

Table 2.6.2005

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

By student characteristics, United States, selected years 1995-2005

Student characteristics	Fear of attack at school or going to and from school ^a					Avoidance of one or more places at school ^b				
	1995	1999	2001	2003	2005	1995	1999	2001	2003	2005
Total	11.8%	7.3%	6.4%	6.1%	6.2%	8.7%	4.6%	4.7%	4.0%	4.5%
Sex										
Male	10.8	6.5	6.4	5.3	5.9	8.8	4.6	4.7	3.9	4.9
Female	12.8	8.2	6.4	6.9	6.6	8.5	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.1
Race, ethnicity										
White, non-Hispanic	8.1	5.0	4.9	4.1	4.5	7.1	3.8	3.9	3.0	3.6
Black, non-Hispanic	20.3	13.5	8.9	10.7	9.0	12.1	6.7	6.6	5.1	7.1
Hispanic	20.9	11.7	10.6	9.5	10.1	12.9	6.2	5.5	6.3	6.0
Other, non-Hispanic	13.5	6.7	6.4	5.0	6.3	11.1	5.4	6.2	4.4	3.1
Grade										
6th	14.3	10.9	10.6	10.0	9.5	11.6	5.9	6.8	5.6	7.8
7th	15.3	9.5	9.2	8.2	9.1	11.8	6.1	6.2	5.7	5.8
8th	13.0	8.1	7.6	6.3	6.9	8.8	5.5	5.2	4.7	4.4
9th	11.6	7.1	5.5	6.3	5.7	9.5	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.3
10th	11.0	7.1	5.0	4.4	5.3	7.8	4.7	4.2	3.1	4.2
11th	8.9	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.5	6.9	2.5	2.8	2.5	3.4
12th	7.8	4.8	2.9	3.7	3.3	4.1	2.4	3.0	1.2 ^c	1.3 ^c
Community										
Urban	18.4	11.6	9.7	9.5	10.2	11.7	5.8	6.0	5.7	6.3
Suburban	9.8	6.2	4.8	4.8	4.7	7.9	4.7	4.3	3.5	3.8
Rural	8.6	4.8	6.0	4.7	5.1	7.0	3.0	3.9	2.8	4.2
Type of school										
Public	12.2	7.7	6.6	6.4	6.5	9.3	5.0	4.9	4.2	4.8
Private	7.3	3.6	4.6	3.0	3.8	2.2	1.6	2.0 ^c	1.5 ^c	1.4 ^c

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, 2001, 2003, and 2005 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, 8,374 in the 2001 SCS, 7,152 in the 2003 SCS, and 6,297 in 2005.

In the 1995, 1999, 2001, 2003, and 2005 SCS, the household completion rates were 95%, 94%, 93%, 92%, and 91% respectively; and the student completion rates were 78%, 78%, 77%, 70%, and 62%, respectively. Thus, the overall unweighted SCS response rate (calculated by multiplying the household completion rate by the student completion rate) was 74% in 1995, 73% in 1999, 72% in 2001, 64% in 2003, and 56% in 2005. Response rates for most survey items were high, typically over 95% of all eligible respondents. However, users should note that due to the low overall response rate for 2005 the data did not meet statistical standards of precision set by the Source and should be interpreted with caution.

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. Beginning 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. Beginning in 2001, the language was changed to "attack or threaten to attack" them.

^aIncludes students who reported that they sometimes or most of the time feared being victimized in this way.

^bIncludes 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.

^cThe Source recommends that users interpret this figure with caution.

Source: Rachel Dinkes et al., *Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2007*, NCES 2008-021/NCJ 219553 (Washington, DC: U.S. Departments of Education and Justice, 2007), pp. 108, 110. Table adapted by SOURCE-BOOK staff.