Methodology

- GQR conducted a 20-minute online survey among 1,000 Likely General Election Voters in Minnesota (with an oversample in Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Goodhue, Isanti, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright Counties) from Sept. 17-29.
- Respondents were contacted from a panel sample of Minnesota residents. Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation in the panel rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated.
- All sample surveys and polls may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to, sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error.
- If this poll were conducted among a probability sample then the margin of error would be of +/-3.5 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence interval; the margin of error is higher among subgroups.
- The data are statistically weighted to ensure the sample’s regional, age, and gender composition reflects that of the estimated General Election Likely Voters in Minnesota.
- In this report, results are expressed as percentages unless otherwise noted. Results may not add to 100% due to rounding or multiple responses. Net results cited in the text may not exactly match individual results shown in the charts due to rounding.
Regional Definitions

Minneapolis Regions
- Metro/Suburbs
- NE/Iron Range
- Home Suburbs
- Outer Suburbs
- Greater Minnesota
- NW/Middle
- South
KEY FINDINGS
Main Findings

- Gun policy was not a huge priority in the lead up to the election. It is not that it was unimportant, only that nothing could compete with a global pandemic for voters’ attention.

- Nearly half report owning guns; nonetheless, Minnesota voters are hungry for change and support for GVP is growing.

- In policy terms, almost everything tested finds huge majorities including universal background checks and emergency protection orders.

- Support in the suburban/exurban part of the state generally runs slightly higher than average, a reflection of both their moderate politics and relatively low rates of gun ownership.

- With support this high—policy, not politics—should inform decision-making.

- Voters strongly believe that family should also be able to initiate emergency protection orders.
Obstacles

• Despite support for GVP, Minnesota voters believe owning a gun makes them safer; this includes half of non-gun owners.

• While huge majorities support most GVP policies, only four in ten believe they will have a major impact reducing gun violence.
GUNS AND MINNESOTA
Slightly less than half are gun owners

Is anyone in your household a gun owner?

- No owner: 47%
- Self: 25%
- Partner: 18%
- Child: 3%
- Parent: 4%
- Other: 3%

How many guns or rifles do you or members of your household own?

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<td>Total 3 or more</td>
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Higher rates of gun ownership in Greater Minnesota

- Total Metro Area: 34%
- Total Greater MN: 61%
- NW/Middle: 55%
- South: 63%
- Outer Suburbs: 38%
- Twin Cities: 28%
- Suburban/Exurban Swing: 37%
Generally speaking, do you believe that the gun laws in Minnesota should be made stronger, less strong, or kept as they are now?

- **Much stronger**: 61
- **Somewhat stronger**: 29
- **Kept as they are**: 30
- **Much less strong**: 9
- **Somewhat less strong**: 6

The graph shows a +52 net preference for stronger gun laws.

**Most want “stronger” gun laws**
Issue is evolving in our direction

How has your position on gun laws changed over the last year?

- Much more supportive
- Somewhat more supportive
- Views haven't changed
- Much less supportive
- Somewhat less supportive

Voters in Twin cities (41%), Dems (46%), younger men (38%) and victims of gun violence (39%) more likely to report moving in our direction.
Partisanship divides Minnesota on this issue

Generally speaking, do you believe that the gun laws in Minnesota should be made stronger, less strong, or kept as they are now?
Nearly half of gun owners support stronger gun laws

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Below are some proposals some people have made to reduce gun violence in Minnesota. Please indicate whether you SUPPORT or OPPOSE each of the following:

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<th>Support Among Gun Owners</th>
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<td>Prohibit domestic abusers from gun purchases</td>
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<td>Require background checks</td>
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<td>(Split) Emergency Protection Order</td>
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<td>Required to obtain a permit from police</td>
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<td>(Split) Red Flag Laws</td>
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<td>Increase state funding for comm.-based orgs.</td>
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<td>82</td>
<td>84</td>
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<td>Prohibit “ghost guns”</td>
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<td>Ban high capacity magazines</td>
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<td>Ban possession of assault weapons</td>
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<td>(Split) Remove block on gun data collection</td>
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<td>(Split) Allow gov’t collect gun ownership data</td>
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<td>Hold gun dealers accountable for crimes</td>
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Strong bi-partisan support for increasing funding for community-based orgs.

Below are some proposals some people have made to reduce gun violence in Minnesota. Please indicate whether you SUPPORT or OPPOSE each of the following: Increase state funding for community-based organizations.

- **Support, strong**
- **Support, somewhat**
- **Oppose, strong**
- **Oppose, somewhat**

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**Total Support:**
- Total: 82
- Democrats: 63
- Independents: 33
- Republicans: 20

**Total Oppose:**
- Total: 18
- Democrats: 2
- Independents: 6
- Republicans: 16

**Net Support:**
- Total: +64
- Democrats: +96
- Independents: +56
- Republicans: +32
In the state of Minnesota, gun dealers must initiate a background check before selling any gun. In addition, if a buyer wishes to buy a handgun or an assault rifle, he or she must have a transfer permit from local law enforcement, a concealed carry permit, or undergo an additional background check by the local police chief or sheriff. Transfer permits last for one year and allow someone to purchase an unlimited number of firearms. A concealed carry permit lasts for five years. Gun dealers and unlicensed sellers of firearms are not required to retain or report sales records. Unlicensed sellers or private gun sellers, like those who sell firearms at a gun show or online, are not required to conduct a background check or for the buyer to obtain any kind of permit for that gun purchase.

After information, three in four support stronger background checks. Generally speaking, do you believe this current system of background checks should be made stronger, less strong, or kept as is?
Generally speaking, do you believe that the gun laws in Minnesota should be made stronger, less strong, or kept as they are now?

- Gun Laws Stronger: +13
- Background Checks Stronger: +18

Generally speaking, do you believe this current system of background checks should be made stronger, less strong, or kept as is?

- Background Checks Stronger: +27
- Gun Laws Stronger: +20

- Total: 61 to 74
- Outer Suburbs: 64 to 82
- Republicans: 30 to 57
- Conservative: 31 to 51
- Own 3 or more guns: 38 to 55
Huge support for almost every background check policy

Here are some proposals some people have made to change the background system. Please indicate whether you SUPPORT or OPPOSE each of the following:

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<td>Limit permit holder to buying 3 guns per permit</td>
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<td>Raise minimum age from 18 to 21</td>
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<td>Require gun buyers to obtain transfer permit from police</td>
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<td>Eliminate permit system, solely rely on background checks</td>
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<td>Require permits for all purchases of handguns only</td>
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Strong support for state licensing of gun dealers

Gun dealers in Minnesota are not required to obtain a state license, but are required to have a federal license to sell guns. Would you favor or oppose requiring all gun dealers to obtain a state license, and require their employees pass a background check and receive training before being allowed to sell guns and ammunition?

- Strongly favor: 82
- Somewhat favor: +64
- Strongly oppose: 52
- Somewhat oppose: 18

Overall support: 82% favor, 18% oppose, net 64% support.
Strong support for allowing family members to initiate red flag laws

Do you believe the power to ask the courts to suspend someone's access to guns should rest entirely with law enforcement or do you believe immediate family members and partners should also have the ability to petition the courts for an emergency protection order?

- Police, strong
- Police, somewhat
- Family, strong
- Family, somewhat

- Only Police: 22%
- Family as well: 78%

- Only Police: 8%
- Family as well: 40%
OBSTACLES
Most believe owning a gun makes you safer

Generally speaking, do you believe having a gun in the home gun makes a person less safe or more safe?

- Less safe, strong
- Less safe, not strong
- More safe, strong
- More safe, not strong

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Not everyone convinced these measures will have a major impact.

If many or all of these proposals became law, do you believe it would have a major impact, a minor impact, not much of an impact or no impact at all in reducing gun violence in Minnesota?

- Major impact
- Minor impact
- No impact

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One in four voters support “stronger” gun laws, but do not believe they will have a major impact.

• This perception robs our issues of intensity.

• These voters tend to be more independent and moderate politically, a little older than average and 43 percent are gun owners.
Strong/not major impact voters tend to be older, Ind., and live in Metro

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