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

**State Indicator 27. Student Victimization**

Have states\(^1\) reduced the percentages of public high school students reporting that they were threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property during the past 12 months?

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**Improvement over time**

Between 1993 and 1997, 1 state (out of 24) significantly reduced the percentage of public high school students reporting that they were threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property during the past 12 months:

1. American Samoa

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

**Highest-performing states*\(^2\)**

States with the lowest percentages of public high school students reporting that they were threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property during the past 12 months:

- South Dakota: 5%
- Connecticut: 6%
- Hawaii: 6%
- Iowa: 7%
- Kentucky: 7%
- Montana: 7%
- New York: 7%
- Ohio: 7%
- Vermont: 7%
- Wyoming: 7%

* Indicators are not the same at the national and state levels.
* Top 10 states (out of 24).

**Most-improved states**

States that made the greatest reductions in the percentages of public high school students reporting that they were threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property during the past 12 months:

- American Samoa: 15% → 9% (Change: -6%)

\(^1\) The term “state” is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas.

See Appendix B for definitions, sources, and technical notes.