

## Popular Ammo Calibers

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In JWR's *List of Lists*, he mentions ammunition only in passing on his *Barter and Charity List* tab. He doesn't even note which calibers. He only says, 'Ammo of various calibers'. So, that got me to thinking, which calibers?

Cue the research... Here's what I found.

### Top 20 Most Popular Calibers

The following images were found on the [Knowledge Glue](#) website. According to this site, the top five calibers are: 9mm, 223/5.56, 45 ACP, 12-gauge, and .22 LR. Here's their full top 20 list of calibers in the United States as of 2015:

Rank	Caliber	Percentage
1	9mm Luger	17.28%
2	223/5.56 NATO	14.67%
3	45 ACP	12.16%
4	12 Gauge	10.22%
5	22 Long Rifle	9.82%
6	40 S&W	6.14%
7	380 ACP	4.47%
8	308/7.62 NATO	4.46%
9	7.62x39	3.87%
10	357 Magnum	3.21%
11	38 Special	2.46%
12	40 cal	2.07%
13	30-06	1.99%
14	20 Gauge	1.49%
15	44 Magnum	1.41%
16	30-30	0.96%
17	7.62x54R	0.96%
18	50 Black Powder	0.86%
19	270 Winchester	0.76%
20	45 Long Colt	0.73%

Source : KnowledgeGlue.com

Nothing really surprising there.

## Top 5 Calibers by State

Their article also contained a full list of 91 tracked calibers (by sales). However, the data set that was of the most interest to me was where they broke down each state's top five calibers. This is important information if you are planning on adding ammunition to your stores of barter and charity items as JWR suggests.

State	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Alabama	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	22lr	12 Gauge
Alaska	223/5.56	12 Gauge	9mm	22lr	45 ACP
Arizona	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge	22lr
Arkansas	223/5.56	9mm	45 ACP	12 Gauge	22lr
California	223/5.56	9mm	45 ACP	12 Gauge	22lr
Colorado	9mm	45 ACP	223/5.56	22lr	12 Gauge
Connecticut	9mm	45 ACP	12 Gauge	223/5.56	308/7.62
Delaware	22lr	45 ACP	9mm	12 Gauge	223/5.56
Florida	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	22lr	12 Gauge
Georgia	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge	22lr
Hawaii	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	22lr	308/7.62
Idaho	9mm	22lr	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge
Illinois	9mm	22lr	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge
Indiana	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge	22lr
Iowa	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge	40 S&W
Kansas	9mm	223/5.56	22lr	12 Gauge	45 ACP
Kentucky	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	22lr	12 Gauge
Louisiana	223/5.56	9mm	45 ACP	12 Gauge	22lr
Maine	9mm	223/5.56	12 Gauge	22lr	45 ACP
Maryland	12 Gauge	9mm	45 ACP	223/5.56	30-06
Massachusetts	9mm	45 ACP	40 S&W	223/5.56	22lr
Michigan	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge	22lr
Minnesota	9mm	12 Gauge	223/5.56	45 ACP	22lr
Mississippi	223/5.56	9mm	22lr	12 Gauge	45 ACP
Missouri	9mm	223/5.56	12 Gauge	22lr	45 ACP
Montana	223/5.56	22lr	9mm	45 ACP	308/7.62
Nebraska	9mm	45 ACP	12 Gauge	223/5.56	22lr
Nevada	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge	22lr
New Hampshire	9mm	223/5.56	22lr	45 ACP	12 Gauge
New Jersey	22lr	12 Gauge	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP
New Mexico	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge	40 S&W
New York	12 Gauge	223/5.56	22lr	9mm	45 ACP
North Carolina	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge	22lr
Ohio	9mm	12 Gauge	223/5.56	45 ACP	22lr
Oklahoma	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	22lr	12 Gauge
Oregon	223/5.56	9mm	22lr	12 Gauge	45 ACP
Pennsylvania	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	22lr	12 Gauge
Rhode Island	22lr	9mm	12 Gauge	45 ACP	223/5.56
South Carolina	9mm	45 ACP	12 Gauge	223/5.56	22lr
Tennessee	9mm	45 ACP	223/5.56	12 Gauge	22lr
Texas	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge	22lr
Utah	9mm	22lr	12 Gauge	223/5.56	45 ACP
Vermont	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	22lr	12 Gauge
Virginia	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge	40 S&W
Washington	9mm	223/5.56	45 ACP	12 Gauge	22lr
West Virginia	45 ACP	12 Gauge	9mm	22lr	223/5.56
Wisconsin	12 Gauge	9mm	223/5.56	22lr	45 ACP
Wyoming	223/5.56	9mm	12 Gauge	45 ACP	308/7.62

## Top 5 Manufacturers by State

Because I'm a curious fellow, I clicked a link at the end of their article to find out the top manufacturers by state. This is also important information particularly if you plan on having spare parts available for barter and trade. Here's what Knowledge Glue had for this particular topic:

State	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Alabama	Ruger	Glock	Smith & Wesson	Remington	Sig Sauer
Alaska	Ruger	Remington	Sig Sauer	Smith & Wesson	Winchester
Arizona	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Springfield	Glock	Sig Sauer
Arkansas	Ruger	Glock	Remington	Smith & Wesson	Springfield
California	Glock	Smith & Wesson	Ruger	Springfield	Sig Sauer
Colorado	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Sig Sauer	Glock	Remington
Connecticut	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Ruger	Colt	Sig Sauer
Delaware	Smith & Wesson	Ruger	Springfield	Mossberg	Remington
Florida	Smith & Wesson	Ruger	Glock	Sig Sauer	Springfield
Georgia	Glock	Smith & Wesson	Remington	Ruger	Springfield
Hawaii	Sig Sauer	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Springfield	Century International
Idaho	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Springfield	Mossberg
Illinois	Smith & Wesson	Ruger	Glock	Sig Sauer	Springfield
Indiana	Ruger	Glock	Smith & Wesson	Remington	Sig Sauer
Iowa	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Ruger	Remington	Springfield
Kansas	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Remington	Springfield
Kentucky	Ruger	Glock	Smith & Wesson	Remington	Sig Sauer
Louisiana	Smith & Wesson	Ruger	Glock	Remington	Sig
Maine	Glock	Springfield	Remington	Ruger	Palmetto SA
Maryland	Remington	Smith & Wesson	Ruger	Savage	Glock
Massachusetts	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Ruger	Sig Sauer	Beretta
Michigan	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Remington	Sig Sauer
Minnesota	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Sig Sauer	Remington	Glock
Mississippi	Remington	Ruger	Glock	Smith & Wesson	Colt
Missouri	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Remington	Glock	Springfield
Montana	Ruger	Remington	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Winchester
Nebraska	Smith & Wesson	Springfield	Ruger	Sig Sauer	Glock
Nevada	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Ruger	Remington	Sig Sauer
New Hampshire	Ruger	Glock	Smith & Wesson	Sig Sauer	Remington
New Jersey	Sig Sauer	Remington	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Glock
New Mexico	Smith & Wesson	Ruger	Glock	Springfield	Sig Sauer
New York	Remington	Ruger	Glock	Mossberg	Smith & Wesson
North Carolina	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Ruger	Remington	Sig Sauer
Ohio	Smith & Wesson	Ruger	Glock	Remington	Sig Sauer
Oklahoma	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Remington	Springfield
Oregon	Ruger	Remington	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Winchester
Pennsylvania	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Remington	Taurus
Rhode Island	Smith & Wesson	Ruger	Springfield	Sig Sauer	Colt
South Carolina	Ruger	Glock	Smith & Wesson	Sig Sauer	Springfield
Tennessee	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Ruger	Remington	Sig Sauer
Texas	Ruger	Glock	Smith & Wesson	Remington	Sig Sauer
Utah	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Browning	Sig Sauer	Colt
Vermont	Ruger	Glock	Springfield	Remington	Smith & Wesson
Virginia	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Remington	Ruger	Sig Sauer
Washington	Ruger	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Remington	Sig Sauer
West Virginia	Ruger	Colt	Remington	Smith & Wesson	KelTec
Wisconsin	Ruger	Remington	Smith & Wesson	Glock	Browning
Wyoming	Ruger	Sig Sauer	Glock	Remington	Smith & Wesson

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When they compiled their data, they did make note that what they were seeing for North and South Dakota was inconclusive so those states were not included.

Here are the links so you can read the Knowledge Glue articles in their entirety. Also, take this information with a grain of salt as these articles were written in 2015. Granted, I don't think there's been some kind of massive shift in the data during the ensuing two years.

[What Are the Most Popular Calibers in the US?](#)

[What Are the Top Firearm Calibers and Manufacturers by State?](#)