

Table 2.64.2005

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

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2005

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	57%	7%	35%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	48	11	40
Female	64	4	31
<b>Race</b>			
White	52	8	39
Nonwhite	72	4	23
Black	67	4	29
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	59	6	35
30 to 49 years	58	6	36
50 to 64 years	56	8	35
50 years and older	54	9	35
65 years and older	52	10	35
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	62	7	31
College graduate	66	4	29
Some college	52	8	38
High school graduate or less	54	8	37
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	60	7	32
\$50,000 to \$74,999	54	6	39
\$30,000 to \$49,999	52	8	40
\$20,000 to \$29,999	66	6	28
Under \$20,000	54	10	34
<b>Community</b>			
Urban area	60	4	35
Suburban area	57	8	35
Rural area	49	11	37
<b>Region</b>			
East	68	9	21
Midwest	50	7	42
South	53	7	39
West	57	5	37
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	36	13	50
Democrat	71	4	23
Independent	59	6	35

Note: See Note, [table 2.13.2005](#). 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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