

Firearm training among U.S. adults

Findings from a study by VA researchers and colleagues

- The percentage of U.S. firearm owners who reported receiving formal firearm training **showed little change** between **1994** (56 – 58%) and **2015** (61%).
- The most commonly reported combination of training topics was **safe handling, safe storage, and accident prevention**.
- Only **15%** of owners said their training covered **suicide prevention**.
- **Conclusion:** The proportion of U.S. firearm owners with formal fire arm training has **not meaningfully changed in two decades**. Training programs vary widely. Efforts are needed to **standardize and evaluate** the effectiveness of training.

