

**2023 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 129 JUNE 2023  
FINAL TOPLINE  
JUNE 5-11, 2023  
N=5,115**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

GUNEASY\_L In this country, do you think it is ... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]

Jun 5-11,  
2023

61	Too easy to legally obtain a gun
9	Too hard to legally obtain a gun
30	About right
1	No answer

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**ASK GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,652]:**

REASONGUN Below are some of the reasons that some people say they own guns. For each, please indicate whether it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you own a gun. [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	For protection				
	Jun 5-11, 2023	72	19	9	*
	Apr 4-18, 2017	67	24	8	*
b.	For hunting				
	Jun 5-11, 2023	32	20	49	*
	Apr 4- 18, 2017	38	23	39	*
c.	For sport shooting, including target shooting and trap and skeet				
	Jun 5-11, 2023	30	29	42	*
	Apr 4-18, 2017	30	38	32	*
d.	As part of a gun collection				
	Jun 5-11, 2023	15	26	58	*
	Apr 4-18, 2017	13	28	59	*
e.	For my job				
	Jun 5-11, 2023	7	8	85	*
	Apr 4-18, 2017	8	10	82	1

**ASK IF GUNOWNER (GUN=1) [N=1,652]:**

GUNFEEL\_OWN Do each of the following describe how you feel about owning a gun? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	Yes, describes <u>how I feel</u>	No, does not describe <u>how I feel</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. I enjoy owning a gun Jun 5-11, 2023	71	28	*
b. I worry about having a gun in the home Jun 5-11, 2023	12	88	*
c. I feel safer owning a gun Jun 5-11, 2023	81	19	*

**ASK IF GUN IN HOUSEHOLD BUT NOT A GUN OWNER (GUN1=1 AND GUN=2,99) [N=457]:**

GUNFEEL\_HOUSE Do each of the following describe how you feel about having a gun in your home? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	Yes, describes <u>how I feel</u>	No, does not describe <u>how I feel</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. I enjoy having a gun in the home Jun 5-11, 2023	31	67	2
b. I worry about having a gun in the home Jun 5-11, 2023	27	73	*
c. I feel safer having a gun in the home Jun 5-11, 2023	57	43	*

**ASK NON-GUN OWNERS (GUN=2) [N=3,342]:**

COULDDOWN Which best describes you? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

		<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>
Jun 5-11, <u>2023</u>		Apr 4-18, <u>2017</u> <sup>1</sup>
47	I could see myself owning a gun in the future	52
52	I could never see myself owning a gun	47
1	No answer	1

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<sup>1</sup> In 2017, the question was asked of people who said they owned a gun previously.

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>2</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something</u>	<u>No</u>	<i>Lean</i>	<i>Lean</i>
			<u>else</u>	<u>answer</u>	<i>Rep</i>	<i>Dem</i>
28	28	28	15	2	18	19

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<sup>2</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.