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High school students reporting involvement in delinquent and risk-related behaviors

By sex, race, ethnicity, and grade level, United States, 2009

(Percent reporting engaging in or experiencing the behavior)

	Total	Sex		Race, ethnicity			Grade level			
		Male	Female	White, non-	Black, non-	Hispanic	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade
				Hispanic	Hispanic					
Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol ^a	28.3%	27.8%	28.8%	26.2%	30.0%	34.2%	27.5%	28.0%	29.4%	28.2%
Drove after drinking alcohol ^a	9.7	11.6	7.6	10.8	6.4	9.4	5.0	8.3	11.4	15.4
Carried a weapon ^b	17.5	27.1	7.1	18.6	14.4	17.2	18.0	18.4	16.2	16.6
Carried a gun ^c	5.9	9.8	1.7	5.8	7.6	5.1	5.9	6.1	5.4	6.2
In a physical fight ^d	31.5	39.3	22.9	27.8	41.1	36.2	37.0	33.5	28.6	24.9
Injured in a physical fight ^{d,e}	3.8	5.1	2.2	2.9	5.7	4.7	4.1	4.1	3.8	2.9
Physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend on purpose ^f	9.8	10.3	9.3	8.0	14.3	11.5	9.2	9.2	10.4	10.4
Forced to have unwanted sexual intercourse ^g	7.4	4.5	10.5	6.3	10.0	8.4	6.6	7.1	8.2	7.8
Seriously considered suicide ^f	13.8	10.5	17.4	13.1	13.0	15.4	14.8	13.4	14.5	12.1
Made a suicide plan ^f	10.9	8.6	13.2	10.3	9.8	12.2	10.8	11.7	11.3	9.2
Attempted suicide ^d	6.3	4.6	8.1	5.0	7.9	8.1	7.3	6.9	6.3	4.2
Suicide attempt required medical attention ^f	1.9	1.6	2.3	1.6	2.5	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.2

Note: These data are from the national school-based survey conducted biennially as part of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS). The data were collected and analyzed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Results are based on a nationally representative sample of 16,410 students in grades 9-12 who attend public or private schools in the United States. For survey methodology and sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^cOn 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

^dOne or more times during the 12 months preceding the survey.

^eInjured seriously enough to be treated by a doctor or nurse.

^fDuring the 12 months preceding the survey.

^gEver physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to.

^aOne or more times during the 30 days preceding the survey.

^bCarried a weapon (e.g., a gun, knife, or club) on 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

Source: Danice K. Eaton et al., "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance--United States, 2009," CDC Surveillance Summaries, *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 59 No. SS-5 (Washington, DC: USGPO, June 4, 2010), pp. 43, 45, 47, 49, 59, 61. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.