

Results
Survey #18 (June 2016)

Emails sent: 385
Surveys started: 94
Surveys completed: 85

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "In the United States there are more than one million self-defense gun uses each year."

Strongly disagree	34%
Disagree	34%
Neither agree or disagree	7%
Agree	2%
Strongly agree	1%
I don't know	21%

Q2: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "In the United States, there are fewer than 200,000 self-defense gun uses each year."

Strongly disagree	5%
Disagree	8%
Neither agree or disagree	12%
Agree	33%
Strongly agree	21%
I don't know/No Response	21%

Q3: Rate the quality of the scientific evidence on this issue

Very weak	8%
Weak	19%
Medium	22%
Strong	19%
Very Strong	6%
I don't know	25%

Q4: Rate your level of familiarity with the literature on this topic

Not knowledgeable	16%
Slightly knowledgeable	12%
Medium	18%
Knowledgeable	27%
Very knowledgeable	19%
I don't know	8%

Q5: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	47%
Criminology/sociology	28%
Public Policy	6%
Economics	8%
Other	11%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 40)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 45)
Disagree* that there are more than one million self-defense gun uses each year.	68%	69%
Agree** that there are more than one million self-defense gun uses each year.	4%	2%
Disagree* that there are fewer than 200,000 self-defense gun uses each year	10%	16%
Agree** that there are fewer than 200,000 self-defense gun uses each year	63%	47%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	23%	27%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	28%	27%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	48%	44%
Is not knowledgeable ++	18%	38%

*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

5% agree that there are more than a million self-defense gun uses each year in the United States, and 87% disagree.

Among those who believe they are knowledgeable or very knowledgeable about this issue, 76% agree that there are fewer than 200,000 self-defense gun uses each year in the United States, and 16% disagree.

Conclusion:

Only a tiny percentage of gun researchers believe that there are more than a million self-defense gun uses in the United States each year; most gun researchers believe there are fewer than 200,000.