

Appendix table 7-28

**Familiarity with nanotechnology, by respondent characteristic: 2006**

(Percent)

Characteristic	How much respondents have heard about nanotechnology				
	A lot	Some	Just a little	Nothing at all	Don't know
All adults (n = 1,864) .....	5	15	25	54	2
Sex					
Male (n = 804) .....	8	24	23	44	1
Female (n = 1,060).....	2	8	26	62	2
Formal education					
<High school (n = 227) .....	2	4	15	78	1
High school graduate (n = 1,115) .....	3	14	23	58	2
Baccalaureate (n = 346).....	7	23	30	38	2
Graduate/professional degree (n = 176) .....	13	20	38	29	—
Science/mathematics education <sup>a</sup>					
Low (n = 1,042) .....	2	9	19	67	2
Middle (n = 359) .....	5	21	33	41	—
High (n = 408).....	12	25	32	31	—
Family income (quartile)					
Top (n = 311) .....	8	23	28	40	1
Second (n = 420) .....	4	18	28	48	2
Third (n = 419).....	4	10	25	59	1
Bottom (n = 462).....	5	12	22	61	1
Age (years)					
18–24 (n = 157).....	4	20	33	42	1
25–34 (n = 341).....	4	12	27	56	1
35–44 (n = 382).....	7	13	25	54	1
45–54 (n = 386).....	6	16	26	50	2
55–64 (n = 272).....	5	23	19	51	1
65+ (n = 321) .....	3	8	18	69	2
Minor children at home					
Yes (n = 588).....	5	16	24	54	1
No (n = 1,276).....	5	15	25	54	2
Factual knowledge of science <sup>b</sup> (quartile)					
Top (n = 455) .....	13	31	38	18	—
Second (n = 470) .....	4	16	27	51	2
Third (n = 479).....	1	8	23	66	2
Bottom (n = 460).....	1	3	10	83	2

— = ≤0.5% responded

<sup>a</sup>Low = ≤5 high school and college science/math courses; middle = 6–8 courses; high = ≥9 courses.<sup>b</sup>See notes to appendix table 7-4 for explanation of “factual knowledge of science scale 1.”NOTES: Responses to: *How much have you heard about nanotechnology? Have you heard a lot, some, just a little, or nothing at all?* Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

SOURCE: University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (2006).