

Illinois Center for Violence Prevention Fact Sheet

Youth Violence

- Student bullying is one of the most frequently reported discipline problems at school: 21% of elementary schools, 43% of middle schools, and 22% of high schools reported problems with bullying in 2005-06.¹
- According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports, a total of 457,455 arrests for violent crimes were made in 2008. Of those arrested, 73,970 (16%) were juveniles.²
- Among 10 to 24 year-olds, 86% (4,6973) of homicide victims were male and 14% (791) were female, and 84% were killed with a firearm.³
- 7.7% reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property one or more times in the 12 months preceding the 2009 nationally representative sample of youth in grades 9-12.⁴
- In 2008, 1,280 juveniles were arrested for murder, 3,340 for forcible rape, and 56,000 for aggravated assault.⁵
- In 2008, more than 656,000 young people ages 10 to 24 were treated in emergency departments for injuries sustained from violence.⁶
- In 2008, there were 5,620 criminal sexual assault offenses reported to the Illinois State Police.⁷
- In 2008, there were 10,074 reported cases of child sexual abuse in Illinois.⁸

¹ Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2007; National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education

² United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation. (September 2009). *Crime in the United States, 2008*. From <http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/arrests/index.html>

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⁴ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) [online]. (2010) Available from: URL: www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html

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⁶ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. School-associated student homicides—United States, 2009. *MMWR, surveillance Summaries* 2009; 59 (no. SS-5).

⁷ Illinois State Police. Reported Violent Offenses. Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, 2008.

⁸ Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Child Abuse and Neglect Statistics Annual Report-Fiscal Year 2008.