

Estimates of Children Involved in Bullying State by State

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(Percentages taken from the 2000 Census and the Norwegian Study,
1983-4, of Dan Olweus PhD*)

Alabama	Population	4,447,100
	18.6 - 827,161 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	62,616
	Victims/Bullies	13,069
	Bullies	59,721
	Total est. involved in bullying	135,406

Alaska	Population	626,932
	22.8 - 142,941 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	10,821
	Victims/Bullies	2,258
	Bullies	10,320
	Total est. involved in bullying	23,399

Arizona	Population	5,130,632
	19.1 - 979,951 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	74,182
	Victims/Bullies	15,483
	Bullies	70,753
	Total est. involved in bullying	160,478

Arkansas	Population	2,673,400
	18.6 - 497,252 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	37,642
	Victims/Bullies	7,856
	Bullies	35,902
	Total est. involved in bullying	81,400

California	Population	33,871,648
	20.0 - 6,774,330 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	512,817
	Victims/Bullies	107,034
	Bullies	489,108
	Total est. involved in bullying	1,108,058

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Colorado	Population	4,301,261
	18.7 - 804,336 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	60,888
	Victims/Bullies	12,709
	Bullies	58,073
	Total est. involved in bullying	131,670
Connecticut	Population	3,405,565
	18.1 - 616,407 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	46,662
	Victims/Bullies	9,739
	Bullies	44,505
	Total est. involved in bullying	100,906
Delaware	Population	783,600
	18.2 - 142,616 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	10,796
	Victims/Bullies	2,253
	Bullies	10,297
	Total est. involved in bullying	23,346
Florida	Population	15,982,378
	16.9 - 2,701,022 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	204,467
	Victims/Bullies	42,676
	Bullies	195,014
	Total est. involved in bullying	442,157
Georgia	Population	8,186,453
	19.2 - 1,571,799 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	118,985
	Victims/Bullies	24,835
	Bullies	113,484
	Total est. involved in bullying	257,304
Hawaii	Population	1,211,537
	17.9 - 216,865 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	16,417
	Victims/Bullies	3,426
	Bullies	15,658
	Total est. involved in bullying	35,501
Idaho	Population	1,293,953
	21.0 - 269,630 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	20,411
	Victims/Bullies	4,260
	Bullies	19,467
	Total est. involved in bullying	44,138

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Illinois	Population	12,419,293
	19.0 - 2,359,666 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	178,626
	Victims/Bullies	37,283
	Bullies	170,368
	Total est. involved in bullying	386,277
Indiana	Population	6,080,485
	18.9 - 1,149,212 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	86,995
	Victims/Bullies	18,158
	Bullies	82,973
	Total est. involved in bullying	188,126
Iowa	Population	2,926,324
	18.7 - 547,223 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	41,425
	Victims/Bullies	8,646
	Bullies	39,509
	Total est. involved in bullying	89,580
Kansas	Population	2,688,418
	19.5 - 524,242 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	39,685
	Victims/Bullies	8,283
	Bullies	37,850
	Total est. involved in bullying	85,818
Kentucky	Population	4,041,769
	18.0 - 727,518 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	55,073
	Victims/Bullies	11,495
	Bullies	52,527
	Total est. involved in bullying	119,095
Louisiana	Population	4,468,976
	20.2 - 902,733 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	68,337
	Victims/Bullies	14,263
	Bullies	65,177
	Total est. involved in bullying	147,777
Maine	Population	1,274,923
	18.1 - 230,761 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	17,469
	Victims/Bullies	3,646
	Bullies	16,661
	Total est. involved in bullying	37,776

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Maryland	Population	5,296,486
	18.9 - 1,001,036 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	75,779
	Victims/Bullies	15,816
	Bullies	72,275
	Total est. involved in bullying	163,870
D. C.	Population	572,059
	14.4 - 82,376 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	6,236
	Victims/Bullies	1,301
	Bullies	5,948
	Total est. involved in bullying	13,485
	Both	177,355
Massachusetts	Population	6,349,097
	17.3 - 1,098,394 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	83,148
	Victims/Bullies	17,355
	Bullies	79,304
	Total est. involved in bullying	179,807
Michigan	Population	9,938,444
	19.3 - 1,918,120 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	145,202
	Victims/Bullies	30,306
	Bullies	138,488
	Total est. involved in bullying	313,996
Minnesota	Population	4,919,479
	19.5 - 959,298 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	72,619
	Victims/Bullies	15,157
	Bullies	69,261
	Total est. involved in bullying	157,037
Mississippi	Population	2,844,658
	20.1 - 571,776 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	43,284
	Victims/Bullies	9,034
	Bullies	41,282
	Total est. involved in bullying	93,600
Missouri	Population	5,595,211
	18.9 - 1,057,495 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	80,052
	Victims/Bullies	16,709
	Bullies	76,351
	Total est. involved in bullying	173,112

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Montana	Population	902,195
	19.4 - 175,026 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	13,250
	Victims/Bullies	2,765
	Bullies	12,637
	Total est. involved in bullying	28,652
Nebraska	Population	1,711,263
	19.5 - 333,696 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	25,261
	Victims/Bullies	5,272
	Bullies	24,093
	Total est. involved in bullying	54,626
Nevada	Population	1,998,257
	18.3 - 365,681 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	27,682
	Victims/Bullies	5,778
	Bullies	26,402
	Total est. involved in bullying	59,862
New Hampshire	Population	1,235,786
	18.9 - 233,564 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	17,681
	Victims/Bullies	3,690
	Bullies	16,863
	Total est. involved in bullying	38,234
New Jersey	Population	8,414,350
	18.1 - 1,522,997 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	115,291
	Victims/Bullies	24,063
	Bullies	109,961
	Total est. involved in bullying	249,315
New Mexico	Population	1,819,046
	20.8 - 378,362 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	28,642
	Victims/Bullies	5,978
	Bullies	27,318
	Total est. involved in bullying	61,938
New York	Population	18,976,457
	18.2 - 3,453,715 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	261,446
	Victims/Bullies	54,569
	Bullies	249,358
	Total est. involved in bullying	565,373

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N. Carolina	Population	8,049,313
	17.7 - 1,424,728 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	107,852
	Victims/Bullies	22,511
	Bullies	102,865
	Total est. involved in bullying	233,228
N. Dakota	Population	642,200
	18.9 - 121,376 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	9,188
	Victims/Bullies	1,918
	Bullies	8,763
	Total est. involved in bullying	19,869
Ohio	Population	11,353,140
	18.8 - 2,134,390 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	161,573
	Victims/Bullies	33,724
	Bullies	154,103
	Total est. involved in bullying	349,400
Oklahoma	Population	3,450,654
	19.1 - 659,075 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	49,892
	Victims/Bullies	10,414
	Bullies	47,585
	Total est. involved in bullying	107,891
Oregon	Population	3,421,399
	18.2 - 622,695 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	47,138
	Victims/Bullies	9,839
	Bullies	44,958
	Total est. involved in bullying	101,935
Pennsylvania	Population	12,281,054
	17.9 - 2,198,309 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	166,412
	Victims/Bullies	34,733
	Bullies	158,718
	Total est. involved in bullying	359,863
Rhode Island	Population	1,048,319
	17.5 - 183,456 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	13,888
	Victims/Bullies	2,899
	Bullies	13,245
	Total est. involved in bullying	30,032

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S. Carolina	Population	4,012,012
	18.6 - 746,234 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	56,490
	Victims/Bullies	11,791
	Bullies	53,878
	Total est. involved in bullying	122,159
S. Dakota	Population	754,844
	20.0 - 150,969 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	11,429
	Victims/Bullies	2,385
	Bullies	10,900
	Total est. involved in bullying	24,714
Tennessee	Population	5,689,283
	18.0 - 1,024,071 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	77,522
	Victims/Bullies	16,180
	Bullies	73,938
	Total est. involved in bullying	167,640
Texas	Population	20,851,820
	20.4 - 4,253,771 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	322,010
	Victims/Bullies	67,210
	Bullies	307,122
	Total est. involved in bullying	696,342
Utah	Population	2,233,169
	22.8 - 509,163 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	38,544
	Victims/Bullies	8,045
	Bullies	36,761
	Total est. involved in bullying	83,350
Vermont	Population	608,827
	18.6 - 113,242 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	8,573
	Victims/Bullies	1,789
	Bullies	8,176
	Total est. involved in bullying	18,538
Virginia	Population	7,078,515
	18.1 - 1,281,212 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	96,988
	Victims/Bullies	20,243
	Bullies	92,503
	Total est. involved in bullying	209,734

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Washington	Population	5,894,121
	19.0 - 1,119,883 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	84,775
	Victims/Bullies	17,694
	Bullies	80,856
	Total est. involved in bullying	183,325

West Virginia	Population	1,808,344
	16.7 - 301,993 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	22,861
	Victims/Bullies	4,771
	Bullies	21,804
	Total est. involved in bullying	49,436

Wisconsin	Population	5,363,675
	19.1 - 1,024,462 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	77,552
	Victims/Bullies	16,186
	Bullies	73,966
	Total est. involved in bullying	167,704

Wyoming	Population	493,782
	19.8 - 97,769 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	7,401
	Victims/Bullies	1,545
	Bullies	7,059
	Total est. involved in bullying	16,005

(Puerto Rico Population 3,808,610)

Totals of all States	Population	285,230,516
	18.9 - 53,908,568 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	4,080,879
	Victims/Bullies	851,755
	Bullies	3,892,199
	Total est. involved in bullying	8,824,833

*Percentages taken from the 2000 Census and the Norwegian Study, 1983-4, of Dan Olweus PhD**

Victims	.0757
Victims & Bullies	.0158
Bullies	.0722
Total	.1637

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The Top Ten Worst States involved in Bullying are:

- 1) [California](#): 1,108,958 - Yes, (Law 2003 Session), Grade - **B**
- 2) Texas: 696,342 - No - **F**
- 3) New York: 565,373 - No - **F***
- 4) Florida: 442,157 - No - **F**
- 5) [Illinois](#): 386,277 - ? - **D-**
- 6) [Pennsylvania](#): 359,863 - Yes - **B+**
- 7) Ohio: 349,400 - No - **F**
- 8) Michigan: 313,996 - No - **F***
- 9) [Georgia](#): 257,304 - Yes - **A-**
- 10) [New Jersey](#): 249,315 - Yes - **A**

The Top Ten Best States involved in Bullying are:

- 1) Wyoming: 16,005 - No - **F**
- 2) [Vermont](#): 18,538 - Yes - **A-**
- 3) North Dakota: 19,869 - No - **F**
- 4) Delaware: 23,346 - No - **F***
- 5) Alaska: 23,399 - No - **F***
- 6) South Dakota: 24,714 - No - **F**
- 7) Montana: 28,652 - No - **F**
- 8) [Rhode Island](#): 30,032 - Yes - **A**
- 9) Hawaii: 35,501 - No - **F**
- 10) Maine: 37,776 - No - **F**

It has been reported in some media publications that only 1% of our schoolchildren are being bullied today. However, this percentage is grossly underestimated.

Using the U.S. Census and the percentages of a 1983-84 study of over a half million Norwegian children, by Dan Olweus PhD, Bully Police USA has come up with a more accurate percentage and count of how many children are being bullied in the USA. The estimate of 8,824,833 is over 16% of the school population.

Today, many bullying experts and educators believe that these numbers are low, as through the years, violent television, movies, and computer games have encouraged and taught more bullying techniques. It also does not help that many popular comedy shows teach children how to cut and verbally harass one another at home and at school.

Unless all concerned citizens, (parents, students, administrators, teachers, etc.) declare an attitude of change, bullying will continue to be an epidemic all over the United States.

Recent school shootings and the publicity they have received have not motivated schools or lawmakers to take action in many States throughout the U.S.A. Only four states, California, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Vermont enacted or added new anti bullying laws during the 2003-2004 Session. Several other states, such as Indiana, Arizona, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York and South Carolina attempted to enact

anti bullying laws. In one case, Arizona, a Committee Chairman "killed" the law without even a hearing, even after both the Arizona Houses passed their Anti Bullying Bill with only one "no" vote. (See Arizona - [Getting a law](#))

On April 20, a national television news report (related to the fifth anniversary of the Columbine shootings - April 20, 1999), stated that safety and bullying prevention programs have decreased rather than increased. What a shame!

*Put yourself in the shoes of a victim of bullying. Every day a child is bullied is an eternity to them. We worry about terrorists coming into our country and doing us harm. **A victim of bullying walks into their school each day knowing their terrorist could strike any moment and destroy their wounded spirit again, and again.** How long can a child "play on the freeway dodging cars" before the experience finally becomes too much and they go over the edge?*

It is the responsibility of the U.S. Government to protect all of its citizens from harm outside our borders and harm coming in. It is also the responsibility of State Lawmakers to protect their citizens, including our children, within their states. This disturbing bullying behavior in our schools must stop and our State Lawmakers have a duty to enact laws to protect our youngest citizens.

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* Efforts by past lawmakers to get an anti bullying law

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