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Attitudes toward gun laws in the United States

United States, selected years 2000-2012

Question: "In terms of gun laws in the United States, which of the following would you prefer to see happen: enforce the current gun laws more strictly and not pass new gun laws, or pass new gun laws in addition to enforcing the current laws more strictly?"

	Enforce current laws more strictly and not pass new laws	Pass new laws in addition to enforcing the current laws more strictly
2000 ^a April	51%	44%
2000 August	53	45
2002	60	38
2006	53	43
2007	58	38
2011	60	35
2012	46	47

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2012 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,038 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Dec. 19-22, 2012. 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](#).

^a Asked of a half sample.

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