



Highlighting new and noteworthy data from kidsdata.org

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Just Added: Bullying, Gangs, School Safety Data for School Districts Statewide

Feeling safe not only plays a crucial role in students' overall health and well being, it also is vital for their learning. While the majority of California youth report feeling safe at school, about 7 percent of seventh, ninth, and 11th grade boys say they have been bullied at school four or more times in the past year because of their race/national origin, and more than 1 in 20 say they have brought a gun to school. These and other key measures of adolescent safety, from data on **bullying** to **gang involvement** to **school safety**, now are available on kidsdata.org for school districts across the state.

These youth safety data come from the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), a statewide survey of students that was developed and is administered by WestEd for the California Department of Education. For districts statewide, data are available by grade, gender, and race/ethnicity, as well as students' feelings of connectedness to school, which is strongly correlated with these measures of adolescent safety.

On the website – www.kidsdata.org - you can find the following

- Bullying & Harassment: [View Data for All 18 Indicators | Selected Facts](#)
- Gang Involvement: [By Gender & Grade | Race/Ethnicity | School Connectedness | Selected Facts](#)
- School Safety: [View Data for All 15 Indicators | Selected Facts](#)

You may also sign up to receive a customized e-mail alert on the website when these and other data you select are updated.

Key facts about kids in California

- Between 50 and 60 percent of seventh, ninth and 11th-graders said they felt safe or very safe at school, according to 2006-08 data.
- In California, the most common reason cited for bullying was due to race or national origin, with about 15 percent of females and 20 percent of males in 2006-08 reporting at least one bullying incident in the past year based on race or national origin.
- About 11 percent of boys in grades seven, nine and 11 considered themselves gang members, with 6 percent to 8 percent of girls reporting the same in 2006-08.
- In California in 2006-08, about 8 percent of seventh, ninth, and 11th grade boys said they had brought a gun to school at least once in the year prior to the survey, and 3 percent said they brought a gun to school four or more times.

Use these data in your work

Kidsdata.org is a public service that expanded in fall 2009 from the Bay Area to all cities, counties, and school districts in California. You can use these data, as well as related measures of [child and youth safety](#) and [emotional and behavioral health](#), in reports, presentations, proposals, advocacy work, program planning and other efforts. Data on more topics will be [phased in over the next several weeks](#).

Help spread the word

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