

Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation in Maryland Public Schools

**A Report to the Maryland General Assembly
on Incidents Reported under the
Safe Schools Reporting Act of 2005**

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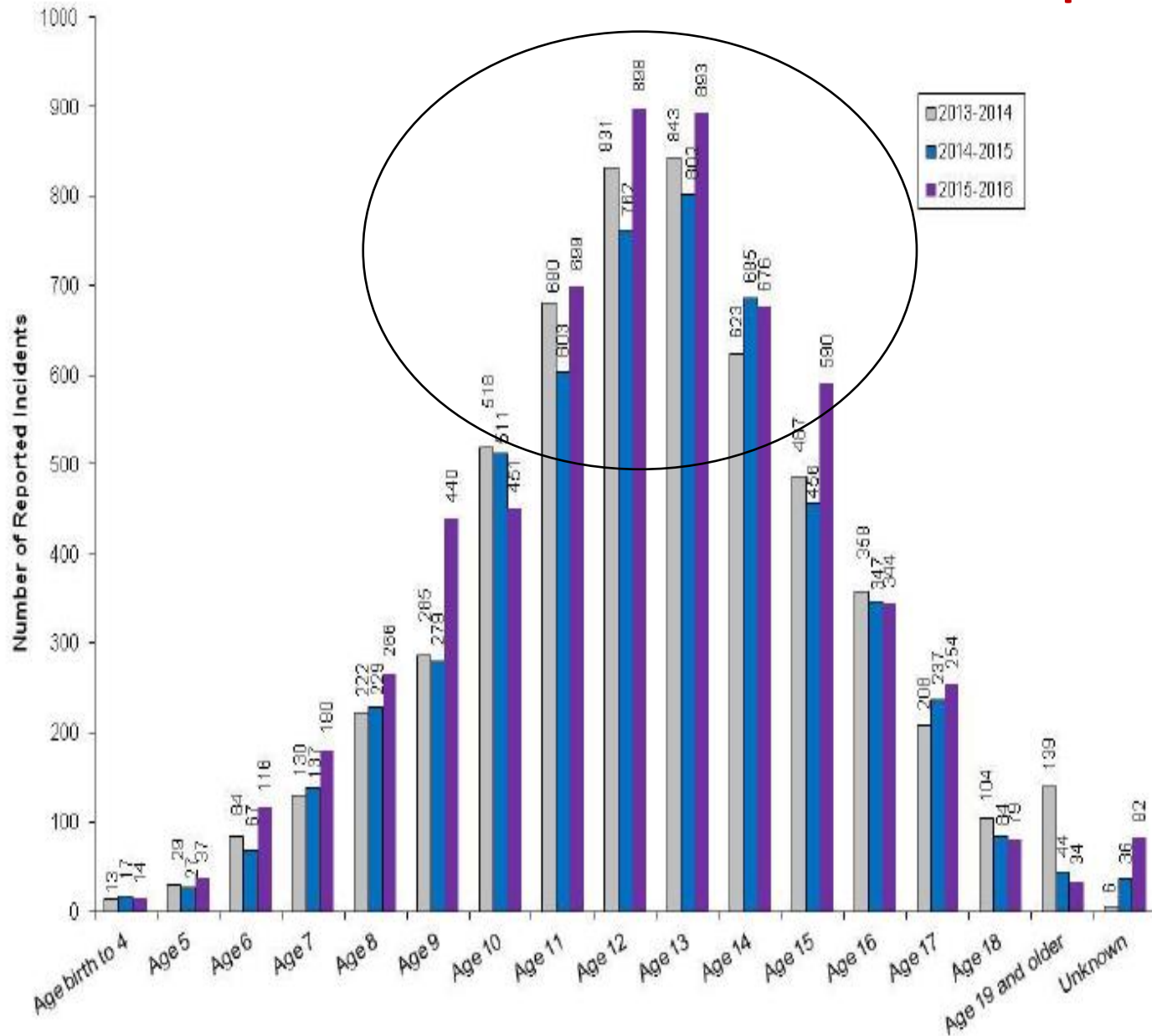
Incident Rates

A total of 4,713 incidents were reported for the 2015-2016 school year. This represents a statewide increase of 559 reported incidents from the 2014-2015 school year.
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<http://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/DSFSS/SSSP/Bullying/BullyingHarassmentReport2017.pdf>

Figure 5: Statewide Ages of Alleged Offenders

MSDE Annual Bully Report by Age



MSDE Annual Bully Report by County

| <u>Local School System</u> | <u>2012-13</u> | <u>2013-14</u> | <u>2014-15</u> | <u>2015-16</u> | <u>% Change</u> <u>2013-16</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Queen Anne's | 10.4 | 6.9 | 4.0 | 3.0 | -71.2% |
| Talbot | 40.7 | 17.4 | 13.8 | 13.4 | -67.1% |
| St. Mary's | 8.3 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 3.4 | -59.0% |
| Allegany | 10.2 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.2 | -49.0% |
| Frederick | 8.9 | 7.9 | 6.2 | 4.9 | -44.9% |
| Garrett | 6.5 | 8.5 | 5.2 | 3.9 | -40.0% |
| Carroll | 8.5 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 5.4 | -36.5% |
| Cecil | 12 | 10.4 | 7.3 | 7.8 | -35.0% |
| Baltimore City | 6.3 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 4.4 | -30.2% |
| Kent | 22.1 | 29.8 | 18.0 | 16.3 | -26.2% |
| Calvert | 10.5 | 12.3 | 6.4 | 8.2 | -21.9% |
| Howard | 8.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 6.7 | -20.2% |
| Anne Arundel | 4.9 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.1 | -16.3% |
| Worcester | 5.4 | 7.5 | 1.8 | 4.8 | -11.1% |
| Washington | 9.5 | 8.1 | 10.3 | 8.5 | -10.5% |
| Montgomery | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.2 | -8.6% |
| Charles | 8.4 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 7.7 | -8.3% |
| Somerset | 13.3 | 12.6 | 8.2 | 13.4 | 0.8% |
| Dorchester | 14.6 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 15.0 | 2.7% |
| Prince George's | 3 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 13.3% |
| Caroline | 7.5 | 8.3 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 28.0% |
| Wicomico | 9.4 | 11.3 | 14.2 | 14.4 | 53.2% |
| Baltimore County | 5.6 | 5.4 | 6.8 | 9.0 | 60.7% |
| <u>Harford</u> | <u>3.3</u> | <u>2.6</u> | <u>2.8</u> | <u>5.5</u> | <u>66.7%</u> |
| Avg | 10.1 | 8.9 | 7.3 | 7.6 | -18.5% |

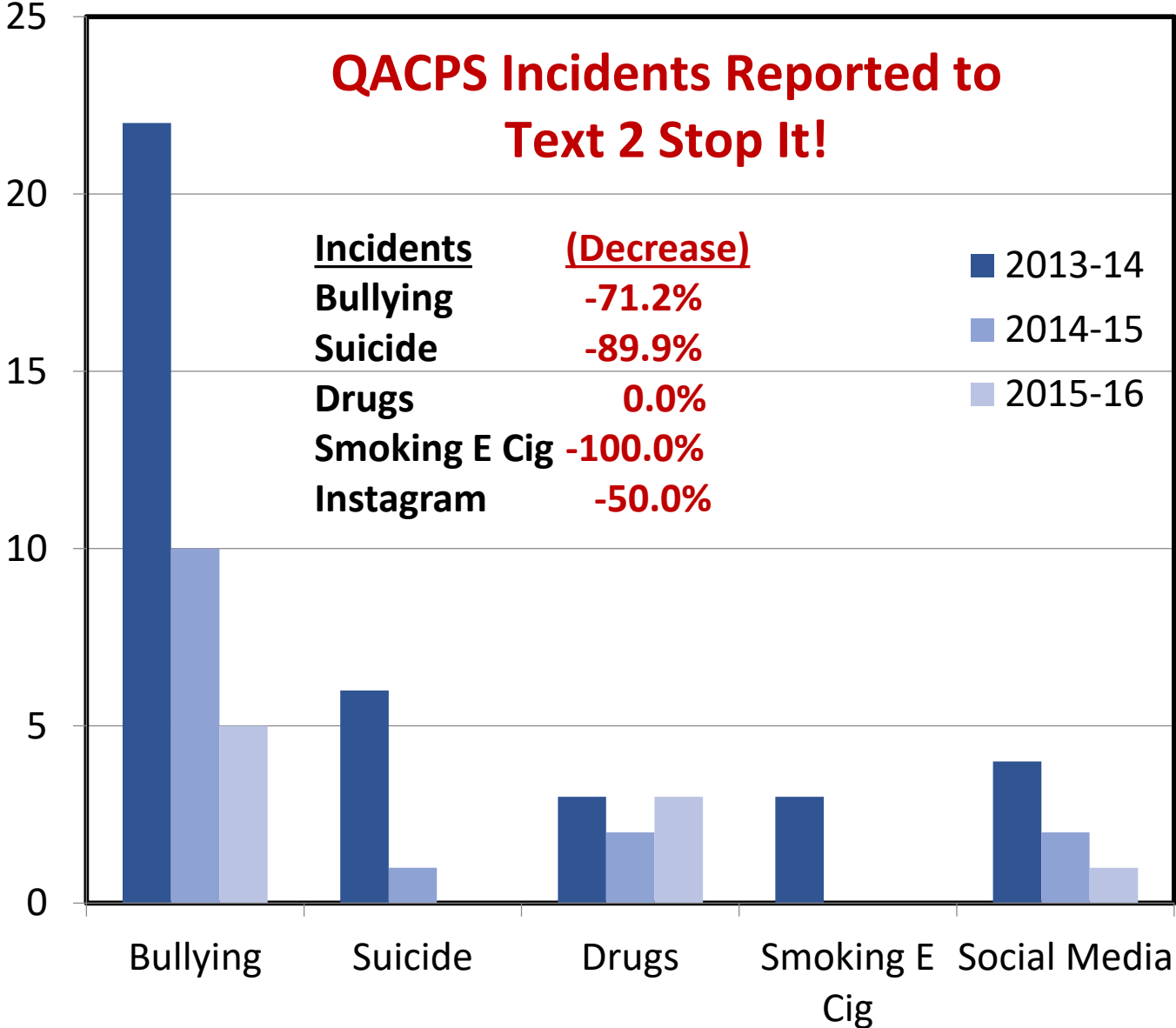
* % change calculated from the state bullying report

71% Reduction in Bullying in Queen Anne's County Public Schools During 4 years of Text 2 Stop It!

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State average, during same period, only 18.5%

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