CHILD ACCESS to FIREARMS in the US

1 in 3 homes with children* have firearms\(^\text{Schuster (2000)}\)

21 million children* live in homes with firearms\(^\text{Schuster (2000)}\)

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**

Children often find or handle firearms in the home without their parents' knowledge

According to Baxley (2006):
- 3 in 4 children ages 5-14 knew where firearms were hidden in the home
- **39%** of their parents mistakenly thought that their child did not know the location of firearms
- 1 in 3 children ages 5-14 had handled a firearm in the home
- **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

- 90% of 7- to 8-year-olds
- 70% of 5- to 6-year-olds
- 25% of 3- to 4-year-olds

Naunkeon (1985)

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

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1 in 3 homes with children* have firearms. 22 million children* live in homes with firearms (Schuster, Franke, Bastian, Sor, & Halfon, 2000)

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12.8 million children* (61%) live in homes with locked firearms
5.7 million children* (27%) live in homes with unlocked firearms with no ammunition
2.6 million children* (12%) live in homes with unlocked, loaded firearms or unlocked firearms stored with ammunition

*Estimates based off of 21,133,000 from Schuster (2000) Table 3, p. 592 (Schuster et al., 2000)

Children often find or handle firearms in the home without their parents’ knowledge
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)

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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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