

## Bullying by the Numbers

A compilation of powerful statistics from a variety of organizations.

### GLSEN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY (2007)

[glsen.org](http://glsen.org)

- 9 in 10 (86.2%) LGBT students reported being bullied.
- More than half (60.8%) reported they felt unsafe in school because of their sexual orientation.
- 32.7% of LGBT students missed a day of school because of feeling unsafe, compared to only 4.5% of a national sample\* of secondary school students.
- The reported grade point average of students who were more frequently harassed because of their sexual orientation or gender expression was almost half a grade lower than for students who were less often harassed (2.8 versus 2.4).
- In fact, nearly a third (31.1%) of the students who did report an incident said that school staff did nothing in response.

### GLSEN's LGBT Educator Training Program for Secondary Schools in NYC

- More than 9 in 10 educators (92.2%) said the training had caused them to do something differently in their educational practices.

### TREVOR PROJECT

[thetrevorproject.org](http://thetrevorproject.org)

- LGBTQ youth are up to four times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers (*Massachusetts 2006 Youth Risk Behavior Survey*).
- Suicide is one of the top three causes of death among young people ages 15 through 24 (*2006 National Adolescent Health Information*).

### "THE 411 OF BULLYING" (THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, SEPT. 2004)

[ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojdp/grants/226235.pdf](http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojdp/grants/226235.pdf)

- Of children in sixth through tenth grade, more than 3.2 million—nearly one in six—are victims of bullying each year, while 3.7 million bully other children (Fox, et al, 2003).
- Research shows that half or more of all bullying can be prevented (Fox, et al, 2003).
- Compared to their peers, kids who are bullied are five times more likely to be depressed. Bullied boys are four times more likely to be suicidal; bullied girls are eight times more likely to be suicidal (Bullying Prevention is Crime Prevention, 2003).

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## BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

### COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[cops.usdoj.gov/files/RIC/Publications/e07063414-guide.pdf](https://cops.usdoj.gov/files/RIC/Publications/e07063414-guide.pdf)

- In two-thirds of recent school shootings (for which the shooter was still alive to report), the attackers had previously been bullied. “In those cases, the experience of bullying appeared to play a major role in motivating the attacker.”
- A recent study of a nationally representative sample of students found higher levels of bullying in America than in some other countries. Thirteen percent of sixth- through tenth-grade students bully, 10 percent reported being victims, and an additional six percent are victim-bullies. This study excluded elementary-age students (who often experience high levels of bullying) and did not limit bullying to school grounds. Several smaller studies from different parts of the country confirm high levels of bullying behaviors, with 10 to 29 percent of students reported to be either bullies or victims.
- In a survey of American middle and high school students, “66 percent of victims of bullying believed school professionals responded poorly to the bullying problems that they observed.”
- Studies suggest only between 10 and 20 percent of noninvolved students provide any real help when another student is victimized.

## NATIONAL STATISTICS FOR BULLYING (2007)

### NAME OF ISSUING GROUP

[tinyurl.com/237hb5](https://tinyurl.com/237hb5)

- According to 2009 data from the National Center for Education Statistics, 42.9% of 6th graders were bullied during the 2007 school year.

## FACTS ABOUT BULLYING FROM BULLY FREE PROGRAM

[tinyurl.com/2bp3udz](https://tinyurl.com/2bp3udz)

- Thirty percent of all child suicides can be directly related to bullying (Hawker & Boulton, 2000).
- It may raise suicide risk in bystanders who are considering suicide for other reasons.