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These statistics are mirrored in Massachusetts. Students who either identified as gay, lesbian, or bisexual or reported any same-sex sexual contact, were significantly more likely than other students been bullied (44% vs. 3%) and were also more likely than other students to have skipped school because they felt unsafe (13% vs. 3%) (2007 Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey)

Students who were bullied were 5 times more likely to become depressed.

Students who were bullied at school one or more in the past year were more likely to have considered or attempted suicide (24% vs. 9% and 12% vs. 2% respectively).

There are strong associations between violence-related behaviors and experiences. Students who experienced violence were less likely to succeed academically.

