## 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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<td>2,688,418</td>
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<td>5,296,486</td>
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<td>D.C.</td>
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<td>83,148</td>
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<td>9,938,444</td>
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<td>145,202</td>
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<td>72,619</td>
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<td>2,844,658</td>
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<td>43,284</td>
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<td>Missouri</td>
<td>5,595,211</td>
<td>18.9 - 1,057,495</td>
<td>80,052</td>
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<td>76,351</td>
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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 22,664
Total est. involved in bullying 51,938

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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<td>8,049,313</td>
<td>17.7 - 1,424,728</td>
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<td>N. Dakota</td>
<td>642,200</td>
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<td>11,353,140</td>
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<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>3,450,654</td>
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<td>Oregon</td>
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<td>18.2 - 622,695</td>
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<td>9,839</td>
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<td>Pennsylvania</td>
<td>12,281,054</td>
<td>17.9 - 2,198,309</td>
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<td>2,899</td>
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<td>1,024,071</td>
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<td>16,180</td>
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<td>Washington</td>
<td>5,894,121</td>
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<td>17,694</td>
<td>80,856</td>
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<td>West Virginia</td>
<td>1,808,344</td>
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<td>4,771</td>
<td>21,804</td>
<td>49,436</td>
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<td>Wisconsin</td>
<td>5,363,675</td>
<td>1,024,462</td>
<td>77,552</td>
<td>16,186</td>
<td>73,966</td>
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<td>Wyoming</td>
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<td>97,769</td>
<td>7,401</td>
<td>1,545</td>
<td>7,059</td>
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<td>(Puerto Rico)</td>
<td>3,808,610</td>
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<td>Totals of all States</td>
<td>285,230,516</td>
<td>53,908,568</td>
<td>4,080,879</td>
<td>851,755</td>
<td>3,892,199</td>
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Percentages taken from the 2000 Census and the Norwegian Study, 1983-4, of Dan Olweus PhD*

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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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