

Some findings

Some findings from the 2007 SCS include

- About 31.7 percent of all students ages 12-18 reported that they were bullied at school.
- Cyber-bullying, which could have occurred anywhere, on or off school property, was reported by 3.7 percent of all students ages 12-18.
- About 36.1 percent of students ages 12-18 who were bullied at school and 30.0 percent of students who were cyber-bullied anywhere notified a teacher or other adult at school about the event.
- About 4.3 percent of students ages 12-18 reported that they were victims of any crime at school.
- Three percent of both males and females ages 12-18 reported being victims of theft at school.
- There was no statistical difference detected between the percentage of public and private school students ages 12-18 who reported being bullied at school.
- Among students ages 12-18 who had been bullied, 62.6 percent reported that they were bullied once or twice in the school year, 20.7 percent reported bullying once or twice a month, 10.1 percent reported bullying once or twice a week, and 6.6 percent reported bullying almost every day.

Publications

The NCES publishes a wide variety of special reports on crime in schools, including the *Crime, Violence, Discipline, and Safety in U.S. Public Schools* and *Indicators of School Crime and Safety*. To learn more about these reports or the SCS, please visit <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/crime>.

Useful Information

- National Center for Victims of Crime
1-800-FYI-CALL (1-800-394-2255)
1-800-211-7996 (TTY)
- Child Help USA National Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)

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Your Child's Experiences at School

The School Crime Supplement (SCS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey for Students in Grades 6 Through 12

Coming soon:
Your child will be contacted to complete the survey between January and June 2011.

The School Crime Supplement (SCS) is a national survey that asks students in grades 6 through 12 about experiences they had in school.



What is the purpose of this survey?

The purpose of this survey is to collect information about school-related victimizations on a national level. This information will assist policymakers as well as academic researchers and practitioners at the federal, state, and local levels in making informed decisions concerning crime in schools.

Why is my child being asked to complete this survey?

Your household was one of more than 40,000 households selected to participate in the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). We are asking all students in grades 6 through 12 in those households to complete the 2011 SCS. We are collecting data about crime in schools and how it affects students.

Who sponsors this survey?

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the SCS for the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), the sponsor of the NCVS.

How often is this survey conducted?

The SCS is conducted every other year along with the NCVS. Your child is being asked to participate in the 2011 SCS.

What questions are on the survey for my child?

We will ask your child questions about his or her school environment, including

- Perception of school practices to prevent school-related crimes;
- Perceptions of rules and equality at school;
- The availability of drugs, alcohol, and weapons at school;
- The presence of gangs at school;
- Whether he/she has been victimized at school or bullied; and
- Participation in extra-curricular activities.

What is the benefit of my child answering the survey?

Your child's answers provide valuable information that contributes towards making schools safer. This information will be used by others to make informed decisions about how to best help prevent and reduce crime in schools.

Will anyone find out what my child's answers are?

No, your child's answers to the survey are completely confidential. Information about specific individuals will not be revealed and the SCS findings are released ONLY in the form of statistical summaries. Names will never be associated with answers. All information that

can identify individuals will be held strictly confidential by the Census Bureau and the BJS according to the provisions stated in Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9 and Title 42, U.S. Code, Sections 3789g and 3735 (formerly Section 3771). Only Census Bureau employees sworn to preserve this confidentiality may see the completed questionnaires. The respondents are assured confidentiality and informed that their participation is voluntary in a letter from the Director of the Census Bureau.

Does my child have to complete this survey?

This survey is voluntary and there are no penalties for not participating, but we hope that your child will respond.

Who uses the information from this survey?

The BJS and the NCES analyze and use the statistical data produced from the SCS. The SCS is an important data source for the *Indicators of School Crime and Safety* report released annually by the NCES. Other SCS data users include legislators; policymakers; academic researchers; practitioners at the federal, state, and local government levels; as well as special interest groups who are concerned with crimes committed at school.