

The Vanderbilt Child Health poll surveyed 1,034 Tennessee parents with children under 18 years old from November 3 — November 28, 2022. All reported percentages have survey weights applied, so their interpretation can be broadened to all parents in Tennessee. For example, “71.2% of Tennessee parents polled in 2022 agree with the statement: ‘Schools are safer if active shooter drills are conducted routinely.’”

Unless otherwise noted, all summaries are listed as weighted proportions of Tennessee Parents ± Standard Error. Row-wise percentages are presented.

### SCHOOL SAFETY PERCEPTIONS

*Schools are safer if there are one or more school resource officers/law enforcement officers who work in the school*

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
<b>Overall</b>	83.1% ± 1.5	11.5% ± 1.3	5.5% ± 1.0
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	85.0% ± 1.7	9.7% ± 1.3	5.2% ± 1.1
Black, Non-Hispanic	73.7% ± 4.9	19.9% ± 4.5	6.4% ± 2.4
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	83.9% ± 4.7	10.6% ± 4.0	5.5% ± 2.7
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	84.9% ± 2.9	10.0% ± 2.4	5.2% ± 1.9
Middle	82.7% ± 2.6	12.1% ± 2.1	5.2% ± 1.6
East	82.6% ± 2.4	11.5% ± 2.1	5.9% ± 1.4

*Schools are safer if active shooter drills are conducted routinely*

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
<b>Overall</b>	71.2% ± 1.9	21.4% ± 1.7	7.3% ± 1.0
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	71.2% ± 2.2	21.4% ± 2.0	7.4% ± 1.2
Black, Non-Hispanic	73.2% ± 4.7	19.5% ± 4.3	7.4% ± 2.5
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	68.9% ± 6.1	24.1% ± 5.7	7.0% ± 2.8
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	76.9% ± 3.4	16.1% ± 3.0	6.9% ± 2.0
Middle	71.4% ± 3.1	22.0% ± 2.9	6.6% ± 1.7
East	68.2% ± 3.1	23.5% ± 2.8	8.3% ± 1.7

*Schools are safer if background checks are expanded to be required on all gun sales (including private sales or sales at gun shows)*

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
<b>Overall</b>	70.5% ± 1.9	16.7% ± 1.6	12.8% ± 1.3
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	70.3% ± 2.2	15.2% ± 1.7	14.5% ± 1.7
Black, Non-Hispanic	68.8% ± 5.2	26.1% ± 4.9	5.2% ± 2.4
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	74.5% ± 5.6	13.7% ± 4.6	11.8% ± 3.9
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	66.6% ± 4.2	19.9% ± 3.6	13.5% ± 2.9
Middle	73.3% ± 3.0	17.1% ± 2.5	9.6% ± 2.0
East	69.3% ± 3.1	14.7% ± 2.3	16.0% ± 2.3

*Schools are safer if students, staff, and visitors have to go through a metal detector prior to entering*

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
<b>Overall</b>	69.5% ± 2.0	21.8% ± 1.9	8.6% ± 1.1
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	66.2% ± 2.4	23.9% ± 2.3	9.9% ± 1.4
Black, Non-Hispanic	73.4% ± 4.7	21.4% ± 4.5	5.2% ± 1.9
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	85.2% ± 3.9	9.3% ± 3.2	5.5% ± 2.3
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	71.0% ± 4.3	21.7% ± 4.1	7.3% ± 1.9
Middle	66.5% ± 3.3	25.3% ± 3.1	8.2% ± 1.8
East	72.2% ± 3.0	17.9% ± 2.6	9.8% ± 1.9

*Schools are safer if families or law enforcement can temporarily restrict a person's access to a gun through civil court order if that person poses a risk to themselves or others*

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
<b>Overall</b>	63.6% ± 2.1	22.4% ± 1.8	14.0% ± 1.5
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	64.9% ± 2.4	20.6% ± 2.0	14.6% ± 1.8
Black, Non-Hispanic	61.1% ± 5.4	27.6% ± 4.9	11.3% ± 3.6
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	58.9% ± 6.6	26.8% ± 6.3	14.3% ± 3.9
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	61.8% ± 4.3	22.3% ± 3.7	15.9% ± 3.3
Middle	65.6% ± 3.3	20.7% ± 2.8	13.7% ± 2.6
East	62.2% ± 3.3	24.3% ± 3.0	13.5% ± 2.1

*Schools are safer if laws are in place to require people to store their guns securely at home to prevent unsupervised access to guns*

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
<b>Overall</b>	60.7% ± 2.1	19.6% ± 1.6	19.7% ± 1.8
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	59.9% ± 2.5	17.9% ± 1.8	22.2% ± 2.2
Black, Non-Hispanic	65.8% ± 5.2	27.9% ± 4.8	6.3% ± 2.7
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	59.2% ± 6.5	18.6% ± 5.1	22.2% ± 5.5
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	59.8% ± 4.4	24.6% ± 3.5	15.6% ± 3.5
Middle	64.3% ± 3.3	16.9% ± 2.4	18.8% ± 2.9
East	57.1% ± 3.5	20.0% ± 2.8	22.9% ± 2.9

*Schools with a single point of entry are safer (in other words, there is only one way to enter the school building)*

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
<b>Overall</b>	60.6% ± 2.1	18.0% ± 1.7	21.4% ± 1.8
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	66.7% ± 2.4	16.8% ± 1.9	16.6% ± 1.8
Black, Non-Hispanic	39.5% ± 5.5	25.9% ± 4.7	34.6% ± 5.4
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	51.3% ± 6.7	15.0% ± 5.4	33.7% ± 6.5
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	56.1% ± 4.5	16.5% ± 3.1	27.4% ± 4.1
Middle	59.6% ± 3.4	21.8% ± 3.0	18.6% ± 2.7
East	64.0% ± 3.4	14.5% ± 2.3	21.5% ± 3.0

*Schools are safer if guns are not allowed on school property*

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
<b>Overall</b>	54.7% ± 2.2	24.6% ± 1.9	20.7% ± 1.8
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	53.6% ± 2.5	24.3% ± 2.2	22.1% ± 2.2
Black, Non-Hispanic	59.6% ± 5.5	26.4% ± 5.1	14.1% ± 3.7
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	55.0% ± 6.6	24.0% ± 5.3	21.1% ± 5.4
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	58.5% ± 4.4	16.6% ± 2.9	24.9% ± 4.0
Middle	58.5% ± 3.4	23.2% ± 2.8	18.2% ± 2.8
East	48.5% ± 3.5	30.1% ± 3.4	21.5% ± 2.9

*Schools are safer if the age to purchase a gun is increased to 21*

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
<b>Overall</b>	53.7% ± 2.2	22.9% ± 1.8	23.4% ± 1.8
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	52.3% ± 2.5	22.0% ± 2.1	25.7% ± 2.2
Black, Non-Hispanic	48.8% ± 5.7	35.0% ± 5.3	16.2% ± 4.1
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	69.4% ± 5.8	11.8% ± 3.8	18.7% ± 4.9
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	52.4% ± 4.5	26.1% ± 4.0	21.5% ± 3.6
Middle	59.4% ± 3.4	19.7% ± 2.6	20.9% ± 2.8
East	47.9% ± 3.5	24.8% ± 3.1	27.3% ± 3.2

*Schools are safer if the sale of high capacity magazines is restricted*

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
<b>Overall</b>	50.0% ± 2.2	24.3% ± 1.9	25.6% ± 1.9
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	48.4% ± 2.5	23.8% ± 2.1	27.8% ± 2.2
Black, Non-Hispanic	52.8% ± 5.6	30.7% ± 5.2	16.5% ± 4.2
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	56.5% ± 6.5	18.8% ± 4.9	24.7% ± 5.4
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	48.2% ± 4.5	29.0% ± 4.3	22.8% ± 3.6
Middle	55.0% ± 3.4	20.0% ± 2.6	24.9% ± 3.1
East	45.2% ± 3.5	26.9% ± 3.2	27.9% ± 3.0

*Schools are safer if the sale of bump stocks and conversion devices (which allow for more shots to be fired) is restricted*

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
<b>Overall</b>	46.7% ± 2.2	28.4% ± 2.0	24.9% ± 1.9
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	46.4% ± 2.5	26.0% ± 2.2	27.6% ± 2.3
Black, Non-Hispanic	48.3% ± 5.6	40.7% ± 5.6	11.0% ± 3.1
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	45.9% ± 6.6	26.8% ± 5.8	27.3% ± 6.2
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	47.2% ± 4.5	31.7% ± 4.4	21.1% ± 3.5
Middle	54.6% ± 3.4	23.2% ± 2.8	22.2% ± 3.0
East	37.3% ± 3.3	32.8% ± 3.4	29.9% ± 3.2

*Schools are safer if teachers are armed*

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
<b>Overall</b>	35.9% ± 2.1	29.1% ± 2.0	35.0% ± 2.1
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, Non-Hispanic	38.9% ± 2.4	27.6% ± 2.2	33.5% ± 2.4
Black, Non-Hispanic	22.8% ± 4.7	38.3% ± 5.5	38.8% ± 5.5
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	34.6% ± 6.1	26.0% ± 5.8	39.4% ± 6.7
<b>TN Region</b>			
West	41.3% ± 4.4	30.6% ± 4.3	28.1% ± 3.9
Middle	32.9% ± 3.2	29.3% ± 3.0	37.8% ± 3.4
East	36.5% ± 3.3	28.2% ± 3.2	35.3% ± 3.4