

Violence-Related Behavior on School Property Among Florida Public High School Students

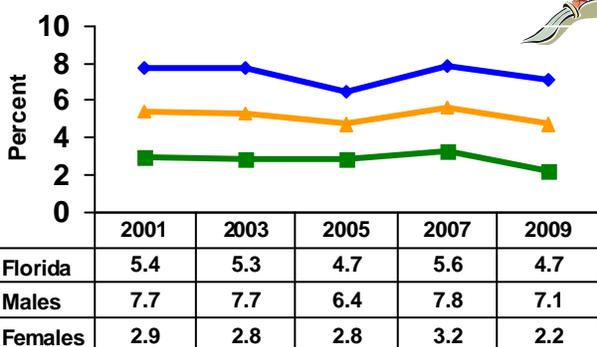


Results from the 2009 Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Fact Sheet 2

Introduction

The Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a self-administered, school-based anonymous survey that has been conducted in Florida public high schools every two years since 1991. It is part of a national survey effort led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute markedly to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth in the United States. In 2009, 5,684 students in 80 public high schools in Florida completed the YRBS. The overall response rate was 71%. Since 2001, the response rate has been high enough for the data to be weighted to represent all Florida public high school students.

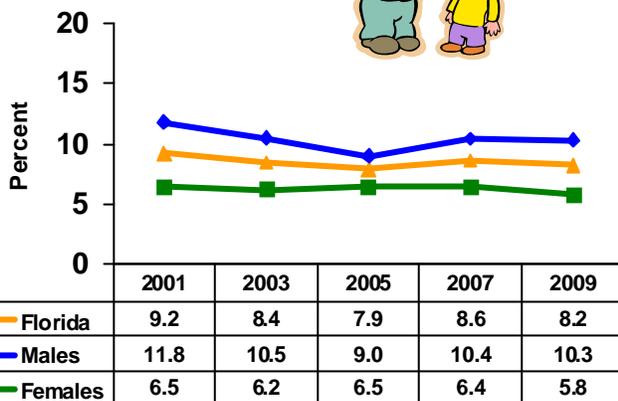
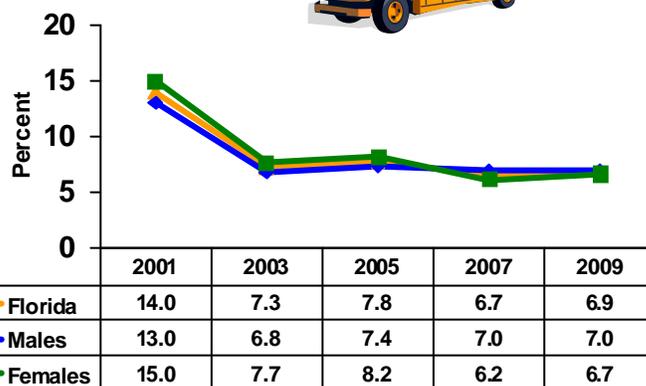


Carried a weapon on school property

In 2009, approximately 36,450 students (4.7%) carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club, on school property on one or more of the past 30 days. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2009. Females consistently had a lower prevalence of this behavior than males.

Did not go to school because of unsafe feelings

In 2009, approximately 54,200 students (6.9%) did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school on one or more of the past 30 days. This prevalence decreased significantly by 50.7% from 2001 to 2009. The prevalence of this behavior did not differ between males and females.

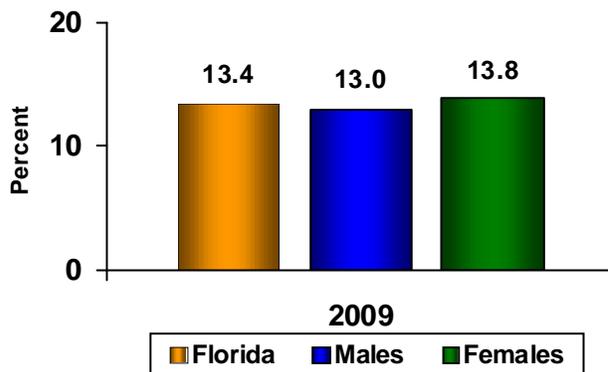


Had been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property

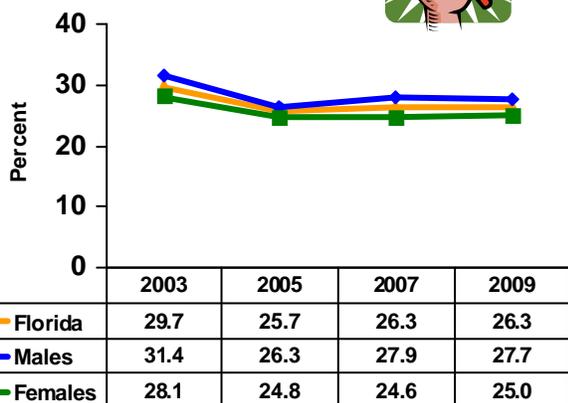
In 2009, approximately 63,900 students (8.2%) had been threatened or injured with a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club, on school property one or more times during the past 12 months. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2009. Females consistently had a lower prevalence of this behavior than males.

Bullied on school property*

In 2009, approximately 103,500 students (13.4%) had been bullied on school property one or more times during the past 12 months. The prevalence of having been bullied on school property did not differ significantly by gender.



*Question first asked in 2009



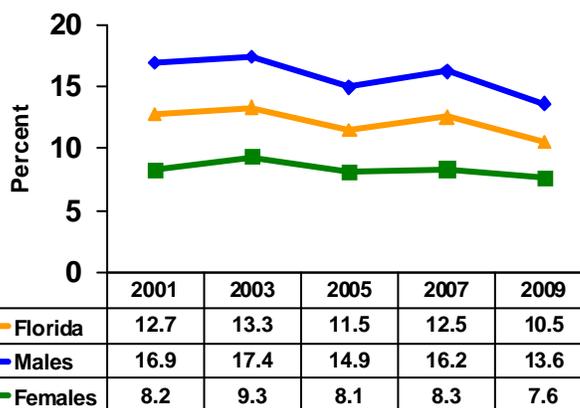
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Property had been stolen or deliberately damaged on school property*

In 2009, approximately 205,700 students (26.3%) had property, such as their car, clothing, or books, stolen or deliberately damaged on school property one or more times during the past 12 months. This prevalence decreased significantly by 11.4% from 2003 to 2009. Females consistently had a lower prevalence of this behavior than males.

Engaged in a physical fight on school property

In 2009, approximately 79,800 students (10.5%) had engaged in a physical fight on school property one or more times during the past 12 months. This prevalence decreased significantly by 17.3% from 2001 to 2009. Females consistently had a lower prevalence of this behavior than males.



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