

Table 2.64.2004

**Attitudes toward laws covering the sale of firearms**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2004

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

	More strict	Less strict	Kept as they are now
National	54%	11%	34%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	42	18	40
Female	65	5	28
<b>Race</b>			
White	52	12	35
Nonwhite	62	9	28
Black	67	12	18
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	56	11	33
30 to 49 years	50	11	38
50 to 64 years	57	11	31
50 years and older	57	11	30
65 years and older	58	11	28
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	67	7	25
College graduate	56	6	38
Some college	51	10	39
High school graduate or less	51	15	32
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	55	10	34
\$50,000 to \$74,999	49	13	38
\$30,000 to \$49,999	50	13	37
\$20,000 to \$29,999	63	8	27
Under \$20,000	57	11	28
<b>Community</b>			
Urban area	59	9	32
Suburban area	56	11	32
Rural area	44	15	40
<b>Region</b>			
East	60	14	26
Midwest	52	13	35
South	50	10	38
West	56	8	34
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	34	17	49
Democrat	74	5	19
Independent	54	11	34

Note: See Note, [table 2.13.2005](#). The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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