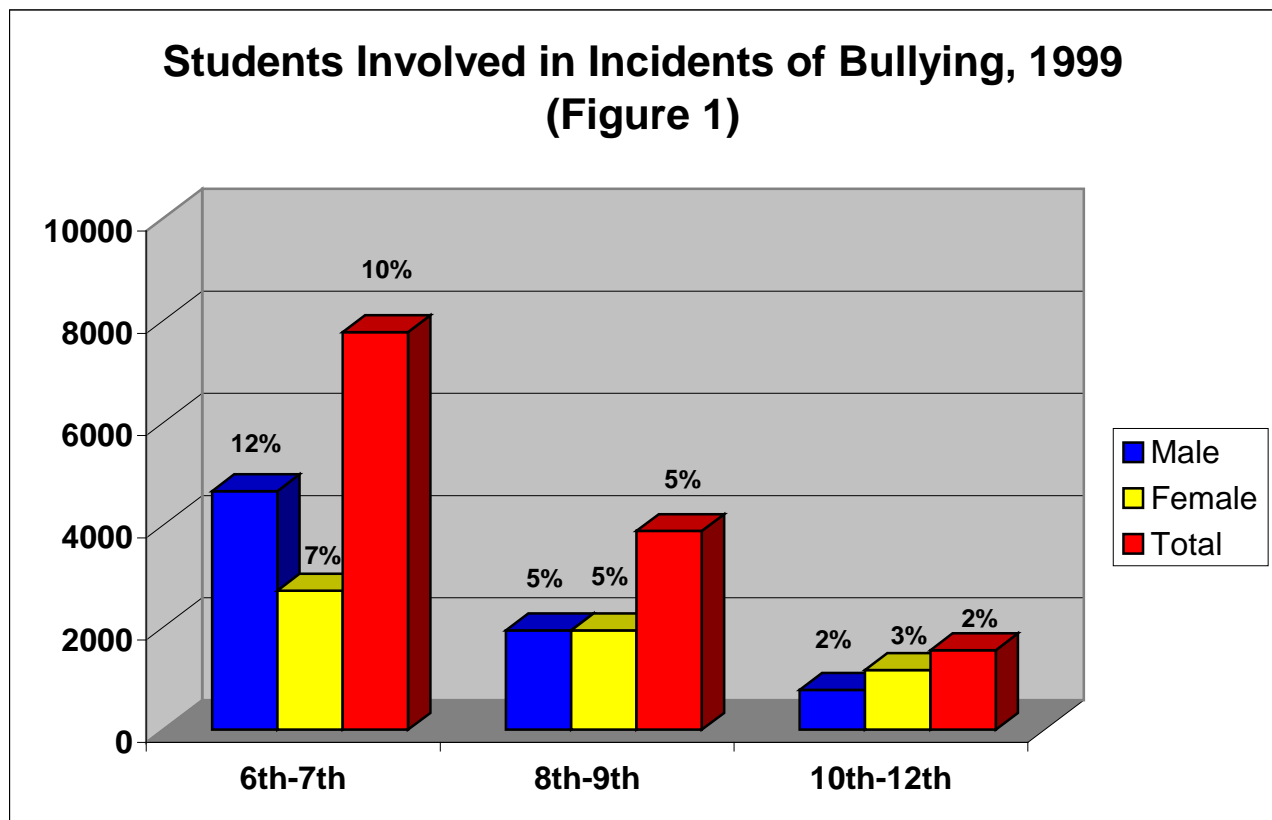


SSID Fact Sheet

Incidences of Bullying

Bullying is a constant problem for administrators, teachers, parents, and students. Many times, it is not considered a major crisis when discussing school safety and school violence. Bullying can be separated into three categories: 1) physical bullying that includes hitting, kicking, spitting, choking, and pushing, 2) verbal bullying that includes insults, taunting, degrading teasing, name calling, and threats, and 3) psychological bullying that includes social ostracism, rumors, intimidation, extortion, and manipulation.

A total of 77,750 students ages 12 and above were surveyed concerning non-lethal violent and property crimes through the National Crime Victimization Survey program. Figure 1 shows the percentage of surveyed students grades 6th through 12th who reported being a victim of some type of bullying in 1999.



Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, January-June, 1999.

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