

**Table 237. 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 Characteristics              | Anywhere         |             |             |                   |                   | On school property |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                      | 1995             | 1999        | 2001        | 2003              | 2005              | 1995               | 1999              | 2001              | 2003              | 2005              |
| <b>Total</b> . . . . .               | <b>20.0</b>      | <b>17.3</b> | <b>17.4</b> | <b>17.1</b>       | <b>18.5</b>       | <b>9.8</b>         | <b>6.9</b>        | <b>6.4</b>        | <b>6.1</b>        | <b>6.5</b>        |
| 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 <sup>1</sup> . . . . .      | 24.7             | 18.7        | 16.5        | 16.5              | 19.0              | 14.1               | 7.9               | 6.4               | 6.0               | 8.2               |
| Asian, non-Hispanic . . . . .        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 13.0        | 10.6        | 11.6              | 7.0               | ( <sup>2</sup> )   | 6.5               | 7.2               | <sup>3</sup> 6.6  | <sup>3</sup> 2.8  |
| American Indian, non-Hispanic . . .  | 32.0             | 21.8        | 31.2        | 29.3              | 25.6              | <sup>3</sup> 13.0  | <sup>3</sup> 11.6 | 16.4              | 12.9              | 7.2               |
| Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic . . . | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 25.3        | 17.4        | <sup>3</sup> 16.3 | <sup>3</sup> 20.0 | ( <sup>2</sup> )   | 9.3               | <sup>3</sup> 10.0 | <sup>3</sup> 4.9  | <sup>3</sup> 15.4 |
| More than one race . . . . .         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 22.2        | 25.2        | 29.8              | 26.7              | ( <sup>2</sup> )   | 11.4              | 13.2              | <sup>3</sup> 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               |

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

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics and U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2006*, December 2006, NCES 2007-003.