

VOICES FOR A SAFER TENNESSEE



WHO WE ARE

Voices for a Safer Tennessee is a grassroots coalition of Tennessee parents and grandparents, business executives and educators, faith leaders and healthcare professionals, hunters and military families, and concerned citizens from all walks of life. We're Republicans, Democrats and Independents who are bonded by our commitment to advocating for pragmatic firearm safety laws and promoting responsible firearm ownership to make Tennessee a safer place for all of us.

WHAT WE SUPPORT

Together, we can create a safer Tennessee by advocating for:

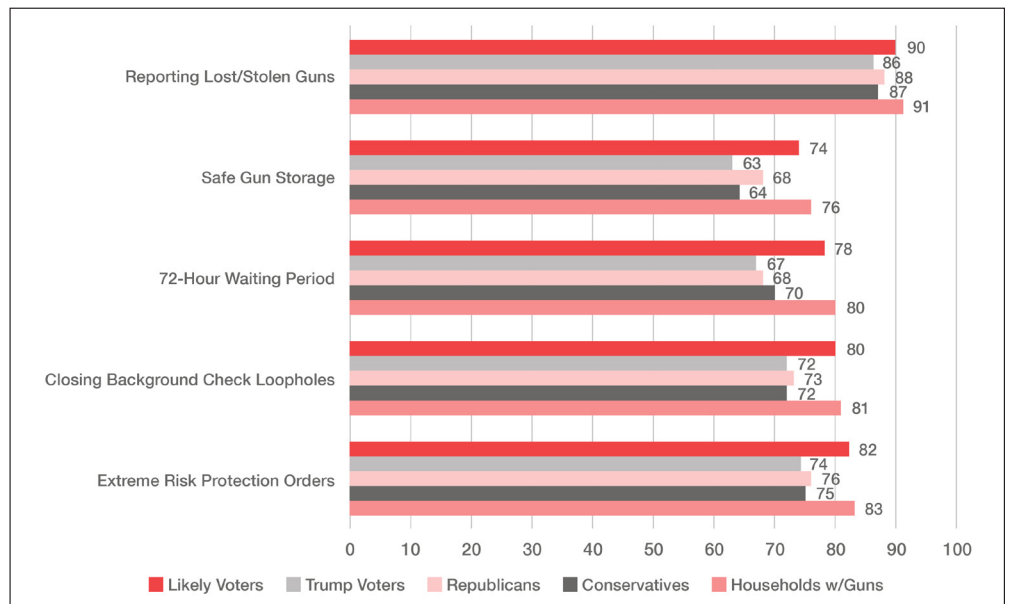
- **Temporary transfer laws** that would allow law enforcement to petition the court to temporarily restrict access to firearms from people who pose a danger to themselves or others.
- **Stronger firearm storage laws** that require firearm owners to provide secure storage and report lost or stolen weapons.
- **Consistent background check requirements** across more firearm transactions to help keep firearms away from dangerous people who are not legally allowed to own them.

The majority of Tennesseans agree – WE MUST TAKE ACTION NOW.

A recent poll commissioned by Voices for a Safer Tennessee

shows the majority of Tennesseans across the political spectrum support reasonable, responsible firearm safety legislation. Now it's time to turn those polls into action for change.

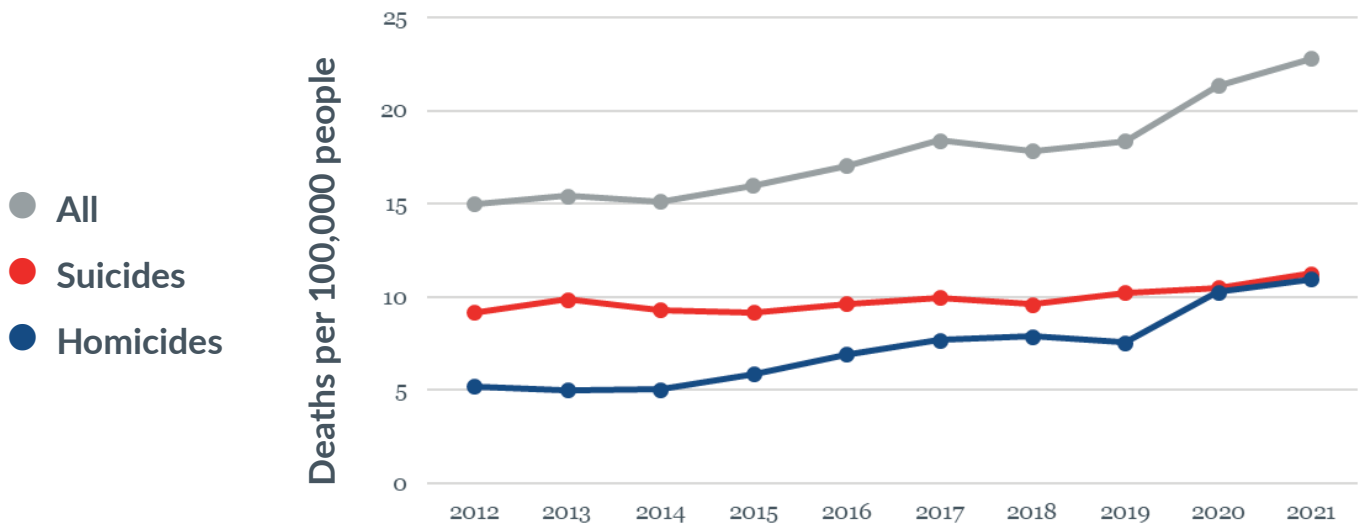
Support for the following policies was overwhelming among all likely voters and with key demographics—Trump voters, Republicans, Conservatives and households with guns:



WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT

Tennessee is facing a public health crisis. Gun violence is the **no. 1 killer of children** in Tennessee, taking more lives each year than car accidents and illnesses like cancer. In an average year, nearly 1,600 Tennesseans, children and adults alike, lose their lives to gun violence. The stats are alarming, and make the need for additional, life-saving firearm safety measures even more clear.

- Tennessee is among the **top 10 states for gun deaths** in the US and has the **6th** highest rate of firearm homicides.
- Tennessee's rate of firearm deaths increased **52%** from 2012–2021, compared to a **39%** increase nationwide.
- Tennessee has the **3rd** highest rate of unintentional shootings by children, and our rate of child gun deaths is **36%** higher than the national average.
- In 2021, **814** people in Tennessee died by firearm suicide, with firearms used in 2 out of 3 suicides statewide.
- Gun violence costs Tennessee **\$18 billion** each year, of which \$415.5 million is paid by taxpayers.
- Tennessee is **#1 in the nation** when it comes to the number of firearms stolen from vehicles. Stolen firearms fall directly into the hands of criminals and are often later used in the commission of violent crimes.



We're leading conversations and identifying common ground where progress can be made on issues of firearm safety. Join us, and let's make Tennessee safer together.

Learn more about how your voice can make a difference at safertn.org.



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