

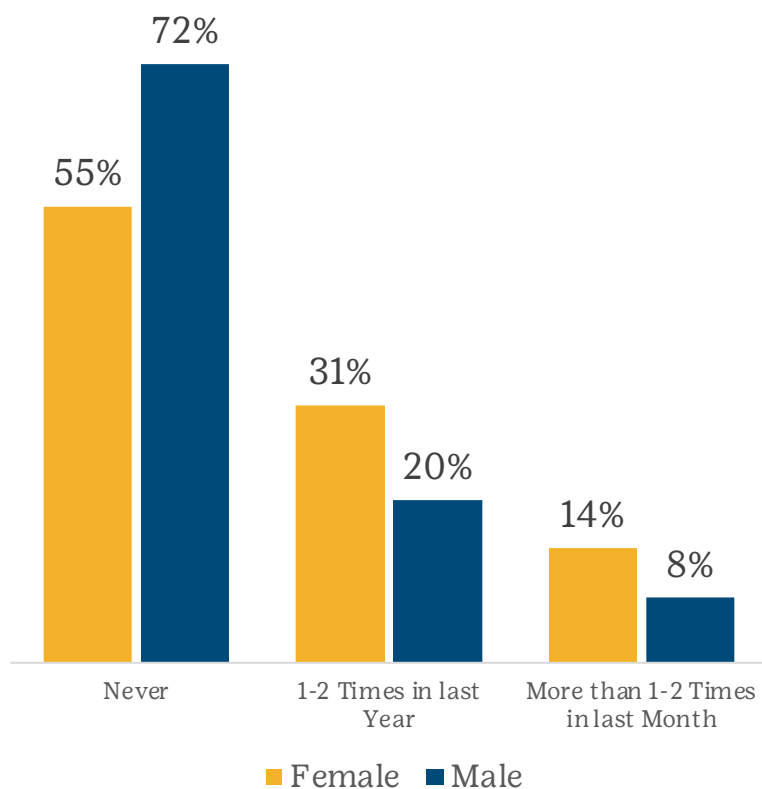


# Bullying Among Girls in Alabama

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Girls are nearly **2x more likely** to experience bullying at least monthly compared to boys.

Youth in Alabama  
Experiencing Bullying



45% of girls in Alabama experienced some form of bullying in the last year, **doubling since 2016 when only 28% of girls reported experiencing bullying**, according to the National Survey on Children's Health. Compared to the 28% of boys being bullied, girls are also more likely to experience persistent bullying, including cyberbullying, which is found to create long-lasting negative effects on its victims:

- Compared to physical bullying, the enduring nature and pervasiveness of electronic bullying has a particularly devastating emotional impact.
- Students experiencing bullying are more likely to report challenges with poor self-esteem, eating disorders, depression, and suicidal ideation.

**1 in 4**

high school girls report being bullied on school property compared to 1 in 6 high school boys.

Source: National Survey on Children's Health, Alabama, 2022

## A Safe Space for Girls in Alabama

Being girl-led is part of the DNA of Girl Scouts. That's why girls often find a safe space to try new things, express themselves, and be authentic with a group of peers. In 2024, 88% of girl members reported they have close friends because of Girl Scouts. That's awesome. But what's better is an overall community: 91% of Girl Scouts reported feeling like Girl Scouts is a place where they belong and 10/10 would recommend Girl Scouting to others.