

# Firearm Storage Practices Among Latino and Asian Adults in California

A study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research examines firearm ownership, storage practices, and gun violence concerns among California's largest immigrant populations, Latinos and Asians, in 2021.

## Firearm Ownership

### Keep a gun at home

**17.6%**

of all California adults

**4.1%**

of Latino immigrants own a firearm

**6.0%**

of immigrants

**7.2%**

of Asian immigrants own a firearm

### Own at least one firearm

Latino citizens **18.1%**

Latino immigrants **4.1%**

Asian citizens **12.6%**

Asian immigrants **7.2%**

## Firearm Storage

### Adults who have at least one firearm in the home who store all firearms locked and unloaded

Immigrants **76.5%**

Citizens **45.0%**

## Gun Violence Concerns

**3 in 4** (74.9%)

Asian immigrants



**1 in 2** (53.2%)

Latino immigrants



### Average number of firearms owned, by level of fear

*Latino citizens who were "not too worried" about being victims of gun violence had more guns on average compared with citizens who were "very worried." However, the opposite was true for Latino immigrants.*

	Very Worried	Not Too Worried
Latino citizens	0.11	0.51
Latino immigrants	0.24	0.05

*Immigrants were more likely than citizens to store guns locked and unloaded.*



Note: In this infographic, the immigrant group consists of noncitizens, while the citizen group includes U.S.-born and naturalized citizens.

Source: 2021 California Health Interview Survey

Read the fact sheet: <https://ucla.in/3LT0RQM>

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