

## Remembering the 26

# Youth, Guns and Drugs

Each year, more than 20,000 children and youth under age 20 are killed or injured by firearms in the United States. The lethality of guns, as well as their easy accessibility to young people are key reasons why firearms are the second leading cause of death among young people ages 10 to 19. Only motor vehicle accidents claim more young lives.

### Percentage of high school students who carried a weapon such as a gun, knife or club on one or more of the past 30 days\*

	Durham		North Carolina		Central Region	
	%	N*	%	N*	%	N*
<b>Total</b>	15.8	493	19.6	5631	17.9	1871
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
Black	13.2	281	14.5	932	12.7	434
Hispanic/Latino	20.4	54	20.9	462	19.4	191
White	13.6	132	21.8	3632	18.9	995
Other	25.0	28	21.1	509	...	214

*I decided to write about my friend S who was shot and killed in 2011.*

*Five-ten-eleven it was right around seven.*

*I got a phone call about a very good friend of mine.*

*Who would've thought she wouldn't be fine.*

*Sitting alone texting with no care in mind.*

*A bullet with no name got you deep inside.*

*Not believing what I was told, but also needing to be hold.*

*As tears rolled down from my eyes,*

*I looked up and asked God why.*

*For a mother to hold her child in her arms as she passes away,*

*You wonder how he could take her away.*

*Your pride, joy, and hope has now some place to be.*

*Why God, why, why not me?*

*I still can't believe it until this day.*

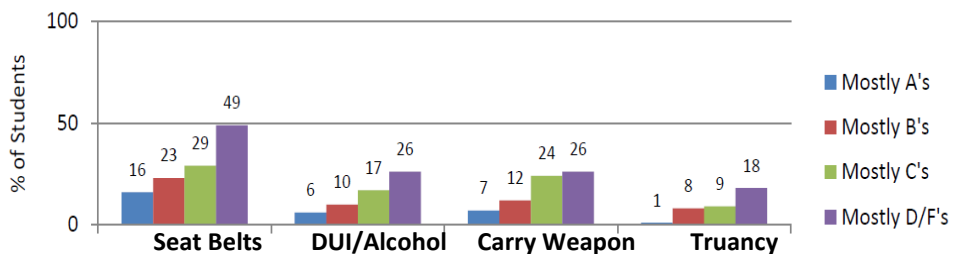
*But I have somebody to remind me that it's okay.*

*There's been many young people that have died lately these years.*

*Whether it's been gang related, guns or car accidents*

*-T. Ford*

### Injury/ Violence Indicators & Academic Grades\*



Students in each grade category who exhibited at-risk behavior. For example, 49% of D/F-students were at risk for rarely/ never wearing seatbelts, compared to 16%, 23%, and 29% of the A, B, and C students. **Note.** For the "carry weapons" Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) item, it was the **Mostly C** students who contributed most to the statistical significance.



### Bands Against Destructive Decisions

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Anyone who thinks about their own death is serious about suicide. Take me for instance, I think about it for 12 hrs. a day.

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I can relate to those who have committed suicide.

A majority of youth gun deaths are homicides. Suicides account for about one-third of all youth gun deaths, and unintentional shootings for about 7% of those deaths. Older teens, males, African American and Hispanic youth, and young people residing in urban areas are at particularly high risk for gun homicide; white adolescents, males, and youth living in rural areas are at highest risk for gun suicide.

**66.7% of students have seen other students bullied at school**  
**2% told a teacher or other adult**

Table 100. QN28 Percentage of students, in the past 12 months, who have ever felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that they stopped doing usual activities?

	Durham	
	%	N*
Total	29.8	490
Race/Ethnicity		
Black	34.3	283
Hispanic/Latino	37.0	54
White	19.7	132
Other	26.9	26



\*DATA: healthydurham.org YRBS

**Durham is getting it RIGHT!**



**DPS Positive Behavior Support  
 Project Safe Neighborhoods  
 DPD HEAT Teams and Enforcement  
 Partners Against Crime  
 Agencies and Organizations**



**Behavior-Oriented Approaches to Reducing Youth Gun Violence**  
 Marjorie S. Hardy Advocacy groups on both sides of the guns issue frequently point to changing personal behavior—of both parents and children—as a key element in reducing youth gun violence.

**Help us reach 1,000! Join the 352 that have signed the Safe Homes Pledge to monitor or lock up alcohol. lock up unused prescription drugs and lock up guns [click here](#)**