

**Illinois Statewide Survey
Overbrook Research and Lake Research Partners**

**N= 612 Registered Voters
Margin of Error: +/- 3.96%**

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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.	81%	13	2	2	1	95%	4
Require every gun purchaser to undergo a background check, whether bought from a licensed gun dealer or a private seller. ¹	76%	14	5	4	1	90%	9

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

Yes, aware	27%
No, not aware	72
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.

	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.	44%	26	15	11	5	70%	26
Current laws don't do enough to prevent gun-related crime and violence, and should be strengthened.	38%	25	13	21	4	62%	34
Current laws make it too difficult for law-abiding people to buy and use guns.	22%	15	23	32	9	36%	55

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

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	16%
Weak Republican	10
Lean Republican	11
Independent/Other	14
Lean Democrat	15
Weak Democrat	11
Strong Democrat	23
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Republican	37%
Democrat	50

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Less than a high school diploma	2%
Graduated high school/GED	22
Vocational school/Technical school	2
Some college-2 years or less	16
Some college-more than 2 years	9
Graduated college	24
Post-graduate degree	25
Refused/NA	1

In what year were you born?

18-24	10%
25-34	16
35-44	22
45-54	19
55-64	16
65+	15
Refused/NA	3

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]	11%
\$30,000-\$40,000 [39,999]	11
\$40,000-\$50,000 [49,999]	9
\$50,000-\$75,000 [74,999]	18
\$75,000 to \$100,000	14
\$100,000 or more	22
Don't know	4
Refused/NA	11

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

Under \$75,000	3%
Over \$75,000	1
Don't know	3
Refused/NA	8
Not asked	85

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

White	76%
Black	13
Hispanic	3
Asian	1
Native American	1
Other	4
Not ascertained	2

Gender (by Observation)

Male	48%
Female	52

Do you own a functioning firearm of any kind?

Yes	27%
No	71
Don't know	*
Refused/NA	2

Are you a member of the NRA?

Yes	11%
No	87
Member of some other gun group (VOL)	*
Former member of the NRA (VOL)	1
Don't know	*
Refused/NA	1

PR. Region (Based on official 2008 voter registration statistics)

City of Chicago	19%
Balance of Cook	18
Collar Counties	23
North/Central	33
Far South	6
