

NORC AmeriSpeak Omnibus Survey: Spotlight on Public Safety

Interview Dates: March 3–7, 2022

Nationally representative sample of 1,106 English-speaking adults, aged 18 and over, conducted using the AmeriSpeak® Panel, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago. Of the 1,106 respondents, 96 completed the survey by phone and 1,010 via the web.

The self-funded poll was conducted during a monthly Omnibus survey. It included 1,106 interviews with a nationally representative sample (margin of error +/- 3.85 percent) of adult Americans aged 18+ using the AmeriSpeak® Panel. AmeriSpeak is NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. 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 and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97 percent of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with post office box-only addresses, some addresses not listed in the U.S. Postal Service Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings.

NOTE: All results show weighted frequencies and percentages among respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Some percentages may not add up to 100 percent because of rounding.

Do you have a gun in your home?

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	(N = 1106)
Yes	46
No	54
Don't Know/Skipped/Refused	0

Do you personally own a gun, or does the gun—or guns—in your household belong to another household member?

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	“Have a gun in your home” = Yes (N = 504)
I own a gun	53
Someone in my household owns a gun	32
Both myself and someone in my household own a gun	14
Don't Know/Skipped/Refused	1

Did you or anyone in your household purchase a gun, since March of 2020?

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	(N = 1106)
Yes, I purchased a gun within the last two years	9
Yes, someone in my household purchased a gun within the last two years	7
Yes, both myself and someone else in my household purchased a gun within the last two years	2
No, no one in my household purchased a gun within the last two years	81
Don't Know/Skipped/Refused	1

Was this the first time you purchased a gun?

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	“Purchased gun” = Yes (N = 125)
Yes	40
No	60
Don't Know/Skipped/Refused	0

Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy:
Allowing people to carry concealed guns in more places

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	Overall (N = 1106)	Non-Gun Owners (N = 758)	Pre-Pandemic Gun Owners (N = 295)	Pandemic First- Time Gun Buyers (N = 41)
Strongly favor	17	10	33	20
Somewhat favor	29	26	34	48
Somewhat oppose	23	25	19	14
Strongly oppose	30	38	13	17
Don't Know/Skipped/Refused	1	1	1	0

Note: Pre-pandemic gun owners owned a gun before March 2020. Pandemic First-Time Gun Buyers bought their first gun since March 2020.

Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy:
Allowing teachers and school officials to carry guns in K–12 schools

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	Overall (N = 1106)	Non-Gun Owners (N = 758)	Pre-Pandemic Gun Owners (N = 295)	Pandemic First- Time Gun Buyers (N = 41)
Strongly favor	16	10	31	26
Somewhat favor	25	23	29	44
Somewhat oppose	24	25	25	12
Strongly oppose	34	43	15	19
Don't Know/Skipped/Refused	1	0	1	0

Note: Pre-pandemic gun owners owned a gun before March 2020. Pandemic First-Time Gun Buyers bought their first gun since March 2020.

Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy:
Shortening waiting periods for people who want to buy guns legally

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	Overall (N = 1106)	Non-Gun Owners (N = 758)	Pre-Pandemic Gun Owners (N = 295)	Pandemic First- Time Gun Buyers (N = 41)
Strongly favor	14	11	21	23
Somewhat favor	28	27	28	41
Somewhat oppose	23	21	31	16
Strongly oppose	34	41	19	20
Don't Know/Skipped/Refused	1	0	1	0

Note: Pre-pandemic gun owners owned a gun before March 2020. Pandemic First-Time Gun Buyers bought their first gun since March of 2020.

Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy:
Allowing people to carry concealed guns without a permit

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	Overall (N = 1106)	Non-Gun Owners (N = 758)	Pre-Pandemic Gun Owners (N = 295)	Pandemic First- Time Gun Buyers (N = 41)
Strongly favor	12	7	24	10
Somewhat favor	12	9	17	31
Somewhat oppose	17	16	19	22
Strongly oppose	59	68	41	37
Don't Know/Skipped/Refused	0	0	0	0

Note: Pre-pandemic gun owners owned a gun before March 2020. Pandemic First-Time Gun Buyers bought their first gun since March 2020.

Gender

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	(N = 1106)
Male	48
Female	52

Age

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	(N = 1106)
18–29	20
30–44	27
45–59	23
60+	30

Race / Ethnicity

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	(N = 1106)
White, non-Hispanic	63
Black, non-Hispanic	12
Other, non-Hispanic	1
Hispanic	17
2+, non-Hispanic	2
Asian, Non-Hispanic	5

Education

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	(N = 1106)
Less than high school	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Vocational/tech school/some college/associate degree	27
Bachelor's degree	23
Post-grad study/professional degree	12

Marital status

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	(N = 1106)
Married	49
Widowed	3
Divorced	11
Separated	3
Never married	30
Living with partner	4

Home ownership

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	(N = 1106)
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	72
Rented for cash	26
Occupied without payment of cash rent	2

Gun ownership by age

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	Pre-Pandemic Gun Owners (N = 295)	Pandemic First-Time Gun Buyers (N = 41)
18–29	14	51
30–44	27	35
45–59	20	11
60+	40	3

Note: Pre-pandemic gun owners owned a gun before March 2020. Pandemic First-Time Gun Buyers bought their first gun since March 2020.

Gun ownership by race/ethnicity

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	Pre-Pandemic Gun Owners (N = 295)	Pandemic First-Time Gun Buyers (N = 41)
White, non-Hispanic	74	32
Black, non-Hispanic	10	22
Other, non-Hispanic	1	0
Hispanic	11	41
2+, non-Hispanic	2	0
Asian, Non-Hispanic	3	6

Note: Pre-pandemic gun owners owned a gun before March 2020. Pandemic First-Time Gun Buyers bought their first gun since March 2020.

Gun ownership by home ownership

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	Pre-Pandemic Gun Owners (N = 295)	Pandemic First-Time Gun Buyers (N = 41)
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	84	49
Rented for cash	15	50
Occupied without payment of cash rent	1	2

Note: Pre-pandemic gun owners owned a gun before March 2020. Pandemic First-Time Gun Buyers bought their first gun since March 2020.

Gun ownership by marital status

AmeriSpeak 3/4/22–3/7/22	Pre-Pandemic Gun Owners (N = 295)	Pandemic First-Time Gun Buyers (N = 41)
Married	58	32
Widowed	4	1
Divorced	12	9
Separated	3	0
Never married	20	50
Living with partner	3	8

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