

DATING VIOLENCE AND FORCED SEX AMONG TEENAGERS – *Results from the 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System.*

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Based on the 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) which monitors six categories of priority health risk behaviors among youth, dating violence is a serious issue for teens. The YRBSS includes a national school-based survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as state and local school-based surveys conducted by education and health agencies. The 2013 report summarizes results from the national survey, 42 state surveys, and 21 large urban school systems conducted among students in grades 9-12. For the national YRBSS, 13,633 questionnaires were completed in 148 schools.

Percentage of high school students who experienced physical dating violence¹, sexual dating violence² and who were physically forced to have sexual intercourse, by sex, race/ethnicity – United States, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2013

For the first time, the YRBS has broken out the dating violence questions into physical and sexual dating violence. This is distinct from the forced sexual intercourse question.

Physical & Sexual Dating Violence (United States)

	Physical			Sexual		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
White	12.9%	6.4%	9.7	14.6	4.8	9.8
Black	12.3%	8.2%	10.3	8.8	8.9	8.9
Hispanic	13.6%	7.0%	10.4	16.0	6.7	11.5
TOTAL	13.0	7.4	10.3	14.4	6.2	10.4

Physical Dating Violence

Among the 73.9% of students nationwide who dated or went out with someone during the 12 months before the survey, 10.3% had been hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with one or more times during the 12 months before the survey (i.e., physical dating violence).

¹ Including being hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with.

² Including kissing, touching, or being physical forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to by someone they were dating or going out with.

The prevalence of physical dating violence was higher among female (13.0%) than male (7.4%) students.

The prevalence of physical dating violence was higher among Hispanic (10.4%) and Black (10.3%) than white (9.7%) students; and higher among white female (12.9%), black female (12.3%), and Hispanic female (13.6%) than white male (6.4%), black male (8.2%), and Hispanic male (7.0%) students, respectively.

Across 38 states, the prevalence of physical dating violence ranged from 7.0% to 14.8% (median: 9.6%). Across 20 large urban school districts, the prevalence ranged from 7.4% to 16.8% (median: 9.4%).

Sexual Dating Violence

Among the 73.9% of students nationwide who dated or went out with someone during the 12 months before the survey, 10.4% of students had been kissed, touched, or physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to by someone they were dating or going out with one or more times during the 12 months before the survey (i.e., sexual dating violence).

The prevalence of sexual dating violence was higher among female (14.4%) than male (6.2%) students.

The prevalence of sexual dating violence was higher among Hispanic (11.5%) and white (9.8%) than Black (8.9%) students; and higher among white female (14.6%) and Hispanic female (16.0%) than white male (4.8%) and Hispanic male (6.7%) students, respectively;

The prevalence of sexual dating violence was higher among white female (14.6%) and Hispanic female (16.0%) than black female (8.8%) students and higher among black male (8.9%) than white male (4.8%) and Hispanic male (6.7%) students.

Across 31 states, the prevalence of sexual dating violence ranged from 7.8% to 13.8% (median: 10.5%). Across 17 large urban school districts, the prevalence ranged from 8.0% to 13.0% (median: 9.9%).

Forced to Have Sexual Intercourse (United States)

	Female	Male	Total
White	9.1	3.1	6.1
Black	11.5	5.2	8.4
Hispanic	12.2	5.2	8.7
TOTAL	10.5	4.2	7.3

Forced Sexual Intercourse

Nationwide, 7.3% of students had ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to. This is down from 8.0% in 2011. Overall, the prevalence of having been forced to have sexual intercourse was higher among female (10.5%) than male (4.2%) students.

Overall, the prevalence of having been forced to have sexual intercourse was higher among black (8.4%) and Hispanic (8.7%) than white (6.1%) students; higher among black female (11.5%), Hispanic female (12.2%) than white female (9.1%) students; and higher among black male (5.2%) and Hispanic male (5.2%) than white male (3.1%) students.

Prevalence of having been forced to have sexual intercourse ranged from 5.7% to 11.6% across state surveys (median: 8.6%) and from 6.4% to 11.5% across large urban school district surveys (median: 9.0%).

STATE SURVEY: ILLINOIS

Percentage of high school students who experienced physical dating violence³, sexual dating violence⁴ and who were physically forced to have sexual intercourse, by sex, race/ethnicity – Illinois, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2013

Physical & Sexual Dating Violence (Illinois)

	Physical			Sexual		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
White	13.8%	5.5%	9.7	19	4.1	11.6
Black	17.2%	11.1%	14.2	15.4	7.4	11.5
Hispanic	10.9%	13.7%	12.4	13.4	12.1	12.7
TOTAL	13.7	8.5	11.1	16.7	6.5	11.6

Physical Dating Violence

During the 12 months preceding the survey, 11.1% of Illinois high school students had been hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with (i.e. physical dating violence).

In Illinois, the prevalence of physical dating violence was higher among female (13.7%) than male (8.5%) students.

In Illinois, the prevalence of physical dating violence was higher among Black (14.2%) and Hispanic (12.4%) than white (9.7%) students.

The prevalence of physical dating violence ranged from 7.0% to 14.8% across state surveys (median: 9.6%).

Sexual Dating Violence

During the 12 months preceding the survey, 11.6% of Illinois high school students had been kissed, touched, or physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to by someone they were dating or going out with (i.e. sexual dating violence).

In Illinois, the prevalence of sexual dating violence was higher among female (16.7%) than male (6.5%) students.

In Illinois, the prevalence of sexual dating violence was higher among Hispanic (12.7%) and white (11.6%) than black (11.5%) students.

³ Including being hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with.

⁴ Including kissing, touching, or being physical forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to by someone they were dating or going out with.

The prevalence of sexual dating violence ranged from 7.8% to 13.8% across state surveys (median: 10.5%).

Forced to Have Sexual Intercourse (Illinois)

	Female	Male	Total
White	12.0	4.9	8.5
Black	11.9	11.3	11.6
Hispanic	10.8	12.3	11.9
Asian	N/A	N/A	11.5
Multiple Race	N/A	N/A	11.4
TOTAL	11.6	7.9	9.8

9.8% of Illinois students reported that they had been forced to have sexual intercourse over the past year. This is up from the 2011 YRBSS (8.4%). Rates were highest among Latino youth (11.9%) and black youth (11.6%). Latino young men had the highest rate of reported forced sexual intercourse (12.3%) followed by white young women (12.0%). This is an area that needs further exploration.

Overall, girls reported higher rates of forced sexual intercourse (11.6%) than boys (7.9%).

The prevalence of having been forced to have sexual intercourse ranged from 5.7% to 11.6% across state surveys (median: 8.6%).

LARGE URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SURVEY: CHICAGO

Percentage of high school students who experienced physical dating violence⁵, sexual dating violence⁶ and who were physically forced to have sexual intercourse, by sex, race/ethnicity – Chicago, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2013

Physical & Sexual Dating Violence (Chicago)

	Physical			Sexual		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black	19.9%	11.6%	16.2	9.1%	5.6%	7.6%
Hispanic	8.2%	8.0%	8.1%	10.7%	9.8%	10.3%
TOTAL	14.5%	9.5%	12.3%	10.2%	7.3%	9.1%

Physical Dating Violence

During the 12 months preceding the survey, 12.3% high school students in Chicago had been hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with (i.e. physical dating violence).

In Chicago, the prevalence of physical dating violence was higher among female (14.5%) than male (9.5%) students.

In Chicago, the prevalence of physical dating violence was higher among Black (16.2%) than Hispanic (8.0%) students.

The prevalence of physical dating violence ranged from 7.4% to 16.8% across large urban school district surveys (median: 9.4%).

Sexual Dating Violence

During the 12 months preceding the survey, 9.1% of Chicago high school students had been kissed, touched, or physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to by someone they were dating or going out with (i.e. sexual dating violence).

In Chicago, the prevalence of sexual dating violence was higher among female (10.2%) than male (7.3%) students.

In Chicago, the prevalence of sexual dating violence was higher among Hispanic (10.3%) than black (7.6%) students.

⁵ Including being hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with.

⁶ Including kissing, touching, or being physical forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to by someone they were dating or going out with.

The prevalence of sexual dating violence ranged from 8.0% to 13.0% across large urban school district surveys (median: 9.9%).

Forced to Have Sexual Intercourse (Chicago)

	Female	Male	Total
White	N/A	N/A	2.5
Black	10.4	11.4	10.8
Hispanic	8.1	7.0	7.8
TOTAL	8.8	8.3	8.8

Forced Sexual Intercourse

In Chicago, 8.8% of students had ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to. This is down from 9.3% in 2011.

The prevalence of having been forced to have sexual intercourse was higher among female (8.8) than male (8.3%) students.

In Chicago, the prevalence of forced sexual intercourse was higher among black (10.8%) than Hispanic (7.8%) high school students; higher among Black female (10.4%) than Hispanic female (8.1%) students; and higher among black male (11.4%) than Hispanic male (7.0%) students. In fact, black male youth report higher rates of forced sexual intercourse than any other group.

Prevalence of having been forced to have sexual intercourse ranged from 6.4% to 11.5% across large urban school district surveys (median: 9.0%). Chicago youth were below the median at 8.8%.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Surveillance Summaries*, June 14, 2014. MMWR 2014:63 (No.SS-4). Pp.10-11.