

CHILDREN AND GUNS

A CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND REPORT ON CHILDREN
DYING FROM GUNFIRE IN AMERICA

STATE APPENDIX



Children's Defense Fund

Alabama

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 104 | 93 | -11 |
| Homicide: | 59 | 57 | -2 |
| Suicide: | 25 | 23 | -2 |
| Accident: | 14 | 10 | -4 |
| Unknown: | 6 | 3 | -3 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Alaska

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 22 | 23 | +1 |
| Homicide: | 6 | 9 | +3 |
| Suicide: | 12 | 10 | -2 |
| Accident: | 4 | 2 | -2 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 2 | +2 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | NO |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Arizona

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 120 | 117 | -3 |
| Homicide: | 64 | 53 | -11 |
| Suicide: | 47 | 52 | +5 |
| Accident: | 4 | 5 | +1 |
| Unknown: | 5 | 7 | +2 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Arkansas

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 63 | 55 | -8 |
| Homicide: | 27 | 28 | +1 |
| Suicide: | 26 | 18 | -8 |
| Accident: | 9 | 7 | -2 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 2 | +1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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California

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 672 | 594 | -78 |
| Homicide: | 508 | 457 | -51 |
| Suicide: | 108 | 106 | -2 |
| Accident: | 52 | 26 | -26 |
| Unknown: | 4 | 5 | +1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | YES |

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Colorado

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 43 | 57 | +14 |
| Homicide: | 15 | 22 | +7 |
| Suicide: | 23 | 31 | +8 |
| Accident: | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 0 | -1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Connecticut

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 36 | 21 | -15 |
| Homicide: | 29 | 17 | -12 |
| Suicide: | 6 | 4 | -2 |
| Accident: | 1 | 0 | -1 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | YES |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | YES |

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Delaware

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 5 | 7 | +2 |
| Homicide: | 4 | 2 | -2 |
| Suicide: | 1 | 5 | +4 |
| Accident: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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District of Columbia

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 62 | 65 | +3 |
| Homicide: | 59 | 59 | 0 |
| Suicide: | 1 | 4 | +3 |
| Accident: | 0 | 1 | +1 |
| Unknown: | 2 | 1 | -1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | YES |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Florida

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 190 | 165 | -25 |
| Homicide: | 116 | 108 | -8 |
| Suicide: | 57 | 44 | -13 |
| Accident: | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 5 | 1 | -4 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Georgia

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 160 | 129 | -31 |
| Homicide: | 79 | 70 | -9 |
| Suicide: | 51 | 35 | -16 |
| Accident: | 24 | 20 | -4 |
| Unknown: | 6 | 4 | -2 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Hawaii

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Homicide: | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Suicide: | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Accident: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Idaho

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 27 | 26 | -1 |
| Homicide: | 11 | 2 | -9 |
| Suicide: | 11 | 21 | +10 |
| Accident: | 4 | 3 | -1 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 0 | -1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Illinois

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 308 | 254 | -54 |
| Homicide: | 263 | 211 | -52 |
| Suicide: | 33 | 29 | -4 |
| Accident: | 7 | 10 | +3 |
| Unknown: | 5 | 4 | -1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | YES |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Indiana

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 98 | 79 | -19 |
| Homicide: | 55 | 47 | -8 |
| Suicide: | 30 | 21 | -9 |
| Accident: | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 5 | 3 | -2 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Iowa

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 22 | 33 | +11 |
| Homicide: | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Suicide: | 13 | 20 | +7 |
| Accident: | 0 | 3 | +3 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 2 | +1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | YES |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Kansas

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 53 | 53 | 0 |
| Homicide: | 24 | 28 | +4 |
| Suicide: | 22 | 17 | -5 |
| Accident: | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 1 | +1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Kentucky

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 52 | 57 | +5 |
| Homicide: | 23 | 34 | +11 |
| Suicide: | 20 | 16 | -4 |
| Accident: | 9 | 7 | -2 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | NO |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Louisiana

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 192 | 154 | -38 |
| Homicide: | 133 | 98 | -35 |
| Suicide: | 43 | 39 | -4 |
| Accident: | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 2 | +1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Maine

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 5 | 13 | +8 |
| Homicide: | 1 | 3 | +2 |
| Suicide: | 4 | 10 | +6 |
| Accident: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Maryland

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 106 | 104 | -2 |
| Homicide: | 88 | 91 | +3 |
| Suicide: | 13 | 11 | -2 |
| Accident: | 3 | 2 | -1 |
| Unknown: | 2 | 0 | -2 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Massachusetts

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 32 | 24 | -8 |
| Homicide: | 26 | 17 | -9 |
| Suicide: | 5 | 6 | +1 |
| Accident: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | YES |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | YES |

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Michigan

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 157 | 156 | -1 |
| Homicide: | 96 | 103 | +7 |
| Suicide: | 42 | 41 | -1 |
| Accident: | 13 | 10 | -3 |
| Unknown: | 6 | 2 | -4 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Minnesota

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 56 | 55 | -1 |
| Homicide: | 25 | 26 | +1 |
| Suicide: | 21 | 25 | +4 |
| Accident: | 6 | 4 | -2 |
| Unknown: | 4 | 0 | -4 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|---|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Mississippi

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 77 | 81 | +4 |
| Homicide: | 38 | 41 | +3 |
| Suicide: | 19 | 28 | +9 |
| Accident: | 18 | 11 | -7 |
| Unknown: | 2 | 1 | -1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Missouri

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 101 | 97 | -4 |
| Homicide: | 63 | 48 | -15 |
| Suicide: | 33 | 34 | +1 |
| Accident: | 5 | 13 | +8 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 2 | +2 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | YES |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Montana

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 20 | 16 | -4 |
| Homicide: | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Suicide: | 12 | 8 | -4 |
| Accident: | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | NO |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Nebraska

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 28 | 26 | -2 |
| Homicide: | 8 | 12 | +4 |
| Suicide: | 17 | 13 | -4 |
| Accident: | 3 | 1 | -2 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | YES |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Nebraska

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 28 | 26 | -2 |
| Homicide: | 8 | 12 | +4 |
| Suicide: | 17 | 13 | -4 |
| Accident: | 3 | 1 | -2 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | YES |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Nevada

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 36 | 34 | -2 |
| Homicide: | 25 | 21 | -4 |
| Suicide: | 8 | 13 | +5 |
| Accident: | 3 | 0 | -3 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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New Hampshire

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 7 | 2 | -5 |
| Homicide: | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Suicide: | 6 | 1 | -5 |
| Accident: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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New Jersey

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 66 | 53 | -13 |
| Homicide: | 55 | 43 | -12 |
| Suicide: | 6 | 7 | +1 |
| Accident: | 4 | 3 | -1 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 0 | -1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | YES |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | YES |

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New Mexico

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 43 | 40 | -3 |
| Homicide: | 22 | 22 | 0 |
| Suicide: | 17 | 14 | -3 |
| Accident: | 2 | 3 | +1 |
| Unknown: | 2 | 1 | -1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | NO |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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New York

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 199 | 146 | -53 |
| Homicide: | 150 | 107 | -43 |
| Suicide: | 43 | 33 | -10 |
| Accident: | 6 | 4 | -2 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 2 | +2 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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North Carolina

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 135 | 92 | -43 |
| Homicide: | 70 | 45 | -25 |
| Suicide: | 49 | 37 | -12 |
| Accident: | 15 | 9 | -6 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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North Dakota

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 9 | 8 | -1 |
| Homicide: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suicide: | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Accident: | 1 | 0 | -1 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Ohio

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 126 | 95 | -31 |
| Homicide: | 75 | 49 | -26 |
| Suicide: | 31 | 36 | +5 |
| Accident: | 17 | 8 | -9 |
| Unknown: | 3 | 2 | -1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | YES |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Oklahoma

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 61 | 82 | +21 |
| Homicide: | 30 | 48 | +18 |
| Suicide: | 25 | 29 | +4 |
| Accident: | 5 | 3 | -2 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 2 | +1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Oregon

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 39 | 38 | -1 |
| Homicide: | 9 | 13 | +4 |
| Suicide: | 24 | 19 | -5 |
| Accident: | 6 | 3 | -3 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 3 | +3 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Pennsylvania

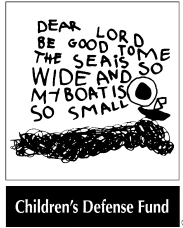
Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 181 | 167 | -14 |
| Homicides: | 113 | 108 | -5 |
| Suicide: | 59 | 49 | -10 |
| Accident: | 4 | 9 | +5 |
| Unknown: | 5 | 1 | -4 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Rhode Island

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 6 | 4 | -2 |
| Homicide: | 5 | 2 | -3 |
| Suicide: | 1 | 2 | +1 |
| Accident: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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South Carolina

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 78 | 54 | -24 |
| Homicide: | 39 | 32 | -7 |
| Suicide: | 27 | 16 | -11 |
| Accident: | 9 | 5 | -4 |
| Unknown: | 3 | 1 | -2 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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South Dakota

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 10 | 12 | +2 |
| Homicide: | 1 | 0 | -1 |
| Suicide: | 9 | 7 | -2 |
| Accident: | 0 | 5 | +5 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Tennessee

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 123 | 117 | -6 |
| Homicide: | 66 | 64 | -2 |
| Suicide: | 32 | 37 | +5 |
| Accident: | 23 | 12 | -11 |
| Unknown: | 2 | 4 | +2 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Texas

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 359 | 377 | +18 |
| Homicide: | 202 | 194 | -8 |
| Suicide: | 121 | 139 | +18 |
| Accident: | 27 | 39 | +12 |
| Unknown: | 9 | 5 | -4 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Utah

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 37 | 35 | -2 |
| Homicide: | 11 | 10 | -1 |
| Suicide: | 24 | 24 | 0 |
| Accident: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 2 | 1 | -1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Vermont

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 5 | 4 | -1 |
| Homicide: | 1 | 2 | +1 |
| Suicide: | 2 | 1 | -1 |
| Accident: | 1 | 0 | -1 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Virginia

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 109 | 114 | +5 |
| Homicide: | 54 | 68 | +14 |
| Suicide: | 43 | 39 | -4 |
| Accident: | 12 | 5 | -7 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 2 | +2 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Washington

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 67 | 83 | +16 |
| Homicide: | 31 | 35 | +4 |
| Suicide: | 31 | 36 | +5 |
| Accident: | 4 | 8 | +4 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 4 | +3 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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West Virginia

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 16 | 23 | +7 |
| Homicide: | 6 | 9 | +3 |
| Suicide: | 8 | 10 | +2 |
| Accident: | 2 | 3 | +1 |
| Unknown: | 0 | 1 | +1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Wisconsin

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 76 | 58 | -18 |
| Homicide: | 35 | 31 | -4 |
| Suicide: | 32 | 26 | -6 |
| Accident: | 8 | 1 | -7 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 0 | -1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | YES |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | YES |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | YES |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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Wyoming

Youth Firearm Deaths (ages 0 – 19 yrs.)

| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total: | 11 | 10 | -1 |
| Homicide: | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Suicide: | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| Accident: | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Unknown: | 1 | 0 | -1 |

Gun Safety Laws:

| | |
|--|----|
| Handgun Purchase Age Limit (21 years) | NO |
| Prohibition on Handgun Transfer to Juveniles | NO |
| Handgun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Long Gun Possession Age Limit (18 years) | NO |
| Child Access Prevention (CAP) Law | NO |
| Trigger Lock Law | NO |

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