

Table 242. Students Who Reported Carrying a Weapon: 1999 to 2007

[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 | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | 1999 | 2001 | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 1999 | 2001 | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 |
| Total | 17.3 | 17.4 | 17.1 | 18.5 | 18.0 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 5.9 |
| Sex: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 28.6 | 29.3 | 26.9 | 29.8 | 28.5 | 11.0 | 10.2 | 8.9 | 10.2 | 9.0 |
| Female | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Race/ethnicity: | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, non-Hispanic | 16.4 | 17.9 | 16.7 | 18.7 | 18.2 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 5.3 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 17.2 | 15.2 | 17.3 | 16.4 | 17.2 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| Hispanic ¹ | 18.7 | 16.5 | 16.5 | 19.0 | 18.5 | 7.9 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 7.3 |
| Asian, non-Hispanic | 13.0 | 10.6 | 11.6 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 6.5 | 7.2 | ² 6.6 | ² 2.8 | 4.1 |
| American Indian, non-Hispanic | 21.8 | 31.2 | 29.3 | 25.6 | 20.6 | ² 11.6 | 16.4 | 12.9 | 7.2 | 7.7 |
| Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic | 25.3 | 17.4 | ² 16.3 | ² 20.0 | 25.5 | 9.3 | ² 10.0 | ² 4.9 | ² 15.4 | ² 9.5 |
| More than one race | 22.2 | 25.2 | 29.8 | 26.7 | 19.0 | 11.4 | 13.2 | ² 13.3 | 11.9 | 5.0 |
| Grade: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9th | 17.6 | 19.8 | 18.0 | 19.9 | 20.1 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| 10th | 18.7 | 16.7 | 15.9 | 19.4 | 18.8 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 5.8 |
| 11th | 16.1 | 16.8 | 18.2 | 17.1 | 16.7 | 7.0 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| 12th | 15.9 | 15.1 | 15.5 | 16.9 | 15.5 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.0 |

¹ Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race. ² 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: 2008*, April 2009, NCES 2009-022. See also <<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2009022>>.