

Table 237. Public Schools Reporting Incidents of Crime, by Incident Type and Selected School Characteristic: 2005–06

[For school year. Includes incidents that happen in school buildings, on school grounds, on school buses, and at places that hold school-sponsored events or activities. Based on sample; see source for details]

School characteristic	Total number of schools	Percent of schools with—				Rate per 1,000 students			
		Violent incidents ¹	Serious violent incidents ²	Theft ³	Other incidents ⁴	Violent incidents ¹	Serious violent incidents ²	Theft ³	Other incidents ⁴
All public schools	83,200	78	17	46	68	31.2	1.2	5.1	9.6
Level: ⁵									
Primary	48,600	67	11	28	55	25.2	0.9	1.6	4.7
Middle	15,500	94	25	69	88	51.6	1.9	7.8	11.9
High school	11,700	95	32	86	94	25.7	1.4	8.7	15.7
Combined	7,400	84	17	55	75	29.2	1.1	7.0	12.8
Enrollment size:									
Less than 300	20,800	64	11	30	53	34.5	2.8	(S)	12.3
300 to 499	23,800	77	12	37	63	34.0	0.7	3.3	6.7
500 to 999	29,300	82	19	52	74	30.9	1.1	4.5	7.7
1,000 or more	9,300	96	37	86	95	28.6	1.3	7.2	13.4
Percent minority enrollment: ⁶									
Less than 5 percent	16,600	72	13	43	62	26.9	0.9	4.8	8.6
5 to 20 percent	20,600	74	16	43	63	22.9	0.9	5.2	9.3
20 to 50 percent	18,600	80	17	48	71	28.4	1.4	5.5	9.6
50 percent or more	25,600	83	22	48	72	39.9	1.5	4.8	10.1

S Figure does not meet publication standards. ¹ Violent incidents include rape, sexual battery other than rape, physical attack or fight with or without a weapon, threat of physical attack with or without a weapon, and robbery with or without a weapon. ² Serious violent incidents include rape, sexual battery other than rape, physical attack or fight with a weapon, threat of physical attack with a weapon, and robbery with or without a weapon. ³ Theft or larceny (taking things worth over \$10 without personal confrontation). Includes pocket picking, stealing purse or backpack (if left unattended or no force was used to take from owner), theft from motor vehicles, etc. ⁴ Other incidents include possession of a firearm or explosive device, possession of knife or sharp object, distribution of illegal drugs, possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs, and vandalism. ⁵ Primary schools are defined as schools in which the lowest grade is not higher than grade 3 and the highest grade is not higher than grade 8. Middle schools are defined as schools in which the lowest grade is not lower than grade 4 and the highest grade is not higher than grade 9. High schools are defined as schools in which the lowest grade is not lower than grade 9 and the highest grade is not higher than grade 12. Combined schools include all other combination of grades, including K–12 schools. ⁶ These estimates exclude data from Tennessee because schools in this state did not report estimates of student race.

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Crime, Violence, Discipline, and Safety in U.S. Public Schools 2005–06*, NCES 2007-361, September 2007.