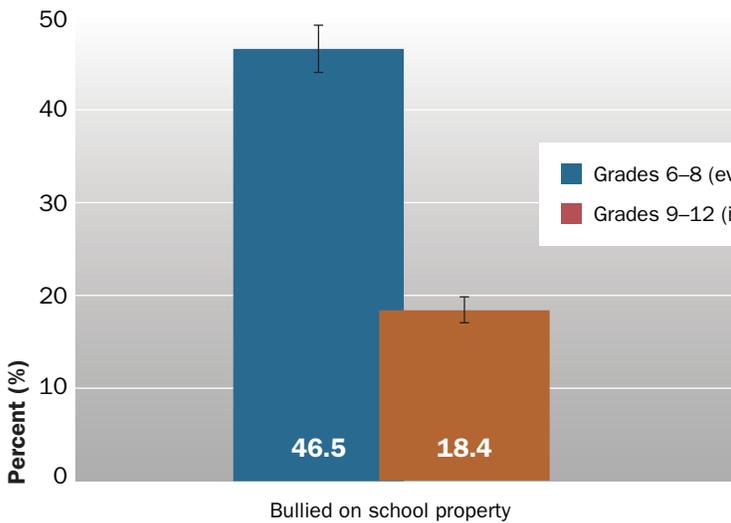


2015 NM-YRRS Results: Bullying Among Youth

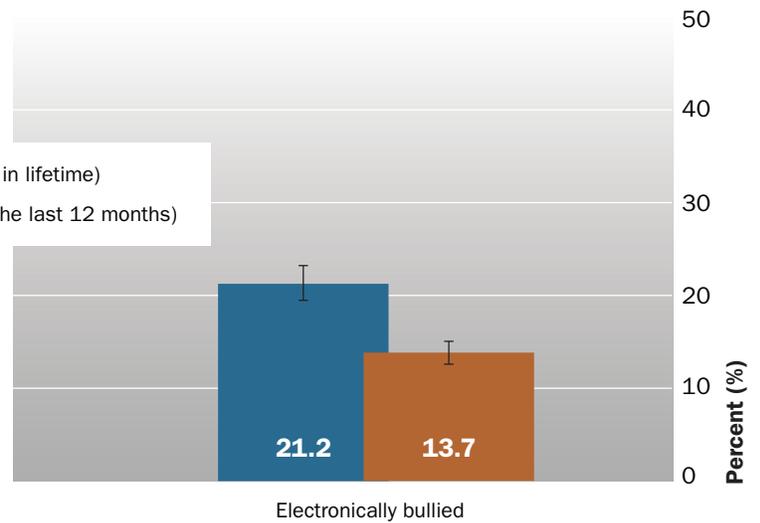
Bullying, defined as unwanted aggressive behavior resulting in an observed or perceived power imbalance, can cause physical, psychological, social, and educational harm to the targeted youth.¹ The 2015 middle school and high school YRRS questionnaires each included two items about bullying. The

middle school questions were “Have you ever been bullied on school property?” and “Have you ever been electronically bullied?” The high school questions were “During the past 12 months, have you ever been bullied on school property?” and “During the past 12 months, have you ever been electronically bullied?”

Bullying on school property
Grades 9–12 ■ NM ■ 2015



Electronic bullying
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Among high school students:

- Lesbian, gay, or bisexual students were **2.0** times more likely than straight students to be bullied on school property and **2.4** times more likely to be electronically bullied.
- Students in unstable housing were **1.7** times more likely to be bullied on school property than those in stable housing, and **2.2** times more likely to be electronically bullied.
- Students who were bullied on school property were **2.5** times more likely to engage in non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI) and those who were electronically bullied were more than **3.0** times as likely to engage in NSSI.

Among both middle school and high school students:

- Girls were more likely than boys to be bullied on school property or to be electronically bullied.
- Students who were bullied on school property or electronically bullied were more than **3.0** times as likely to have attempted suicide* as students who weren't bullied.
- Students who were electronically bullied were more likely to binge drink (**3.0** times as likely among MS students; **1.6** times as likely among HS students).

* MS: Ever in lifetime; HS: In the past 12 months

¹ Gladden RM, Vivolo-Kantor AM, Hamburger ME, Lumpkin CD. (2013). Bullying Surveillance Among Youths: Uniform Definitions for Public Health and Recommended Data Elements, Version 1.0. Atlanta, GA; National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Department of Education.

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