

# Disparities in ACEs Among Connecticut High School Youth

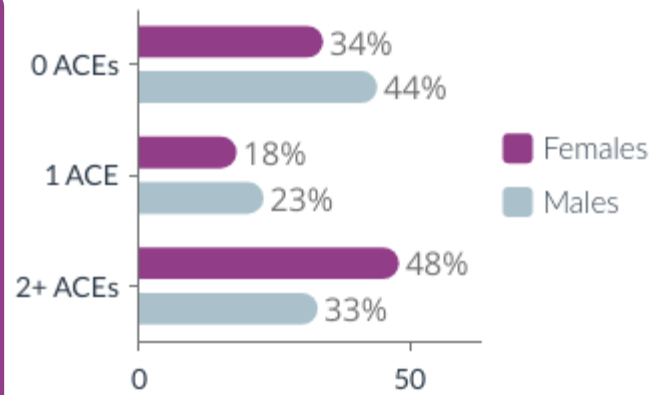
## What are ACEs?

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood and may increase the risk of physical and mental health problems later in life. **Not all youth in Connecticut experience ACEs in the same way.**

### Female youth report multiple ACEs more frequently than male youth.

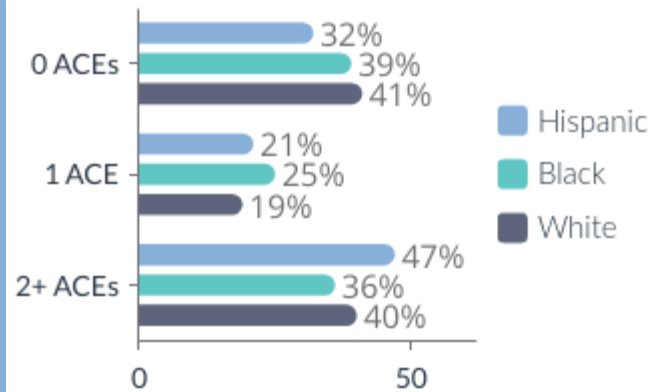
More females than males report:

- Emotional abuse by a parent or caregiver (16% vs. 9%).
- Sexual abuse by a person at least 5 years older (8% vs. 2%).
- Cyberbullying (18% vs. 9%).
- Sexual teen dating violence (20% vs. 7%).



### Black and Hispanic youth report multiple ACEs more frequently than White youth.

- More Hispanic than White youths have witnessed community violence (30% vs. 13%).
- More Black than White youths have experienced physical and emotional neglect (15% vs. 7%).



### Lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) youth report multiple ACEs more frequently than heterosexual youth.

More LGB than heterosexual youth report:

- Emotional abuse by a parent (21% vs. 10%).
- Cyberbullying (23% vs. 11%).
- Sexual violence (13% vs. 4%).

