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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 1-12, 2024, with a random sample of **–1,023–** 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.

For results based on the sample of **– 930 –** registered voters, the margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **– 367 –** gun owners, the margin of sampling error is **±6** percentage points.

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 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. 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 most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2020 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,

23. 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>
2024 Oct 1-12	56	10	33	1
2023 Oct 2-23	56	12	31	*
2022 Oct 3-20	57	10	32	1
2022 Jun 1-20	66	8	25	*
2021 Oct 1-19	52	11	35	1
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.

24. 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>
2024 Oct 1-12	20	79	1
2023 Oct 2-23	27	73	*
2022 Jun 1-20	27	73	1
2021 Oct 1-19	19	80	1
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?

37. Do you think there should or should not be a ban on the manufacture, possession and sale of semi-automatic guns, known as assault rifles?

	<u>Should be</u>	<u>Should not be</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2024 Oct 1-12	52	47	2
2022 Jun 1-20	55	44	1
2019 Aug 15-30	61	38	1

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QN23: Gun Laws Stricter BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Total	Unweighted n	1023	588	426	756	251	167	272	562	487	297	231	345	383	289	258	315	334
	Weighted n	1023	502	504	662	347	253	339	410	383	282	355	320	410	285	291	305	328
More strict		568	239	316	322	236	169	160	232	236	133	197	80	229	253	166	162	189
		56%	48%	63%	49%	68%	67%	47%	57%	62%	47%	56%	25%	56%	89%	57%	53%	57%
Less strict		105	70	30	66	36	27	37	37	29	35	40	48	47	8	24	38	30
		10%	14%	6%	10%	10%	11%	11%	9%	8%	12%	11%	15%	12%	3%	8%	12%	9%
Kept as they are now		341	190	151	264	75	53	140	137	114	112	114	188	128	24	98	101	109
		33%	38%	30%	40%	22%	21%	41%	34%	30%	40%	32%	59%	31%	8%	34%	33%	33%
(DK)/(Refused)		9	3	6	8	-	4	2	3	4	2	4	4	5	-	3	4	1
		1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	0%

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QN24: Gun Possession Ban BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Total	Unweighted n	1023	588	426	756	251	167	272	562	487	297	231	345	383	289	258	315	334
	Weighted n	1023	502	504	662	347	253	339	410	383	282	355	320	410	285	291	305	328
Yes, should be		210	89	112	84	122	49	84	76	85	43	81	18	92	95	91	38	54
		20%	18%	22%	13%	35%	20%	25%	19%	22%	15%	23%	6%	22%	33%	31%	13%	17%
No, should not be		805	412	384	574	219	199	253	332	290	238	273	301	310	189	195	267	273
		79%	82%	76%	87%	63%	79%	75%	81%	76%	85%	77%	94%	76%	66%	67%	87%	83%
(DK)/(Refused)		9	1	8	4	5	5	2	2	8	1	1	1	7	1	6	-	1
		1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	-	0%

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QN37: Ban on semi-automatic guns BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
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	Weighted n	1023	502	504	662	347	253	339	410	383	282	355	320	410	285	291	305	328
Yes, should be		528	203	316	316	203	128	156	237	232	125	170	86	206	233	156	159	160
		52%	40%	63%	48%	59%	51%	46%	58%	61%	44%	48%	27%	50%	82%	54%	52%	49%
No, should not be		479	292	180	333	142	122	179	166	148	153	175	230	201	47	128	146	161
		47%	58%	36%	50%	41%	48%	53%	41%	39%	54%	49%	72%	49%	16%	44%	48%	49%
(DK)/(Refused)		16	7	8	12	2	4	4	7	3	3	10	5	3	6	6	1	7
		2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%

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