

Violence

Among Public High School Students in Oklahoma



What do the data say?

Data from the **2023 Oklahoma Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)** indicate that:

Dating and Sexual Violence

- **11.4%** of students experienced sexual violence^{1,2}
- **8.6%** experienced sexual dating violence^{2,3}
- **9.9%** experienced physical dating violence^{2,4}

School Violence

- **10.2%** did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school⁵
- **8.2%** had been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property²
- **20.9%** were bullied on school property²
- **18.7%** were bullied electronically^{2,6}

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How you can help...

- Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy.
- Teach safe and healthy relationship skills. Implement social-emotional learning programs for youth.
- Engage influential adults and peers. Empower bystanders through education, engage men and boys as allies, and offer family-based programming.

Resources

If you or someone you know has been a victim of violence, help is available:

- Call or text 988 if you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis
- Oklahoma SafeLine 1-800-522-SAFE (7233)
- StrongHearts Native Helpline 1-844-762-8483 strongheartshelpline.org
- love is respect Hotline | Textline | Online Chat loveisrespect.org

1. Being forced by anyone to do sexual things [counting such things as kissing, touching, or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse] that they did not want to do
2. During the 12 months before the survey
3. Being forced by someone they were dating or going out with to do sexual things [counting such things as kissing, touching, or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse] that they did not want to do
4. Being physically hurt on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with [counting such things as being hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon]
5. During the 30 days before the survey
6. Being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media

For more information, contact the Family Support and Prevention Service, Assessment Division, at **(405) 426-8092** or visit oklahoma.gov/health/yrbs.



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