

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL Teen Dating Violence AWARNESS MONTH

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month—a nationwide effort to empower teens and the adults who support them to learn about healthy relationships and speak out against dating violence. Schools and organizations across the country join together each year to raise awareness and inspire positive change.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Get involved by hosting an event at your school, starting conversations with friends, or helping others learn about resources. Every action counts in creating safer, healthier relationships for all teens.

LOCAL SOUTH DAKOTA DATA FROM THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY:

Physical Dating Violence

(Past 12 Months)

10%

of students experienced physical dating violence in the past year.

That is about **4,200** students.

An **increase** from 2013 to 2023.



Unwanted Sexual Touching

(Ever)

28.6%

of students reported being touched, grabbed, or pinched in a sexual way.

That is about **12,000** students.

An **increase** from 2015 to 2023.

Forced Sexual Activity by a Dating Partner

(Past 12 Months)

12.7%

of students were forced to do sexual things they did not want to do by someone they were going out with.

That is about **5,300** students. An **increase** from 2013 to 2023.

Learn more
about Healthy
Relationships



** Data shown is from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, which is conducted among randomly selected South Dakota public high school students in grades 9–12.

UPCOMING WEBINAR

Healthy Relationships

February 12th, 11 am CST

Positive Youth Development Webinar Series

Part 3 of 3



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