

The Latest Statistics from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (4/09) Re: Students being target of hate-related words [entire report <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2009/2009022.pdf>]

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Key findings

- This report presents the most recent data available on school crime and student safety. In the 2006–07 school year, an estimated 55.5 million students were enrolled in pre-kindergarten through grade 12.
- **Between 2001 and 2007, the percentage of students who reported being the target of a hate-related word decreased from 12 to 10 percent.** Between the two most recent survey years, 2005 and 2007, the percentage of students who reported being the target of a hate-related words [1] **as lower in 2007 (10 percent) than in 2005 (11 percent).** There was **no pattern of increase or decrease** in the percentage of students who reported seeing hate-related graffiti between 1999 and 2007. However, the percentage of students who reported seeing hate-related graffiti was **smaller in 2007 (35 percent) than in 2005 (38 percent).**
- With regard to the specific characteristic to which the hate-related word was directed, in 2007,
 - **5 percent of students reported hate-related words concerning race**
 - **3 percent reported words related to their ethnicity,**
 - **2 percent each reported words concerning their religion or gender,** and
 - **1 percent each reported words related to their disability or sexual orientation** (figure 10.2 and table 10.2).

[1] *Hate-related refers to derogatory terms used by others in reference to students' personal characteristics*