



**Amid gun violence concerns, the majority (74%) of total survey respondents think having a gun at home makes them safer, even more so among parents (80%, compared to 71% non-parents). Sixty-one percent of total survey participants said carrying a gun in public does the same. And a third (36%) of survey participants in the survey said they have a gun in their household. In the qualitative study, gun owners noted they feel a sense of control by owning a firearm, knowing that they can protect themselves if they or their family are threatened.**