

# 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\*)

<b>Alabama</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>135,406</b>

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

<b>Arizona</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>160,478</b>

<b>Arkansas</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>81,400</b>

<b>California</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>1,108,058</b>

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<b>Colorado</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>131,670</b>
<b>Connecticut</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>100,906</b>
<b>Delaware</b>	Population	783,600
	18.2 - 142,616 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	10,796
	Victims/Bullies	2,253
	Bullies	10,297
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>23,346</b>
<b>Florida</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>442,157</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>257,304</b>
<b>Hawaii</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>35,501</b>
<b>Idaho</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>44,138</b>

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<b>Illinois</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>386,277</b>
<b>Indiana</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>188,126</b>
<b>Iowa</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>89,580</b>
<b>Kansas</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>85,818</b>
<b>Kentucky</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>119,095</b>
<b>Louisiana</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>147,777</b>
<b>Maine</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>37,776</b>

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<b>Maryland</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>163,870</b>
<b>D. C.</b>	Population	572,059
	14.4 - 82,376 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	6,236
	Victims/Bullies	1,301
	Bullies	5,948
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>13,485</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>177,355</b>
<b>Massachusetts</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>179,807</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>313,996</b>
<b>Minnesota</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>157,037</b>
<b>Mississippi</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>93,600</b>
<b>Missouri</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>173,112</b>

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<b>Montana</b>	Population	902,195
	19.4 - 175,026 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	13,250
	Victims/Bullies	2,765
	Bullies	12,637
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>28,652</b>
<b>Nebraska</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>54,626</b>
<b>Nevada</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>59,862</b>
<b>New Hampshire</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>38,234</b>
<b>New Jersey</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>249,315</b>
<b>New Mexico</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>61,938</b>
<b>New York</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>565,373</b>

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<b>N. Carolina</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>233,228</b>
<b>N. Dakota</b>	Population	642,200
	18.9 - 121,376 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	9,188
	Victims/Bullies	1,918
	Bullies	8,763
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>19,869</b>
<b>Ohio</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>349,400</b>
<b>Oklahoma</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>107,891</b>
<b>Oregon</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>101,935</b>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>359,863</b>
<b>Rhode Island</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>30,032</b>

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<b>S. Carolina</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>122,159</b>
<b>S. Dakota</b>	Population	754,844
	20.0 - 150,969 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	11,429
	Victims/Bullies	2,385
	Bullies	10,900
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>24,714</b>
<b>Tennessee</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>167,640</b>
<b>Texas</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>696,342</b>
<b>Utah</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>83,350</b>
<b>Vermont</b>	Population	608,827
	18.6 - 113,242 children of School age 5 to 18	
	Victims	8,573
	Victims/Bullies	1,789
	Bullies	8,176
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>18,538</b>
<b>Virginia</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>209,734</b>

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<b>Washington</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>183,325</b>

<b>West Virginia</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>49,436</b>

<b>Wisconsin</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>167,704</b>

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

(Puerto Rico Population 3,808,610)

<b>Totals of all States</b>	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
	<b>Total est. involved in bullying</b>	<b>8,824,833</b>

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

Victims	.0757
Victims & Bullies	.0158
Bullies	.0722
<b>Total</b>	<b>.1637</b>

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

**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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