

Table 2.6

**Students age 12 to 18 reporting fear of school-related victimization**

By student characteristics, United States, 1995, 1999, and 2001

Student characteristics	Fear of attack at school or going to and from school <sup>a</sup>			Avoidance of one or more places at school <sup>b</sup>		
	1995	1999	2001	1995	1999	2001
Total	11.8%	7.3%	6.4%	8.7%	4.6%	4.7%
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	10.8	6.5	6.4	8.8	4.6	4.7
Female	12.8	8.2	6.4	8.5	4.6	4.6
<b>Race, ethnicity</b>						
White, non-Hispanic	8.1	5.0	4.9	7.1	3.8	3.9
Black, non-Hispanic	20.3	13.5	8.9	12.1	6.7	6.6
Hispanic	20.9	11.7	10.6	12.9	6.2	5.5
Other, non-Hispanic	13.5	6.7	6.4	11.1	5.4	6.2
<b>Grade</b>						
6th	14.3	10.9	10.6	11.6	5.9	6.8
7th	15.3	9.5	9.2	11.8	6.1	6.2
8th	13.0	8.1	7.6	8.8	5.5	5.2
9th	11.6	7.1	5.5	9.5	5.3	5.0
10th	11.0	7.1	5.0	7.8	4.7	4.2
11th	8.9	4.8	4.8	6.9	2.5	2.8
12th	7.8	4.8	2.9	4.1	2.4	3.0
<b>Community</b>						
Urban	18.4	11.6	9.7	11.7	5.8	6.0
Suburban	9.8	6.2	4.8	7.9	4.7	4.3
Rural	8.6	4.8	6.0	7.0	3.0	3.9
<b>Type of school</b>						
Public	12.2	7.7	6.6	9.3	5.0	4.9
Private	7.3	3.6	4.6	2.2	1.6	2.0

Note: These data are from the School Crime Supplement (SCS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). The NCVS is a continuous survey of a representative sample of households in the United States conducted for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. The SCS is an additional questionnaire fielded with the 1995, 1999, and 2001 NCVS and was administered to a nationally representative sample of students 12 to 18 years of age. Eligible respondents were asked the supplemental SCS questions only after completing the NCVS interview. Persons eligible for the SCS were those NCVS respondents who were enrolled in grades 6 through 12 at a school leading to a high school diploma and had attended school at any time during the 6 months preceding the interview. A total of 9,728 students participated in the 1995 SCS, 8,398 in the 1999 SCS, and 8,374 in the 2001 SCS. The data presented are survey estimates and therefore are subject to sampling variation.

Beginning with the 2001 data, two changes were made to the SCS. First, in 1995 and 1999, "at school" was defined as in the school building, on the school grounds, or on a school bus. In 2001, "at school" was defined as in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to and from school. The 1995 and 1999 estimates for "fear of attack at school" have been recalculated by the Source to combine fear of attack at school and fear of attack going to and from school and are now consistent with the 2001 estimates. Second, in 1995 and 1999, students were asked if they avoided places or were fearful because they thought someone would "attack or harm" them. In 2001, the language was changed to "attack or threaten to attack" them.

<sup>a</sup>Includes students who reported that they sometimes or most of the time feared being victimized in this way.

<sup>b</sup>Includes the entrance into the school, any hallways or stairs in the school, parts of the school cafeteria, any school restrooms, and other places inside the school building.

Source: Jill F. DeVoe et al., *Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2003*, NCES 2004-004/NCJ 201257 (Washington, DC: U.S. Departments of Education and Justice, 2003), pp. 84, 85. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.