

Table 2.64.2010

Attitudes toward laws covering the sale of firearms

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2010

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 | 44% | 12% | 42% |
| <u>Sex</u> | | | |
| Male | 32 | 20 | 47 |
| Female | 55 | 5 | 38 |
| <u>Race</u> | | | |
| White | 39 | 12 | 48 |
| Nonwhite | 58 | 12 | 27 |
| Black | 62 | 12 | 24 |
| <u>Age</u> | | | |
| 18 to 29 years | 49 | 16 | 34 |
| 30 to 49 years | 40 | 14 | 45 |
| 50 to 64 years | 41 | 8 | 49 |
| 50 years and older | 46 | 8 | 43 |
| 65 years and older | 51 | 9 | 37 |
| <u>Education</u> | | | |
| College post graduate | 54 | 9 | 36 |
| College graduate | 41 | 8 | 50 |
| Some college | 42 | 15 | 41 |
| High school graduate or less | 44 | 12 | 42 |
| <u>Income</u> | | | |
| \$75,000 and over | 43 | 12 | 45 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 39 | 17 | 43 |
| \$30,000 to \$49,999 | 46 | 9 | 44 |
| \$20,000 to \$29,999 | 56 | 7 | 36 |
| Under \$20,000 | 48 | 10 | 39 |
| <u>Region</u> | | | |
| East | 54 | 9 | 35 |
| Midwest | 38 | 9 | 48 |
| South | 41 | 14 | 45 |
| West | 46 | 14 | 39 |
| <u>Politics</u> | | | |
| Republican | 26 | 16 | 58 |
| Democrat | 63 | 4 | 32 |
| Independent | 42 | 16 | 39 |
| <u>Ideology</u> | | | |
| Conservative | 31 | 16 | 51 |
| Moderate | 50 | 9 | 41 |
| Liberal | 62 | 9 | 29 |

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,025 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 7-10, 2010. 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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