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**Respondents reporting a firearm in their home**

By type of firearm and demographic characteristics, United States, 1996

Question: "Do you happen to have in your home (or garage) any guns or revolvers?" If yes, "Is it a pistol, shotgun, rifle, or what?"

(Percent reporting having a firearm)

	Firearm in the home			
	Any type	Type of firearm <sup>a</sup>		
		Pistol	Shotgun	Rifle
National	40%	56%	62%	58%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	47	57	70	64
Female	34	54	52	53
<b>Race</b>				
White	44	55	64	62
Black/other	24	59	40	26
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 20 years	35	39	67	44
21 to 29 years	32	55	60	54
30 to 49 years	39	59	60	60
50 years and older	47	53	64	58
<b>Education<sup>b</sup></b>				
College	38	58	59	58
High school graduate	46	55	64	64
Less than high school graduate	38	48	66	48
<b>Income</b>				
\$50,000 and over	49	57	66	64
\$30,000 to \$49,999	44	58	61	64
\$20,000 to \$29,999	44	59	58	52
Under \$20,000	26	50	59	51
<b>Occupation</b>				
Professional/business	39	57	61	61
Clerical	40	57	54	58
Manual	43	53	66	56
Farmer	67	75	65	85
<b>Region</b>				
Northeast	24	50	61	60
Midwest	42	43	69	61
South	48	60	64	56
West	39	66	49	57
<b>Religion</b>				
Protestant	46	55	65	58
Catholic	34	55	56	59
Jewish	11	100	25	50
None	35	58	56	61
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	49	62	70	62
Democrat	35	54	52	53
Independent	38	51	61	60

Note: For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 6.

<sup>a</sup>Percents for pistol, shotgun, and rifle are based on the 40% subsample of respondents reporting that they have a gun in their home. Percents add to more than 100 because some respondents reported owning more than one type.

<sup>b</sup>In 1996, education categories were revised slightly and therefore are not directly comparable to previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

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