

# Josephson Institute's Report Card on the Ethics of American Youth Bullying and Other At-Risk Behavior

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## 2010

It is sometimes okay to hit or threaten a person who makes me angry.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	38%	21%	29%
Religious Private schools	31%	11%	20%
Non religious private schools	29%	11%	20%
All Schools combined	37%	19%	28%

Physical violence is a big problem at my school.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	34%	43%	39%
Religious Private schools	9%	7%	8%
Non religious private schools	6%	6%	6%
All Schools combined	30%	37%	33%

## 2008

It is sometimes okay to hit or threaten a person who makes me angry.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	39%	22%	30%
Religious Private schools	36%	11%	20%
Non religious private schools	39%	18%	30%
All Schools combined	39%	20%	29%

Physical violence is a big problem at my school.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	39%	45%	42%
Religious Private schools	16%	9%	12%
Non religious private schools	11%	8%	10%
All Schools combined	35%	37%	36%

## 2010

I am prejudiced against certain groups.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	29%	18%	23%
Religious Private schools	24%	15%	19%
Non religious private schools	29%	18%	24%
All Schools combined	28%	18%	23%

I feel very safe when I am at school. (Percentage that disagree)

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	28%	27%	28%
Religious Private schools	8%	7%	7%
Non religious private schools	7%	5%	6%
All Schools combined	24%	24%	24%

## 2008

I am prejudiced against certain groups.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	29%	17%	23%
Religious Private schools	26%	20%	22%
Non religious private schools	21%	15%	20%
All Schools combined	28%	17%	22%

I feel very safe when I am at school. (Percentage that disagree)

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	30%	32%	31%
Religious Private schools	12%	6%	8%
Non religious private schools	13%	11%	12%
All Schools combined	28%	27%	27%

## 2010

Bullied, teased or taunted someone (at least once in past 12 months)

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	55%	43%	49%
Religious Private schools	60%	44%	52%
Non religious private schools	55%	41%	48%
All Schools combined	56%	43%	50%

Mistreated someone because he or she belonged to a different group.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	26%	16%	21%
Religious Private schools	27%	20%	23%
Non religious private schools	16%	13%	15%
All Schools combined	26%	17%	21%

## 2008

Bullied, teased or taunted someone (at least once in past 12 months)

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	59%	46%	52%
Religious Private schools	70%	48%	57%
Non religious private schools	64%	51%	58%
All Schools combined	60%	46%	53%

Mistreated someone because he or she belonged to a different group.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	28%	17%	22%
Religious Private schools	30%	21%	24%
Non religious private schools	21%	15%	18%
All Schools combined	28%	18%	23%

## 2010

Been bullied teased or taunted in a way that seriously upset me.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	44%	50%	47%
Religious Private schools	47%	50%	48%
Non religious private schools	42%	48%	45%
All Schools combined	45%	50%	47%

Hit a person because I was angry.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	57%	48%	53%
Religious Private schools	57%	38%	47%
Non religious private schools	44%	35%	40%
All Schools combined	56%	47%	52%

## 2008

Been bullied teased or taunted in a way that seriously upset me.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	46%	49%	48%
Religious Private schools	52%	51%	51%
Non religious private schools	53%	58%	55%
All Schools combined	47%	50%	48%

Hit a person because I was angry.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	60%	51%	55%
Religious Private schools	64%	39%	48%
Non religious private schools	63%	46%	55%
All Schools combined	61%	49%	54%

## 2010

Used racial slurs or insults.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	51%	33%	42%
Religious Private schools	54%	32%	42%
Non religious private schools	44%	23%	34%
All Schools combined	51%	33%	42%

Been under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol at school.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	19%	15%	17%
Religious Private schools	10%	7%	8%
Non religious private schools	7%	5%	6%
All Schools combined	18%	14%	16%

## 2008

Used racial slurs or insults.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	50%	33%	41%
Religious Private schools	55%	35%	42%
Non religious private schools	48%	32%	41%
All Schools combined	51%	33%	41%

Been under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol at school.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	21%	16%	18%
Religious Private schools	15%	7%	10%
Non religious private schools	13%	10%	12%
All Schools combined	20%	14%	17%

## 2010

If I wanted to I could get drugs.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	65%	63%	64%
Religious Private schools	59%	58%	59%
Non religious private schools	45%	40%	43%
All Schools combined	64%	62%	63%

Took a weapon to school.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	15%	5%	10%
Religious Private schools	8%	3%	5%
Non religious private schools	9%	1%	5%
All Schools combined	14%	5%	10%

## 2008

If I wanted to I could get drugs.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	66%	63%	65%
Religious Private schools	61%	59%	59%
Non religious private schools	60%	54%	57%
All Schools combined	65%	62%	64%

Took a weapon to school.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	16%	7%	11%
Religious Private schools	12%	2%	6%
Non religious private schools	10%	4%	8%
All Schools combined	15%	6%	11%

## 2010

If I wanted to I could get alcoholic drinks (liquor, beer, wine).

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	68%	69%	68%
Religious Private schools	69%	71%	70%
Non religious private schools	63%	58%	61%
All Schools combined	68%	69%	68%

Answered all questions on this survey with complete honesty.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	74%	77%	75%
Religious Private schools	65%	71%	68%
Non religious private schools	70%	68%	69%
All Schools combined	72%	76%	74%

## 2008

If I wanted to I could get alcoholic drinks (liquor, beer, wine).

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	70%	69%	70%
Religious Private schools	72%	79%	76%
Non religious private schools	67%	64%	66%
All Schools combined	71%	70%	70%

Answered all questions on this survey with complete honesty.

Type of School	Boys	Girls	Overall
Public Schools	74%	77%	75%
Religious Private schools	69%	71%	70%
Non religious private schools	70%	72%	71%
All Schools combined	73%	76%	74%