

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

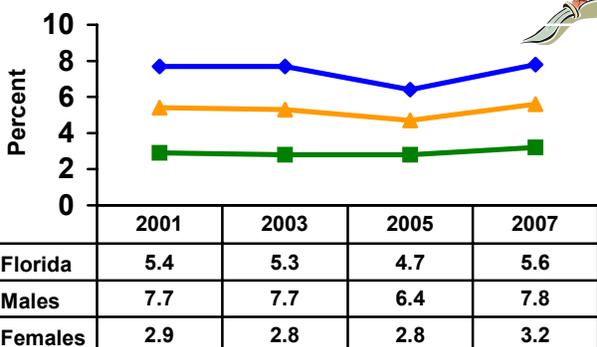


Results from the 2007 Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey

\*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 2007, 4,523 students in 69 public high schools in Florida completed the YRBS. The overall response rate was 61 percent. Since 2001, the response rate has been high enough for the data to be weighted to represent all Florida public high school students.

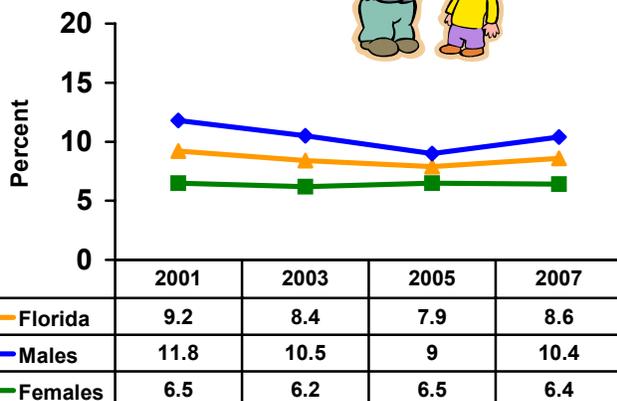
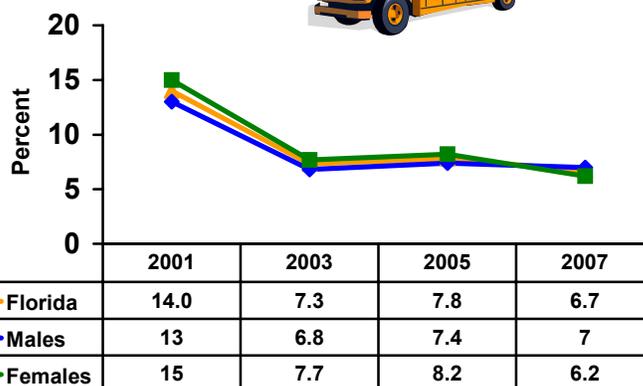


## Carried a weapon on school property

In 2007, approximately 44,300 students (5.6%) 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 2007. Females consistently had a lower prevalence of this behavior than males.

## Did not go to school because of unsafe feelings

In 2007, approximately 53,400 students (6.7%) 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 52.1% from 2001 to 2007. The prevalence of this behavior did not differ between males and females.

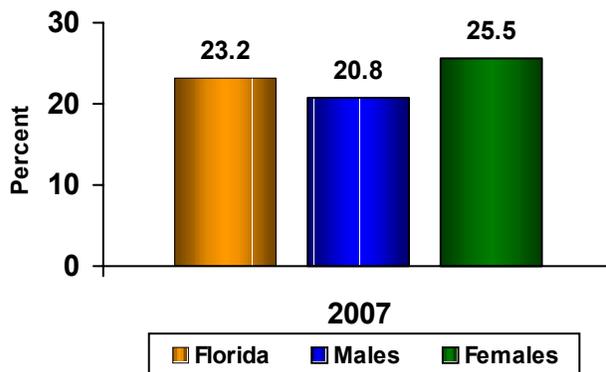


## Had been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property

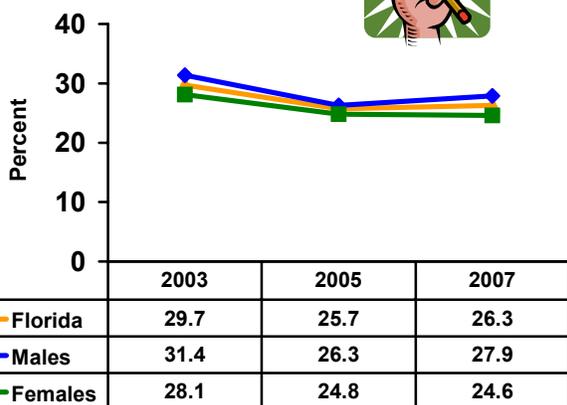
In 2007, approximately 68,700 students (8.6%) had been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property one or more times during the past 12 months. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2007. Females consistently had a lower prevalence of this behavior than males.

**Victim of teasing or name calling due to weight\***

In 2007, approximately 164,400 students (23.2%) had been the victim of teasing or name calling because of their weight one or more times during the past 12 months. Females (25.5%) were significantly more likely than males (20.8%) to be victims of teasing or name calling.



\*Question first asked in 2007



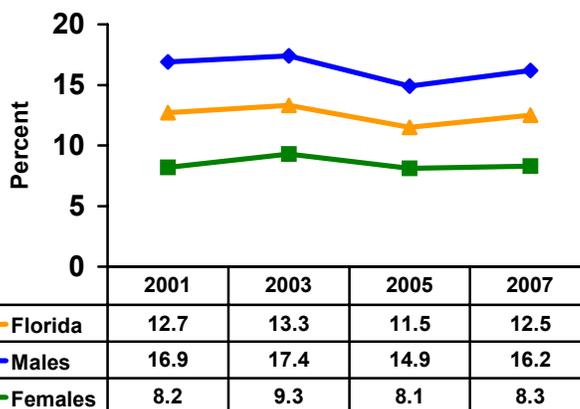
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**Property had been stolen or deliberately damaged on school property\***

In 2007, approximately 210,000 students (26.3%) had their property, such as car, clothing, or books, stolen or deliberately damaged on school property, one or more times during the past 12 months. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2003 to 2007. Females consistently had a lower prevalence of this behavior than males.

**Engaged in a physical fight on school property**

In 2007, approximately 98,500 (12.5%) had engaged in a physical fight on school property one or more times during the past 12 months. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2007. Females consistently had a lower prevalence of this behavior than males.



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