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

By sex and race, United States, 2007

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	48%	41%	54%	46%	54%	55%
Keep a dog for protection	31	28	34	29	39	33
Had a burglar alarm installed in your home	31	30	31	29	36	43
Bought a gun for protection of yourself or your home	23	32	15	25	18	16
Carry mace or pepper spray	14	7	21	12	21	17
Carry a knife for defense	12	16	9	11	17	20
Carry a gun for defense	12	17	6	12	11	17

Note: See Note, [table 2.33.2007](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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

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