**Attempted Suicide:**

**2009 N.C. Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)**

The N.C. Youth Risk Behavior Survey (N.C. YRBS) provides a critical source of public health data for understanding the scope of injury-related problems and measuring progress toward overall goals among public school students. N.C. YRBS is a comprehensive statewide sample of 3,400 middle and 5,700 high school students from across the state. Every other spring in odd years, a core set of injury-related questions are asked along with other health and risk-factor questions. Risk-factor variables include information such as academic achievement, seat belt use and physical assault. The sampling scheme is intended to generate a statewide representative sample of weighted data. Increasing school district participation and data utilization are two keys for future success. See the N.C. Healthy Schools website for more information: www.nchealthyschools.org.

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**Percentage of N.C. high school students who actually attempted suicide one or more times, by gender: N.C. YRBS 2009**

- Total: 9.9%
- Female: 9.7%
- Male: 9.9%

**Percentage of N.C. high school students who actually attempted suicide one or more times, by grade level: N.C. YRBS 2009**

- Ninth Grade: 9.7%
- Tenth Grade: 11.8%
- Eleventh Grade: 8.9%
- Twelfth Grade: 8.6%

**Percentage of N.C. high school students who actually attempted suicide one or more times, by race/ethnicity: N.C. YRBS 2009**

- NH* White: 8.1%
- NH* Black: 10.4%
- Hispanic**: 11.7%

**Percentage of N.C. high school students who feel alone in their life, by gender: N.C. YRBS 2009**

- Total: 18.7%
- Male: 18.3%
- Female: 18.8%

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Weighted to provide estimates representative of the public high school student population; students reported having actually attempted suicide one or more times. Specific data on 95 percent confidence intervals and regional definitions is at the N.C. YRBS website: www.nchealthyschools.org/data/yrbs.

NH = Non-Hispanic. **Caution when interpreting. Results based on small sample size.