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

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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	43%	11%	44%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	37	14	48
Female	50	7	41
<b>Race</b>			
White	39	12	47
Nonwhite	58	5	36
Black	67	7	24
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	39	7	53
30 to 49 years	43	13	42
50 to 64 years	43	11	45
50 years and older	45	10	42
65 years and older	49	9	39
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	58	6	35
College graduate	37	12	48
Some college	37	11	48
High school graduate or less	44	12	44
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	48	12	38
\$50,000 to \$74,999	37	13	49
\$30,000 to \$49,999	39	10	50
\$20,000 to \$29,999	49	6	43
Under \$20,000	49	9	39
<b>Region</b>			
East	54	10	35
Midwest	37	13	46
South	40	11	47
West	44	7	48
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	31	14	53
Independent	37	14	48
Democrat	64	4	31
<b>Ideology</b>			
Conservative	32	16	49
Moderate	49	9	42
Liberal	59	2	39

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,005 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 6-9, 2011. 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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