

Why this discrepancy?

When we added up the age brackets from 0 to fourteen, we got 630 (bottom of page). But Handgun Control inc claims 5285, over eight times this number.

We tried adding in the young adults in the 15-19 ages and only got 4223, 20% lower than their claim. Next we tried the previous year and still didn't get a match at only 4643. We then went back, yet another year, and found 5285, an exact match.

It appears that Handgun control is **redefining children to include young adults old enough to drive cars, vote and serve in the U.S. Military.** They also appear to be using two year old data, perhaps because more recent data is worse for their case.

We urge you to consider the above problems with Handgun Control Inc's claims when you evaluate any of their other claims.

This caution also extends to the Brady Campaign, which carries this same claim at <http://www.bradycampaign.org/facts/suebriefs/kidsandguns.asp>

It isn't just the 2nd amendment

Any argument against the second amendment protecting an individual right to bear arms endangers ALL of our freedoms since the same arguments can be used against other freedoms.

- Claim: "The People" really means a select subset of the people, in this case militia members. If such a narrow interpretation is used, then such narrowness will eventually be applied to other amendments. For instance freedom of the press would mean just that: newspaper. NOT TV, NOT radio and NOT you and me.
- One often hears that *when the Bill of Rights was created, most people didn't have guns*. Most people didn't have printing presses, radios or TV either.
- Claim: The Bill of Rights *didn't anticipate automatic weapons that spray bullets*. Neither did they anticipate high speed printing presses that could blanket the nation with ideas, opinions and junk mail.
- *Claim: Modern weapons are more deadly*. Modern medicine is better - we no longer routinely die from infection. We have trauma centers and medivac. They didn't.

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You've
heard
the LIE!

Guns
Kill
15 Children
Every Day

Here's proof
it's a lie

Here's what to do:

1. Read the claim found on Handgun Control inc's web site:
5285 children are killed yearly.
Divide by 365 days per year to get
14.48 per day.

This is the actual page from (May 22, 2001) :
<http://www.handguncontrol.org/facts/ib/kidsnguns.asp> (similar page, Sept 2001 :
<http://www.bradycampaign.org/facts/issuebriefs/kidsandguns.asp>)

2. Read Webster's definition of children: Children are ages 0-14.

3. Add up ages 0-14 on this page from the Center for Disease Control, a US Government agency. You get 630 per year, under children 2 per day.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/data/us9794/Ofarm.htm>

4. Conclude:

15 Children a day is a lie.

**Speak Up Whenever
You Hear This LIE!**

Kids & Guns In America <http://www.handguncontrol.org/facts/ib/kidsnguns.asp>

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THE SCHOOL SHOOTINGS...AND BEYOND

Kids and Guns in America

It shouldn't take a Columbine, a Jonesboro or an inner-city drive-by shooting to make us realize that American children are more at risk from firearms than the children of any other industrialized nation. In one year, firearms killed no children in Japan, 19 in Great Britain, 57 in Germany, 109 in France, 153 in Canada, and **5,285** in the United States.

In the United States, young children die or are badly injured because their parents or

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child (child), *n.* [*sl.* CHILDREN (*childrən*)], [M.E. *child*, *pl.* *childre* (now dial. *childer*; *children* is double pl.); A.S. *ciid*, *pl.* *cild*, *cildru*; akin to Goth. *kūthai*, *womb*; I.E. **ǵel-*, a swelling up < base **ǵel-*, round body; arceus development: rounded—swelling—womb—fetus—offspring; cf. CATF (animal)]. 1. an infant; baby. 2. an unborn offspring. 3. **a boy or girl, in the period before puberty.** 4. a son or daughter. 5. a descendant. 6. a person like a child in interests, judgment, etc., or regarded as a child; immature or childish adult. 7. a person regarded as the product of a specified place, time, etc.: as, a *child* of the Renaissance. 8. a thing that springs from a specified source; product: as, a *child* of one's imagination. Abbreviated *ch.*, *c.*, *Ch.* (in senses 3, 4, 5); with *child*, pregnant.

puberty (*puber-ti*), *n.* [*L.* *pu*, or *L.* *Fr.* *puberté*; *L.* *pubes* & *pubes*, *puber*, of ripe age, adult; the state of physical development when it is first possible to beget or bear children: in most places the legal age of puberty is fixed at fourteen for boys and twelve for girls. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, 1913. Revised Edition, 1933. 1. the

Overall Firearm Deaths and Rates Per 100,000
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/data/us9794/Ofarm.htm>

Overall Firearm Deaths and Rates Per 100,000

E922, E955.0-4, E965.0-4, E970, E985.0-4

All Races / Both Sexes

Age Group	1997 Deaths	1997 Rate	1996 Deaths	1996 Rate	1995 Deaths	1995 Rate	1994 Deaths	1994 Rate
00-04	84	0.44	83	0.46	105	0.54	107	0.54
05-09	107	0.54	95	0.49	107	0.56	105	0.54
10-14	439	2.31	510	2.69	641	3.40	660	3.40
15-19	3,593	18.84	3,950	21.17	4,432	24.39	4,961	26.17
20-24	4,580	26.15	4,816	27.43	5,246	29.61	6,095	33.25
25-29	3,735	19.79	3,989	20.99	4,262	22.47	4,725	24.75

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