

**2022 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
SURVEY OF AMERICAN PARENTS
WAVE 115 SEPTEMBER 2022
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 20-OCTOBER 2, 2022
TOTAL N=3,757¹**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL. THE OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SURVEY ARE HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
Adult parents (18+) of children under age 18	3,757	+/- 2.2 percentage points
<i>Fathers</i>	1,493	+/- 3.5 percentage points
<i>Mothers</i>	2,226	+/- 2.7 percentage points

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

GUNSCHOOL1 How worried are you about the possibility of a shooting ever happening at your children's school? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE]**

BASED ON ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL (K12TOTAL>=1) [n=3,251]:

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
18	Extremely worried	12	23
12	Very worried	10	14
35	Somewhat worried	33	36
23	Not too worried	29	18
7	Not at all worried	10	4
5	Children are homeschooled	5	5
*	No answer	*	*

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

PREVSHOOT How effective do you think each of the following would be at preventing school shootings? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS GUNSCHOOL1]**

a. Banning assault-style weapons

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
30	Extremely effective	26	34
15	Very effective	14	15
16	Somewhat effective	15	17
14	Not too effective	14	14
24	Not at all effective	31	18
1	No answer	1	1

¹ The Wave 115 survey includes an oversample of 770 responses from Hispanic, Asian and Black parents who are members of Ipsos's KnowledgePanel. Read [Methodology](#) for more details.

PREVSHOOT CONTINUED ...

b. Allowing teachers and school administrators to carry guns in school

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
11	Extremely effective	12	10
13	Very effective	14	13
25	Somewhat effective	25	26
22	Not too effective	22	22
28	Not at all effective	27	29
1	No answer	1	1

c. Improving mental health screening and treatment

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
32	Extremely effective	26	37
31	Very effective	32	30
28	Somewhat effective	30	27
6	Not too effective	8	5
2	Not at all effective	3	1
*	No answer	*	*

d. Having metal detectors in schools

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
19	Extremely effective	15	22
22	Very effective	20	23
38	Somewhat effective	38	38
15	Not too effective	18	13
6	Not at all effective	8	4
*	No answer	*	*

e. Having police officers or armed security stationed in schools

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
23	Extremely effective	22	23
26	Very effective	26	26
33	Somewhat effective	32	34
12	Not too effective	12	12
5	Not at all effective	7	4
*	No answer	*	*

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4) OR MISSING [n=1,588]:PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...²

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
25	30	28	15	2	17	21

² PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.