

Table 2.62

Respondents reporting a firearm in their home

By type of firearm and demographic characteristics, United States, 2002

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 ^a		
		Pistol	Shotgun	Rifle
National	34%	58%	63%	59%
Sex				
Male	43	60	68	63
Female	24	54	52	52
Race				
White	38	59	65	61
Black/other	15	46	38	38
Age				
18 to 20 years	24	50	75	75
21 to 29 years	31	52	58	52
30 to 49 years	29	52	57	60
50 years and older	41	64	68	60
Education				
College	33	63	63	57
High school graduate	34	61	68	67
Less than high school graduate	37	39	56	54
Income				
\$50,000 and over	45	63	64	63
\$30,000 to \$49,999	37	71	64	63
\$20,000 to \$29,999	26	31	59	41
Under \$20,000	20	42	58	54
Occupation				
Professional/business	32	60	68	56
Clerical/support	25	65	55	58
Manual/service	41	54	60	60
Farming/agriculture	38	50	67	83
Region				
Northeast	20	46	63	63
Midwest	35	54	67	54
South	42	62	61	58
West	33	61	61	65
Religion				
Protestant	40	60	66	61
Catholic	29	54	59	62
Jewish	7	100	0	100
None	33	60	62	49
Politics				
Republican	47	64	62	59
Democrat	28	55	65	58
Independent	30	54	62	58

Note: See Note, table 2.15. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 5.

^aPercents for pistol, shotgun, and rifle are based on the 34% 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.

Source: National Opinion Research Center, "General Social Surveys, 1972-2002," Storrs, CT: The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research, University of Connecticut. (Machine-readable data files.) Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.