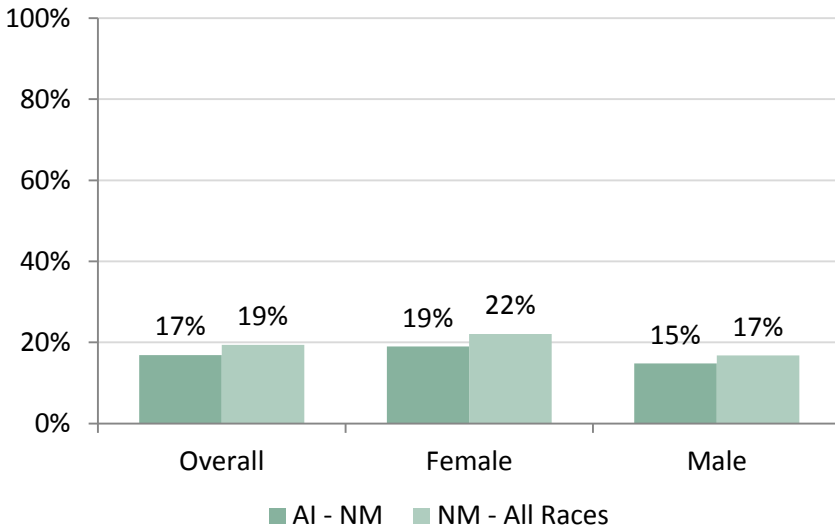


# BULLYING EXPERIENCES

among American Indian Youth in NEW MEXICO 2013



This fact sheet presents data from the 2013 New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS) on bullying and factors related to bullying among American Indian (AI) students in grades 6 – 12. Comparisons are also made between New Mexico American Indian students, and the all-race student population in New Mexico. The overarching aim of the NM YRRS is to better characterize risk behaviors and resiliency/protective factors among youth in New Mexico.

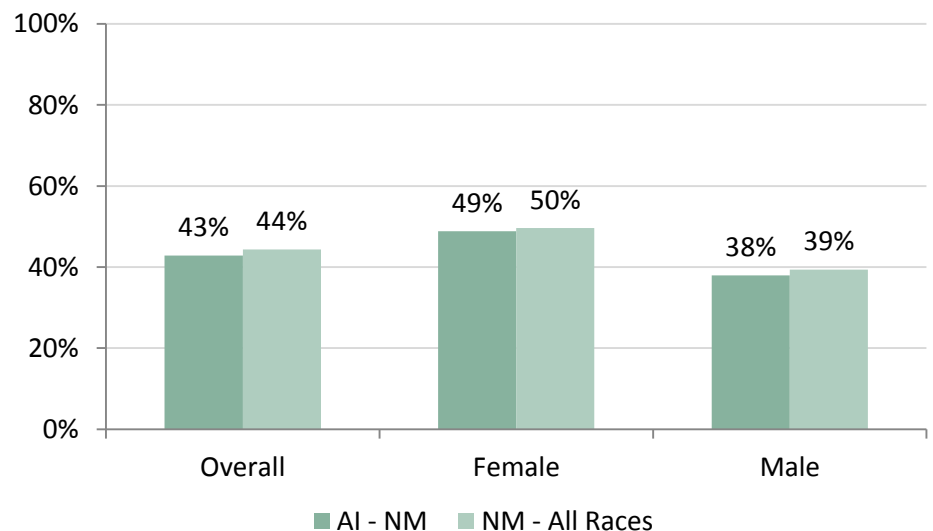


## High School Students who have been Bullied at School in the Past 12 Months

Overall, American Indian high school students were less likely to be bullied than all New Mexico high school students. Females were more likely to be bullied than males for all New Mexico high school students and American Indian high school students.

## Middle School Students who have EVER been Bullied at School

American Indian middle school students share similar rates of ever being bullied when compared to all New Mexico middle school students. Females were also more likely to ever be bullied than males for all New Mexico middle school students and the American Indian middle school students.

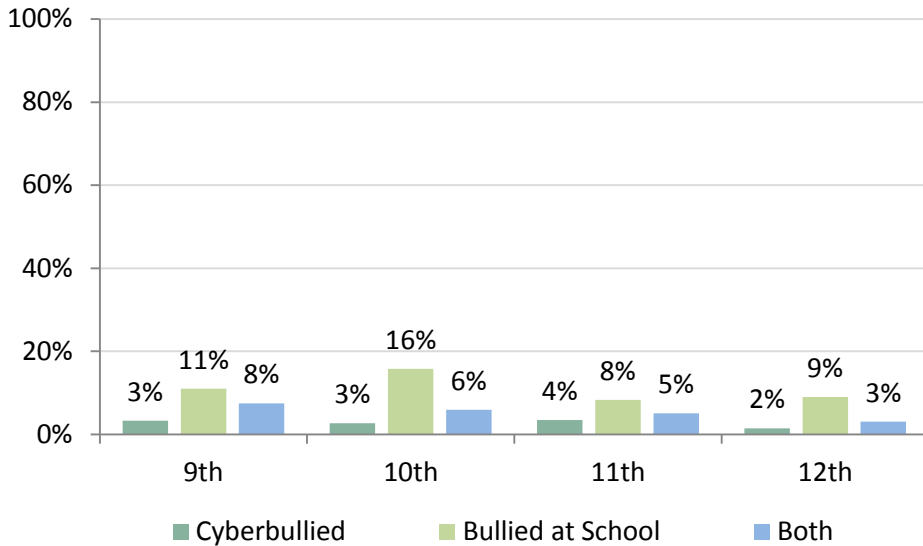


# BULLYING

When 1 or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when 2 students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.

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## American Indian High School Students who have been Bullied in the Past 12 Months, by Grade

Overall, American Indian high school students were significantly less likely to be cyberbullied than bullied on school property. American Indian high school students were more likely to be bullied, in general, during 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades of high school.

# 1 in 2

American Indian High School Students who described themselves as **GAY OR LESBIAN** have been bullied at school in the past 12 months.

## Factors Associated with American Indian High School Students being Bullied at School in the Past 12 Months\*

- Skipped school in the past 30 days because they **felt unsafe**
- **Felt sad or hopeless** for two weeks or more in a row during the past 12 months
- Seriously **considered attempting suicide** in the past 12 months
- Been in a **physical fight** in the past 12 months
- Ever used **inhalants**
- **Vomited or took laxatives** to lose weight in the past 30 days

\* All behaviors are statistically significant and are listed from strongest to weakest link to being bullied.

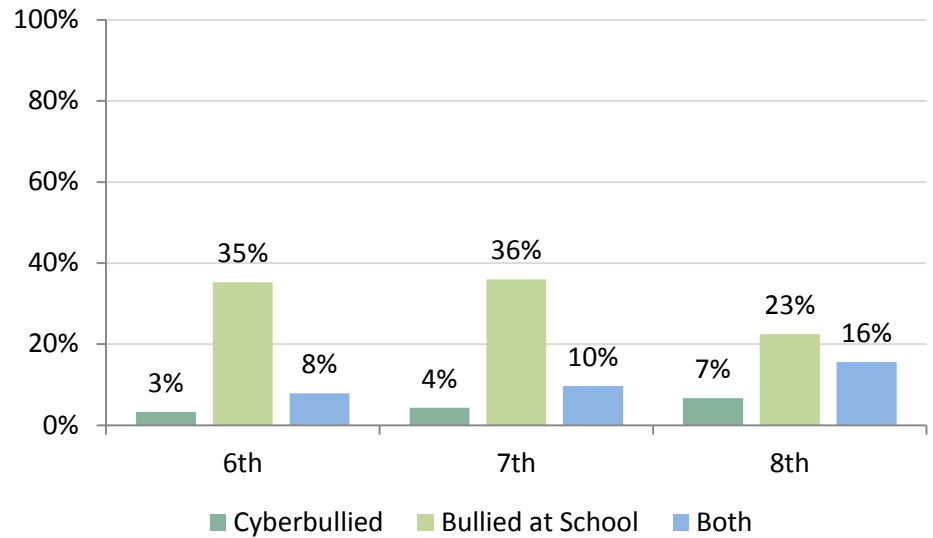
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## American Indian Middle School Students who have EVER been Bullied, by Grade

Overall, American Indian middle school students were significantly less likely to be cyberbullied than bullied on school property. However, the rate of cyberbullying and bullying of both types increases with each grade.



# 52%

Of American Indian Middle School Students who have EVER been bullied at school have also been in a **PHYSICAL FIGHT**.

## Factors Associated with American Indian Middle School Students Ever being Bullied\*

- Ever seriously **considered attempting suicide**
- Often **does not have enough food** to eat
- Self-reported their weight as being **overweight**
- Ever been in a **physical fight**

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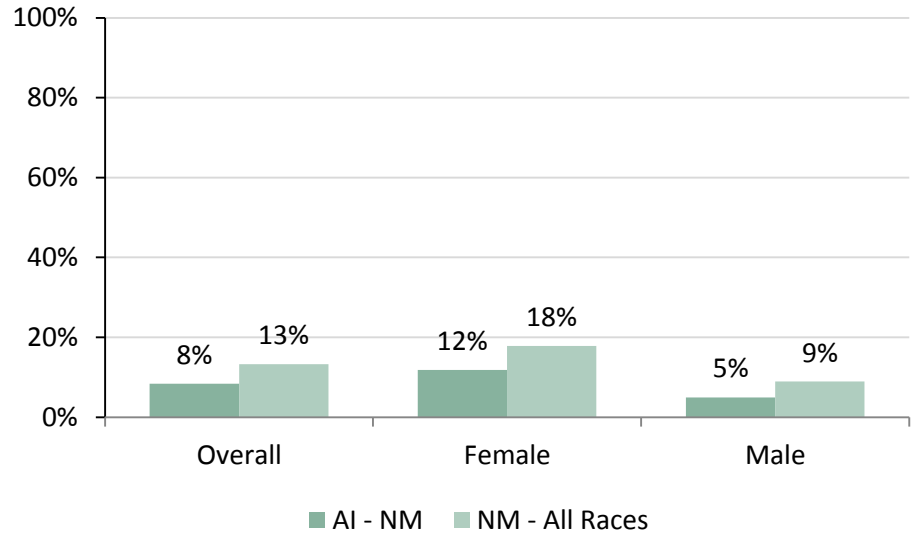
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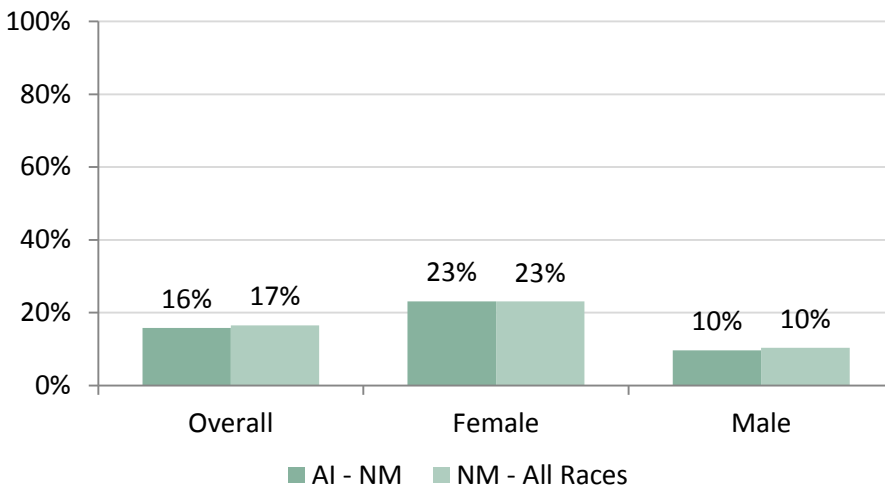
## High School Students who have been Cyberbullied in the Past 12 Months

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# 1 in 4

American Indian High School Students who **ATTEMPTED SUICIDE** in the past 12 months were also cyberbullied.



## Middle School Students who have Ever been Cyberbullied

Overall, American Indian middle school students shared similar rates of being cyberbullied compared to all New Mexico middle school students. Females were more likely to be cyberbullied than males for all New Mexico middle school students and American Indian middle school students.

# CYBERBULLYING

Otherwise known as electronically bullying, is defined as being bullied through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites, or texting.