

LGBTQ Student Bullying Statistics (Updated: May 2019. Robdarrow@robдарrow.us)

Nationwide, 18.8% of heterosexual students; and 34.2% of gay, lesbian, and bisexual students (a difference of 16%) had been bullied on school property.

- *Youth Risk Behavior Survey (2017). Center for Disease Control (CDC).*

In the U.S., 87% of LGBTQ students experienced harassment or assault based on personal characteristics, including sexual orientation, gender expression, gender, religion, race and ethnicity, and disability. Seven in ten LGBTQ students (70.1%) experienced verbal harassment at school based on sexual orientation, more than half based on gender expression (59.1%) or gender (53.2%).

- *National School Climate Survey (2017). GLSEN.*

Across California, 16% of LGBT youth as compared with 5% of Non-LGBT youth felt unsafe in their schools.

- *California Healthy Kids Survey - 2015 (7th, 9th and 11th Grade)*

Almost twice as many LGBT students reported experiencing cyberbullying compared to heterosexual students (36.1% compared to 20.1%).

- *Cyberbullying Research Summary (2010). Cyberbullying Research Center.*

LGBTQ youth are 4 times more likely to attempt suicide, experience suicidal thoughts, and engage in self-harm, as compared to youths that are straight.

- *National Alliance on Mental Health (2016).*

In the Central Valley (Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties), 47% of LGBT students as compared to 14% of Non-LGBT students considered attempting suicide in the past 12 months.

- *California Healthy Kids Survey - 2015 (7th, 9th and 11th Grade)*

More than three-quarters (77%) of students who were out or perceived as transgender in K-12 had one or more negative experiences in schools, such as being verbally harassed, prohibited from dressing according to their gender identity, or physically or sexually assaulted.

- *James et al. (2016). U.S. Transgender Survey. National Center for Transgender Equality.*

Children become knowledgeable about gender stereotypes by the time they are preschool aged.

- *Kelly Lynn Mulvey & Melanie Killen (2015) Child Development.*

Across California, there were 7% of LGBT students compared with 1% of Non-LGBT students who missed school in the previous 30 days because they did not feel safe as compared to 1% of Non-LGBT students.

- California Healthy Kids Survey - 2015 (7th, 9th and 11th Grade)

31.8% of LGBTQ students missed at least one entire day of school in the past month because they felt unsafe or uncomfortable, and a tenth (10.0%) missed four or more days in the past month.

- *National School Climate Survey (2015). GLSEN.*