

VIOLENCE: Physical Fighting

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Q18: During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?

In 2005, almost one-third of students reported being involved in physical fighting.

- 30.2 percent of students reported having been in a physical fight one or more times during the past 12 months.
- Males (36.4 percent) were significantly more likely to be in a physical fight than females (23.7 percent).
- Black students (48.3 percent) were significantly more likely to be involved in fights than white students (26.8 percent).
- There was no significant difference between grade levels.

There were no significant differences overall in physical fighting between 1999 and 2003.

- The percentage of males involved in a physical fight significantly decreased from 1999 (45.0 percent) to 2005 (36.4 percent).
- The percentage of students in the 11th grade involved in a physical fight significantly decreased from 1999 (37.3 percent) to 2005 (23.1 percent).

