

TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DATA BRIEF



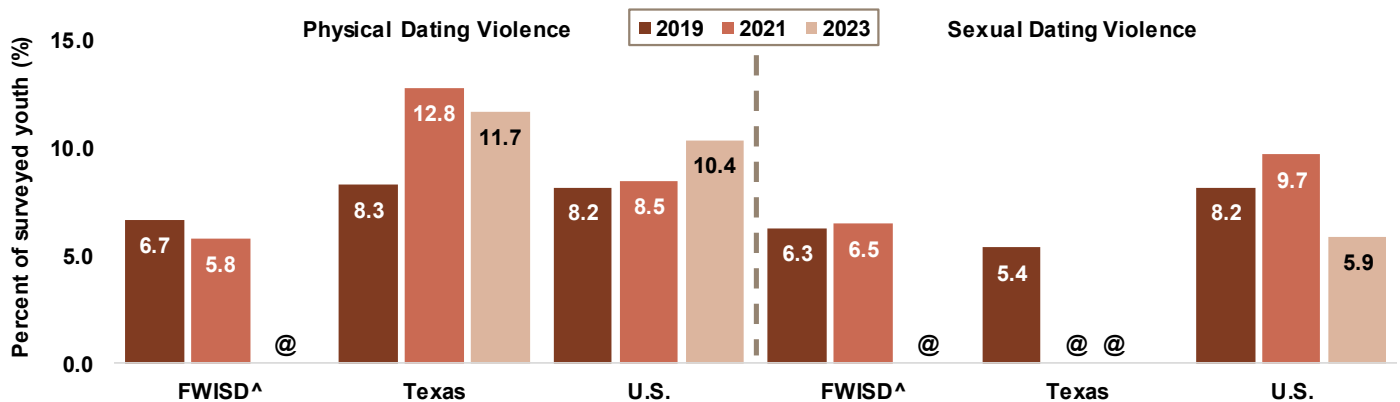
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Teen Dating Violence (TDV): Unhealthy actions or threats that occur in a teenage dating relationship with a current or previous partner. TDV is a type of intimate partner violence (IPV) [[Data Brief linked here](#)].

TDV varies in severity and includes many types of abuse, such as **Economic/Financial, Emotional/Verbal, Physical, Sexual, and Technology-Facilitated**. To learn more about these and other types of abuse, [[click here](#)].

TDV is considered an adverse childhood experience (ACE). ACEs are traumatic events that happen during ages 0-17 years. ACEs can negatively impact health, development, and overall well-being during childhood and into adulthood. To learn more about ACEs and how to prevent them, [[click here](#)].

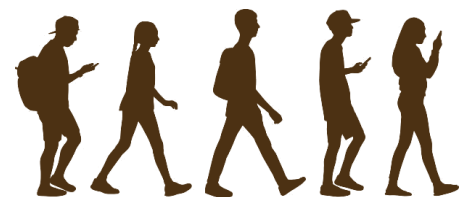
*Teen dating violence reported by high school students in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) by type of dating violence and geographic location, 2019-2023**



Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Dating Violence Questions

Among high school students who dated or went out with someone during the 12 months before the survey:

- **Being physically hurt on purpose** (hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon) by someone they were dating or going out with, one or more times during the 12 months before the survey.
- **Being forced to do sexual things** (kissing, touching, or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse) they did not want to do by someone they were dating or going out with, one or more times during the 12 months before the survey.



In 2021, a significantly lower percentage of Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) students reported experiencing physical dating violence (5.8%) compared to Texas students (12.8%)

Types of TDV abuse that Texas victims reported to the 'love is respect' hotline in 2024:



37%
Emotional/
Verbal



17%
Physical



12%
Economic/
Financial



10%
Technology-
Facilitated**



8%
Sexual

Teen Dating Violence *increases* the risk of:



- Antisocial Behavior
- Depression and Anxiety
- Eating Disorders
- Intimate Partner Violence in Adulthood
- Risky Sexual Behaviors
- Substance Use
- Thinking about Suicide

From October 2023 - September 2024, 4,765 students from 9 school districts in Tarrant County participated in The Archway's prevention programming that covers teen dating violence, communication styles, understanding emotions, and bullying

Education and Prevention

- [alteristic.org/green-dot/]
- [breakthecycle.org]
- [cdc.gov/intimate-partner-violence/about/about-teen-dating-violence.html]
- [cdc.gov/intimate-partner-violence/php/datingmatters/index.html]
- [domesticshelters.org/resources/mobile-apps-for-victims-and-survivors]
- [joinonelove.org]
- [loveisrespect.org]
- [tcfv.org/program-resources/youth-adult-allies/]
- [techsafety.org]

Resources and Support

[love is respect](#) (Teen Dating Abuse Hotline)
Call 1-866-331-9474 Text LOVEIS to 22522
[loveisrespect.org]

[The Archway](#)
Call 1-877-701-7233 [thearchwaytx.org]

[The Trevor Project](#) (LGBTQ+ youth)
Call 1-866-488-7386 Text START to 678-678
[thetrevorproject.org]

[National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
Call 1-800-799-7233 Text START to 88788 [thehotline.org]
Call 855-812-1001 [thedeafhotline.org]

[National Sexual Assault Hotline](#)
Call 1-800-656-4673 [rainn.org]

** TDV abuse type changed from Digital to Technology-Facilitated in 2024
Data sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, love is respect, The Archway
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