



# YRBSS

National Youth Risk Behavior Survey: 1991-2005

## Trends in the Prevalence of Behaviors That Contribute to Violence on School Property

### What Is the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)?

The national YRBS monitors priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. The national YRBS is conducted every two years during the spring semester and provides data representative of 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in public and private schools throughout the United States.

1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	Changes from 1991 – 2005 <sup>1</sup>	Change from 2003 – 2005 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Carried a weapon on school property</b> (For example, a gun, knife, or club on $\geq 1$ of the 30 days preceding the survey.)									
NA <sup>3</sup>	11.8 ( $\pm 1.4$ ) <sup>4</sup>	9.8 ( $\pm 0.9$ )	8.5 ( $\pm 1.5$ )	6.9 ( $\pm 1.2$ )	6.4 ( $\pm 1.0$ )	6.1 ( $\pm 1.1$ )	6.5 ( $\pm 0.9$ )	Decreased, 1993 – 2003 No change, 2003 – 2005	No change
<b>Did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school</b> (On $\geq 1$ of the 30 days preceding the survey.)									
NA	4.4 ( $\pm 0.7$ )	4.5 ( $\pm 0.7$ )	4.0 ( $\pm 0.6$ )	5.2 ( $\pm 1.3$ )	6.6 ( $\pm 1.0$ )	5.4 ( $\pm 0.8$ )	6.0 ( $\pm 1.2$ )	Increased, 1993 – 2005	No change
<b>Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property</b> (For example, a gun, knife, or club one or more times during the 12 months preceding the survey.)									
NA	7.3 ( $\pm 0.9$ )	8.4 ( $\pm 1.1$ )	7.4 ( $\pm 0.9$ )	7.7 ( $\pm 0.8$ )	8.9 ( $\pm 1.1$ )	9.2 ( $\pm 1.5$ )	7.9 ( $\pm 0.7$ )	No change, 1993 – 2005	No change
<b>In a physical fight on school property</b> (One or more times during the 12 months preceding the survey.)									
NA	16.2 ( $\pm 1.2$ )	15.5 ( $\pm 1.6$ )	14.8 ( $\pm 1.3$ )	14.2 ( $\pm 1.2$ )	12.5 ( $\pm 1.0$ )	12.8 ( $\pm 1.5$ )	13.6 ( $\pm 1.1$ )	Decreased, 1993 – 2001 No change, 2001 – 2005	No change

<sup>1</sup> Based on linear and quadratic trend analyses using a logistic regression model controlling for sex, race/ethnicity, and grade.

<sup>2</sup> Based on t-test analyses.

<sup>3</sup> Not available.

<sup>4</sup> 95% confidence interval.

Where can I get more information? Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/yrbss> or call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636).



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