

Results
Survey #15 (February 2016)

Emails sent: 389
Emails opened: 161
Surveys started: 119
Surveys completed: 108

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "Less than 10% of interpersonal violent acts with a gun are committed by individuals with serious mental illness."

Strongly disagree	3%
Disagree	10%
Neither agree or disagree	4%
Agree	37%
Strongly agree	30%
I don't know	17%

Q2: Rate the quality of the scientific evidence on this issue

Very weak	1%
Weak	13%
Medium	20%
Strong	34%
Very Strong	8%
I don't know	24%

Q3: Rate your level of familiarity with the literature on this topic

Not knowledgeable	9%
Slightly knowledgeable	17%
Medium	34%
Knowledgeable	22%
Very knowledgeable	13%
I don't know	5%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	44%
Criminology/sociology	29%
Public Policy	6%
Economics	11%
Other	10%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 48)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 60)
Disagree* that less than 10% of interpersonal violent acts with a gun are committed by individuals with serious mental illness.	15%	12%
Agree** that less than 10% of interpersonal violent acts with a gun are committed by individuals with serious mental illness.	79%	57%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	52%	33%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	15%	13%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	50%	23%
Is not knowledgeable ++	8%	40%

*Agree or strongly agree; **Disagree or strongly disagree

^Strong or very strong; ^^Weak or very weak

+Knowledgeable or very knowledgeable; ++slightly or not knowledgeable

Among those who believe they are knowledgeable or very knowledgeable about this issue 89% agree that less than 10% of interpersonal violent acts with a gun are committed by individuals with serious mental illness.

Conclusion:

Most gun researchers believe that less than 10% of interpersonal violent acts with a gun are committed by individuals with serious mental illness.