

YOUTH GANGS & BULLYING

Snohomish County Facts

- The amount of 10th and 12th grade students who agree that they feel safe at school is at an all-time low since the survey began in 2002
- Since 2016, there was a significant increase in the amount of 8th grade students who said they were in a gang
- 12th grade students were significantly more likely to say their teachers only “sometimes” or “once in a while” put a stop to bullying, and less likely to say their teachers “almost always” stopped this bullying, compared to 2016

BULLYING	6 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Been bullied past 30 days	29.9%	26.7%	19.3%	17.9%
Been cyber bullied or bullied through social media past 30 days	~	17.3%	14.3%	12.9%
Been bullied past 30 days due to race, ethnicity, or national origin	~	11.6%	11.5%	11.2%
Been bullied past 30 days due to sexual orientation	~	12.4%	8.9%	8.2%
Was in a physical fight 2 or more times in past year	12.4%	12.3%	9.5%	7.7%
Has seen an adult hurt another adult (not counting tv, video games, or sporting events) more than once	~	21.8%	27.9%	25.3%
Feels safe at school	86.4%	79.8%	76.8%	77.0%
<i>Bullying is defined in the survey as being both verbal or physical</i>				
GANGS	6 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Would be “very easy” to get access to a handgun if they wanted one	~	3.8%	6.2%	6.6%
Had a weapon (gun, knife, or club) on school property in the last 30 days	1.4%	2.9%	4.7%	6.3%
Said they were a member of a gang in the past 12 months	~	6.2%	6.1%	5.5%
~ Not asked of students in this grade				



YOUTH GANGS & BULLYING: WHAT WE CAN DO

Washington State Healthy Youth Survey Facts

- Survey questions focus on risk for injury, health behaviors and outcomes, alcohol and drug use.
- Results are used by communities to support youth and reduce risks.

More info available at: www.askhys.net

PARENTS

- If you suspect a child is being bullied, intervene—respectfully. Let children know bullying is not acceptable.
- Inform your children as early as possible the impact their words can have on others.
- Let those being abused or bullied know it is not their fault.
- Demonstrate tolerance for others to set an example for your children.

SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Ensure students are aware of their resources at school and ensure they feel comfortable going to the school counselor(s).
- Teach children from an early age how to handle romantic rejection and enforce on-campus harassment policies.
- Contact organizations like Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County to teach healthy dating and anti-bullying workshops at your school.

Participation by all of the Snohomish County school districts in the Healthy Youth Survey is extremely appreciated. School participation allows us to report on the current health status of our youth and track trends over time.

For more information about the Healthy Youth Survey, check out <http://www.askhys.net/> or to see Snohomish County Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheets go to www.snohd.org.

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