

**Illinois Senate District 46 Survey  
Overbrook Research and Lake Research Partners**

**N=309 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</b>	
						<b>Favor</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
Require gun owners to inform law enforcement if any of their guns are lost or stolen.	88%	9	1	2	*	97%	3
Require every gun purchaser to undergo a background check, whether bought from a licensed gun dealer or a private seller. <sup>1</sup>	79%	11	4	5	*	90%	9

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

Yes, aware	16%
No, not aware	83
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</b>	
						<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
To prevent gun-related crime and violence, we don't need any new laws. We simply need stricter enforcement of current laws.	49%	21	9	14	6	71%	23
Current laws don't do enough to prevent gun-related crime and violence, and should be strengthened.	38%	22	17	17	5	60%	35
Current laws make it too difficult for law-abiding people to buy and use guns.	31%	11	18	29	11	42%	47

<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	15%
Weak Republican	10
Lean Republican	10
Independent/Other	16
Lean Democrat	17
Weak Democrat	10
Strong Democrat	22
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Republican	35%
Democrat	49

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Less than a high school diploma	6%
Graduated high school/GED	27
Vocational school/Technical school	2
Some college-2 years or less	21
Some college-more than 2 years	9
Graduated college	17
Post-graduate degree	19
Refused/NA	1

In what year were you born?

18-24	10%
25-34	20
35-44	16
45-54	10
55-64	19
65+	19
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]	18%
\$30,000-\$40,000 [39,999]	15
\$40,000-\$50,000 [49,999]	9
\$50,000-\$75,000 [74,999]	17
\$75,000 to \$100,000	10
\$100,000 or more	13
Don't know	4
Refused/NA	13

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

Under \$75,000	4%
Over \$75,000	*
Don't know	2
Refused/NA	11
Not asked	83

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

White	81%
Black	7%
Hispanic	1
Asian	1
Native American	1
Other	7
Not ascertained	2

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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	31%
No	61
Don't know	*
Refused/NA	5

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Are you a member of the NRA?

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

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