

Table 151.—Percent of students (grades 7 to 12) who feel that certain problems are very serious: 1996

Student characteristics	Tight groups of friends that do not talk to one another	Hostile or threatening remarks between groups of students	Threats or destructive acts, other than physical fights	Turf battles between different groups of students	Physical fights between members of different groups of friends	Gang violence
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
All students	10	25	24	21	26	26
Location						
Urban	11	32	33	30	33	36
Suburban	11	22	20	18	24	21
Rural	8	20	19	13	20	17
Sex						
Male	10	24	23	21	26	25
Female	10	27	26	21	27	26
School level						
7th and 8th grades	9	32	28	24	32	31
9th through 12th grades	11	22	22	20	23	23
Race/ethnicity						
White	9	22	21	16	22	19
African American	12	36	33	32	37	40
Hispanic	13	33	32	33	34	41

SOURCE: Metropolitan Life/Louis Harris Associates, Inc., *The Metropolitan Life Survey of The American Teacher, 1996. Part I.* "Students Voice Their Opinions On: Violence, Social Tension and Equality Among Teens." (This table was prepared July 1997.)