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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 30-October 15, 2020 with a random sample of – 1,035—adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2019 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

Thinking about something else,

16. 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?

	<u>More strict</u>	<u>Less strict</u>	<u>Kept as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	57	9	34	*
2019 Oct 1-13	64	7	28	1
2019 Aug 15-30	63	7	29	1
2018 Oct 1-10	61	8	30	2
2018 Mar 1-8	67	4	28	1
2017 Oct 5-11	60	5	33	1
2016 Oct 5-9	55	10	34	1
2015 Oct 7-11	55	11	33	*
2014 Oct 12-15	47	14	38	1
2013 Oct 3-6	49	13	37	1
2013 Sep 17-18 †	49	13	37	2
2012 Dec 19-22	58	6	34	2
2011 Oct 6-9	43	11	44	2
2010 Oct 7-10	44	12	42	2
2009 Oct 1-4	44	12	43	1
2008 Oct 3-5	49	8	41	2
2007 Oct 4-7	51	8	39	2
2006 Oct 9-12	56	9	33	2
2005 Oct 13-16	57	7	35	1
2004 Oct 11-14	54	11	34	1
2004 Jan 9-11	60	6	34	*
2003 Oct 6-8	55	9	36	*
2002 Oct 14-17	51	11	36	2
2001 Oct 11-14	53	8	38	1
2000 May 5-7	62	5	31	2
2000 Apr 7-9	61	7	30	2
1999 Dec 9-12	60	10	29	1
1999 Aug 3-4	66	6	27	1
1999 Jun 25-27	62	6	31	1
1999 May 23-24	65	5	28	2
1999 Apr 26-27	66	7	25	2
1999 Feb 8-9	60	9	29	2
1995 Apr 23-24 ^	62	12	24	2
1993 Dec 17-19	67	7	25	1
1993 Mar 12-14	70	4	24	2
1991 Mar 21-24	68	5	25	2
1990 Sep 10-11	78	2	17	3

^ Asked of half sample.

† Asked on Gallup Daily tracking poll.

17. Do you think there should or should not be a law that would ban the possession of handguns, except by the police and other authorized persons?

	<u>Should be</u>	<u>Should not be</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	25	74	1
2019 Oct 1-13	29	70	1
2018 Oct 1-10	28	71	1
2017 Oct 5-11	28	71	1
2016 Oct 5-9	23	76	1
2015 Oct 7-11	27	72	1
2014 Oct 12-15	26	73	1
2013 Oct 3-6	25	74	2
2012 Dec 19-22	24	74	2
2011 Oct 6-9	26	73	1
2010 Oct 7-10	29	69	1
2009 Oct 1-4	28	71	1
2008 Oct 3-5	29	69	2
2007 Oct 4-7	30	68	2
2006 Oct 9-12	32	66	2
2005 Oct 13-16	35	64	1
2004 Oct 11-14	36	63	1
2003 Oct 6-8	32	67	1
2002 Oct 14-17	32	65	3
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	36	62	2
1999 Apr 26-27	38	59	3
1999 Feb 8-9	34	64	2
1993 Dec 17-19	39	60	1
1993 Mar 12-14	42	54	4
1991 Mar 21-24	43	53	4
1990 Sep 10-11	41	55	4
1988 Jul 1-7	37	59	4
1987 Oct 12-18	42	50	8
1982 Apr 2-5	41	54	5
1981 Jun 19-22	41	54	5
1981 Apr 3-6	39	58	3
1980 Dec 12-21	38	51	11
1979 Nov 2-5 ^	31	65	4
1975 Mar 7-10 ^	41	55	4
1965 Jan 7-12 †	49	44	7
1959 Jul 23-28 †	60	36	4

^ WORDING: Now here is a question about pistols and revolvers. Do you think there should or should not be a law which would forbid the possession of this type of gun except by the police and other authorized persons?

† WORDING: What about the possession of pistols and revolvers--do you think there should be a law which would forbid the possession of this type of gun except by the police or other authorized persons?

Now, thinking about your own situation,

18. Do you have a gun in your home?

	Yes	No	No opinion		Yes	No	No opinion
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	42	55	3	2000 Apr 7-9	42	57	1
				1999 Apr 26-27	34	64	2
2019 Oct 1-13	37	60	3	1999 Feb 8-9	36	62	2
2018 Oct 1-10	43	55	2	1997 Aug 22-25	42	57	1
2017 Oct 5-11	42	56	2	1996 Nov 21-24	44	54	2
2016 Oct 5-9	39	58	3	1996 Jul 25-28	38	60	2
2015 Oct 7-11	41	56	2	1993 Dec 17-21	49	50	*
2014 Oct 12-15	42	53	4	1993 Oct 13-18	51	48	1
2013 Oct 3-6	37	59	4	1993 Mar 12-14	48	51	1
2012 Dec 19-22	43	54	3	1991 May 16-19	46	53	1
2011 Oct 6-9	45	53	1	1991 Mar 21-24	48	51	1
2010 Oct 7-10	39	59	2	1990 Sep 10-11	47	52	1
2009 Oct 1-4	40	57	4	1989 Feb 28-Mar 2	47	51	2
2008 Oct 3-5	42	56	2	1985 Apr 12-15	44	55	1
2007 Oct 4-7	42	57	1	1983 May 13-16	40	58	2
2006 Oct 9-12	43	54	3	1980 Jan 2	45	53	2
2005 Oct 13-16	40	59	1	1975 Oct 3-6	44	54	2
2004 Oct 11-14	38	61	1	1972 May 23	43	55	2
2003 Oct 6-8	43	56	1	1968	50	50	--
2002 Oct 14-17	41	58	1	1965 Jan 7-12	48	52	--
2001 Oct 11-14	40	59	1	1959 Jul 23-28	49	51	--
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	39	60	1				

19. *(Asked of those who do not have a gun in their home)* Do you have a gun anywhere else on your property such as in your garage, barn, shed or in your car or truck?

COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.18-19): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

	<u>Gun in home</u>	<u>Gun elsewhere</u>	<u>No gun</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	42	2	55	2
2019 Oct 1-13	37	3	58	2
2018 Oct 1-10	43	3	53	2
2017 Oct 5-11	42	1	55	2
2016 Oct 5-9	39	1	57	3
2015 Oct 7-11	41	2	55	2
2014 Oct 12-15	42	2	52	4
2013 Oct 3-6	37	2	57	4
2012 Dec 19-22	43	1	53	3
2011 Oct 6-9	45	2	51	1
2010 Oct 7-10	39	2	57	2
2009 Oct 1-4	40	2	55	4
2008 Oct 3-5	42	1	55	1
2007 Oct 4-7	42	2	55	1
2005 Oct 13-16	40	2	57	1
2004 Oct 11-14	38	2	59	1
2003 Oct 6-8	43	2	54	1
2002 Oct 14-17	41	3	55	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	39	2	58	1
1999 Feb 8-9	36	6	56	2
1996 Nov 21-24	44	1	53	2
1996 Jul 25-28	38	2	58	2
1993 Dec 17-21	49	5	45	*
1991 May 16-19	46	4	49	1

20. *(Asked of those who have a gun in their home or on their property)* Do you personally own a gun, or do the gun or guns in your household belong to another household member?

COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.18-20): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

	Personally <u>own</u>	Other household <u>member owns</u>	No gun <u>owned</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	32	12	55	2
2019 Oct 1-13	29	11	58	2
2018 Oct 1-10	31	15	53	2
2017 Oct 5-11	29	14	55	2
2016 Oct 5-9	29	11	57	3
2015 Oct 7-11	28	15	55	2
2014 Oct 12-15	30	14	52	4
2013 Oct 3-6	27	12	57	4
2012 Dec 19-22	29	15	53	3
2011 Oct 6-9	34	13	51	1
2010 Oct 7-10	28	13	57	2
2009 Oct 1-4	29	13	55	4
2008 Oct 3-5	30	13	55	1
2007 Oct 4-7	28	16	55	1
2005 Oct 13-16	30	12	57	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	27	14	58	1

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QN16: Laws Covering Sale Of Firearms BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1035	530	505	768	246	194	266	561	475	329	219	325	370	314	377	364	267
	Weighted n	1035	502	533	677	340	294	318	410	345	286	397	297	390	320	369	353	282
More strict		587	232	355	324	253	182	158	240	222	141	220	66	235	271	130	210	232
		57%	46%	67%	48%	75%	62%	50%	59%	64%	49%	55%	22%	60%	85%	35%	59%	82%
Less strict		97	74	23	76	20	22	40	34	20	36	40	46	43	6	51	29	15
		9%	15%	4%	11%	6%	8%	12%	8%	6%	13%	10%	16%	11%	2%	14%	8%	5%
Kept as they are now		347	194	153	274	66	89	118	135	100	108	137	184	110	43	188	111	35
		34%	39%	29%	40%	19%	30%	37%	33%	29%	38%	35%	62%	28%	13%	51%	31%	12%
(DK)/(Refused)		4	2	2	3	1	1	2	0	3	1	-	1	3	-	1	3	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	-	0%	1%	-	0%	1%	-

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QN17: Ban the Possession of Handguns BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1035	530	505	768	246	194	266	561	475	329	219	325	370	314	377	364	267
	Weighted n	1035	502	533	677	340	294	318	410	345	286	397	297	390	320	369	353	282
Yes, should be		259	100	158	109	148	94	79	81	93	49	116	31	85	133	64	77	107
		25%	20%	30%	16%	43%	32%	25%	20%	27%	17%	29%	10%	22%	41%	17%	22%	38%
No, should not		770	398	372	562	192	201	238	323	251	233	280	264	302	187	304	275	175
		74%	79%	70%	83%	57%	68%	75%	79%	73%	81%	71%	89%	77%	58%	82%	78%	62%
(DK)/(Refused)		6	4	2	6	-	-	1	5	1	4	1	3	3	1	1	1	1
		1%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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QN18: Gun in Home BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1035	530	505	768	246	194	266	561	475	329	219	325	370	314	377	364	267
	Weighted n	1035	502	533	677	340	294	318	410	345	286	397	297	390	320	369	353	282
Yes		432	248	184	339	89	97	145	188	143	131	156	183	148	98	205	138	82
		42%	49%	34%	50%	26%	33%	46%	46%	42%	46%	39%	62%	38%	30%	56%	39%	29%
No		571	234	337	313	248	193	161	207	193	145	228	102	230	220	152	205	195
		55%	47%	63%	46%	73%	65%	51%	50%	56%	51%	57%	34%	59%	69%	41%	58%	69%
(DK)/(Refused)		32	20	12	26	3	5	12	15	9	9	14	13	12	3	12	10	5
		3%	4%	2%	4%	1%	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%

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QN18QN19COMBO: Gun Ownership (Home) BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1035	530	505	768	246	194	266	561	475	329	219	325	370	314	377	364	267
	Weighted n	1035	502	533	677	340	294	318	410	345	286	397	297	390	320	369	353	282
Gun in home		432	248	184	339	89	97	145	188	143	131	156	183	148	98	205	138	82
		42%	49%	34%	50%	26%	33%	46%	46%	42%	46%	39%	62%	38%	30%	56%	39%	29%
Gun on property, but not in home		19	11	8	7	8	10	3	5	6	5	7	5	6	3	5	7	2
		2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
No gun		565	230	336	314	242	188	160	208	190	143	228	100	227	219	150	203	194
		55%	46%	63%	46%	71%	64%	50%	51%	55%	50%	57%	34%	58%	68%	41%	57%	69%
No opinion		19	13	6	18	1	-	10	9	6	7	6	9	10	-	9	6	4
		2%	3%	1%	3%	0%	-	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	-	2%	2%	2%

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QN19QN20COMBO: Gun Ownership (Personal) BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1035	530	505	768	246	194	266	561	475	329	219	325	370	314	377	364	267
	Weighted n	1035	502	533	677	340	294	318	410	345	286	397	297	390	320	369	353	282
Yes, personally own gun		325	224	101	255	62	70	112	143	106	96	122	150	112	56	168	104	43
		32%	45%	19%	38%	18%	24%	35%	35%	31%	34%	31%	50%	29%	18%	45%	29%	15%
No, but other household member does		126	35	90	91	34	36	37	50	43	40	42	39	41	45	43	41	41
		12%	7%	17%	13%	10%	12%	12%	12%	13%	14%	10%	13%	11%	14%	12%	12%	15%
Do not own a gun		565	230	336	314	242	188	160	208	190	143	228	100	227	219	150	203	194
		55%	46%	63%	46%	71%	64%	50%	51%	55%	50%	57%	34%	58%	68%	41%	57%	69%
No opinion		19	13	6	18	1	-	10	9	6	7	6	9	10	-	9	6	4
		2%	3%	1%	3%	0%	-	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	-	2%	2%	2%