

Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania

Guns in Household Items

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1 Overview

These studies were conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania via web and telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted among a nationally representative probability sample drawn from SSRS's Opinion panel. Data were weighted to represent the target U.S. adult population. Summaries of the sample size, field dates, and estimated design effects (Deff) of the particular waves can be found in the table below.

ASAPH panelists are quarantined from other survey panel membership to avoid being affected by the content of other surveys. Data used in Wave 11, however, contains 19 respondents who self-reported membership in other opinion panels. Diagnostics revealed no significant differences in the responses of these 19 panelists and the results presented in this report are unaffected by their exclusion.

Wave	n	MOE	Deff	Fielded	Closed	Survey	RR	N
A-1	1941	2.9	1.76	2021-03-30	2021-04-19	ASAPH 1	56%	3480
B-2	1719	3.2	1.83	2021-06-09	2021-06-22	ASAPH 2	89%	1941
C-3	1669	3.2	1.83	2021-08-16	2021-09-05	ASAPH 3	86%	1940
D-4	1672	3.3	1.86	2021-11-03	2021-11-09	ASAPH 4	86%	1940
E-5	1656	3.3	1.86	2022-01-11	2022-01-17	ASAPH 5	85%	1937
F-6	1638	3.3	1.87	2022-03-29	2022-04-04	ASAPH 6	85%	1932
G-7	1580	3.2	1.82	2022-07-12	2022-07-18	ASAPH 7	82%	1928
H-8	1584	3.4	1.86	2022-08-02	2022-08-08	CIVICS 1	83%	1907
I-9	1621	3.3	1.87	2022-08-16	2022-08-23	ASAPH 8	85%	1907
J-10	1646	3.2	1.80	2022-10-11	2022-10-18	ASAPH 9	86%	1905
K-11	1641	3.2	1.77	2023-01-10	2023-01-16	ASAPH 10	82%	2029
L-12	1638	3.2	1.75	2023-02-22	2023-02-28	ASK 2023	81%	2025
M-13	1622	3.2	1.76	2023-03-23	2023-03-29	BINGE	80%	2024
N-14	1586	3.3	1.83	2023-05-31	2023-06-06	ASAPH 11	79%	1997
O-15	1482	3.5	1.88	2023-08-09	2023-08-15	ASAPH 12	75%	1979
P-16	1559	3.4	1.91	2023-10-05	2023-10-12	ASAPH 13	79%	1976
Q-17	1538	3.3	1.73	2023-11-14	2023-11-20	CLIMATE	78%	1975
R-18	1555	3.4	1.89	2024-02-06	2024-02-12	ASK 2024	79%	1963
S-19	1522	3.5	1.89	2024-04-18	2024-04-25	ASAPH 19	78%	1962
T-20	1496	3.6	1.96	2024-07-11	2024-07-18	ASAPH 20	76%	1961
U-21	1744*	3.5	2.26	2024-09-13	2024-09-30	ASAPH 21	67%	2616
V-22	1771	3.3	2.02	2024-11-14	2024-11-24	ASAPH 22	68%	2589
W-23	1716	3.4	2.02	2025-01-30	2025-02-10	ASAPH 23	67%	2578

* To account for attrition, a small replenishment sample was recruited prior to W21 using a random probability sampling design. This replenishment added 360 respondents to the sample.

2 Topline

The remaining portion of this document provides the topline results reported in the release. Ns are unweighted. All figures are rounded to the nearest whole number and may not add to 100%. Combined subcategories may not add to totals in topline and text due to rounding. A lowercase e stands in for values that round to 0, but are not exactly 0. Aggregated NET categories are highlighted in grey. Superscript letters indicate statistically significant differences with the corresponding breakdown by age or political party identification. Given the reduced sample sizes when reporting just among the N=608 in households with guns by each level of age and party identification (Q57A (a)), only net “not all guns locked” (“none of them”, “a few of them”, and “most of them”) are reported to increase the reliability of the estimates.

Q56A.

Q56A. How many guns are in your household? [by age and political party identification/leaning]

Wave	N	None	NET One or more	One	Two or more	Don't know	Refused Web blank
(W) 2/10/25	1716	62	37	10	28	0	1
(A) 18-34 year olds	323	71 ^{cd}	29 ^{cd}	9	20 ^{cd}	0	0 ^d
(B) 35-49 year olds	472	68 ^{cd}	31 ^{cd}	8	23 ^{cd}	0	1
(C) 50-64 year olds	434	51 ^{ab}	48 ^{ab}	11	36 ^{ab}	0	1
(D) 65+ year olds	475	54 ^{ab}	44 ^{ab}	11	33 ^{ab}	0	2 ^a
(E) Democrat	827	72 ^g	28 ^g	10	18 ^g	0	e
(F) Independent/Other	260	69 ^g	31 ^g	9	21 ^g	0	e
(G) Republican	627	49 ^{ef}	50 ^{ef}	10	40 ^{ef}	0	1

Q57A.

Q57A. How many of the guns in your household are stored in a locked place? [by age and political party identification/leaning]

Wave	N	Don't have any guns	All guns locked	Not all guns locked	Not sure	Refused Web Blank
(W) 2/10/25	1716	62	23	14	1	1
(A) 18-34 year olds	323	71 ^{cd}	18 ^c	10 ^{cd}	2	0 ^d
(B) 35-49 year olds	472	68 ^{cd}	23	8 ^{cd}	1	e
(C) 50-64 year olds	434	51 ^{ab}	28 ^a	19 ^{ab}	1	1
(D) 65+ year olds	475	54 ^{ab}	24	20 ^{ab}	0	2 ^a
(E) Democrat	827	72 ^g	18 ^g	9 ^g	e	e
(F) Independent/Other	260	69 ^g	19 ^g	10 ^g	1	e
(G) Republican	627	49 ^{ef}	29 ^{ef}	20 ^{ef}	1	1

Q57A (a). Limited to those in a household with guns (N=608)

Q57A (a). How many of the guns in your household are stored in a locked place? [by age and political party identification/leaning]

Wave	N	All of them	NET Not all guns locked	Most of them	A few of them	None of them	Not sure	Refused Decline WebBlank
(W) 2/10/25	608	61	37	12	5	20	2	0
(A) 18-34 year olds	90	62	34	—	—	—	4	0
(B) 35-49 year olds	140	73 ^{cd}	24 ^{cd}	—	—	—	3	0
(C) 50-64 year olds	184	58 ^b	40 ^b	—	—	—	2	0
(D) 65+ year olds	189	54 ^b	46 ^b	—	—	—	0	0
(E) Democrat	199	66	33	—	—	—	1	0
(F) Independent/Other	78	63	34	—	—	—	3	0
(G) Republican	331	57	41	—	—	—	2	0

Political Party Identification/Leaning

Two items determine party identification/leaning:

- Do you consider yourself...a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, a supporter of some other party, or none of these? (randomly ordered Democrat and Republican)
- Do you think of yourself as **closer** to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party? (randomly ordered Democratic and Republican; explicit “Neither” option; asked of everyone who did not choose Democrat or Republican above)

Those categorized as Democrat either chose “Democrat” or “closer to the Democratic Party.” Those categorized as Republican either chose “Republican” or “closer to the Republican Party.” Everyone else was categorized as Independent/Other, except those who refused or said don’t know to the second question.