

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

State Indicator 28. Physical Fights

Have states¹ reduced the percentages of public high school students reporting that they were in a physical fight on school property at least once during the past 12 months?

↑	Better	1 state
↔	No Change	23 states
↓	Worse	0 states

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 in a physical fight on school property at least once during the past 12 months:

1. Nevada

Highest-performing states*

States with the lowest percentages of public high school students reporting that they were in a physical fight on school property at least once during the past 12 months:

	(1997)
South Dakota	11%
Connecticut	13%
Hawaii	13%
Kentucky	13%
Massachusetts	13%
Missouri	13%
Ohio	13%
South Carolina	13%
Vermont	13%
West Virginia	13%

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 in a physical fight on school property at least once during the past 12 months:

	(1993)	(1997)	Change*
Nevada	20%	15%	-5

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

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