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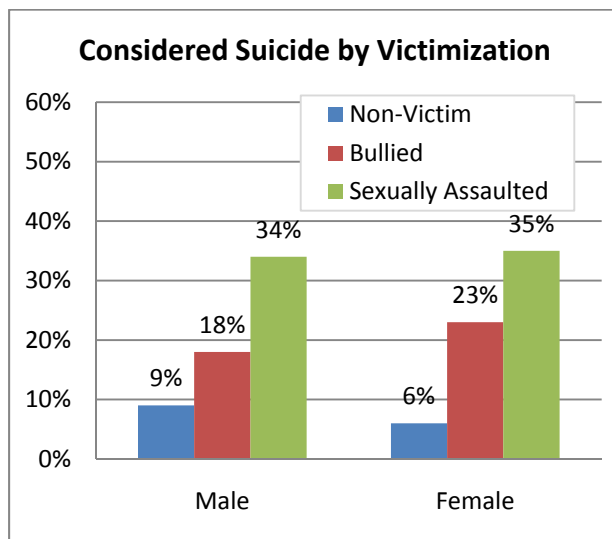
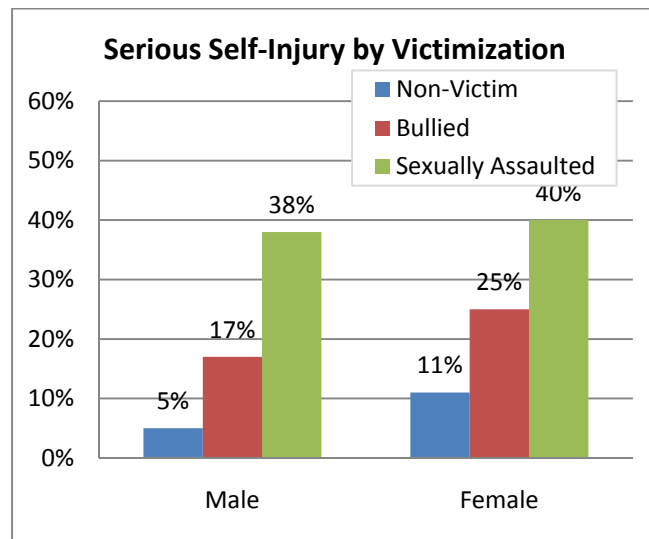
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Victimization, Self-Injury, and Suicide

Prior victimization appears to play a role in intentional self-injury according to self-report data from Delaware high school students. Students who reported having been bullied were two to three times as likely to deliberately hurt themselves in comparison to those who had not been victimized. Those who reported having been sexually assaulted were three to eight times as likely to engage in this behavior.



Data regarding suicide ideation also indicate a similar trend. Bullied students are two to four times as likely to consider suicide, and sexually assaulted students are three to six times as likely in comparison to those not victimized by these crimes.

[†]Bullied is defined as having been harassed, having someone try to hurt you, or having something stolen or deliberately damaged. These measures ask only about the past month and only about bullying on school property. Sexual assault is defined as ever having been physically forced to engage in sexual intercourse.

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