

SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

INDICATOR #36 Discrimination Rate

DEFINITIONS

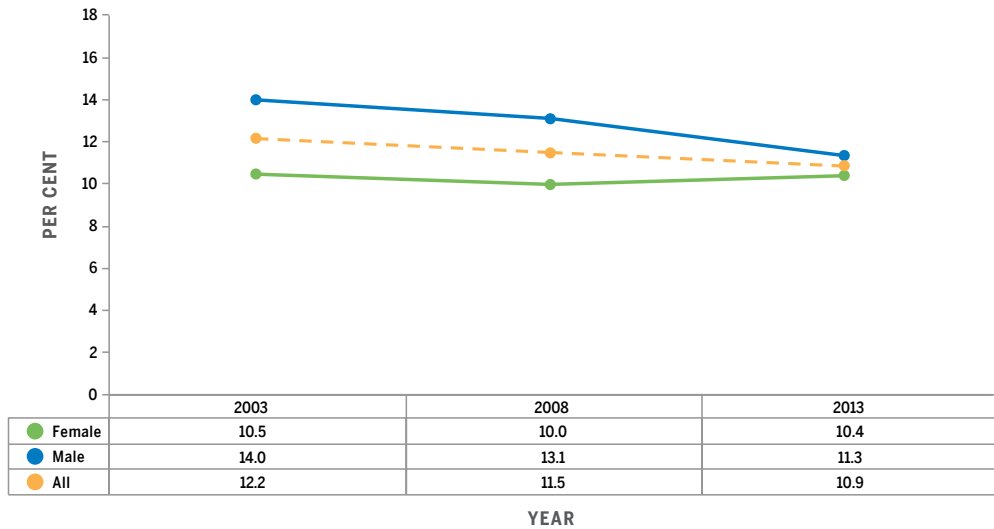
INDICATOR #36A — Percentage of BC students in grades 7–12 who report having been discriminated against or treated unfairly because of their race, ethnicity, or skin colour in the past year.

INDICATOR #36B — Percentage of BC students in grades 7–12 who report having been discriminated against or treated unfairly because of their sexual orientation in the past year.

KEY MESSAGES

- ▶ Children and youth have a fundamental right, enshrined in the BC Human Rights Code, to be free from **discrimination** on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, sexual orientation, and physical or mental disability, among other factors.¹ Discrimination is linked to poor health behaviours, poor mental health, and, to a lesser extent, poor physical health.²⁻⁷
- ▶ As shown in Figure 36A.1, among students surveyed in grades 7–12, more males than females experienced discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, or skin colour; however, the percentage of males who experienced this discrimination decreased from 2003 to 2013 while the percentage for females was quite stable over this time.
- ▶ Conversely, there has been an overall increase in discrimination based on sexual orientation over the same time period, with the largest increase seen among females (Figure 36B.1).
- ▶ Figures 36AB.2, 36A.3 and 36B.3 demonstrate geographic differences for both discrimination based on race, ethnicity or skin colour, and discrimination based on sexual orientation.

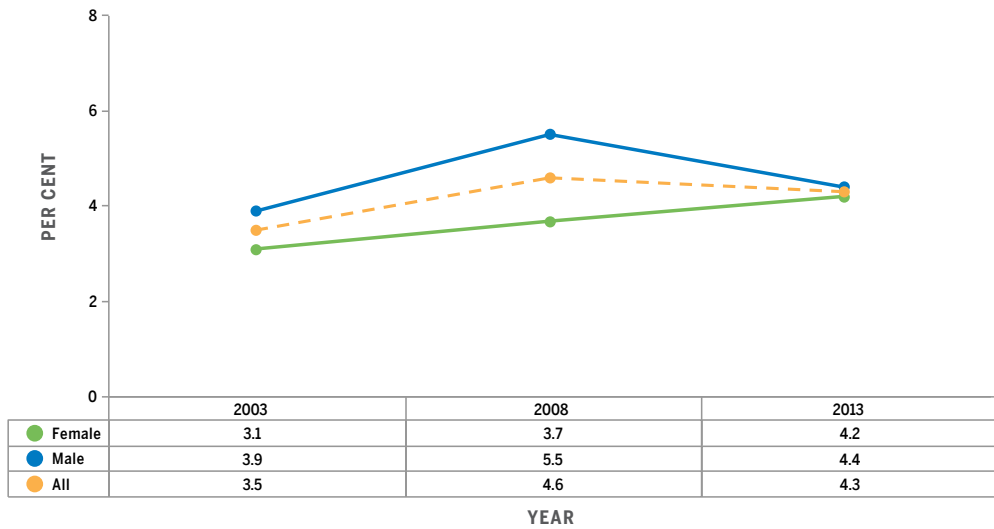
FIG 36A.1 Percentage of Students in Grades 7-12 Who Experienced Discrimination Based on Race, Ethnicity, or Skin Colour in the Past Year, by Sex, BC, 2003, 2008, and 2013



Notes: "In the past year" means during the 12 months prior to the survey. The difference between 2003 and 2013 was statistically significant for "All" and males, and the difference between 2008 and 2013 was statistically significant for males only. The difference between the sexes was statistically significant in 2003 and 2008 only. See Appendix B for more information about this data source.

Source: McCreary Centre Society, BC Adolescent Health Survey, 2003, 2008, 2013. Prepared by the Surveillance and Epidemiology Team, BC Office of the Provincial Health Officer, 2016.

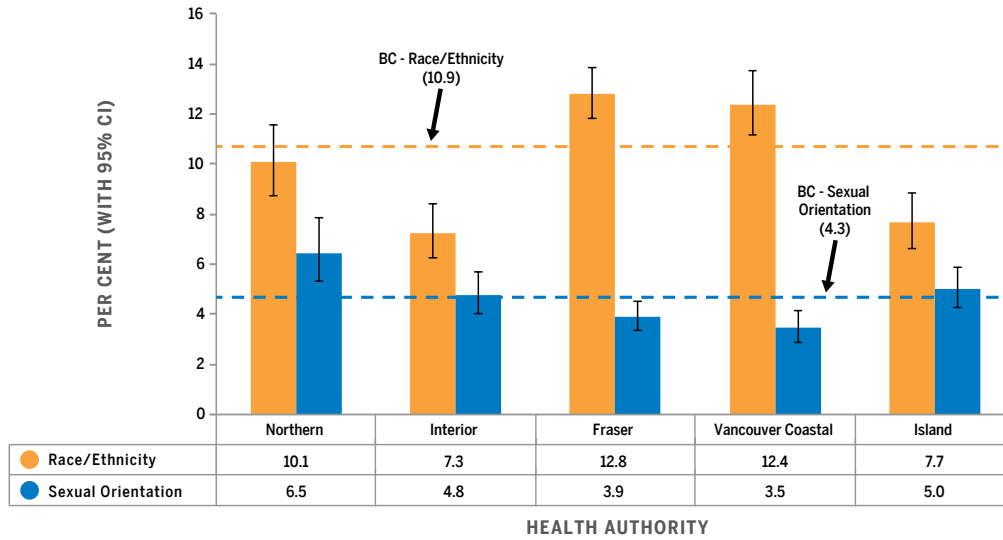
FIG 36B.1 Percentage of Students in Grades 7-12 Who Experienced Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation in the Past Year, by Sex, BC, 2003, 2008, and 2013



Notes: "In the past year" means during the 12 months prior to the survey. The differences between years were statistically significant for "All". The differences between 2003 and 2008 and between 2008 and 2013 were statistically significant for both males and females. The difference between the sexes was statistically significant in 2008 only. See Appendix B for more information about this data source.

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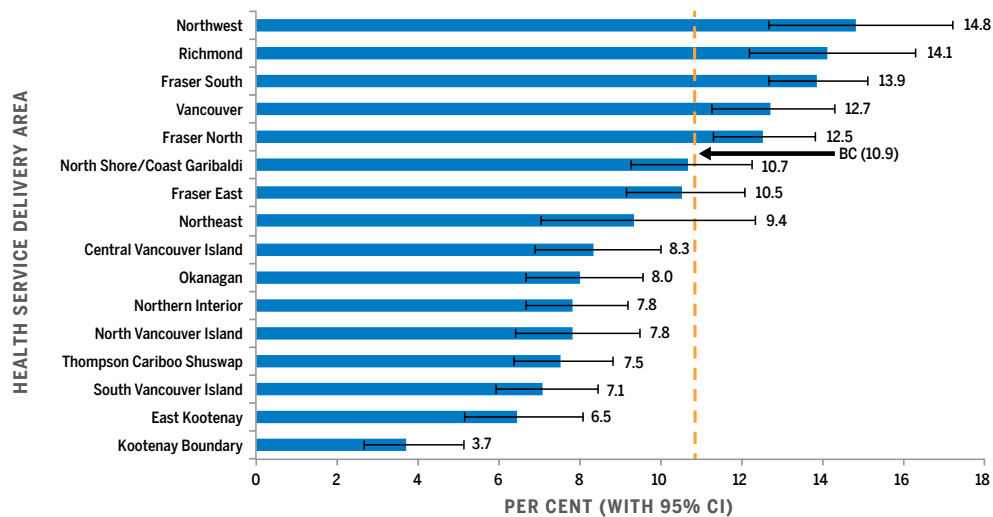
FIG 36AB.2 Percentage of Students in Grades 7-12 Who Experienced Discrimination Based on Race, Ethnicity, or Skin Colour, and Based on Sexual Orientation in the Past Year, by Health Authority, BC, 2013



Notes: "In the past year" means during the 12 months prior to the survey. Health authority is based on the location of the school. See Appendix B for more information about this data source.

Source: McCreary Centre Society, BC Adolescent Health Survey, 2013. Prepared by the Surveillance and Epidemiology Team, BC Office of the Provincial Health Officer, 2016.

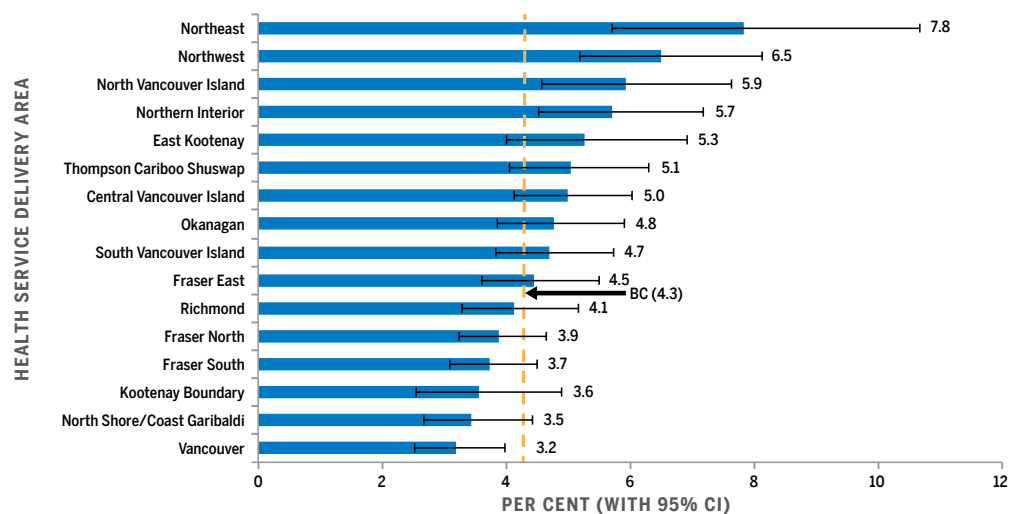
FIG 36A.3 Percentage of Students in Grades 7-12 Who Experienced Discrimination Based on Race, Ethnicity, or Skin Colour in the Past Year, by Health Service Delivery Area, BC, 2013



Notes: "In the past year" means during the 12 months prior to the survey. Health service delivery area is based on the location of the school. See Appendix B for more information about this data source.

Source: McCreary Centre Society, BC Adolescent Health Survey, 2013. Prepared by the Surveillance and Epidemiology Team, BC Office of the Provincial Health Officer, 2016.

FIG 36B.3 Percentage of Students in Grades 7-12 Who Experienced Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation in the Past Year, by Health Service Delivery Area, BC, 2013



Notes: "In the past year" means during the 12 months prior to the survey. Health service delivery area is based on the location of the school. See Appendix B for more information about this data source.

Source: McCreary Centre Society, BC Adolescent Health Survey, 2013. Prepared by the Surveillance and Epidemiology Team, BC Office of the Provincial Health Officer, 2016.

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