

Health and safety of LGBT youth in San Luis Obispo County schools: Fact Sheet

	GLB	Non-GLB	Trans	Non-Trans
Participant self-identification (N = 6623)	350 5.2%	6273 94.8%	140 2.1%	6483 97.9%
Attendance				
How many times did you skip school or cut class in the past 12 months? (more than once a week)	17.4%	3.7%	35.7%	3.8%
Missed school because you felt very, sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed, angry? (past 30 days)	34.3%	11.2%	26.1%	12.1%
Missed school because you didn't feel safe at school? (past 30 days)	12.3%	1.8%	23.2%	1.9%
Safety				
How safe do you feel when you are at school? (unsafe or very unsafe)	21%	6.2%	39%	6.3%
Been drunk or 'high' on drugs 7 or more times? (lifetime)	24.6%	5.7%	43.6%	5.9%
Have you been in a physical fight? (past 12 months)	32.3%	12.4%	34.1%	3.5%
Have you carried a gun at school? (past 12 months)	16.2%	3.1%	34.8%	1.5%
Did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide? (past 12 months)	50.3%	17.6%	41.5%	19.2%
Bullying and harassment				
In the past 12 months on school property have you...				
• Been pushed, shoved, slapped, hit, kicked by someone 1 or more times	37.5%	22.9%	37.3%	6.3%
• Been afraid of being beaten up?	30.2%	13.7%	39.4%	14%
• Had rumors/lies spread about you	58%	38.4%	33.1%	10.8%
• Had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made to you?	62.9%	36.7%	46.1%	16.2%
• Been made fun of because of your looks or way you talked?	54%	32.7%	38.6%	11.7%
• Been threatened with harm or injury?	33.8%	11.5%	34.0%	3.1%
• Been made fun of, insulted, or called names?	58.9%	40%	18.4%	24.6%
• Were harassed or bullied for your race, ethnicity, or national origin?	26.3%	14%	13.6%	9.4%
• Were harassed or bullied for your religion?	24.1%	9.5%	9.4%	7%
• Were harassed or bullied for your gender?	15.9%	7.6%	14.4%	5.9%
• Were harassed or bullied because you are gay or lesbian or somebody thought you were?	50.5%	7%	11.5%	5.5%
• Were harassed or bullied because physical or mental disability?	21.5%	5.1%	25.4%	1.8%
• Were harassed or bullied for any other reason?	40.1%	21.3%	36.0%	8.9%

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Participant Demographics

<p>N = 6623 M = 51.1% F = 48.5%</p> <p>7th grade = 2134 (32%) 9th grade = 2153 (32.3%) 11th grade = 1927 (28.9%)</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>White</td> <td>3268</td> <td>(54.2%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hispanic/Latino</td> <td>2531</td> <td>(38.8%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mixed</td> <td>2198</td> <td>(36.4%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Am. Indian/Alaskan</td> <td>177</td> <td>(2.9%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian</td> <td>171</td> <td>(2.8%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Black or African American</td> <td>145</td> <td>(2.4%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.</td> <td>75</td> <td>(1.2 %)</td> </tr> </table>	White	3268	(54.2%)	Hispanic/Latino	2531	(38.8%)	Mixed	2198	(36.4%)	Am. Indian/Alaskan	177	(2.9%)	Asian	171	(2.8%)	Black or African American	145	(2.4%)	Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	75	(1.2 %)
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Methods: The data presented in this fact sheet were collected as part of the California Healthy Kids Survey in the spring of 2014 at middle and high schools across San Luis Obispo County. The data were collected using a paper and pencil survey administered by school sites and reported to and compiled by WestEd. The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education requested the dataset from WestEd and the data were analyzed running Chi-Square tests using SPSS statistical software. All differences reported here are statistically significant.

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