

Data Briefing: New Data on Youth in Schools Questions and Answers

Kidsdata and WestEd hosted a webinar on new data for youth in schools. This comprehensive suite of data includes new and updated indicators across more than a dozen topics from the viewpoint of California's students and school staff. A recording of the webinar and slides are available at kidsdata.org/YouthInSchools. Responses to audience questions are below.

Where can I access the data?

Youth in Schools data are available through two websites:

- Kidsdata: kidsdata.org/YouthinSchools
- Query CalSCHLS: calschls.org/reports-data/query-calschls/

What is the sample size and response rates for the student and staff surveys?

Survey	Districts	Schools	Respondents
Student	690	4,696	1,072,537
Staff	425	2,691	71,518

The sample sizes are listed in the table above. Response rates are not calculated for the staff survey because it is difficult to obtain an estimate of the staff who were recruited to participate in the survey (the denominator). CalSCHLS encourages that all staff be recruited to participate (including cafeteria workers and bus drivers), but many districts only recruit teachers.

Student-level response rates vary moderately across districts. On average, the district-level response rates are 80%, 77%, and 70% for 7th, 9th, and 11th graders respectively. The average district response rate for students in continuation schools (NT students) was 64%.

Santa Clara County had an "s" so does this means not very many school districts participated?

County-level results were not computed if the enrollment in participating districts represented less than 65% of the enrollment in the county. In Santa Clara, only about 58% of county 9th/11th grade enrollment is represented in the data, and therefore county estimates for 9th and 11th were suppressed.

Within Reasons for School Absence in Past month, is it possible to break down 'illness' into respiratory and dental problems, separately?

No – unfortunately the questionnaire item (20b – Illness (feeling physically sick), including problems breathing or your teeth)) does not allow breaking down the results for these two reasons separately.

Can I run a side-by-side comparison of schools and/or districts by select data elements?

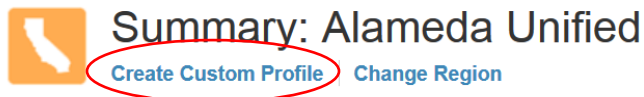
A side-by-side comparison of districts by select data elements is not currently available. Also, data at the school-level are not publicly available. However, two features allow you to compare indicators within a district and allow you to compare districts within an indicator:

1. **Custom District Profile**. Create a district dashboard with multiple indicators.

Find this feature in “Data by Region.” Select your district then select “Create Custom Profile.” Select the indicators you want then hit submit:

Example: [Alameda Unified School District](#)

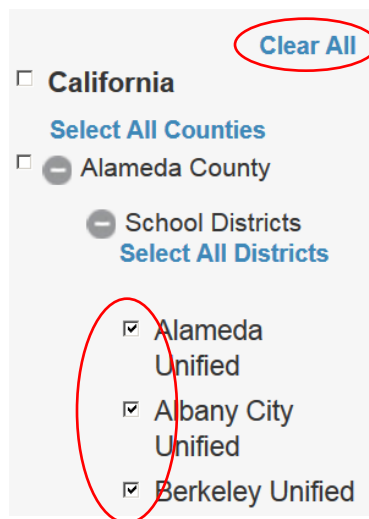
[Home](#) > [Data by Region](#) > Alameda Unified Summary



2. **Compare Districts**. Create tables or bars that include multiple districts.

Find this feature in “Data by Topic.” In the left column, select “Clear All,” select your county, then select the districts you want to compare:

Example: [Alameda County](#)



If you prefer a sortable table, in the top gray bar, edit the specific data to compare, Sort by clicking on the “Locations” or “Percent” table column headings:

Year(s): (edit)	Grade Level: (edit)	Student Response: (edit)
2013-2015	7th Grade	Some

Did you look at the relationship between staff perceptions of leveraging community support and student self-reports of bullying, depression, substance use, etc.?

We have not examined data specifically looking at this question.

Are there plans to bring in teacher and parent data?

Selected staff-reported data are already included on the Kidsdata and Query CalSCHLS sites. See indicators including “(staff)” in their name. There are currently no plans to bring in the parent data because participation rates are low.

Can you refer me to a report on key findings from teacher and parent surveys?

We do not currently provide state-wide reports for the parent data because participation in the parent survey is so uneven. The most recent state-level data for the staff data can be found here: calschls.org/docs/statewide_1517_csss.pdf

Are sexual orientation and gender identity demographic questions a part of the core CHKS survey? If not, why?

Sexual orientation and gender identity questions have been included by default on the Core CHKS survey since 2013. Some districts elected not to include the LGBT questions, but since 2017/18 – all districts participating in the CHKS are required to include these questions.

With the LGBTQ students are there any questions about differences between those who are "out" vs those who are not in reference to depression, suicidal ideation?

Great question. The CHKS does not include questions that can distinguish between LGBT students who are “out” vs. those who are not.