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Attitudes toward laws covering the sale of firearms

United States, selected years 1990-2008

Question: "In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?"

	More strict	Less strict	Kept as they are now	Don't know/refused
1990	78%	2%	17%	3%
1991	68	5	25	2
March 1993	70	4	24	2
December 1993	67	7	25	1
1995 ^a	62	12	24	2
1999	60	9	29	2
2000	62	5	31	2
2001	53	8	38	1
2002	51	11	36	2
2003	55	9	36	(b)
2004	54	11	34	1
2005	57	7	35	1
2006	56	9	33	2
2007	51	8	39	2
2008	49	8	41	2

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2008 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,011 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 3-5, 2008. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^a Asked of a half sample.

^b Less than 0.5%.

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