

Table 239. Students Who Reported Carrying a Weapon: 1995 to 2005

[In percent. For students in grades 9 to 12. Percentages are based on students who reported carrying a weapon at least one day during the previous thirty days. Weapons are such things as guns, knives, and clubs. Based on the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System. See source for details. See also <<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm>>]

Student Characteristic	Anywhere					On school property				
	1995	1999	2001	2003	2005	1995	1999	2001	2003	2005
Total	20.0	17.3	17.4	17.1	18.5	9.8	6.9	6.4	6.1	6.5
Sex:										
Male	31.1	28.6	29.3	26.9	29.8	14.3	11.0	10.2	8.9	10.2
Female	8.3	6.0	6.2	6.7	7.1	4.9	2.8	2.9	3.1	2.6
Race/ethnicity:										
White, non-Hispanic	18.9	16.4	17.9	16.7	18.7	9.0	6.4	6.1	5.5	6.1
Black, non-Hispanic	21.8	17.2	15.2	17.3	16.4	10.3	5.0	6.3	6.9	5.1
Hispanic ²	24.7	18.7	16.5	16.5	19.0	14.1	7.9	6.4	6.0	8.2
Asian, non-Hispanic	(¹)	13.0	10.6	11.6	7.0	(¹)	6.5	7.2	³ 6.6	³ 2.8
American Indian, non-Hispanic	32.0	21.8	31.2	29.3	25.6	³ 13.0	³ 11.6	16.4	12.9	7.2
Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	(¹)	25.3	17.4	³ 16.3	³ 20.0	(¹)	9.3	³ 10.0	³ 4.9	³ 15.4
More than one race	(¹)	22.2	25.2	29.8	26.7	(¹)	11.4	13.2	³ 13.3	11.9
Grade:										
9th	22.6	17.6	19.8	18.0	19.9	10.7	7.2	6.7	5.3	6.4
10th	21.1	18.7	16.7	15.9	19.4	10.4	6.6	6.7	6.0	6.9
11th	20.3	16.1	16.8	18.2	17.1	10.2	7.0	6.1	6.6	5.9
12th	16.1	15.9	15.1	15.5	16.9	7.6	6.2	6.1	6.4	6.7

¹ The response categories for race/ethnicity changed in 1999 making comparisons of some categories with earlier years problematic. ² Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. ³ Data should be interpreted with caution.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics and U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2006*, December 2006, NCES 2007-003. See also <<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/ssocs>>.