

Table 2.64.2006

Attitudes toward laws covering the sale of firearms

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2006

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	56%	9%	33%
Sex			
Male	45	13	41
Female	66	5	26
Race			
White	53	9	36
Nonwhite	67	7	24
Black	79	5	16
Age			
18 to 29 years	49	13	36
30 to 49 years	57	9	33
50 to 64 years	56	8	36
50 years and older	58	7	34
65 years and older	61	5	31
Education			
College post graduate	69	6	25
College graduate	59	8	31
Some college	54	11	34
High school graduate or less	51	9	37
Income			
\$75,000 and over	58	9	32
\$50,000 to \$74,999	55	7	38
\$30,000 to \$49,999	49	9	40
\$20,000 to \$29,999	57	10	33
Under \$20,000	61	7	30
Community			
Urban area	67	9	22
Suburban area	56	8	34
Rural area	40	10	49
Region			
East	62	7	29
Midwest	53	10	36
South	56	7	35
West	53	11	32
Politics			
Republican	41	12	46
Democrat	72	3	24
Independent	52	11	34
Ideology			
Conservative	49	12	38
Moderate	56	8	34
Liberal	70	5	24

Note: See Note, [table 2.13.2006](#). 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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