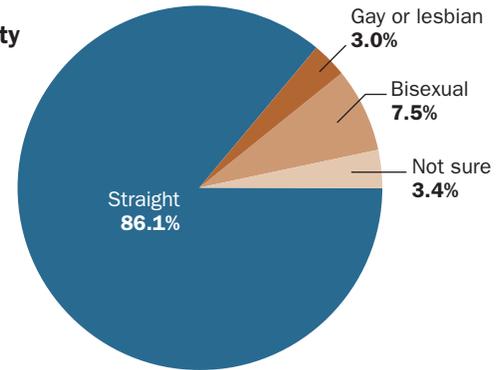


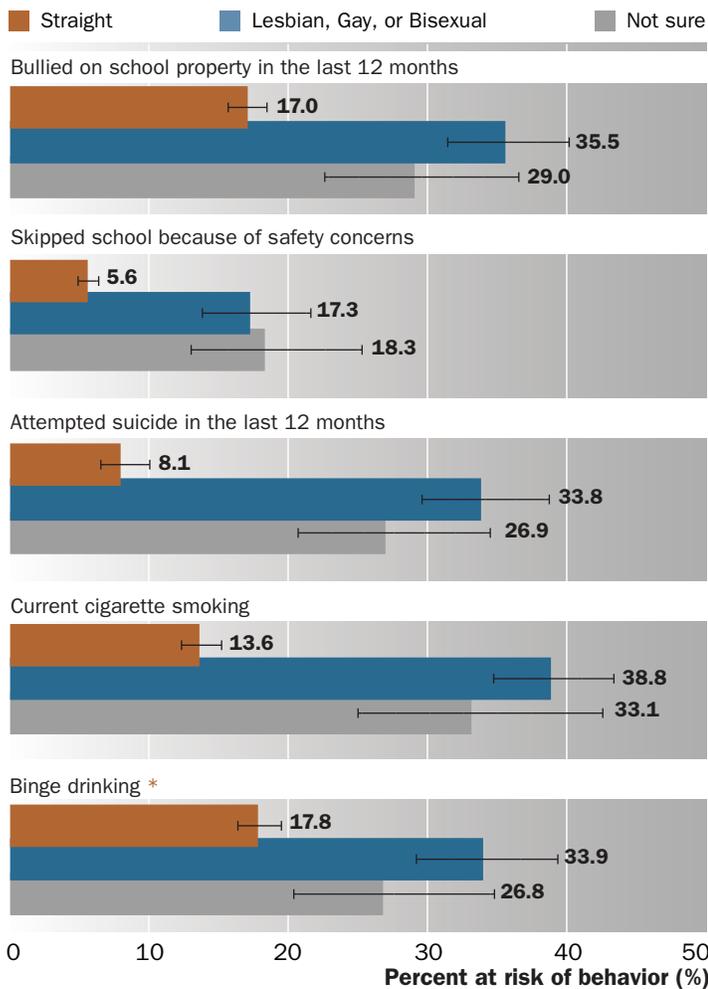
2013 NM-YRRS Results: Sexual Minority Youth

New Mexico's sexual minority youth are a diverse group. They come from a wide variety of cultures, socioeconomic backgrounds, speak a number of different languages, and live in all regions of the state. The term, sexual minority youth, comprises a group of youth who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or not be sure of their sexual identity; and may participate in same-sex behavior, opposite-sex behavior, or not have sex at all. The high school 2013 NM-YRRS assessed sexual identity for the first time in 2013.

**Sexual Identity
Grades 9–12
NM ■ 2013**



**Selected Risk Behaviors by Sexual Identity
Grades 9–12 ■ NM ■ 2013**



Compared to straight youth, sexual minority students were at increased risk for being bullied, skipping school due to safety concerns, current cigarette use, binge drinking, and other behaviors that endanger student health and well-being.

How to read the chart:

- Among straight students, **17.0%** were bullied on school property in the last 12 months.
- Among lesbian, gay, or bisexual students, **35.5%** were bullied on school property in the last 12 months.
- Among those not sure of their sexual identity, **29.0%** were bullied on school property in the last 12 months.

* 5 or more drinks in a row, or within a couple of hours, on at least one of the last 30 days.

For more information on sexual minority youth, see the upcoming report, **The Health and Well Being of Sexual Minority Youth in New Mexico: Data from the 2013 NM Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey.**

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