

Research Brief Series II: Harassment & Abuse of LGBTQQ Individuals in AZ

Brief A: LGBTQQ Adolescents & Young Adults in the Eon Project

The [University of AZ-Southwest Institute for Research on Women's \(UA-SIROW\) Eon Project](#) was an early intervention that addressed substance use; HIV and STD prevention; identity; sexuality; and discrimination and harassment; and provided assistance in the development of resiliency and life skills. There were 185 adolescents and young adults enrolled in the Eon Project who self-identified as LGBTQQ.

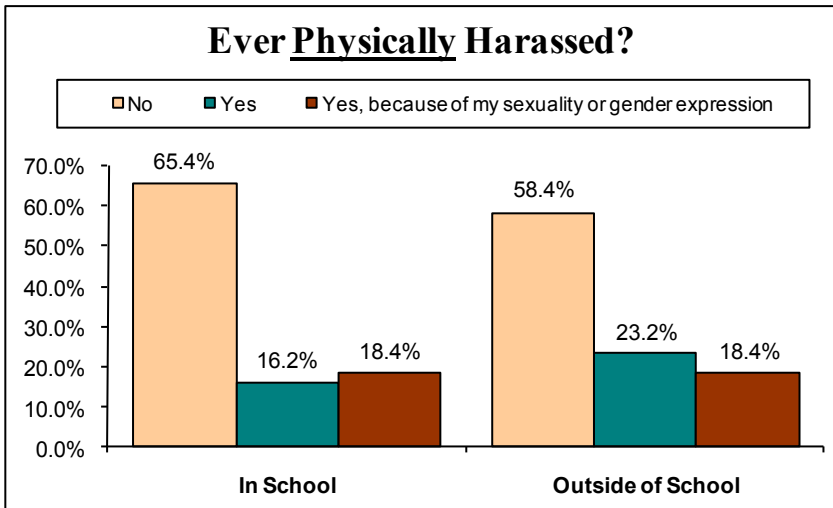
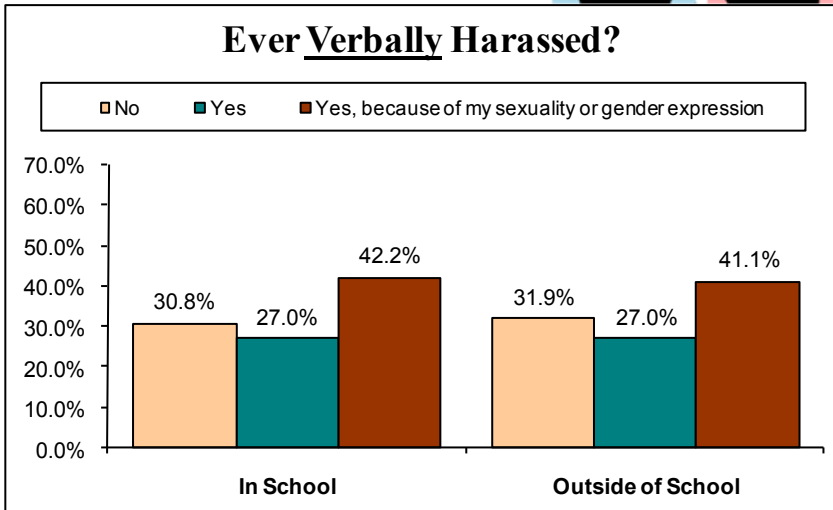
Last Time Attacked or Abused		Number of Past 90 Days Attacked or Abused	
Never	10.8%	0 days	68.6%
> 12 months ago	41.6%	1-5 days	14.6%
4-12 months ago	16.2%	6-10 days	3.8%
Within past 90 days	31.4%	> 10 days	13.0%

- Most (89.2%) of these youth had been attacked or abused.
- Many (31.4%) had been attacked or abused in the past 90 days.
- A significant percentage (16.8%) had been attacked or abused during more than 5 of the past 90 days.



Percent Who Ever Experienced Each Type of Harassment In and Outside of School		
Type of Harassment	In School	Outside of School
None	29.2%	30.8%
Only verbal	36.2%	27.6%
Only physical	1.6%	1.1%
Both verbal & physical	33.0%	40.5%

- The majority had experienced harassment in school (70.8%) or outside of school (69.2%).
- Substantial percentages experienced both verbal and physical harassment in school (33.0%) or outside of school (40.5%).
- Verbal harassment (69.2% in & 68.1% outside of school) was much more prevalent than physical harassment (34.6% in & 41.6% outside of school).
- Percentages reporting verbal and physical harassment were similar across location (in vs. outside of school).
- More than 50% of the youth who had been harassed verbally and physically in and outside of school were harassed because of their sexuality or gender expression.



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 Data from this project is not representative of all LGBTQQ adolescents and young adults in AZ.

For more information about the [Eon Project \(Eon: Capacity Enhancement to Improve and Integrate Culturally Relevant Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS Services\)](#), please see <http://sirow.arizona.edu/work/projects/view?id=15> or contact Sally Stevens, PhD at sstevens@email.arizona.edu. The [Eon Project](#) was supported by grant H79 T115863 from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration—CSAT (2003-2008).