

YRBS 2023 Data Results: Threats & Violence



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What is the Youth Behavior Risk Survey ?

Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a Center for Disease Control-sponsored survey that monitors students' health risks and behaviors and provides data at the national and state levels. YRBS is conducted every other year on even-numbered years among high school students grades 9-12. Questions in the survey ask about bullying and other violence-related behaviors and experiences. The YRBS defines bullying as 'one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove or hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.'

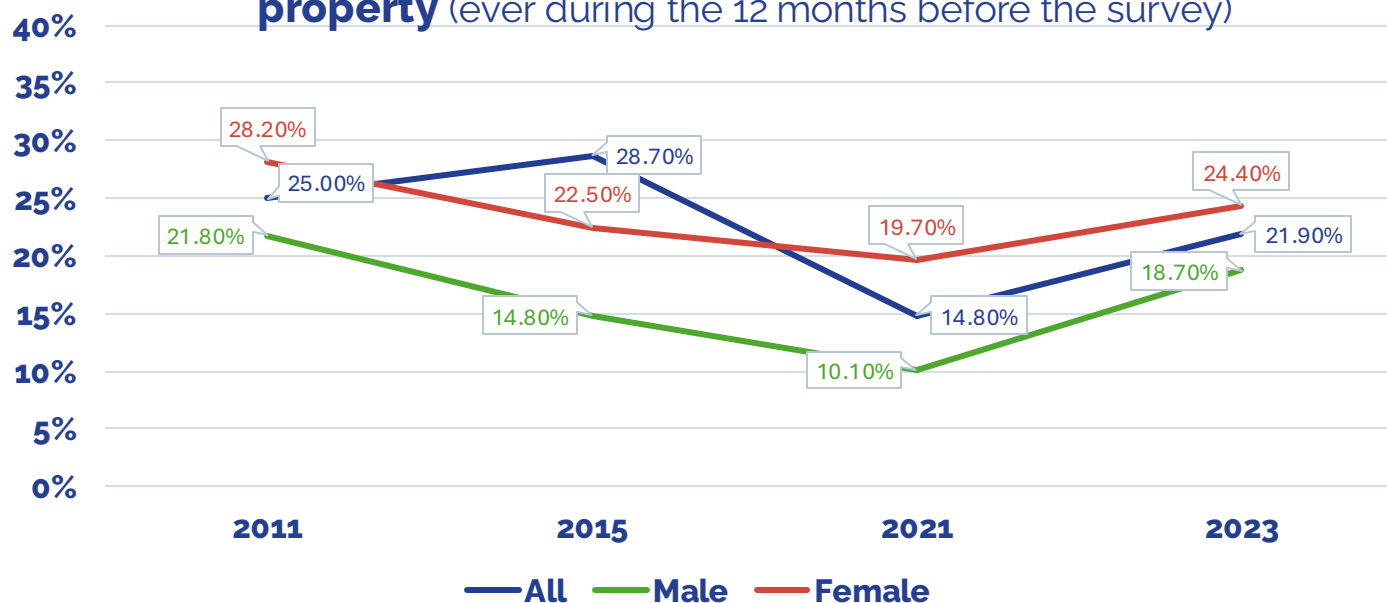
Fast Facts

- **21.9%** of students were bullied on school property
- **20.7%** of students were electronically bullied
- **17.8%** of students were in a physical fight
- **12.8%** of students did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to school
- **10.0%** of students were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property
- **4.2%** of students carried a weapon on school property

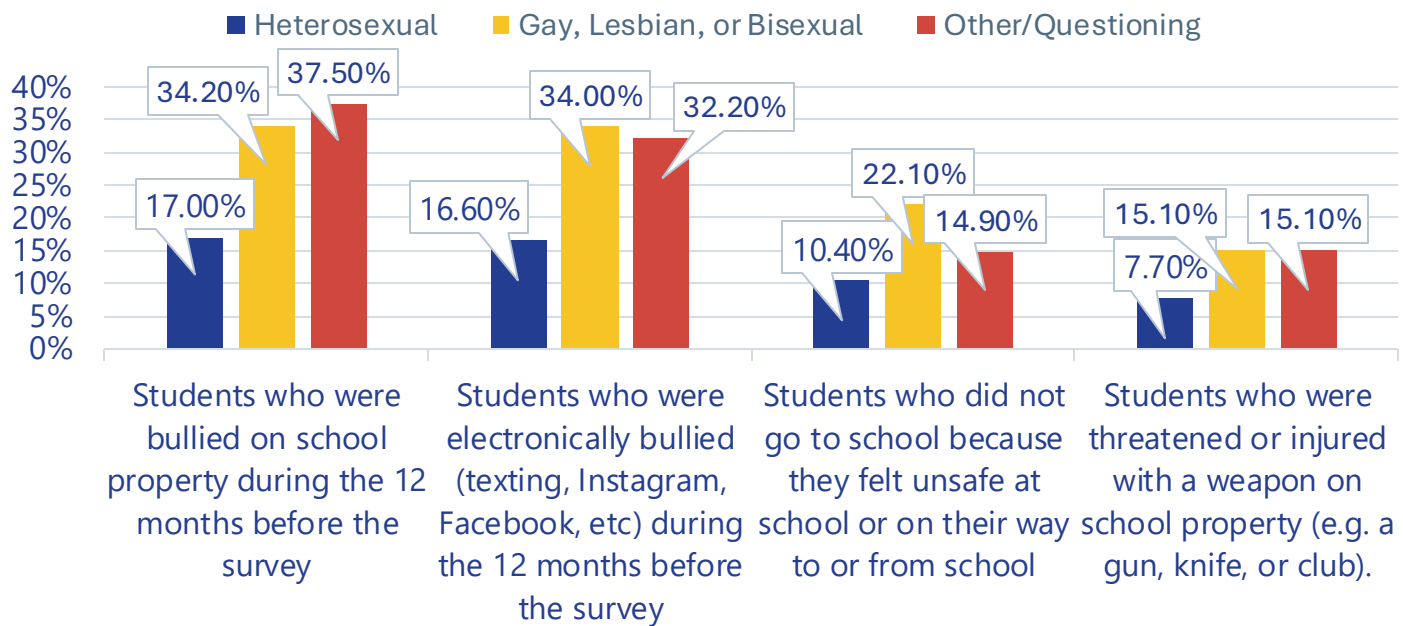
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**during the 12 months before the survey

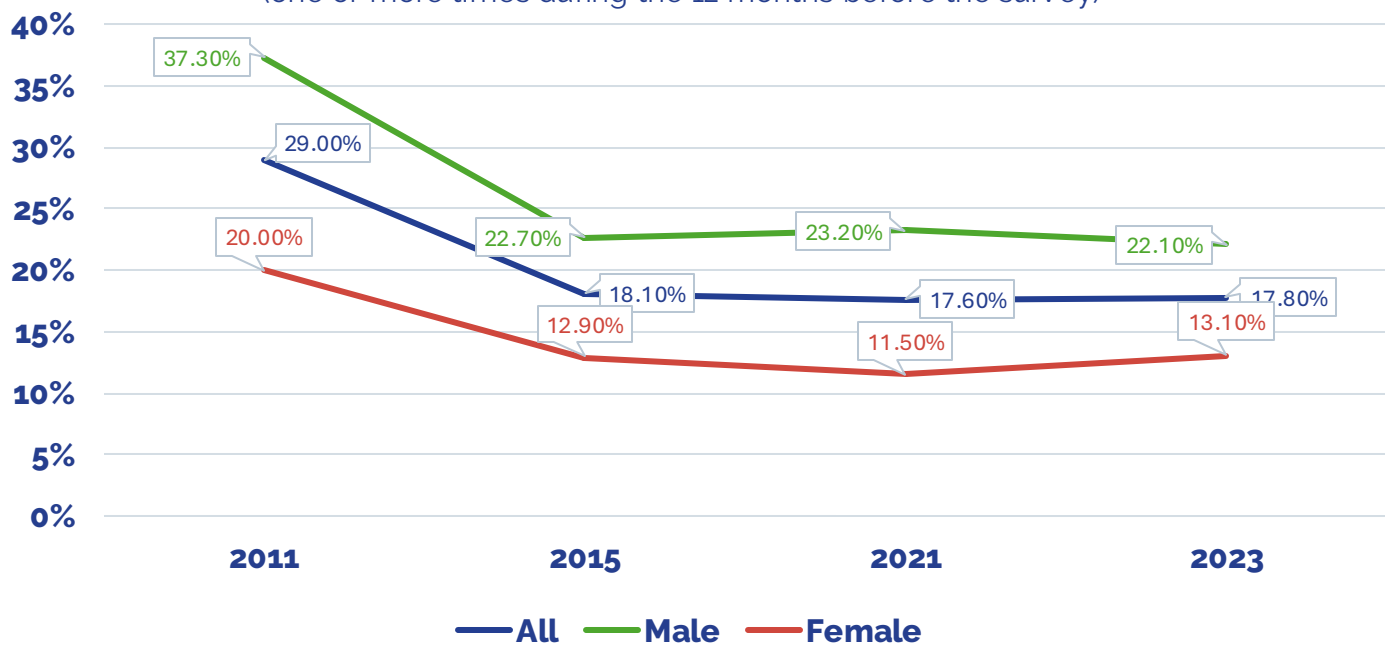
Percentage of students who were bullied on school property (ever during the 12 months before the survey)



Bullying, Threats, and Weapons at school – Sexual Orientation Results



Percentage of students who were in a physical fight (one or more times during the 12 months before the survey)



For additional information on adolescent health:
in.gov/health/mch/data/adolescentyoung-adult-health/