

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



Results from the 2011 Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey

\*Fact Sheet 2\*

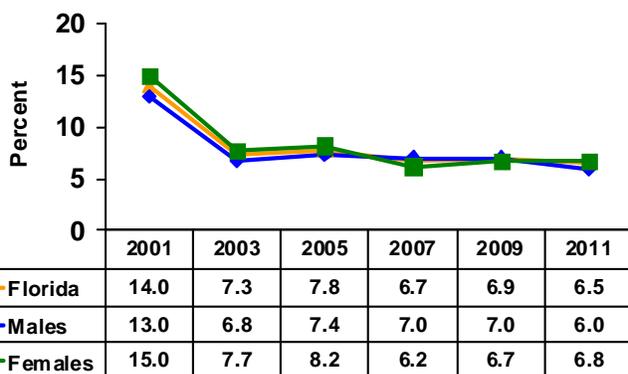
## Introduction

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 2011, 6,212 students in 78 public high schools in Florida completed the YRBS. The overall response rate was 75%. Since 2001, the response rate has been high enough for the data to be weighted to represent all Florida public high school students.

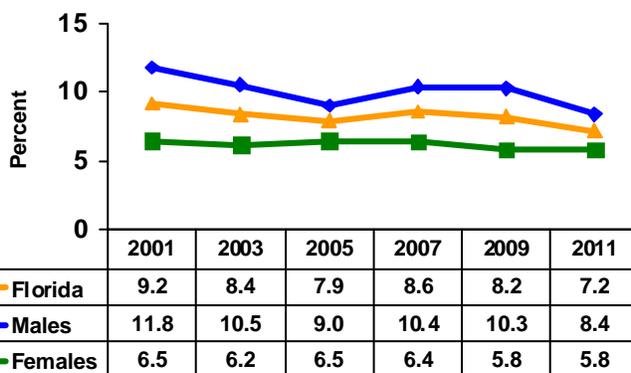
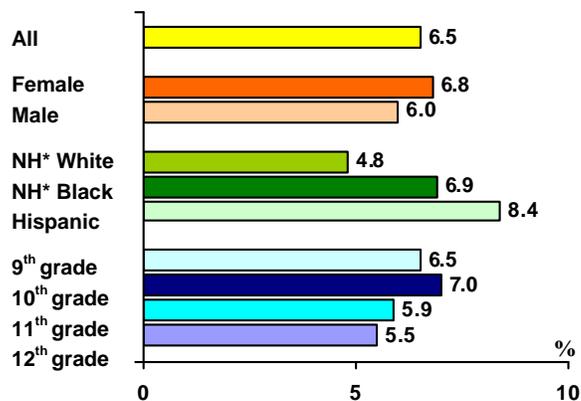


## Did not go to school because of unsafe feelings

In 2011, approximately 50,800 students (6.5%) 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 53.6% from 2001 to 2011. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender, 2001 to 2011. However, there is significant difference in this behavior between non-Hispanic white (4.8%) and Hispanic (8.4%) students in 2011.



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Florida, 2011



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

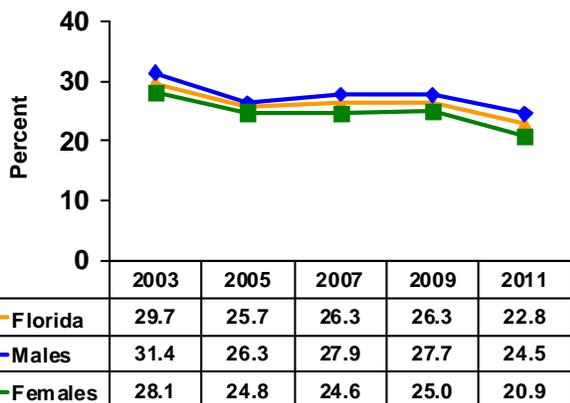
In 2011, approximately 56,600 students (7.2%) had been threatened or injured with a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club, on school property one or more times during the past 12 months. This prevalence decreased significantly by 21.7% from 2001 to 2011. Males consistently had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females.

**Bullied on school property\***

In 2011, approximately 110,200 students (14.0%) had been bullied on school property one or more times during the past 12 months. The prevalence of this behavior did not change significantly between 2009 and 2011. In 2011, but not 2009, females had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than males.



\*Question first asked in 2009



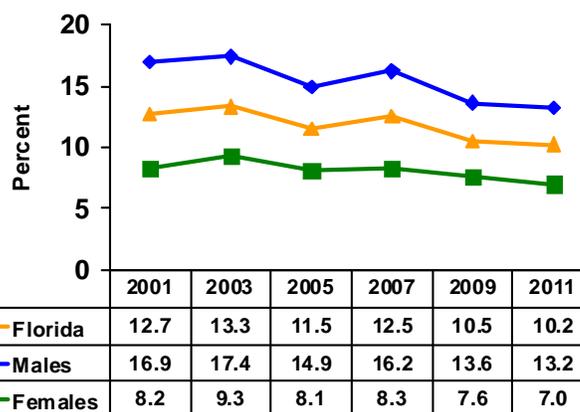
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**Property had been stolen or deliberately damaged on school property\***

In 2011, approximately 178,800 students (22.8%) 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 23.2% from 2003 to 2011. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender, 2003 to 2011.

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

In 2011, approximately 78,800 students (10.2%) had engaged in a physical fight on school property one or more times during the past 12 months. This prevalence decreased significantly by 19.7% from 2001 to 2011. Males consistently had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females.



For more information about the YRBS, please contact the Chronic Disease Epidemiology Surveillance and Evaluation Section at (850) 245-4401, by e-mail at [ChronicDisease@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:ChronicDisease@doh.state.fl.us), or visit our website at: <http://www.FloridaChronicDisease.org/YRBS/Intro.htm>. For an interactive database of YRBS data, visit the CDC's YRBS web site at: [www.cdc.gov/yrbs](http://www.cdc.gov/yrbs). This document was developed by the Bureau of Epidemiology for the Florida Department of Education's Office of Healthy Schools in Cooperation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health Project Number U87/CCU001239-02.

