

States Enacting Permissive Firearm Laws Showed Increases in Child Firearm Mortality

A study comparing state-level firearm mortality for children aged 0-17 between 1999-2010 and 2011-2023 found that the group of states that had passed the most restrictive firearm laws after 2010 experienced an overall *decrease* of 55 firearm deaths among children and adolescents between the two time periods. The group of states passing the most permissive laws saw an *increase* of more than 6,029 pediatric firearm deaths, and states passing permissive but not the most permissive laws also experienced an *increase*, of 1,424 child deaths.

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