

**Table 235. Public Schools Reporting Incidents of Crime, by Incident Type and Selected School Characteristic: 2003–04**

[For school year. Includes incidents that happen in school buildings, on schools grounds, on school buses, and at places that hold school-sponsored events or activities. Based on sample; see source for details]

School characteristic	Total number of schools	Percent of schools with—				Rate per 1,000 students			
		Violent incidents <sup>1</sup>	Serious violent incidents <sup>2</sup>	Theft <sup>3</sup>	Other incidents <sup>4</sup>	Violent incidents <sup>1</sup>	Serious violent incidents <sup>2</sup>	Theft <sup>3</sup>	Other incidents <sup>4</sup>
<b>All public schools . . . . .</b>	<b>80,454</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8.1</b>
Level: <sup>5</sup>									
Primary . . . . .	48,765	74	13	30	51	28.2	0.8	1.6	3.5
Middle . . . . .	14,493	94	24	63	83	52.7	1.6	5.5	10.7
High school . . . . .	10,829	96	29	84	93	27.5	1.4	8.1	14.5
Combined . . . . .	6,367	85	24	67	73	29.7	1.4	6.2	10.9
Enrollment size:									
Less than 300 . . . . .	18,990	69	15	40	51	36.4	2.1	4.7	7.1
300 to 499 . . . . .	23,522	80	15	34	60	33.9	0.9	2.5	5.2
500 to 999 . . . . .	29,007	86	18	49	67	33.5	1.0	3.5	6.7
1,000 or more . . . . .	8,935	98	36	81	93	31.6	1.5	6.6	12.7
Percent minority enrollment: <sup>6</sup>									
Less than 5 percent . . . . .	17,078	74	16	43	58	27.1	0.9	4.4	7.2
5 to 20 percent . . . . .	19,732	77	14	46	63	24.7	0.8	4.5	7.4
20 to 50 percent . . . . .	17,685	85	19	45	65	32.0	1.0	4.4	7.7
50 percent or more . . . . .	24,267	88	24	49	68	43.4	1.8	4.1	9.5

<sup>1</sup> Violent incidents include rape, sexual battery other than rape, physical attack or fight with or without a weapon, threat of physical attack with or without a weapon, and robbery with or without a weapon. <sup>2</sup> Serious violent incidents include rape, sexual battery other than rape, physical attack or fight with a weapon, threat of physical attack with a weapon, and robbery with or without a weapon. <sup>3</sup> Theft or larceny (taking things worth over \$10 without personal confrontation). Includes pocket picking, stealing purse or backpack (if left unattended or no force was used to take from owner), theft from motor vehicles, etc. <sup>4</sup> Other incidents include possession of a firearm or explosive device, possession of knife or sharp object, distribution of illegal drugs, possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs, and vandalism. <sup>5</sup> Primary schools are defined as schools in which the lowest grade is not higher than grade 3 and the highest grade is not higher than grade 8. Middle schools are defined as schools in which the lowest grade is not lower than grade 4 and the highest grade is not higher than grade 9. High schools are defined as schools in which the lowest grade is not lower than grade 9 and the highest grade is not higher than grade 12. Combined schools include all other combination of grades, including K–12 schools. <sup>6</sup> These estimates exclude data from Tennessee because schools in this state did not report estimates of student race.