

SSID Fact Sheet

Public Schools and Weapons

Weapons in public schools have become a primary concern for school administrators, teachers, and students. Tools such as metal detectors are currently being used in the attempt to remedy this problem. Programs are in place that both educate and deter students from bringing weapons to school facilities and functions. Figure 1 shows the percentage of 78,233 public schools that reported one or more incidents involving weapons on school property in 1997 categorized by grade level.

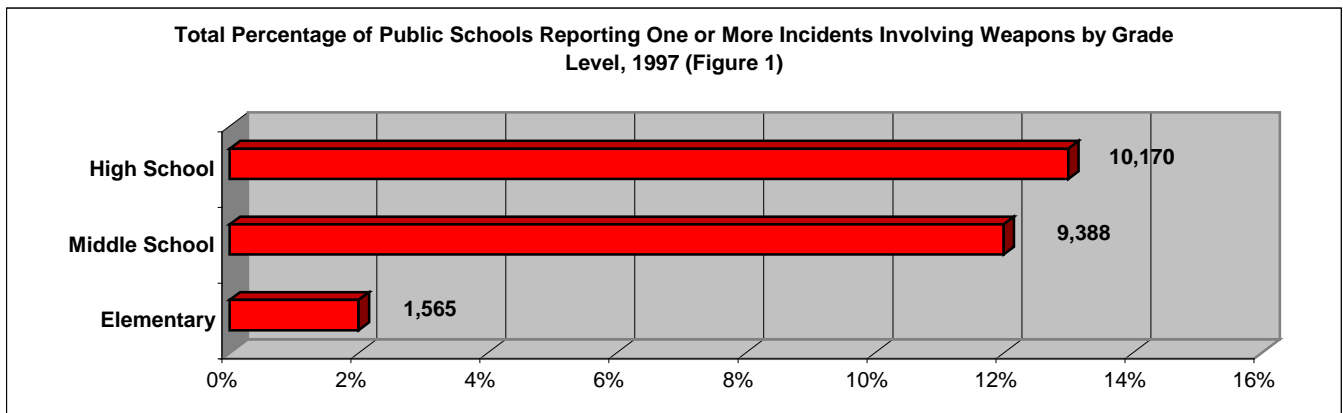
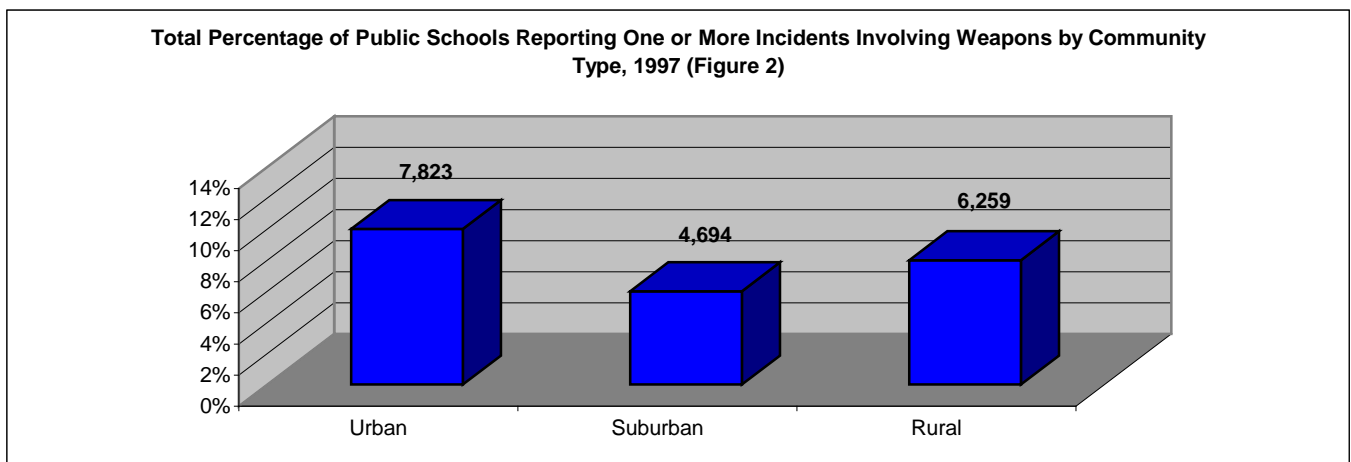


Figure 2 shows the percentage of 78,233 public schools that reported one or more incidents involving weapons on school property in 1997 categorized by community type (urban, suburban, rural).



*Source: Violence and Discipline Problems in U.S. Public Schools, 1996-97

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