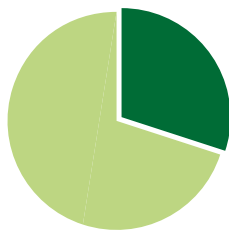


Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Disparities for Marginalized Groups

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey, administered to students across Wisconsin in 2023, shows **Wisconsin youth are in a mental health and emotional well-being crisis**. Mental health and emotional well-being are paramount to school success. While many factors outside of school influence a student's mental health, school environments impact their positive or negative mental health.



32.5% of students reported being treated badly or unfairly due to their race/ethnicity.



FEMALE STUDENTS were twice as likely to self-harm.

Marginalized Students

- One in four students (25.4%) reported experiencing hunger due to lack of food in the home during the past 30 days.
- Students of color were statistically more likely than white students to report not feeling safe at school.
- 72.3% of Hispanic/Latinx students and 74% of Black students reported having at least one supportive adult – besides their parents - in their lives.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Students

- 79% of LGB students reported experiencing anxiety.
- 63% of LGB students reported experiencing depression.
- 40% of LGB students reported considering suicide.

Note: Sexuality, sex, and gender data are collected separately on the YRBS. As a result, LGB is used instead of LGBT or similar acronyms to most accurately reflect how student data was collected.

Female Students

- 66.8% of female students reported experiencing anxiety, and 45% of female students reported experiencing depression.
- Female students were twice as likely to harm themselves compared to male students.
- Female students reported much higher rates of bullying compared to male students.

Help is Available

If you feel like you are in a crisis, please text “HOPELINE” to 741741; call or text 988; or use the chat feature at [988 lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org). Additional resources are also available [on the DPI's Student Services /Prevention and Wellness \(SSPW\) website](#).