

# ProQuest Statistical Abstract of the United States

Students and researchers are increasingly looking for the numbers behind the issues for assignments and research. Statistics found in the **ProQuest Statistical Abstract of the United States** can provide context for users when developing and supporting their position in projects. Plus, if you add a Historical Collection, they will unearth statistics for the way America was and can compare to the way America is today.

## Same-sex marriage



The U.S. Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage. In doing so, approximately

**425,000**

same-sex marriages are now legalized in every state of the Union.

## ADHD

ADHD is an area frequently heard about in both the news and in schools.

Every day, teachers work with approximately

**6,050,000**  
children with ADHD.



4,238,000 boys  
1,812,000 girls

Among children, the highest incidence of ADHD is reported in middle school and high school students



## Bullying/Cyberbullying



**20.8%** of students reported some type of bullying at school.



For girls, being the subject of rumors is the most common type of bullying with **15.5%** affected.



For boys, being made fun of, called names or insulted is the most common type of bullying with **12.7%** affected.



Nearly **7.0%** of students report being cyber-bullied.

## Obesity

We hear news media, medical professionals, and increasingly, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention reporting the health effects of obesity in America. But how high are the obesity rates really?

**19.5%** of children are obese

**18.9%** of boys

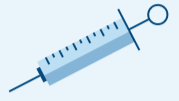
**20.0%** of girls

Compare that to the percentage of the adult population considered obese:



## Opioid/Heroin Overdoses

Drug overdoses are on the rise, particularly those caused by opioid analgesics and heroin.



The number of deaths resulting from overdose has increased by **211%** from 1999 to 2015. For Opioid analgesics, this number has increased **461%** during this period, while for heroin, the number has increased by **563%**.

## Abuse/Child abuse

Children aged **2 to 5** years old are at the greatest risk of abuse.

**25.2%** of cases are for children in this age range;

with **22.4%**

of **6 to 9** years old

with the next greatest risk.

Neglect is the most common form of child abuse –

**75.3%**

of reported cases.

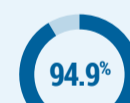
## Identity theft



We're hearing more and more about personal information being stolen from third parties with which we have some type of relationship. Just how bad is it getting?



Approximately **17.6 million** people have been victims of identity theft.



Misuse of existing credit card and bank account information account for **94.9%** of identity theft, with the rest caused by misuse of personal information to open an account or to commit other fraud.

Though we're hearing about an increasing number of victims over **65**, the majority of identity theft victims are between

**35 to 64** years old **57.3%**

with senior citizens accounting for **14.8%**

## Environment

Michigan leads the nation in hazardous waste received:

**709,100 tons**

Texas generates the most hazardous waste with:

**16,288,700 tons**

Texas leads with most hazardous waste shipped elsewhere:

**796,600 tons**



The **top 4** polluting industries account for **75.7%** of all toxic chemical releases in the US

**Metal mining**  
**37.3%**  
**1.2 billion pounds**

**Chemicals**  
**15.0%**  
**500 million pounds**

**Electricity**  
**13.1%**  
**435 million pounds**

**Primary metals**  
**10.3%**  
**342 million pounds**

## Critical thinking assignment for comparing world population figures

Stories about women in the workforce appear in the news on a regular basis. But how does the **US** compare to other developed nations, such as the **UK** and **Australia**, for working women?

% of women aged 15-64 that work:

**68.8%**  
**US**

**73.0%**  
**UK**

**72.4%**  
**Australia**

## Hate Crimes

Overall, the number of reported incidents of hate crimes decreased by

**29.0%**

between 2000 and 2015.

In 2015, **53.0%** of racially motivated reported incidents were against Blacks or African Americans, while **53.4%** of religiously motivated hate crimes were against Jews.

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