



TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Everytown for Gun Safety
RE: New Mexico Assault Weapons Survey Findings
DATE: February 2025

A recent [Survey USA](#) poll of 1,300 New Mexican adults conducted from December 10– 14, 2024 reveals significant public support in New Mexico for addressing gun violence in the state. The findings indicate strong support for policies currently under consideration in the New Mexico State Legislature including the GOSAFE Act, which bans the sale, transfer, and receipt of gas-operated semi-automatic rifles and large-capacity magazines.

KEY FINDINGS

- **81%** of respondents consider gun violence prevention a priority for the upcoming legislative session, including **73% of gun owners and 69% of Republicans**.¹
- **72% of respondents believe state lawmakers still have work to do on addressing gun safety and gun crime**, including **56%** of very conservative respondents.
- A clear majority of respondents support measures to regulate assault weapons, with **62% supporting an assault weapons ban**, including a simple majority of gun owners (53%) in agreement.
 - Support for banning assault weapons grows to **68%** when participants learn about the devastating role assault weapons play in mass shootings.²
- **64%** support regulating internal mechanisms of assault weapons to close legal loopholes exploited by manufacturers, including a **majority of Republicans (55%) and gun owners (57%)**.
- The proposed GOSAFE law, **supported by 63% of respondents**—including nearly half of gun owners— was first introduced during the 2024 legislative session and modeled off of Senator Heinrich’s federal effort to ban assault weapons.
- Conversion kits and devices that turn rifles and handguns into fully automatic weapons face strong opposition with **61% favoring a ban on such devices**, including a majority of conservatives, moderates, and gun owners.³

This polling demonstrates a clear mandate: New Mexicans demand action to reduce gun violence, protect communities, and hold gun manufacturers accountable. These findings present an opportunity for leaders to unite on common-sense solutions that reflect public will.

¹ Net Very Top Priority, One of the Highest, One of Several

² 57% of respondents expressed support for banning assault weapons.

³ A majority of conservatives, moderates, and gun owners oppose conversion devices for only rifles.