

## 2013 NM-YRRS Results: Students with Disabilities

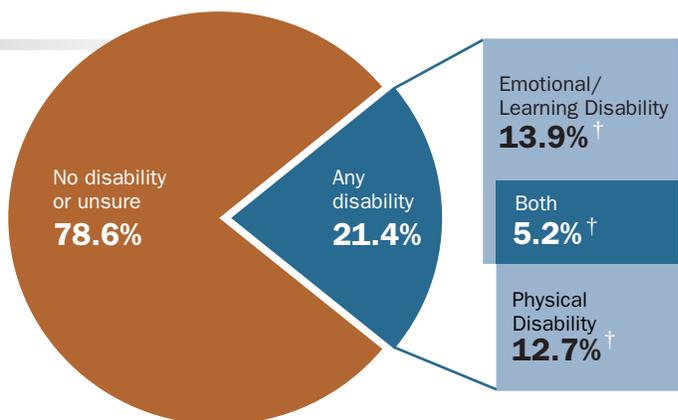
Students with disabilities are at high risk of being subjected to bullying and other forms of violence and engaging in a variety of risk behaviors. Students with disabilities may require accessibility assistance, special education and/or other school-based services.

The 2013 NM-YRRS high school survey included two questions about disability: one about physical disabilities<sup>1</sup> and the other about emotional or learning disabilities.<sup>2</sup> In 2013, 21.4% of participating high school students reported having a disability.

*1 Do you have any physical disabilities or long-term health problems? (Long-term means 6 months or more.)*

*2 Do you have any long-term emotional problems or learning disabilities? (Long-term means 6 months or more.)*

**Students with Disabilities**  
Grades 9–12 ■ NM ■ 2013



† These categories are not mutually exclusive, so will not total to the 21.4% of any disability.

Students with physical disabilities or long term health problems were more likely than those without physical disabilities or long term health problems to:

- Use painkillers to get high\* (15.3% vs. 7.5%)
- Use drugs like cocaine\* (10.0% vs. 4.6%), methamphetamines\* (8.1% vs. 3.1%) and heroin\* (6.4% vs. 2.4%)
- Be bullied at school\*\* (27.9% vs 16.7%)
- Carry a weapon on school property\* (8.9% vs. 4.9%)
- Attempt suicide\*\* (18.3% vs. 8.0%)

Students with long-term emotional problems or learning disabilities were more likely than those without emotional problems or learning disabilities to:

- Drink alcohol\* (37.0% vs. 27.4%) and engage in binge drinking\* (consumed 5 or more drinks on a single occasion) (22.0% vs. 16.2%)
- Skip school because they felt unsafe\* (14.5% vs. 5.0%)
- Be bullied at school\*\* (30.5% vs. 16.1%)
- Engage in non-suicidal self injury\*\* (47.3% vs. 15.9%)
- Attempt suicide\*\* (25.3% vs. 6.8%)

\* In past 30 days

\*\* In past 12 months

If you need more information about services available for students with disabilities, the Center for Development and Disability (CDD) Information Network has Information Specialists who can connect you to local, state, and national resources. To speak to an Information Specialist, call 505-272- 8549, or toll-free at 1-800-552-8195. You can visit CDD online at [www.cdd.unm.edu/infonet](http://www.cdd.unm.edu/infonet).

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