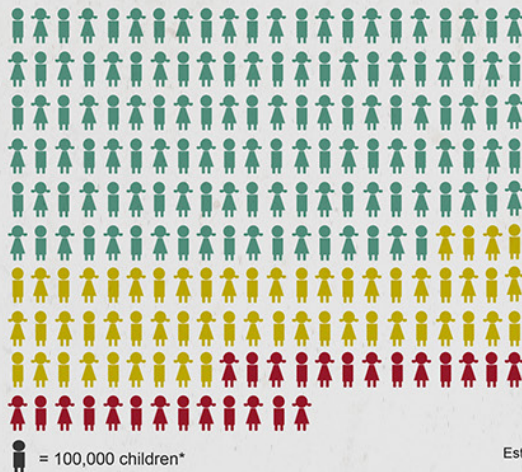


# CHILD ACCESS to FIREARMS in the US

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21 million children\* live in homes with firearms Schuster (2000)



Schuster (2000) estimates:

12.8 million children\* (61%) live in homes with **locked** firearms

5.7 million children\* (27%) live in homes with **unlocked** firearms stored without ammunition

2.6 million children\* (12%) live in homes with **unlocked** firearms that were loaded or stored with ammunition

= 100,000 children\*

Estimates based off of 21,133,000 from Schuster (2000) Table 3

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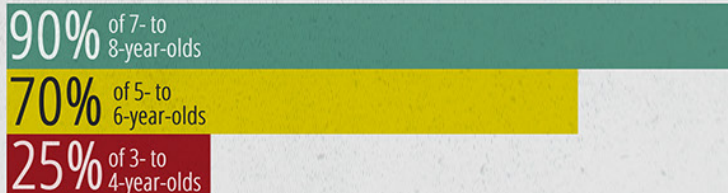
1 in 3 children ages 5-14 had handled a firearm in the home

**BUT**

22% of their parents mistakenly thought that their child had **never** handled a firearm



By the age of 3, some children are strong enough to pull the trigger of a handgun



Naureckas (1995)

\*In this infographic, children are defined as under 18, unless otherwise specified

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According to Baxley (2006):

3 in 4 children ages 5-14 knew where firearms were hidden in the home, but 39% of their parents mistakenly thought that their child did not know the location of firearms (Baxley & Miller, 2006)

1 in 3 children ages 5-14 had handled a firearm in the home, but 22% of their parents mistakenly thought that their child had never handled a firearm (Baxley & Miller, 2006)

By the age of 3, some children are strong enough to pull the trigger of a handgun (90% of 7- to 8-year-olds, 70% of 5- to 6-year-olds, 25% of 3- to 4-year-olds) (Naureckas, Galanter, Naureckas, Donovan, & Christoffel, 1995)

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