



KidsHealth® KidsPoll – How do kids handle conflict? Summary Tables--Demographics

KidsHealth® KidsPoll is collaboration among the Nemours Foundation/KidsHealth, the Department of Health Education and Recreation at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the National Association of Health Education Centers, and participating health education centers. The purpose is to gather information (opinions, attitudes, and feelings etc.) about current health issues from children. The information is gathered using handheld data collection devices from kids ages 9 to 13 as they attend classes in the health education centers. The information is shared with educators, caregivers, health care organizations, the media, and other interested parties at national and local levels. The goal is to provide insightful information that will enable them to develop programs to help kids to make healthy life decisions, prevent disease and injury, and understand their bodies. This poll focused on how kids handle conflict.

Individual Demographics

Individual-level information was collected anonymously from each child who participated.

- 1,245 children
- 53% girls, 47% boys
- 9 to 13 (average age 10.5) (9=28%, 10=29%, 11=22%, 12/13=21%)
- 10 centers participated in this poll:
 - CDC Global Health Odyssey – Atlanta, GA
 - Children’s Health Education Center – Milwaukee, WI
 - Robert Crown Health Education Center – Chicago, IL
 - Health World Children’s Museum – Barrington, IL
 - Hult Health Education Center – Peoria, IL
 - Kansas Learning Center – Halstead, KS
 - McMillen Center for Health Education – Ft. Wayne, IN
 - Poe Center for Health Education – Raleigh, NC
 - Ruth Lilly Health Education Center – Indianapolis, IN
 - Weller Health Education Center – Easton, PA

School Demographics

School-level information was not collected from each child but is based on statistics from the schools that the kids attend.

- 31 schools
- Student participating came from schools that averaged: 48% White, 37% Black, 12% Hispanic, 2% Asian/Pacific, 1% Native American:
 - 29% of students were from schools that had student bodies that were 0% to 33% Black/Hispanic/Asian/Native American combined
 - 33% of students were from schools that had student bodies that were 33% to 67% of these groups
 - 38% of students were from schools that had student bodies that were 67% to 100% of these groups
- Students came from schools with an average of 57% of the students qualifying for reduced lunch:
 - 24% of students were from schools that had 0% to 33% of their student body qualifying for free or reduced lunch
 - 31% of students were from schools that had 33% to 67% of their student body qualifying for free or reduced lunch
 - 45% of students were from schools that had 67% to 100% of their student body qualifying for free or reduced lunch

The U.S. Census Bureau and Dept of Education use measures of city size and location called Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) and Consolidated Statistical Area (CSA). The categories are:

- *Large city center = center of a CBSA or CSA city with population >250,000*
- *Midsized city center = center of a CBSA or CSA city with a population <250,000*
- *Large city fringe = urban fringe of a large CBSA or CSA city*
- *Midsized city fringe = urban fringe of a midsized CBSA or CSA city*
- *Large town = not within a CBSA or CSA with a population >25,000*
- *Small town = not within a CBSA or CSA with a population 2,500-25,000*
- *Rural outside = not within a CBSA or CSA with a population <2,500*

○ The percentage of students from schools in each locale were: 44% large city center, 21% midsized city center, 8% large city fringe, 13% midsized city fringe, 3% large town, 5% small town and 5% rural:

- Average school size – 362:
 - 39% of students came from schools with an enrollment of 0-300
 - 52% of students came from schools with an enrollment of 300-600
 - 9% of students came from schools with an enrollment of 600-900
 - 0% of students came from schools with an enrollment of 900+

	PREDICTOR VARIABLES																		
	Gender		Age				Arguments at home					Tolerance			Worry				
	Total	boys	girls	9	10	11	12/13	daily	weekly	monthly	few times	never	like	ignore	dislike	tell others	lose friend	hurt them	don't
What do you usually do when you are in an argument with a kid your age?																			
talk it out or work it out	33%	24%	30%	41%	35%	30%	24%	22%	34%	47%	43%	41%	34%	34%	40%	34%	50%	42%	19%
ignore the person or walk away	19%	20%	20%	19%	21%	19%	19%	17%	23%	21%	16%	19%	19%	22%	17%	21%	24%	20%	16%
get upset or cry	4%	2%	6%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	2%	6%	3%	7%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%
get angry and yell or use mean words	18%	18%	23%	13%	19%	18%	23%	22%	20%	12%	14%	12%	21%	13%	17%	20%	12%	15%	21%
hit or get in a physical fight	26%	36%	21%	24%	21%	29%	31%	35%	18%	17%	25%	22%	23%	24%	22%	21%	10%	18%	41%
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
How do you usually apologize when you have an argument with another kid?																			
write a note on paper	11%	5%	9%	17%	7%	10%	9%	8%	8%	15%	15%	16%	8%	14%	16%	17%	12%	6%	9%
send an email or text message	10%	5%	6%	12%	8%	8%	12%	6%	9%	13%	19%	12%	5%	5%	21%	12%	13%	10%	8%
call on the phone	6%	5%	6%	7%	6%	4%	7%	7%	5%	6%	6%	7%	6%	4%	7%	6%	7%	8%	5%
talk in person	41%	47%	48%	31%	51%	47%	33%	41%	48%	38%	36%	31%	53%	48%	23%	37%	56%	52%	29%
I usually don't apologize	32%	38%	31%	33%	28%	31%	39%	38%	30%	28%	24%	34%	28%	29%	33%	28%	12%	24%	49%
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
What is the best thing adults can do when kids argue with each other?																			
leave them alone and let them work it out	26%	23%	32%	20%	22%	31%	37%	32%	22%	21%	20%	29%	29%	27%	21%	24%	26%	27%	28%
help them work it out	28%	24%	26%	29%	30%	27%	24%	20%	31%	45%	33%	24%	29%	28%	32%	31%	34%	35%	18%
stop the argument and split them up	15%	12%	13%	23%	14%	11%	15%	14%	13%	12%	23%	18%	10%	19%	22%	15%	12%	13%	18%
stop the argument and get them to play nicely	12%	13%	10%	14%	12%	10%	11%	11%	14%	11%	10%	14%	11%	9%	14%	12%	17%	8%	12%
I don't know	19%	28%	19%	14%	22%	21%	13%	23%	20%	11%	14%	15%	21%	17%	11%	18%	11%	17%	24%
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
What is the best thing adults can do when kids argue with each other? (of those with an answer)																			
leave them alone and let them work it out	32%	32%	40%	23%	28%	39%	43%	42%	28%	24%	23%	34%	37%	33%	24%	29%	29%	33%	37%
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Margin of error is not reported for this study:

Margin of error is a measure of how precise a reported proportion is within the population represented by the sample. It is a calculation based on the proportion, the confidence level, and the sample size. The larger the sample size, the smaller the margin of error. Margin of error relies on two primary assumptions: 1) the distribution within the population is normal – with large sample sizes this can usually be assumed; and 2) the sample is representative (i.e., random). Our survey cannot be considered random; therefore, we do not report a margin of error.

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