

**ZA5897**

**Flash Eurobarometer 383  
(Firearms in the European Union)**

**Country Questionnaire  
Ireland (English)**

# FL 383 Firearms - IEX

D1 Can I please ask your age?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

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D2 Record Gender.

Male	1
Female	2

FL378 FIREARMS

ASK ALL

Q1 Would you describe the level of crime using firearms in Ireland as....

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY) (PLEASE CLARIFY: 'firearm' means any type of gun (excluding airguns) such as handguns, rifles, shotguns etc.))

Very high	1
Fairly high	2
Fairly low	3
Very low	4
DK/NA	5

NEW

Q2 Do you think that over the next five years the level of crime using firearms in Ireland is likely to...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Increase	1
Decrease	2
Stay the same	3
DK/NA	4

NEW

Q3 In your opinion, is stricter regulation of who is allowed to own, buy or sell firearms in Ireland the most effective way to reduce the level of crime using firearms or do you think this would be more effectively achieved in other ways?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Stricter regulation	1
Some other way	2
None (DO NOT READ OUT)	3
DK/NA	4

NEW

Q4 Laws about firearms differ from one country to another in the European Union. Do you think...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY) (ADD IF NECESSARY: Laws about the production, possession and sale of firearms.)

There should be common minimum standards in all European Union countries	1
Each country in the European Union should make its own laws	2
Both (DO NOT READ OUT)	3
Other (DO NOT READ OUT)	4
DK/NA	5

NEW

ASK Q5 IF CODE 1 OR 3 IN Q4 – OTHERS GO TO Q6

ROTATE STATEMENTS 1 TO 5

Q5 And for each of the following different aspects, to what extent do you agree or disagree that the EU should set minimum common standards?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	DK/NA
1	The types of firearms that can be sold for private use	1	2	3	4	5
2	Marking each firearm to identify its owner	1	2	3	4	5
3	Licensing the possession of firearms	1	2	3	4	5
4	Selling firearms on the Internet	1	2	3	4	5
5	How illegal trafficking in firearms is punished	1	2	3	4	5

NEW

ASK ALL

Q6 In your opinion, who is best placed to address the issue of firearms trafficking (the illegal trade in firearms) to the EU from outside the EU?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

The European Union, working in cooperation with national authorities	1
National authorities acting on their own	2
Both (DO NOT READ OUT)	3
DK/NA	4

NEW

Q7 Do you agree or disagree that the European Union should co-operate with neighbouring non-EU countries to help them control firearms?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Strongly agree	1
Tend to agree	2
Tend to disagree	3
Strongly disagree	4
DK/NA	5

NEW

Q8 Please tell me if...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

You own a firearm	1
You used to own a firearm	2
You have never owned a firearm	3
Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	4
DK/NA	5

NEW

ASK Q9 IF CODE 1 OR 2 IN Q8

ITEM 8 IS SINGLE CODE

Q9 Which of the following are reasons why you own or used to own a firearm?

(READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Hunting	1,
Sports (e.g. target shooting)	2,
As a collector	3,
For professional reasons (e.g. police, army, security)	4,
Personal protection	5,
Other personal reasons	6,
Other (DO NOT READ OUT)	7,
Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	8,
DK/NA	9,

NEW

D4 How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

(INT.: IF "STILL STUDYING", CODE '00' - IF "NO EDUCATION" CODE '01' - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '98' - IF "DK" CODE '99')

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D5a As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Self-employed	1
Employee	2

Manual worker	3
Without a professional activity	4
Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

ASK D5b IF SELF-EMPLOYED, CODE 1 IN D5a

D5b Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Farmer, forester, fisherman	1
Owner of shop, craftsman	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...)	3
Manager of a company	4
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

ASK D5c IF EMPLOYEE, CODE 2 IN D5a

D5c Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect, ...)	1
General management, director or top management	2
Middle management	3
Civil servant	4
Office clerk	5
Other employee (salesman, nurse, ...)	6
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	7

ASK D5d IF MANUAL WORKER, CODE 3 IN D5a

D5d Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Supervisor\ foreman (team manager, ...)	1
Manual worker	2
Unskilled manual worker	3
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

ASK D5e IF WITHOUT A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, CODE 4 IN D5a

D5e Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Looking after the home	1
Student (full time)	2
Retired	3
Seeking a job	4
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

D12 Which county do you live in?

(READ OUT IF NECESSARY - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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D13	Would you say you live in a...?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)
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Rural area or village	1
Small or middle sized town	2
Large town	3
DK (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

D18	Have you got a mobile phone?
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(DO NOT READ OUT)
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Yes	1
No	2

D20	Have you got a landline phone?
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(DO NOT READ OUT)
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Yes	1
No	2

D22	Could you tell me how many people aged 15 years or more live in your household, yourself included?
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(WRITE DOWN - IF "DK" CODE '98' - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')
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	Number of people aged 15 or more in the household
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