

16. That 24 inches is the most popular length of rifle barrels -

- with 26 inches, 22 inches, and 28 inches also in the running.

For rim fire rifles, the median preferred barrel length is 23.997 inches - for center fire rifles the median is 23.610 inches. Distribution follows:

<u>Barrel Length</u>	<u>Rim Fire</u>	<u>Center Fire</u>
20 inches	4.24%	5.21%
21 inches	1.01	1.78
22 inches	10.30	14.82
23 inches	3.03	5.81
24 inches	31.51	36.73
25 inches	5.26	4.98
26 inches	17.78	15.15
27 inches	5.26	2.84
28 inches	12.32	8.06
29 inches	.80	.59
30 inches	8.49	4.03
Average	25.24 inches	24.39 inches

(Note the preference for the even figures)

Barrel length varies by caliber of rifle. Average preferred barrel lengths for the more popular calibers are listed below:

<u>Caliber</u>	<u>Barrel Length</u>	
	<u>Median</u>	<u>Average</u>
2R Lovell	24.17 inches	24.84 inches
22 Varminter	24.17 inches	24.45 inches
348 Winchester	23.71 inches	24.60 inches
270 Winchester	23.62 inches	24.31 inches
30-06	23.54 inches	24.31 inches
250-3000	23.53 inches	24.11 inches
22 Hornet	23.47 inches	24.25 inches
35 Remington	23.42 inches	23.98 inches
257 Roberts	23.41 inches	23.68 inches
300 Savage	23.30 inches	23.67 inches
32 Remington	23.25 inches	23.11 inches
30 Remington	22.20 inches	23.63 inches
Rim Fire	24.00 inches	25.24 inches

17. That 48% prefer open sights, with 'scope sights second in popularity

For all classes of shooters, for sportsmen interested in all calibers of rifles considered together, the results are: