

71% of pupils are bullies

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Beatbullying, a UK charity, has done some research amongst 3,000 secondary school pupils. Incredibly, 71.4% admitted that they had bullied or picked on other students. Teachers have responded by saying that they are not surprised - but think that schools deal effectively with the problem.

The survey was carried out between 2005 and 2007. Various reasons were given for bullying:

- if they didn't do it first, others would bully them
- because their friends did it
- anger at another student
- because it would make them popular

Bullying was defined, for the survey, as "being bullied twice a week over a period of six months and involving more than two types of bullying"

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