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PROTECTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF NORTH CAROLINIANS



Thank you for joining. The webinar will begin shortly.

PARA ACCEDER A LA INTERPRETACIÓN



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¡Disponibles interpretaciones en Inglés y Español!

Sección de Grupos Interpretación Más

- ✓ Apagado
- EN Inglés
- ES Español

Silenciar el audio original

Administrar la interpretación de idiomas...

Interpretación Reacciones Más

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Por teléfono inteligente

ES ¡Disponibles interpretaciones en Español y Inglés!

video Compartir Participantes Más

Chatear

Configuración de la reunión

Reunión minimizada

Interpretación de idiomas

Verizon 7:40 p. m. Interpretación de idiomas Finalizado

Audio original

Inglés

Español

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The webinar is also available on YouTube Live at <https://www.youtube.com/@NCAGO/streams>.

Transcription is available on Zoom and can be turned on at the bottom of your screen.

We have a limited amount of time today but will try to address questions not covered in the presentations in a follow-up email. Please submit questions via the Q&A link on Zoom or via email to outreach@ncdoj.gov.

The webinar will be recorded, and we will share a link to the recording in a follow-up communication.



Presenters

- Dr. Shaneeka Moore-Lawrence, NCPTA President
- Baker Burleson, parent advocate
- Deputy Secretary William Lassiter, NC Dep't of Public Safety
- Lieutenant Billy Gartin, Raleigh Police Dep't





FIREARMS & SUICIDE

Guns + Suicidality: A Deadly Duo

MY STORY ABOUT GUNS
& SUICIDAL IDEATION

WILLIAM BURLESON

Struggling with depression and growing suicidal ideation in each of these photos.

More than half of people who die by firearm suicide do not have a diagnosed mental health condition according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC")





“ I WANT TO KILL MYSELF. **I TRIED TO GET ONE OF YOUR GUNS TODAY.** I WANT TO KILL MYSELF SO MUCH, AND I DON'T KNOW WHY.”

William Burleson // December 5, 2021

THANKFULLY RAISED BY MY VETERAN FATHER TO
PRACTICE **GUN SAFETY**

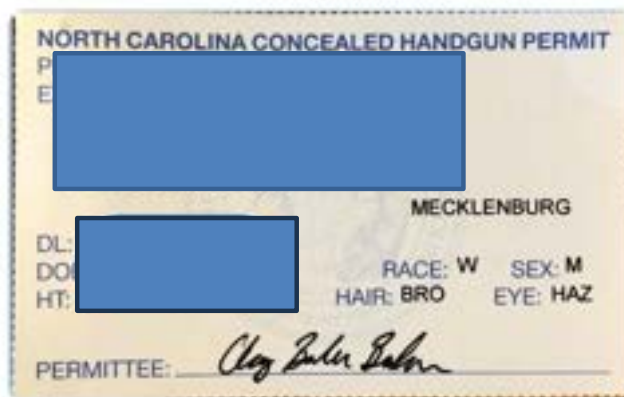


CONSIDER THE SOURCE:

Not exactly your typical gun reform activist



Gun Owner (Heckler & Koch P30)



Concealed Weapons Permit Holder

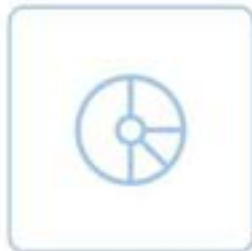


Registered Republican (Pre-2017)

THE FACTS ABOUT GUNS & SUICIDE

GUN DEATHS IN THE US

Suicides have long accounted for the **majority** of US gun deaths



48,830 gun deaths in 2021

Total number of gun related deaths according to CDC data



54% are suicides

26,328 gun deaths out of a total 48,830 were suicides



43% are homicides

20,958 gun deaths out of a total 48,830 were homicides

The majority of annual gun deaths in the US are suicides

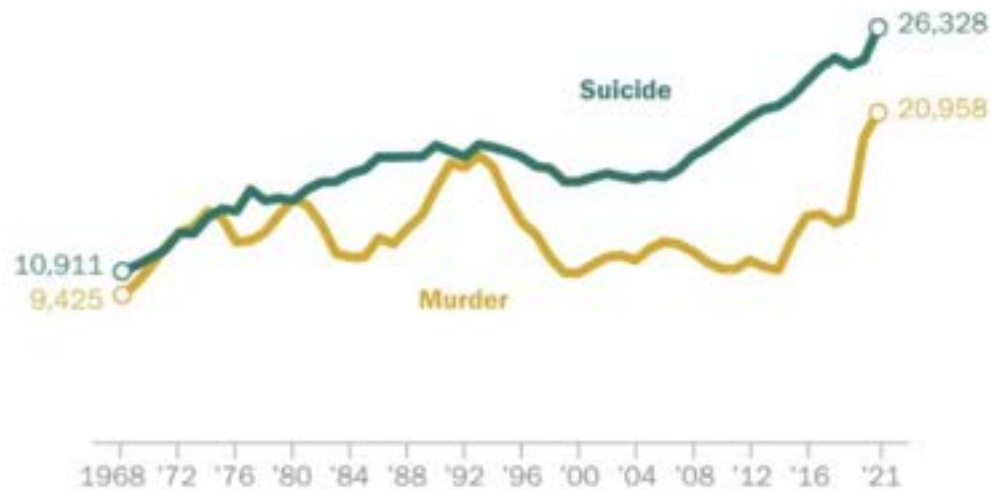
Source: Center for Disease Control & Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/suicide.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/homicide.htm>

U.S. saw record numbers of gun suicides and gun murders in 2021

Gun suicides and gun murders in U.S.



Note: Gun murders and suicides between 1968 and 1978 are classified by the CDC as involving firearms and explosives; those between 1979 and 2021 include firearms only.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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MURDERS, MASS SHOOTINGS AND POLICE INCIDENTS GET THE HEADLINES.

WE LOSE MORE PEOPLE TO SUICIDE BY FIREARM THAN ALL THESE COMBINED.

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS ARE USUALLY IMPULSIVE. THEY ARE ALSO OFTEN SURVIVABLE.



Inevitability Myth

"If a person is determined to kill themselves, they will find a way"

THIS IDEA IS FALSE



Most attempts occur within an hour of deciding

71% of attempts occur within 1 hour.

24% occur within 5 minutes.



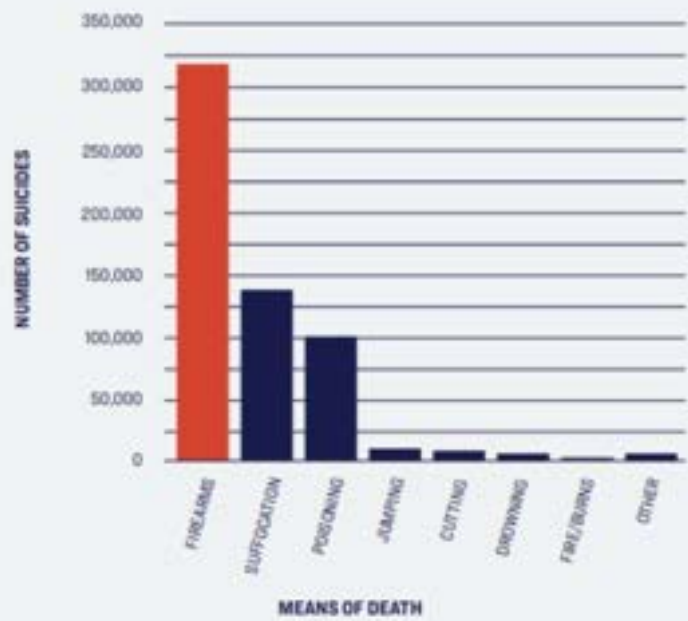
Survivors

70% never make another attempt.
90% do not go on to die by suicide.

Suicide attempts tend to be impulsive acts during acute crises rather than premeditated plans.

Source: Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Means Matter, "Impulsivity and Crises"

**GUNS ARE RARELY USED IN SUICIDE ATTEMPTS.
BUT RESULT IN MORE SUICIDES THAN ALL OTHER METHODS COMBINED.**



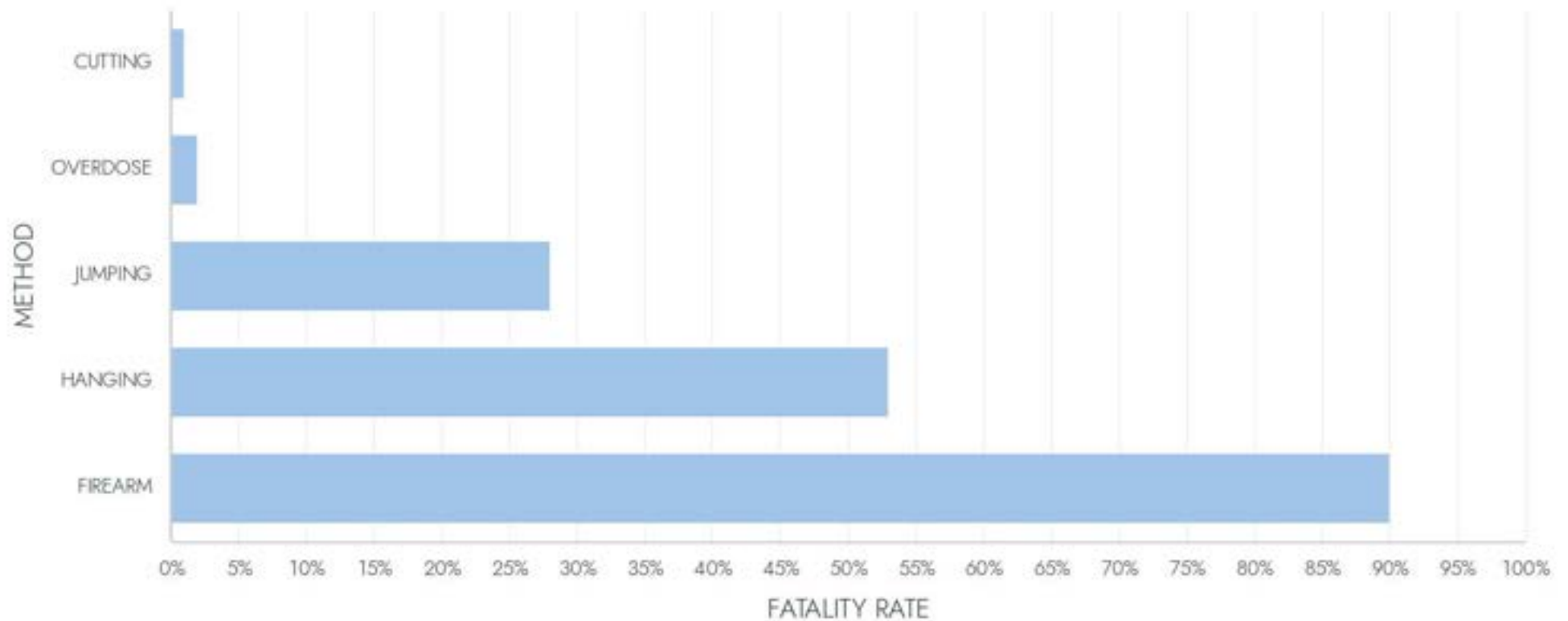
SOURCE: CDC FATALITY REPORTS, 2000-04

Source: Giffords Law Center // Center for Disease Control and Prevention Data

**GUNS ARE USED IN JUST
5% OF ALL SUICIDE
ATTEMPTS. YET THEY
ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
MORE THAN HALF OF
SUICIDE DEATHS.**

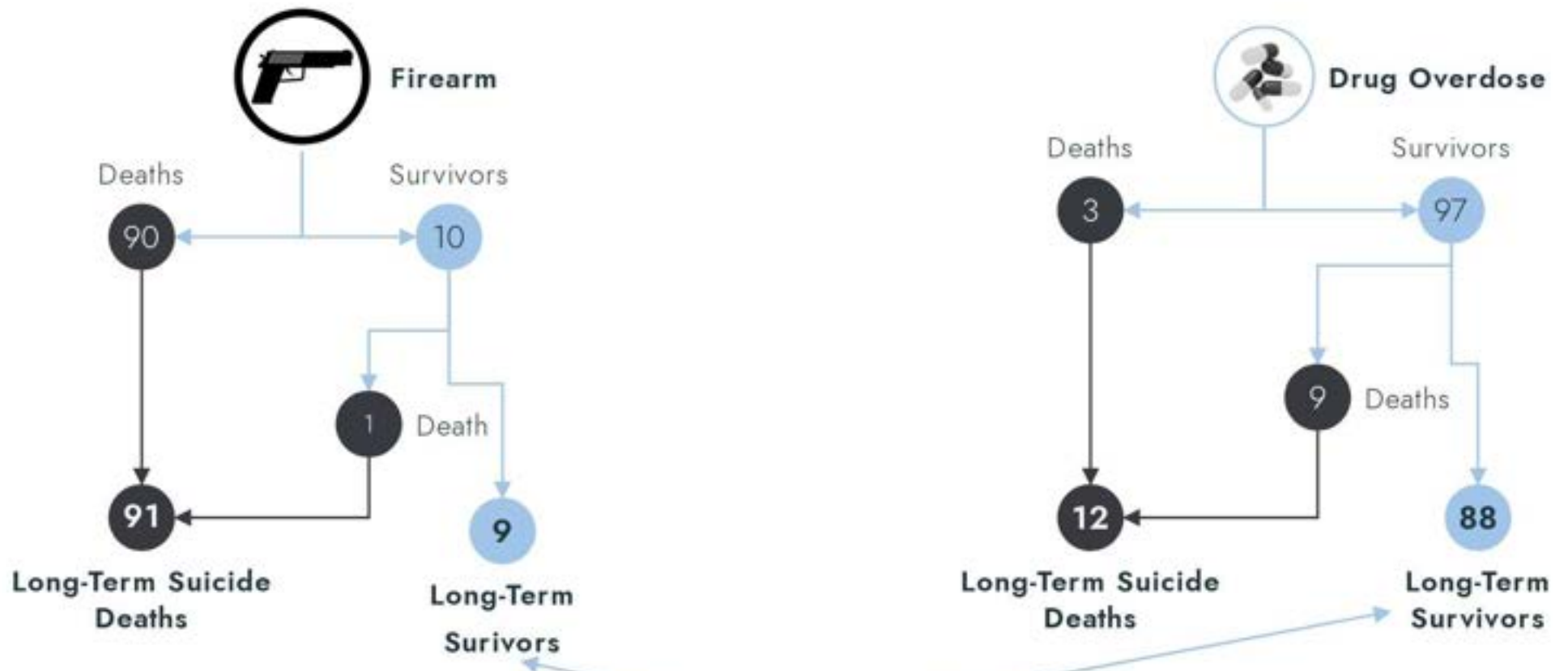
SUICIDE ATTEMPT FATALITY RATE BY METHOD

FIREARMS ARE UNIQUELY FATAL



Source: Brady United Against Gun Violence // Annals of Internal Medicine, 2019

100 SUICIDE ATTEMPTS – ILLUSTRATIVE OUTCOMES



Removing the gun from the equation saves 79 out of 100 lives in this example

CONCLUSION

Securing firearms saves lives

- Suicide Prevention – Removing the "How?" is just as important as understanding the "Why?"

Take away the means to the most lethal method for self-harm

- This is not a partisan comment or point.

This has nothing to do with the 2nd amendment to the United States Constitution

- What steps can we take?

Educate – Help parents understand the importance of gun safety

Encourage – Have the conversation. Do you have guns? Are they secured?

Enable – Access to gun safety tools

Source: Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Means Matter, "Means Reduction Saves Lives"



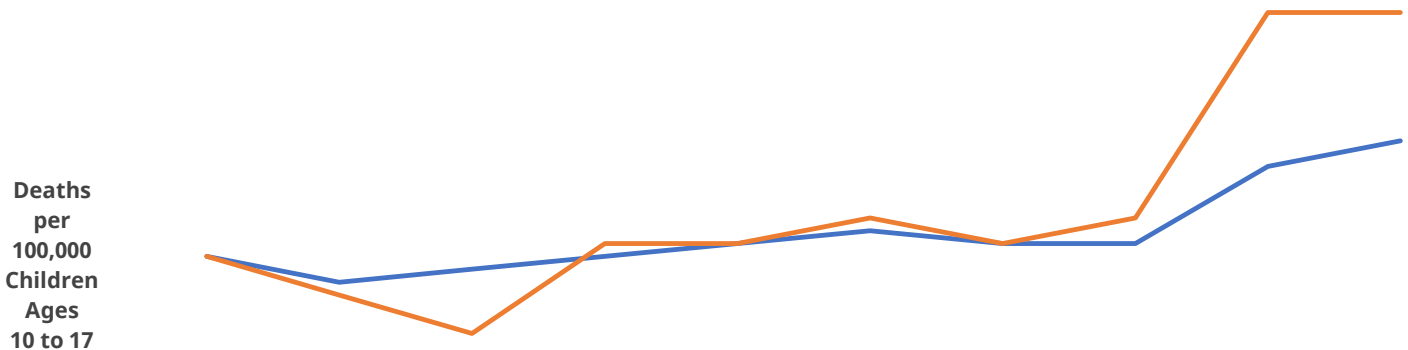
NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
PREVENT. PROTECT. PREPARE

Safe Storage Campaign NC S.A.F.E. Secure All Firearms Effectively

William Lassiter, NC DPS Deputy Secretary
for Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention

North Carolina Child Homicide rates remain high in 2020 and 2021

Child Homicide Rates, Ages 0 to 17: US & NC, 2012-2021



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
— US	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.8	3.0
— NC	2.1	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.4	4.0	4.0

Source: NC State Center for Health Statistics & National Center for Health Statistics

* Homicide includes the following ICD mortality codes : X85-Y09 (Assault), Y87.1 (Sequelae of assault), U01 (Terrorism Assault)

Child deaths in NC due to firearm injury skyrocketed in 2020 and 2021: 2021 rate is an increase of 231% since 2012

- From 2012 through 2021, over 600 NC children ages 17 and younger died from firearm-related injuries.
- In 2021, firearms were the lethal means used in most youth suicides and homicides.
- Child firearm injury hospitalizations increased by 120% from 2016-2020, and child emergency department visits for firearm injury increased by 68% from 2017-2021.

Firearm-related Mortality Rates Children Ages 0 to 17: NC & US, 2012-2021

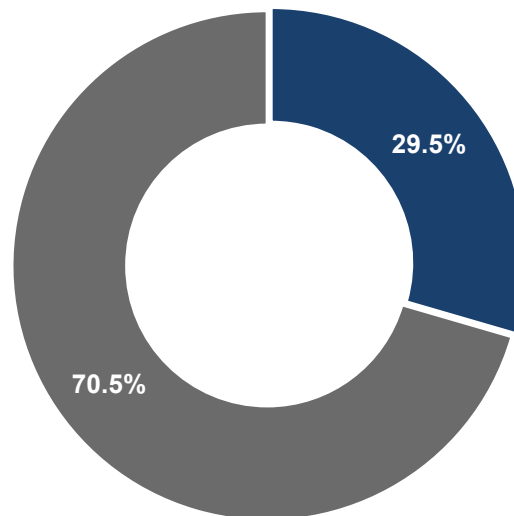


Safe Firearm Storage and Child Access

- 2016 study: **more than half of all gun owners store at least one gun unsafely.**
- 2021 BRFSS Survey: 42% of NC adults have a firearm in or around the home, and **over half of firearms that are stored loaded are also unlocked.**
- Studies show that **most kids know where parents keep their guns,** but parents often think they don't.
- 2021 YRBS survey: **30% of NC high school students reported it would take them less than an hour to get and be ready to fire a loaded gun** without a parent or other adult's permission; for white males, it was 40%.
- Studies show that **most guns used in youth suicide and school shootings come from home.**
- Study in JAMA Pediatrics 2019: estimated that **up to 32% of youth firearm deaths by suicide and unintentional firearm injury could be prevented through safe storage** of firearms in homes with youths.
- Approximately **30 million children lived in households with firearms,** 7 million more than in 2015. **Approximately 4.6 million children lived in a home with *loaded and unlocked* firearms.**

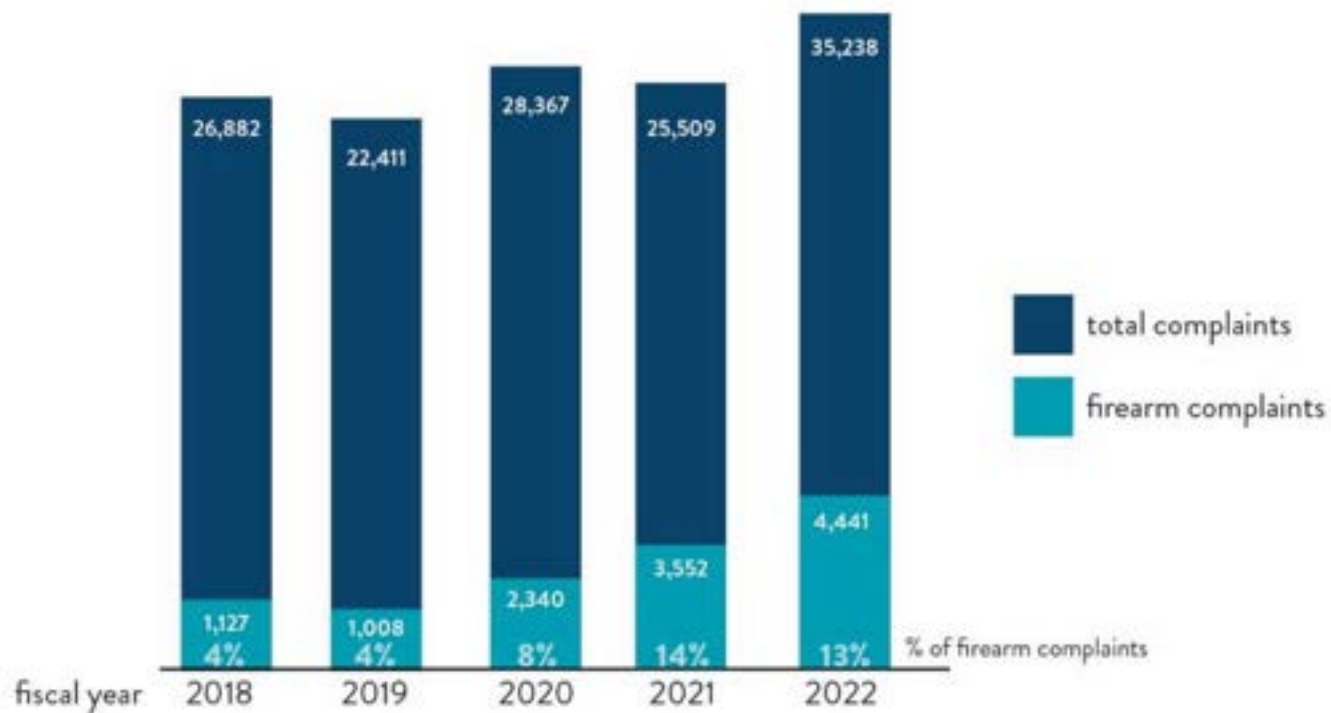
Almost 1/3 of high school students know how to readily access a loaded firearm

High School Students Who Reported It Would Take Them Less Than an Hour to Obtain and Be Ready to Fire a Firearm Without an Adult's Permission, 2021



Source: North Carolina High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey (NC YRBS), NC Department of Public Instruction, 2021

FIGURE 1. TOTAL COMPLAINTS AND FIREARM COMPLAINTS

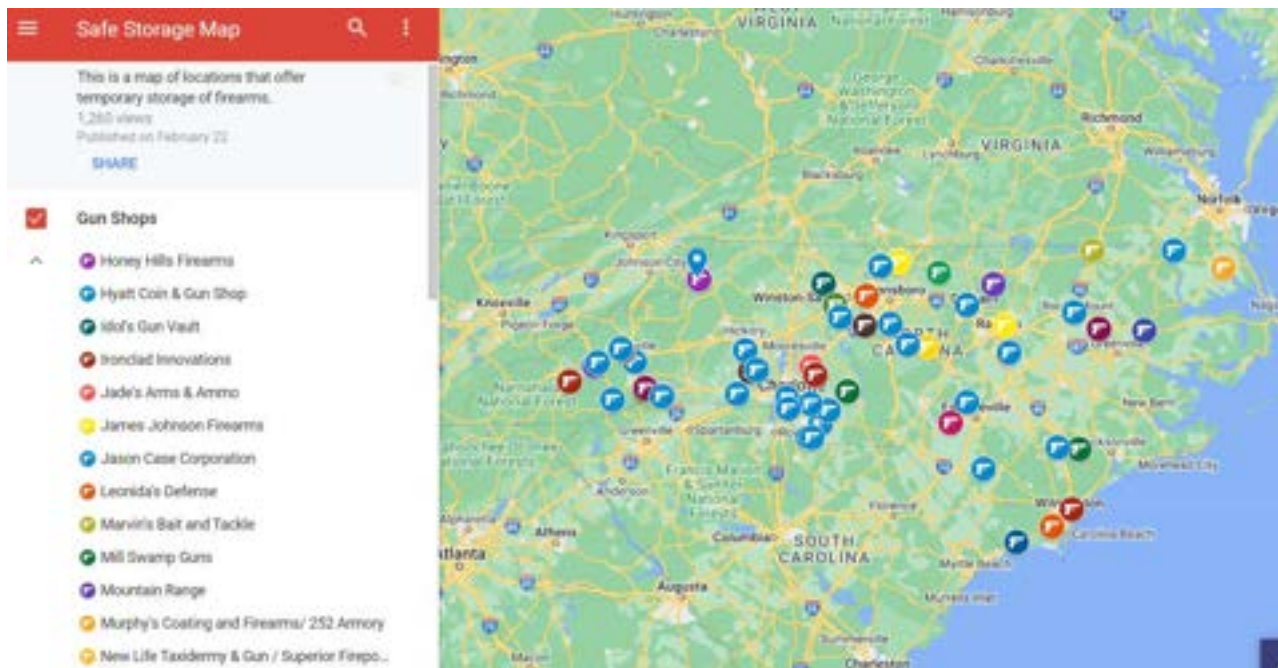


In the past four fiscal years, juvenile firearm offenses rose from 1,000 annually to more than 4,000 annually related to the population of youth added to juvenile jurisdiction.

Firearm Safe Storage Strategies

1. Safe Storage Campaign
2. Gun Storage Map: resource for firearm owners who wish to temporarily store firearms outside of the home.
3. Promote safe storage practices through creation of local Firearm Safety Teams (FST).
4. Provide Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) which includes firearms, medications, and other methods.

NC Gun Safe Storage Map



NC's Safe Storage Campaign - Logo



Additional Resources

To learn more about **NC S.A.F.E.** and to access resources including safe storage checklists and tips for talking with your kids, visit ncsafe.org. To request gun locks and safes, contact ncsafe@ncdps.gov.

988 Suicide & Crisis Line offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health related distress. You may call for yourself or if you are worried about a loved one. The line is free and confidential.

Baker Burleson's post on guns and suicide is available at <https://williamburleson.substack.com/p/how-guns-and-suicidal-thoughts-interact/comments>.



Thank you being here today.



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Join us on **November 1** to learn about how to protect kids from online crimes including sexual exploitation, trafficking, and sextortion.

[Ncdoj.gov/nextgenwebinar](https://ncdoj.gov/nextgenwebinar)