

Table 76.—Number and percent of public schools reporting one or more incidents of the following crimes and total number of incidents of crimes in schools in which police or other law enforcement officials were contacted, by school characteristics: 1996–97

| School characteristics | Rape or other types of sexual battery | | | Physical attack or fight with a weapon | | | Physical attack or fight without a weapon | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| | Number of schools with one or more incidents | Percent of schools with one or more incidents | Total number of incidents ¹ | Number of schools with one or more incidents | Percent of schools with one or more incidents | Total number of incidents ¹ | Number of schools with one or more incidents | Percent of schools with one or more incidents | Total number of incidents ¹ |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| All public schools | 2,326 | 3 | 4,170 | 4,694 | 6 | 10,950 | 21,576 | 28 | 187,890 |
| Instructional level | | | | | | | | | |
| Elementary school | 404 | 1 | 690 | 1,108 | 2 | 1,590 | 5,801 | 12 | 21,470 |
| Middle school | 731 | 5 | 1,400 | 1,626 | 12 | 4,080 | 7,177 | 51 | 73,330 |
| High school | 1,191 | 8 | 2,070 | 1,960 | 13 | 5,280 | 8,598 | 55 | 93,090 |
| Size of enrollment | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 300 | 255 | 1 | 320 | 383 | 2 | 1,400 | 3,372 | 17 | 15,590 |
| 300–999 | 1,232 | 2 | 2,010 | 2,804 | 6 | 5,700 | 13,260 | 26 | 87,940 |
| 1,000 or more | 840 | 11 | 1,830 | 1,507 | 20 | 3,850 | 4,944 | 67 | 84,350 |
| Locale | | | | | | | | | |
| City | 912 | 5 | 1,930 | 1,845 | 10 | 5,430 | 5,463 | 30 | 62,130 |
| Urban fringe | 708 | 4 | 1,130 | 1,230 | 6 | 2,060 | 5,369 | 28 | 54,780 |
| Town | 256 | 1 | 290 | 580 | 3 | 1,670 | 6,242 | 32 | 46,290 |
| Rural | 451 | 2 | 820 | 1,039 | 5 | 1,800 | 4,501 | 21 | 24,680 |
| Region | | | | | | | | | |
| Northeast | 333 | 2 | 510 | 627 | 4 | 1,130 | 3,424 | 23 | 29,060 |
| Southeast | 595 | 4 | 1,210 | 850 | 5 | 1,570 | 4,871 | 29 | 50,690 |
| Central | 661 | 3 | 1,180 | 1,313 | 6 | 4,310 | 5,949 | 26 | 45,590 |
| West | 738 | 3 | 1,270 | 1,904 | 8 | 3,940 | 7,332 | 32 | 62,540 |
| Percent minority enrollment | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 5 percent | 430 | 2 | 680 | 773 | 3 | 860 | 5,401 | 22 | 24,340 |
| 5 to 19 percent | 557 | 3 | 760 | 974 | 6 | 2,440 | 4,810 | 27 | 35,600 |
| 20 to 49 percent | 636 | 4 | 1,480 | 1,320 | 7 | 2,220 | 5,595 | 32 | 53,960 |
| 50 percent or more | 704 | 4 | 1,250 | 1,628 | 9 | 5,440 | 5,545 | 32 | 72,600 |
| Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 20 percent | 531 | 3 | 820 | 946 | 5 | 1,380 | 5,343 | 29 | 39,990 |
| 20 to 34 percent | 589 | 3 | 1,140 | 1,120 | 6 | 2,370 | 4,738 | 27 | 34,880 |
| 35 to 49 percent | 566 | 4 | 970 | 785 | 6 | 1,460 | 3,658 | 28 | 33,270 |
| 50 to 74 percent | 250 | 2 | 630 | 959 | 6 | 2,890 | 4,494 | 28 | 45,900 |
| 75 percent or more | 373 | 3 | 590 | 844 | 7 | 2,740 | 3,102 | 25 | 28,800 |
| Zero tolerance policy for violence | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 2,017 | 3 | 3,670 | 3,860 | 6 | 9,180 | 17,436 | 29 | 157,710 |
| No | 309 | 2 | 500 | 834 | 5 | 1,770 | 4,140 | 25 | 30,170 |

¹ Data rounded to nearest 10.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Violence and Discipline, Problems in U.S. Public Schools: 1996–97*. (This table was prepared August 1999.)