	7%	6%
Region	Northeast	18%	18%
	Midwest	22%	24%
	South	37%	37%
	West	23%	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	49%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	51%
Education	Not college graduate	62%	58%
	College graduate	38%	42%
HH with Children Under 18	Parents	39%	37%
	No children	61%	63%
HH with Children Under 18	White parents	23%	23%
	Non-white parents	16%	14%
	White no children	44%	47%
	Non-white no children	17%	16%
Interview Type	Landline	59%	62%
	Cell phone	41%	38%

NBC News/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 4th and December 5th, 2014, n=1018 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. National Registered Voters: n=865 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

NBC News/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults				
		How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to do a good job enforcing the law: A great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence?				
		A great deal	A fair amount	Just some	Very little confidence	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		48%	29%	10%	12%	2%
National Registered Voters		50%	28%	10%	11%	1%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	35%	34%	12%	18%	1%
	Republican	73%	19%	3%	4%	0%
	Independent	44%	31%	13%	10%	2%
Gender	Men	50%	30%	8%	11%	1%
	Women	45%	28%	12%	12%	2%
Age	18 to 29	35%	30%	14%	19%	2%
	30 to 44	48%	26%	15%	9%	2%
	45 to 59	52%	29%	9%	9%	1%
	60 or older	54%	30%	6%	9%	1%
Age	Under 45	40%	29%	14%	14%	2%
	45 or older	53%	29%	7%	9%	1%
Race	White	55%	28%	10%	7%	1%
	African American	17%	33%	10%	35%	4%
	Latino	41%	34%	10%	13%	1%
Race	White	55%	28%	10%	7%	1%
	Non-white	33%	31%	11%	21%	3%
Region	Northeast	48%	25%	14%	11%	2%
	Midwest	54%	27%	9%	9%	1%
	South	44%	31%	8%	15%	2%
	West	45%	32%	13%	9%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	43%	28%	13%	15%	1%
	\$50,000 or more	53%	32%	9%	7%	0%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	28%	11%	14%	2%
	College graduate	50%	31%	10%	8%	1%
Parents		48%	29%	12%	10%	2%
Parents	White	57%	27%	12%	3%	1%
	Non-white	34%	32%	12%	19%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	53%	27%	10%	8%	2%
	Cell phone	40%	31%	11%	16%	1%

NBC News/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 4th and December 5th, 2014, n=1018 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points.

[^]National Registered Voters: n=865 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

NBC News/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults				
		How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to not use excessive force on suspects: A great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence?				
		A great deal	A fair amount	Just some	Very little confidence	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		41%	31%	12%	13%	3%
National Registered Voters		44%	30%	10%	13%	3%
Party Identification^	Democrat	30%	36%	13%	19%	3%
	Republican	65%	25%	4%	4%	2%
	Independent	41%	29%	12%	15%	3%
Gender	Men	44%	27%	11%	15%	2%
	Women	39%	34%	12%	11%	4%
Age	18 to 29	32%	31%	13%	21%	3%
	30 to 44	44%	26%	15%	12%	2%
	45 to 59	41%	34%	10%	13%	2%
	60 or older	48%	31%	9%	8%	4%
Age	Under 45	37%	29%	14%	17%	3%
	45 or older	44%	32%	10%	11%	3%
Race	White	50%	29%	11%	7%	2%
	African American	13%	30%	19%	33%	6%
	Latino	29%	39%	5%	25%	2%
Race	White	50%	29%	11%	7%	2%
	Non-white	24%	34%	13%	25%	5%
Region	Northeast	46%	22%	13%	17%	2%
	Midwest	45%	31%	12%	9%	3%
	South	39%	33%	11%	14%	3%
	West	39%	32%	11%	14%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	39%	31%	12%	16%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	45%	29%	12%	11%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	38%	33%	11%	15%	3%
	College graduate	47%	27%	13%	11%	2%
Parents		41%	31%	11%	14%	3%
Parents	White	52%	27%	13%	6%	2%
	Non-white	23%	38%	10%	24%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	47%	30%	12%	8%	3%
	Cell phone	33%	32%	12%	21%	3%

NBC News/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 4th and December 5th, 2014, n=1018 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: n=865 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

NBC News/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults				
		How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to treat blacks and whites equally: A great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence?				
		A great deal	A fair amount	Just some	Very little confidence	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		44%	25%	11%	16%	4%
National Registered Voters		47%	25%	10%	16%	3%
Party Identification^	Democrat	28%	30%	14%	25%	3%
	Republican	70%	22%	2%	4%	2%
	Independent	45%	23%	11%	16%	4%
Gender	Men	44%	27%	11%	15%	3%
	Women	43%	24%	12%	17%	4%
Age	18 to 29	34%	21%	20%	22%	3%
	30 to 44	49%	22%	11%	17%	1%
	45 to 59	43%	30%	8%	15%	4%
	60 or older	48%	27%	8%	11%	6%
Age	Under 45	40%	21%	16%	20%	2%
	45 or older	46%	29%	8%	13%	5%
Race	White	52%	26%	9%	10%	3%
	African American	12%	21%	20%	43%	5%
	Latino	29%	28%	18%	20%	6%
Race	White	52%	26%	9%	10%	3%
	Non-white	26%	23%	17%	28%	5%
Region	Northeast	40%	24%	9%	23%	4%
	Midwest	52%	23%	12%	12%	1%
	South	41%	28%	9%	18%	4%
	West	42%	24%	16%	13%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	25%	11%	19%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	46%	26%	12%	14%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	25%	12%	16%	5%
	College graduate	46%	25%	11%	16%	2%
Parents		45%	24%	13%	16%	4%
Parents	White	54%	27%	9%	8%	1%
	Non-white	29%	21%	18%	26%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	25%	10%	11%	5%
	Cell phone	35%	26%	13%	24%	2%

NBC News/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 4th and December 5th, 2014, n=1018 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: n=865 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

NBC News/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults				
		Have you heard a lot, quite a bit, some, or nothing at all about the recent grand jury decisions in Ferguson, Missouri and Staten Island, New York not to indict police officers in the killing of unarmed men?				
		A lot	Quite a bit	Some	Nothing at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		62%	14%	16%	7%	0%
National Registered Voters		65%	14%	15%	5%	0%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	62%	16%	17%	5%	0%
	Republican	72%	12%	13%	3%	0%
	Independent	63%	14%	16%	6%	0%
Gender	Men	62%	13%	17%	8%	0%
	Women	62%	15%	16%	7%	1%
Age	18 to 29	46%	8%	28%	18%	0%
	30 to 44	70%	16%	11%	4%	0%
	45 to 59	69%	14%	15%	2%	0%
	60 or older	63%	19%	12%	5%	1%
Age	Under 45	56%	11%	21%	12%	0%
	45 or older	66%	16%	13%	3%	1%
Race	White	65%	15%	15%	5%	0%
	African American	59%	19%	12%	10%	0%
	Latino	47%	10%	27%	16%	0%
Race	White	65%	15%	15%	5%	0%
	Non-white	57%	12%	18%	13%	0%
Region	Northeast	71%	10%	15%	4%	1%
	Midwest	62%	13%	18%	7%	0%
	South	61%	17%	14%	8%	0%
	West	58%	13%	18%	9%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	58%	14%	20%	7%	0%
	\$50,000 or more	67%	16%	13%	4%	0%
Education	Not college graduate	59%	13%	18%	10%	0%
	College graduate	68%	16%	14%	1%	0%
Parents		63%	10%	18%	9%	0%
Parents	White	64%	14%	18%	4%	0%
	Non-white	61%	4%	19%	16%	0%
Interview Type	Landline	63%	17%	14%	6%	1%
	Cell phone	61%	10%	19%	10%	0%

NBC News/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 4th and December 5th, 2014, n=1018 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points.

[^]National Registered Voters: n=865 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

NBC News/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults			
		Have those decisions increased or decreased your confidence in the legal system?			
		Increased	Decreased	Vol: Made no difference	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		17%	43%	32%	8%
National Registered Voters		19%	40%	33%	7%
Party Identification^	Democrat	16%	53%	26%	4%
	Republican	28%	21%	41%	10%
	Independent	16%	43%	35%	5%
Gender	Men	19%	41%	34%	6%
	Women	16%	45%	29%	10%
Age	18 to 29	13%	56%	21%	10%
	30 to 44	20%	38%	34%	8%
	45 to 59	15%	44%	36%	5%
	60 or older	21%	35%	35%	9%
Age	Under 45	16%	48%	27%	9%
	45 or older	18%	40%	35%	7%
Race	White	21%	35%	36%	8%
	African American	9%	70%	14%	7%
	Latino	8%	57%	28%	7%
Race	White	21%	35%	36%	8%
	Non-white	9%	59%	23%	9%
Region	Northeast	15%	49%	30%	6%
	Midwest	17%	41%	34%	8%
	South	20%	40%	32%	8%
	West	16%	46%	30%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	17%	44%	32%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	18%	44%	33%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	16%	44%	30%	10%
	College graduate	19%	42%	34%	5%
Parents		17%	46%	30%	8%
Parents	White	22%	38%	35%	4%
	Non-white	9%	57%	21%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	21%	35%	36%	8%
	Cell phone	13%	55%	25%	7%

NBC News/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 4th and December 5th, 2014, n=1018 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: n=865 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

NBC News/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults				
		Do you agree or disagree that law enforcement applies different standards to whites and blacks? [And, do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?]				
		Not so strongly			Strongly disagree	Unsure
		Strongly agree	Not so strongly agree	disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		36%	11%	8%	36%	9%
National Registered Voters		35%	11%	8%	38%	8%
Party Identification^	Democrat	53%	11%	8%	21%	6%
	Republican	15%	11%	7%	57%	10%
	Independent	34%	10%	8%	40%	8%
Gender	Men	34%	13%	7%	40%	6%
	Women	38%	9%	9%	33%	11%
Age	18 to 29	43%	12%	8%	29%	8%
	30 to 44	33%	13%	8%	40%	6%
	45 to 59	35%	9%	6%	40%	10%
	60 or older	33%	11%	10%	37%	10%
Age	Under 45	39%	13%	8%	33%	7%
	45 or older	34%	10%	8%	39%	10%
Race	White	28%	11%	9%	42%	10%
	African American	80%	2%	4%	10%	5%
	Latino	34%	19%	5%	33%	8%
Race	White	28%	11%	9%	42%	10%
	Non-white	52%	11%	5%	26%	6%
Region	Northeast	43%	10%	9%	30%	9%
	Midwest	36%	9%	7%	39%	9%
	South	36%	11%	7%	36%	10%
	West	31%	13%	9%	40%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	39%	13%	8%	30%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	36%	9%	7%	42%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	36%	12%	7%	37%	8%
	College graduate	36%	9%	10%	36%	9%
Parents		37%	12%	6%	35%	10%
Parents	White	27%	11%	9%	43%	11%
	Non-white	50%	15%	3%	25%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	32%	11%	10%	38%	10%
	Cell phone	43%	11%	5%	34%	7%

NBC News/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 4th and December 5th, 2014, n=1018 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: n=865 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

NBC News/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults		
		Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's handling of these grand jury decisions?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		30%	46%	24%
National Registered Voters		30%	47%	23%
Party Identification^	Democrat	50%	29%	21%
	Republican	13%	66%	21%
	Independent	28%	47%	24%
Gender	Men	29%	50%	20%
	Women	32%	41%	27%
Age	18 to 29	28%	44%	28%
	30 to 44	39%	33%	28%
	45 to 59	28%	49%	22%
	60 or older	31%	51%	17%
Age	Under 45	32%	40%	28%
	45 or older	30%	50%	20%
Race	White	27%	49%	24%
	African American	35%	46%	19%
	Latino	36%	38%	26%
Race	White	27%	49%	24%
	Non-white	39%	37%	23%
Region	Northeast	36%	38%	26%
	Midwest	29%	53%	18%
	South	28%	46%	26%
	West	31%	44%	25%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	31%	48%	22%
	\$50,000 or more	33%	45%	22%
Education	Not college graduate	27%	49%	23%
	College graduate	36%	39%	25%
Parents		34%	37%	29%
Parents	White	31%	40%	29%
	Non-white	39%	32%	29%
Interview Type	Landline	30%	45%	25%
	Cell phone	30%	47%	23%

NBC News/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 4th and December 5th, 2014, n=1018 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: n=865 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

NBC News/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults		
		Do you believe that police officers should or should not be required to wear video recorders to monitor their policing?		
		Should	Should not	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		76%	17%	7%
National Registered Voters		74%	18%	7%
Party Identification^	Democrat	79%	15%	6%
	Republican	62%	29%	9%
	Independent	80%	14%	6%
Gender	Men	74%	19%	7%
	Women	78%	15%	7%
Age	18 to 29	85%	13%	2%
	30 to 44	74%	18%	9%
	45 to 59	72%	21%	7%
	60 or older	75%	16%	10%
Age	Under 45	80%	15%	5%
	45 or older	73%	18%	8%
Race	White	74%	20%	6%
	African American	81%	10%	9%
	Latino	83%	13%	4%
Race	White	74%	20%	6%
	Non-white	80%	12%	7%
Region	Northeast	74%	20%	6%
	Midwest	71%	19%	10%
	South	77%	17%	6%
	West	82%	14%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	78%	17%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	76%	18%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	78%	15%	6%
	College graduate	73%	20%	7%
Parents		78%	17%	5%
Parents	White	75%	22%	4%
	Non-white	81%	11%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	73%	20%	7%
	Cell phone	81%	13%	6%

NBC News/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 4th and December 5th, 2014, n=1018 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: n=865 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.