

School Bullying Statistics

School bullying statistics in the United States show that about **one in four kids** in the U.S. are bullied on a regular basis. Between cyber bullying and bullying at school, the school bullying statistics illustrate a huge problem with bullying and the American school system.

In a recent SAFE survey, teens in grades **sixth through 10th grade** are the most likely to be involved in activities related to bullying. **About thirty percent of students in the United States are involved in bullying on a regular basis either as a victim, bully or both.** These school bullying statistics show what a problem bullying of all kinds in the United States has become. The recent school bullying statistics show that **cyber bullying is becoming increasingly prevalent** on school property as well as involving students even when they are not at school. Because of this growing number of kids affected by bullying, more and more schools throughout the country are cracking down on the measures taken to stop bullying.

School Bullying Statistics:

When it comes to verbal bullying, this type of bullying is the most common type with about **77 percent of all students being bullied verbally** in some way or another including mental bullying or even verbal abuse. These types of bullying can also include spreading rumors, yelling obscenities or other derogatory terms based on an individual's race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, etc. **Out of the 77 percent of those bullied, 14 percent have a severe or bad reaction to the abuse,** according to recent school bullying statistics. These numbers make up the students that experience poor self-esteem, depression, anxiety about going to school and even suicidal thoughts as a result of being bullied by their peers. Also as part of this study, about **one in five students admitted they are responsible for bullying their peers.** As a result of the fear and anxiety of being bullied, many students will make excuses or find ways around going to school.

Cyber-bullying Statistics:

As social networking and online social interaction becomes more and more popular with sites like Facebook and Twitter, cyber-bullying has become one of the most prevalent types of bullying that occurs between teens. About **80 percent of all high school students have encountered being bullied in some fashion online.** These growing numbers are being attributed to youth violence including both homicide and suicide. While school shootings across the country are becoming more and more common, most teens that say they have considered becoming violent toward their peers, wish to do so because they want to get back at those who have bullied them online. **About 35 percent of teens have been actually threatened online. About half of all teens admit they have said something mean or hurtful to another teen online. Most have done it more than once.**

Putting an End to Bullying:

These numbers are too high, and parents and teachers need to do something to stop it. Teens also need to stand together and put an end to bullying. When teens see their peers being bullied, they need to report the incident or get help. If teens band together to address these issues, they really don't have to worry about being the target of a bully since most bullies really only attack those that are weaker than them. By standing together to prevent bullying in every school, the number of depressed and suicidal teens can drop along with those who are fearful of attending school.

How to report bullying at HHS:

DROP BOX IN THE OFFICE (BY MRS. TEW'S DESK) or ONLINE BULLYING REFERRAL (<http://www.hpsvikings.org/our-schools/hhs/bullying-report/>)