



United States adolescent relationships facts

Bullying among high school students (grades 9-12), 2009^{HR1}

Percent of high school students who: **United States**

Were bullied on school property (during the 12 months before the survey)

Total	20%
Male	19%
Female	21%

Violence among high school students (grades 9-12), 2009^{HR1}

Percent of high school students who: **United States**

Carried a weapon on at least one day (during the 30 days before the survey)

Total	17%
Male	27%
Female	7%

Carried a gun on at least one day (during the 30 days before the survey)

Total	6%
Male	10%
Female	2%

Were in a physical fight one or more times (during the 12 months before the survey)

Total	31%
Male	39%
Female	23%

Were injured in a physical fight one or more times (during the 12 months before the survey)

Total	4%
Male	5%
Female	2%

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Violence at school among high school students (grades 9-12), 2009^{HR1}

Percent of high school students who:	United States
Carried a weapon on school property on at least one day (during the 30 days before the survey)	
Total	6%
Male	8%
Female	3%
Did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school, on at least one day (during the 30 days before the survey)	
Total	5%
Male	5%
Female	5%
Were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property one or more times (during the 12 months before the survey)	
Total	8%
Male	10%
Female	5%
Were in a physical fight on school property one or more times (during the 12 months before the survey)	
Total	11%
Male	15%
Female	7%

Sexual relationships among high school students (grades 9-12), 2009^{HR1}

Percent of high school students who:	United States
Have ever had sexual intercourse	
Total	46%
Male	46%
Female	46%



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Dating violence among high school students (grades 9-12), 2009^{HR1}

Percent of high school students who:	United States
Were hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend (during the 12 months before the survey)	
Total	10%
Male	10%
Female	9%
Were ever physically forced to have sexual intercourse (when they did not want to)	
Total	7%
Male	5%
Female	10%

Supportive neighborhoods, ages 12-17, 2005-2006^{HR2}

Percent of adolescents ages 12-17 who:	United States
Live in a supportive neighborhood, ^A according to parent	
Total	85%

^A Supportive neighborhood information is reported by parents and is based on the statements: people in my neighborhood help each other out; we watch out for each other's children in this neighborhood; there are people I can count on in this neighborhood; if my child were outside playing and got hurt or scared, there are adults nearby who I trust to help my child. Parents were asked whether they strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement. Choosing a "disagree" option on more than one statement removes someone from living in a supportive neighborhood.

Positive social skills, ages 12-17, 2005-2006^{HR2}

Percent of adolescents ages 12-17 who:	United States
Consistently exhibit positive social skills, ⁺ according to parent	
Total	93%

⁺ Positive social skills is a composite measure of four positive social skills. Positive social skills are reported by parents and include respect for teachers and neighbors; getting along well with other children; trying to understand other people's feelings; and trying to resolve conflicts with classmates, family, or friends. Data notes



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Data notes and sources

Data from the National Survey of Children's Health have been rounded to the nearest whole number.
N/A: data do not exist on this measure for this

^{HR1} **High school data are from:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2010). *Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey - United States, 2009*. Surveillance summaries: MMWR 2010; 59 (No. SS-5). Retrieved June 22nd, 2011, from <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ss/ss5905.pdf>

^{HR2} **Supportive neighborhoods and positive social skill data are from:** Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative; The Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health. (2007). *National Survey of Children's Health*. Portland, OR: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative; The Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health. Retrieved August 10, 2011, from www.nschdata.org

