

**Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence
Statewide Multimodal Survey**

March 9-11, 2021
500 Registered Voters (400 Weighted)

1 First of all, are you currently registered to vote in Delaware?

	Total
Yes.....	100%
No.....	-
(Don't know/refused).....	-

As you may know, the State Legislature is currently considering a number of proposals to reduce gun violence in Delaware. I'm going to read a brief statement summarizing each of these proposals. After each statement, please tell me whether you support or oppose that proposal.

	Strng Sup	Smwt Sup	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	DK/ Ref	Total Sup	Total Opp	Sup - Opp
2 Require that all gun buyers must pass a comprehensive criminal background check, no matter where or from whom they are buying the gun.....	72	13	3	11	0	86	14	72
3 (SPLIT A) ¹ Require individuals to obtain a license before being able to purchase a gun.....	57	13	4	24	2	69	28	41
3 (SPLIT B) Require individuals to obtain a permit before being able to purchase a gun.....	60	14	6	19	1	74	26	48

¹ Half of all respondents answered questions marked as SPLIT A while the other half answered questions marked as SPLIT B.



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Now, you'll hear some more information about the proposed legislation. Please indicate whether this information makes you more likely or less likely to support the proposed legislation to reduce gun violence, or if it makes no difference.

	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	No Diff	Smwt Less Lkly	Much Less Lkly	DK/ Ref	Total More Lkly	Total Less Lkly	More - Less
4 (SPLIT C) ² This legislation applies only to handguns.....	21	12	32	11	23	2	32	34	-2
5 (SPLIT D) This legislation applies to handguns, as well as long guns such as rifles, shotguns, and other long-barrel firearms.	36	8	27	6	22	1	44	27	17
6 The background checks required by this legislation would include fingerprinting, just like those conducted by law enforcement for other purposes like employment and housing.	47	12	19	5	17	1	59	21	37
7 State law enforcement authorities would be in charge of issuing any license or permit required for purchasing a gun.	33	12	25	5	23	2	45	27	17
8 All applicants for a license or permit to purchase a gun must complete a firearms training course, similar to what is required by Delaware's concealed carry permit law.	47	15	13	4	20	1	62	24	37

² Half of all respondents answered questions marked as SPLIT C while the other half answered questions marked as SPLIT D.

9 And one more question about gun ownership. Would you feel more or less safe in your own community if all gun owners were required to be trained on gun usage, gun safety, and gun storage, or would it make no difference in how safe you feel?

	Total
I would feel safer if this were required of all gun owners	57
It would make no difference in how safe I feel	35
I would feel less safe if this were required of all gun owners	6
(Don't know/refused)	1

Finally, I'd like to ask you a few more questions for statistical purposes.

10 What is your gender?

	Total
Male	47
Female	51
Other	1
(Refused)	1

11 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	9
25 - 29	9
30 - 34	8
35 - 39	8
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	5
50 - 54	8
55 - 59	9
60 - 64	10
Over 64	24

12/13 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger? (IF NO) Do you have any grandchildren 18 years of age or younger?

	Total
Have children	29
Have grandchildren	25
Neither children nor grandchildren	44
(Don't know/refused)	2
Children or grandchildren	54

14 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or an Independent?

	Total
Strong Democrat	27
Weak Democrat	12
Independent-lean Democrat	13
Independent	11
Independent-lean Republican	11
Weak Republican	7
Strong Republican	17
(Don't know/Refused)	2

15 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Total
Liberal	23
Moderate	44
Conservative	24
(Don't know/refused)	8

16 In the 2020 election for President, did you vote for Democrat Joe Biden or Republican Donald Trump?

	Total
Democrat Joe Biden.....	52
Republican Donald Trump	33
(Another candidate).....	1
(Did not vote).....	5
(Don't know/refused)	8

17 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
First through eleventh grade	2
High school graduate	16
Vocational or technical school.....	6
Some college, but no degree	22
Associate degree	11
Four-year college graduate or bachelor's degree	24
Graduate school or advanced degree.....	18
(Don't know/refused)	3

18 How many firearms do you or members of your household own?

	Total
None.....	51
1-2	18
3-9	10
10 or more	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	19
Total Gun owner.....	30

19 (IF GUN OWNER IN Q.18)³ How often would you say you go hunting? At least every week, about every month, a few times a year, only rarely, or never?

	Total
At least every week.....	1
About every month.....	2
A few times a year.....	9
Only rarely.....	17
Never.....	71

20 Have you or anyone you know personally ever been a victim of gun violence?

	Total
Yes.....	31
No.....	65
(Don't know/refused).....	3

21 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White or Caucasian.....	71
Black or African American.....	15
Hispanic or Latino.....	7
Asian or Pacific Islander.....	1
Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native.....	1
(Other).....	2
(Refused).....	4

The survey was conducted by GBAO Strategies. GBAO conducted a representative statewide survey of 600 voters registered to vote in Delaware, including an oversample of 100 voters in Kent and Sussex Counties to ensure adequate samples in each county, on March 9-11, 2021. Interviews were completed via landlines and cell phones by professional interviewers, plus by text message, to ensure the most representative sample possible. The final sample reflects an accurate distribution of voters based on age, gender, race, geography, and party registration. Results are subject to a margin of error of +/- 4.4 percent at the 95 percent confidence interval.

³ 121 respondents