

Status of Young Women & Girls in Illinois: Violence & Safety

Prepared by
Center for Urban Research and Learning
Loyola University Chicago^{*}



^{*} This research was completed by the Loyola University Chicago Center for Urban Research and Learning, an innovative collaborative university-community research center. CURL seeks to promote equality and to improve people's lives in communities throughout the Chicago metropolitan region. Data compiled by Martina Mihaljcic, CURL Urban Studies Seminar, and Shelena Johnson, Undergraduate Fellow. Questions and comments may be directed to: Jonna Gattuso, University:Community Collaborative Research Apprentice, 312.915.7531, jgattuso@luc.edu; David Van Zytveld, Associate Director, 312.915.8629, dvanzyt@luc.edu, Dr. Christine George, Assistant Research Professor, 312.915.8625, cgeorg@luc.edu.

Violence & Safety Table of Contents

Sex Trade	4
Sex Trade Recruiters & Pimp Violence	4
Abuse & Neglect	5
Children Reported as Abused and Neglected.....	5
Characteristics of Indicated Abuse/Neglect Children.....	6
Community Harassment	7
Street Harassment.....	7
Unintentional Injury / Risk Behavior	8
Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol.....	8
Drove when drinking alcohol	10
School Violence	12
Carried a weapon on school property.....	12
Did not go to school because of safety concerns.....	14
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property.....	16
Had property stolen or damaged on school property.....	18
Physical fight on school property.....	20

Status of Young Women and Girls in Illinois Violence	3
Weapons	22
Carried a weapon.....	22
Carried a gun.....	24
Physical Violence	26
In a physical fight.....	26
Injured in a physical fight.....	28
Dating Violence & Forced Sexual Intercourse	30
Dating Violence.....	30
Forced to have sexual intercourse.....	32
Domestic Violence/ Teen Dating Violence.....	35
Feeling Safe	41
Girl Scout Research Institute’s report on Feeling Safe: What Girls Say..	43
<i>Girls Fears Defined</i>	43
<i>The Hidden Costs</i>	44
<i>Feeling Emotionally Unsafe- The Negative Effects</i>	44
<i>Girls Feel Unsafe in Everyday Situations</i>	44
<i>Older and More Worried</i>	45
<i>Coping Strategies- Feeling Emotionally Safe vs. Unsafe</i>	45

Sex Trade

Sex Trade Recruiters & Pimp Violence

This report examines how young girls are recruited into the sex trade in the Chicago metropolitan area, including strategies used, and levels of coercion, control and violence that hold them in prostitution.¹

The report examined 100 young women between the ages of 16 and 25 who reported being involved in the Chicago sex trade. The average age of entry was 16 years old although 1/3 of the sample entered between 12-15. Runaways, low-income/poor, victims of abandonment, childhood sexual assault, homelessness, foster care or young women from group homes. Finally, there was a correlation between increased number of customers and increased levels of violence from the period of recruitment.

Sex Trade Recruiters

Among recruited participants	67%
Boyfriend	23%
Friend/ Girlfriend	19%
Pimp	12%
Family Member	
Sister	4%
Cousin	3%
Brother	1%
Uncle	1%
Foster parent	1%
Other	
Escort service	1%
Stranger	1%
Friend of mother	1%
Participants not recruited	33%
Total	100%

Comparison of violence by pimps during recruitment and at time of interview

Violent Acts	During Recruitment	At Time of Interview
Slapping	24%	71%
Punching	14%	48%
Pulling hair	11%	31%
Pinching	4%	17%
Spanking	10%	26%
Kicking	10%	43%
Kidnapping	5%	18%
Ripping clothes	8%	24%
Throwing objects	11%	28%
Threatening sexual assault	9%	23%
Sexual assault	20%	47%
Other	2%	9%

¹ Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Prostitution study finds Chicago girls trafficked through coercion, violence. Jessica Ashley, ICJIA senior research analyst. Research Journal. Sept. 2008 Vol 7, No. 1
<http://www.icjia.org/public/pdf/Bulletins/Chicago%20sex%20exploitation%20Sept%202008.pdf>
Date Accessed: February 2009

Abuse & Neglect

Based on the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services November 2007 Report on Child Abuse and Neglect. Children reported as abused and neglected broken down by age, gender, and ethnic group.²

Children Reported as Abused and Neglected

Age, Gender, Ethnic Group Children Reported as Abused and Neglected*			
Child Characteristics	Number of Unique Children	Percent	Rate per 1,000
Age of Child			
00-02	15,442	16.0%	30.4
03-05	20,852	21.6%	37.9
06-09	19,042	19.7%	25.5
10-13	22,693	23.5%	31.2
14-17	18,415	19.1%	25.8
Age not reported	186	0.2%	-----
Gender of Child			
Female	48,279	50.0%	30.5
Male	47,015	48.7%	28.2
Gender not reported	1,336	1.4%	-----
Child's Ethnic Group			
African American	33,318	34.5%	55.8
Hispanic	7,760	8.0%	14.0
White	52,090	53.9%	27.1
Other/ Not Specified	3,462	3.6%	-----
Total			
	99,630	100.0%	29.8

*Number of children reported is an unduplicated count within the State.

² Illinois Department Of Children and Family Services <http://www.state.il.us/DCFS/docs/CANTS2007.pdf>
Child Abuse and Neglect Statistics Fiscal Year 2007. November 2007 Report.
Date Accessed: February 2009

**Status of Young Women and Girls in Illinois
Violence**

Children indicated for sexual abuse and characteristics of indicated abuse/neglect deaths.³

Characteristics of Indicated Abuse/Neglect Children

Characteristics of Indicated Abuse/Neglect Deaths-FY2007							
Age of Child	Total Indicated	Females	Males	African Americans	Hispanic	White	Other
00	27	13	14	13	3	11	0
01	4	0	4	1	0	3	0
02	17	6	11	8	0	9	0
03	3	1	2	2	0	1	0
04	4	0	4	2	0	2	0
05	3	2	1	1	0	2	0
06-17	9	3	6	5	0	4	0
Total	67	25	42	32	3	32	0

Age, Gender, Ethnic Group Children Indicated for Sexual Abuse*			
Child Characteristics	Number of Children	Percent	Rate per 1,000
Age of Child			
00-02	39	1.6%	0.1
03-05	379	15.7%	0.7
06-09	647	26.8%	0.9
10-13	678	28.0%	0.9
14-17	675	27.9%	0.9
Age not reported	0	0.0%	----
Gender of Child			
Female	1,924	79.6%	1.2
Male	490	20.3%	0.3
Gender not reported	4	0.2%	----
Child's Ethnic Group			
African American	635	26.3%	1.1
Hispanic	338	14.0%	0.6
White	1,367	56.5%	0.7
Other/Not Specified	78	3.2%	----
Total	2,418	100.0%	0.7

* Number of children indicated is an unduplicated count within the state.

³ Illinois Department Of Children and Family Services <http://www.state.il.us/DCFS/docs/CANTS2007.pdf>
Child Abuse and Neglect Statistics Fiscal Year 2007. November 2007 Report.
Date Accessed: February 2009

Community Harassment

These results are from the Rogers Park Young Women's Action Team: Street Harassment Survey Summary Report, who surveyed 168 young women about street harassment and safety in Rogers Park.⁴

Street Harassment

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

22.6% were between the ages of 10 and 13; 36% were between the ages of 14 to 16; 25% were between the ages of 17 and 19.

55% were African-American/Black; 22% were Latina/Chicana/Hispanic; 10% were Asian-American; 5.4% were White/Caucasian.

The majority of respondents (n=168) attended the following schools:

Sullivan High School (41)	24%
Field Elementary (15)	9%
Senn High School (15)	9%
Gale Academy (14)	8%
Mather (9)	5%
Lane Tech (9)	5%
Jordan Community Academy (8)	5%
Armstrong Elementary (5)	3%
Kilmer Elementary (5)	3%
TOTAL	71%

- **86% said that they had been catcalled (for example: Hey baby! Hey beautiful!) on the street.**
- 58% said men or boys on the street had harassed them.
- 36% of those respondents who had been harassed suggested that this happened once a day or more.
- 54% said that they never responded to the catcaller or harasser.
- **53% felt like they could not do anything to stop street harassment.**
- 60% felt unsafe walking around in Rogers Park.
- 61% of those who felt unsafe were most uncomfortable at night (8 p.m. to midnight).
- **81% deemed either Howard Street or Morse Ave as the most unsafe streets in Rogers Park.**

⁴The Rogers Park Young Women's Action Team's Street Harassment Survey Summary Report. (June 11, 2004).

http://www.youngwomensactionteam.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=62&Itemid=118
Date Accessed: February 2009

Unintentional Injury / Risk Behavior

“The national YRBS is conducted every two years during the spring semester and provides data representative of 9th through 12th grade students in public and private schools throughout the United States. **The Illinois YRBS also is conducted every 2 years and provides data representative of 9th through 12th grade students in public schools throughout Illinois.**”

Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Rode In A Car/ Other Vehicle Driven By Someone Who Had Been Drinking Alcohol One or More Times During The 30 Days Before The Survey⁵
Female	28.8
Male	29.5
Total	29.1

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Rode In A Car/ Other Vehicle Driven By Someone Who Had Been Drinking Alcohol One or More Times During The 30 Days Before The Survey⁶		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	30.8; N= 630	25.8; N= 680	28.2; N= 1,315
Age			
15 or Younger	30.0; N= 224	24.5; N= 248	27.2; N= 474
16 or 17	29.5; N= 345	22.9; N= 346	26.3; N= 693
18 or Older	N= 61	N= 86	38.4; N= 147
Grade			
9 th	26.5; N= 172	26.0; N= 213	26.2; N= 387
10 th	36.5 ; N= 168	20.0 ; N= 182	28.0; N= 350
11 th	28.9 ; N= 175	25.9; N= 168	27.5; N= 344
12 th	31.5; N= 113	31.6; N= 116	31.5; N= 230
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 96	26.8 ; N= 134	31.0; N= 232
Hispanic/Latino	N= 81	N= 85	33.6; N= 167
White (Non-Hispanic)	29.5 ; N= 391	25.2 ; N= 388	27.4; N= 780
All Other Races	N= 25	N= 35	-
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 20	-

⁵ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control. http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbs07_mmwr.pdf

⁶ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control. <http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

Status of Young Women and Girls in Illinois
Violence

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Rode In A Car/ Other Vehicle Driven By Someone Who Had Been Drinking Alcohol One or More Times During The 30 Days Before The Survey ⁷		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	31.4	25.9	28.6
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	35.8	25.9	30.3
Hispanic/Latino	37.3	29.9	33.7
White (Non-Hispanic)	29.8	24.8	27.4
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	22.8

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Rode In A Car/ Other Vehicle Driven By Someone Who Had Been Drinking Alcohol One or More Times During The 30 Days Before The Survey ⁸		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	52.5; N= 545	48.5; N= 503	29.5; N= 1,106
Age			
15 or Younger	49.6; N= 155	40.7; N= 113	28.7; N= 287
16 or 17	53.0; N= 308	47.3; N= 308	29.8; N= 649
18 or Older	N= 81	N= 80	31.3; N= 167
Grade			
9 th	48.6; N= 117	N= 73	28.1; N= 206
10 th	53.2; N= 172	48.2 ; N= 190	30.5; N= 383
11 th	52.3 ; N= 138	48.4; N= 151	30.6; N= 303
12 th	58.1; N= 114	N= 86	28.2; N= 205
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	45.9; N= 226	37.7; N= 175	10.0; N= 428
Hispanic/Latino	58.; N= 235	55.5; N= 225	9.1; N= 488
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 46	N= 86
All Other Races	N= 26	N= 31	N= 60
Multiple Races	N= 11	N= 7	N= 20

⁷ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q10&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

⁸ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

Drove when drinking alcohol

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Drove a Car or Other Vehicle During the 30 Days Before the Survey When They Had Been Drinking Alcohol⁹
Female	9.9
Male	12.8
Total	11.3

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Drove a Car or Other Vehicle During the 30 Days Before the Survey When They Had Been Drinking Alcohol¹⁰		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	10.4; N= 631	13.9; N= 660	12.1; N= 1,296
Age			
15 or Younger	4.7; N= 223	6.2; N= 237	5.4; N= 462
16 or 17	11.3; N= 347	14.3; N= 338	12.8; N= 687
18 or Older	N= 61	N= 85	26.0; N= 146
Grade			
9 th	4.0; N= 171	7.0; N= 202	5.5; N= 375
10 th	12.4; N= 169	9.5 ; N= 176	10.9; N= 345
11 th	8.1; N= 176	14.6; N= 166	11.4; N= 343
12 th	17.6; N= 113	26.5; N= 115	22.0 ; N= 229
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 97	5.8; N= 128	6.4; N= 227
Hispanic/Latino	N= 80	N= 84	13.1; N= 165
White (Non-Hispanic)	11.5; N= 392	15.7; N= 381	13.5; N= 774
All Other Races	N= 25	N= 33	N= 58
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 19	N= 49

⁹ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbs07_mmwr.pdf

¹⁰ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Drove a Car or Other Vehicle During the 30 Days Before the Survey When They Had Been Drinking Alcohol ¹¹		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	31.4	25.9	28.6
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	35.8	25.9	30.3
Hispanic/Latino	37.3	29.9	33.7
White (Non-Hispanic)	29.8	24.8	27.4
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	22.8

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Drove a Car or Other Vehicle During the 30 Days Before the Survey When They Had Been Drinking Alcohol ¹²		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	6.5; N= 559	8.5; N= 514	7.6; N= 1,074
Age			
15 or Younger	5.4 ; N= 159	8.5; N= 118	7.4; N= 278
16 or 17	5.1; N= 317	7.0 ; N= 315	6.0; N= 632
18 or Older	N= 82	N= 79	13.6; N= 161
Grade			
9 th	6.7; N= 118	N= 81	8.6; N= 200
10 th	4.5; N= 179	6.2; N= 193	5.3; N= 372
11 th	6.0 ; N= 143	7.7; N= 151	6.8; N= 294
12 th	9.3; N= 114	N= 87	9.5; N= 201
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	4.6 ; N= 231	6.4; N= 180	5.4; N= 411
Hispanic/Latino	8.4; N= 244	11.3; N= 227	10.2; N= 472
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 36	N= 47	N= 83
All Other Races	N= 28	N= 32	N= 60
Multiple Races	N= 11	N= 8	N= 19

¹¹ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q10&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

¹² 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

School Violence

Carried a weapon on school property

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Weapon Such As A Gun, Knife, Or Club On School Property On At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey¹³
Female	2.7
Male	9.0
Total	5.9

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Weapon Such As A Gun, Knife, Or Club On School Property On At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey¹⁴		
	Female	Male	Total
Total	2.4; N= 629	4.4; N= 672	3.4; N= 1,305
Age			
15 or Younger	3.2; N= 225	4.4; N= 245	3.8; N= 472
16 or 17	2.0; N= 344	3.5; N= 342	2.7; N= 688
18 or Older	N= 60	N= 85	5.3; N= 145
Grade			
9 th	2.0; N= 172	6.8; N= 209	4.1; N= 383
10 th	2.7; N= 170	3.7; N= 181	3.2; N= 351
11 th	1.8; N= 174	2.4; N= 167	2.1; N= 342
12 th	2.4; N= 111	5.2; N= 114	3.8; N= 226
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 97	8.1; N= 132	6.4; N= 231
Hispanic/Latino	N= 80	N= 84	6.6; N= 165
White (Non-Hispanic)	1.5; N= 390	3.2; N= 386	2.4; N= 777
All Other Races	N= 25	N= 32	N= 57
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 20	N= 50

¹³ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbs07_mmwr.pdf

¹⁴ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Weapon Such As A Gun, Knife, Or Club On School Property On At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey ¹⁵		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	2.4; N= 629	4.4; N= 672	3.4= 1,305
Age			
15 or Younger	3.2; N= 225	4.4; N= 245	3.8= 472
16 or 17	2.0; N= 344	3.5; N= 342	2.7= 688
18 or Older	N= 60	N= 85	5.3= 145
Grade			
9 th	2.0; N= 172	6.2; N= 209	4.1; N= 383
10 th	2.7; N= 170	3.7; N= 181	3.2; N= 351
11 th	1.8; N= 174	2.4; N= 167	2.1; N= 342
12 th	2.4; N= 111	5.2; N= 114	3.8; N= 226
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 97	8.1; N= 132	6.4; N= 231
Hispanic/Latino	N= 80	N= 84	6.6; N= 165
White (Non-Hispanic)	1.5; N= 390	3.2; N= 386	2.4; N= 777
All Other Races	N= 25	N= 32	N= 57
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 20	N= 50

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Weapon Such As A Gun, Knife, Or Club On School Property On At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey ¹⁶		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	2.8	4.7	3.7
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	5.2	7.5	6.4
Hispanic/Latino	4.9	6.9	6.0
White (Non-Hispanic)	1.6	3.2	2.4
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	4.2

¹⁵ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

¹⁶ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q14&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Weapon Such As A Gun, Knife, Or Club On School Property On At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey ¹⁷		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	4.9; N= 566	6.4; N= 526	5.7; N= 1,093
Age			
15 or Younger	3.3; N= 160	8.0; N= 120	6.0; N= 281
16 or 17	7.0; N= 323	4.2; N= 325	5.7; N= 648
18 or Older	N= 82	N= 79	5.6; N= 161
Grade			
9 th	3.1; N= 120	N= 82	6.5; N= 203
10 th	3.6; N= 184	3.8; N= 200	3.7; N= 384
11 th	10.2; N= 144	6.3; N= 154	8.4; N= 298
12 th	3.5; N= 113	N= 88	4.2; N= 201
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	6.6; N= 236	5.3; N= 187	6.0; N= 423
Hispanic/Latino	3.4; N= 242	6.7; N= 235	5.4; N= 478
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 46	N= 84
All Other Races	N= 28	N= 31	N=59
Multiple Races	N= 12	N= 8	N= 20

Did not go to school because of safety concerns

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Did Not Go To School Because They Felt They Would Be Unsafe At School Or On Their Way To Or From School On At Least 1 Day During the Days Before The Survey ¹⁸
Female	5.6
Male	5.4
Total	5.5

¹⁷ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

¹⁸ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbss07_mmwr.pdf

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Did Not Go To School Because They Felt They Would Be Unsafe At School Or On Their Way To Or From School On At Least 1 Day During the Days Before The Survey ¹⁹		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	3.3 ; N= 632	3.7 ; N= 681	3.5; N= 1,318
Age			
15 or Younger	5.6; N= 224	7.1; N= 248	6.3; N= 474
16 or 17	2.0; N= 347	1.8; N= 347	1.9 ; N= 696
18 or Older	N= 61	N= 86	2.6; N= 147
Grade			
9 th	5.2; N= 171	7.6; N= 213	6.4; N= 386
10 th	4.2; N= 170	3.1; N= 183	3.6; N= 353
11 th	2.0; N= 176	1.8; N= 168	1.9; N= 345
12 th	0.6; N= 113	1.8; N= 116	1.2; N= 230
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 96	4.6; N= 135	5.6; N= 233
Hispanic/Latino	N= 82	N= 85	6.2; N= 168
White (Non-Hispanic)	1.9; N= 392	2.5; N= 388	2.2; N= 781
All Other Races	N= 25	N= 35	N= 60
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 20	N= 50

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Did Not Go To School Because They Felt They Would Be Unsafe At School Or On Their Way To Or From School On At Least 1 Day During the Days Before The Survey ²⁰		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	4.3	5.0	4.6
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	8.3	6.7	7.4
Hispanic/Latino	6.8	9.2	8.1
White (Non-Hispanic)	2.2	3.1	2.6
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	7.8

¹⁹ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

²⁰ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q15&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Did Not Go To School Because They Felt They Would Be Unsafe At School Or On Their Way To Or From School On At Least 1 Day During the Days Before The Survey ²¹		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	10.7; N= 574	13.6; N= 539	12.3; N= 1,115
Age			
15 or Younger	12.2 ; N= 164	6.3; N= 121	10.1 ; N= 287
16 or 17	8.6; N= 324	14.2 ; N= 332	11.3; N= 656
18 or Older	N= 85	N= 84	21.0; N= 169
Grade			
9 th	13.0; N= 124	N= 83	13.5; N= 208
10 th	10.8; N= 184	11.1; N= 203	10.9; N= 387
11 th	7.5; N= 145	14.3; N= 158	10.6; N= 303
12 th	8.1; N= 116	N= 92	11.9; N= 208
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	10.0; N= 239	13.0; N= 193	11.4; N= 432
Hispanic/Latino	10.4; N= 247	14.7; N= 239	13.1; N= 488
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 47	N= 86
All Other Races	N= 28	N= 32	N= 60
Multiple Races	N= 12	N= 8	N= 20

Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Were Threatened Or Injured With A Weapon Such As A Gun, Knife, Or Club On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ²²
Female	5.4
Male	10.2
Total	7.8

²¹ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

²² 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbss07_mmwr.pdf

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Were Threatened Or Injured With A Weapon Such As A Gun, Knife, Or Club On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ²³		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	5.0; N= 632	8.8; N= 679	6.9; N= 1,316
Age			
15 or Younger	4.7; N= 224	12.9; N= 247	8.7; N= 473
16 or 17	5.6; N= 347	7.7; N= 346	6.6; N= 695
18 or Older	N= 61	N= 86	3.9; N= 147
Grade			
9 th	3.7; N= 171	13.2; N= 212	8.5; N= 385
10 th	7.4; N= 170	10.0; N= 182	8.8; N= 352
11 th	4.7; N= 176	6.8; N= 168	5.8; N= 345
12 th	3.5; N= 113	4.2; N= 116	3.9; N= 230
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 96	13.2; N= 134	9.9; N= 232
Hispanic/Latino	N= 82	N= 85	9.7; N= 168
White (Non-Hispanic)	3.9; N= 392	7.3; N= 388	5.6; N= 781
All Other Races	N= 25	N= 34	N= 59
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 20	N= 50

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Were Threatened Or Injured With A Weapon Such As A Gun, Knife, Or Club On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ²⁴		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	5.8	9.8	7.8
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	6.3	13.2	9.9
Hispanic/Latino	9.7	13.0	11.5
White (Non-Hispanic)	4.3	7.6	5.9
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	8.9

²³ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

²⁴ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q16&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Were Threatened Or Injured With A Weapon Such As A Gun, Knife, Or Club On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ²⁵		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	9.4; N= 572	16.0 ; N= 533	12.8 ; N= 1,108
Age			
15 or Younger	10.6 ; N= 163	16.5; N= 119	14.1; N= 285
16 or 17	9.6; N= 323	13.7 ; N= 328	11.5; N= 651
18 or Older	N= 85	N= 84	14.6; N= 169
Grade			
9 th	11.2 ; N= 122	N= 80	15.5; N= 203
10 th	8.8 ; N= 184	14.2; N= 202	11.4; N= 386
11 th	11.3; N= 145	13.9; N= 156	12.7 ; N= 02
12 th	6.0; N= 116	N= 92	10.0; N= 208
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	8.6 ; N= 239	13.8; N= 191	10.9; N= 430
Hispanic/Latino	10.9; N= 245	19.5; N= 238	15.7; N= 486
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 47	N= 86
All Other Races	N= 28	N= 30	N= 58
Multiple Races	N= 12	N= 8	N= 20

Had property stolen or damaged on school property

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Had Their Property Such As Their Car, Clothing Or Books Stolen Or Deliberately Damaged On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ²⁶	
	Female	Male
	23.7	30.4
Total	27.1	

²⁵ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

²⁶ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbs07_mmwr.pdf

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Had Their Property Such As Their Car, Clothing Or Books Stolen Or Deliberately Damaged On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ²⁷		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	25.1; N= 630	26.3; N= 679	25.8; N= 1,314
Age			
15 or Younger	29.9; N= 224	31.8; N= 246	30.8; N= 472
16 or 17	23.1; N= 345	26.1; N= 347	24.7; N= 694
18 or Older	N= 61	N= 86	17.4; N= 147
Grade			
9 th	28.4; N= 171	32.2; N= 211	30.2; N= 384
10 th	28.3; N= 169	28.5; N= 183	28.4; N= 352
11 th	23.6; N= 176	18.5; N= 168	21.2; N= 345
12 th	18.8; N= 112	25.1; N= 116	22.0; N= 229
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 96	30.6; N= 134	30.6; N= 232
Hispanic/Latino	N= 82	N= 85	21.8; N= 168
White (Non-Hispanic)	24.1; N= 391	26.6; N= 388	25.4; N= 780
All Other Races	N= 24	N= 34	N= 58
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 20	N= 50

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Had Their Property Such As Their Car, Clothing Or Books Stolen Or Deliberately Damaged On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ²⁸		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	25.8	27.1	26.6
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	29.7	30.7	30.0
Hispanic/Latino	25.7	23.5	24.7
White (Non-Hispanic)	24.6	26.6	25.7
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	30.4

²⁷ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

²⁸ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q17&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Grade&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Had Their Property Such As Their Car, Clothing Or Books Stolen Or Deliberately Damaged On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ²⁹		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	26.7; N= 573	31.7; N= 539	29.3; N= 1,115
Age			
15 or Younger	32.0 ; N= 163	30.6; N= 120	31.9; N= 286
16 or 17	24.5; N= 324	30.7; N= 333	27.5 ; N= 657
18 or Older	N= 85	N= 84	30.0; N= 169
Grade			
9 th	31.9; N= 123	N= 82	32.6; N= 206
10 th	26.9; N= 184	31.2; N= 203	29.0) ; N= 387
11 th	21.4 ; N= 145	36.9; N= 159	28.7; N= 305
12 th	23.8; N= 116	N= 92	23.7 ; N= 208
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	24.7; N= 238	30.4 ; N= 193	27.3; N= 431
Hispanic/Latino	27.1; N= 247	34.0; N= 239	31.0; N= 489
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 47	N= 86
All Other Races	N= 28	N= 31	N= 59
Multiple Races	N= 12	N= 8	N= 20

Physical fight on school property

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ³⁰
Female	8.5
Male	16.3
Total	12.4

²⁹ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

³⁰ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbs07_mmwr.pdf

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ³¹		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	8.8; N= 630	12.4 ; N= 672	10.6 ; N= 1,307
Age			
15 or Younger	11.2; N= 223	16.0 ; N= 246	13.5 ; N= 471
16 or 17	8.1 ; N= 346	9.9 ; N= 345	9.0 ; N= 693
18 or Older	N= 61	N= 81	9.7 ; N= 142
Grade			
9 th	11.0 ; N= 170	15.9 ; N= 211	13.5 ; N= 383
10 th	12.1; N= 170	14.4 ; N= 183	13.3 ; N= 353
11 th	3.5; N= 175	9.1 ; N= 166	6.3 ; N= 342
12 th	7.7 ; N= 113	9.0 ; N= 111	8.3 ; N= 225
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 95	17.3 ; N= 131	16.3 ; N= 228
Hispanic/Latino	N= 81	N= 84	20.6 ; N= 166
White (Non-Hispanic)	6.1 ; N= 392	8.9 ; N= 387	7.5 ; N= 780
All Other Races	N= 25	N= 34	N= 59
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 19	N= 49

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ³²		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	9.5	13.2	11.3
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	15.9	17.7	16.7
Hispanic/Latino	16.2	20.8	18.5
White (Non-Hispanic)	6.1	9.1	7.6
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	16.1

³¹ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

³² 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q20&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight On School Property One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ³³		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	14.9 ; N= 569	20.0 ; N= 521	17.4 ; N= 1,092
Age			
15 or Younger	22.8 ; N= 164	25.1 ; N=120	24.2 ; N= 286
16 or 17	11.8 ; N= 319	18.7 ; N= 319	15.0 ; N= 638
18 or Older	N= 85	N= 80	10.0 ; N= 165
Grade			
9 th	23.7 ; N= 123	N= 80	25.3 ; N= 203
10 th	14.6 ; N= 183	20.2 ; N= 199	17.3 ; N= 382
11 th	14.1 ; N= 144	20.2 ; N= 199	14. ; N= 294
12 th	3.5 ; N= 114	N= 91	8.1 ; N= 205
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	18.7 ; N= 237	20.1 ; N= 187	19.3 ; N= 424
Hispanic/Latino	12.1 ; N= 246	21.9 ; N= 233	17.0 ; N= 481
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 45	N= 84
All Other Races	N= 27	N= 31	N= 58
Multiple Races	N= 11	N= 8	N= 19

Weapons

Carried a weapon

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Weapon Such A Gun, Knife, Or At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey ³⁴
Female	7.5
Male	28.5
Total	18.0

³³ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

³⁴ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbs07_mmwr.pdf

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Weapon Such A Gun, Knife, Or At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey ³⁵		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	6.0; N= 629	21.4; N= 665	13.8; N= 1,298
Age			
15 or Younger	10.0; N= 225	22.1; N= 242	15.8; N= 469
16 or 17	3.7; N= 344	19.4; N= 340	11.5; N= 686
18 or Older	N= 60	N= 83	17.3; N= 143
Grade			
9 th	7.3; N= 172	22.8; N= 208	15.2; N= 382
10 th	7.9; N= 170	24.1; N= 179	16.1; N= 349
11 th	3.3; N= 174	17.6; N= 164	10.4; N= 339
12 th	3.5; N= 111	20.9; N= 113	12.3; N= 225
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 97	20.1; N= 130	14.0; N= 229
Hispanic/Latino	N= 80	N= 84	14.6; N= 165
White (Non-Hispanic)	4.4; N= 390	22.4; N= 383	13.2; N= 774
All Other Races	N= 25	N= 32	N= 57
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 19	N= 49

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Weapon Such A Gun, Knife, Or At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey ³⁶		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	6.8	21.7	14.3
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	8.8	20.3	14.8
Hispanic/Latino	10.3	20.7	15.5
White (Non-Hispanic)	4.6	22.5	13.4
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	14.9

³⁵ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

³⁶ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q12&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Weapon Such A Gun, Knife, Or At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey ³⁷		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	12.5; N= 562	23.2; N= 518	17.8 ; N= 1,083
Age			
15 or Younger	13.9; N= 157	26.5; N= 119	20.6; N= 279
16 or 17	11.9; N= 322	18.9; N= 319	15.2; N= 641
18 or Older	N= 82	N= 78	20.8 ; N= 160
Grade			
9 th	14.7; N= 119	N= 79	20.8; N= 160
10 th	11.1; N= 183	23.0 ; N= 197	16.9; N= 380
11 th	14.2; N= 144	21.2; N= 154	17.6; N= 299
12 th	9.7 (5.4- 16.9) 111	N= 86	17.2; N= 197
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	13.4; N= 234	20.4; N= 185	16.6; N= 419
Hispanic/Latino	11.4; N= 241	26.6 ; N= 230	19.2; N= 474
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 45	N= 84
All Other Races	N= 27	N= 31	N= 58
Multiple Races	N= 12	N= 8	N= 20

Carried a gun

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Gun On At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey ³⁸
Female	1.2
Male	9.0
Total	5.2

³⁷ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

³⁸ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbss07_mmwr.pdf

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Gun On At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey ³⁹		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	1.5; N= 633	7.2; N= 669	4.4; N= 1,307
Age			
15 or Younger	3.2; N= 225	8.1; N= 242	5.6; N= 469
16 or 17	0.8; N= 347	5.6; N= 343	3.2; N= 692
18 or Older	N= 61	N= 84	6.1; N= 145
Grade			
9 th	1.3; N= 172	10.4; N= 209	6.0; N= 383
10 th	2.5; N= 170	5.3; N= 180	3.9; N= 350
11 th	0.7; N= 176	3.9; N= 166	2.3; N= 343
12 th	0.0; N= 113	9.1; N= 113	4.5; N= 227
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 97	12.2; N= 129	6.9; N= 228
Hispanic/Latino	N= 82	N= 85	5.6; N= 168
White (Non-Hispanic)	0.9; N= 392	6.0; N= 386	3.4; N= 779
All Other Races	N= 25	N= 33	N= 58
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 19	N= 49

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Gun On At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey ⁴⁰		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	1.5	7.5	4.5
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	0.8	11.1	6.2
Hispanic/Latino	2.4	8.1	5.3
White (Non-Hispanic)	1.0	6.2	3.6
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	6.3

³⁹ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

⁴⁰ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q13&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Carried A Gun On At Least 1 Day During The 30 Days Before The Survey ⁴¹		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	1.7; N= 564	7.6; N= 519	4.7; N= 1,086
Age			
15 or Younger	2.9; N= 158	6.8; N= 120	5.5; N= 281
16 or 17	1.2; N= 320	6.9 ; N= 320	3.8; N= 640
18 or Older	N= 85	N= 77	6.0; N= 162
Grade			
9 th	4.0; N= 119	N= 80	6.1; N= 200
10 th	0.0; N= 183	8.7; N= 199	4.2; N= 382
11 th	0.9; N= 142	7.7 ; N= 154	4.0; N= 297
12 th	1.3; N= 115	N= 84	3.4; N= 199
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	2.5; N= 233	6.0; N= 185	4.1; N= 418
Hispanic/Latino	0.3; N= 244	10.7; N= 230	5.8 ; N= 477
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 46	N= 85
All Other Races	N= 27	N= 31	N= 58
Multiple Races	N= 12	N= 8	N= 20

Physical Violence

In a physical fight

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ⁴²
Female	26.5
Male	44.4
Total	35.5

⁴¹ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

⁴² 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbs07_mmwr.pdf

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ⁴³		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	26.8; N= 627	39.6; N= 670	33.2; N= 1,302
Age			
15 or Younger	30.3; N= 221	40.4; N= 245	35.1; N= 468
16 or 17	25.2; N= 345	38.5; N= 344	31.8; N= 691
18 or Older	N= 61	N= 81	34.1; N= 142
Grade			
9 th	28.9; N= 168	43.5; N= 211	36.3; N= 381
10 th	31.9; N= 169	37.1; N= 182	34.6; N= 351
11 th	18.4; N= 175	39.9; N= 165	29.2; N= 341
12 th	26.3; N= 113	37.7; N= 111	31.9; N= 225
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 94	46.2; N= 131	42.4; N= 227
Hispanic/Latino	N= 81	N= 84	44.6; N= 166
White (Non-Hispanic)	22.6; N= 392	35.6; N= 386	29.0; N= 779
All Other Races	N= 24	N= 34	N= 58
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 19	N= 49

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ⁴⁴		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	28.1	39.8	33.9
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	40.6	45.9	43.1
Hispanic/Latino	35.0	46.6	40.6
White (Non-Hispanic)	22.6	35.8	29.0
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	39.1

⁴³ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

⁴⁴ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q18&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey ⁴⁵		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	36.4; N= 565	43.4; N= 515	39.8; N= 1,082
Age			
15 or Younger	41.3; N= 162	53.0 ; N= 118	47.0; N= 282
16 or 17	34.3; N= 317	38.0; N= 316	36.1; N= 633
18 or Older	N= 85	N= 79	36.7; N= 164
Grade			
9 th	44.2; N= 121	N= 79	49.0 ; N= 200
10 th	38.5; N= 182	43.9; N= 198	41.1; N= 380
11 th	32.2; N= 143	31.6 ; N= 148	32.2; N= 292
12 th	26.7 ; N= 114	; N= 88	30.5; N= 202
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	45.4 ; N= 236	46.2 ; N= 182	45.8 ; N= 418
Hispanic/Latino	28.8 ; N= 244	40.9; N= 234	34.8 ; N= 480
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 44	N= 83
All Other Races	N= 27	N= 30	N= 57
Multiple Races	N= 10	N= 8	N= 18

Injured in a physical fight

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey In Which They Were Injured And Had To Be Treated By A Doctor Or Nurse ⁴⁶
Female	2.9
Male	5.5
Total	4.2

⁴⁵ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

⁴⁶ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbss07_mmwr.pdf

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey In Which They Were Injured And Had To Be Treated By A Doctor Or Nurse ⁴⁷		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	3.8; N= 630	5.7; N= 677	4.7; N= 1,312
Age			
15 or Younger	4.0; N= 223	7.2; N= 247	5.6; N= 472
16 or 17	3.4; N= 346	3.5; N= 344	3.4; N= 692
18 or Older	N= 61	N= 86	7.7; N= 147
Grade			
9 th	3.8; N= 170	7.0; N= 213	5.4; N= 385
10 th	4.8; N= 169	5.3; N= 182	5.0; N= 351
11 th	4.1; N= 176	3.2; N= 165	3.6; N= 342
12 th	2.2; N= 113	7.5; N= 116	4.8; N= 230
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 96	7.5; N= 134	5.2; N= 232
Hispanic/Latino	N= 82	N= 85	7.3; N= 168
White (Non-Hispanic)	2.9; N= 392	5.1; N= 388	4.0; N= 781
All Other Races	N= 24	N= 34	N= 58
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 20	N= 50

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey In Which They Were Injured And Had To Be Treated By A Doctor Or Nurse ⁴⁸		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	3.7	6.0	4.8
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	2.4	7.8	5.3
Hispanic/Latino	6.3	6.4	6.4
White (Non-Hispanic)	3.0	5.2	4.1
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	6.8

⁴⁷ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

⁴⁸ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q19&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=no&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Were In A Physical Fight One Or More Times During The 12 Months Before The Survey In Which They Were Injured And Had To Be Treated By A Doctor Or Nurse ⁴⁹		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	3.4; N=564	7.5; N= 522	5.5; N= 1,087
Age			
15 or Younger	4.6; N=161	6.9 ; N= 118	6.2; N= 280
16 or 17	2.6; N= 317	6.8; N= 323	4.6 ; N= 640
18 or Older	N= 85	N= 79	6.9; N= 164
Grade			
9 th	3.2; N= 121	N= 81	7.1 ; N= 203
10 th	4.8; N= 180	8.8; N= 199	6.8 ; N=379
11 th	4.1; N= 143	4.6; N= 152	4.3; N=295
12 th	1.1 ; N=115	N= 87	1.5; N= 202
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	3.3; N= 236	8.2; N= 181	5.5; N= 417
Hispanic/Latino	4.0; N= 243	7.5; N= 238	6.1; N= 482
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 46	N= 85
All Other Races	N= 27	N= 31	N= 58
Multiple Races	N= 10	N= 7	N= 17

Dating Violence & Forced Sexual Intercourse

Dating Violence

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Were Hit, Slapped, Or Physically Hurt On Purpose By Their Boyfriend Or Girlfriend During The 12 Months Before The Survey ⁵⁰
Female	8.8
Male	11.0
Total	9.9

⁴⁹ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

⁵⁰ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbs07_mmwr.pdf

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Were Hit, Slapped, Or Physically Hurt On Purpose By Their Boyfriend Or Girlfriend During The 12 Months Before The Survey ⁵¹		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	8.1; N= 633	10.9; N= 679	9.5; N= 1,317
Age			
15 or Younger	6.8; N= 225	11.5; N= 247	9.0; N= 474
16 or 17	8.0; N= 347	9.8; N= 346	8.9; N= 695
18 or Older	N= 61	N= 86	12.8; N= 147
Grade			
9 th	6.6; N= 172	13.5; N= 211	10.1; N= 385
10 th	7.3; N= 170	9.3; N= 183	8.3; N= 353
11 th	7.6; N= 176	7.3; N= 168	7.4; N= 345
12 th	10.5; N= 113	13.5; N= 116	12.0; N= 230
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 97	20.1; N= 134	16.5; N= 233
Hispanic/Latino	N= 82	N= 84	8.9; N= 167
White (Non-Hispanic)	6.8; N= 392	10.0; N= 388	8.4; N= 781
All Other Races	N= 25	N= 35	N= 60
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 20	N= 50

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Were Hit, Slapped, Or Physically Hurt On Purpose By Their Boyfriend Or Girlfriend During The 12 Months Before The Survey ⁵²		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	8.6	12.0	10.3
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	12.0	20.1	16.3
Hispanic/Latino	10.0	8.6	9.3
White (Non-Hispanic)	7.0	10.6	8.7
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	13.8

⁵¹ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

⁵² 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q21&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Were Hit, Slapped, Or Physically Hurt On Purpose By Their Boyfriend Or Girlfriend During The 12 Months Before The Survey ⁵³		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	10.6; N= 571	16.4; N= 536	13.4; N= 1,109
Age			
15 or Younger	8.5; N= 162	13.3; N= 121	10.7; N= 285
16 or 17	13.3; N= 323	17.3; N= 330	15.2; N= 653
18 or Older	N= 85	N= 83	14.0; N= 168
Grade			
9 th	8.3 ; N= 121	N= 82	9.0; N= 204
10 th	9.0; N= 185	17.0 ; N= 201	12.9; N= 386
11 th	11.6; N= 144	20.8; N= 159	15.8 ; N= 304
12 th	14.8; N= 116	N= 91	18.2; N= 207
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	11.7; N= 238	16.6; N= 191	14.0 ; N= 429
Hispanic/Latino	8.9; N= 245	11.2; N= 238	9.9; N= 485
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 47	N= 86
All Other Races	N= 28	N= 31	N= 59
Multiple Races	N= 12	N= 8	N= 20

Forced to have sexual intercourse

U.S. 2007	Percentage of Students Who Had Ever Been Physically Forced To Have Sexual Intercourse When They Did Not Want To ⁵⁴
Female	11.3
Male	4.5
Total	7.8

⁵³ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

⁵⁴ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbs07_mmwr.pdf

Illinois 2007 (Excluding Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Had Ever Been Physically Forced To Have Sexual Intercourse When They Did Not Want To ⁵⁵		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	9.0; N= 628	5.9; N= 678	7.4; N= 1,311
Age			
15 or Younger	6.8; N= 221	5.3; N= 247	6.0; N= 470
16 or 17	7.9; N= 346	5.0; N= 346	6.4; N= 694
18 or Older	N= 61	N= 85	14.8; N= 146
Grade			
9 th	6.0; N= 170	8.5; N= 212	7.3; N= 384
10 th	8.9; N= 167	3.3; N= 183	6.0; N= 350
11 th	6.6; N= 176	4.0; N= 167	5.3; N= 344
12 th	14.8; N= 113	8.0; N= 115	11.3; N= 229
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	N= 96	10.5; N= 134	10.3; N= 232
Hispanic/Latino	N= 82	N= 85	9.9; N= 168
White (Non-Hispanic)	8.9; N= 388	4.5; N= 386	6.7; N= 775
All Other Races	N= 25	N= 35	N= 60
Multiple Races	N= 30	N= 20	N= 50

Illinois 2007 (Including Chicago)	Percentage of Students Who Had Ever Been Physically Forced To Have Sexual Intercourse When They Did Not Want To ⁵⁶		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	9.4	6.7	8.0
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	9.7	11.1	10.3
Hispanic/Latino	11.7	8.8	10.3
White (Non-Hispanic)	9.0	5.0	7.0
All Other Races	N/A	N/A	5.6

⁵⁵ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://www.chdl.org/YRBS%202007%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

⁵⁶ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control.
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/QuestYearTable.asp?cat=1&Quest=Q22&Loc=IL&Year=2007&compval=&Graphval=yes&path=&loc2=&colval=2007&rowval1=Sex&rowval2=Race&ByVar=CI&Submit2=GO>

Chicago 2007	Percentage of Students Who Had Ever Been Physically Forced To Have Sexual Intercourse When They Did Not Want To ⁵⁷		
	Female	Male	Total
Total			
	11.3 ; N= 568	11.3; N= 527	11.3; N= 1,097
Age			
15 or Younger	6.2; N= 160	10.4; N= 118	8.1; N= 280
16 or 17	14.9; N= 322	11.1; N= 328	13.1; N= 650
18 or Older	N= 85	N= 79	13.2; N=164
Grade			
9 th	6.9; N= 119	N= 82	9.7; N= 202
10 th	8.5; N= 183	8.2; N= 199	8.4; N= 382
11 th	19.7; N= 145	10.4; N= 154	15.5; N= 300
12 th	11.6 ; N= 116	N= 90	13.1; N= 206
Race/Ethnicity			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	8.4 ; N= 237	12.0; N= 187	10.0; N= 424
Hispanic/Latino	13.3; N= 245	8.7; N= 234	11.1; N= 481
White (Non-Hispanic)	N= 39	N= 45	N= 84
All Other Races	N= 28	N= 32	N= 60
Multiple Races	N= 11	N= 8	N= 19

⁵⁷ 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control, Chicago High School Survey.
<http://www.chdl.org/2007CHH%20Summary%20Tables.pdf>

Domestic Violence/ Teen Dating Violence

The following data are from the Rogers Park Young Women's Action Team Report on Domestic Violence ⁵⁸

- 11.1% of our respondents said they have been in an abusive/ violent relationship.
- 4.8% said that they were not sure.
- 12% of students in Chicago had been hit, slapped or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend in the previous year.
 - There are over 100,000 young people who attend Chicago Public High Schools. That means that there are at least 12,000 teens who have been physically abused by a dating partner.
- 79% of our survey respondents said that they believed that dating violence is a big is a big issue among teens.
- 62.1% of teens said that they knew other teens who are or have been in an abusive/violent relationship.
 - Of these, 88% said that they knew between 1-5 teens who are or had been abused
 - 7.7% said that they knew between 5-10 teens in this predicament
 - 4.4% knew over 10 teens in this situation
- 84.1% said they themselves had never been in an abusive/ violent relationship.
 - Emotional/ Verbal Abuse:
 - 42% think that yelling at someone is NOT an example of violence.
 - 74% of our respondents think that ignoring someone is NOT a form of violence
- 70% of our respondents think that pushing someone, grabbing someone, trying keep someone from seeing friends or family are examples of violence.
- "Sometimes it is hard to tell when you are in an abusive relationship"
 - 46% of teens agreed
 - 43% disagreed

- 69% of teens said they probably would or definitely would break up with their partner is he/she were ever to grab, shove, slab, or punch them.
- 81% teens felt that they probably or definitely would talk to a friend about it.
 - 39% of teens surveyed would talk to family members about being abused
 - 57% teens probably or definitely wouldn't talk to them
 - 19% probably or definitely would talk to teacher, pastor or counselor if they were being abused.

⁵⁸The Rogers Park Young Women's Action Team's Street Harassment Survey Summary Report. (June 11, 2004).

http://www.youngwomensactionteam.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=62&Itemid=118

Date Accessed: February 2009

Status of Young Women and Girls in Illinois Violence

36

- Dating/ Domestic Violence Hotline
 - 12% probably
 - 24% would probably or definitely turn to the courts
 - 28% would probably or definitely call the police.
- Teens would fight back and take matters into their own hands if they were being abused.
- 74% of our respondents said that they probably or definitely would grab, slap, or punch the person back
- 52% of teens said that they would get a friend/ family member to grab, slap or punch their abuser back.
- 54% of teens believe that “if someone is being abused, it is not his/her fault
- 92% of teens said that if their friend was in an abusive relationship, they would try to help him or her.
- 53% did not believe that jealousy is a sign that their partner loved them
 - 17% believe jealousy is a sign
 - 29% are not sure
- 90% were really happy that a large majority of teens did not think that a victim m should stay with an abuser if they have children together

Teen Dating Violence- The Real Deal from a Youth Perspective In Spring 2004, we collected surveys from 296 youth ages 13 to 19.

- Sex:
 - 82% of respondents were female
 - 18% were male
- Racial Identity:
 - 56% African American
 - 16.4% Latino
 - 11.5% Mixed Race
 - 6.3% White
 - 5.2 Asian
- 11.1 % of teen respondents said they have been/ are in an abusive relationship
- 4.8 said they were not sure
- 79% said they believed “dating violence is a big issue among teens”
- 62.1% of teens said they now other teens who are or have been in an abusive violent relationship
- 54% of teens believe that “if someone is being abused, it is not his/her fault”
- Most teens identify “REAL” violence as physical violence as opposed to emotional abuse.
- A majority of teens (69%) said that they probably would or definitely would break up with their partner if he/she were ever to grab, shove, slap, or punch them.
- 74% of our respondents said they would probably or definitely grab, slap, or punch the person back. 52% would get a family member to do this.

**Status of Young Women and Girls in Illinois
Violence**

- 81% said that they probably or definitely would talk to a friend about the abuse.
- 39% of teens that we surveyed would talk to a family member about being abused.
- 19% would probably or definitely talk to a teacher, pastor, or counselor if they were being abused
- 12% probably or definitely would call a dating/domestic violence hotline for advice.
- Most teens that we surveyed didn't know of many places for teens who are in abusive relationships to get help.

**Teens tell what they do if their girlfriend/boyfriend were ever to grab/
slap/ punch them:**

	Definitely wouldn't		Probably wouldn't		Not sure		Probably would		Definitely would	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
<i>Break up?</i>	6%	2%	20%	7%	37%	15%	10%	18%	27%	58%
<i>Talk to a friend about it?</i>	25%	5%	20%	4%	4%	3%	31%	29%	20%	59%
<i>Talk to a family member about it?</i>	35%	16%	25%	18%	6%	24%	25%	16%	8%	26%
<i>Talk to a teacher, pastor or counselor?</i>	48%	38%	26%	17%	16%	25%	6%	11%	4%	10%
<i>Call the police?</i>	63%	22%	18%	20%	12%	25%	6%	12%	2%	21%
<i>Call a dating or domestic violence hotline for advice?</i>	65%	41%	18%	23%	14%	23%	4%	8%	0%	6%
<i>Get an order of protection from the Court?</i>	67%	34%	16%	21%	12%	17%	2%	15%	4%	13%
<i>Grab, Slap, Punch him/her back?</i>	35%	4%	10%	6%	20%	8%	22%	19%	14%	62%
<i>Get a friend/ family member to grab, slap, punch him/her back?</i>	47%	14%	20%	14%	14%	12%	14%	24%	6%	35%

Teens thoughts on:

	AGREE		DISAGREE		NOT SURE	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
<i>IF someone is being abused, it is NOT his/her fault</i>	35%	58%	25%	16%	39%	26%
<i>If you have a child with someone, you should stay with that person even if the person is abusive.</i>	10%	3%	75%	93%	16%	3%
<i>If my friend was in an abusive relationship I would try to help him or her.</i>	78%	95%	12%	2%	10%	3%
<i>I believe that jealousy is a sign that my partner love me.</i>	30%	15%	46%	55%	24%	30%

Teens tell what has happened in their relationships when asked if a boyfriend/girlfriend has done certain things:

	Never		1-5 times		More than 5 times	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
<i>Called me names (like bitch, ho, loser, stupid)</i>	60%	63%	27%	30%	13%	7%
<i>Forced me to have sex when I didn't want to</i>	92%	93%	4%	5%	4%	2%
<i>Threatened to hurt me if I didn't do something he/she wanted</i>	94%	91%	6%	8%	0%	1%
<i>Blamed me when he/she was upset</i>	48%	58%	44%	36%	8%	6%
<i>Pushed or shoved me</i>	65%	68%	25%	25%	10%	6%
<i>Choked me</i>	96%	90%	4%	3%	0%	2%
<i>Slapped me</i>	79%	90%	15%	9%	6%	1%

Teens thoughts of what actual examples of violence are :

N= 285 [52 (Boys); 233 (Girls)]

	YES		NO		NOT SURE	
	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Yelling	31%	41%	46%	41%	23%	18%
Ignoring someone	8%	13%	75%	73%	17%	13%
Slapping someone	87%	93%	10%	3%	4%	4%
Threatening someone with a knife	90%	97%	8%	3%	2%	0%
Forcing someone to have sex if he or she doesn't want to	88%	95%	10%	3%	2%	1%
Pushing someone	56%	77%	29%	11%	15%	12%
Grabbing someone	60%	79%	21%	10%	19%	10%
Choking someone	87%	97%	10%	2%	4%	65
Calling someone names like "stupid" "ho" "bitch"	37%	77%	44%	13%	19%	10%
Throwing something at someone	81%	87%	15%	6%	4%	6%
Trying to keep someone from seeing his/her friends and family	65%	71%	22%	19%	14%	11%
Kicking someone	82%	93%	16%	5%	2%	3%

Characteristics of Teen Dating Violence

- Peer Approval
- Gender Role Expectations
- Lack of Experience
- Little Contact with Adult Resources
- Less Access to Resources
- Legal Issues
- Pregnancy
- Homosexuality
- Culture and Race
- Sexual Abuse

Facts about teen relationship violence/abuse

- One in five high school girls has been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner.
- These girls are at higher risk for substance abuse, suicide, risky sexual behavior, pregnancy, and suicide attempts.¹
- Estimates of the prevalence of teen dating violence range from 9 to 60 percent, including verbal, physical, and sexual violence. Female teens cause more minor injuries than male teens, but are also likely to receive more significant physical injuries and are more likely to be sexually victimized.²
- A study of teen mothers on welfare in Chicago found that 49% of the young women had experienced some level of domestic violence from their boyfriends in the last 12 months.
- Furthermore, 48% reported birth control sabotage, and 21% experienced work or school related sabotage.
- Research is mixed on the influence of witnessing parental domestic violence on teens' use of violence in their intimate relationships. Youth who grow up witnessing domestic violence are more at risk for relationship abuse, but that history is not the only explanation.
- Eight percent of high school girls said "yes" when asked if "a boyfriend or date have ever forced sex against your will."
- 77% of completed rapes are committed by someone known to the victim.
- About 44% of rape victims are under age 18. Three out of every 20 victims (15%) are under age 12.⁷ Only 6 percent of girls and 11% of boys experiencing severe abuse tell an authority figure.

Feeling Safe

Children Ages, 0-17, Who Live in Supportive Neighborhoods

NSCH 2003	How many children live in supportive neighborhoods? ⁵⁹			
	Do Not Live in Supportive Neighborhood		Live in Supportive Neighborhood	
Illinois	%	N	%	N
Male	20.4	186	79.6	872
Female	16.4	169	83.6	878
Nationwide	%	N	%	N
Male	18.9	8,353	81.1	42,844
Female	18.3	7,859	81.7	40,533

NSCH 2007	How many children live in supportive neighborhoods? ⁶⁰			
	Do Not Live in Supportive Neighborhood		Live in Supportive Neighborhood	
Illinois	%	N	%	N
Male	16.6	160	83.4	796
Female	16.7	167	83.3	754
Nationwide	%	N	%	N
Male	16.8	6,493	83.2	40,188
Female	16.7	5,944	83.3	37,252

⁵⁹ National Survey of Children's Health (2003), <http://www.nschdata.org/StateProfiles/CustomProfile.aspx>

⁶⁰ National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://www.nschdata.org/StateProfiles/CustomProfile.aspx>

Children, Ages 0-17, Who Are Usually Or Always Safe in Their Community or Neighborhood

NSCH 2003	How often do you feel (child's name) is safe in your community or neighborhood? Would you say never, sometimes, usually, or always? ⁶¹					
	Never Safe		Sometimes Safe		Usually/Always Safe	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Illinois						
Male	2.8	27	16.4	146	80.7	893
Female	2.5	23	15.7	150	81.8	893
Nationwide						
Male	2.8	1,006	12.7	5,209	84.5	45,667
Female	3.2	1,086	13.7	5,339	83.0	42,660

NSCH 2007	How often do you feel (child's name) is safe in your community or neighborhood? Would you say never, sometimes, usually, or always? ⁶²					
	Never Safe		Sometimes Safe		Usually/Always Safe	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Illinois						
Male	2.6	29	14.7	142	82.7	799
Female	3.1	25	13.3	151	83.6	752
Nationwide						
Male	2.4	820	11.2	3,997	86.4	42,220
Female	2.8	871	11.6	4,048	85.6	38,570

⁶¹ National Survey of Children's Health (2003), <http://www.nschdata.org/StateProfiles/CustomProfile.aspx>

⁶² National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://www.nschdata.org/StateProfiles/CustomProfile.aspx>

Girl Scout Research Institute's report on Feeling Safe: What Girls Say⁶³

Feeling Safe: What Girls Say

Research Objectives

- How do girls define safety?
- What do they consider safe and unsafe situations?
- How does feeling unsafe impact girls' quality of life?
- What strategies do girls use to cope with physically and emotionally unsafe situations?

Quantitative and Qualitative Research

- A national sample of 2,270 girls ages 8 – 17 took an online survey in April 2003.
- Sixty-two girls from four target cities across the country participated in age-specific focus groups in May, 2003.

Sample

- Age: 8-17
- Region: South (34%) West (25%) (Midwest (21%) East (20%)
- Type of Area: Suburban (49%) Urban (29%) Rural (22%)
- Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian/ non Hispanic (56%) Hispanic (18%) African American (17%) Asian/Pacific Islander (4%) Other (5%)

Girls Fears Defined

	Preteens (8-12)	Teens (13-17)
Being teased or made fun of	41%	22%
Being attacked with a weapon (such as a gun or knife)	21%	35%
Being kidnapped	31%	20%
Being forced to do something sexual	15%	34%
Being gossiped about	23%	25%
Getting into a car accident	14%	29%
Getting a disease (such as AIDS or cancer)	10%	32%
Being called names	27%	9%
Natural disasters (such as earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, floods)	24%	13%
Terrorist attacks	18%	15%
War	14%	16%

⁶³Boes, Barbara, Ed.D., Consultant, Research & Program. Girls Scouts of the USA. Girl Scout Research Institute. *Feeling Safe: What Girls Say*.

The Hidden Costs

- Girls who do not feel safe are more likely than girls who feel safe to:
 - o Feel unhappy
 - o Have trouble paying attention in school
 - o Get poorer grades
 - o Feel that there is no one to talk to
 - o Have trouble making decisions
 - o Worry about finding peers and adults they can talk to and trust.

Girls who do feel safe are more likely to:

- o Have at least three supportive adults in their lives they can turn to when needed
- o Get along well with their parents
- o Feel they can do anything if they try hard enough
- o Have lots of friends

Feeling Emotionally Unsafe- The Negative Effects

	Girls who feel emotionally safe	Girl who feel emotionally unsafe
I have trouble making decisions	11%	20%
I have trouble paying attention in school	6%	31%
I often feel sad and unhappy	5%	38%
I often feel that there is no one to talk to	4%	22%

Girls Feel Unsafe in Everyday Situations

- 38% of girls consider speaking and participating in class and spending time with people their own age a threat to their emotional safety.
- 34% of girls consider participating in groups with their peers a threat to their emotional safety
- More teens (45%) than preteens (32%) worry about their emotional safety while speaking or participating in class.

Older and More Worried

	Teens (13-17)	Preteens (8-12)
Teens are less likely to:		
- Feel physically safe	62%	72%
- Feel emotionally safe	57%	64%
- Get along well with parents	34%	59%
Teens worry more about:		
- Finding people their own age they can talk to & trust	34%	23%
- Finding adults they can talk to and trust	23%	14%
Teen are more likely to:		
- Take a long time to trust peers	21%	11%
- Take a long time to trust adults	40%	28%
- Have fewer than 3 adults to turn to when they are in trouble	23%	11%

Coping Strategies- Feeling Emotionally Safe vs. Unsafe

	Girls who feel emotionally safe	Girl who feel emotionally unsafe
Talk to mother/female guardian	53%	40%
Talk to girl friends	49%	45%
Avoid person or place that makes me unsafe	43%	52%
Listen to music	39%	56%
Cry	32%	59%
Watch TV	22%	34%
Talk to father/male guardian	26%	12%
Eat more or less than usual	13%	29%
Sleep more or less than usual	15%	25%
Exercise or play sports	13%	15%
Go on the Internet	11%	29%
Spend more time with boyfriend or girlfriend	12%	22%
Use alcohol or drugs	1%	11%

Neighborhood Safety & Support

Children Live in Supportive Neighborhoods

NSCH 2007	How many children live in supportive neighborhoods? ⁶⁴			
	Do NOT Live in Supportive Neighborhoods		Live in Supportive Neighborhoods	
Illinois	%	N	%	N
Male	16.6	160	83.4	796
Female	16.7	167	83.3	754
Nationwide	%	N	%	N
Male	16.8	6,493	83.2	40,188
Female	16.7	5,944	83.3	37,252

Children Live in Safe Communities

NSCH 2007	How often do you feel [child name] is safe in your community or neighborhood? ⁶⁵					
	Never Safe		Sometimes Safe		Usually/Always Safe	
Illinois	%	N	%	N	%	N
Male	2.6	29	14.7	142	82.7	799
Female	3.1	25	13.3	151	83.6	752
Nationwide	%	N	%	N	%	N
Male	2.4	820	11.2	3,997	86.4	42,220
Female	2.8	871	11.6	4,048	85.6	38,570

⁶⁴ National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://nschdata.org/DataQuery/DataQueryResults.aspx>

⁶⁵ National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://nschdata.org/DataQuery/DataQueryResults.aspx>

Presence of 1 or More Neighborhood Amenities

NSCH 2007	During the past week, how many days did you or other family members sing or tell stories to [child name]? ⁶⁶									
	0 Amenities From List		1 Amenity From List		2 Amenities From List		3 Amenities From List		All 4 Amenities From List	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Illinois										
Male	3.0	20	3.8	38	12.7	100	21.4	192	59.2	587
Female	1.5	11	2.7	26	8.2	61	24.4	220	63.2	583
Nationwide										
Male	4.6	2,263	7.7	3,550	14.3	6,852	24.9	11,863	48.5	21,550
Female	4.6	2,021	7.7	3,295	14.5	6,408	25.3	11,042	47.8	19,958

Presence of Specific Neighborhood Amenities

Sidewalks or Walking Paths

NSCH 2007	Do these exist in your neighborhood: sidewalks or walking paths? ⁶⁷			
	Does NOT Contain Sidewalks		Contains Sidewalks	
	%	N	%	N
Illinois				
Male	16.7	136	83.3	834
Female	13.3	102	86.7	828
Nationwide				
Male	26.2	13,584	73.8	33,520
Female	27.2	12,564	72.8	31,035

Park or Playground Area

NSCH 2007	Does this exist in your neighborhood: a park or playground area? ⁶⁸			
	Does NOT Contain Park or Playground Area		Contains Park or Playground Area	
	%	N	%	N
Illinois				
Male	12.4	106	87.6	865
Female	7.5	65	92.5	867
Nationwide				
Male	19.3	9,684	80.7	37,427
Female	19.0	8,911	81.0	34,690

⁶⁶ National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://nschdata.org/DataQuery/DataQueryResults.aspx>

⁶⁷ National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://nschdata.org/DataQuery/DataQueryResults.aspx>

⁶⁸ National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://nschdata.org/DataQuery/DataQueryResults.aspx>

Recreation Center, Community Center or Boys'/Girls' Club

NSCH 2007	Does this exist in your neighborhood: A recreation center, community center or boys' or girls' club? ⁶⁹			
	Does NOT Contain Recreation Center, Etc.		Contains Recreation Center, Etc.	
Illinois	%	N	%	N
Male	29.2	262	70.8	678
Female	27.1	245	72.9	659
Nationwide	%	N	%	N
Male	34.8	16,315	65.2	29,952
Female	35.3	15,147	64.7	27,717

Library or Bookmobile

NSCH 2007	Does this exist in your neighborhood: a library or bookmobile? ⁷⁰			
	Does NOT Contain Library or Bookmobile		Contains Library or Bookmobile	
Illinois	%	N	%	N
Male	11.5	92	88.5	873
Female	6.7	58	93.3	869
Nationwide	%	N	%	N
Male	13.8	6,206	86.2	40,806
Female	14.2	5,588	85.8	37,940

⁶⁹ National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://nschdata.org/DataQuery/DataQueryResults.aspx>

⁷⁰ National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://nschdata.org/DataQuery/DataQueryResults.aspx>

Presence of 1 or More Detracting Elements in the Neighborhood

NSCH 2007	How many children live in neighborhoods with detracting elements -- graffiti, dilapidated housing or litter? ⁷¹							
	Neighborhood Does Not Contain Any Detracting Elements		Neighborhood Contains 1 Detracting Element		Neighborhood Contains 2 Detracting Elements		Neighborhood Contains All 3 Detracting Elements	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Illinois								
Male	71.3	661	17.3	180	6.6	70	4.9	55
Female	73.2	631	16.9	180	5.6	69	4.3	45
Nationwide								
Male	71.3	34,087	17.9	8,370	6.9	2,979	3.9	1,492
Female	71.5	31,589	18.2	7,696	6.7	2,681	3.6	1,455

Presence of Specific Detracting Elements in Neighborhood

Litter or Garbage on Sidewalks and Streets

NSCH 2007	In your neighborhood, is there litter or garbage on the street or sidewalk? ⁷²			
	Does NOT Contain Litter or Garbage on Sidewalks/Streets		Contains Litter or Garbage on Sidewalks/Streets	
	%	N	%	N
Illinois				
Male	80.4	750	19.6	221
Female	81.8	729	18.2	199
Nationwide				
Male	83.1	39,539	16.9	7,576
Female	82.8	36,567	17.2	7,018

⁷¹ National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://nschdata.org/DataQuery/DataQueryResults.aspx>

⁷² National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://nschdata.org/DataQuery/DataQueryResults.aspx>

Poorly Kept or Dilapidated Housing

NSCH 2007	In your neighborhood, is there poorly kept or dilapidated housing? ⁷³			
	Does NOT Contain Poorly Kept or Dilapidated Housing		Contains Poorly Kept or Dilapidated Housing	
Illinois	%	N	%	N
Male	86.7	844	13.3	123
Female	88.4	811	11.6	117
Nationwide	%	N	%	N
Male	85.0	40,271	15.0	6,760
Female	85.8	37,312	14.2	6,194

Vandalism Such as Broken Windows or Graffiti

NSCH 2007	In your neighborhood is there vandalism such as broken windows or graffiti? ⁷⁴			
	Does NOT Contain Vandalism		Contains Vandalism	
Illinois	%	N	%	N
Male	87.7	825	12.3	145
Female	88.9	792	11.1	139
Nationwide	%	N	%	N
Male	88.1	42,473	11.9	4,615
Female	88.8	39,268	11.2	4,327

⁷³ National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://nschdata.org/DataQuery/DataQueryResults.aspx>

⁷⁴ National Survey of Children's Health (2007), <http://nschdata.org/DataQuery/DataQueryResults.aspx>