

Table 2.40.2005

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

By sex and race, United States, 2005

Question: "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 <sup>a</sup>	Black
Avoid going to certain places or neighborhoods you might otherwise want to go to	47%	40%	53%	47%	47%	50%
Keep a dog for protection	31	29	32	31	29	24
Had a burglar alarm installed in your home	29	28	31	28	36	32
Bought a gun for protection of yourself or your home	23	31	15	23	20	24
Carry a knife for defense	11	16	6	9	16	19
Carry a gun for defense	11	14	7	10	12	9
Carry mace or pepper spray	18	9	26	16	22	25

Note: See Note, [table 2.13.2005](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

<sup>a</sup>Includes black respondents.

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