

# The Experience of Being Bullied & Witnessing It: 2010 WBI Survey

Past WBI surveys have adopted the academic standard of separating the direct bullying experience into two mutually exclusive categories: (1) now and within the last year, and (2) ever been bullied but not now. To these groups were added those who only witness bullying but have never experienced it and those who say they have never witnessed it and have never been bullied.

For the 2010 survey, we addressed the missing groups — those who are both targets of bullying and witnesses. Finally, we asked if respondents were perpetrators, the bullies. A tiny proportion (7/2092) admitted to being one.

The results show that the majority have the dual experience of being bullied and witnessing it. Here is the complete breakdown.

Target Now/Witness	Target Now/No Witness	Been Bullied/Witness	Been Bullied/No Witness
6.9%	1.9%	19.6%	6.1%

  

Witness Only	Perpetrator	Not Target/Not Witness
15.5%	0.3%	49.6%

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Survey 2. Zogby International was commissioned by the Workplace Bullying Institute to conduct an online survey of 2,092 adults from 8/18/10 to 8/23/10. A sampling of Zogby International's online panel, which is representative of the adult population of the U.S., was invited to participate. Slight weights were added to region, party, age, race, religion, gender, education to more accurately reflect the population. The margin of error is +/- 2.2 percentage points.