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# **UChicago Harris/AP-NORC Poll**

**Conducted by the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and The Associated Press-NORC  
Center for Public Affairs Research  
With funding from NORC at the University of Chicago**

*Interviews: 7/28-8/1/2022*

*1,373 adults*

*Margin of error: +/- 3.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

**GVS1. Do you believe each of the following is a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem at all in the United States?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022	Major problem	Minor problem	Not a problem at all	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy and jobs	68	28	3	-	*
Inflation	87	12	1	-	*
Gun violence	75	21	4	-	*
Illegal immigration	46	45	8	*	*

*N* = 1,373

**GS1. Should gun laws in the United States be made more strict, left as they are, or made less strict?****[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	<b>Much/ Somewhat more strict NET</b>	Much more strict	Somewhat more strict	<b>Left as they are</b>	<b>Much/ Somewhat less strict NET</b>	Somewhat less strict	Much less strict	DK	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>71</b>	40	31	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	6	3	*	*
AP-NORC 06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	<b>69</b>	43	26	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	4	7	*	*
AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	<b>67</b>	39	28	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	8	2	*	1
AP-NORC 3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>69</b>	45	24	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	5	4	-	1
AP-NORC 10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	<b>61</b>	36	25	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	7	5	*	1
AP-GfK 7/7-11/2016 (N=1,009)	<b>64</b>	34	30	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	7	5	-	2
AP-GfK 12/3-7/2015 (N=1,007)	<b>58</b>	33	26	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	7	7	-	3
AP-GfK 10/15-19/2015 (N=1,027)	<b>58</b>	36	23	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	8	5	-	3
AP-GfK 12/5-9/2013 (N=1,367)	<b>52</b>	29	23	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>	8	7	-	2
AP-GfK 10/3-7/2013 (N=1,227)	<b>55</b>	34	21	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	8	6	-	3

**GS2. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following policies?****[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		<b>Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET</b>	Strongly favor	Some- what favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Somewhat/ Strongly oppose NET</b>	Some- what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
A nationwide ban on the sale of AR-15 rifles and similar semiautomatic weapons	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>59</b>	49	9	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>	9	18	*	*
	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	<b>51</b>	36	14	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>	8	23	*	*
	12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	<b>52</b>	40	12	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>	11	22	*	*
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	<b>60</b>	47	13	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	8	16	*	1
	3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>58</b>	47	11	<b>12</b>	<b>29</b>	8	21	*	1
	7/7-11/2016 (N=1,009)	<b>57</b>	43	14	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	9	17	-	3
A federal law requiring background checks on all potential gun buyers, including private sales and gun shows	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>85</b>	70	15	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	4	4	-	1
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	<b>83</b>	71	13	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	4	3	*	1
	3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>84</b>	69	15	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	3	5	*	1
A federal law preventing mentally ill people from purchasing guns	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>85</b>	65	20	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	4	2	*	*
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	<b>84</b>	67	17	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	3	3	1	1
	3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>85</b>	69	16	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	3	3	*	1
Allowing courts to temporarily prevent people who are considered a danger to themselves or others, but have	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>78</b>	58	20	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	6	4	*	*
	3/14-18/2019 <sup>1</sup> (N=1,063)	<b>76</b>	55	21	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	6	6	*	1
	3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>78</b>	57	21	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	6	5	1	1

<sup>1</sup> Asked in 2019 and 2018 without including “temporarily.”

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not been convicted of a crime, from owning a gun										
AP-NORC		<b>Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET</b>	Strongly favor	Some- what favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Somewhat/ Strongly oppose NET</b>	Some- what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Making 21 the minimum legal age to buy any gun nationwide	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>75</b>	61	14	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	6	8	-	1
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	<b>71</b>	56	15	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	8	9	*	1
A law in your state allowing people to carry guns in public without a permit	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>29</b>	18	11	<b>13</b>	<b>57</b>	13	44	*	*
A federal law that bans those convicted of domestic violence from purchasing a gun	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>83</b>	63	19	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	5	2	-	1
A federal law requiring expanded background checks for gun buyers between 18 and 21 years of age	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>79</b>	63	16	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	5	4	-	*

**GCE1. If it were harder for people to legally obtain guns in the United States, do you think there would be fewer or more of each of the following or wouldn't it make much of a difference?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		<b>Many/ somewhat fewer NET</b>	Many fewer	Some- what fewer	<b>No difference</b>	<b>Many/ Somewhat more NET</b>	Some- what more	Many more	DK	SKP/ REF
Mass shootings	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>65</b>	40	26	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	3	2	*	*
	3/14-18/2019 <sup>2</sup> (N=1,063)	<b>58</b>	33	26	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	3	4	*	1
	3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>60</b>	35	25	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	3	6	*	1
	10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	<b>49</b>	24	25	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>	4	3	*	*
Suicides	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>50</b>	18	31	<b>46</b>	<b>4</b>	3	1	*	*
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1063)	<b>45</b>	16	29	<b>50</b>	<b>5</b>	2	3	*	1
	3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>45</b>	16	29	<b>47</b>	<b>7</b>	4	3	1	1
	10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	<b>40</b>	14	26	<b>55</b>	<b>4</b>	3	1	*	1
Murders	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>57</b>	26	30	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	4	3	*	1
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1063)	<b>54</b>	23	30	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	3	4	-	1
	3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>46</b>	18	28	<b>45</b>	<b>9</b>	5	4	*	1
	10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	<b>46</b>	18	28	<b>45</b>	<b>9</b>	5	4	*	1
Robberies	7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373)	<b>49</b>	17	32	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>	5	3	-	*
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1063)	<b>44</b>	17	27	<b>45</b>	<b>10</b>	4	6	-	1

<sup>2</sup> Modified response options to “Murders” instead of “Homicides” and “Robberies” instead of “Accidental shootings” in 2019

**SA1. How important to you is each of the following?****[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022	<b>Extremely/ Very important NET</b>	Extremely important	Very important	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Not very/ Not at all important NET</b>	Not very important	Not important at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Reducing all types of gun violence	<b>80</b>	48	31	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	2	2	-	*
Preventing mass shootings	<b>88</b>	64	24	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	2	1	-	1
Protecting the right to own guns	<b>54</b>	34	19	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	12	9	*	1
Making sure people can own guns for personal protection	<b>60</b>	38	22	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	11	6	*	1

*N=1,373***GVS2. In the past 5 years, do you believe gun violence has increased, decreased, or remained the same in:****[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022	<b>Increased a lot/some NET</b>	Increased a lot	Increased some	<b>Remained the same</b>	<b>Decreased some/a lot NET</b>	Decreased some	Decreased a lot	DK	SKP/ REF
The United States	<b>80</b>	56	25	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	4	1	-	1
Your state	<b>66</b>	30	36	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>	3	1	*	1
Your community	<b>39</b>	17	22	<b>54</b>	<b>6</b>	5	1	-	1

*N=1,373*

**GVS3. How likely do you think it is that you personally might be a victim of gun violence within the next five years?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
<b>Extremely/very likely NET</b>	<b>9</b>
Extremely likely	3
Very likely	6
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Not very /not at all likely NET</b>	<b>57</b>
Not very likely	45
Not at all likely	12
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,373

**PE1. Have you, someone in your family, or a close friend experienced gun violence in the last five years? For example, by being threatened with a gun or being the victim of a shooting. Select all that apply:**

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
<b>Yes NET</b>	<b>21</b>
Yes, I have personally experienced it	4
Yes, someone in my family has experienced it	8
Yes, a close friend has experienced it	9
<b>No</b>	<b>78</b>
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,373



**PE2. Do you happen to have in your home or garage any guns? Please include any handguns, pistols, revolvers, shotguns, or rifles.**

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019 <sup>3</sup>	AP-NORC 3/14-19/2018
Yes	42	35	38
No	56	62	59
DON'T KNOW	-	*	-
SKIP/REFUSED	2	3	3
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,373</i>	<i>1,063</i>	<i>1,122</i>

**PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?**

*If Democrat:*

**PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?**

*If Republican:*

**PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?**

*If independent, none of these, don't know, skipped, or refused:*

**PIDI. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?**

**Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.**

	AP-NORC 07/28-8/1/2022
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>44</b>
Strong Democrat	20
Not so strong Democrat	13
Lean Democrat	11
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>39</b>
Lean Republican	12
Not so strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	15
DON'T KNOW	-
SKP/REF	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,373</i>

<sup>3</sup> Asked in 2018 and 2019 as “Do you happen to have in your home or garage any guns or revolvers?”

**D3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, moderate, or conservative?**

*If liberal:*

**D4. Do you consider yourself very liberal or somewhat liberal?**

*If conservative:*

**D5. Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?**

**Combines D3, D4, D5:**

	AP-NORC 07/28-8/1/2022
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>22</b>
Very liberal	11
Somewhat liberal	10
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>28</b>
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	12
DON'T KNOW	2
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
N=	1,373

**RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?**

	AP-NORC 07/28-8/1/2022
Protestant	27
Roman Catholic	17
Mormon	3
Orthodox	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Buddhist	2
Hindu	1
Atheist	6
Agnostic	6
Nothing in particular	15
Just Christian	20
Unitarian	*
Something else	1
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
N=	1,373

*If Religion is Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox, Christian, or something else:*

**BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?**

	AP-NORC 07/28-8/1/2022
Yes	38
No	62
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

947

## AGE

	AP-NORC 07/28-8/1/2022
18-29	20
30-39	18
40-59	32
60-64	8
65+	22

N=

1,373

**DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?**

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Urban area	23
Suburban area	56
Rural area	21
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,373</i>

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Male	49
Female	51
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,373</i>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
White	62
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,373</i>

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Married	50
Not married	50
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,373</i>

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Employed	56
Not employed	44
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,373</i>

## EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
College graduate or above	35
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,373</i>

## INCOME

	AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022
Under \$10,000	4
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	17
\$150,000 or more	10
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,373</i>

## **Study Methodology**

This survey was conducted by the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research with funding from NORC at the University of Chicago. Staff from Harris Public Policy and The AP-NORC Center collaborated on all aspects of the study.

Data were collected using the AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly, multi-client survey using NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame or a secondary national address frame, both with over 97% coverage of all U.S. addresses, and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, or field interviewers (face-to-face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97% of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings population.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between July 28 and August 1, 2022, with adults age 18 and older representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,373 completed the survey—1,303 via the web and 70 via telephone. Panel members were invited by email or by phone from an NORC telephone interviewer. Interviews were conducted in English. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive (\$3) for completing the survey.

The final stage completion rate is 14.6%, the weighted household panel recruitment rate is 19.5%, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 77.0%, for a cumulative response rate of 2.2%. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

In addition, urban respondents were sampled at a higher rate than their proportion of the population for reasons of analysis. The overall margin of sampling error for the 303 completed interviews with urban respondents is +/- 4.7 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level including the design effect.

Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error, and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other survey.

Quality assurance checks were conducted to ensure data quality. In total, 71 interviews were removed for nonresponse to at least 50% of the questions asked of them, for completing the survey in less than one-third the median interview time for the full sample, or for straight-lining all grid questions asked of them. These interviews were excluded from the data file prior to weighting.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any non-coverage or under- and oversampling resulting from the study-specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and education. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2022 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

For more information, visit [www.apnorc.org](http://www.apnorc.org) or email [info@apnorc.org](mailto:info@apnorc.org).

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