



Together, day by day, building a healthy community

Bullying | Youth

Definition | Percent of youths in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 who reported that they were bullied at least once or twice a month at school during the school year.

Importance | The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines bullying as any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths who are not siblings or current dating partners that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. Bullying may inflict harm or distress on the targeted youth including physical, psychological, social or educational harm.¹

Where are we | In 2013, 21% of youth in Douglas County reported being bullied at school at least once or twice a month at school. The percent in Douglas County was lower from 2010 through 2013.

Health Disparities | Among youth in Douglas County and state of Kansas, 2013:

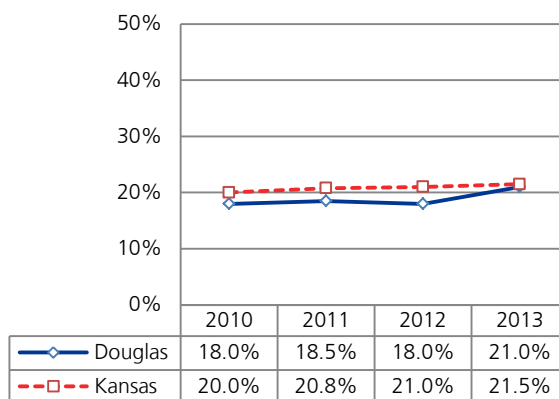
- The incidents of bullying increased by grade level.

Healthy People 2020 Goal | Decrease the percent of students in grades 9 through 12 who were bullied on school property to 17.9%.²

Additional Information | Bullying can result in physical injury, social and emotional distress, and even death. Victimized youth are at increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties and poor school adjustment. Youth who bully others are at increased risk for substance use, academic problems and violence later in adolescence and adulthood.¹

Trend Analysis

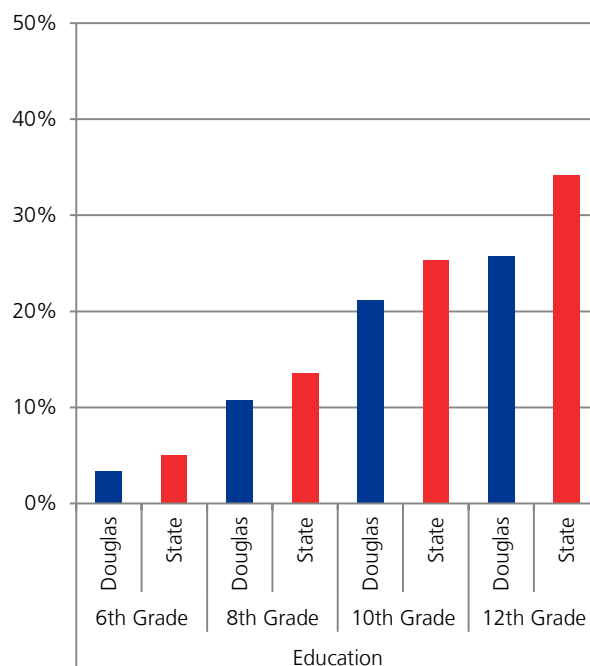
Percent of youths that were bullied at school at least once or twice a month at school³



Disparity Analysis

Percent of youths that were bullied at school at least once or twice a month at school³

Douglas County, 2013



¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

²Healthy People 2020, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

³Kansas Communities that Care