

# HEALTH DISPARITIES IN LESBIAN, GAY & BISEXUAL YOUTH

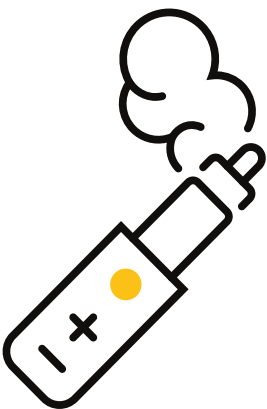


## BULLYING AT SCHOOL

**42%** of lesbian, gay & bisexual Iowa public high school students were bullied on school property in 2019. This compares to **20%** of straight students.

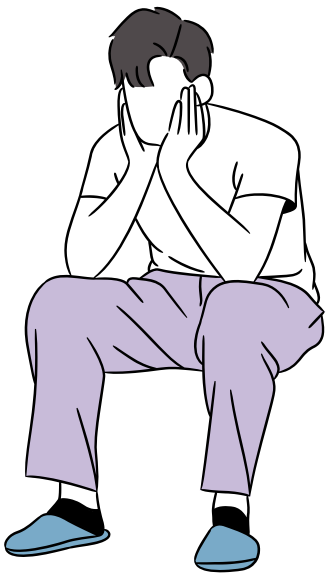
## SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**27%** of lesbian, gay, & bisexual Iowa public high school students experienced sexual violence in the past year. This compares to **7%** of straight students.



## VAPING

**1 in 3** lesbian, gay, & bisexual Iowa public high school students were currently using an electronic vaping product in 2019. This compares to **1 in 5** straight students.



## MENTAL HEALTH

**63%** of lesbian, gay, & bisexual Iowa public high school students experienced persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness. This compares to **28%** of straight students.

## SUICIDE IDEATION

**Nearly half** of lesbian, gay, & bisexual Iowa public high school students seriously considered suicide in 2019. This compares to **15%** of straight students.



## SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

**22%** of lesbian, gay, & bisexual Iowa public high school students attempted suicide in the previous year. This compares to **7%** of straight students.

In 2019, 13% of Iowa high school students identified as gay, lesbian or bisexual. 5% were unsure of their sexual orientation.

[HTTPS://IDPH.IOWA.GOV/PUBLICHEALTHDATA/IOWA-YOUTH-RISK-BEHAVIOR-SURVEY](https://idph.iowa.gov/publichealthdata/iowa-youth-risk-behavior-survey)

