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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 1-19, 2026, with a random sample of –1,200— 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 –600—national adults in Form A and the sample of –600- national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is ±5 percentage points.

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For results based on the sample of –490— Republicans and Republican leaning independents, the margin of sampling error is ±6 percentage points.

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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, party identification, 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. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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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?

	More strict	Less strict	Kept as now	No opinion
2026 Oct 1-19	56	15	27	1
2025 Oct 1-16	60	12	27	1
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.

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Now, thinking about your own situation,

26. Do you have a gun in your home?

	Yes	No	No opinion		Yes	No	No opinion
2026 Oct 1-19	41	56	4	2002 Oct 14-17	41	58	1
				2001 Oct 11-14	40	59	1
2025 Oct 1-16	42	53	4	2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	39	60	1
2024 Oct 1-12	48	47	5	2000 Apr 7-9	42	57	1
2023 Oct 2-23	42	55	3	1999 Apr 26-27	34	64	2
2022 Oct 3-20	45	51	4	1999 Feb 8-9	36	62	2
2021 Oct 1-19	42	55	3	1997 Aug 22-25	42	57	1
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	42	55	3	1996 Nov 21-24	44	54	2
2019 Oct 1-13	37	60	3	1996 Jul 25-28	38	60	2
2018 Oct 1-10	43	55	2	1993 Dec 17-21	49	50	*
2017 Oct 5-11	42	56	2	1993 Oct 13-18	51	48	1
2016 Oct 5-9	39	58	3	1993 Mar 12-14	48	51	1
2015 Oct 7-11	41	56	2	1991 May 16-19	46	53	1
2014 Oct 12-15	42	53	4	1991 Mar 21-24	48	51	1
2013 Oct 3-6	37	59	4	1990 Sep 10-11	47	52	1
2012 Dec 19-22	43	54	3	1989 Feb 28-Mar 2	47	51	2
2011 Oct 6-9	45	53	1	1985 Apr 12-15	44	55	1
2010 Oct 7-10	39	59	2	1983 May 13-16	40	58	2
2009 Oct 1-4	40	57	4	1980 Jan 2	45	53	2
2008 Oct 3-5	42	56	2	1975 Oct 3-6	44	54	2
2007 Oct 4-7	42	57	1	1972 May 23	43	55	2
2006 Oct 9-12	43	54	3	1968	50	50	--
2005 Oct 13-16	40	59	1	1965 Jan 7-12	48	52	--
2004 Oct 11-14	38	61	1	1959 Jul 23-28	49	51	--
2003 Oct 6-8	43	56	1				

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27. ***(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.26-27): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

	Gun in home	Gun elsewhere	No gun	No opinion
2026 Oct 1-19	41	2	55	3
2025 Oct 1-16	42	2	52	4
2024 Oct 1-12	48	1	47	5
2023 Oct 2-23	42	2	54	3
2022 Oct 3-20	45	1	50	4
2021 Oct 1-19	42	2	54	2
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

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29. ***(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.26-27 AND Q.29): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

	Personally own	Other household member owns	No gun owned	No opinion
2026 Oct 1-19	31	12	55	3
2025 Oct 1-16	30	14	52	4
2024 Oct 1-12	34	15	47	5
2023 Oct 2-23	30	13	54	3
2022 Oct 3-20	33	13	50	4
2021 Oct 1-19	31	13	54	2
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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37. ***(Asked of a half sample)*** 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?

BASED ON – 600—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

	Should be	Should not be	No opinion
2026 Oct 1-19 ^	54	44	2
2024 Oct 1-12	52	47	2
2022 Jun 1-20	55	44	1
2019 Aug 15-30	61	38	1

^ Based on a half sample

46. ***(Asked of a half sample)*** How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of a mass shooting -- very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

BASED ON – 600 – ADULTS IN FORM B

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not worried at all	No opinion
2026 Oct 1-19 ^	12	28	32	27	*
2019 Sep 16-30 ^	16	29	28	27	*
2019 Aug 15-30	19	29	27	25	*
2017 Oct 5-11	10	29	34	26	*
2015 Dec 11-12 ^	11	27	35	27	*

^ Asked of a half sample

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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+	Grad	College	Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	$50,000	100,000	$100,000+
More strict	56%	45%	65%	49%	70%	60%	56%	52%	65%	48%	52%	16%	55%	89%	55%	53%	59%
Less strict	15%	24%	7%	17%	11%	11%	17%	17%	10%	18%	19%	31%	15%	1%	15%	16%	15%
Kept as they are now	27%	29%	26%	33%	18%	27%	25%	30%	24%	31%	28%	50%	28%	9%	29%	31%	23%
(DK)/(Refused)	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%

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QN26: Gun in Home 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+	Grad	College	Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	$50,000	100,000	$100,000+
Yes	41%	46%	36%	50%	25%	28%	45%	47%	41%	50%	34%	60%	38%	29%	29%	46%	52%
No	56%	50%	60%	47%	72%	71%	52%	49%	55%	44%	66%	32%	60%	69%	70%	50%	46%
(DK)/(Refused)	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	1%	3%	4%	4%	6%	0%	8%	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%

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QN26QN27COMBO: Gun Ownership (Home) 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+	Grad	College	Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	$50,000	100,000	$100,000+
Gun in home	41%	46%	36%	50%	25%	28%	45%	47%	41%	50%	34%	60%	38%	29%	29%	46%	52%
Gun on property but not in home	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	0%	2%	2%
No gun	55%	49%	59%	46%	69%	68%	52%	48%	54%	42%	65%	32%	59%	67%	70%	49%	44%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	4%	5%	0%	6%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%

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QN27QN29COMBO: Gun Ownership (Personal) 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+	Grad	College	Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	$50,000	100,000	$100,000+
Yes, personally own gun	31%	42%	21%	36%	22%	20%	36%	35%	33%	37%	24%	47%	29%	20%	19%	35%	40%
No, but other household member does	11%	6%	17%	15%	6%	11%	10%	13%	9%	15%	11%	15%	10%	11%	10%	13%	14%
Do not own a gun	55%	49%	59%	46%	69%	68%	52%	48%	54%	42%	65%	32%	59%	67%	70%	49%	44%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	4%	5%	0%	6%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%

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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+	Grad	College	Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	$50,000	100,000	$100,000+
Yes, should be	54%	36%	70%	52%	57%	43%	53%	61%	59%	50%	50%	28%	53%	75%	61%	44%	58%
No, should not be	44%	60%	30%	46%	41%	55%	44%	38%	39%	49%	47%	69%	46%	24%	37%	55%	40%
(DK)/(Refused)	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%

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QN46: How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of a mass shooting - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all? 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+	Grad	College	Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	$50,000	100,000	$100,000+
Very worried	12%	12%	12%	7%	22%	17%	15%	8%	6%	8%	22%	7%	16%	10%	21%	12%	7%
Somewhat worried	28%	26%	32%	26%	33%	37%	28%	22%	32%	29%	24%	14%	28%	41%	24%	33%	30%
Not too worried	32%	32%	33%	39%	17%	18%	33%	41%	39%	36%	22%	40%	27%	33%	28%	32%	39%
Not worried at all	27%	30%	23%	28%	27%	27%	24%	29%	23%	27%	31%	39%	28%	14%	28%	22%	25%
(DK)/(Refused)	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	1%	-	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	1%	-

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