

Table 2.5

Students' perceptions of safety at schoolBy grade level of respondent, 2002-2003^a

Question: "In my school, I feel safe. . ."

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	A lot
In the classroom	10.2%	5.0%	13.3%	20.0%	51.4%
Grades 6 to 8	9.7	5.2	13.4	18.0	53.6
Grades 9 to 12	10.7	4.8	13.1	22.0	49.3
12th grade	10.1	4.0	10.7	21.4	53.9
In the cafeteria	12.3	6.8	14.9	20.9	45.1
Grades 6 to 8	12.4	7.2	14.8	19.0	46.6
Grades 9 to 12	12.1	6.4	15.1	22.7	43.7
12th grade	11.0	5.5	13.2	21.3	49.0
In the halls	14.0	8.3	16.7	20.3	40.6
Grades 6 to 8	15.2	9.2	17.0	18.6	40.0
Grades 9 to 12	12.9	7.4	16.5	22.0	41.2
12th grade	11.3	6.0	13.6	21.5	47.6
In the bathroom	15.6	8.7	15.4	19.2	41.1
Grades 6 to 8	17.1	9.6	15.5	17.3	40.4
Grades 9 to 12	14.1	7.7	15.3	21.1	41.7
12th Grade	12.0	6.2	12.2	21.1	48.4
In the gym	12.4	6.2	13.7	20.1	47.6
Grades 6 to 8	12.7	6.7	13.8	17.9	49.0
Grades 9 to 12	12.0	5.8	13.6	22.3	46.2
12th grade	10.8	5.2	11.5	21.4	51.1
At school events	14.2	7.1	14.8	20.4	43.5
Grades 6 to 8	15.2	7.7	14.5	18.5	44.1
Grades 9 to 12	13.2	6.4	15.1	22.3	43.0
12th grade	11.7	5.3	13.6	21.8	47.5
On the playground	17.2	7.1	13.9	18.4	43.3
Grades 6 to 8	18.6	8.0	14.1	16.7	42.7
Grades 9 to 12	15.9	6.3	13.7	20.1	44.0
12th grade	13.9	5.4	11.8	19.7	49.1
In the parking lot	18.2	9.1	15.8	18.5	38.4
Grades 6 to 8	21.5	10.3	15.4	16.1	36.7
Grades 9 to 12	15.1	7.9	16.1	20.9	40.0
12th grade	12.8	6.7	14.1	21.0	45.3
In all school areas	14.0	7.3	16.8	20.2	41.6
Grades 6 to 8	14.9	7.9	17.2	18.3	41.7
Grades 9 to 12	13.2	6.7	16.5	22.1	41.5
12th grade	11.7	5.7	14.0	21.5	47.0

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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