

**Illinois Senate District 24 Survey
Overbrook Research and Lake Research Partners**

**N=308 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 ...

	Str Fav.	Smwt Fav.	Smwt Opp.	Str Opp.	DK/ Ref	Collapsed Favor Oppose	
Require gun owners to inform law enforcement if any of their guns are lost or stolen.	79%	15	*	3	3	94%	3
Require every gun purchaser to undergo a background check, whether bought from a licensed gun dealer or a private seller. ¹	79%	13	2	4	*	92%	7

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	—

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

	Str Agree	Smwt Agree	Smwt Dis.	Str Dis.	DK/ Ref	Collapsed Agree Disagree	
To prevent gun-related crime and violence, we don't need any new laws. We simply need stricter enforcement of current laws.	40%	27	13	13	7	67%	26
Current laws don't do enough to prevent gun-related crime and violence, and should be strengthened.	41%	23	16	16	5	63%	32
Current laws make it too difficult for law-abiding people to buy and use guns.	12%	10	22	45	11	22%	66

¹ 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	17%
Weak Republican	14
Lean Republican	13
Independent/Other	13
Lean Democrat	19
Weak Democrat	8
Strong Democrat	15
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Republican	44%
Democrat	42

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Less than a high school diploma	3%
Graduated high school/GED	11
Vocational school/Technical school	1
Some college-2 years or less	7
Some college-more than 2 years	13
Graduated college	26
Post-graduate degree	39
Refused/NA	*

In what year were you born?

18-24	8%
25-34	15
35-44	24
45-54	15
55-64	20
65+	12
Refused/NA	6

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]	7%
\$30,000-\$40,000 [39,999]	3
\$40,000-\$50,000 [49,999]	4
\$50,000-\$75,000 [74,999]	11
\$75,000 to \$100,000	15
\$100,000 or more	33
Don't know	5
Refused/NA	23

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

Under \$75,000	2%
Over \$75,000	4
Don't know	2
Refused/NA	20
Not asked	72

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

White	86%
Black	2
Hispanic	1
Asian	1
Native American	—
Other	6
Not ascertained	3

Gender (by Observation)

Male	47%
Female	53

Do you own a functioning firearm of any kind?

Yes	27%	17%	15%	31%
No	71	79	82	61
Don't know	*	—	—	*
Refused/NA	2	5	4	5

Are you a member of the NRA?

Yes	11%	6%	5%	8%
No	87%	91	93	90
Member of some other gun group (VOL)	*	—	—	—
Former member of the NRA (VOL)	1	1	1	1
Don't know	*	*	—	*
Refused/NA	1	2	1	1
