Safety (including bullying)



Findings from the Health Related Behaviour Survey 2026

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INTRODUCTION

The Health Related Behaviour Survey (HRBS) has been running in Wolverhampton since 2006. The survey is carried out as a way of consulting with children and young people and collecting robust information about young people's health and wellbeing. The HRBS is commissioned by the Public Health team within the City of Wolverhampton. It is implemented by the Schools Health Education Unit (SHEU) which has conducted the survey on behalf of the Council since its inception in 2006.

The survey is conducted with children and young people across Wolverhampton, who are asked to complete an anonymous on-line version of the survey appropriate for their age group. Schools are supported to collect the most reliable data with pupils in Years 2 (Key Stage 1 survey), 4 & 6 (Key Stage 2 survey), and 8 & 10 (Secondary Key Stage 3-4 survey) with other year groups taking part where appropriate. In the 2026 survey schools could also opt for a Year 7 version and a Year 12 version of the secondary survey.

HRBS 2026 was completed by a total of 12942 pupils in 23 primary (Key Stage 1) settings, 57 primary (Key Stage 2) settings, 16 secondary (Key Stage 3-4) settings, 3 institutions completed the Year 12+ survey, and 9 institutions took part in the SEND survey. Some schools chose to survey additional year groups, the full sample size can be found at the back of this report.

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NAVIGATING THE REPORT

The report is one of five that reflect local priorities. Each report is divide into the following sections:

Headlines

Each report contains headline bullet points, comparing the 2026 data to previous years (where available).

- Positive finding
- Negative finding
- Neutral finding (where it is subjective as to whether the finding is positive or negative or is little different)

Trends

The survey questions have changed somewhat compared with previous years but where possible, trend charts have been included to provide useful insight for key priority areas.

Phase Differences

A selection of questions used across the surveys has been presented to look for age-related differences in responses.

Mapping

Where postcode data was available, school survey responses were mapped against wards using pupils' home postcodes. Due to limited postcode data, secondary school responses could not be mapped at ward level.

Links Between Behaviours

Cross tabulations have been investigated for some of the key questions in the survey to look for links between behaviours. Each statement is a statistically significant finding; to save space, only two from the secondary survey have been selected but full lists are available.

Inequalities

Selected questions from the primary and secondary questionnaires were analysed to explore differences in responses between demographic and potentially vulnerable groups.

HEADLINES

Bullying appears to be more of a concern in 2026 for KS1 and KS2 pupils compared with 2024. KS1 pupils are more likely to say they are at least ‘sometimes’ scared to go to school because of other children than in previous years. There is a decreasing trend for KS2 pupils saying that their school deals ‘very well’ with bullying.

KS3-4 pupils however seem less concerned about bullying in 2026. They were more likely to say that their school deals with bullying ‘Very well’ compared with 2024 and were more likely to say that their school challenges racist and homophobic bullying effectively.

Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils are less likely to rate their safety after dark and going out during the day as ‘good’ or ‘excellent’ compared with 2024.

Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils are less likely to say that they have been a victim of crime compared with 2024.

Key Stage 1 Pupils

- 69% of Key Stage 1 pupils said they "usually" feel safe at school in 2026, up from 67% in 2024 and 64% in 2022.
- 40% of pupils said they can go online without a parent or carer present, down from 42% in 2024 and 44% in 2022. A further 17% said they are not allowed online.
- 65% of pupils said their parents or carers have rules about what they can do online, up from 61% in 2024.
- Safety remained the most common concern among Key Stage 1 pupils, with 44% reporting that they worry about it in 2026, compared with 41% in 2024.
- 39% of pupils said they are scared to go to school at least "sometimes" compared with 29% in 2024 and 25% in 2022.

Key Stage 2 Pupils

- 15% of Key Stage 2 pupils in 2026 said that they have been bullied somewhere other than school in the last 6 months, this is lower than the 17% in 2024 and the 16% seen in 2022.
- 70% of Key Stage 2 pupils said that feel welcome when they walk into their school/class. This is higher than the 67% seen in 2024.
- 69% of Key Stage 2 pupils said that safety in the area near where they live is 'good' or 'excellent'. This is higher than the 65% seen in 2024.
- 74% of Key Stage 2 pupils said that they have received at least one of the negative behaviours listed in 2026 compared with 76% saying this in 2024.
- 39% of Key Stage 2 pupils said that they use social networking sites for posting messages in 2026 compared with 47% saying this in 2024.
- 34% of Key Stage 2 pupils said that their school deals with bullying 'very well'. This is lower than the 36% in 2024 and 41% reported in 2022 and the 45% seen in 2018.
- 10% of Key Stage 2 pupils said that they have bullied someone else in 2026 and 2024 compared with 8% saying this in 2022.
- 12% of Year 5/6 pupils in 2026 said that there was violence at home between adults at least once or twice in the month before the survey that had frightened them.
- 38% of Key Stage 2 pupils said that they use social networks to meet up with friends in 2026 compared with 41% in 2024 and 49% saying this in 2022.

Secondary Pupils

- 33% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils in 2026 think their school challenges racism and racist bullying effectively. This is higher than the 26% seen in 2024 and 2022 and the 29% seen in 2018; 32% said this in 2016.
- 75% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils said that their safety going to and from school is 'good' or 'excellent'. This is higher than the 71% seen in 2024 and the 73% seen in 2022.
- 5% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils said that they had been a victim of crime compared with 7% in 2024.
- 13% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils said that their school deals with bullying 'very well' compared with 11% in 2024.
- 26% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils said that their safety after dark is 'good' or 'very good'. This continues a downward trend from 30% seen in 2024, 35% seen in 2022 and the 39% seen in 2018.
- 65% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils said that their safety going out during the day is 'good' or 'very good'. This is lower than the 68% seen in 2024 and the 72% seen in 2022.
- 8% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils in 2026 and 2024 said that there was violence or abuse at home between adults, at least once or twice in the month before the survey, that had frightened them.
- 13% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils in 2026 said that in the last 6 months they have received sexualised comments/banter online compared with 9% in 2024.

- 9% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils in 2026 said that, in the last 6 months, someone showed them sexual images they didn't want to see, compared with 12% in 2024. 5% in 2026 said they had been asked to share nudes or semi-nudes.5% said someone had pulled down their trousers and 2% said someone had taken photos under their clothing or pulled down their skirt.
- 21% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils in 2026 and 2024 said that they have been picked on or bullied because of their size or weight. This is lower than the 24% seen in 2022 but higher than the 18% seen in 2018.
- 16% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils in 2026 said that they have been bullied online. This is lower than the 18% seen in 2024 and the 17% seen in 2022 but higher than the 13% seen in 2018.
- 26% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils in 2026 said they think their school challenges homophobic bullying effectively. This compares with 23% in 2024 and 26% seen in 2022; all are higher than the 19% seen in 2018.
- 4% of Key Stage 3-4 secondary pupils in 2026 and 2024 carry weapons when going out compared with 5% in 2022.



TRENDS

- The trend for pupils who say they are at least "sometimes" afraid of going to school because of bullying has remained stable for both primary and secondary pupils. In 2026, 32% of primary pupils reported being at least sometimes afraid to attend school because of bullying, compared with 34% in 2014. Perceptions of how well schools address bullying have declined over time.

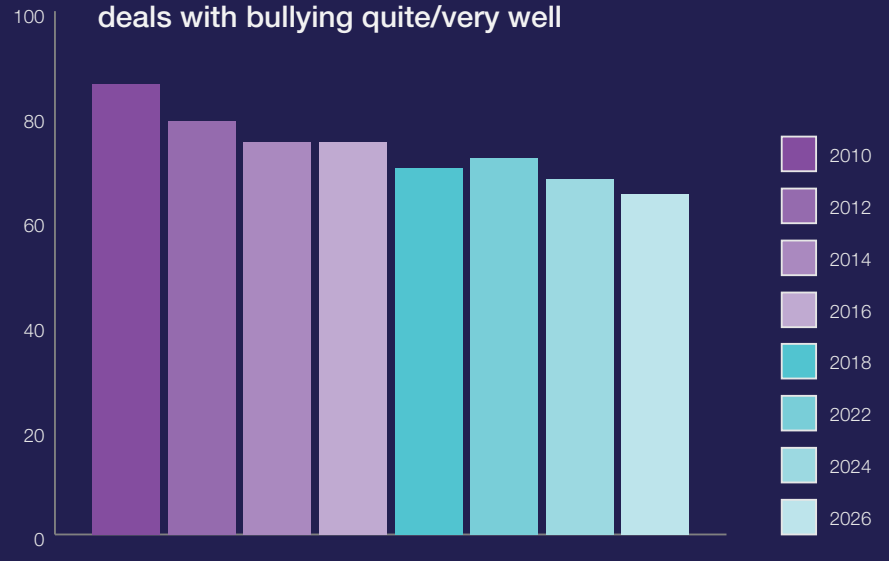
Percentage of KS3-4 children who are afraid of going to school because of bullying



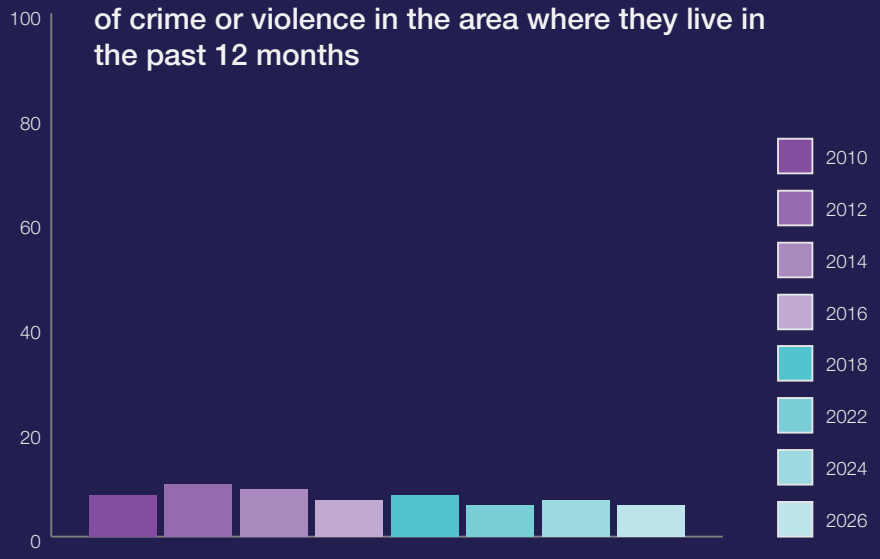
Percentage of KS2 children who are afraid of going to school because of bullying



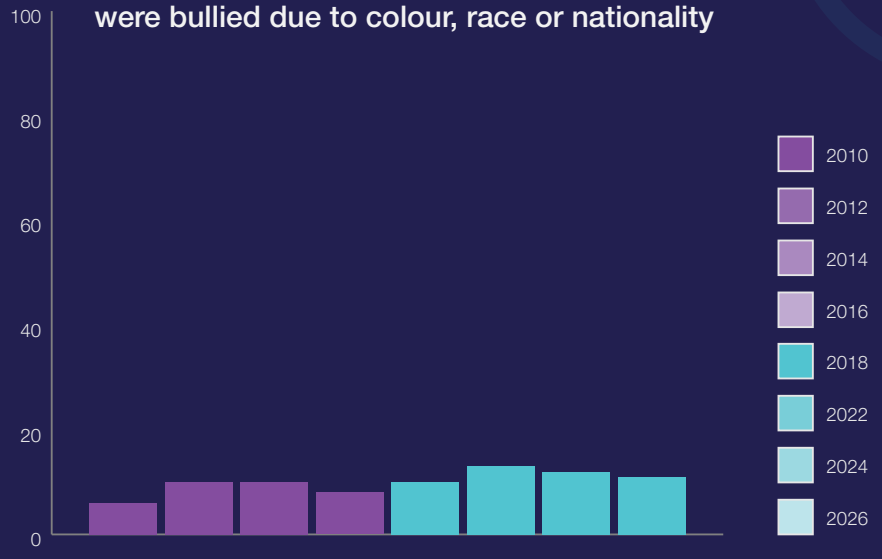
Percentage of KS2 children who say school deals with bullying quite/very well



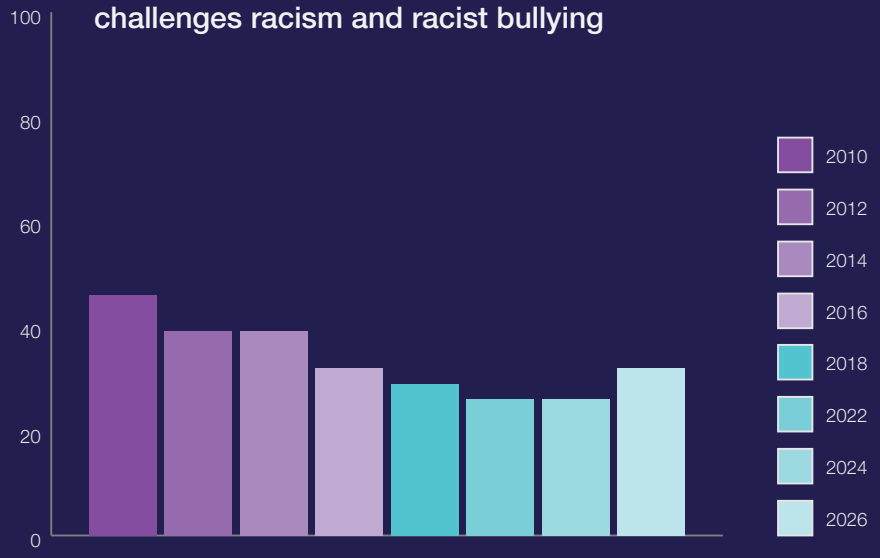
Percentage of KS3-4 children have been a victim of crime or violence in the area where they live in the past 12 months



Percentage of KS3-4 children who say they were bullied due to colour, race or nationality

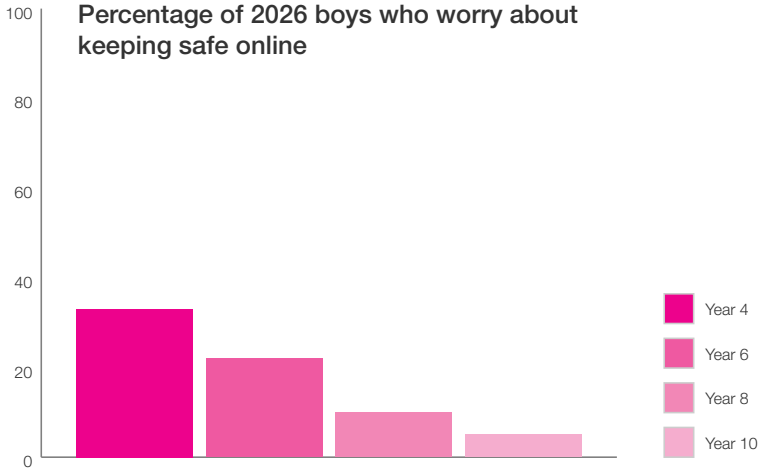


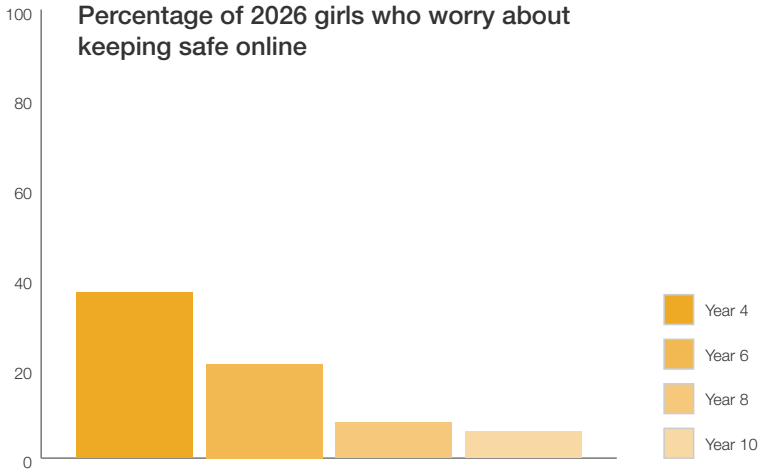
Percentage of KS3-4 children who say school challenges racism and racist bullying

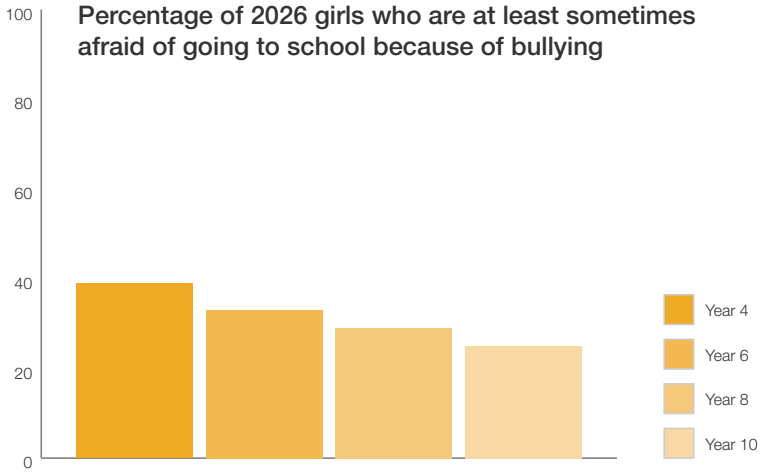


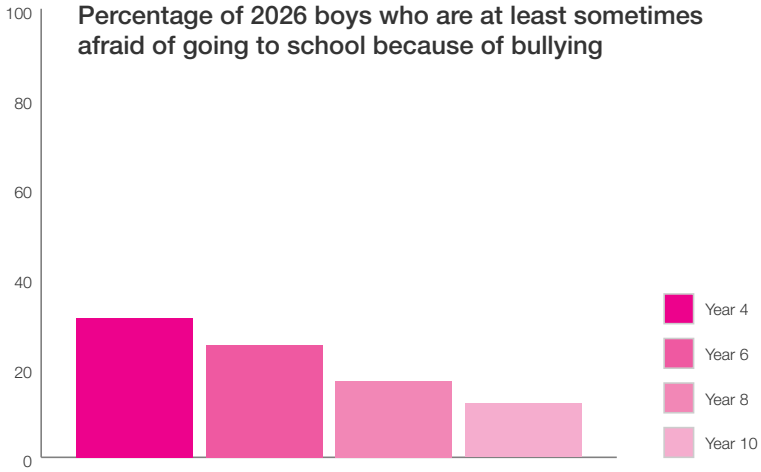
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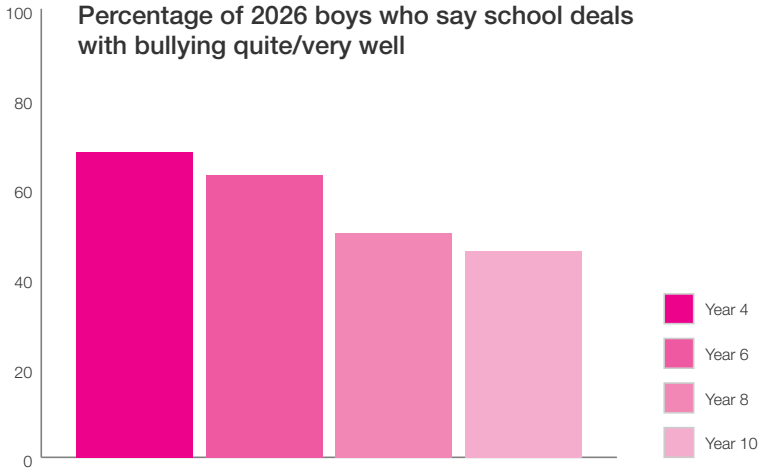
- Around 1 in 10 pupils report being bullied due to their race, colour or nationality; with higher rates reported by girls in secondary schools.
- The proportion of pupils who feel their school deals well with bullying is lower in secondary school than in primary school.
- Concerns about safety are less common among secondary school pupils. Worrying about gangs and keeping safe online falls with increasing age.

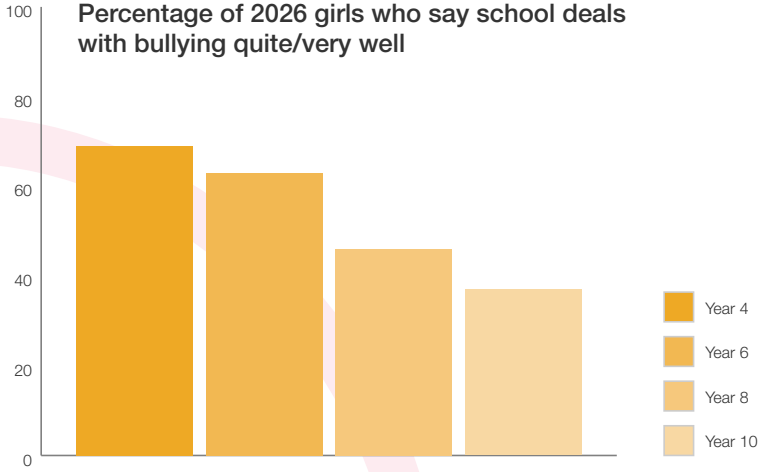


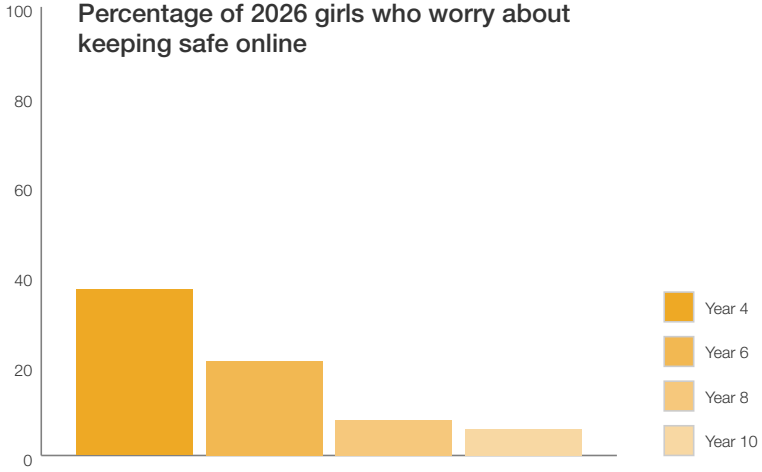


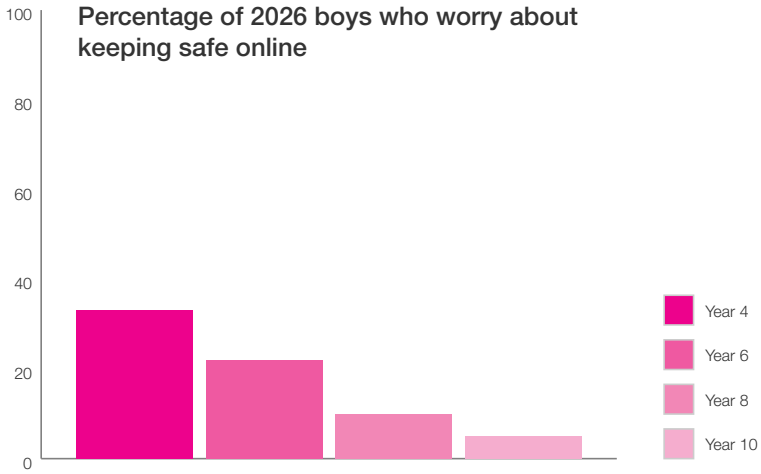


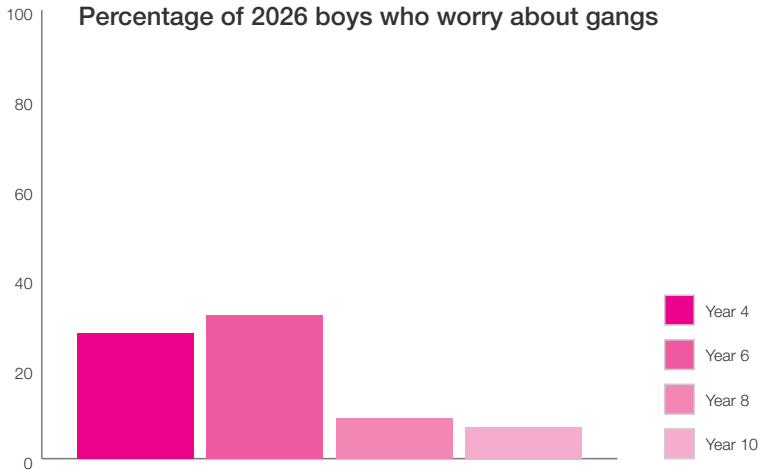

Percentage of 2026 boys who are at least sometimes afraid of going to school because of bullying
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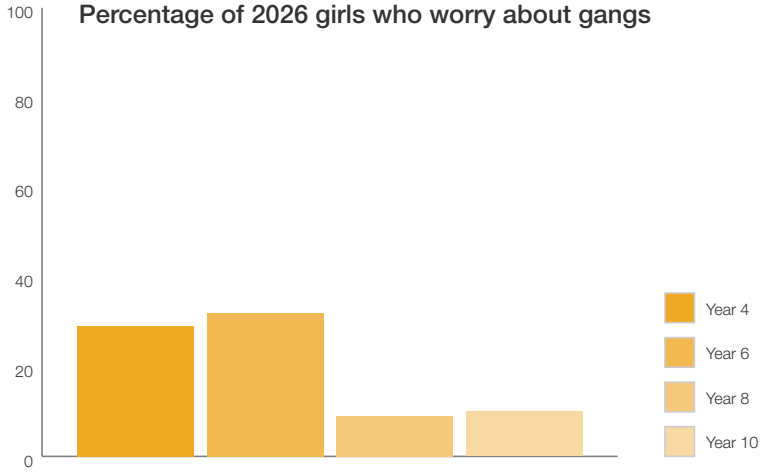

Percentage of 2026 boys who say school deals with bullying quite/very well
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Percentage of 2026 girls who say school deals with bullying quite/very well
100
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Year 4
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Percentage of 2026 girls who worry about keeping safe online
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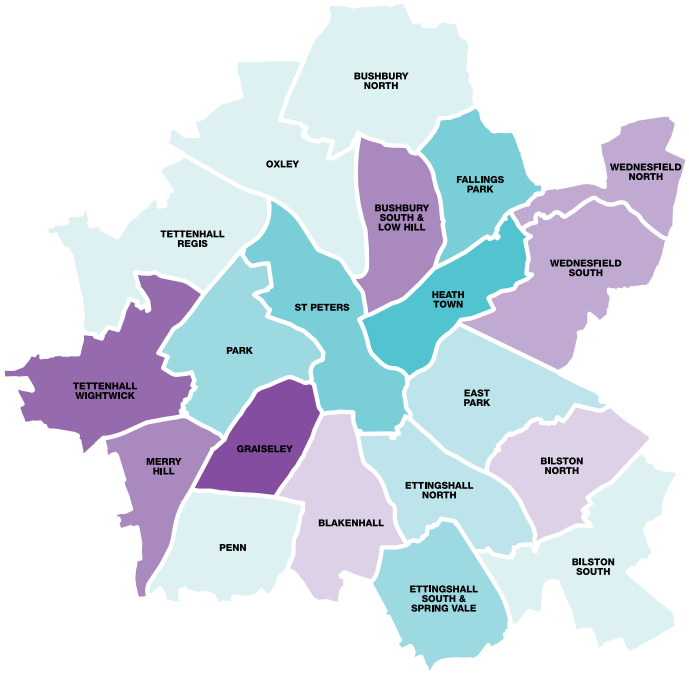

Percentage of 2026 boys who worry about keeping safe online
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Percentage of 2026 boys who worry about gangs
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Year 4
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Percentage of 2026 girls who worry about gangs
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MAPPING

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who worry about crime



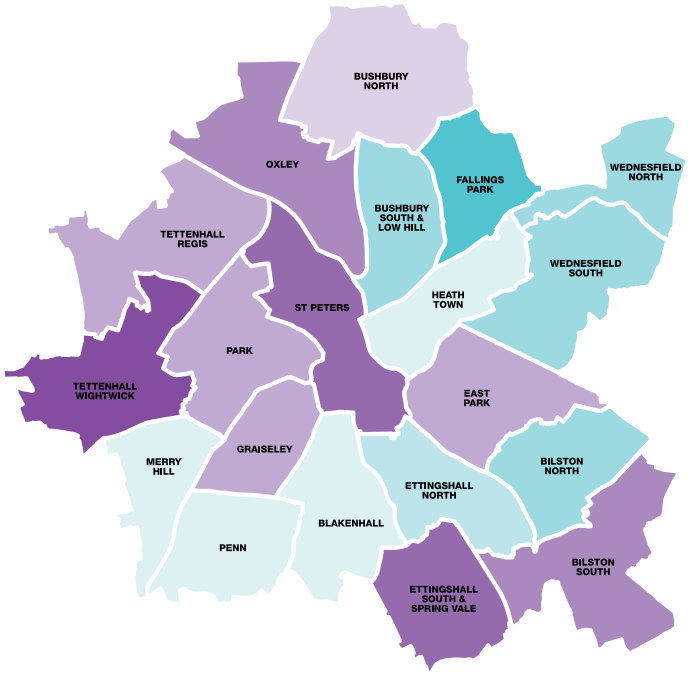
- 25.3% – 27.0% Graiseley
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- 28.6% – 30.3% Bushbury South & Low Hill, Merry Hill
- 30.3% – 32.0% Wednesfield North, Wednesfield South
- 32.0% – 33.6% Blakenhall, Bilston North
- 33.6% – 35.3% Bushbury North, Oxley, Tettenhall Regis, Penn, Bilston South
- 35.3% – 37.0% East Park, Ettingshall North
- 37.0% – 38.6% Park, Ettingshall South & Spring Vale
- 38.6% – 40.3% St Peter's, Fallings Park
- 40.3% – 42.0% Heath Town

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who use social networking sites to meet people they first met online



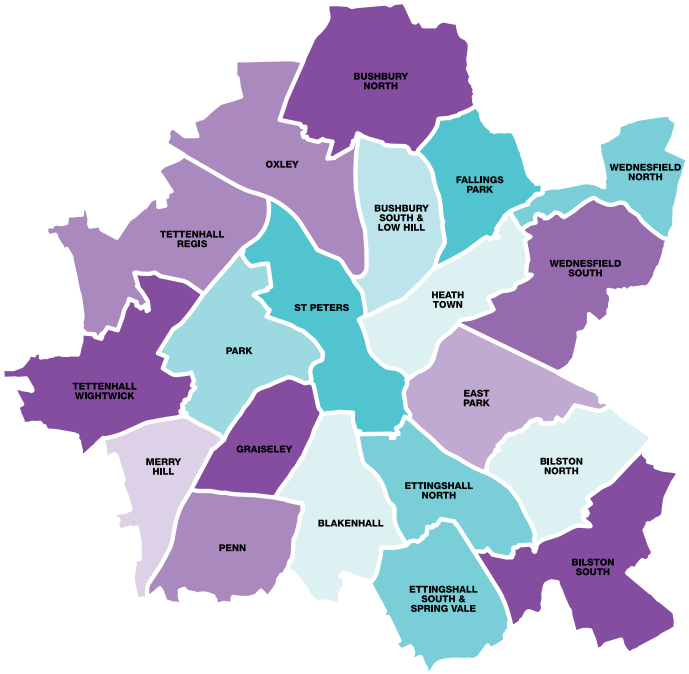
- 0.0% – 1.2% Tettenhall Wightwick
- 1.2% – 2.4% Bushbury North, Penn, Graiseley
- 2.4% – 3.6% Tettenhall Regis, Blakenhall, Bilston South
- 3.6% – 4.8% Bushbury South & Low Hill, Heath Town, East Park, St Peter's
- 4.8% – 6.0% Park, Bilston North
- 6.0% – 7.2% Fallings Park, Wednesfield North, Wednesfield South, Oxley
- 7.2% – 8.4% Ettingshall South & Spring Vale
- 8.4% – 9.6% Ettingshall North
- 9.6% – 10.8% None
- 10.8% – 12.0% Merry Hill

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who have seen something online that worried or made them upset



- 0.8% – 13.4% Tettenhall Wightwick
- 13.4% – 15.9% Ettingshall South & Spring Vale, St Peter's
- 15.9% – 18.5% Oxley, Bilston South
- 18.5% – 21.1% Park, Graiseley, Tettenhall Regis, East Park
- 21.1% – 23.6% Bushbury North
- 23.6% – 26.2% Merry Hill, Penn, Blakenhall, Heath Town
- 26.2% – 28.8% Ettingshall North
- 28.8% – 31.4% Wednesfield North, Bilston North, Bushbury South & Low Hill, Wednesfield South
- 31.4% – 33.9% None
- 33.9% – 36.5% Fallings Park

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who worry about keeping safe online



- 14.2% – 15.6% Bushbury North, Tettenhall Wightwick, Graiseley, Bilston South
- 15.6% – 17.1% Wednesfield South
- 17.1% – 18.6% Oxley, Tettenhall Regis, Penn
- 18.6% – 20.1% East Park
- 20.1% – 21.6% Merry Hill
- 21.6% – 23.1% Heath Town, Blakenhall, Bilston North
- 23.1% – 24.6% Bushbury South & Low Hill
- 24.6% – 26.1% Park
- 26.1% – 27.5% Wednesfield North, Ettingshall North, Ettingshall South & Spring Vale
- 27.5% – 29.0% St Peter's, Fallings Park

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who have been bullied in school in the last 6 months



- 11.5% – 12.9% Bilston South
- 12.9% – 14.2% Oxley, East Park
- 14.2% – 15.5% St Peter's, Heath Town
- 15.5% – 16.8% Wednesfield South
- 16.8% – 18.1% Bushbury North, Tettenhall Wightwick, Bilston North
- 18.1% – 19.4% Graiseley
- 19.4% – 20.7% Merry Hill, Penn, Fallings Park
- 20.7% – 22.0% Ettingshall South & Spring Vale, Tettenhall Regis, Wednesfield North
- 22.0% – 23.4% Park, Ettingshall North
- 23.4% – 24.7% Bushbury South & Low Hill, Blakenhall

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who have been bullied due to race etc.



- 0.8% – 2.2% Wednesfield North
- 2.2% – 3.6% Ettingshall South & Spring Vale, Bilston South
- 3.6% – 4.9% None
- 4.9% – 6.3% Merry Hill
- 6.3% – 7.7% Tettenhall Wightwick, Bilston North
- 7.7% – 9.1% Bushbury North, Fallings Park, Penn, Bushbury South & Low Hill
- 9.1% – 10.5% Heath Town, Wednesfield South
- 10.5% – 11.9% Park, Graiseley, East Park
- 11.9% – 13.3% Tettenhall Regis, Oxley, St Peter's
- 13.3% – 14.7% Blakenhall, Ettingshall North

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who know how to contact the school nurse



- 14.1% – 15.3% Penn, Tettenhall Regis, Bilston South
- 15.3% – 16.5% Tettenhall Wightwick
- 16.5% – 17.7% Ettingshall South & Spring Vale
- 17.7% – 18.9% Bushbury North, Oxley, Park
- 18.9% – 20.1% Wednesfield North
- 20.1% – 21.3% Graiseley, Wednesfield South
- 21.3% – 22.5% Bushbury South & Low Hill, Blakenhall, Bilston North
- 22.5% – 23.8% Fallings Park, St Peter's
- 23.8% – 25.0% Merry Hill
- 25.0% – 26.2% Heath Town, East Park, Ettingshall North

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who have been teased/made fun of in the last 6 months



- 46.4% – 48.1% Tettenhall Wightwick, Bilston North
- 48.1% – 49.8% St Peter's, Penn, Park
- 49.8% – 51.4% Wednesfield South
- 51.4% – 53.1% Ettingshall South & Spring Vale, Merry Hill
- 53.1% – 54.8% Bushbury North
- 54.8% – 56.5% Oxley, Graiseley, Ettingshall North, Wednesfield North
- 56.5% – 58.2% Bushbury South & Low Hill, East Park Bilston South
- 58.2% – 59.9% Tettenhall Regis, Blakenhall
- 59.9% – 61.6% Fallings Park
- 61.6% – 63.3% Heath Town

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who have been bullied by someone else in the last 6 months



- 2.8% – 4.2% Bilston South, Tettenhall Wightwick, Graiseley
- 4.2% – 5.6% Penn, Ettingshall South & Spring Vale
- 5.6% – 7.0% Bushbury South & Low Hill
- 7.0% – 8.4% Merry Hill, St Peter's
- 8.4% – 9.8% Bushbury North, Park, East Park, Wednesfield South
- 9.8% – 11.2% Wednesfield North, Blakenhall, Tettenhall Regis
- 11.2% – 12.6% Fallings Park, Heath Town
- 12.6% – 14.0% Oxley, Bilston North
- 14.0% – 15.4% None
- 15.4% – 16.8% Ettingshall North

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who have live streamed online



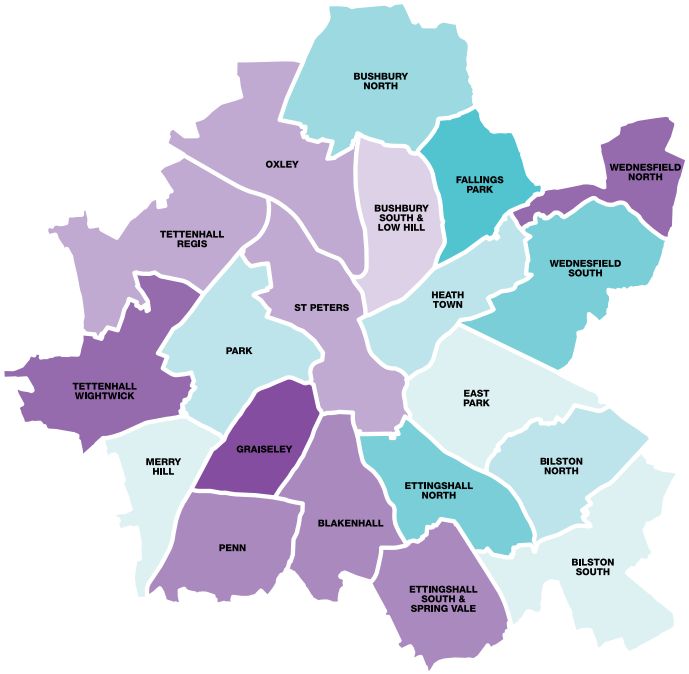
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- 15.6% – 16.8% Oxley, Fallings Park, Heath Town, Ettingshall North
- 16.8% – 18.1% Tettenhall Regis, Penn
- 18.1% – 19.3% St Peter's, Merry Hill, Wednesfield South
- 19.3% – 20.5% Bilston North

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who say school deals well with bullying



- 48.4% – 51.3% Bushbury North, Tettenhall Regis Bushbury South & Low Hill
- 51.3% – 54.3% Wednesfield South, Blakenhall
- 54.3% – 57.2% Tettenhall Wightwick, Fallings Park
- 57.2% – 60.2% St Peter's
- 60.2% – 63.1% Merry Hill
- 63.1% – 66.1% Oxley, Penn, Wednesfield North, Ettingshall North
- 66.1% – 69.1% Park, Graiseley, Heath Town, Bilston North Ettingshall South & Spring Vale
- 69.1% – 72.0% East Park
- 72.0% – 75.0% None
- 75.0% – 77.9% Bilston South

Percentage of Year 6 pupils by ward who have been bullied online in the last 6 months



- 2.3% – 14.2% Graiseley
- 14.2% – 16.1% Wednesfield North, Tettenhall Wightwick
- 16.1% – 18.0% Penn, Blakenhall, Ettingshall South & Spring Vale
- 18.0% – 19.9% Tettenhall Regis, Oxley, St Peter's
- 19.9% – 21.8% Bushbury South & Low Hill
- 21.8% – 23.7% East Park, Merry Hill, Bilston South
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- 25.6% – 27.5% Bushbury North
- 27.5% – 29.4% Wednesfield South, Ettingshall North
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LINKS BETWEEN BEHAVIOURS

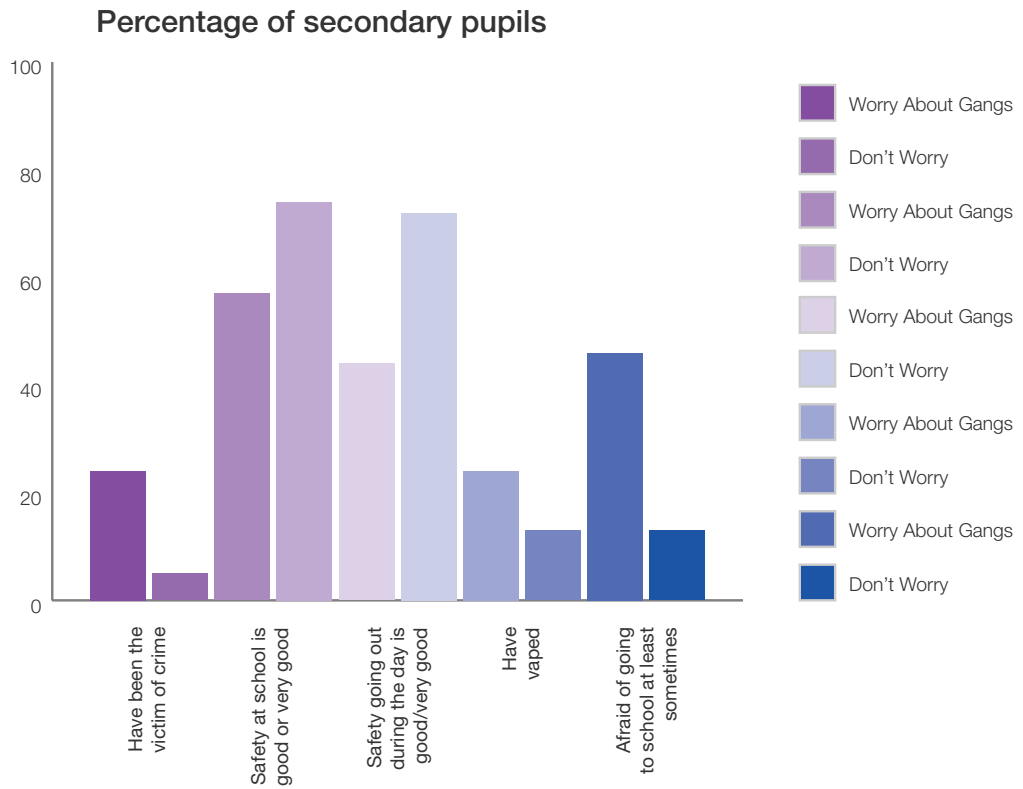
Compared with secondary boys who do not worry about gangs, those who do worry about gangs are:

Significantly more likely to:

- Have been the victim of crime
- Have vaped
- Be afraid of going to school because of bullying at least ‘sometimes’

Significantly less likely to:

- Say safety at school is ‘good’ or ‘very good’
- Say safety going out during the day is ‘good’ or ‘very good’



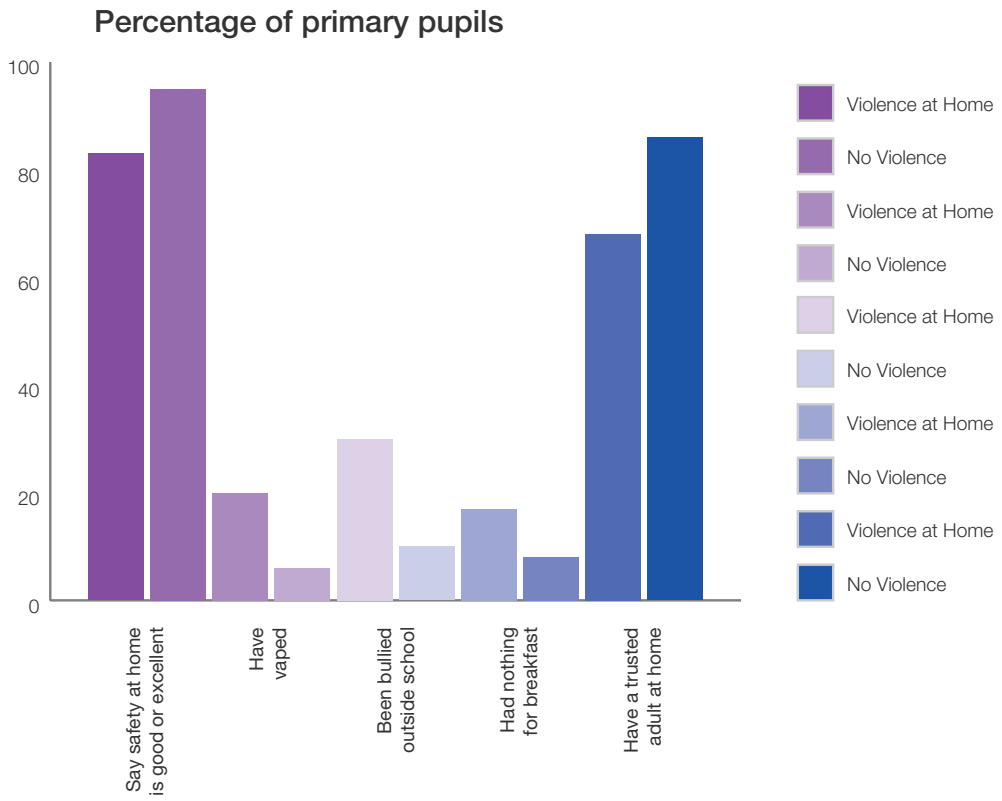
When compared with primary pupils who haven't experienced violence at home in the last month, primary pupils who have experienced violence at home are:

Significantly more likely to:

- Have vaped
- Been bullied outside of school
- Have missed breakfast

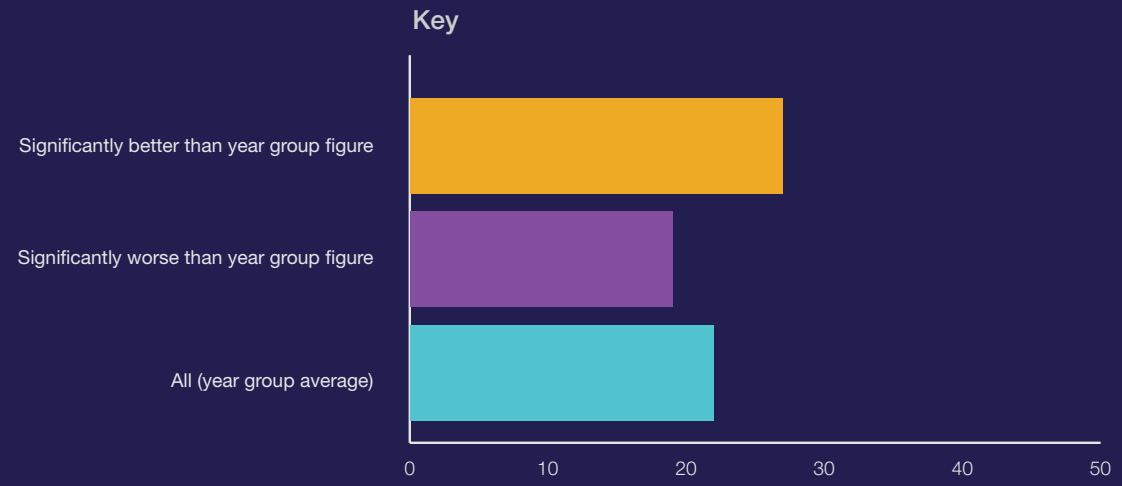
Significantly less likely to:

- Say safety at home is good or excellent
- Have a trusted adult at home they can talk to about worries

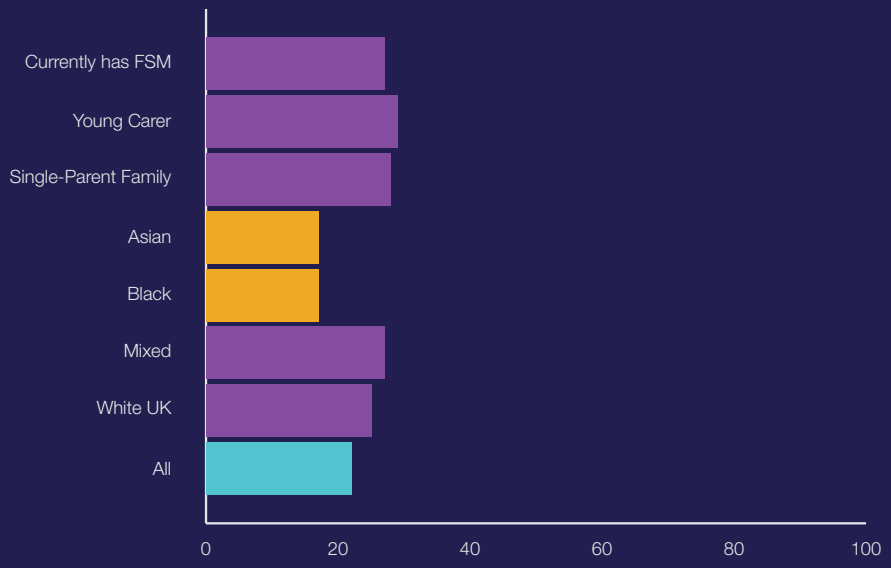


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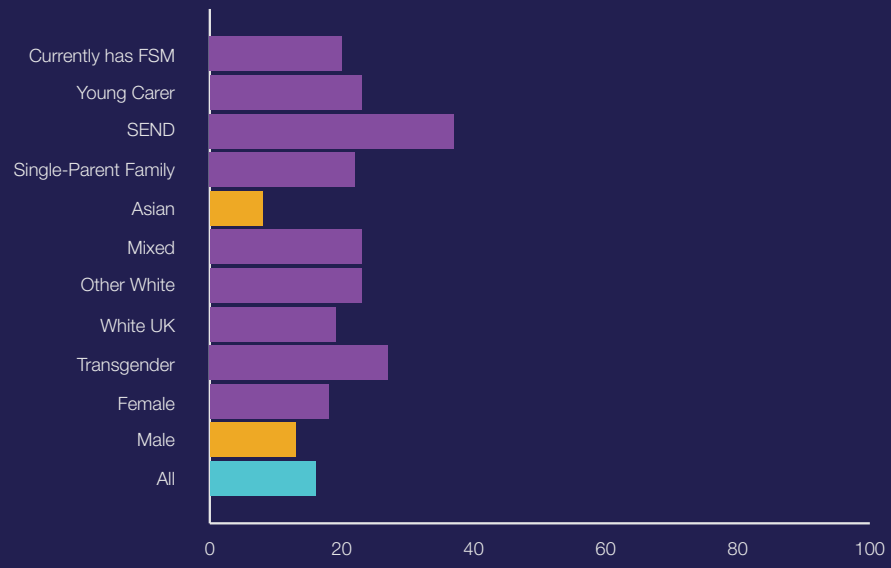
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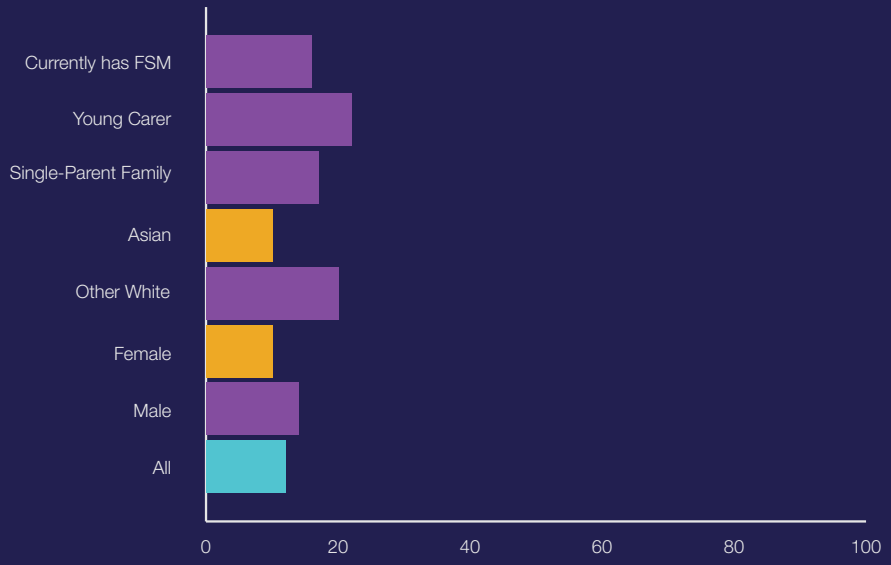
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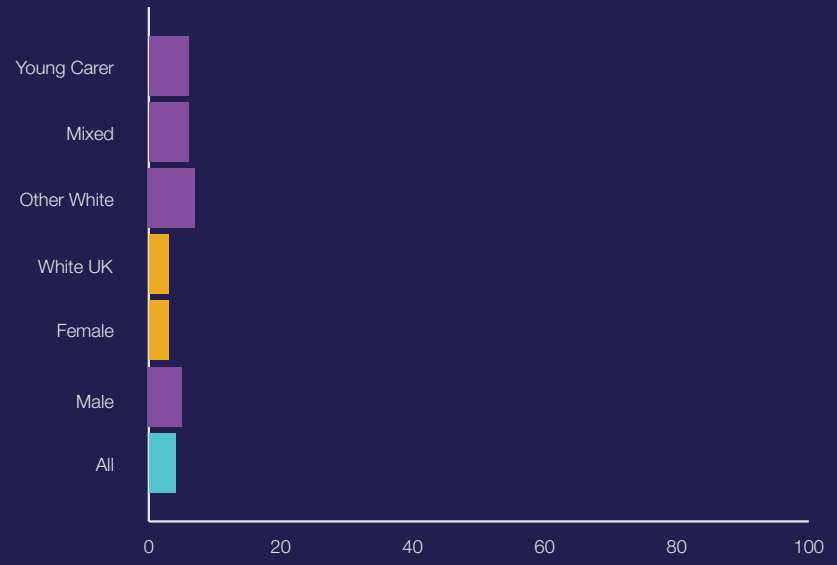
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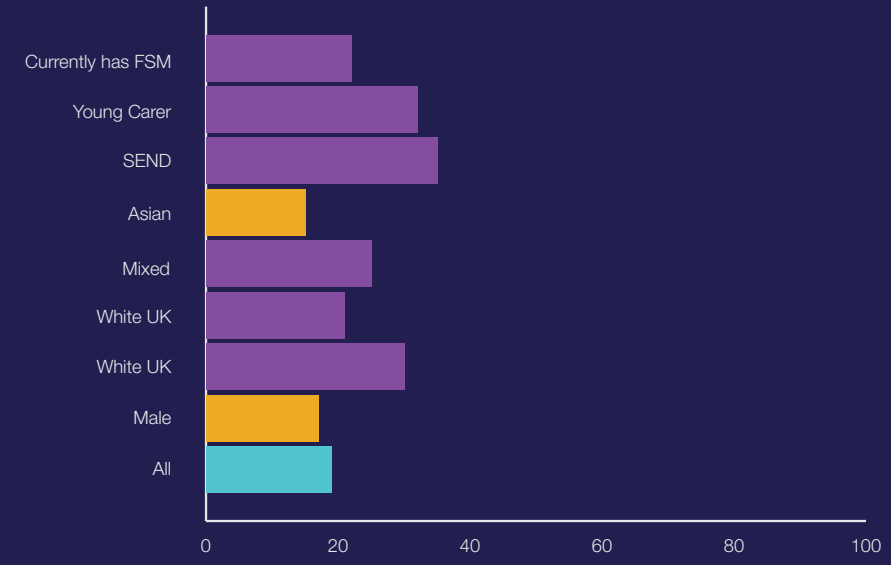
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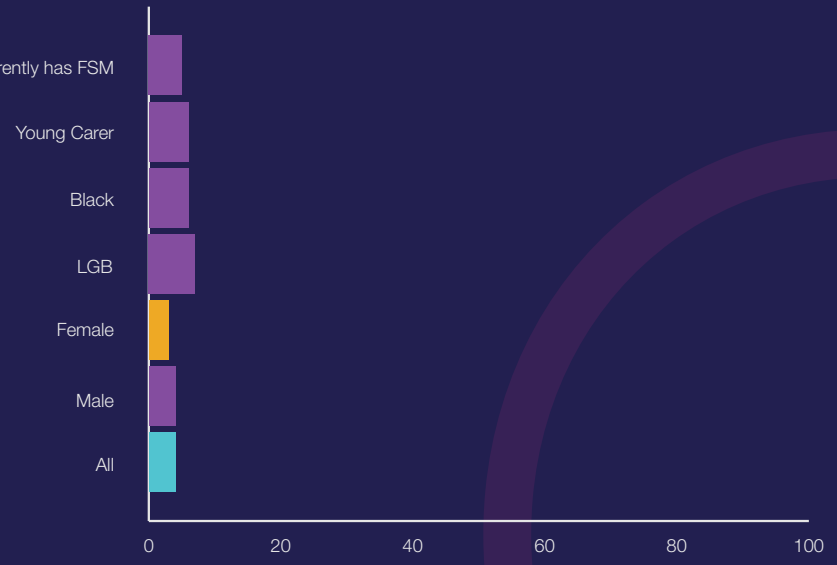
Percentage of Year 8 pupils who carry a weapon



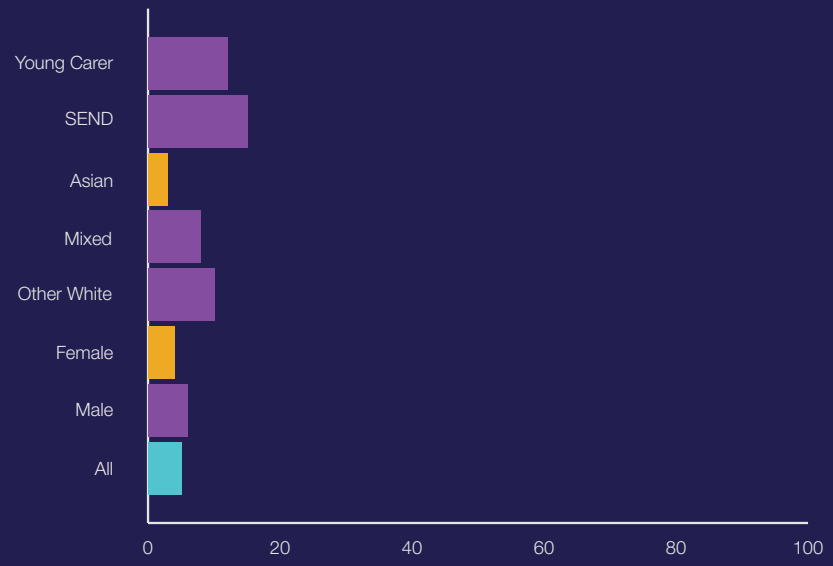
Percentage of Year 8 pupils who have been bullied at school



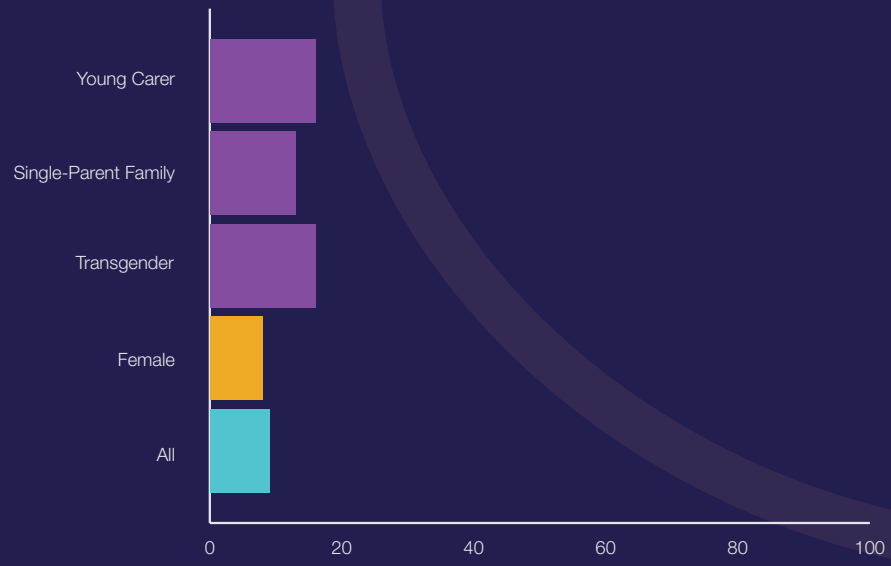
Percentage of Year 10 pupils who carry a weapon



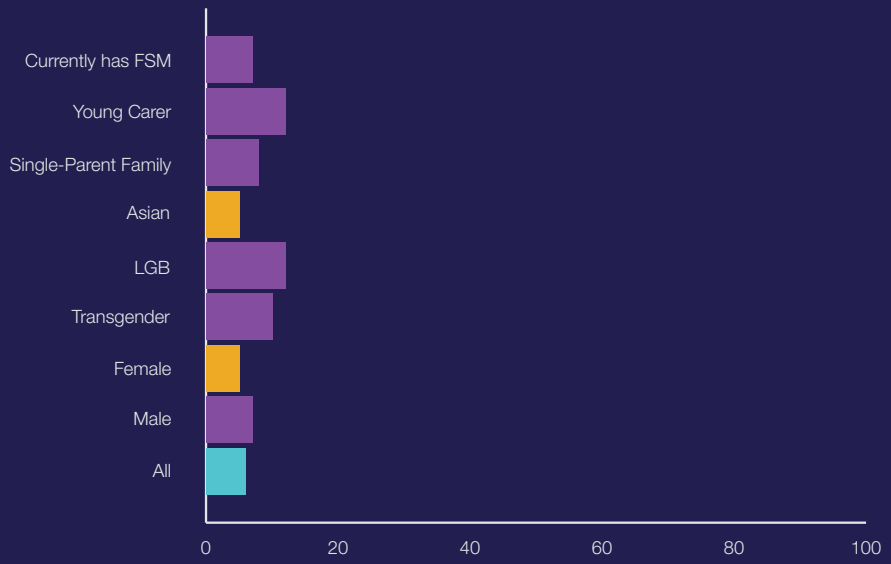
Percentage of Year 8 pupils who have been a victim of crime



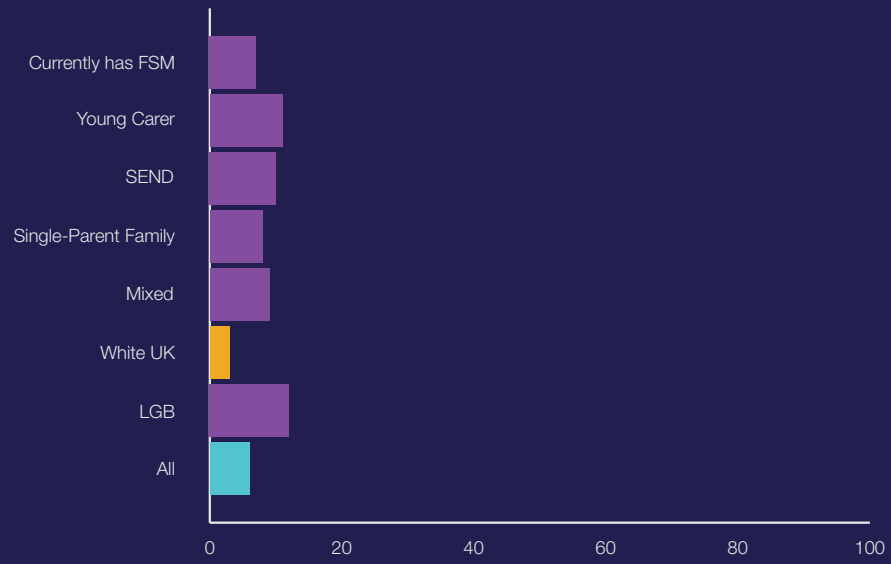
Percentage of Year 8 pupils who have experienced violence at home



Percentage of Year 10 pupils who have been a victim of crime



Percentage of Year 10 pupils who have experienced violence at home



The table below shows percentages for selected criteria for the whole year group sample and selected sub-samples of young people who may be vulnerable.

The table shows significance testing; the tests were performed using actual numbers of respondents for each criterion, not the overall sample size shown.

No correction has been attempted for multiple comparisons, so we could expect 1 in 20 cells to show an apparently significant difference by chance alone. However, there are 96 cells, 34 of which show a significant result, 18 at $p < 0.01$; this greatly exceeds expectations.

99	99	$p < 0.05$ Purple = Higher on a positive criterion or lower on a negative one
99	99	$p < 0.01$ Orange = Lower on a positive criterion or higher on a negative one

Year 4	All	Male	Female	White UK	Other White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Middle East / West Asian	EAL	Single-Parent Family	Young Carer	Currently has FSM
Sample	**2,279**	1,106	1,117	780	108	248	278	496	70	604	349	438	873
Nothing to eat or drink before lessons this morning	**8%**	7%	7%	8%	6%	6%	10%	7%	9%	8%	9%	11%	8%
Worry about gangs at least 'quite a lot'	**29%**	29%	28%	28%	38%	30%	31%	27%	24%	30%	28%	27%	28%
Ever bullied online	**27%**	30%	23%	28%	31%	31%	32%	19%	22%	26%	32%	35%	30%
Bullied in school in last 6 months	**23%**	22%	23%	23%	26%	25%	25%	21%	28%	25%	25%	29%	26%
Bullied elsewhere in last 6 months	**18%**	20%	16%	19%	18%	20%	20%	15%	16%	22%	22%	23%	20%
School deals very well with bullying	**40%**	42%	39%	43%	38%	36%	47%	37%	40%	38%	35%	42%	39%

Year 6	All	Male	Female	White UK	Other White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Middle East / West Asian	EAL	Single-Parent Family	Young Carer	Currently has FSM
Sample	**2,416**	1,162	1,189	881	139	284	328	549	85	584	395	312	953
Nothing to eat or drink before lessons this morning	**9%**	9%	9%	**11%**	9%	8%	10%	**6%**	**15%**	9%	11%	**12%**	**12%**
Worry about gangs at least 'quite a lot'	**32%**	32%	32%	30%	35%	31%	**38%**	31%	30%	**34%**	**36%**	**39%**	**35%**
Ever bullied online	**22%**	22%	22%	**25%**	28%	**27%**	**17%**	**17%**	21%	20%	**28%**	**29%**	**27%**
Bullied in school in last 6 months	**19%**	18%	20%	20%	23%	20%	18%	17%	23%	19%	**22%**	**24%**	**22%**
Bullied elsewhere in last 6 months	**12%**	**14%**	**10%**	13%	**20%**	12%	10%	**10%**	11%	11%	**17%**	**22%**	**16%**
School deals very well with bullying	**30%**	**31%**	29%	**32%**	**36%**	29%	28%	28%	27%	32%	31%	27%	28%
Violence between adults at home last month	**11%**	11%	10%	10%	9%	**14%**	13%	**9%**	16%	12%	11%	**20%**	**13%**

Year 8	All	Male	Female	Transgender	White UK	Other White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Middle East / West Asian	EAL	Single-Parent Family	SEND	Young Carer	Currently has FSM
Sample	**2,225**	1,058	112	80	683	123	245	332	648	103	512	381	157	196	827
Nothing to eat or drink before lessons this morning	**22%**	19%	25%	33%	24%	24%	23%	26%	14%	39%	21%	30%	21%	30%	27%
Worry about gangs at least 'quite a lot'	**9%**	9%	9%	14%	8%	10%	12%	10%	8%	13%	9%	10%	16%	14%	9%
Carry weapon when going out	**4%**	5%	3%	6%	3%	7%	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	5%	6%	4%
Ever bullied online	**16%**	13%	18%	27%	19%	23%	23%	15%	8%	12%	14%	22%	37%	23%	20%
Bullied in school in last 6 months	**19%**	17%	20%	30%	21%	19%	25%	17%	15%	22%	17%	20%	35%	32%	22%
Bullied elsewhere in last 6 months	**7%**	7%	7%	18%	9%	7%	9%	8%	4%	8%	6%	9%	14%	15%	9%
School deals very well with bullying	**14%**	18%	11%	15%	16%	10%	14%	15%	12%	14%	13%	10%	13%	12%	12%
Offered drugs	**5%**	7%	4%	6%	5%	8%	7%	5%	5%	4%	4%	6%	11%	10%	6%
Any controlling/coercive behaviour in a relationship	**23%**	24%	21%	37%	29%	38%	29%	19%	13%	15%	19%	29%	39%	37%	27%
Worry about at least one issue at least 'quite a lot'	**71%**	61%	80%	71%	77%	78%	72%	71%	69%	77%	72%	75%	83%	76%	72%
Violence between adults at home last month	**9%**	10%	8%	16%	8%	8%	8%	10%	10%	9%	8%	13%	13%	16%	9%
Victim of crime/violence last 12 months	**5%**	6%	4%	7%	6%	10%	8%	5%	3%	3%	4%	7%	15%	12%	6%
Any sexual harassment last 6m	**19%**	15%	21%	31%	20%	28%	22%	23%	14%	17%	15%	26%	27%	27%	23%

Year 10	All	Male	Female	Transgender	LGB	White UK	Other White	Mixed	Black	Asian	Middle East / West Asian	EAL	Single-Parent Family	SEND	Young Carer	Currently has FSM
Sample	**1,835**	929	846	93	143	599	125	189	258	509	79	481	354	166	180	707
Nothing to eat or drink before lessons this morning	**25%**	21%	30%	28%	44%	27%	26%	32%	31%	16%	31%	20%	33%	24%	29%	31%
Worry about gangs at least 'quite a lot'	**9%**	7%	10%	12%	17%	11%	12%	9%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	13%	10%	9%
Carry weapon when going out	**4%**	4%	3%	7%	7%	3%	3%	5%	6%	3%	5%	4%	5%	3%	6%	5%
Ever bullied online	**17%**	13%	20%	25%	32%	21%	25%	21%	13%	11%	7%	12%	17%	25%	22%	19%
Bullied in school in last 6 months	**14%**	12%	16%	17%	23%	17%	16%	15%	12%	10%	12%	13%	15%	26%	20%	18%
Bullied elsewhere in last 6 months	**7%**	6%	7%	12%	17%	9%	6%	8%	5%	5%	5%	5%	9%	12%	12%	8%
School deals very well with bullying	**11%**	15%	6%	9%	6%	11%	14%	11%	9%	12%	9%	12%	9%	16%	10%	11%
Offered drugs	**10%**	11%	8%	17%	11%	10%	14%	20%	8%	6%	10%	7%	15%	15%	15%	13%
Any controlling/coercive behaviour in a relationship	**30%**	28%	32%	31%	47%	38%	39%	42%	27%	16%	18%	22%	36%	38%	43%	33%
Worry about at least one issue at least 'quite a lot'	**72%**	62%	83%	74%	91%	71%	80%	70%	75%	71%	74%	76%	73%	78%	76%	74%
Violence between adults at home last month	**6%**	6%	6%	10%	12%	3%	6%	9%	7%	7%	9%	7%	8%	10%	11%	7%
Victim of crime/violence last 12 months	**6%**	7%	5%	10%	12%	7%	8%	5%	5%	5%	9%	6%	8%	9%	12%	7%
Any sexual harassment last 6m	**25%**	23%	26%	33%	45%	27%	35%	26%	32%	18%	16%	21%	29%	31%	30%	26%

THE 2026 SAMPLE

Teachers received guidance from Schools Health Education Unit staff to support consistent and reliable data collection. Schools were offered the option to complete the survey online through a bespoke website, with paper questionnaires provided where technical issues prevented online participation. A total of 12,942 pupils took part in the 2026 HRBS, including pupils from 23 Key Stage 1 settings, 57 Key Stage 2 settings, 16 secondary (Key Stage 3-4) settings, three institutions completing the Year 12+ survey, and nine institutions participating in the SEND survey.

Each participating school received an individual report comparing its results with the combined results for pupils in the same age group.

School Year	Year 2	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12+	Total
Boys	395	1,106	250	1,162	440	1,058	337	929	140	290	6,107
Girls	391	1,117	271	1,189	402	1,112	461	846	99	226	6,114
Total	**798**	**2,279**	**536**	**2,416**	**854**	**2,225**	**817**	**1,835**	**246**	**532**	**12,538***

* 317 young people didn't select male or female. 404 students took part in a bespoke special school survey so their results are reported elsewhere.

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