

Table 2.63.2012

Attitudes toward laws covering the sale of firearms

United States, selected years 1990-2012

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

	More strict	Less strict	Kept as they are now	Don't know/refused
1990	78%	2%	17%	3%
1991	68	5	25	2
1993 March	70	4	24	2
1993 December	67	7	25	1
1995 ^a	62	12	24	2
1999	60	9	29	2
2000	62	5	31	2
2001	53	8	38	1
2002	51	11	36	2
2003	55	9	36	(b)
2004	54	11	34	1
2005	57	7	35	1
2006	56	9	33	2
2007	51	8	39	2
2008	49	8	41	2
2009	44	12	43	1
2010	44	12	42	2
2011	43	11	44	2
2012	58	6	34	2

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. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^a Asked of a half sample.

^b Less than 0.5%.

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