

# Gun Registry

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Base: All Respondents												
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Weighted Base	1004	140	97*	67*	386	238	76*	295	388	309	492	512
More safe	230 23%	23 17%	24 25%	19 29%	81 21%	64 27%	18 24%	78 27%	89 23%	61 20%	111 23%	119 23%
Less safe	503 50%	62 44%	49 51%	30 45%	210 54%	114 48%	38 49%	143 48%	201 52%	154 50%	231 47%	272 53%
No more or less safe	207 21%	44 32% BCDE	18 18%	11 16%	73 19%	45 19%	16 22%	57 19%	81 21%	67 22%	120 24% K	87 17%
Don't know/Refused	63 6%	10 7%	5 6%	7 10%	23 6%	15 6%	4 5%	17 6%	17 4%	27 9% H	29 6%	34 7%

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## 2. What do you think is the primary cause of violence in public schools in Canada?

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TOTAL MENTIONS												
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Parenting is poor/lenient/absent	349 35%	50 36%	40 41%	20 30%	140 36%	75 31%	24 32%	117 40% I	133 34%	96 31%	176 36%	172 34%
Kids' lack of morals/conscience/respect	234 23%	38 27% E	26 27%	14 22%	92 24%	41 17%	24 32% E	54 18%	100 26% G	79 26%	101 21%	133 26%
Television/Media violence	232 23%	41 30%	18 18%	15 23%	85 22%	54 23%	18 23%	66 22%	87 22%	75 24%	97 20%	135 26% J
Drugs	163 16%	22 16%	16 16%	13 20% D	39 10%	56 24% D	17 23% D	48 16%	59 15%	53 17%	79 16%	85 17%
Gangs	147 15%	15 11%	14 15%	8 11%	49 13%	56 23% ACDF	6 8%	53 18%	56 14%	38 12%	86 17% K	62 12%
Anything else I did not mention (specify)	143 14%	18 13%	9 9%	13 20%	55 14%	41 17%	8 10%	37 12%	61 16%	44 14%	68 14%	76 15%
Young Offenders' Act/Lenient justice system	114 11%	14 10% E	14 14% E	10 14% E	60 15% E	11 5%	6 8%	26 9%	46 12%	42 14%	59 12%	55 11%
Peer pressure	111 11%	21 15% D	18 18% D	5 7%	29 7%	29 12%	10 13%	45 15% HI	38 10%	27 9%	48 10%	63 12%
Poverty	110 11%	11 8%	6 6%	6 8%	47 12%	36 15% B	5 6%	37 12%	41 11%	31 10%	51 10%	59 12%
Availability of guns	108 11%	7 5%	12 12%	6 9%	52 13% A	26 11%	6 8%	35 12%	35 9%	37 12%	34 7%	74 14% J
Schools/Teachers are lenient	92 9%	15 10%	6 6%	8 11%	41 10%	19 8%	4 5%	26 9%	34 9%	31 10%	41 8%	51 10%
Immigrants/blacks/minorities	32 3%	4 3%	2 2%	1 1%	13 3%	12 5%	0 -	7 2%	12 3%	14 4%	16 3%	16 3%
Don't know/Refused	35 4%	3 2%	5 5%	1 2%	16 4%	7 3%	3 4%	6 2%	15 4%	12 4%	21 4%	14 3%

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Too lenient	447 44%	69 49%	43 44%	30 45%	175 45%	95 40%	35 46%	142 48%	178 46%	125 41%	212 43%	235 46%
Too harsh	28 3%	4 3%	1 1%	0 -	13 3%	9 4%	1 2%	8 3%	13 3%	6 2%	14 3%	14 3%
About right	419 42%	43 31%	42 44%	33 49% A	154 40%	110 46% A	38 50% A	124 42%	162 42%	128 41%	222 45% K	198 39%
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A hand gun registry AND a long gun registry	652	84	49	31	261	180	49	221	255	172	274	378
	65%	60%	50%	46%	68% BC	75% ABCD	64%	75% HI	66% I	56%	56% J	74% J
A hand gun registry but NOT require people to register their long guns at all	303	51	45	26	107	50	22	69	116	115	195	108
	30%	37% E	47% DEF	39% E	28%	21%	30%	23%	30%	37% GH	40% K	21%
Don't know/Refused	48	4	3	10	18	8	5	5	18	22	22	26
	5%	3%	3%	15% ABDE	5%	4%	7%	2%	5%	7% G	5%	5%

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If a person is caught with the possession of a non-registered handgun there should be no mandatory minimum sentence imposed but the courts should have the discretion to hand down an appropriate punishment	589	84	62	43	203	149	49	182	225	175	294	296
	59%	60%	64% D	64%	52%	62% D	65%	62%	58%	57%	60%	58%
If a person is caught with the possession of a non-registered handgun they should be subjected to an automatic minimum sentence of 10 years regardless of age	379	51	31	18	172	82	24	109	155	114	189	191
	38%	37%	32%	27%	45% BCE	34%	32%	37%	40%	37%	38%	37%
Don't know/Refused	35	5	3	6	11	7	3	4	8	21	10	26
	3%	3%	4%	9% D	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	7% GH	2%	5% J