Spotlight on Youth Homicide Victims

Data from the FBI’s Supplementary Homicide Reports show that youth homicide victimizations remain low, but a larger proportion of youth are killed by a firearm.

Across age groups, the number of youth homicide victims declined 30% or more since 1993.

In 2015, most youth homicide victims were very young (ages 0–5) or older teens (ages 15–17).

Two-thirds of victims younger than age 6 were killed by a family member in 2015.

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The number of homicide victims ages 15–17 has declined but the proportion killed by a firearm remains high.

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Access more information on youth homicide victims:
- Review FAQs about youth homicide victims
- Analyze data with Easy Access to the FBI’s Supplementary Homicide Reports

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