

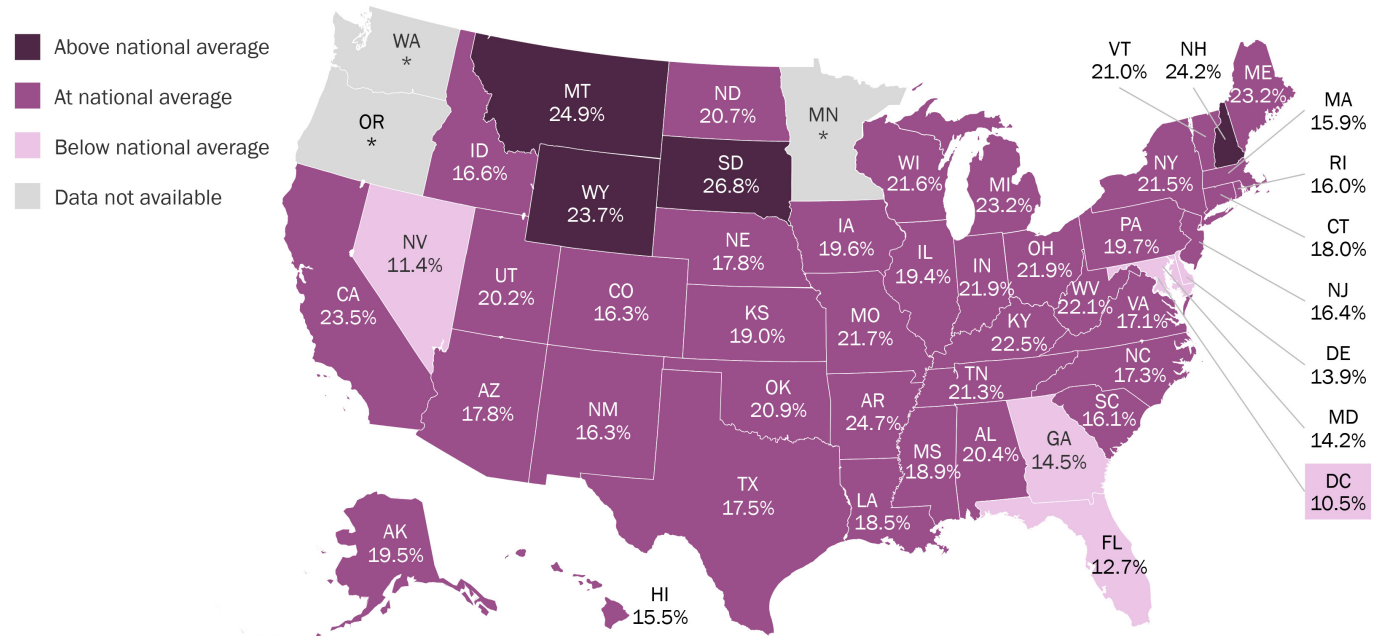
# BULLYING VICTIMIZATION

**Bullying victimization** is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior that is repeated over time and involves an imbalance of power or strength (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2024). In 2023, 19.2% of U.S. youth in grades 9-12 reported being bullied on school property in the past 12 months. For states that provided youth data on bullying victimization, statistical comparisons of national and state data using 95% confidence intervals showed:

- **4** states were significantly above the national percentage
- **38** states were at the national percentage (i.e., state percentage not statistically different from the national percentage)
- **5** states and the District of Columbia were significantly below the national percentage

## Bullying Victimization Among U.S. Youth in Grades 9-12, 2023

Comparison of State Percentage to National Percentage (19.2%)



Data Sources: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, 2023

Note: Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, and South Carolina data were based on YRBS 2021; California, Georgia, and New Jersey data were based on YRBS 2019; and Wyoming data was based on YRBS 2015. Vermont data were obtained from the Vermont Department of Health. Asterisk denotes data not available for Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington. New York data excludes New York City.

## BULLYING VICTIMIZATION ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AMONG U.S. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, 2023

State	2023 Percent	95% Confidence Interval
US Overall	19.2%	(17.3%-21.4%)
AL	20.4%	(17.7%-23.5%)
AK	19.5%	(17.0%-22.3%)
AZ	17.8%	(14.8%-21.3%)
AR	24.7%	(20.3%-29.7%)
CA	23.5%	(16.0%-33.1%)
CO	16.3%	(13.5%-19.7%)
CT	18.0%	(16.4%-19.8%)
DE	13.9%	(12.1%-15.9%)
DC	10.5%	(9.9%-11.0%)
FL	12.7%	(11.1%-14.3%)
GA	14.5%	(12.2%-17.2%)
HI	15.5%	(13.9%-17.3%)
ID	16.6%	(14.2%-19.4%)
IL	19.4%	(16.3%-22.9%)
IN	21.9%	(18.6%-25.5%)
IA	19.6%	(16.0%-23.9%)
KS	19.0%	(16.3%-22.1%)
KY	22.5%	(20.1%-25.1%)
LA	18.5%	(12.7%-26.2%)
ME	23.2%	(21.4%-25.0%)
MD	14.2%	(13.4%-15.1%)
MA	15.9%	(13.7%-18.3%)
MI	23.2%	(19.7%-27.1%)
MN	*	*
MS	18.9%	(15.3%-23.1%)

State	2023 Percent	95% Confidence Interval
MO	21.7%	(13.6%-32.8%)
MT	24.9%	(22.8%-27.2%)
NE	17.8%	(14.1%-22.3%)
NV	11.4%	(10.0%-13.0%)
NH	24.2%	(23.2%-25.3%)
NJ	16.4%	(13.6%-19.7%)
NM	16.3%	(14.7%-18.0%)
NY	21.5%	(15.2%-29.6%)
NC	17.3%	(14.3%-20.7%)
ND	20.7%	(18.8%-22.7%)
OH	21.9%	(16.4%-28.6%)
OK	20.9%	(18.2%-23.9%)
OR	*	*
PA	19.7%	(17.2%-22.6%)
RI	16.0%	(12.7%-20.1%)
SC	16.1%	(12.3%-20.7%)
SD	26.8%	(25.2%-28.5%)
TN	21.3%	(17.9%-25.1%)
TX	17.5%	(13.4%-22.5%)
UT	20.2%	(17.1%-23.8%)
VT	21.0%	*
VA	17.1%	(14.2%-20.4%)
WA	*	*
WV	22.1%	(19.1%-25.5%)
WI	21.6%	(18.5%-25.1%)
WY	23.7%	(21.7%-25.9%)

**Source:** CDC Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBS), 2023. Note: AL, AZ, CO, FL, ID, IA, KS, LA, and SC data were based on YRBS 2021; CA, GA, and NJ data were based on YRBS 2019; and WY data was based on YRBS 2015. VT data were obtained from the VT Department of Health. Asterisk denotes data not available. NY data excluded New York City.

**Note:** A 95% confidence interval (CI) represents a level of certainty about our estimate. If multiple samples were drawn from the same population, and a 95% CI calculated for each sample, we would expect the true population value to fall within 95% of those intervals. CIs are sensitive to variability in the population (spread of values) and sample size.<sup>1</sup> In our analysis, non-overlapping CIs indicated statistically significant differences.

**Reference:** <sup>1</sup>A Basic Explanation of Confidence Intervals. census.gov. Published October 8, 2021. Accessed May 12, 2026. <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe/guidance/confidence-intervals.html>.