

**Illinois Senate District 23 Survey  
Overbrook Research and Lake Research Partners**

**N=307 Registered Voters  
Margin of Error: +/- 5.6%**

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Final Topline Results**

I am going to read a few proposals for changes in current state gun laws. For each one, please tell me if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose it. First ...

	<b>Str Fav.</b>	<b>Smwt Fav.</b>	<b>Smwt Opp.</b>	<b>Str Opp.</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Collapsed Favor</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
Require gun owners to inform law enforcement if any of their guns are lost or stolen.	85%	11	2	2	1	96%	3
Require every gun purchaser to undergo a background check, whether bought from a licensed gun dealer or a private seller. <sup>1</sup>	81%	10	2	6	2	91%	7

Q8. Are you aware or not aware of any recent Supreme Court decisions regarding the District of Columbia's gun laws?

Yes, aware	24%
No, not aware	76
Refused/NA	1

For each of the following statements about Illinois gun laws, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.

	<b>Str Agree</b>	<b>Smwt Agree</b>	<b>Smwt Dis.</b>	<b>Str Dis.</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Collapsed Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
Current laws don't do enough to prevent gun-related crime and violence, and should be strengthened.	47%	16	12	17	8	63%	30
To prevent gun-related crime and violence, we don't need any new laws. We simply need stricter enforcement of current laws.	38%	23	14	18	7	61%	32
Current laws make it too difficult for law-abiding people to buy and use guns.	15%	9	18	43	14	25%	61

<sup>1</sup>Half the sample heard "handgun purchaser" rather than "gun purchaser," but the results were statistically indistinguishable.

***Now I have just a few questions for statistical purposes...***

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an independent?  
 Would you call yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not very strong (Republican/Democrat)?  
 Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or the Democratic Party?

Strong Republican	18%
Weak Republican	13
Lean Republican	13
Independent/Other	15
Lean Democrat	16
Weak Democrat	9
Strong Democrat	16
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Republican	44%
Democrat	41

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Less than a high school diploma	3%
Graduated high school/GED	14
Vocational school/Technical school	1
Some college-2 years or less	11
Some college-more than 2 years	11
Graduated college	31
Post-graduate degree	27
Refused/NA	1

In what year were you born?

18-24	9%
25-34	14
35-44	24
45-54	15
55-64	14
65+	13
Refused/NA	11

Which of the following income groups includes your TOTAL FAMILY INCOME last year before taxes? (Just stop me when I read the correct category)

Up to \$30,000 [29,999]	5%
\$30,000-\$40,000 [39,999]	6
\$40,000-\$50,000 [49,999]	6
\$50,000-\$75,000 [74,999]	16
\$75,000 to \$100,000	13
\$100,000 or more	24
Don't know	6
Refused/NA	25

Would you please tell me if your family income was under or over \$75,000?

Under \$75,000	3%
Over \$75,000	2
Don't know	5
Refused/NA	20
Not asked	69

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Is your racial or ethnic heritage white, black, Hispanic or something else?

White	84%
Black	—
Hispanic	2
Asian	2
Native American	—
Other	7
Not ascertained	5

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Gender (by Observation)

Male	47%
Female	53

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Do you own a functioning firearm of any kind?

Yes	17%
No	79
Don't know	—
Refused/NA	5

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Are you a member of the NRA?

Yes	6%
No	91
Member of some other gun group (VOL)	—
Former member of the NRA (VOL)	1
Don't know	*
Refused/NA	2

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