

# Unsafe Spaces

## Abuse and Violence in Educational Institutions

**Q. Did you experience any of the following while in an educational institution?**



More than 6 out of every 10 respondents reported experiencing **verbal harassment or teasing**



Over half reported being **bullied**



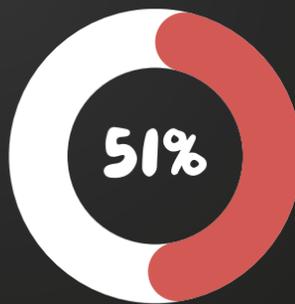
1 in 3 respondents reported being **sexual harassed**

**794** 16 % of respondents were **physically assaulted**

**658** 13 % of respondents were **sexually assaulted**



Nationally, 1 in 5 students aged 12 - 18 reported being bullied at school in 2019.



1 in 2 survey respondents reported being bullied at an educational institution

**Q. Where did this happen?**

(pick as many as applicable)



**Elementary School 54%**



**Middle School 68%**



**High School 63%**

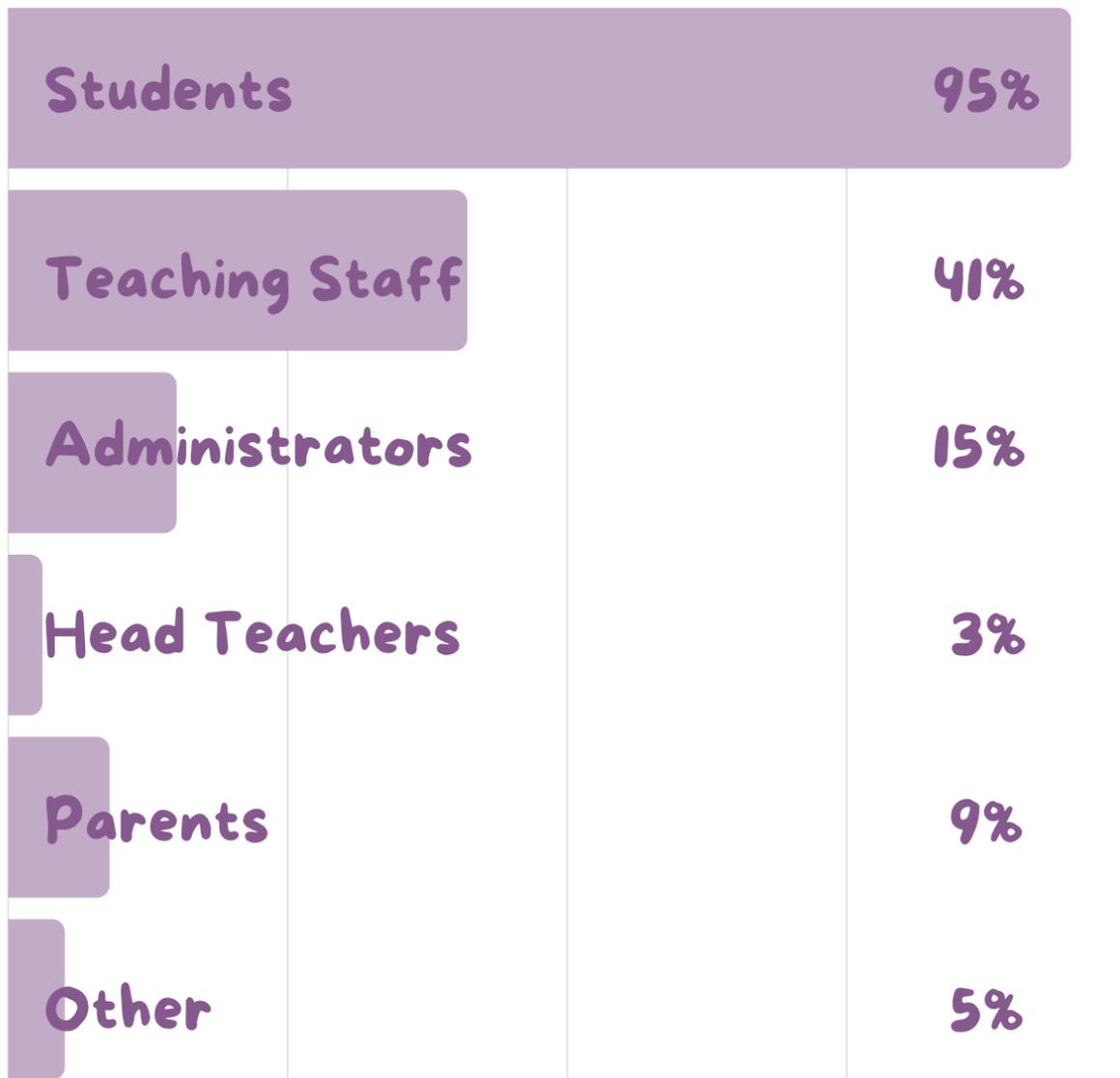


**College 28%**

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# Q. Who did this to you?

(pick as many as applicable)



A collection of specific examples of individuals or groups who caused harm, displayed on a dark background with a wood-grain border at the top and bottom. The examples include:

- a priest
- Teaching assistant
- Adult leaders of a campus Christian ministry
- Choir Director
- my coach
- Volunteer at church catechism
- Theatre troupe make-up artist
- Band color guard director
- Sorority sisters
- community center program staff
- alumni
- Teachers witnessed abuse but did nothing
- another graduate student
- Soccer coach
- Boss during a school internship
- Sports medicine trainer
- Drivers Ed Teacher
- Bus Driver
- Campus security
- School security guard
- School Nurse
- Students were perpetrators, administrators openly said 'you were asking for it'.
- co-worker
- My 6th Grade teacher
- crossing guard
- EVERYONE was bullied back in the day
- Older kid
- My boss at campus job
- Librarian
- Doctor
- custodian staff
- nuns
- Extracurricular activity leader
- Guidance counsellor
- dining staff
- Foster kids
- My tennis coach
- Janitor at high school
- Molested on way to school by a stranger
- Hospital staff in medical school
- My elementary school teacher
- House mothers
- Medical Clinic Instructors
- Music Teacher
- My mom who was my teacher - I was homeschooled

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# Q. Why do you think you were targeted?

52%

sex  
(being a woman)

28%

sexuality  
(being LGBTQ+)

16%

gender expression  
(non-binary / trans)

8% of respondents who identify as 'femme'

26% of respondents who identify as 'butch'

28% of respondents who identify as 'non-binary'

31% of respondents who identify as 'gender queer'

14%

race,  
ethnicity

45% of 'any BIPOC' respondents

2% of 'white only' respondents

24%

weight

21%

'another'  
reason

# examples of 'other' reasons

Neurodiversity may not be something they understood, but they could see it

Because I was a tomboy and good athlete

Being an androgynous, feminist-identified girl who didn't date boys, use makeup, or do other traditionally "feminine" things.

Because I was "promiscuous"

Being friends with a disabled kid, wearing weird/not cool clothes

I have very progressive views and grew up in a very conservative place.

Bullied because of my breast size

Divorce in the family

My height and ethnic ancestry

I was pregnant and unmarried.

Just middle school girls being horrible to each other, I also bullied the same girls at times

I wasn't an active member of the church

Being a smart, fat, butch is a bad combination

Being smart, quirky, and insecure

kids are mean

I was shy.

My mother's LGBTQ identity

My autism; my unattractive appearance; lack of athleticism

Only redhead.

My desire for independence/freedom

Rapists don't need a reason

they had unprocessed trauma, and I was a convenient target

My looks, glasses, braces, red hair

My immigration status

I was often teased by students and teachers in high school for being a feminist