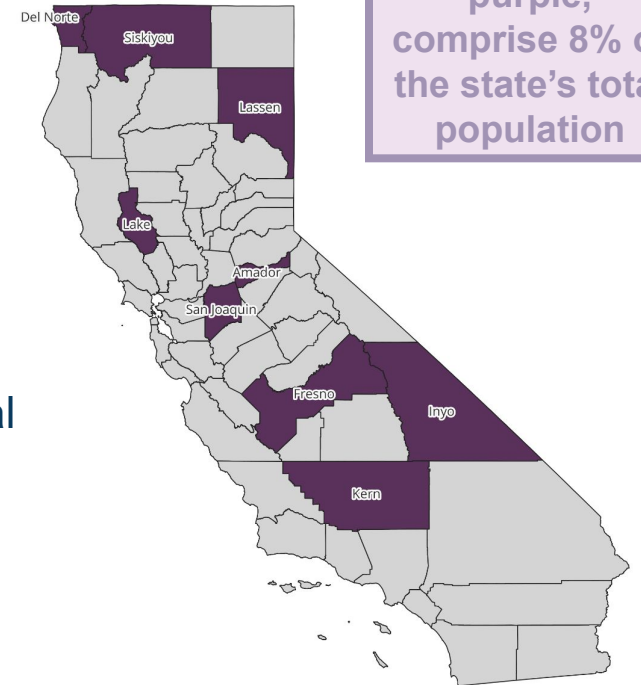


California Protection Orders Communications Baseline Survey Summary of Results California Statewide

February 2025

Methodology

- Online random sample survey of adult California residents
 - Links to web survey sent via text and email
- Offered in English and Spanish
- Conducted by EMC Research from February 12 – 23, 2025
- 1,000 total interviews completed:
 - 700 interviews statewide; overall margin of error ± 3.1 percentage points
 - 300 interview oversample in the nine Specific Interest Counties, resulting in 359 total interviews in these counties; margin of error ± 5.17 percentage points
 - Specific Interest counties defined as those with the highest incidence of gun suicides, homicides, and domestic violence gun homicides per capita
 - Amador, Del Norte, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Lake, Lassen, San Joaquin, and Siskiyou Counties
 - Specific Interest Counties weighted down to actual proportion of state population



Nine Specific Interest Counties, shown in purple, comprise 8% of the state's total population

Please note that due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.

Baseline Survey Highlights

- Most Californians (70%) believe California does have laws that allow for the temporary removal of guns from someone deemed a threat, but just 24% say they know a lot about any of the 9 types of Protection Orders listed.
- Few have heard much recently about Protection Orders (30% heard anything, 9% heard a lot), and just 8% have visited the website GunSafety.CA.gov
- Specific awareness of the features and benefits of Protection Orders is limited, and 79% say they are concerned about their lack of information about how the orders work.
- Three-quarters of Californians (77%) say they would consider filing a Protection Order to remove access to guns if they felt someone was a threat, but concern is high about retaliation, lack of a requirement for treatment before gun access is restored, and uncertainty about ability to determine if the threat is enough to require action.
 - Just 33% strongly agree that they are confident they would be able to recognize the signs of someone being a threat to themselves or others.

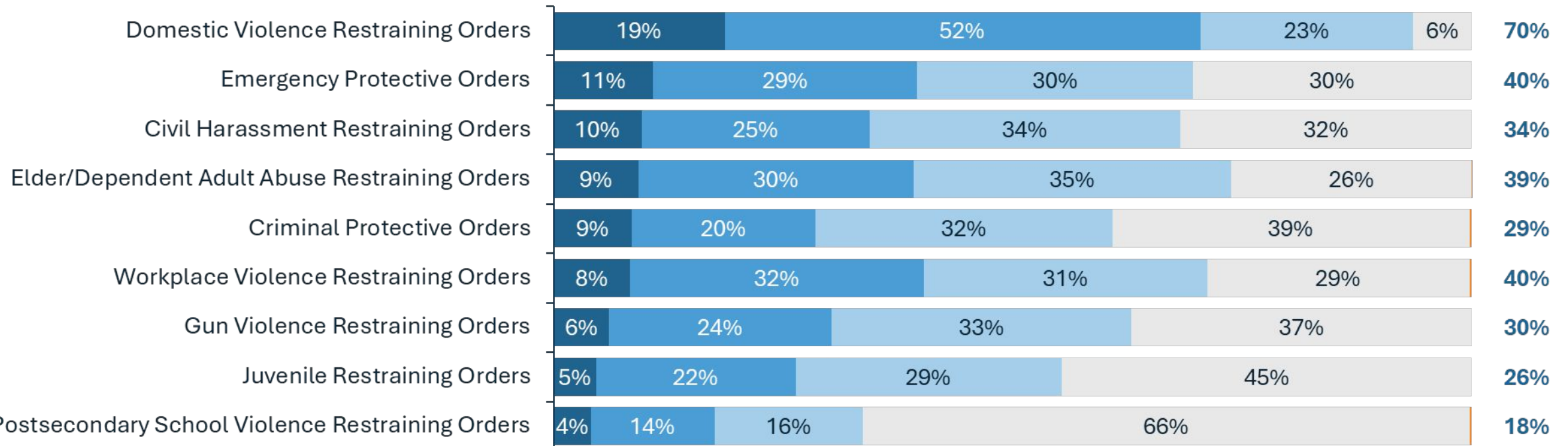
Depth of Knowledge: Specific Laws

Just a quarter of residents feel that they know a lot about any of the Protective or Restraining orders, with DVROs being most familiar.

24% feel they know a lot about at least one

■ Know a lot ■ Know a little ■ Heard of it ■ Never heard

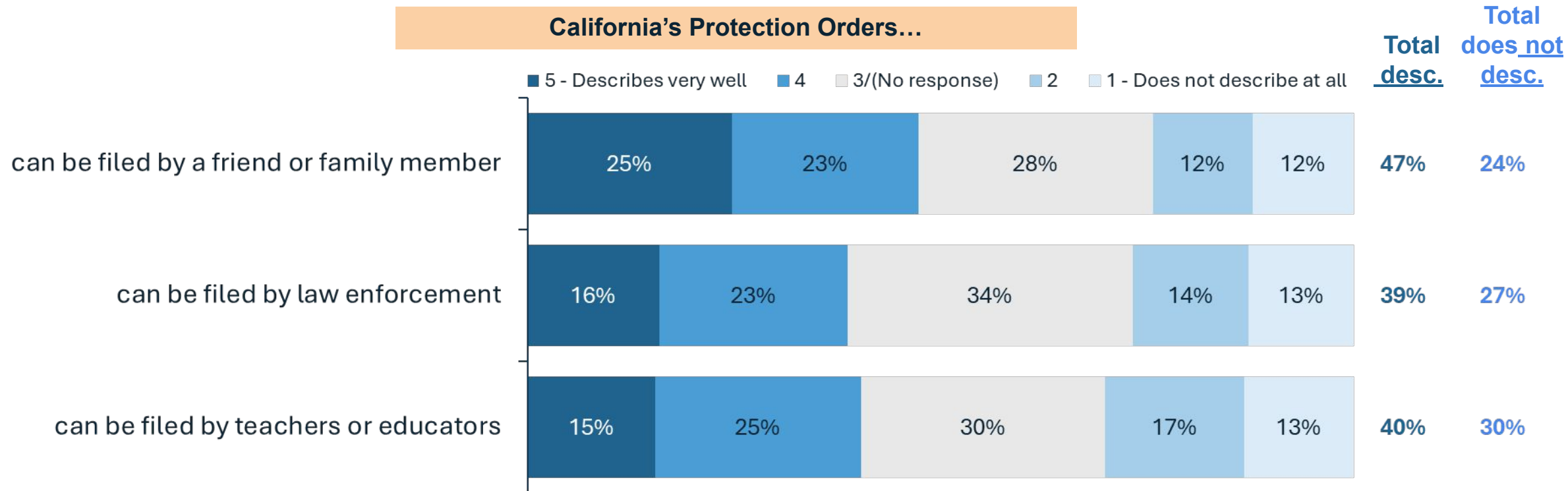
**Total know a
little + a lot**



Q11-19. How much do you feel you know about each of the following California laws?

Protection Order Attributes: Who Can File

Friends and family members are most often seen as the initiator of Protection Orders, as compared with law enforcement or educators.

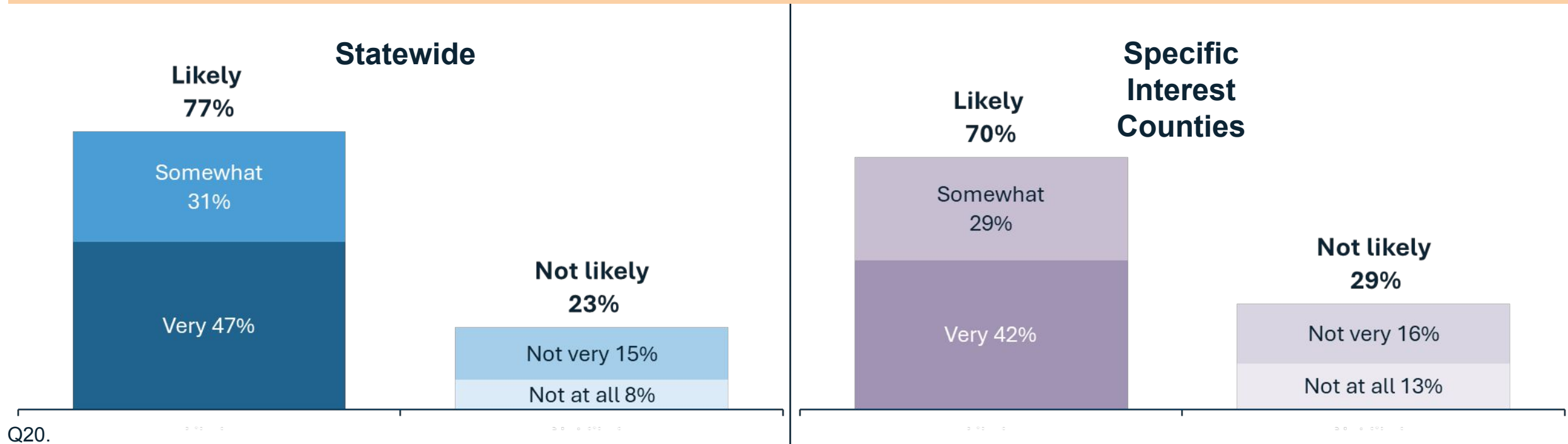


Q21-36. Next you will read some things people say about California's Protection Orders. Based just on what you think right now, please indicate how well you feel each one describes California's Protection Orders on a scale from one to five.

Protection Order Use Likelihood

Over three-quarters of residents statewide say they would be likely to seek out a Protection Order if circumstances called for it, with just under half saying they're very likely to do so. That number is slightly lower in Specific Interest counties.

If you knew someone who you felt may be a threat to themselves or others, how likely are you to consider trying to get a Protection Order to temporarily remove their access to guns?



Q20.