

Table 2.64

**Attitudes toward laws covering the sale of firearms**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2003

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

	More strict	Less strict	Kept as they are now
National	55%	9%	36%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	46	12	42
Female	63	6	30
<b>Race</b>			
White	52	10	38
Nonwhite	68	5	27
Black	73	4	23
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	55	9	36
30 to 49 years	54	7	39
50 to 64 years	54	12	34
50 years and older	57	10	32
65 years and older	62	6	30
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	68	6	25
College graduate	58	6	36
Some college	49	9	42
High school graduate or less	55	11	34
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	59	7	34
\$50,000 to \$74,999	50	11	39
\$30,000 to \$49,999	55	7	38
\$20,000 to \$29,999	57	10	33
Under \$20,000	57	9	33
<b>Community</b>			
Urban area	58	8	33
Suburban area	57	7	36
Rural area	50	13	37
<b>Region</b>			
East	66	6	28
Midwest	52	10	38
South	54	10	36
West	51	8	40
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	40	13	47
Democrat	71	3	25
Independent	55	9	36

Note: See Note, [table 2.13](#). 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](#).

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