

Table 2.81

Attitudes toward laws covering the sale of firearms

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1995

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
National	59.2%	9.7%	28.1%
Sex			
Male	48.7	13.7	33.7
Female	69.0	5.9	22.8
Race			
White	55.4	9.1	32.2
Black	71.2	13.5	15.4
Hispanic	80.8	6.8	12.3
Age			
18 to 29 years	58.4	10.0	29.9
30 to 39 years	56.5	11.2	30.2
40 to 59 years	61.0	9.4	26.1
60 years and older	59.0	8.1	27.7
Education			
College graduate	66.7	8.6	22.6
Some college	54.5	11.5	31.5
High school graduate	58.6	9.5	28.5
Less than high school graduate	54.5	7.9	30.7
Income			
Over \$60,000	63.4	7.5	28.0
Between \$30,000 and \$60,000	56.0	11.1	30.2
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	59.8	10.0	28.9
Less than \$15,000	58.5	9.3	26.3
Community			
Urban	67.9	7.1	23.1
Suburban	65.0	9.9	21.3
Small city	64.7	8.6	25.1
Rural/small town	49.2	10.7	36.4
Region			
Northeast	69.5	5.1	23.2
Midwest	52.5	10.9	34.0
South	58.2	10.9	26.6
West	59.9	9.9	27.7
Politics			
Republican	50.0	14.3	33.0
Democrat	72.5	4.6	21.8
Independent/other	55.7	9.8	30.0

Note: See Note, table 2.22. The "don't know" and "refused" categories have been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100.

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