

Field Dates: April 11-April 13, 2023

N=514 TN Adults, 18+

Margin of Error: <u>+</u> 4%

Survey tool: Centiment

TENNESSEE PUBLIC SURVEY

# Gun violence, reform and the voice of healthcare

Statewide poll shows broad concern about gun violence and majority support for reform. Healthcare is looked to as a trusted voice in the discussion.

### Key findings: There is consensus and trust in TN

A majority of Tennesseans in both parties and across the state say they worry about gun violence and broadly support proposed action to reduce it. For clinicians and healthcare leaders, there is a clear mandate from the public to be part of the conversation in addressing this public health crisis.



#### **Common Ground**

Across political parties, state geography and gun ownership, a strong majority of Tennesseans rate gun violence as a serious problem in the state. And, that majority also supports reforms proposed by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee to help solve it.



#### **Trust to Speak**

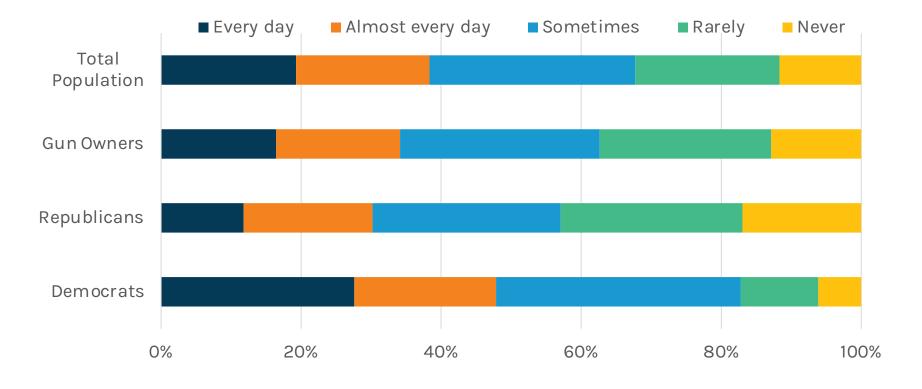
Nearly six in 10 Tennessee adults agree that gun violence is a public health crisis, and 75 percent trust the point of view of doctors, nurses and hospital leaders when it comes to the issue. More than 80 percent say it's important for those in healthcare to be active in the conversation about gun violence.



## Most Tennesseans worry about gun violence affecting their family

38%

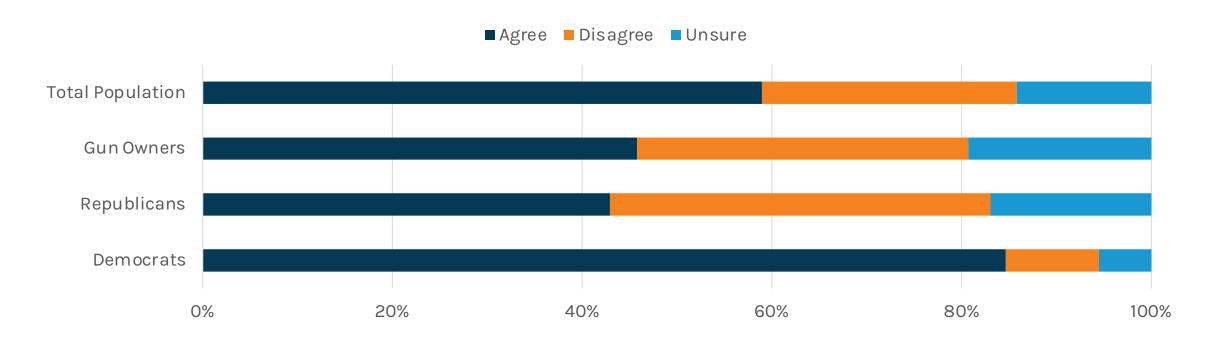
of Tennessee adults say they frequently worry about gun violence How often, if ever, do you worry that you or someone you love will be a victim of gun violence?





### The majority of Tennesseans agree that gun violence is a public health issue. Nearly half of gun owners agree.

Given the epidemic of gun violence and the connection of gun violence to mental health issues, some have said that gun violence should be considered a public health crisis. Do you agree or disagree that gun violence is a public health crisis?



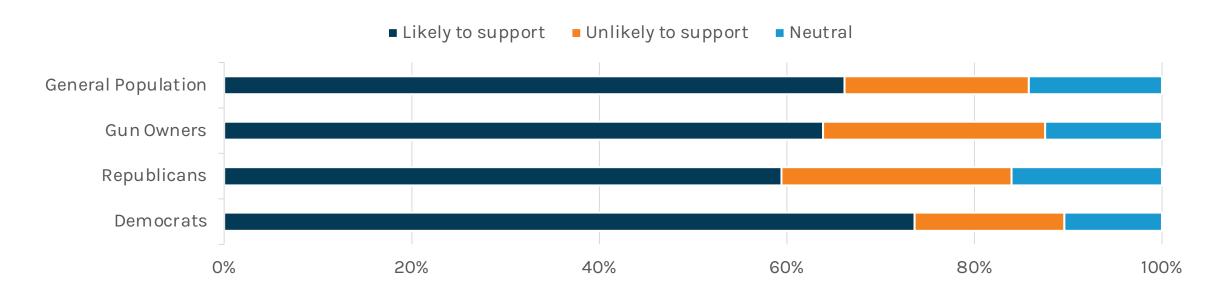


#### SAFE STORAGE

## Strong majorities of Tennesseans support Gov. Lee's proposals for gun control, regardless of political affiliation

The Tennessee General Assembly may soon consider legislation related to gun violence. Please indicate how likely you would be to support new laws that...

Stop guns from falling into the wrong hands by requiring gun owners to provide safe storage for their guns and report lost or stolen guns. These are sometimes called Safe Storage Laws.



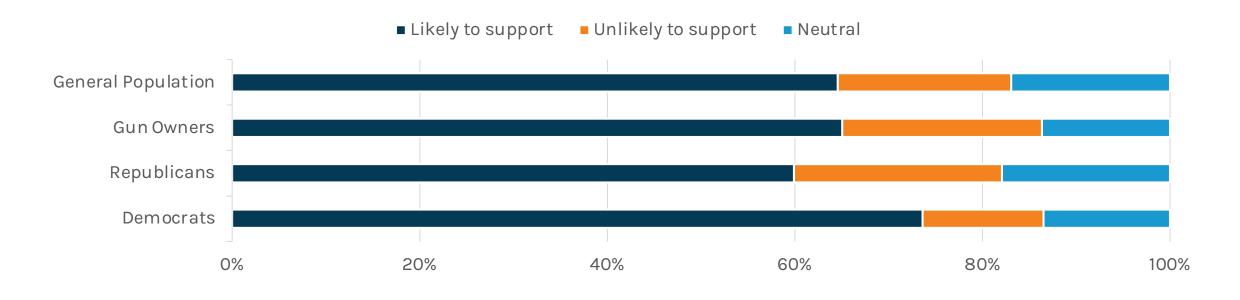


#### EXTREME RISK PROTECTION

## Strong majorities of Tennesseans support Gov. Lee's proposals for gun control, regardless of political affiliation

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Allow authorities to temporarily remove guns from people who pose a risk to themselves or others. These are sometimes called Extreme Risk Laws or Order of Protection Laws.



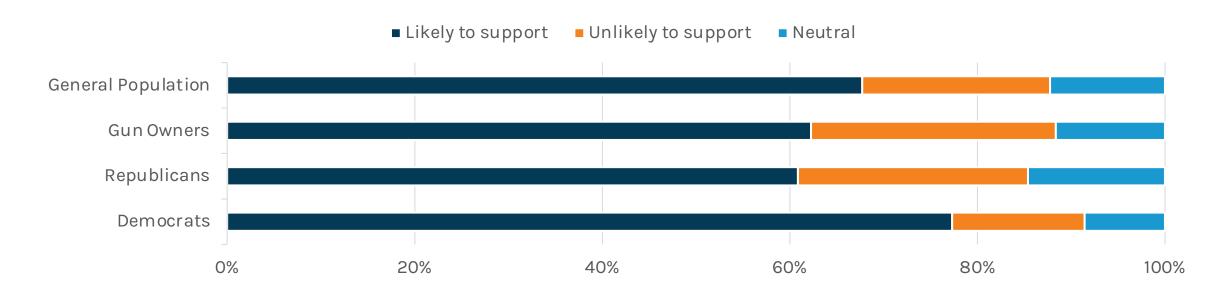


#### BACKGROUND CHECKS

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Close current gun sale loopholes by requiring all commercial sales of guns to include a 72-hour background check of the buyer before purchase.



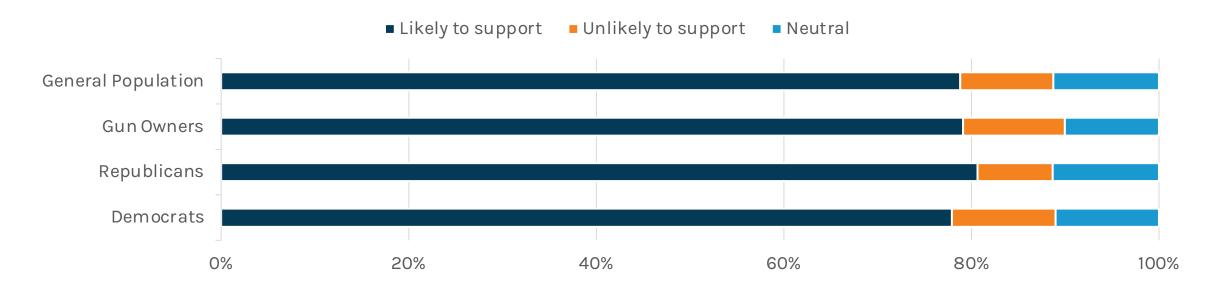


#### SCHOOL SECURITY

## Strong majorities of Tennesseans support Gov. Lee's school security proposal

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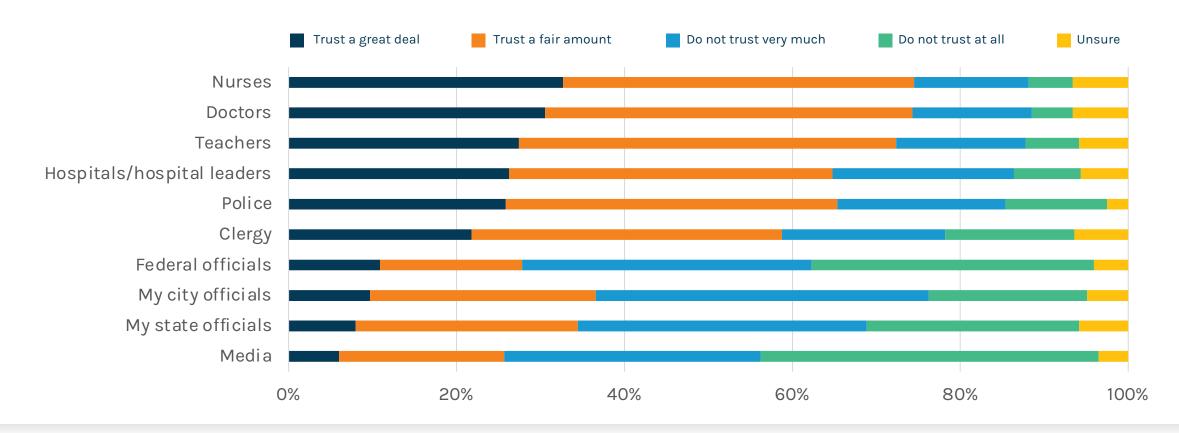
Strengthen school security measures to protect school campuses.





## Healthcare professionals are highly trusted when it comes to discussing gun violence

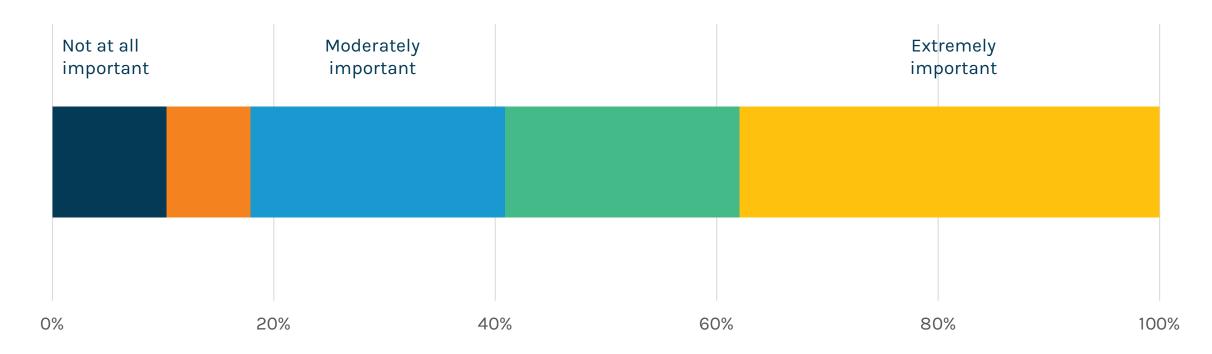
Thinking only about gun violence issues, please indicate how much you trust the point of view of each of the following groups or leaders.





### The Tennessee public feels strongly that healthcare professionals be involved in addressing gun violence

How important is it that hospital leaders, doctors and nurses are active in Tennessee's discussion about gun violence?





### Demographics

Gender	40
Male	48%
Female	51%
Other/Non-binary	1%

Household Income	
< \$20,000	18%
\$20,000-\$34,999	19%
\$35,000-\$49,999	17%
\$50,000-74,999	20%
\$75,000-\$99,999	11%
\$100,000-\$200,000	13%
> \$200,000	2%

Ethnicity	44977
Caucasian or White	73%
African American or Black	17%
Hispanic or Latino	4%
Asian or Pacific American	3%
Other	3%

Age

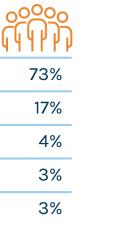
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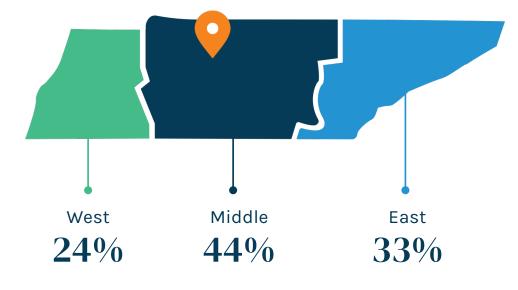
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	Urban	23%
15%		
	Suburban	44%
19%		0.007
100/	Rural	33%
19%		



Party Affiliation		Gun Ownership Overall: 48%
Democrat	32%	35%
Republican	41%	62%
Other/Unaffiliated	27%	44%



### Learn more, get in touch

#### FOR HEALTHCARE LEADERS

Access a set of free resources on gun violence created by Jarrard Inc. for health systems and provider organizations.

**Download the Gun Violence Resource** 

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