Are There a Lot of Bullies in the U.S.?

Time needed: 40 minutes

Recommended Level: Grade 5-8

Categories: Awareness, Defining

Common Core Standard(s): Ratios & proportional

relationships, Statistics & probability

Purpose: Students will gather statistics on bullying

in the United States.

DISCUSSION:

Talk with students about bullying. What is bullying? What are some different forms of bullying? How does it have an effect on everyone?

Show or display a list of websites that students can use in their research for this activity:

www.bullyingstatistics.org
http://www.makebeatsnotbeatdowns.org/facts_new.html
http://www.cyberbullyalert.com/blog/2008/08/cyber-bullyingstatistics-that-may-shock-you/
http://www.education.com/magazine/article/cyber-bullyingstatistics/

ACTIVITY:

Students will check a minimum of three internet sites for statistics on bullying in the U.S.

Students should try to learn the number of bullies and the number of bullying victims in any given year.

Students will find the median, mean, and average number between their three websites to determine how many bullies and victims there are in the U.S.

FOLLOW-UP:

Ask students if they were surprised by the results.

Ask students to share a surprising fact or statistic they learned during their research.

