

GOAL 7: Safe, Disciplined, and Alcohol- and Drug-free Schools

State Indicator 29. Carrying a Weapon

Have states¹ reduced the percentages of public high school students reporting that they carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property at least once during the past 30 days?

↑	Better	4 states
↔	No Change	20 states
↓	Worse	0 states

Improvement over time

Between 1993 and 1997, 4 states (out of 24) significantly reduced the percentages of public high school students reporting that they carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property at least once during the past 30 days:

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| 1. North Carolina* | 3. Wisconsin |
| 2. South Carolina | 4. American Samoa |

* Data for North Carolina were collected in 1993 and 1995.

Highest-performing states*

States with the lowest percentages of public high school students reporting that they carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property at least once during the past 30 days:

	(1997)
Wisconsin	5%
Hawaii	6%
Guam	6%
Connecticut	7%
Louisiana	7%

Indicators are not the same at the national and state levels.

* Top 5 states (out of 24).

Most-improved states

States that made the greatest reductions in the percentages of public high school students reporting that they carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property at least once during the past 30 days:

	(1993)	(1997)	Change*
North Carolina**	14%	9%	-5
American Samoa	14%	9%	-5
South Carolina	14%	10%	-4
Wisconsin	9%	5%	-4

* Differences between the first two columns may differ slightly from the figures reported in the "change" column due to rounding.

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¹ The term "state" is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas.