



Utah State Board of Education

SCHOOL SAFETY



2020 Data Statistics

Overview

In 2019, the Utah legislature created the School Safety Data Analyst position, funded through House Bill (H.B.) 120, to collect and analyze multiple data elements for school safety. The School Safety Center Data tab was recently added to the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) [website](#) to create transparency and ease of access to the data that is used to inform policy and guidelines that keep our students, teachers, school staff, and administrators safe.

School Incident Reporting

Every year, LEAs submit required discipline incident data elements to the USBE. This infraction data comes in four general categories: 1) weapons, 2) violence, 3) alcohol, tobacco, and drugs, and 4) other. For this document on school safety, we highlight the weapons and violence categories as they deal specifically with physical safety.

USBE has been working with Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to improve incident data reporting. As a result of this effort there have been large increases in reported incidents in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. It is believed that incident data is still underreported, and counts are expected to continue increasing. Until statewide incident data reporting is achieved, these comparisons should only be made in regard to the rate which incidents are reported.

School Safety Survey

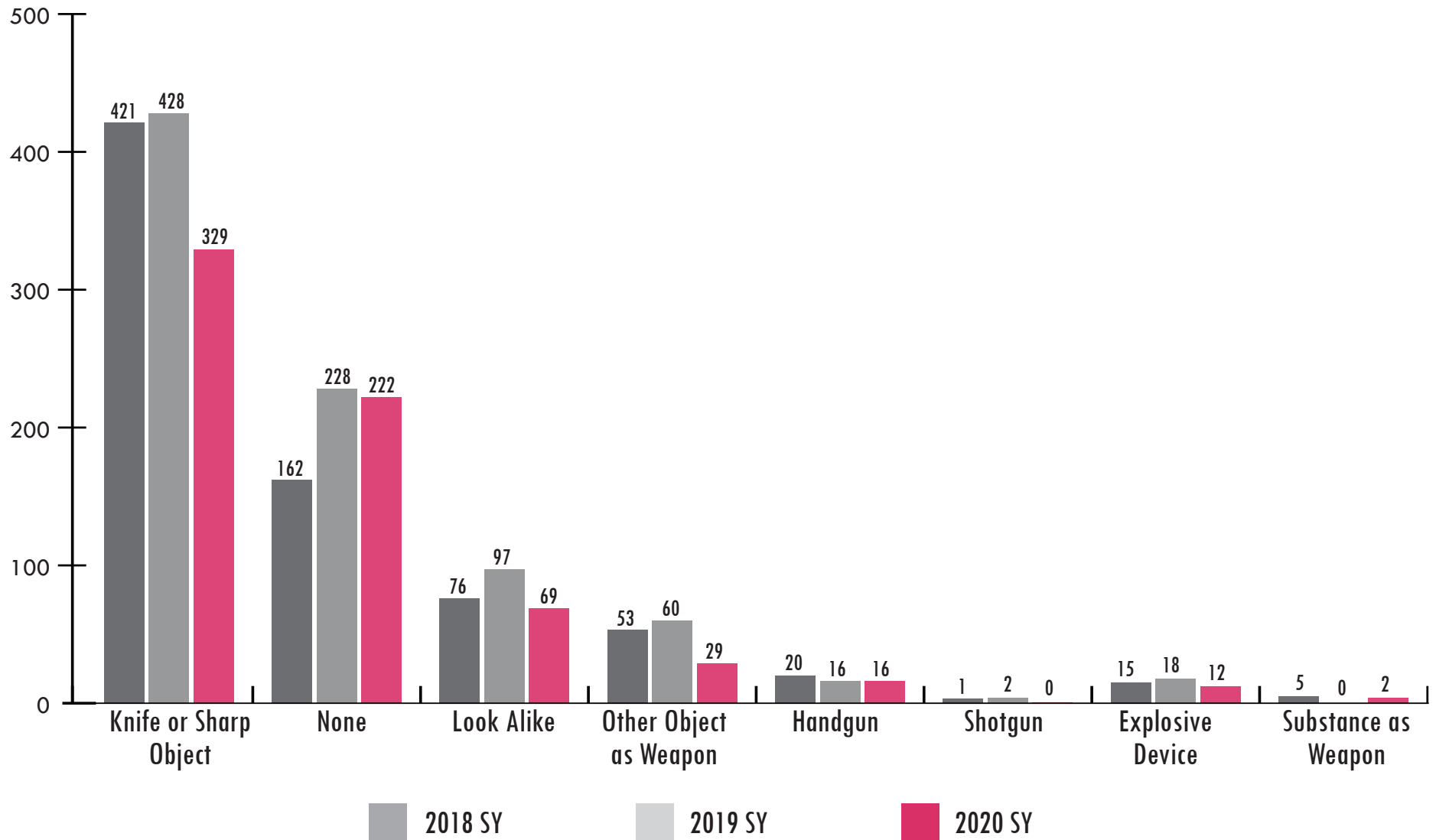
The School Safety Survey is administered annually by the USBE Safe and Healthy Schools Team. The survey is sent to school building administrators across Utah (principals, charter directors, vice principals, etc.). The participants were a representative cross-section of schools across the state, including K-12, alternative, adult education, and schools with only special education services. For 2020, 963 surveys were sent and 478 were completed. In 2019, 939 surveys were sent and 437 were completed.

SHARP Survey

The Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) Survey is administered every other year by a third party administrator to 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students. The content of the survey is created in collaboration with the Utah Department of Health, the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, and USBE.

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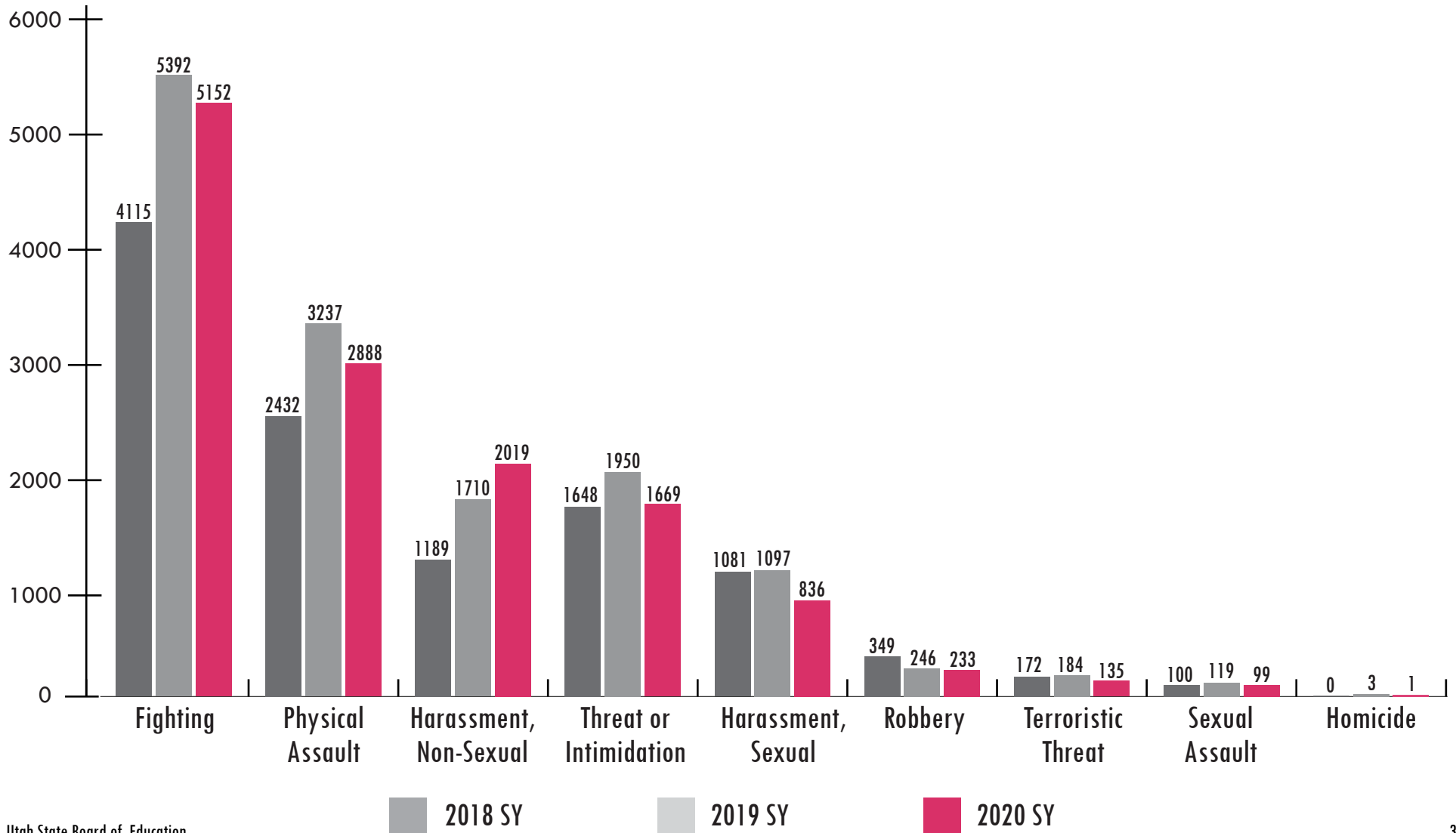
Number of Reported Weapon Infractions



Note: In SY2020, Shotgun category was consolidated with Handgun category
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Number of Reported Violent Infractions

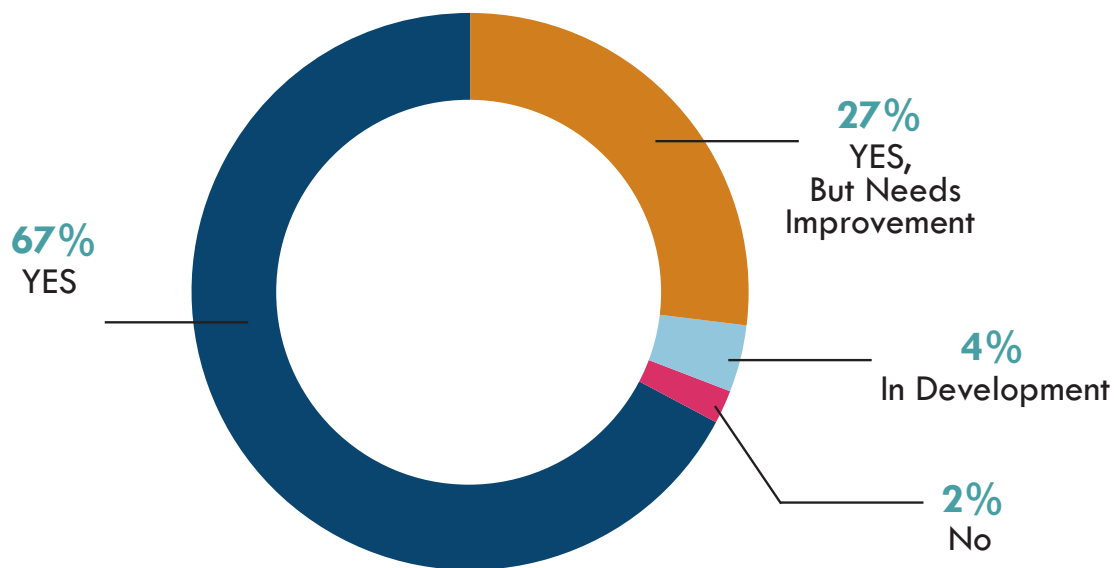


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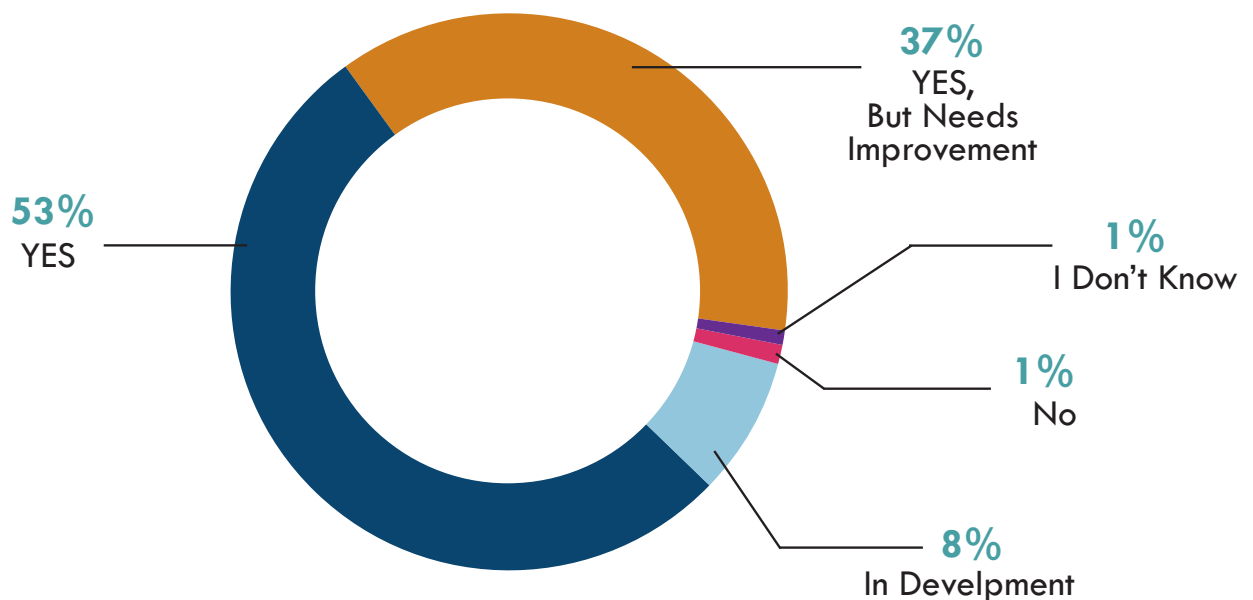
School Safety Survey Data

My school uses a multi-disciplinary team to discuss supports and interventions for students who are struggling

(i.e. risk behaviors, mental health problems, social and emotional development)

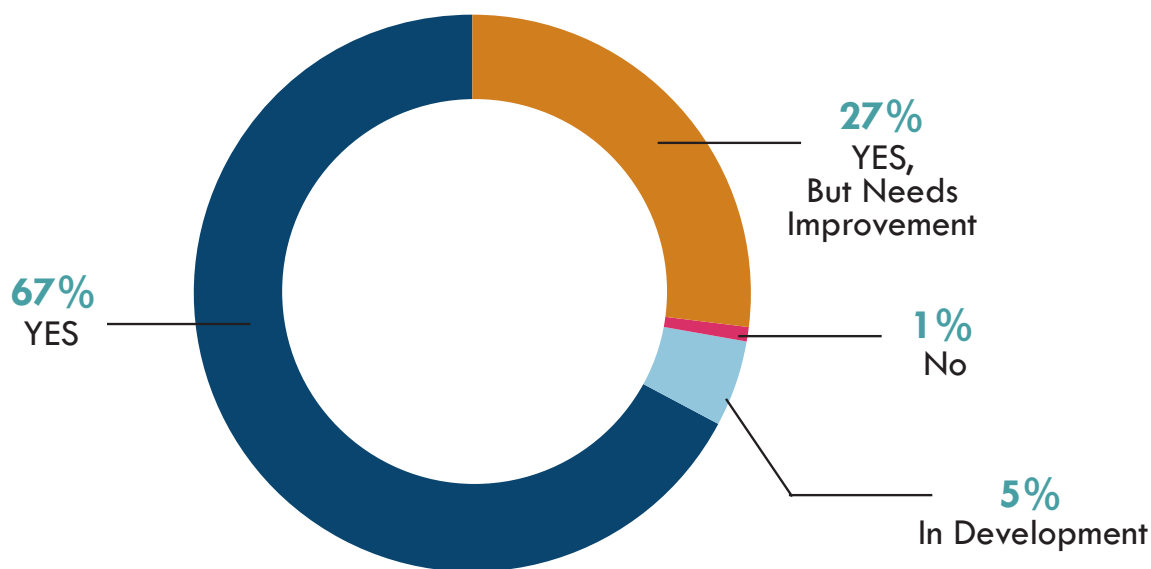


My school uses a multi-disciplinary system of supports to implement interventions based on the level of a student's identified behavioral need(s).



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My school has access to a district multi-disciplinary team (*that is not implemented solely for student IEPs or 504s*) to identify, assess, and intervene with possible threats at the school.



SHARP Survey Participation Numbers

The participation table below presents the total number of survey respondents included in the data analysis. Given the voluntary nature and time constraints of the survey, some participants do not complete all the questions.

Grade	State 2015	State 2017	State 2019
6th	15,459	16,008	27,657
8th	14,373	15,106	25,581
10th	11,055	10,738	20,376
12th	8,088	8,385	12,732
All Grades	48,975	50,237	86,346

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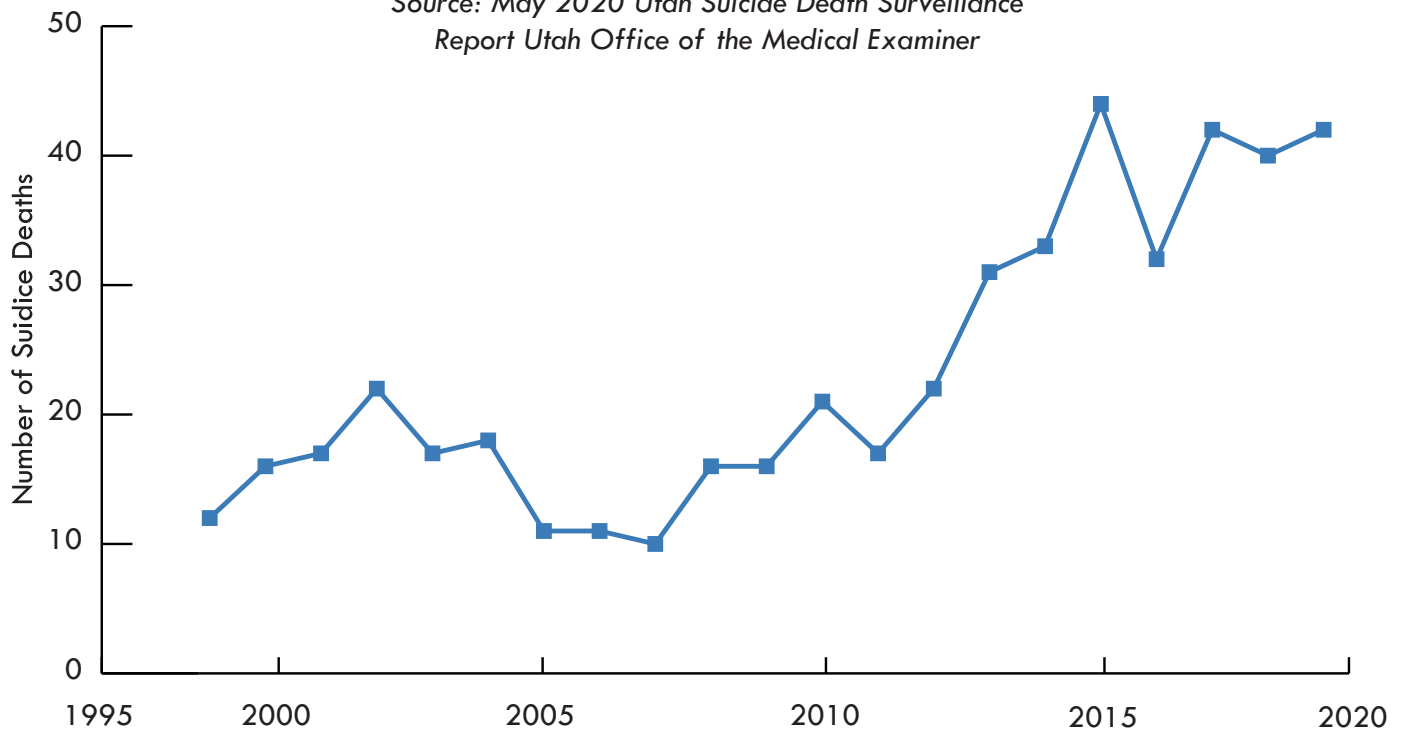
Suicide Data

There are many sources for suicide risk and mortality data. The following information has been compiled from the Utah Medical Examiner's Office as well as the SHARP survey.

For more information on suicide prevention resources go to liveonutah.org.

Utah: Number of Suicide Deaths (Age 10-17)

Source: May 2020 Utah Suicide Death Surveillance
Report Utah Office of the Medical Examiner



Between 2009 and 2015, there was an average of 525 suicide deaths per year. Suicide remains the number one cause of death of youth ages 10-17.

Seriously Considered Suicide in the Past Year

Source: SHARP Survey 2019

14.4%
2015

16.0%
2017

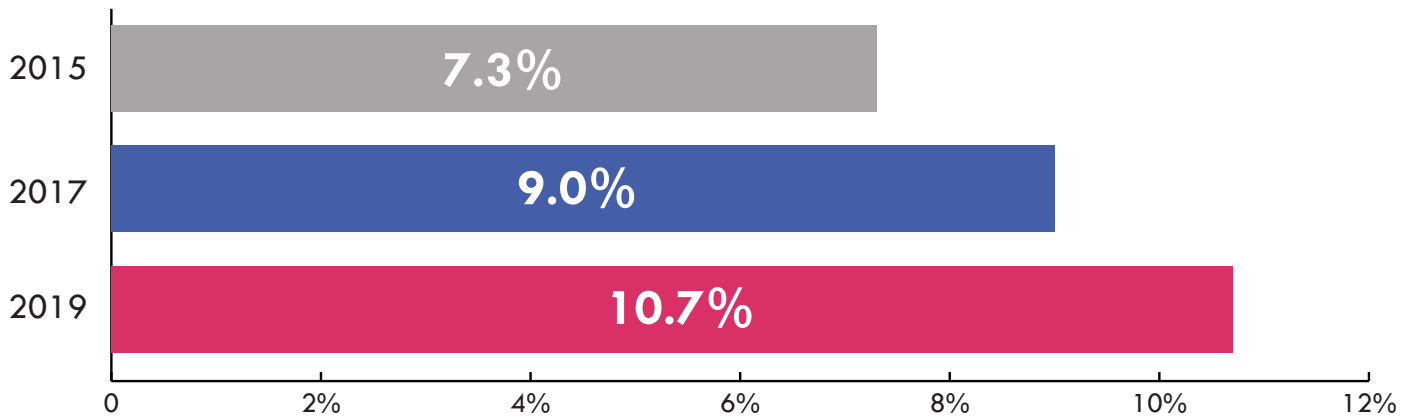
16.4%
2019

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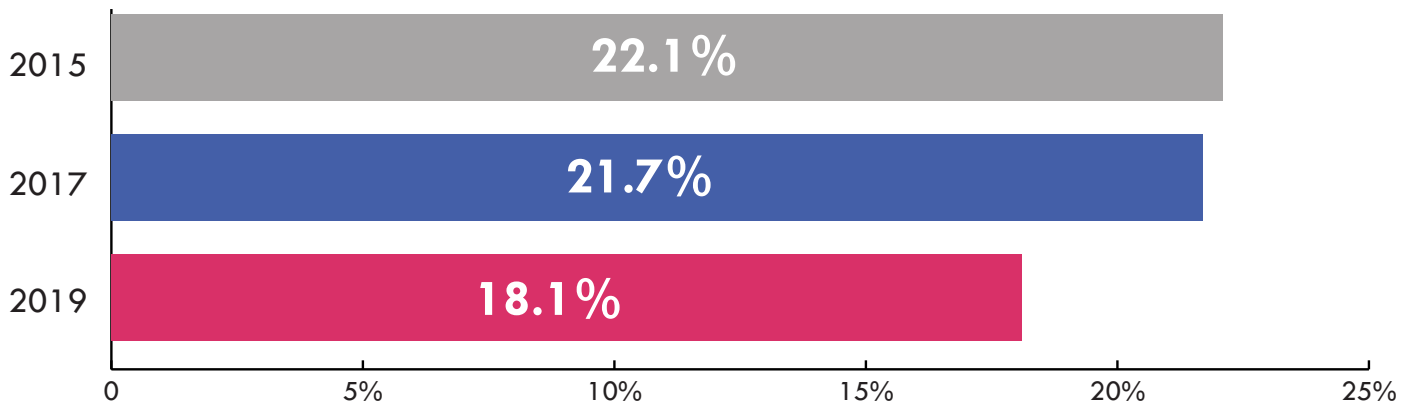
2019 SHARP Student Survey

In the United States, approximately one in five adolescents are living with a diagnosable mental health condition. Utah students are showing similar trends in their mental health state. The data contained on this page highlights some of the more severe concerns facing Utah students.

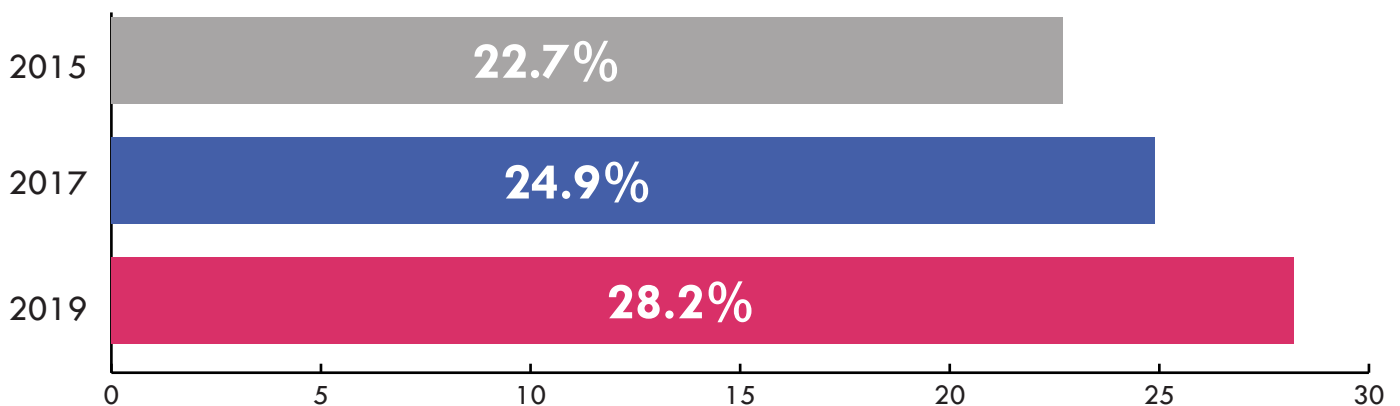
Did NOT go to school one or more days because they felt unsafe at/on the way to school (in the past month)



Was bullied ONE or more days ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (in the past year)



Felt sad or hopeless for two weeks or more during the past year



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I have felt that people are around me but not with me



I have felt isolated from others



More Information

Visit: schools.utah.gov/safehealthyschools

Find access to the data used to inform policy and guidelines that keep our students, teachers, school staff, and administrators safe.