

# Behaviors on School Property

Among Florida Public Middle School Students



Results from the 2011 Florida Middle School Health Behavior Survey (MSHBS)

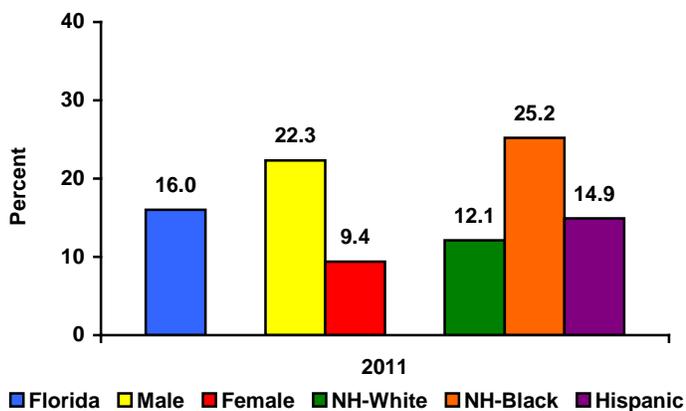
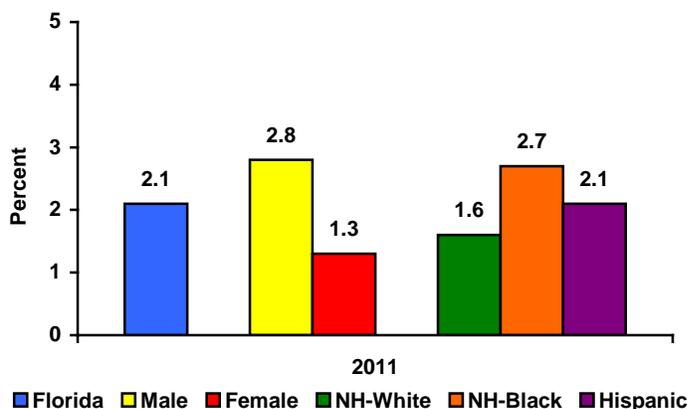
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## Introduction

The Middle School Health Behavior Survey (MSHBS) is a self-administered, school-based, anonymous survey that has been conducted in Florida public middle schools every two years since 2009. In 2011, 6,577 students in 94 public middle schools in Florida completed the MSHBS. The overall response rate was 83%. The data presented in this fact sheet are weighted to represent the entire population of public middle school students in Florida. Data are presented by gender and by three racial/ethnic groupings: non-Hispanic (NH) white, non-Hispanic (NH) black, and Hispanic.

### Carried a weapon on school property

In 2011, approximately 12,600 students (2.1%) carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club, on school property on one or more of the past 30 days. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females. There were no significant differences between the race/ethnicity groups.

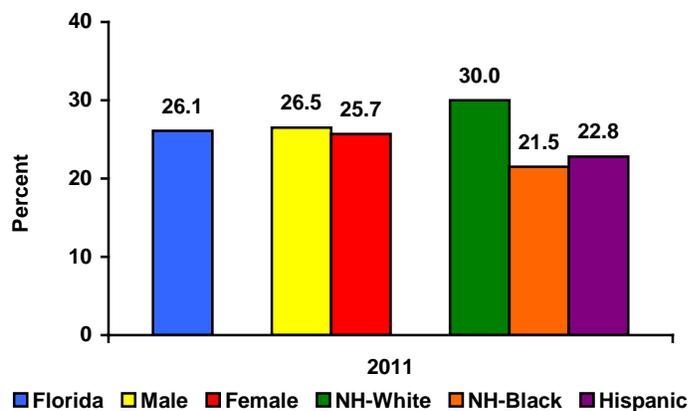


### Physical fight on school property

In 2011, approximately 95,000 students (16.0%) were involved in a physical fight one or more times during the past year on school property. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females. Non-Hispanic black students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than non-Hispanic white and Hispanic students.

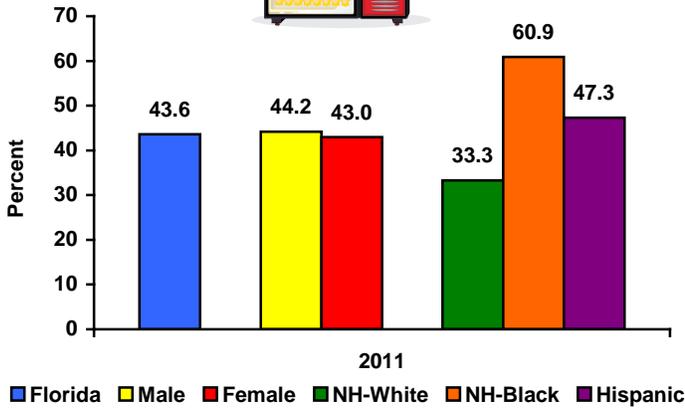
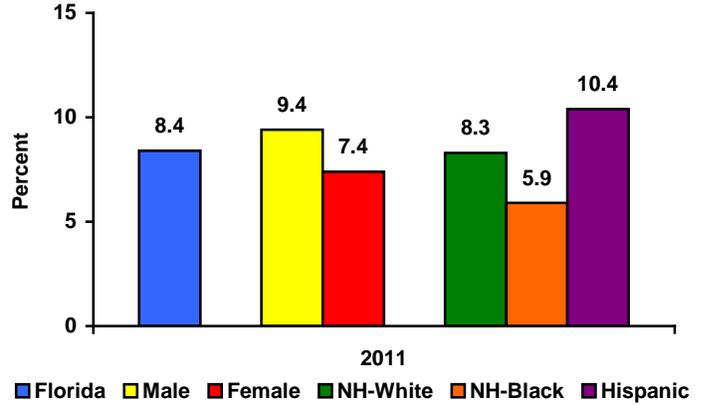
### Bullied on school property

In 2011, approximately 155,400 students (26.1%) were bullied on school property in the past year. Females had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than males. Non-Hispanic white students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than non-Hispanic black and Hispanic students.



**Offered, sold, or given drugs on school property**

In 2011, approximately 50,600 students (8.4%) were offered, sold, or given drugs on school property on one or more of the past 30 days. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender. Hispanic students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than non-Hispanic black students.

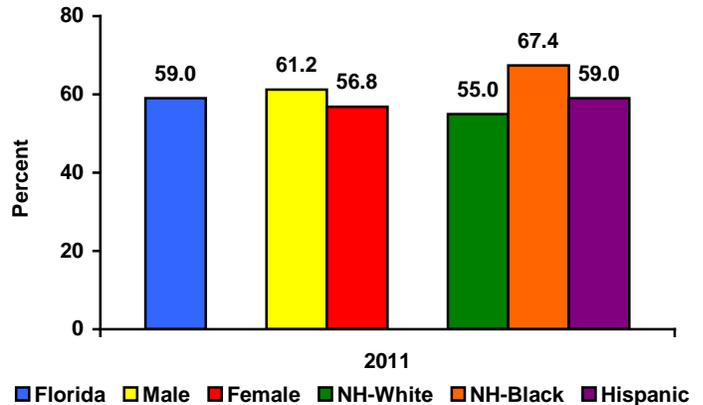


**Bought snacks on school property**

In 2011, approximately 236,700 students (43.6%) purchased snacks like candy, chips, cookies, ice cream, or cupcakes from a vending machine at school one or more times in an average school week. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender. Non-Hispanic black students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than Hispanic students, and Hispanic students had a significantly higher prevalence compared to non-Hispanic white students.

**Taught about HIV/AIDS at school**

In 2011, approximately 335,300 students (59.0%) had ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender. Non-Hispanic black students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than non-Hispanic white and Hispanic students.



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