





# Summary Report

## Youth Sports Traumatic Brain Injury

According to an article in the *Journal of Athletic Training*, each year as many as 300,000 young people suffer traumatic brain injuries (TBIs), or what are more commonly known as concussions, from playing sports. TBIs can have serious short- and long-term health effects and all states have passed laws aimed at reducing harm from brain injuries occurring at youth sports activities. You can see additional maps and tables by visiting [www.lawatlas.org](http://www.lawatlas.org).

	<p><b>Youth Sports TBI Laws in 2017</b></p> <p>All 50 states and the District of Columbia now have laws that specifically address youth sports TBIs.</p> <p>Jurisdictions: 51 (AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY)</p>
	<p><b>Youth Sports TBI Laws in 2010</b></p> <p>Seven years ago, only 10 states had laws that specifically address youth sports TBIs.</p> <p>Jurisdictions: 10 (CT, MA, NJ, NM, OK, OR, RI, TX, VA, WA)</p>
	<p><b>Return-to-Learn Laws in 2017</b></p> <p>Today, 13 states have youth sports TBI laws that specify requirements for a return-to-learn policy.</p> <p>Jurisdictions: 13 (CA, HI, ID, IL, MA, MD, ME, NC, NE, NY, OK, VA, VT)</p>
	<p><b>Return-to-Learn Laws in 2012</b></p> <p>Five years ago, three states had youth sports TBI laws that specified requirements for a return-to-learn policy.</p> <p>Jurisdictions: 3 (HI, ME, NY)</p>