

Table 3.54

Students reporting problem behaviorsBy grade level of respondent, 2002-2003^a

	Never	Seldom	Some- times	Often	A lot
Have you been in trouble with the police?	75.0%	13.3%	6.3%	2.3%	2.9%
Grades 6 to 8	78.1	11.3	5.6	2.3	2.9
Grades 9 to 12	72.1	15.4	7.1	2.4	3.0
12th grade	71.5	16.2	6.9	2.1	3.3
Do you take part in gang activities?	87.9	4.7	3.1	1.4	2.8
Grades 6 to 8	87.3	5.2	3.4	1.6	2.5
Grades 9 to 12	88.5	4.2	2.9	1.3	3.1
12th grade	89.2	3.6	2.5	1.0	3.8
Have you thought about committing suicide?	70.6	14.2	8.7	2.9	3.5
Grades 6 to 8	75.3	11.8	7.2	2.6	3.1
Grades 9 to 12	65.9	16.7	10.2	3.3	3.9
12th grade	65.1	18.0	10.4	2.7	3.9
Have you been caught using alcohol?	82.0	7.2	5.4	2.3	3.0
Grades 6 to 8	88.9	4.8	2.9	1.4	1.9
Grades 9 to 12	75.3	9.5	7.7	3.3	4.1
12th grade	68.8	11.4	9.7	4.4	5.6
Have you been caught using drugs?	88.7	4.6	2.9	1.5	2.4
Grades 6 to 8	92.1	3.3	1.9	1.0	1.8
Grades 9 to 12	85.4	5.9	3.8	1.9	3.0
12th grade	83.1	6.7	4.4	2.4	3.4
Have you threatened to harm a teacher?	91.6	4.4	2.0	0.8	1.2
Grades 6 to 8	92.7	3.9	1.6	0.7	1.1
Grades 9 to 12	90.5	4.9	2.4	0.9	1.4
12th grade	89.7	4.8	2.4	0.9	2.2
Have you threatened to harm one or both of your parents, guardian, etc.?	88.8	6.1	2.8	1.0	1.3
Grades 6 to 8	90.3	5.1	2.4	0.9	1.2
Grades 9 to 12	87.3	7.0	3.2	1.1	1.4
12th grade	87.4	6.6	3.0	1.0	2.1

Note: These data are from a survey of 6th through 12th grade students conducted between August 2002 and June 2003 by PRIDE Surveys. Participating schools are sent the PRIDE questionnaire with explicit instructions for administering the anonymous, self-report survey. Schools that administer the PRIDE questionnaire do so voluntarily or in compliance with a school district or State request. For the 2002-2003 academic year, survey results are based on students from 24 States. The following States participated in the 2002-2003 PRIDE survey: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. To prevent any one State from having a disproportionate influence on the summary results, random samples of students were drawn from those States where disproportionately large numbers of students were surveyed. Therefore, no State comprises more than 10% of the sample. The results presented are based on a sample consisting of 109,919 students drawn from the total number of students who completed the PRIDE questionnaire.

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

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