HEALTH DISPARITIES IN LESBIAN, GAY & BISEXUAL YOUTH

2019 IOWA YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

BULLYING AT SCHOOL
42% of lesbian, gay & bisexual Iowa public high school students were bullied on school property in 2019. This compares to 20% of straight students.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE
27% of lesbian, gay, & bisexual Iowa public high school students experienced sexual violence in the past year. This compares to 7% of straight students.

VAPING
1 in 3 lesbian, gay, & bisexual Iowa public high school students were currently using an electronic vaping product in 2019. This compares to 1 in 5 straight students.

MENTAL HEALTH
63% of lesbian, gay, & bisexual Iowa public high school students experienced persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness. This compares to 28% of straight students.

SUICIDE IDEATION
Nearly half of lesbian, gay, & bisexual Iowa public high school students seriously considered suicide in 2019. This compares to 15% of straight students.

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
22% of lesbian, gay, & bisexual Iowa public high school students attempted suicide in the previous year. This compares to 7% of straight students.

In 2019, 13% of Iowa high school students identified as gay, lesbian or bisexual. 5% were unsure of their sexual orientation.

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