

Fact & Statistics Sheet

The state of children's online safety, current as of June 2026.

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Sextortion & Financial Exploitation

THE NUMBER	WHAT IT MEANS	SOURCE
~100/day	Reports of financial sextortion NCMEC now receives every day. Teen boys are the most common targets.	NCMEC, 2024 data
13,842 → 23,593	Financial sextortion reports rose roughly 70% from the first half of 2024 to the first half of 2025.	NCMEC, mid-year 2025 CyberTipline data
10,731 → 26,718	Financial sextortion reports more than doubled from 2022 to 2023.	NCMEC, 2024
36	Teenage boys NCMEC is aware of who have died by suicide after being victimized by sextortion since 2021.	NCMEC, 2024

Online Enticement & Predators

THE NUMBER	WHAT IT MEANS	SOURCE
292,951 → 518,720	Online enticement reports to NCMEC in the first half of 2025 versus the same period of 2024 — a year-over-year jump of roughly 77%.	NCMEC, mid-year 2025
250+	Open FBI cases tied to the "764" violent online network, which targets minors across gaming and messaging platforms.	FBI / public reporting, 2025
5,976 → 62,891	Child sex trafficking reports to NCMEC in the first half of 2025 versus a year earlier — the sharpest increase of any category.	NCMEC, mid-year 2025

Methodology note: Part of the 2025 growth in enticement and trafficking reports reflects expanded mandatory reporting under the federal REPORT Act (2024). The underlying figures still represent real children being targeted, and NCMEC released mid-year data early because of how sharply the numbers rose.

AI as a Threat Multiplier

THE NUMBER	WHAT IT MEANS	SOURCE
6,835 → 440,419	Generative-AI-related child sexual exploitation reports to NCMEC in the first half of 2025 versus a year earlier.	NCMEC, mid-year 2025
1,325%	Increase in NCMEC CyberTipline reports involving generative AI in 2024.	NCMEC, 2024 data

Cyberbullying & Harassment

THE NUMBER	WHAT IT MEANS	SOURCE
46%	U.S. teens (ages 13 to 17) who have been bullied or harassed online.	Pew Research Center
~51%	U.S. middle- and high-school students reporting online harassment at some point in their lives.	Pew Research Center, 2024

School Safety & Warning Signs

THE NUMBER	WHAT IT MEANS	SOURCE
93%	Mass attacks preceded by threatening or concerning communication — the most consistent commonality among attackers.	U.S. Secret Service, NTAC
75%+	School attackers who carried out an attack following an incident with another student. Most showed warning signs that went unreported.	U.S. Secret Service, NTAC

The Policy Landscape (2026)

THE NUMBER	WHAT IT MEANS	SOURCE
KIDS Act	In June 2026, House negotiators reached a bipartisan agreement combining KOSA, COPPA 2.0, and more than a dozen child-safety bills into a single package headed for a full House floor vote.	U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee
Sammy's Law	Advancing legislation that would have platforms work with third-party child-safety software to screen minors' accounts for dangerous communications and alert parents.	U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee

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