

<u>Section</u>	<u>Most Preferred Action</u>	
4. N.Y., Penna., (not including New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh)	<u>Bolt</u>	36.9% of total
5. Va., N.C., S.C.	<u>Auto</u>	36.6% of total
6. Ga., Fla., Ala., Miss., La., Ark.	<u>Auto</u>	43.5% of Total
7. Ky., Tenn., W. Va.	<u>Pump</u>	29.8% of total
8. Ohio, Ind., Ill.	<u>Auto</u>	31.5% of total
9. Mich., Minn., Wis.	<u>Auto</u>	40.0% of total
10. Iowa, Mo., N.D., S.D., Kan., Nebr.	<u>Auto</u>	47.6% of total
11. Texas, Okla.	<u>Auto</u>	34.6% of total
12. Mont., Idaho, Wyo., Colo.	<u>Bolt</u>	47.6% of total
13. Ariz., N.M., Utah, Nev.	<u>Bolt</u>	41.2% of total
14. Wash., Calif., Ore.	<u>Bolt</u>	48.0% of total

Preference for types of action depends to some extent on whether the sportsman is right or left handed. Based upon returns from left handed shooters, bolt action rifles (which are first in popularity with right handed shooters) rate third with southpaws, and only a shade above lever action rifles, as follows:

Types of Actions Preferred by Right and Left Handed Shooters

	<u>Right Handed</u>	<u>Left Handed</u>
Bolt	31.90%	21.54%
Auto	30.90	31.12
Pump	23.60	26.95
Lever	13.60	20.39

But types of action vary in popularity by calibers. Whereas the 30-06 is most popular in bolt, 35 Remington is favored in pump; 300 Savage is most frequently desired in autoloader and 30-30 is most popular in lever. This is to be expected because that is the way they've been offered and sportsmen know them in these caliber-type-of-action combinations.

There's nothing fixed and immutable about the matter although there would be considerable inertia to overcome if popular calibers were to be offered in other than usual actions. To