



INDICATORS OF SCHOOL CRIME 2004

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Crime in the nation's schools continued to decline between 1992 and 2002, mirroring the decline in the crime rate.

- ◆ School crime dropped from 48 violent victimizations per 1,000 students to 24 per 1,000.
- ◆ Between 1995-2003, the percentage of students who reported being a victim of a crime of violence or theft at school declined from 10 percent to 5 percent.
- ◆ Students ages 12-18 were more likely to be victims of nonfatal serious violent crime away from home than at school.
 - Data from 2002 show about 659,000 violent crimes involving students while at school, compared to 720,000 violent crimes committed against students away from school.
 - For the most serious violent crimes: rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault—the rates per 1,000 students were lower at school than away from school in each survey year from 1992-2002
- ◆ Students experienced more theft at school than away from school.
 - Students experienced approximately 1.1 million thefts at school and about 790,000 thefts away from school
- ◆ Bullying is reported in both public and private schools in rural, suburban, and urban areas.
 - 7 percent of public and private school students ages 12-18 reported being bullied in past 6 months
 - Students in rural areas (10 percent) reported higher rates of bullying than those in urban and suburban areas (7 percent)
 - Students in public schools (7 percent) reported higher rates of bullying than those in private schools (5 percent)
- ◆ In 2003, among students in grades 9-12, 12 percent of males and 6 percent of females reported experiencing a threat of injury or have suffered an injury from a weapon while at school.