

Source: Mecklenburg County Health Department



Data is collected from the Youth Risk Behavior Surveys (YRBS) conducted at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) and includes the number of participants and the percentage of participants who responded positively to at least one of the two domestic violence-related questions.

- Question #1: During past 12 months did your boyfriend or girlfriend ever hit, slap, or physically hurt you on purpose?
- Question #2: Have you ever been forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?

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Disclaimer: The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) survey is a national survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control among middle and high school students. North Carolina participates on both a state and local level (Mecklenburg County). On the survey distributed in CMS, there are two questions that refer to domestic violence. The first question reflects the percentage of students self reporting experiences with physical abuse and the second question reflects the percentage of students self-reporting sexual abuse. The YRBS survey was distributed to CMS middle and high school students in 2005, 2007 and 2009. The sample population is derived from the CMS system only for the YRBS survey in Mecklenburg County and those percentages are used as an estimate of what the average middle and high school aged children are self-reporting with respect to exposure to Domestic Violence.

	Academic Year 2005	Academic Year 2007	Academic Year 2009
Total Student participants	1755	1484	1713
Question #1	9.9%	10.7%	11.7%
Question #2	8.7%	7.2%	7.2%