

Table 145. Percent of public schools reporting crime incidents, number of crime incidents, and the seriousness of crime incidents reported, by school characteristics: 1996–97

School characteristic	No incidents reported	Any incidents reported			Serious violent crimes						
		Total, all crimes			Total			Rape or other sexual battery		Physical attacks or fights with weapons	
		Percent of schools	Number of incidents, in thousands	Number of incidents, per 100,000 students	Percent of schools	Number of incidents, in thousands	Number of incidents per 100,000 students	Percent of schools	Number of incidents, in thousands	Percent of schools	Number of incidents, in thousands
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	11	12
All public schools	43 (2.1)	57 (2.1)	424.8 (27.6)	1,003 (66)	10 (0.8)	22.6 (3.3)	53 (8)	3 (0.5)	4.2 (0.7)	6 (0.5)	11.0 (1.9)
Instructional level											
Elementary school	55 (3.2)	45 (3.2)	78.9 (10.9)	352 (49)	4 (1.1)	2.9 (0.8)	13 (4)	1 (0.5)	0.7 (0.4)	2 (0.8)	1.6 (0.6)
Middle school	26 (2.3)	74 (2.3)	136.4 (16.6)	1,623 (184)	19 (1.9)	7.8 (2.4)	93 (29)	5 (1.2)	1.4 (0.4)	12 (1.2)	4.1 (1.4)
High school	23 (2.4)	77 (2.4)	209.5 (14.9)	1,807 (130)	21 (2.1)	11.9 (1.8)	103 (16)	8 (1.3)	2.1 (0.3)	13 (1.5)	5.3 (1.1)
Size of enrollment											
Less than 300	62 (4.9)	38 (4.9)	40.3 (7.9)	1,073 (189)	4 (1.4)	2.3 (1.3)	61 (35)	1 (0.6)	0.3 (0.2)	2 (0.9)	1.4 (1.0)
300 to 999	40 (2.2)	60 (2.2)	204.1 (16.7)	730 (62)	9 (1.2)	10.8 (2.8)	38 (10)	2 (0.6)	2.0 (0.6)	6 (0.8)	5.7 (1.6)
1,000 or more	11 (2.3)	89 (2.3)	180.4 (17.8)	1,692 (163)	33 (2.4)	9.6 (1.2)	90 (11)	11 (1.7)	1.8 (0.3)	20 (2.0)	3.9 (0.5)
Locale											
City	41 (3.7)	59 (3.7)	146.7 (17.2)	1,164 (141)	17 (2.1)	11.9 (2.6)	95 (21)	5 (1.0)	1.9 (0.4)	10 (1.7)	5.4 (1.5)
Urban fringe	42 (3.2)	58 (3.2)	110.6 (16.0)	882 (126)	11 (1.8)	4.7 (1.0)	38 (8)	4 (1.0)	1.1 (0.3)	6 (1.2)	2.1 (0.4)
Town	37 (3.8)	63 (3.8)	104.0 (9.2)	1,023 (96)	5 (1.4)	2.8 (1.3)	28 (13)	1 (0.5)	0.3 (0.1)	3 (0.9)	1.7 (1.0)
Rural	53 (4.2)	47 (4.2)	63.3 (8.9)	899 (125)	8 (1.5)	3.1 (0.7)	45 (10)	2 (0.9)	0.8 (0.4)	5 (1.2)	1.8 (0.6)
Region											
Northeast	48 (4.4)	52 (4.4)	67.4 (12.5)	806 (140)	7 (1.1)	3.2 (0.6)	39 (8)	2 (0.6)	0.5 (0.1)	4 (1.0)	1.1 (0.3)
Southeast	41 (3.8)	59 (3.8)	95.4 (12.0)	922 (122)	9 (1.6)	4.1 (1.1)	40 (10)	4 (0.9)	1.2 (0.3)	5 (1.3)	1.6 (0.4)
Central	49 (4.5)	51 (4.5)	95.2 (15.2)	954 (146)	11 (2.2)	7.8 (2.5)	78 (25)	3 (1.0)	1.2 (0.5)	6 (1.4)	4.3 (1.6)
West	36 (3.5)	64 (3.5)	166.8 (12.2)	1,218 (95)	12 (1.4)	7.5 (1.4)	55 (11)	3 (0.8)	1.3 (0.3)	8 (1.2)	3.9 (1.0)
Percent minority enrollment											
Less than 5 percent	53 (3.7)	47 (3.7)	66.2 (8.6)	693 (87)	6 (1.3)	1.8 (0.4)	19 (5)	2 (0.8)	0.7 (0.3)	3 (0.9)	0.9 (0.2)
5 to 19 percent	42 (3.8)	58 (3.8)	89.1 (10.2)	871 (90)	11 (2.1)	4.1 (1.4)	40 (13)	3 (1.2)	0.8 (0.3)	6 (1.2)	2.4 (1.0)
20 to 49 percent	42 (3.6)	58 (3.6)	103.5 (14.1)	1,018 (129)	11 (1.6)	5.2 (0.9)	51 (9)	4 (0.7)	1.5 (0.3)	7 (1.6)	2.2 (0.5)
50 percent or more	32 (3.2)	68 (3.2)	159.4 (21.9)	1,325 (181)	15 (1.8)	11.5 (2.8)	96 (25)	4 (1.0)	1.3 (0.3)	9 (1.3)	5.4 (1.5)
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch											
Less than 20 percent	46 (3.3)	54 (3.3)	91.7 (9.9)	813 (80)	9 (1.5)	2.9 (0.6)	26 (5)	3 (0.8)	0.8 (0.2)	5 (1.2)	1.4 (0.3)
20 to 34 percent	47 (4.3)	53 (4.3)	84.1 (11.6)	916 (134)	12 (2.0)	5.3 (1.1)	58 (11)	3 (1.0)	1.1 (0.4)	6 (1.3)	2.4 (0.5)
35 to 49 percent	41 (5.0)	59 (5.0)	72.9 (11.4)	1,073 (175)	12 (2.3)	3.3 (0.8)	49 (11)	4 (1.7)	1.0 (0.4)	6 (1.7)	1.5 (0.5)
50 to 74 percent	41 (4.1)	59 (4.1)	93.9 (16.1)	1,167 (194)	9 (1.4)	5.5 (2.5)	68 (31)	2 (0.4)	0.6 (0.2)	6 (1.3)	2.9 (1.5)
75 percent or more	41 (4.7)	59 (4.7)	75.8 (10.6)	1,125 (151)	10 (1.7)	5.4 (1.3)	81 (22)	3 (0.9)	0.6 (0.2)	7 (1.4)	2.7 (1.0)

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Table 145. Percent of public schools reporting crime incidents, number of crime incidents, and the seriousness of crime incidents reported, by school characteristics: 1996–97—Continued

School characteristic	Serious violent crimes		Less serious or nonviolent crimes								
	Robbery		Total, less serious or nonviolent crime only			Physical attacks or fights without weapons		Theft or larceny		Vandalism	
	Percent of schools	Number of incidents, in thousands	Percent of schools	Number of incidents, in thousands	Number of incidents per 100,000 students	Percent of schools	Number of incidents, in thousands	Percent of schools	Number of incidents, in thousands	Percent of schools	Number of incidents, in thousands
1	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
All public schools	3 (0.4)	7.2 (1.5)	47 (2.1)	401.9 (26.0)	949 (63)	28 (1.1)	187.9 (17.0)	31 (1.5)	115.5 (8.4)	38 (1.6)	98.5 (5.6)
Instructional level											
Elementary school	1 (0.4)	0.4 (0.2)	41 (3.2)	75.8 (11.0)	339 (49)	12 (1.7)	21.5 (7.0)	19 (2.0)	19.5 (3.4)	30 (2.3)	34.9 (4.2)
Middle school	5 (0.9)	2.3 (1.0)	55 (2.8)	128.6 (13.8)	1,530 (162)	51 (2.3)	73.3 (10.4)	44 (2.5)	31.5 (3.4)	47 (2.6)	23.8 (2.3)
High school	8 (1.0)	4.4 (0.9)	56 (3.0)	197.5 (14.3)	1,704 (124)	55 (2.9)	93.1 (9.4)	55 (3.1)	64.6 (5.7)	52 (2.7)	39.9 (2.9)
Size of enrollment											
Less than 300	— (—)	0.2 (0.2)	34 (4.4)	37.7 (7.1)	1,013 (173)	17 (2.9)	15.6 (3.7)	18 (3.1)	9.9 (2.3)	23 (3.9)	12.3 (2.4)
300 to 999	2 (0.5)	3.0 (1.2)	50 (2.5)	193.4 (15.0)	692 (55)	26 (1.4)	87.9 (10.7)	30 (1.8)	51.4 (4.4)	40 (1.7)	54.0 (4.1)
1,000 or more	16 (1.8)	3.9 (0.8)	56 (3.2)	170.8 (17.3)	1,602 (158)	67 (3.0)	84.4 (11.5)	68 (3.2)	54.2 (5.3)	62 (3.3)	32.2 (3.6)
Locale											
City	8 (1.3)	4.5 (1.2)	42 (4.1)	134.8 (14.9)	1,070 (123)	30 (2.4)	62.1 (9.2)	34 (2.7)	39.9 (4.2)	41 (3.2)	32.8 (3.4)
Urban fringe	3 (0.7)	1.5 (0.6)	47 (3.2)	105.9 (15.7)	845 (122)	28 (2.6)	54.8 (11.5)	29 (2.4)	28.3 (4.1)	37 (2.9)	22.8 (3.5)
Town	1 (0.4)	0.6 (0.4)	58 (3.7)	101.0 (8.9)	995 (93)	32 (2.3)	46.3 (5.8)	36 (3.5)	29.0 (3.5)	44 (3.5)	25.7 (2.8)
Rural	1 (0.6)	0.5 (0.3)	39 (4.1)	60.2 (8.5)	854 (120)	21 (2.6)	24.7 (4.3)	24 (3.3)	18.3 (3.6)	30 (3.7)	17.2 (2.7)
Region											
Northeast	3 (0.6)	1.6 (0.4)	45 (4.7)	64.2 (12.3)	768 (138)	23 (2.3)	29.1 (6.8)	26 (3.3)	18.1 (4.8)	37 (3.6)	17.1 (2.4)
Southeast	2 (0.6)	1.3 (0.7)	50 (3.9)	91.3 (11.4)	883 (116)	29 (2.7)	50.7 (8.8)	32 (3.6)	23.3 (3.1)	36 (3.1)	17.3 (1.8)
Central	3 (0.8)	2.1 (1.0)	40 (4.1)	87.2 (13.4)	876 (127)	26 (2.6)	45.6 (10.0)	26 (2.7)	23.0 (2.8)	30 (3.6)	18.6 (2.7)
West	4 (0.8)	2.2 (0.5)	52 (3.7)	159.2 (12.1)	1,164 (94)	32 (3.0)	62.5 (7.3)	38 (3.0)	51.2 (5.0)	47 (3.5)	45.5 (4.4)
Percent minority enrollment											
Less than 5 percent	1 (0.5)	0.3 (0.1)	41 (3.5)	64.5 (8.5)	674 (86)	22 (2.4)	24.3 (3.3)	24 (2.8)	21.4 (3.6)	29 (3.3)	18.7 (2.8)
5 to 19 percent	2 (0.8)	0.6 (0.2)	47 (3.6)	84.7 (9.7)	830 (87)	27 (3.0)	35.6 (5.1)	28 (3.1)	29.4 (4.5)	40 (3.0)	19.7 (2.9)
20 to 49 percent	3 (0.8)	1.5 (0.5)	47 (3.6)	98.3 (13.6)	968 (125)	32 (2.9)	54.0 (9.3)	31 (3.3)	25.9 (4.0)	38 (3.5)	18.5 (2.2)
50 percent or more	7 (1.1)	4.8 (1.4)	53 (3.9)	147.9 (20.0)	1,229 (163)	32 (3.1)	72.6 (13.7)	41 (3.5)	34.8 (4.6)	47 (3.3)	40.4 (5.2)
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch											
Less than 20 percent	1 (0.5)	0.7 (0.3)	46 (3.2)	88.8 (9.8)	787 (80)	29 (2.5)	40.0 (5.5)	30 (2.7)	29.5 (3.9)	37 (3.6)	19.3 (2.3)
20 to 34 percent	3 (0.7)	1.6 (0.6)	42 (4.3)	78.6 (11.0)	858 (127)	27 (2.9)	34.9 (7.7)	25 (2.9)	26.1 (4.4)	34 (4.0)	17.7 (2.3)
35 to 49 percent	3 (1.1)	0.9 (0.4)	48 (5.0)	69.6 (11.2)	1,024 (172)	28 (3.4)	33.3 (7.0)	35 (4.8)	21.6 (3.8)	38 (4.4)	14.7 (2.0)
50 to 74 percent	4 (1.0)	2.0 (1.0)	49 (4.5)	88.5 (14.3)	1,099 (170)	28 (3.4)	45.9 (9.9)	31 (3.6)	22.4 (3.4)	39 (3.6)	20.2 (2.6)
75 percent or more	6 (1.2)	2.0 (0.5)	49 (4.7)	70.4 (10.1)	1,044 (141)	25 (3.0)	28.8 (5.9)	35 (3.9)	15.8 (2.7)	42 (3.9)	25.8 (4.3)

NOTE: Serious violent crime means that at least one of the following crimes occurred at the school and police were contacted: murder, rape or other type of sexual battery, suicide, physical attack or fight with weapon, or robbery. Less serious or nonviolent crime means that no serious violent crimes occurred and the police were called: physical attack or fight without weapon, theft/larceny, or vandalism. No incidents means that the school reporting did not contact the police for any of the specified crimes. Specified

crimes may have occurred but police were not contacted, or other, nonspecified crimes may have occurred at the school. Standard errors appear in parentheses. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

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 2000.)