



9 Shocking Statistics About Bullying in the UK

1. According to a global report¹, almost a quarter of British pupils say they are being bullied a few times a month, while more than 14% say they are bullied frequently, making the UK the fourth worst affected of all 34 countries surveyed
2. Figures suggest nearly half of children and young people (46%) have been bullied at school at some point in their lives
3. There were over 24,000 Childline counselling sessions with children about bullying in 2016/17
4. More than 16,000 young people are absent from school due to bullying
5. Cyberbullying is on the up with the number of children and young people tormented by online trolls having increased by 88% in five years
6. Research has shown that young people who have an ethnic minority profile were at a much higher risk of being bullied than a young Caucasian person
7. 65% of gay or bisexual young people experience homophobic bullying in school
8. Over three quarters of teachers say digital technology has made bullying worse in schools
9. 55% of children who have been bullied will develop depression

Sources

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