

Table 2.64.2007

Attitudes toward laws covering the sale of firearms

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2007

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	51%	8%	39%
Sex			
Male	42	12	45
Female	60	4	33
Race			
White	47	9	42
Nonwhite	65	6	28
Black	58	6	36
Age			
18 to 29 years	42	11	47
30 to 49 years	53	8	37
50 to 64 years	48	9	40
65 years and older	51	7	38
65 years and older	55	5	36
Education			
College post graduate	61	4	33
College graduate	57	6	35
Some college	50	7	43
High school graduate or less	45	11	39
Income			
\$75,000 and over	54	8	38
\$50,000 to \$74,999	45	7	47
\$30,000 to \$49,999	47	9	43
\$20,000 to \$29,999	64	11	24
Under \$20,000	57	6	31
Community			
Urban area	56	6	36
Suburban area	52	9	37
Rural area	40	9	48
Region			
East	60	9	29
Midwest	46	8	43
South	47	7	44
West	54	8	36
Politics			
Republican	42	9	48
Democrat	68	4	26
Independent	43	11	43
Ideology			
Conservative	44	10	44
Moderate	54	6	39
Liberal	65	5	31

Note: See Note, table 2.33.2007. 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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