

Health and Safety of Transgender Youth in Santa Barbara County Public Schools with California Comparisons

<i>Data are drawn from responses from students in 7th, 9th, and 11th grades taking the California Health Kids Survey (CHKS)</i>	2013-2015 Santa Barbara County		2015-2017 Santa Barbara County		2017-2019 Santa Barbara County		2019-2021 Santa Barbara County	
	Trans	Non-Trans	Trans	Non-Trans	Trans	Non-Trans	Trans	Non-Trans
	1.7%	98.3%	2.2%	97.8%	1.3%	98.7%	1.2%	98.8%
Attendance								
How many times did you skip school or cut class in the past 12 months? (more than once a week)	12.7%	3.2%	27.0%	3.7%	13.1%	3.1%	14.9%	2.2%
Missed school because you felt very, sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed, angry? (past 30 days)	33.1%	12.2%	29.6%	10.5%	27.7%	7.4%	8.2%	3.3%
Missed school because you didn't feel safe at school? (past 30 days)	13.4%	2.8%	19.9%	2.1%	9.6%	1.5%	3.5%	0.6%
Safety								
How safe do you feel when you are at school? (unsafe or very unsafe)	20.2%	4.9%	36.6%	5.6%	31.8%	7.1%	22.0%	6.7%
Have you been in a physical fight? (past 12 months)	19.0%	7.5%	39.8%	9.7%	35.1%	10.1%	30.4%	9.5%
Have you carried a gun at school? (past 12 months)	8.0%	1.0%	31.8%	1.9%	25.6%	1.6%	14.9%	1.8%
Did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide? (past 12 months)	40.2%	12.5%	45.4%	13.7%	52.8%	14.4%	48.1%	12.7%
Did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost everyday for two weeks or more that you stopped doing some usual activities? (past 12 months)	45.2%	24.0%	52.3%	24.9%	64.3%	29.2%	64.8%	34.0%
Bullying and harassment								
In the past 12 months on school property have you...								
• Been pushed, shoved, slapped, hit, kicked by someone 1 or more times	30.7%	16.4%	48.4%	18.4%	40.2%	18.1%	32.5%	16.5%
• Been afraid of being beaten up?	28.3%	11.0%	43.8%	12.5%	43.0%	13.4%	45.2%	14.9%
• Had rumors/lies spread about you?	34.9%	27.3%	50.5%	29.0%	54.1%	28.2%	43.1%	25.7%
• Had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made to you?	44.4%	24.2%	56.3%	23.8%	53.8%	22.0%	42.1%	19.3%
• Been made fun of because of your looks or way you talked?	37.0%	22.8%	53.2%	24.5%	55.9%	24.7%	45.8%	23.0%
• Been threatened with harm or injury?	17.5%	6.3%	38.4%	6.8%	35.5%	6.4%	25.0%	6.5%

• Been made fun of, insulted, or called names?	43.7%	27.8%	53.7%	27.6%	58.0%	25.5%	47.0%	23.3%
• Were harassed or bullied for your race, ethnicity, or national origin?	19.0%	10.6%	39.2%	11.6%	29.0%	11.3%	24.5%	9.3%
• Were harassed or bullied for your religion?	13.7%	5.8%	33.1%	5.8%	33.4%	5.0%	17.0%	4.6%
• Were harassed or bullied for your gender?	34.9%	7.7%	45.5%	7.0%	51.2%	5.6%	44.1%	5.0%
• Were harassed or bullied because you are gay or lesbian or somebody thought you were?	38.1%	5.6%	48.8%	6.4%	56.5%	6.8%	46.9%	6.4%
• Were harassed or bullied because physical or mental disability?	22.6%	2.9%	37.5%	3.5%	34.7%	3.6%	26.5%	3.6%
• Were harassed or bullied for any other reason?	29.6%	13.4%	45.5%	14.4%	45.9%	15.1%	31.0%	12.9%

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Protective Factors % responding “disagree” or “strongly disagree”								
I feel close to people in this school.	20.5%	10.5%	34.6%	11.4%	35.1%	12.7%	42.3%	13.2%
I am happy to be at this school.	23.0%	10.3%	37.0%	11.1%	38.8%	12.6%	45.3%	12.7%
I feel like I am part of this school.	32.0%	12.1%	39.9%	12.7%	42.0%	14.5%	43.2%	14.5%
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	26.0%	10.8%	38.8%	12.0%	36.2%	12.7%	31.3%	11.9%
I feel safe at my school.	20.6%	7.8%	36.6%	8.8%	33.8%	11.2%	32.5%	10.3%
I do interesting activities at my school.	23.0%	14.6%	35.7%	16.0%	32.2%	18.5%	26.2%	17.1%
I do things that make a difference at school.	37.8%	25.8%	45.4%	27.7%	45.9%	31.1%	39.7%	29.8%
Caring relationship % responding “not at all true” to: At my school there is a teacher or some other adult								
...who really cares about me.	17.3%	8.7%	31.2%	9.8%	27.6%	10.1%	21.9%	11.4%
...who tells me when I do a good job.	15.7%	5.8%	29.8%	7.0%	25.1%	7.8%	20.3%	7.2%
...who notices when I am not there.	15.6%	10.6%	30.2%	11.9%	30.5%	12.6%	24.8%	12.9%
...who always wants me to do my best.	11.1%	3.8%	26.5%	4.7%	21.1%	5.1%	14.3%	4.5%
...who listens when I have something to say.	15.7%	5.8%	30.6%	7.7%	26.6%	8.5%	20.3%	8.1%
...who believes that I will be a success.	18.3%	5.6%	30.6%	6.8%	27.4%	7.7%	19.5%	7.8%

Santa Barbara County Participant Demographics 2019-2021

N = 22,142

M = 49.1%

F = 49.4%

Non-Binary* = .9%

Something else* = .6%

7th grade = 42.6%

9th grade = 29.2%

11th grade = 25.8%

* These designations were derived from 12,298 surveys in the 2020-2021 administration.

Asian 3.7%

American Indian 2.5%

Black 2.6%

White 40.1%

Multiracial 50.4%

Hispanic/Latino 61.4%

Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 0.7%

Administration of the 2019-2021 CHKS took place during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact of this on survey responses has yet to be determined.

Methods: The data presented in this fact sheet were collected as part of the California Healthy Kids Survey in the 2013-2015, 2015-2017, 2017-2019 and 2019-2021 academic years at middle and high schools throughout California. The data were collected using a paper and pencil survey, or online survey, administered by school sites and reported to and compiled by WestEd. The data were analyzed running Chi-Square tests using SPSS statistical software.

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