

**Table A-3. Survey response rates: 1977–2016
(Percent)**

Year	Self-report rate
1977	96.6
1978	96.3
1979	96.4
1980	96.2
1981	95.7
1982	95.3
1983	95.5
1984	95.1
1985	94.8
1986	93.5
1987	93.1
1988	92.9
1989	92.3
1990	93.6
1991	94.6
1992	95.1
1993	94.7
1994	94.6
1995	94.2
1996	93.0
1997	91.6
1998	91.9
1999	91.9
2000	92.4
2001	92.7
2002	91.3
2003	91.6
2004	91.3
2005	92.1
2006	93.1
2007	91.7
2008	92.3
2009	92.6
2010	93.0
2011	92.9
2012	92.5
2013	92.0
2014	90.6
2015	90.3
2016	91.8

NOTES: Rates for 1976–2015 include late responses. Rate for 2016 may increase slightly in the next year if additional questionnaires are received after survey closure.

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