

Table 2.40

Respondents reporting whether they engaged in selected behaviors because of concern over crime

By sex and race, United States, 2003

Question: "Next, I'm going to read some things people do because of their concern over crime. Please tell me which, if any, of these things you, yourself, do or have done."

	Total	Sex		Race		
		Male	Female	White	Nonwhite ^a	Black
Avoid going to certain places or neighborhoods you might otherwise want to go to	49%	43%	55%	47%	57%	62%
Keep a dog for protection	31	28	34	32	27	25
Bought a gun for protection of yourself or your home	27	32	22	26	32	36
Had a burglar alarm installed in your home	25	25	25	22	37	44
Carry mace or pepper spray	19	8	29	17	28	31
Carry a gun for defense	12	17	9	11	16	23

Note: See Note, [table 2.13](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aIncludes black respondents.

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