

THE TENNESSEE POLL

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About The Tennessee Poll

The Tennessee Poll is conducted by the Applied Social Research Lab (ASRL) in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at East Tennessee State University. ASRL is directed by Dr. Kelly N. Foster, Professor of Sociology.

The Tennessee Poll is an annual public opinion poll funded by East Tennessee State University. The mission of The Tennessee Poll is to provide the citizens and governance of Tennessee with neutral, unbiased information on Tennesseans' perceptions of issues that impact their health, education, and quality of life.

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Passing laws that temporarily restrict access to guns for individuals who are at high risk of harming themselves or others.

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			Ge	nder		Party Affiliation			Race				Age	•		
		Total	Male	Female	Republican & Republican Leaning	Independents	Democrat & Democrat Leaning	White	Black	Other Race	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
	Strongly support	56%	51%	61%	46%	56%	72%	54%	67%	60%	53%		52%	53%	59%	65%
Passing laws that	Somewhat support	19%	20%	18%	23%	18%	13%	21%	9%	17%	13%	21%	23%	20%	18%	17%
temporarily restrict access to guns for individuals who are at high risk of harming	Neither support nor oppose	9%	11%	7%	13%	9%	5%	11%	6%	7%	19%	12%	11%	10%	4%	5%
themselves or others.	Somewhat oppose	5%	6%	4%	8%	5%	1%	6%	3%	3%	6%	4%	6%	6%	5%	4%
	Strongly oppose	11%	12%	9%	11%	11%	9%	9%	15%	13%	9%	11%	9%	10%	14%	10%
Total	Unweighted Count	698	333	358	299	180	209	523	111	59	82	131	101	101	106	177

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				Ger	neration			Education		Ar	ınual İncoi	ne	Tennessee Grand Divisions			
		Total	Baby Boomers	Gen X	Millennials	Gen Z	HS Diploma or less	Some College or Associates	Bachelors or Higher		\$50,000 - \$100,000	Over \$100,000	East TN	Middle TN	West TN	
to guns for individuals who are at high risk of harming themselves or others.	Strongly support	56%	62%	55%	53%	51%	52%	56%	61%	54%	53%	66%	59%	53%	57%	
	Somewhat support	19%	18%	18%	22%	16%	16%	23%	19%	20%	19%	17%	18%	21%	17%	
	Neither support nor oppose	9%	5%	9%	10%	18%	13%	9%	6%	10%	13%	7%	10%	11%	5%	
	Somewhat oppose	5%	3%	7%	5%	6%	6%	3%	5%	7%	4%	4%	6%	3%	8%	
	Strongly oppose	11%	11%	12%	10%	10%	13%	10%	8%	10%	10%	7%	7%	12%	13%	
Total	Unweighted Count	698	237	160	185	116	230	221	245	303	197	146	249	296	153	

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Passing laws that would require that gun owners make sure any firearms in their home are securely stored to protect against unauthorized access.

			Ge	nder		Party Affiliation			Race		Age						
		Total	Male	Female	Republican & Republican Leaning	Independents	Democrat & Democrat Leaning	White	Black	Other Race	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
	Strongly support	53%	41%	64%	40%	49%	74%	49%	71%	57%	44%	51%	46%	43%	62%	65%	
Passing laws that would	Somewhat support	17%	22%	12%	19%	19%	13%	17%	13%	23%	19%	16%	27%	19%	14%	10%	
require that gun owners make sure any firearms in their home are securely	Neither support nor oppose	8%	8%	8%	9%	10%	5%	9%	5%	7%	14%	10%	10%	10%	1%	5%	
stored to protect against unauthorized access.	Somewhat oppose	7%	9%	5%	10%	6%	4%	8%	5%	2%	8%	10%	10%	7%	3%	6%	
	Strongly oppose	15%	20%	10%	21%	17%	4%	17%	6%	11%	14%	12%	6%	21%	21%	14%	
Total	Unweighted Count	694	332	355	296	179	208	519	110	59	82	131	100	101	108	172	

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				Ger	neration			Education		Ar	nual Inco	me	Tennessee Grand Divisions		
		Total	Baby Boomers	Gen X	Millennials	Gen Z	HS Diploma or less	Some College or Associates	Bachelors or Higher		\$50,000 -	Over \$100,000	Fact TN	Middle TN	Weet TN
	Strongly	53%		44%	48%	49%		52%	_	. ,	. ,	- /	52%		
	support														
Passing laws that would require that gun owners make sure any firearms in their home are securely stored to protect against unauthorized access.	Somewhat support	17%	10%	19%	24%	17%	17%	20%	16%	17%	15%	18%	17%	16%	18%
	Neither support nor oppose	8%	4%	8%	7%	16%	11%	8%	4%	11%	8%	4%	7%	9%	6%
	Somewhat oppose	7%	5%	7%	9%	8%	7%	4%	9%	6%	10%	6%	7%	7%	8%
	Strongly oppose	15%	15%	22%	11%	10%	16%	16%	13%	11%	18%	17%	17%	13%	15%
Total	Unweighted Count	694	233	161	184	116	231	217	245	301	198	145	247	295	152

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Passing laws that allow K-12 public school teachers to carry guns on school property and in the classroom.

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			Ge	nder		Party Affiliation			Race	Age						
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					Republican		Democrat									l .
		Total	Male	Female	Leaning	Independents	Leaning	White	Black	Other	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
	Strongly	24%	32%	18%	37%	21%	9%	27%	11%	25%	17%	26%	21%	38%	25%	20%
	support															
	Somewhat	18%	22%	13%	24%	15%	11%	19%	15%	11%	18%	16%	23%	16%	16%	17%
Passing laws that allow K-	support															
12 public school teachers	Neither	12%	12%	13%	14%	14%	8%	12%	9%	18%	20%	15%	18%	13%	6%	5%
to carry guns on school	support nor															
property and in the	oppose															
classroom.	Somewhat	14%	10%	18%	13%	14%	14%	15%	11%	9%	17%	18%	18%	9%	15%	8%
	oppose															
	Strongly	32%	25%	39%	12%	35%	59%	27%	55%	36%	28%	25%	19%	24%	38%	51%
	oppose															
Total	Unweighted	696	334	355	298	180	207	521	110	59	82	131	101	101	107	174
Total	Count															

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				Ger	neration			Education		Ar	nual Inco	me	Tennessee Grand Divisions			
							HS	Some								
			Baby				Diploma	College or	Bachelors	Under	\$50,000 -	Over				
		Total	Boomers	Gen X	Millennials	Gen Z	or less	Associates	or Higher	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	East TN	Middle TN	West TN	
	Strongly	24%	19%	37%	22%	21%	25%	27%	22%	24%	23%	28%	30%	25%	15%	
	support															
	Somewhat	18%	17%	15%	23%	15%	14%	20%	20%	20%	18%	15%	17%	18%	19%	
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classroom.	Somewhat	14%	9%	14%	16%	18%	15%	11%	14%	16%	12%	13%	14%	15%	11%	
	oppose															
	Strongly	32%	51%	23%	22%	27%	30%	33%	35%	28%	33%	36%	26%	30%	43%	
	oppose															
Total	Unweighted	696	235	160	185	116	229	222	244	302	196	146	247	296	153	
Total	Count															