

violence

OKLAHOMA YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS) - 2011 RESULTS

What is the problem?

The 2011 Oklahoma Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicates that among high school students:

Violence

- 6% carried a gun recently.¹
- 7% were ever hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend.²

School Violence

- 6% carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property recently.¹
- 3% did not go to school recently¹ because they felt they would be unsafe at school or on their way to or from school.
- 6% had been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property.²
- 17% were bullied on school property.²

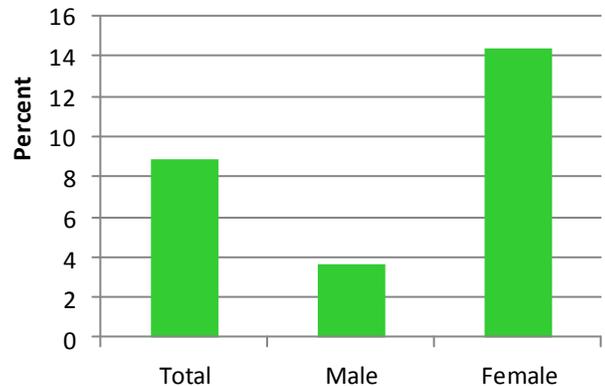
What are the solutions?

- Implement a violence prevention program in schools and increase faculty presence in “hot spots,” such as restrooms, buses, hallways during class changes, and locker rooms.
- Provide students with a safe way to anonymously report about any problems they may be having (e.g., a comment box).
- Implement a dating violence prevention program to increase awareness about teen dating violence and provide students with a way to talk about any issues they may be experiencing.
- Increase parental involvement within the school and community, as there are positive impacts on youth with greater parental involvement and supervision.
- Encourage schools to participate in surveys, such as the YRBS, that assess risk-taking behaviors among youth.

One in five....

students carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on one or more of the 30 days before the survey

Students Who Had Ever Been Forced to Have Sexual Intercourse When They Did Not Want To: Oklahoma YRBS 2011



28%...

of students were in a physical fight one or more times during the 12 months before the survey

1. On one or more of the 30 days before the survey
2. During the 12 months before the survey

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