ACEs: Child Abuse and Neglect 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. **ACEs include child abuse and neglect.**

Child Abuse

More than

1 in 6

Connecticut youth report having experienced emotional, physical or sexual abuse at home.



Child Neglect

1 in 10

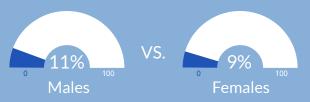
Connecticut youth report having experienced **neglect**, or the lack of a parent or caregiver who provided basic needs, including safety, clothes, and food.



Females report experiencing child abuse more frequently than males



Males report experiencing child neglect more frequently than females



Black and Hispanic youth report experiencing child **abuse** more frequently than **White** youth



Black and Hispanic youth report experiencing child neglect more frequently than White youth



More **lesbian**, **gay**, **and bisexual** (LGB) youth report experiencing child **abuse** than youth who identify as **heterosexual**



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report experiencing child **neglect** than youth who identify as **heterosexual**

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Source: 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey / Connecticut School Health Survey

