

An Analysis of Recent National Reports as They Relate to Indiana

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Indicators of School Crime and Safety 2007 Report

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The National Center for Education Statistics just released its Indicators of School Crime and Safety 2007 Report in December of 2007. This annual report is the tenth of its kind “produced jointly by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Institute of Education Sciences (IES), in the U.S. Department of Education, and the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in the U.S. Department of Justice.” This report “presents the most recent data available on school crime and student safety.”

The aim of *Indicators of School Crime and Safety* is “ensuring safer schools requires establishing good indicators of the current

state of school crime and safety across the nation and regularly updating and monitoring these indicators.”

The report contains six indicators, which are: violent deaths; nonfatal student and teacher victimization; school environment; fights, weapons, and illegal substances; fear and avoidance; and discipline and safety and security measures. Indicators of crime and safety are compared across different population subgroups and over time. Data on crimes that occur outside of school grounds are offered as a point of comparison where available. Three indicators and related tables are shown below. They are nonfatal student and

teacher victimization; school environment; and fights, weapons, and illegal substances. Students surveyed include both public and private school students in grades 9-12 in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Teachers surveyed are all public school teachers, excluding those who taught only pre-kindergarten students.

The tables and figures in this document report selected findings focused on Indiana and surrounding states so that Indiana policymakers and educators are kept up to date on campus safety issues.

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INDICATOR: NONFATAL STUDENT AND TEACHER VICTIMIZATION

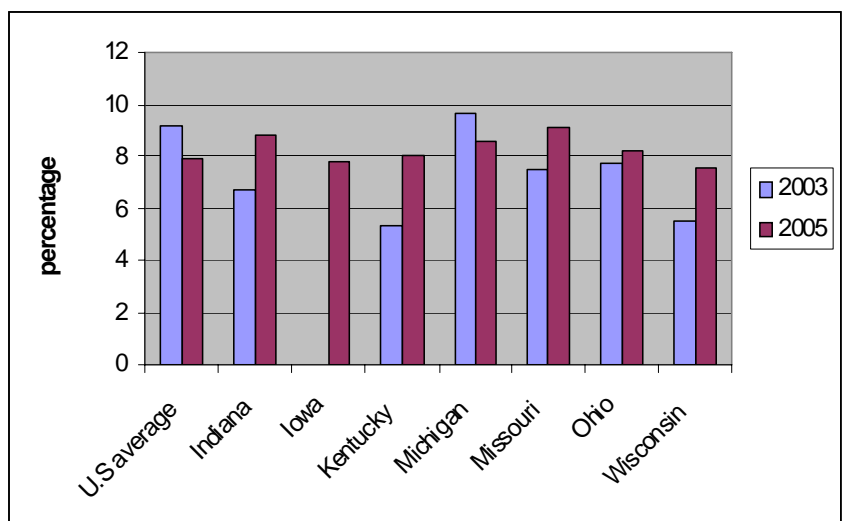
TABLE 1. Percentage of students in grades 9-12 who reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property during the previous 12 months, by state: 2003 and 2005

State	2003	2005
United States Average	9.2	7.9
Indiana	6.7	8.8
Iowa	unavailable	7.8
Kentucky	5.3	8.0
Michigan	9.7	8.6
Missouri	7.5	9.1
Ohio	7.7	8.2
Wisconsin	5.5	7.6

NOTE: “On school property” was not defined for survey respondents. The estimate for the United States is drawn from a nationally representative sample of both public and private schools and is not the aggregate of participating states. Each state estimate is based on a sample that is representative of that state. Population sizes from the Digest of Education Statistics, 2005 (NCES 2006-030) for students in grades 9-12 are 15,723,000 in 2003 and 16,286,000 (projected) in 2005.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), previously unpublished tabulation, 2003 and 2005.

Figure 1. Percentage of students in grades 9-12 who reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property during the previous 12 months, by state: 2003 and 2005



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TABLE 2. Percentage and number of public school teachers who reported that they were threatened with injury by a student from school during the previous 12 months, by state: 1993-94, 1999-2000, and 2003-04

State	Percent			Number		
	1993-94	1999-2000	2003-2004	1993-94	1999-2000	2003-2004
United States	12.8	9.6	7.5	326,300	287,700	242,500
Illinois	10.8	8.2	8.0	12,100	11,200	11,000
Indiana	13.8	7.6	7.2	8,000	4,600	4,500
Iowa	9.4	10.7	4.9	3,400	4,100	1,900
Kentucky	14.0	12.6	7.9	5,800	5,400	3,800
Michigan	10.8	8.0	9.3	8,900	8,000	9,200
Minnesota	9.6	9.5	8.2	4,200	5,500	5,000
Missouri	12.6	11.3	8.3	7,800	7,200	6,200
Ohio	15.2	9.6	6.2	16,900	11,800	8,300
Wisconsin	13.8	10.1	4.7	8,600	6,800	3,500

NOTE: Teachers who taught only pre-kindergarten students are excluded. Private school teachers are excluded because the data are not state representative. The public sector includes public, public charter, and Bureau of Indian Affairs school teachers. Population sizes for teachers are 2,930,000 in 1993-94; 3,452,000 in 1999-2000; and 3,704,000 in 2003-04. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Estimates of number of reports are rounded to the nearest 100.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS), "Public School Teacher Questionnaire," 1993-94, 1999-2000, and 2003-04; "Charter School Questionnaire," 1999-2000; and "Bureau of Indian Affairs Teacher Questionnaire," 1999-2000 and 2003-04.

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TABLE 3. Percentage and number of public school teachers who reported that they were physically attacked by a student from school during the previous 12 months, by state: 1993-94, 1999-2000, and 2003-04

State	Percent			Number		
	1993-94	1999-2000	2003-2004	1993-94	1999-2000	2003-2004
United States	4.4	4.2	3.7	111,300	125,100	120,000
Illinois	4.4	2.7	2.3	4,900	3,700	3,200
Indiana	3.0	3.0	4.1	1,700	1,800	2,600
Iowa	4.3	3.9	2.4	1,500	1,500	900
Kentucky	3.8	4.5	2.7	1,600	1,900	1,300
Michigan	6.5	3.8	4.9	5,300	3,800	4,900
Minnesota	4.5	4.5	3.6	2,000	2,600	2,200
Missouri	3.2	5.6	5.5	2,000	3,600	4,100
Ohio	3.6	2.9	2.5	4,000	3,500	3,400
Wisconsin	4.0	4.4	2.3	2,500	3,000	1,700

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INDICATOR: SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

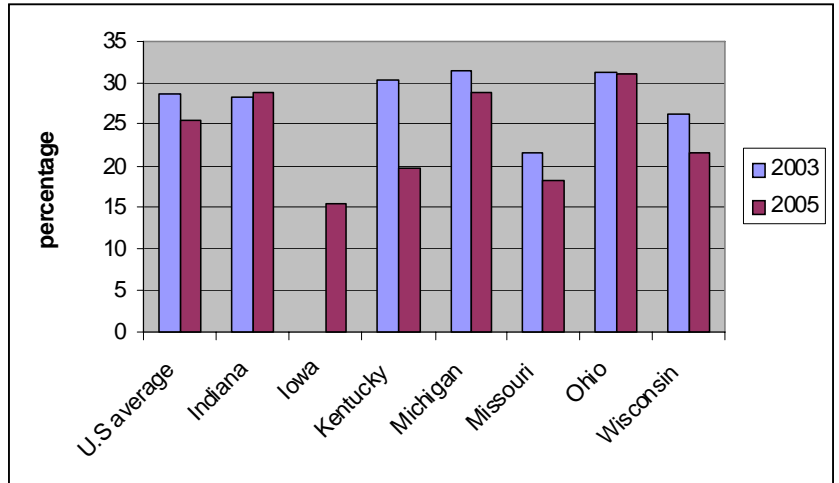
TABLE 4. Percentage of students in grades 9-12 who reported that drugs were made available to them on school property during the previous 12 months, by state: 2003 and 2005

State	2003	2005
United States Average	28.7	25.4
Indiana	28.3	28.9
Iowa	unavailable	15.5
Kentucky	30.4	19.8
Michigan	31.3	28.8
Missouri	21.6	18.2
Ohio	31.1	30.9
Wisconsin	26.3	21.7

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Figure 2. Percentage of students in grades 9-12 who reported that drugs were made available to them on school property during the previous 12 months, by state: 2003 and 2005



INDICATOR: FIGHTS AND WEAPONS AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

TABLE 5. Percentage of students in grades 9-12 who reported having been in a physical fight during the previous 12 months, by location and state: 2003 and 2005

State	Anywhere		On School Property	
	2003	2005	2003	2005
United States Average	33.0	35.9	12.8	13.6
Indiana	30.6	29.3	10.9	11.2
Iowa	unavailable	28.3	unavailable	11.3
Kentucky	26.4	29.6	10.1	12.7
Michigan	30.8	30.1	12.2	11.4
Missouri	28.2	29.8	9.8	10.2
Ohio	31.5	30.2	11.3	10.2
Wisconsin	31.4	32.6	11.6	12.2

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TABLE 6. Percentage of students in grades 9-12 who reported carrying a weapon at least 1 day during the previous 30 days, by location and state: 2003 and 2005

State	Anywhere		On School Property	
	2003	2005	2003	2005
United States Average	17.1	18.5	6.1	6.5
Indiana	17.8	19.2	6.3	5.8
Iowa	unavailable	15.7	unavailable	4.4
Kentucky	18.5	23.1	7.4	6.8
Michigan	15.2	15.8	5.1	4.7
Missouri	16.8	19.4	5.5	7.3
Ohio	12.6	15.2	3.6	4.4
Wisconsin	13.2	15.8	3.2	3.9

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TABLE 7. Percentage of students in grades 9-12 who reported using alcohol during the previous 30 days, by location and state: 2003 and 2005

State	Anywhere		On School Property	
	2003	2005	2003	2005
United States Average	44.9	43.3	5.2	4.3
Indiana	44.9	41.4	3.9	3.4
Iowa	unavailable	43.8	unavailable	4.6
Kentucky	45.2	37.4	4.8	3.5
Michigan	44.0	38.1	4.6	3.6
Missouri	49.2	40.8	2.6	3.3
Ohio	42.2	42.4	3.9	3.2
Wisconsin	47.3	49.2	unavailable	unavailable

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