

In the US, 1 in 5  
students ages 12-18  
has been bullied  
during the school  
year.

Approximately  
160,000 teens have  
skipped school  
because of bullying.

Students who reported that they were frequently bullied scored lower in reading, mathematics, and science than their peers who reported that they were never or rarely bullied.

The most commonly reported type of bullying is verbal harassment (79%), followed by social harassment (50%), physical bullying (29%), and cyberbullying (25%).

Labeling an incident as bullying can be important because it influences whether students tell an adult, as well as how adults respond to the student's report.

More than half of  
bullying situations (57%)  
stop when a peer  
intervenes on behalf of  
the student being bullied.

6th grade students  
experience the most  
bullying (31%).

70% of school staff  
have seen bullying.

62% witnessed  
bullying two or more  
times in the last  
month, and 41%  
witness bullying once  
a week or more.

Students are less likely to report bullying as they get older. Only 39% of high schoolers notified an adult of bullying.

42% percent of students who reported being bullied at school indicated that the bullying was related to at least one of the following characteristics: physical appearance (30%), race (10%), gender (8%), disability (7%), ethnicity (7%), religion (5%), and sexual orientation (4%).

Over half of students  
ages 12-18 who  
reported being bullied  
believed their bullies  
had the ability to  
influence what other  
students thought of  
them.