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Survey Participation

The 2025 Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) was administered in the first half of 2025 to students in grades 5, 8, 9, and 11 statewide. The survey was voluntary at all levels; districts, schools, parents, and students could all choose to opt out. Many traditional public school districts (61%) chose to participate. Across the state, approximately 50% of fifth graders, 50% of eighth graders, 46% of ninth graders, and 36% of eleventh graders participated in the 2025 MSS. Overall participation across the four grades was approximately 45% of total enrollment.

Results from regular public schools, charter schools, and online schools are included in these tables. Results from nonpublic schools, alternative learning centers, and juvenile correctional facilities are released separately.

All schools and districts that participated in the survey followed federal laws regarding parental notification as required by the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). PPRA requires that schools that participate in the survey notify parents of the survey administration, provide parents the opportunity to review the survey instrument, and allow parents to opt their child out of participating (Juvenile Correctional Facilities are exempt from this requirement).

Mode of Administration

In 2025, all levels of the MSS were administered online. Only Juvenile Correctional Facilities could choose to administer the MSS on paper.

Items on the Tables

The tables in this report include the responses for all survey items. Items are ordered within the tables by an overarching subject area; the order that items appear on the tables is not necessarily the order that they appeared on the survey.

The table of contents is provided on pages vi-vii. The grade five survey version was shorter than the grade eight survey version, which in turn was shorter than the grade nine and eleven version. The grade five and grade eight versions did not include items appropriate only for older students. Items found on some versions of the survey but not on others are identified on the tables.

Gender Breakdown in Reports

This report comes in two formats: by grade and grade-and-gender. Fifth grade surveys asked “are you a boy or girl” while all other grades were asked about their sex assigned at birth (as on original birth certificate). The grade-and-gender breakdowns are available when counts for sex assigned at birth are at least 25 male and 25 female respondents in each grade level cell.

New Questions and Year-to-Year Comparisons

While most MSS survey questions stayed the same as previous administrations, other questions were updated with changes to the question or response options. Some entirely new questions were added, and some questions were dropped. New questions are noted on each table. Caution must be used when making comparisons over time for any questions in which the wording has changed.

Please note that although these surveys are given repeatedly over time, the student populations change between administrations of the survey.

Validity of Responses

Caution was taken to identify invalid responses and remove them from the survey results. Surveys were removed when responses were highly inconsistent, when there was a pattern of likely exaggeration, when the survey was completed outside of school hours (this did not apply to online students), or when the survey was clearly a test of the online system. In addition, surveys were removed when only the background section of the survey was answered. In total, approximately 3.5% of cases were removed from the 2025 survey data.

Online Access to MSS Data

Data from the Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) are available on the Minnesota Department of Education's [Data Reports and Analytics page](https://public.education.mn.gov/MDEAnalytics/DataTopic.jsp?TOPICID=242) (<https://public.education.mn.gov/MDEAnalytics/DataTopic.jsp?TOPICID=242>). This web report provides access to all state, county, and district level data and provides options for filtering the data in multiple ways.

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TABLE 1A
DEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th grade		9th grade		11th grade	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total number of surveys						
	160	100%	233	100%	368	100%
What was your sex assigned at birth (as on your original birth certificate)?^						
Male	37	23%	65	28%	79	21%
Female	119	74%	162	70%	283	77%
No answer	4	2%	6	3%	6	2%
Age^^						
10 years old	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
11 years old	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
12 years old	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
13 years old	48	30%	0	0%	0	0%
14 years old	109	68%	82	35%	0	0%
15 years old	2	1%	147	63%	1	0%
16 years old	1	1%	2	1%	146	40%
17 years old	0	0%	0	0%	215	58%
18 years old	0	0%	0	0%	6	2%
19-20 years old	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
How do you describe yourself? (Mark ALL that apply)						
American Indian or Alaskan Native only	6	4%	2	1%	4	1%
Asian, South Asian or Asian American only	12	8%	10	4%	27	7%
Black, African or African American only	11	7%	18	8%	20	5%
Hispanic or Latino/Latina only	5	3%	10	4%	13	4%
Middle Eastern or North African only	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only	1	1%	2	1%	0	0%
White only	99	62%	144	62%	244	66%
Multiple Races (checked more than one)	22	14%	39	17%	57	15%
No answer	4	2%	8	3%	3	1%

^ 5th grade survey asked "Are you a boy or girl" and included "Option not listed" as a response option

^^ Students who select "9 years old or younger" or "21 years old or older" were excluded from this report.

TABLE 1B
DEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th grade		9th grade		11th grade	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
If you are American Indian or Alaskan Native, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Anishinaabe/ Ojibwe	12	8%	11	5%	11	3%
Dakota/Lakota	0	0%	5	2%	10	3%
Other tribal affiliation	4	2%	6	3%	4	1%
If you are Asian or Asian American, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Bangladeshi	2	1%	3	1%	4	1%
Burmese	2	1%	2	1%	3	1%
Chinese	3	2%	3	1%	10	3%
Filipino	1	1%	3	1%	6	2%
Hmong	5	3%	5	2%	15	4%
Indian	1	1%	6	3%	8	2%
Karen	2	1%	2	1%	4	1%
Korean	1	1%	3	1%	4	1%
Lao	2	1%	2	1%	1	0%
Nepali	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Pakistani	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Vietnamese	3	2%	0	0%	3	1%
Other Asian	1	1%	7	3%	3	1%
If you are Black, African or African American, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)						
African American	14	9%	23	10%	29	8%
Ethiopian – Oromo	0	0%	3	1%	3	1%
Ethiopian – Other	1	1%	4	2%	1	0%
Liberian	1	1%	1	0%	4	1%
Nigerian	8	5%	12	5%	9	2%
Somali	1	1%	7	3%	7	2%
Other Black, African or African American	6	4%	10	4%	10	3%

TABLE 1B (CONT.)
DEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th grade		9th grade		11th grade	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
If you are Hispanic or Latino/Latina, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Colombian	3	2%	2	1%	3	1%
Ecuadoran	0	0%	1	0%	2	1%
Guatemalan	2	1%	2	1%	1	0%
Mexican	8	5%	15	6%	25	7%
Puerto Rican	2	1%	2	1%	5	1%
Salvadoran	0	0%	3	1%	2	1%
Spanish/Spanish-American	0	0%	3	1%	3	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino/Latina	6	4%	3	1%	9	2%
If you are Middle Eastern or North African, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Egyptian	1	1%	0	0%	1	0%
Iranian	0	0%	1	0%	2	1%
Iraqi	1	1%	1	0%	0	0%
Lebanese	1	1%	0	0%	2	1%
Palestinian	2	1%	2	1%	4	1%
Other Middle Eastern or North African	1	1%	2	1%	3	1%

TABLE 2
GENDER EXPRESSION; SEXUAL ORIENTATION; GENDER IDENTITY*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
A person's appearance, style, dress, or the way they walk or talk may affect how people describe them. How do you think other people at school would describe you?						
Very or mostly feminine	28%	8%	26%	22%	10%	19%
Somewhat feminine	6%	28%	7%	25%	15%	36%
Equally feminine and masculine	19%	45%	15%	26%	24%	30%
Somewhat masculine	16%	16%	23%	16%	28%	9%
Very or mostly masculine	31%	3%	30%	11%	23%	6%
How do you describe your sexual orientation?						
Straight (heterosexual)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Asexual	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Bisexual	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Gay or Lesbian	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Questioning/Not sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pansexual	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Queer	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
I don't describe myself in any of these ways	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
I am not sure what this question means	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
What is your gender identity? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Agender	6%	9%	15%	8%	11%	6%
Boy/man (cisgender, which means your gender identity matches your sex assigned at birth)	31%	0%	33%	1%	41%	2%
Boy/man (transgender, which means your gender identity does not match your sex assigned at birth)	11%	23%	13%	21%	11%	16%
Genderfluid, gender non-conforming, or genderqueer	14%	27%	20%	24%	23%	20%
Girl/woman (cisgender, which means your gender identity matches your sex assigned at birth)	0%	36%	8%	40%	7%	47%
Girl/woman (transgender, which means your gender identity does not match your sex assigned at birth)	17%	2%	21%	1%	23%	0%
Nonbinary	9%	16%	18%	18%	24%	24%
Two spirit	14%	6%	30%	1%	20%	2%
Questioning/ unsure	3%	14%	10%	12%	15%	6%
Identity not listed	11%	10%	8%	8%	7%	2%

* 5th grade surveys did not ask these questions.

TABLE 3
SCHOOL PLANS; ACADEMIC ADVISING; IEP; CHANGING SCHOOLS; ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
What is the MAIN thing you plan to do RIGHT AFTER high school?*						
I don't plan to graduate from high school	17%	2%	12%	2%	8%	1%
Get my GED	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Go to a two-year community or technical college	6%	3%	5%	6%	10%	11%
Go to a four-year college or university	19%	58%	22%	58%	43%	69%
Get a license or certificate in a career field	0%	5%	3%	7%	5%	3%
Attend an apprenticeship program	3%	2%	2%	1%	5%	1%
Join the military	11%	3%	6%	4%	5%	1%
Work at a job	22%	13%	19%	9%	14%	7%
Other	22%	13%	30%	12%	9%	6%
Has an adult in your school helped you think about education options for after high school (college or other training program)?**						
Yes			65%	66%	78%	86%
No			35%	34%	22%	14%
Has an adult in your school helped you find career-focused field experiences (job shadowing, work-based learning, service learning, career camps, apprenticeships)?**						
Yes			42%	37%	47%	52%
No			58%	63%	53%	48%
Do you receive special education services as part of an IEP (individualized education program)?						
Yes	22%	14%	30%	13%	23%	15%
No	47%	66%	47%	65%	48%	75%
Not sure	31%	19%	23%	22%	29%	10%
Since the beginning of this school year, have you changed schools?						
Yes	8%	5%	11%	4%	8%	1%
No	92%	95%	89%	96%	92%	99%
How would you describe your grades this school year?						
Mostly A's	26%	56%	34%	54%	38%	56%
Mostly B's	20%	22%	28%	25%	25%	29%
Mostly C's	11%	9%	17%	11%	16%	11%
Mostly D's	9%	3%	5%	1%	3%	3%
Mostly F's	26%	2%	9%	3%	11%	0%
Mostly Incompletes	0%	4%	6%	4%	4%	1%
None of these letter grades	9%	4%	0%	2%	3%	1%

* 5th grade surveys did not ask this question.

** 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask this question.

TABLE 4
TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL**
QUEER

	Grade	
	8th	
	Male	Female
	%	%
On a typical school day, how do you normally travel to and from school? (Mark ALL that apply)		
Walk	20%	16%
Bike	9%	3%
School bus	29%	64%
Family vehicle (riding with others from your family)	54%	47%
Carpools (riding with children from other families)	3%	8%
Transit (city bus, light rail, etc.)	3%	3%
Other (skateboard, scooter, inline skates, etc)	3%	3%

* 9th and 11th grade surveys did not ask this question.

^ Change in question wording from 2022.

TABLE 5
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 30 days, how many times did you miss a full day of school? (Do not include school-sponsored activities like field trips, sports, academic or music events)^						
None	33%	28%	36%	29%	31%	35%
Once or twice	30%	48%	27%	45%	33%	44%
3 to 5 times	9%	17%	14%	17%	15%	14%
6 or more times	27%	7%	23%	9%	21%	7%
During the last 30 days, how many times did you miss part of a day of school such as coming late, leaving early or missing class time during the day? (Do not include school-sponsored activities like field trips, sports, academic, or music events)						
None	29%	35%	31%	37%	31%	25%
Once or twice	31%	39%	30%	32%	19%	46%
3 to 5 times	11%	14%	14%	18%	21%	17%
6 to 9 times	6%	6%	0%	9%	9%	9%
10 or more times	23%	6%	25%	4%	21%	3%
AMONG THOSE WHO MISSED PART OF OR A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL: What are the reasons you missed a full or part of a day of school in the last 30 days? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Felt sick	44%	68%	43%	58%	47%	58%
Medical, dental or other health-related appointment	33%	49%	21%	51%	18%	50%
Felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed or angry	7%	26%	16%	36%	23%	28%
Didn't get enough sleep	11%	17%	11%	25%	20%	26%
Didn't feel safe at school	19%	8%	12%	8%	17%	1%
Had to work (for pay or to help with a family business or chores)	0%	2%	2%	0%	3%	1%
Had to take care of or help someone else (child, sibling, relative, etc.)^	4%	4%	0%	4%	5%	6%
Behind in schoolwork or not prepared for a test or class assignment	0%	10%	4%	11%	8%	14%
Bored with or not interested in school	11%	11%	12%	8%	23%	10%
Suspended from school	0%	1%	7%	1%	3%	0%
Other reason	15%	16%	25%	12%	12%	13%
Was in quarantine^^	0%	4%	4%	3%	3%	1%
Did not want to go^^	11%	17%	18%	16%	27%	15%
Did not feel like I belonged at school^^	0%	5%	7%	10%	12%	3%
Hung out with friends instead^^	4%	2%	11%	1%	7%	3%
Was out of town^^	7%	10%	9%	8%	8%	10%
Had a religious holiday or cultural event^^	7%	2%	0%	1%	5%	1%
Had issues with transportation^^	7%	10%	5%	9%	12%	12%

^ Change in response option wording from 2022.

^^ New response option in 2025.

TABLE 6
DISCIPLINE; FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 30 days, how many times did you get sent out of the classroom for discipline?						
None	51%	91%	62%	92%	78%	98%
Once or twice	14%	5%	10%	5%	4%	1%
3 to 5 times	9%	3%	6%	1%	1%	0%
6 to 9 times	6%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
10 or more times	20%	2%	21%	3%	16%	1%
How often do you care about doing well in school?						
All of the time	38%	35%	26%	53%	35%	48%
Most of the time	24%	47%	26%	32%	41%	42%
Some of the time	24%	16%	26%	11%	11%	10%
None of the time	15%	2%	23%	3%	14%	1%
How often do you go to class unprepared?						
All of the time	30%	4%	11%	1%	11%	3%
Most of the time	12%	10%	11%	5%	14%	5%
Some of the time	21%	41%	50%	54%	43%	64%
None of the time	36%	45%	27%	40%	32%	29%
How often do you pay attention in class?						
All of the time	20%	11%	10%	11%	18%	15%
Most of the time	34%	63%	44%	67%	50%	70%
Some of the time	34%	24%	27%	20%	18%	14%
None of the time	11%	2%	19%	3%	15%	1%

TABLE 7
FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL
QUEER

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
If something interests me, I try to learn more about it.						
Strongly agree	56%	51%	49%	59%	58%	64%
Agree	26%	44%	33%	40%	27%	35%
Disagree	6%	3%	4%	0%	8%	1%
Strongly disagree	12%	1%	14%	1%	7%	1%
I think things I learn at school are useful.						
Strongly agree	15%	7%	7%	7%	16%	10%
Agree	38%	70%	38%	69%	49%	71%
Disagree	18%	20%	25%	20%	24%	18%
Strongly disagree	29%	3%	29%	4%	11%	1%
Being a student is one of the most important parts of who I am.						
Strongly agree	21%	6%	5%	9%	11%	12%
Agree	24%	21%	24%	27%	30%	35%
Disagree	29%	47%	35%	45%	38%	39%
Strongly disagree	26%	26%	36%	20%	22%	14%
Overall, adults at my school treat students fairly.						
Strongly agree	18%	9%	11%	12%	19%	16%
Agree	21%	65%	57%	67%	52%	70%
Disagree	21%	20%	13%	16%	18%	13%
Strongly disagree	39%	6%	19%	5%	11%	2%
Adults at my school listen to the students.						
Strongly agree	12%	7%	6%	7%	20%	13%
Agree	39%	61%	50%	66%	50%	66%
Disagree	21%	31%	22%	21%	15%	18%
Strongly disagree	27%	1%	22%	6%	15%	3%
The school rules are fair						
Strongly agree	15%	8%	7%	7%	14%	8%
Agree	21%	54%	54%	67%	51%	69%
Disagree	30%	28%	17%	21%	23%	20%
Strongly disagree	33%	11%	22%	5%	12%	2%
At my school, teachers care about students.						
Strongly agree	24%	21%	9%	23%	32%	27%
Agree	30%	63%	55%	62%	47%	67%
Disagree	9%	13%	15%	11%	9%	3%
Strongly disagree	36%	3%	21%	3%	11%	3%
Most teachers at my school are interested in me as a person.						
Strongly agree	12%	10%	15%	14%	23%	24%
Agree	25%	58%	34%	46%	42%	48%
Disagree	12%	28%	28%	31%	20%	25%
Strongly disagree	50%	4%	23%	9%	15%	4%

TABLE 8A
PRESENCE OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE/POLICE OFFICER*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Is there a police officer or School Resource Officer (SRO) at your school?						
Yes	33%	46%	69%	58%	64%	67%
No	30%	15%	11%	8%	15%	10%
I don't know	36%	38%	20%	34%	22%	24%
IF POLICE OFFICER OR SRO AT SCHOOL: If I knew about something unsafe or illegal at my school, I would tell the SRO or police officer.						
Strongly agree	20%	15%	15%	19%	23%	14%
Agree	40%	50%	46%	54%	40%	49%
Disagree	30%	23%	21%	22%	21%	29%
Strongly disagree	10%	12%	18%	5%	15%	8%
IF POLICE OFFICER OR SRO AT SCHOOL: I would feel comfortable going to my school's police officer or SRO if I was having problems or needed help.						
Strongly agree	20%	12%	13%	12%	23%	10%
Agree	20%	38%	38%	30%	30%	40%
Disagree	40%	33%	28%	42%	28%	38%
Strongly disagree	20%	17%	21%	16%	19%	11%
IF POLICE OFFICER OR SRO AT SCHOOL: I think it is a good idea to have an SRO or police officer at our school.						
Strongly agree	40%	46%	24%	45%	24%	38%
Agree	30%	46%	58%	39%	50%	47%
Disagree	30%	2%	8%	11%	11%	12%
Strongly disagree	0%	6%	11%	5%	15%	3%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 8B
COMFORT GOING TO POLICE OFFICER*
QUEER

	Grade	
	8th	
	Male	Female
	%	%
I would feel comfortable going to the police if I was having problems or needed help.		
Strongly agree	15%	11%
Agree	27%	38%
Disagree	27%	35%
Strongly disagree	30%	16%

* 9th and 11th grade surveys did not ask this question.

TABLE 9
PERCEPTIONS OF SAFETY
QUEER

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
I feel safe going to and from school.						
Strongly agree	39%	22%	34%	30%	41%	37%
Agree	36%	65%	42%	59%	42%	59%
Disagree	6%	10%	5%	8%	8%	4%
Strongly disagree	18%	3%	19%	3%	8%	0%
I feel safe at school.						
Strongly agree	24%	15%	21%	15%	29%	24%
Agree	36%	54%	36%	58%	46%	62%
Disagree	12%	26%	26%	21%	12%	12%
Strongly disagree	27%	5%	17%	6%	12%	2%
I feel safe in my neighborhood.						
Strongly agree	44%	37%	44%	35%	51%	42%
Agree	29%	57%	40%	59%	33%	53%
Disagree	6%	4%	2%	3%	8%	4%
Strongly disagree	21%	2%	14%	2%	7%	0%
I feel safe at home.						
Strongly agree	70%	49%	53%	51%	54%	55%
Agree	18%	41%	28%	46%	36%	41%
Disagree	6%	10%	5%	2%	3%	3%
Strongly disagree	6%	1%	14%	1%	7%	1%

TABLE 10
AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During a typical week, where do you go after school?^ (Mark ALL that apply)						
I stay at my school or go to another school	23%	22%	35%	34%	44%	33%
My home or another home such as a friend's, relative's or neighbor's	65%	96%	76%	92%	81%	96%
A rec, community or other youth center	16%	7%	7%	7%	13%	5%
A park or other outdoor space	23%	17%	18%	12%	21%	9%
A library	0%	6%	11%	6%	21%	12%
A church, synagogue, mosque, or other spiritual/religious place	3%	4%	7%	2%	9%	5%
During a typical week, how often are you home alone or somewhere unsupervised after school?*						
0 days	24%	19%				
1 day	24%	19%				
2 days	3%	31%				
3 days	15%	18%				
4 days	9%	7%				
5 days	26%	6%				

* 9th and 11th grade surveys did not ask this question.

^ Change in question wording and response options from 2022.

TABLE 11
BEING BULLIED FOR SPECIFIC REASONS
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 30 days, how often have other students harassed or bullied you?^						
Never	56%	38%	50%	54%	55%	68%
Once or twice	16%	39%	15%	28%	14%	27%
Three or more times	28%	24%	35%	18%	31%	5%
IF BULLIED DURING THE LAST 30 DAYS, for which of these reasons were you harassed or bullied?^^ (Mark ALL that apply)						
Your race, ethnicity or national origin	21%	6%	38%	13%	41%	6%
Your religion or religious beliefs, including a lack of religious beliefs (e.g., agnosticism or atheism)	14%	19%	7%	18%	28%	6%
Your sex or gender (being male, female, transgender, genderqueer, genderfluid.)^^^	50%	52%	48%	62%	59%	45%
Your gender expression (your style, dress, or the way you walk or talk)*	50%	64%	45%	58%	69%	52%
Because you are bisexual, gay, lesbian, asexual, pansexual, queer, or because someone thought you were*	64%	52%	45%	58%	66%	38%
A physical or mental disability	14%	16%	31%	28%	34%	24%
Your size or weight	36%	23%	48%	30%	41%	19%
Your physical appearance	43%	43%	38%	46%	56%	46%
Reason not listed^^^^	21%	36%	34%	25%	22%	26%

* 5th grade surveys did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2025.

^^ Change in question wording from 2022.

^^^ 5th grade survey item was worded "Your gender (being male or female)".

^^^^ New response option in 2025.

TABLE 12
BEING BULLIED OR HARRASSED AT SCHOOL
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
During the last 30 days, how often have other students at school...	%	%	%	%	%	%
...pushed, shoved, slapped, hit or kicked you when they weren't kidding around?						
Never	50%	70%	66%	82%	76%	95%
Once or twice	22%	21%	17%	14%	6%	3%
About once a week	3%	5%	2%	3%	7%	0%
Several times a week	0%	3%	3%	1%	1%	0%
Every day	25%	2%	12%	0%	10%	2%
...threatened to beat you up?						
Never	47%	81%	63%	88%	74%	96%
Once or twice	16%	15%	16%	9%	10%	3%
About once a week	3%	2%	5%	1%	6%	0%
Several times a week	6%	1%	5%	1%	0%	0%
Every day	28%	2%	11%	1%	10%	1%
...spread mean rumors or lies about you?						
Never	41%	54%	51%	66%	51%	77%
Once or twice	25%	32%	21%	19%	19%	20%
About once a week	6%	6%	9%	8%	13%	1%
Several times a week	6%	4%	7%	4%	1%	1%
Every day	22%	4%	12%	2%	16%	1%
...made sexual jokes, comments or gestures towards you?*						
Never	50%	42%	47%	59%	52%	66%
Once or twice	22%	32%	16%	21%	12%	25%
About once a week	0%	11%	5%	8%	9%	3%
Several times a week	0%	10%	9%	7%	7%	3%
Every day	28%	5%	23%	5%	20%	4%
...excluded you from friends, other students or activities?						
Never	61%	44%	63%	50%	57%	68%
Once or twice	9%	29%	14%	25%	26%	22%
About once a week	6%	10%	7%	13%	9%	6%
Several times a week	6%	11%	5%	9%	0%	1%
Every day	18%	6%	11%	3%	9%	3%
Bullied once or more in the last 30 days^						
No	25%	16%	28%	30%	31%	46%
Yes	75%	84%	72%	70%	69%	54%
Bullied weekly or more in last 30 days^						
No	50%	52%	49%	62%	49%	82%
Yes	50%	48%	51%	38%	51%	18%
Bullied daily in the last 30 days^						
No	62%	88%	74%	92%	71%	94%
Yes	38%	12%	26%	8%	29%	6%

* 5th grade surveys did not ask this question.

^ These are computed variables based on combinations of responses to the first five questions on this table.

TABLE 13
BEING CYBERBULLIED
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 30 days, how often have you been cyberbullied? (Count being bullied through texting, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok or other social media)^						
Never	70%	72%	73%	81%	72%	89%
Once or twice	12%	20%	8%	15%	14%	8%
Three or more times	18%	8%	18%	4%	14%	3%

^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 14A
AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Does your school or community offer a variety of programs for people your age to participate in outside of the regular school day?						
Yes	47%	78%	81%	76%	68%	81%
No	32%	1%	14%	5%	10%	4%
I don't know what programs are available in my community	21%	21%	5%	18%	23%	14%

TABLE 14B
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During a typical week, how often do you participate in activities outside of the regular school day?^						
0 days	15%	18%	20%	26%	31%	20%
1 day	15%	16%	7%	12%	7%	12%
2 days	12%	18%	15%	14%	11%	13%
3 days	9%	25%	19%	21%	9%	17%
4 days	15%	11%	7%	10%	3%	13%
5 or more days	35%	14%	32%	17%	39%	24%
During a typical week, do you participate in the following activities outside of the regular school day?^^ (Mark ALL that apply)						
Sports activities or physical activities^^^	68%	66%	64%	63%	56%	62%
School sponsored activities or clubs that are not sports, such as drama, music, chess, or science club	12%	42%	25%	49%	33%	47%
Tutoring, homework help, or academic programs	6%	5%	2%	3%	7%	12%
Leadership activities such as student government, youth councils, or committees	3%	8%	3%	5%	10%	13%
Artistic activities, such as music, dance, drawing, photography, or pottery	9%	45%	8%	39%	21%	45%
Cultural heritage programs	9%	5%	2%	2%	7%	3%
Other community clubs and programs such as 4-H, Scouts, Y-clubs, or Community Ed	6%	3%	7%	2%	9%	6%
Religious activities such as religious services, education, or youth group	12%	15%	5%	5%	9%	9%

^ New question in 2025.

^^ Response options changed from 2022.

^^^ New response option in 2025.

TABLE 15
REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING IN ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
IF NO PARTICIPATION: What are the reasons you don't participate in any activities, programs or clubs outside of the regular school day? (Mark ALL that apply)						
I do not know what is available in my community.	20%	25%	36%	20%	33%	37%
Activities are not available in my community.	0%	0%	0%	2%	10%	6%
Activities cost too much.	20%	10%	0%	15%	19%	24%
My parents (or guardians) won't let me.	0%	15%	18%	5%	10%	4%
My friends are not there.	0%	35%	18%	34%	14%	24%
I am not interested.	20%	65%	36%	63%	24%	56%
I am too busy with other things, such as a job or homework.	20%	25%	9%	32%	38%	56%
I don't have a way to get there or home.	0%	25%	27%	22%	29%	24%
I have to take care of other family members.	0%	10%	9%	5%	19%	4%
It is not a safe place.	0%	5%	45%	2%	24%	2%
Other	20%	20%	18%	17%	5%	17%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

TABLE 16
QUALITY OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES[^]
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
When you do spend time doing activities outside of the regular school day, how often do you...						
...feel safe?						
Rarely or never	17%	2%	18%	1%	11%	0%
Sometimes	17%	13%	9%	13%	8%	8%
Often	23%	55%	25%	45%	33%	37%
Very often	43%	31%	47%	42%	48%	54%
...learn skills like teamwork or leadership?						
Rarely or never	23%	15%	28%	9%	14%	8%
Sometimes	23%	32%	17%	37%	21%	26%
Often	17%	37%	30%	35%	38%	35%
Very often	37%	17%	26%	19%	27%	31%
...develop trusting relationships with peers your age?						
Rarely or never	27%	18%	30%	12%	18%	8%
Sometimes	20%	29%	9%	32%	23%	25%
Often	23%	40%	28%	30%	26%	39%
Very often	30%	12%	32%	26%	32%	27%
...develop trusting relationships with adults?						
Rarely or never	28%	20%	33%	17%	15%	10%
Sometimes	25%	36%	20%	32%	29%	28%
Often	25%	32%	24%	33%	22%	42%
Very often	22%	11%	22%	18%	34%	20%
...help make decisions?						
Rarely or never	20%	9%	22%	10%	9%	7%
Sometimes	17%	46%	31%	46%	30%	27%
Often	40%	33%	20%	34%	28%	42%
Very often	23%	12%	26%	10%	33%	24%
...do something that gives you joy and energy?						
Rarely or never	17%	4%	19%	5%	11%	2%
Sometimes	20%	28%	17%	27%	14%	15%
Often	27%	40%	25%	33%	28%	44%
Very often	37%	28%	38%	36%	47%	39%
...learn skills that you can use in a future job?						
Rarely or never	23%	12%	31%	16%	14%	8%
Sometimes	20%	41%	20%	46%	22%	37%
Often	30%	29%	15%	20%	28%	31%
Very often	27%	17%	33%	18%	36%	23%

[^] These items are a subscale of the Constructive Use of Time Scale from the Developmental Assets Profile (DAP) (Search Institute, Minneapolis, MN).

TABLE 17
LIVING SITUATIONS
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Have you ever been in foster care?^						
Yes	21%	2%	17%	7%	9%	3%
No	79%	98%	83%	93%	91%	97%
During the past 12 months, have you stayed in a shelter, somewhere not intended as a place to live, or someone else's home because you had no other place to stay?* (Mark ALL that apply)						
No	75%	91%	84%	96%	88%	97%
Yes, I was with my parents or an adult family member	14%	9%	9%	4%	11%	3%
Yes, I was on my own without any adult family member	11%	0%	12%	1%	4%	1%
Has there been an adult in your household who makes sure your basic needs were met, such as looking after your safety and making sure you have clean clothes and enough to eat?***						
Never	11%	1%	9%	2%	10%	0%
Rarely	4%	1%	2%	1%	5%	1%
Sometimes	11%	4%	9%	3%	6%	3%
Most of the time	32%	25%	4%	18%	11%	16%
Always	43%	69%	77%	76%	68%	80%
Have any of your parents or guardians ever been in jail or prison?***						
Yes	36%	19%	28%	15%	30%	19%
No	64%	81%	72%	85%	70%	81%
IF YOU HAVE OR HAVE HAD PARENT OR GUARDIAN IN JAIL OR PRISON: Did you live with a parent or guardian at the time they went to jail or prison?*						
Yes	44%	30%	46%	68%	47%	57%
No	56%	70%	54%	32%	53%	43%

* 5th grade surveys did not ask this question.

^ Response options changed from 2022.

*** New question in 2025.

TABLE 18
COMMUNICATION WITH ADULTS
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Which of these adults can you talk to about problems you are having? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Parent or guardian	55%	64%	62%	72%	69%	73%
Adult at school	24%	33%	27%	29%	44%	42%
Some other adult	10%	41%	22%	32%	27%	41%
I don't have any adults that I can talk to about problems I am having	28%	13%	20%	16%	13%	12%

TABLE 19
PERCEPTIONS OF FAMILY AND OTHERS CARING
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
How much do you feel...						
...your parents care about you?						
Not at all	8%	0%	16%	3%	11%	1%
A little	4%	5%	2%	4%	2%	5%
Some	12%	19%	10%	14%	8%	11%
Quite a bit	8%	31%	18%	22%	18%	27%
Very much	69%	44%	53%	57%	61%	56%
...other adult relatives care about you?						
Not at all	15%	3%	21%	5%	11%	3%
A little	11%	11%	12%	13%	11%	10%
Some	7%	27%	6%	21%	10%	21%
Quite a bit	15%	31%	25%	40%	31%	32%
Very much	52%	29%	35%	21%	37%	33%
...friends care about you?						
Not at all	11%	2%	15%	1%	10%	1%
A little	19%	11%	8%	7%	3%	4%
Some	0%	17%	6%	17%	21%	17%
Quite a bit	19%	31%	19%	29%	33%	33%
Very much	52%	39%	52%	46%	33%	44%
...teachers at school care about you?						
Not at all	33%	5%	27%	6%	13%	4%
A little	11%	26%	17%	25%	8%	14%
Some	15%	31%	29%	29%	31%	37%
Quite a bit	15%	31%	15%	31%	32%	37%
Very much	26%	8%	12%	9%	16%	8%
...other adults at school care about you?						
Not at all	41%	14%	35%	13%	16%	11%
A little	11%	23%	25%	28%	16%	27%
Some	11%	35%	25%	34%	37%	32%
Quite a bit	15%	19%	4%	19%	18%	25%
Very much	22%	9%	10%	7%	13%	6%
...adults in your community care about you?						
Not at all	19%	15%	25%	17%	16%	15%
A little	12%	26%	19%	23%	21%	26%
Some	23%	25%	31%	35%	31%	34%
Quite a bit	12%	26%	10%	17%	19%	19%
Very much	35%	7%	15%	7%	13%	7%

TABLE 20
ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Do you live with anyone who drinks too much alcohol?						
Yes	19%	14%	23%	11%	21%	14%
No	81%	86%	77%	89%	79%	86%
Do you live with anyone who uses illegal drugs or abuses prescription drugs?						
Yes	20%	5%	14%	6%	11%	4%
No	80%	95%	86%	94%	89%	96%
Do you live with anyone who is depressed or has any other mental health issues?						
Yes	28%	65%	38%	59%	43%	61%
No	72%	35%	62%	41%	57%	39%
Does a parent or other adult in your home regularly swear at you, insult you or put you down?						
Yes	37%	23%	24%	27%	18%	21%
No	63%	77%	76%	73%	82%	79%
Has a parent or other adult in your home ever hit, beat, kicked or physically hurt you in any way?						
Yes	41%	17%	20%	16%	18%	15%
No	59%	83%	80%	84%	82%	85%
Have your parents or other adults in your home ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched or beat each other up?						
Yes	19%	9%	14%	10%	9%	15%
No	81%	91%	86%	90%	91%	85%
Has anyone who was not a relative/family member ever pressured, tricked, or forced you to do something sexual or done something sexual to you against your wishes?						
Yes	30%	20%	19%	23%	16%	19%
No	70%	80%	81%	77%	84%	81%
Has any relative/family member ever pressured, tricked, or forced you to do something sexual or done something sexual to you?						
Yes	19%	9%	14%	10%	7%	10%
No	81%	91%	86%	90%	93%	90%
Have you ever traded sex or sexual activity to receive money, food, drugs, alcohol, a place to stay, or anything else?*						
Yes			24%	3%	9%	1%
No			76%	97%	91%	99%
ACEs Score-short^						
None	43%	23%	31%	30%	30%	23%
One	13%	33%	31%	29%	25%	32%
Two	4%	17%	17%	13%	29%	21%
Three	9%	13%	7%	14%	2%	10%
Four or more	30%	13%	14%	14%	14%	14%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

** 8th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ An adverse childhood experience (ACE) describes a traumatic experience in a person's life occurring before age 18. The ACEs Score-short is a measure of cumulative exposure to adverse childhood conditions, and combines the responses to all but the last question in this table plus the responses to the first question about parental incarceration (See Table 17).

TABLE 21A
GUN VIOLENCE^
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Have you ever experienced people using guns to threaten or hurt others in person?						
Yes	15%	8%	12%	7%	16%	7%
No	85%	92%	88%	93%	84%	93%

^ New question in 2025.

TABLE 21B
RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Have you been in a casual or serious relationship where your partner ever physically hurt you on purpose (shoved, kicked, slapped, punched, pulled hair, strangled, injured you with an object or weapon, etc.)?						
Yes	35%	8%	30%	11%	18%	9%
No	65%	92%	70%	89%	82%	91%
Have you been in a casual or serious relationship where your partner ever verbally hurt or controlled you (called you names, told you what you could wear or eat, told you who you could see or talk to, threatened you, blamed you for their behavior, etc.)?						
Yes	44%	24%	31%	21%	25%	21%
No	56%	76%	69%	79%	75%	79%
Have you been in a casual or serious relationship where your partner ever pressured, tricked, or forced you to do something sexual, or did something sexual to you against your wishes?**						
Yes			21%	20%	25%	18%
No			79%	80%	75%	82%
Have YOU ever pressured, tricked, or forced someone to do something sexual, or have you done something sexual to someone against their wishes?**						
Yes			13%	4%	7%	2%
No			71%	90%	80%	95%
Not sure			16%	6%	12%	2%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

** 8th grade survey did not ask this question.

TABLE 22
PHYSICAL HEALTH
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
How would you describe your health in general?						
Excellent	36%	5%	19%	8%	20%	6%
Very good	15%	26%	21%	25%	28%	30%
Good	12%	38%	29%	34%	32%	42%
Fair	15%	24%	12%	26%	10%	19%
Poor	21%	6%	19%	7%	10%	3%
Do you have any physical disabilities, or long-term health problems (such as asthma, cancer, diabetes, epilepsy or something else)? Long-term means lasting 6 months or more.						
Yes	30%	29%	35%	39%	32%	28%
No	70%	71%	65%	61%	68%	72%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have diabetes?						
Yes	29%	2%	18%	3%	10%	0%
No	71%	98%	82%	97%	90%	100%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have pre-diabetes?						
Yes	26%	1%	17%	4%	10%	2%
No	74%	99%	83%	96%	90%	98%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?						
Yes	25%	22%	30%	17%	25%	17%
No	75%	78%	70%	83%	75%	83%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have an allergy that requires you to carry an epi-pen?						
Yes	18%	3%	20%	5%	11%	7%
No	82%	97%	80%	95%	89%	93%
Weight status according to Body Mass Index (BMI)*						
Normal	71%	62%	51%	66%	67%	63%
Underweight	12%	1%	5%	2%	11%	4%
Overweight	6%	15%	14%	19%	6%	20%
Obese	12%	21%	30%	13%	17%	13%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question. Body Mass Index (BMI) is a number calculated from a child's self-reported weight and height. BMI is calculated using a standard formula. BMI-for-age percentiles are used to interpret BMI numbers for children and teens. CDC BMI-for-age growth charts were used to determine weight status according to BMI for participants in the Minnesota Student Survey. Underweight: Less than the 5th percentile Not overweight or underweight: 5th to less than the 85th percentile Overweight: 85th to less than the 95th percentile Obese: Equal to or greater than the 95th percentile

TABLE 23
MENTAL HEALTH
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Do you have any long-term mental health, behavioral or emotional problems? Long-term means lasting 6 months or more.*						
Yes	43%	77%	47%	79%	60%	77%
No	57%	23%	53%	21%	40%	23%
Have you ever been treated for a mental health, emotional or behavioral problem? (Mark ALL that apply)						
No	72%	46%	63%	41%	51%	32%
Yes, during the last year	19%	42%	27%	43%	32%	50%
Yes, more than a year ago	9%	26%	18%	36%	32%	37%
Have you ever been treated for an alcohol or drug problem? (Mark ALL that apply)*						
No	70%	99%	77%	95%	82%	98%
Yes, during the last year	23%	1%	17%	3%	13%	1%
Yes, more than a year ago	7%	1%	10%	2%	7%	1%
When you are feeling upset, stressed or having problems, how comfortable are you talking to a counselor or social worker at school?						
Very comfortable	12%	9%	9%	5%	15%	10%
Somewhat comfortable	25%	47%	42%	45%	49%	45%
Not at all comfortable	56%	43%	42%	49%	32%	45%
There is no counselor or social worker at my school	6%	1%	8%	1%	4%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

TABLE 24
ORAL HEALTH
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
When was the last time you saw a dentist for a check-up, exam, or teeth cleaning or other dental work?						
During the last year	66%	80%	72%	81%	68%	77%
Between 1 and 2 years ago	12%	13%	7%	7%	9%	15%
More than 2 years ago	6%	4%	7%	8%	9%	7%
Never	16%	2%	13%	4%	15%	1%
Have you had any dental problems during the past 12 months?^						
Yes	39%	34%	32%	29%	32%	34%
No	61%	66%	68%	71%	68%	66%
Have you had any of the following dental problems during the past 12 months? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Toothaches or pain	6%	22%	12%	19%	18%	20%
Decayed teeth or cavities	10%	11%	25%	18%	19%	22%
Swollen, painful or bleeding gums	10%	13%	10%	9%	15%	5%
Could not eat certain foods because of a dental problem	0%	6%	8%	4%	7%	5%
Missed one or more school days because of a dental problem	10%	5%	8%	8%	4%	5%
IF ONE OR MORE DENTAL PROBLEMS: Have you had this dental problem treated by a dentist?						
Yes	45%	60%	62%	56%	71%	71%
No, but I will see a dentist	27%	31%	15%	35%	14%	25%
No, I am not able to get dental treatment	27%	9%	23%	9%	14%	3%

^ New question in 2025.

TABLE 25A
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SLEEP
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of AT LEAST 60 MINUTES PER DAY?						
0 days	3%	14%	26%	16%	27%	17%
1 day	10%	11%	6%	11%	10%	16%
2 days	16%	19%	2%	12%	13%	17%
3 days	6%	20%	15%	16%	15%	15%
4 days	6%	15%	6%	16%	4%	10%
5 days	10%	14%	19%	19%	7%	15%
6 days	3%	2%	4%	4%	7%	5%
7 days	45%	6%	24%	7%	15%	7%
During a typical school night, how many hours of sleep do you get?						
4 hours or less	24%	11%	27%	14%	14%	8%
5 hours	0%	25%	15%	15%	8%	14%
6 hours	10%	23%	15%	23%	33%	26%
7 hours	21%	23%	13%	25%	19%	34%
8 hours	34%	14%	21%	19%	21%	11%
9 hours	3%	4%	6%	3%	3%	5%
10 or more hours	7%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%

TABLE 25B
SOCIAL MEDIA USE[^]
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During an average week when you are in school, on how many school nights do you use technology between midnight and 5AM? (Count time spent playing games, watching videos, texting, or using social media on your devices.)						
0 school nights	23%	34%	40%	39%	27%	36%
1 school night	13%	6%	4%	17%	16%	20%
2 school nights	13%	14%	8%	9%	16%	14%
3 school nights	3%	10%	6%	9%	14%	10%
4 school nights	6%	14%	6%	5%	8%	5%
5 school nights	42%	23%	37%	21%	19%	15%
In a typical week, how often do you use social media?*						
I do not use social media	10%	11%	8%	13%	14%	6%
Less than once a week	0%	3%	8%	2%	0%	3%
A couple days a week	10%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%
About once a day	3%	18%	8%	10%	10%	14%
Several times a day	34%	42%	33%	51%	48%	57%
About once an hour or more	41%	21%	38%	17%	24%	15%
IF USE SOCIAL MEDIA: Do you feel that you might have a problem with spending too much time on social media?*						
Yes	42%	53%	32%	51%	40%	49%
No	58%	47%	68%	49%	60%	51%
IF USE SOCIAL MEDIA: Do you skip important social or recreational activities like sports or being with friends or relatives to be on social media?*						
Yes	30%	11%	21%	15%	13%	7%
No	70%	89%	79%	85%	87%	93%
IF USE SOCIAL MEDIA: Do you have trouble getting your homework, chores, or other major responsibilities done because you were spending time on social media?*						
Yes	46%	50%	40%	50%	42%	46%
No	54%	50%	60%	50%	58%	54%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

[^] New questions in 2025.

TABLE 26A
EATING LUNCH[^]
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During a typical school week, where do you usually get your lunch? (Mark the number of days for each)						
I don't eat lunch^{^^}						
0 days	56%	47%	56%	51%	61%	53%
1 day	4%	18%	7%	12%	7%	13%
2 days	8%	13%	11%	13%	5%	10%
3 days	4%	9%	9%	5%	5%	7%
4 days	8%	6%	4%	6%	2%	6%
5 days	20%	6%	13%	12%	19%	11%
Regular school lunch from the cafeteria						
0 days	28%	18%	23%	29%	21%	26%
1 day	7%	9%	4%	7%	3%	7%
2 days	0%	8%	15%	8%	7%	7%
3 days	10%	16%	4%	14%	7%	6%
4 days	7%	9%	8%	9%	8%	11%
5 days	48%	39%	46%	32%	54%	43%
The a la carte line (buy individual items)						
0 days	50%	74%	51%	72%	71%	77%
1 day	12%	9%	9%	8%	5%	10%
2 days	4%	8%	5%	9%	5%	4%
3 days	12%	7%	9%	3%	4%	5%
4 days	4%	2%	2%	4%	0%	2%
5 days	17%	1%	23%	4%	15%	3%
School store or vending machine						
0 days	68%	89%	60%	73%	77%	82%
1 day	4%	6%	19%	15%	11%	9%
2 days	0%	3%	2%	6%	0%	3%
3 days	8%	1%	6%	4%	5%	4%
4 days	8%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%
5 days	12%	0%	9%	2%	7%	1%
Fast food restaurant, gas station or somewhere else outside of school						
0 days	48%	79%	61%	85%	56%	77%
1 day	24%	7%	20%	8%	15%	12%
2 days	4%	6%	7%	4%	7%	7%
3 days	12%	4%	2%	2%	5%	2%
4 days	0%	2%	7%	0%	0%	2%
5 days	12%	1%	4%	1%	17%	0%
I bring lunch from home						
0 days	69%	60%	70%	58%	68%	67%
1 day	8%	10%	7%	8%	2%	8%
2 days	0%	5%	2%	7%	12%	3%
3 days	4%	2%	0%	5%	2%	4%
4 days	0%	4%	5%	3%	0%	2%
5 days	19%	19%	16%	18%	17%	15%

[^] Response options have changed from 2022.

^{^^} Change in question wording from 2022.

TABLE 26B
EATING BREAKFAST; SKIPPING MEALS
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During a typical school week, where do you usually get your breakfast? (Mark the number of days for each)						
I don't eat breakfast^						
0 days	48%	28%	45%	38%	43%	40%
1 day	8%	4%	14%	5%	5%	7%
2 days	12%	21%	2%	21%	15%	13%
3 days	8%	7%	5%	8%	10%	11%
4 days	8%	10%	5%	8%	5%	9%
5 days	16%	29%	30%	20%	22%	20%
Regular school breakfast from the cafeteria^						
0 days	54%	65%	53%	56%	59%	61%
1 day	15%	8%	9%	11%	7%	8%
2 days	0%	4%	9%	4%	12%	10%
3 days	8%	11%	5%	8%	5%	9%
4 days	0%	4%	7%	7%	0%	5%
5 days	23%	9%	16%	14%	16%	8%
The a la carte line (buy individual items)^						
0 days	74%	96%	82%	96%	91%	96%
1 day	4%	1%	2%	1%	4%	3%
2 days	4%	0%	2%	2%	4%	0%
3 days	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%
4 days	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
5 days	17%	1%	10%	1%	2%	0%
School store or vending machine^						
0 days	79%	96%	76%	93%	91%	97%
1 day	0%	3%	12%	3%	2%	2%
2 days	8%	0%	2%	2%	5%	0%
3 days	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%
4 days	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
5 days	12%	0%	7%	0%	2%	0%
Fast food restaurant, gas station or somewhere else outside of school^						
0 days	68%	90%	83%	92%	82%	90%
1 day	8%	5%	5%	5%	2%	8%
2 days	4%	3%	0%	2%	4%	1%
3 days	4%	0%	5%	1%	2%	1%
4 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5 days	16%	1%	7%	0%	11%	0%
I eat breakfast from home^						
0 days	44%	36%	43%	39%	31%	34%
1 day	7%	15%	14%	11%	7%	9%
2 days	11%	5%	5%	7%	13%	11%
3 days	7%	14%	2%	8%	8%	9%
4 days	7%	3%	7%	4%	10%	5%
5 days	22%	27%	29%	31%	31%	32%
During the last 30 days, have you had to skip meals because your family did not have enough money to buy food?						
Yes	19%	3%	15%	3%	13%	3%
No	81%	97%	85%	97%	87%	97%

^ New questions in 2025.

TABLE 26C
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
During the last 7 days, how many times did you...?	%	%	%	%	%	%
...drink 100% fruit juices such as orange, apple or grape juice? (Do not count punch, Kool-Aid, sports drinks or other fruit-flavored drinks)						
I did NOT eat or drink this	41%	28%	51%	31%	35%	33%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	4%	41%	23%	37%	33%	40%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	11%	11%	11%	14%	6%	12%
1 time per day	11%	6%	9%	10%	16%	8%
2 times per day	4%	9%	2%	5%	2%	3%
3 times per day	4%	3%	0%	2%	0%	2%
4 or more times per day	26%	3%	4%	1%	8%	2%
...eat fruit? (Do not count fruit juice)						
I did NOT eat or drink this	19%	2%	30%	6%	16%	5%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	11%	21%	7%	29%	19%	23%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	19%	26%	17%	19%	16%	23%
1 time per day	7%	21%	17%	13%	16%	19%
2 times per day	7%	17%	13%	19%	18%	20%
3 times per day	7%	7%	2%	8%	6%	6%
4 or more times per day	30%	6%	13%	6%	8%	4%
...eat green salad, potatoes, carrots or other vegetables? (Do not count French fries, fried potatoes, or potato chips)						
I did NOT eat or drink this	22%	7%	31%	10%	16%	8%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	15%	22%	16%	19%	19%	24%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	15%	16%	22%	26%	14%	21%
1 time per day	4%	26%	9%	16%	22%	22%
2 times per day	7%	18%	16%	12%	16%	17%
3 times per day	4%	6%	4%	10%	5%	5%
4 or more times per day	33%	6%	2%	6%	8%	3%
...eat from a fast food restaurant, including carry-out or delivery?						
I did NOT eat or drink this	27%	24%	38%	25%	19%	27%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	31%	61%	40%	64%	49%	62%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	4%	6%	13%	10%	14%	6%
1 time per day	4%	6%	2%	1%	10%	3%
2 times per day	4%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%
3 times per day	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more times per day	27%	2%	4%	0%	6%	0%
Servings of fruits, fruit juice and vegetables per day during the last 7 days^						
Less than five	59%	83%	84%	81%	82%	84%
Five or more	41%	17%	16%	19%	18%	16%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ This is a computed variable based on combinations of responses to the first three questions on this table.

TABLE 26D
MILK AND WATER CONSUMPTION*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 7 days, how many times did you drink...?						
... a glass of milk? (Count the milk you drank in a cup, from a carton, or with cereal)						
I did NOT eat or drink this	27%	33%	22%	45%	33%	38%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	9%	27%	11%	26%	11%	25%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	9%	10%	17%	9%	13%	15%
1 time per day	18%	11%	15%	10%	25%	11%
2 times per day	14%	9%	15%	6%	15%	8%
3 times per day	5%	2%	4%	3%	0%	2%
4 or more times per day	18%	7%	15%	1%	3%	1%
... a glass or drink of tap water from a drinking fountain, faucet or sink?						
I did NOT eat or drink this	25%	13%	19%	17%	18%	16%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	5%	8%	7%	6%	10%	7%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	10%	17%	16%	8%	10%	9%
1 time per day	15%	10%	16%	14%	11%	14%
2 times per day	15%	7%	9%	15%	16%	15%
3 times per day	5%	17%	12%	16%	2%	11%
4 or more times per day	25%	28%	21%	24%	34%	28%
... a bottle of water (plain water that is not flavored or carbonated)?						
I did NOT eat or drink this	33%	21%	26%	30%	40%	25%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	14%	19%	23%	17%	11%	14%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	10%	11%	9%	7%	6%	13%
1 time per day	10%	9%	9%	12%	16%	8%
2 times per day	10%	10%	12%	12%	11%	10%
3 times per day	5%	7%	2%	3%	3%	10%
4 or more times per day	19%	21%	19%	18%	11%	20%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 26E
SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION*
QUEER

During the last 7 days, how many times did you drink...?	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
... a can, bottle or glass of pop or soda, such as Coke, Pepsi or Sprite (Do not count diet pop or diet soda)?						
I did NOT eat or drink this	36%	29%	33%	30%	33%	33%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	23%	47%	28%	43%	26%	42%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	14%	12%	26%	17%	15%	14%
1 time per day	9%	5%	4%	3%	11%	6%
2 times per day	14%	4%	2%	3%	11%	4%
3 times per day	5%	1%	7%	1%	0%	0%
4 or more times per day	0%	3%	0%	1%	3%	1%
... a can, bottle or glass of a sports drink, such as Gatorade or Powerade? (Do not count low-calorie sports drinks such as Propel or G2)						
I did NOT eat or drink this	43%	66%	50%	72%	62%	69%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	10%	24%	26%	22%	16%	20%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	14%	6%	15%	3%	11%	5%
1 time per day	24%	2%	7%	2%	8%	2%
2 times per day	10%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%
3 times per day	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
4 or more times per day	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%
... a can, bottle or glass of an energy drink, such as Rockstar, Red Bull, Monster or Full Throttle?						
I did NOT eat or drink this	45%	71%	51%	66%	61%	63%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	15%	19%	16%	20%	10%	20%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	10%	4%	13%	3%	8%	8%
1 time per day	15%	5%	13%	7%	13%	7%
2 times per day	15%	1%	0%	2%	5%	2%
3 times per day	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%
4 or more times per day	0%	0%	7%	1%	2%	0%
... a can, bottle or glass of coffee or tea that had sugar, syrups or honey added to it? (Count coffee/ tea you added a sweetener to/ already had sweetener, e.g. Arizona Iced Tea/Frappuccinos. Don't count artificial sweeteners e.g. Splenda/diet drinks)						
I did NOT eat or drink this	45%	43%	43%	52%	52%	42%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	27%	36%	27%	30%	18%	30%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	5%	7%	14%	9%	8%	14%
1 time per day	14%	8%	2%	8%	15%	8%
2 times per day	9%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%
3 times per day	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%
4 or more times per day	0%	4%	11%	0%	3%	0%
... a can, bottle or glass of a sweetened fruit drink, such as Kool-Aid, Capri Sun or lemonade? (Do not include 100% fruit juice, such as 100% pure orange juice)						
I did NOT eat or drink this	45%	57%	42%	56%	57%	62%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	20%	28%	28%	30%	21%	32%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	15%	9%	16%	8%	3%	4%
1 time per day	15%	5%	2%	4%	11%	2%
2 times per day	5%	0%	7%	2%	5%	0%
3 times per day	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%
4 or more times per day	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 27
VEHICLE SAFETY
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
When driving a car, truck or SUV, how often do you handle your phone to do things like send or read text messages, take pictures, use social media, stream videos, or videochat?* [^]						
I don't drive a car, truck or SUV			47%	74%	23%	34%
Never			22%	24%	36%	51%
Sometimes			6%	1%	14%	13%
Always			25%	2%	27%	2%
How often do you wear a seat belt when you are driving or riding in a car, truck, or SUV? [^] ^{^^}						
Never	26%	3%	31%	4%	27%	0%
Sometimes	23%	7%	11%	8%	5%	5%
Always	51%	91%	58%	88%	68%	94%

* 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask this question.

[^] Response options changed from 2022.

^{^^} On the 5th grade survey, this question was worded 'How often do you wear a seat belt when you are riding in a car, truck or SUV?'

TABLE 28A
SELF DESCRIPTION[^]
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
In general, how does each of the following statements describe you?	%	%	%	%	%	%
I feel in control of my life and future.^{^^}						
Not at all or rarely	19%	22%	28%	18%	16%	13%
Somewhat or sometimes	19%	48%	24%	48%	34%	45%
Very or often	23%	20%	26%	27%	34%	33%
Extremely or almost always	38%	10%	22%	7%	16%	8%
I feel good about myself.						
Not at all or rarely	19%	25%	26%	18%	16%	12%
Somewhat or sometimes	15%	51%	37%	55%	33%	50%
Very or often	31%	19%	24%	20%	38%	32%
Extremely or almost always	35%	5%	13%	7%	14%	5%
I feel good about my future.						
Not at all or rarely	22%	25%	36%	27%	19%	19%
Somewhat or sometimes	19%	40%	16%	39%	33%	43%
Very or often	30%	23%	30%	24%	36%	28%
Extremely or almost always	30%	12%	18%	10%	12%	10%
I deal with disappointment without getting too upset.						
Not at all or rarely	28%	22%	25%	17%	10%	11%
Somewhat or sometimes	24%	41%	32%	42%	40%	41%
Very or often	20%	31%	25%	31%	29%	39%
Extremely or almost always	28%	6%	18%	10%	21%	10%
I find good ways to deal with things that are hard in my life.						
Not at all or rarely	20%	23%	20%	21%	10%	11%
Somewhat or sometimes	24%	53%	36%	51%	28%	43%
Very or often	32%	19%	34%	22%	43%	36%
Extremely or almost always	24%	5%	9%	6%	19%	10%
I am thinking about what my purpose is in life.^{^^^}						
Not at all or rarely	16%	7%	27%	9%	22%	7%
Somewhat or sometimes	20%	27%	20%	26%	17%	18%
Very or often	20%	37%	25%	33%	29%	39%
Extremely or almost always	44%	30%	27%	32%	31%	36%

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^{^^} On the 5th grade survey, this item was worded 'I can shape and influence what happens in my life and future.'

^{^^^} On the 5th grade survey, this item was worded 'I think about what I want to do in my life when I grow up.'

TABLE 28B
SELF DESCRIPTION^
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
In general, how does each of the following statements describe you?	%	%	%	%	%	%
I say no to things that are dangerous or unhealthy.						
Not at all or rarely	12%	8%	25%	6%	9%	4%
Somewhat or sometimes	31%	28%	25%	23%	22%	21%
Very or often	23%	33%	20%	32%	41%	33%
Extremely or almost always	35%	31%	30%	39%	28%	42%
I build friendships with other people.						
Not at all or rarely	19%	11%	16%	9%	9%	5%
Somewhat or sometimes	4%	34%	16%	40%	31%	35%
Very or often	31%	32%	34%	30%	34%	39%
Extremely or almost always	46%	22%	34%	21%	26%	20%
I express my feelings in proper ways.						
Not at all or rarely	24%	26%	24%	14%	16%	11%
Somewhat or sometimes	32%	49%	40%	53%	32%	42%
Very or often	16%	21%	22%	25%	39%	35%
Extremely or almost always	28%	5%	13%	7%	14%	13%
I plan ahead and make good choices.						
Not at all or rarely	20%	11%	25%	10%	12%	6%
Somewhat or sometimes	24%	47%	39%	41%	36%	37%
Very or often	24%	30%	20%	38%	41%	46%
Extremely or almost always	32%	13%	16%	11%	10%	11%
I stay away from bad influences.						
Not at all or rarely	20%	11%	16%	8%	9%	4%
Somewhat or sometimes	32%	29%	32%	27%	26%	20%
Very or often	12%	31%	30%	39%	39%	37%
Extremely or almost always	36%	29%	23%	27%	26%	38%
I resolve conflicts without anyone getting hurt.						
Not at all or rarely	28%	6%	19%	3%	9%	4%
Somewhat or sometimes	24%	23%	30%	28%	24%	22%
Very or often	16%	50%	30%	46%	33%	45%
Extremely or almost always	32%	21%	21%	24%	34%	30%

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TABLE 28C
SELF DESCRIPTION^
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
In general, how does each of the following statements describe you?	%	%	%	%	%	%
I accept people who are different from me.						
Not at all or rarely	17%	0%	14%	0%	9%	0%
Somewhat or sometimes	8%	1%	18%	5%	14%	2%
Very or often	25%	29%	20%	17%	21%	28%
Extremely or almost always	50%	70%	48%	78%	57%	70%
I am sensitive to the needs and feelings of others.						
Not at all or rarely	16%	5%	25%	4%	10%	4%
Somewhat or sometimes	32%	24%	18%	20%	14%	14%
Very or often	20%	32%	34%	34%	33%	36%
Extremely or almost always	32%	39%	23%	42%	43%	47%
I feel valued and appreciated by others.						
Not at all or rarely	25%	15%	18%	11%	12%	11%
Somewhat or sometimes	12%	50%	27%	45%	31%	39%
Very or often	25%	26%	39%	32%	41%	38%
Extremely or almost always	38%	10%	16%	11%	16%	12%
I am included in family tasks and decisions.						
Not at all or rarely	17%	12%	20%	9%	14%	7%
Somewhat or sometimes	26%	32%	23%	34%	22%	31%
Very or often	26%	45%	34%	39%	43%	39%
Extremely or almost always	30%	12%	23%	18%	21%	23%
I am given useful roles and responsibilities.						
Not at all or rarely	13%	7%	23%	6%	10%	3%
Somewhat or sometimes	26%	39%	20%	32%	29%	30%
Very or often	30%	40%	41%	47%	41%	43%
Extremely or almost always	30%	14%	16%	15%	19%	24%

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TABLE 29A
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND DISTRESS*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Over the last two weeks, how often have you been bothered by...?						
...little interest or pleasure in doing things?						
Not at all	52%	24%	47%	17%	24%	24%
Several days	12%	41%	13%	38%	52%	42%
More than half the days	20%	16%	20%	27%	13%	20%
Nearly every day	16%	18%	20%	18%	11%	14%
...feeling down, depressed or hopeless?						
Not at all	50%	22%	47%	20%	41%	27%
Several days	17%	32%	26%	36%	31%	42%
More than half the days	8%	19%	7%	21%	20%	17%
Nearly every day	25%	27%	21%	23%	7%	14%
...feeling nervous, anxious or on edge?						
Not at all	46%	15%	40%	11%	28%	12%
Several days	12%	28%	16%	31%	39%	38%
More than half the days	12%	22%	19%	20%	17%	25%
Nearly every day	29%	35%	26%	38%	17%	26%
...not being able to stop or control worrying?						
Not at all	52%	22%	45%	18%	39%	27%
Several days	16%	26%	27%	32%	30%	31%
More than half the days	12%	26%	5%	20%	13%	23%
Nearly every day	20%	27%	23%	30%	19%	20%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 29B
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND DISTRESS*
QUEER

No data in this table.

* Only the 5th grade survey asked these questions.

TABLE 30
SELF-INFLICTED INJURY; SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 12 months, how many times did you do something to purposely hurt or injure yourself without wanting to die, such as cutting, burning, scratching or bruising yourself on purpose?						
0 times	63%	34%	49%	44%	70%	62%
1 or 2 times	11%	13%	13%	16%	12%	13%
3 to 5 times	0%	14%	7%	11%	4%	13%
6 to 9 times	4%	8%	2%	9%	5%	2%
10 to 19 times	4%	13%	7%	5%	4%	6%
20 or more times	19%	19%	22%	15%	5%	4%
Have you ever seriously considered attempting suicide? (Mark ALL that apply)						
No	62%	41%	39%	43%	56%	47%
Yes, during the last year	24%	42%	39%	33%	19%	20%
Yes, more than a year ago	14%	31%	39%	41%	33%	42%
Have you ever actually attempted suicide? (Mark ALL that apply)						
No	71%	76%	64%	73%	75%	79%
Yes, during the last year	21%	16%	25%	10%	12%	2%
Yes, more than a year ago	7%	13%	23%	22%	18%	20%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 31
PROBLEMATIC AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR*^
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
During the last 12 months, how often have you...	%	%	%	%	%	%
...run away from home?						
Never	80%	91%	85%	94%	91%	97%
Once or twice	8%	9%	5%	6%	2%	3%
More than 3 times	12%	0%	10%	1%	7%	0%
...damaged or destroyed property?						
Never	68%	82%	69%	83%	68%	90%
Once or twice	20%	16%	18%	15%	23%	9%
More than 3 times	12%	2%	13%	1%	9%	1%
...hit or beat up another person?						
Never	68%	83%	77%	92%	79%	93%
Once or twice	12%	14%	15%	5%	16%	6%
More than 3 times	20%	3%	8%	3%	5%	1%
...taken something from a store without paying for it?						
Never	69%	83%	75%	88%	75%	84%
Once or twice	15%	11%	15%	7%	11%	12%
More than 3 times	15%	6%	10%	6%	14%	4%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Response options have changed from 2022.

TABLE 32A
GAMBLING BEHAVIOR*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 12 months, how often have you gambled, made bets, bought lottery tickets or scratch offs, or made purchases in online games?^						
Not at all	46%	78%	40%	85%	68%	87%
Less than once a month	18%	14%	21%	10%	12%	10%
About once a month	0%	6%	4%	3%	4%	2%
About once a week	0%	0%	2%	1%	4%	1%
2 to 6 times a week	4%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%
Daily	32%	2%	30%	1%	11%	1%
INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ANY GAMBLING ACTIVITIES DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS: Which of the following activities did you do? (Mark ALL that apply)						
...Bet on informal games of personal skill such as playing cards, video games, pool, golf, etc.^ ^	53%	55%	61%	32%	33%	38%
...Bet on formal sports/events or games including esports^ ^	33%	9%	32%	9%	28%	9%
...Bought lottery tickets or scratch offs^ ^	27%	27%	29%	23%	17%	24%
...Gambled in a casino^ ^	27%	5%	25%	0%	17%	6%
...Purchased mystery or random paid items (weapons/tools, power ups, new graphics, etc.) in online games without previewing the content first^ ^	33%	36%	43%	32%	44%	44%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2025.

^^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 32B
GAMBLING BEHAVIOR*^
QUEER

During the last 12 months, how often have you done the following gambling/betting activities? Includes all respondents, not just those who have gambled in the last 12 months.	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Bet on informal games of personal skill such as playing cards, video games, pool, golf, etc.						
Not at all	75%	87%	63%	94%	93%	96%
Once or twice	10%	7%	16%	4%	0%	4%
Once or twice a month	5%	4%	5%	0%	4%	0%
Once a week	0%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%
Daily	10%	1%	13%	1%	4%	0%
Bet on formal sports events or games including esports						
Not at all	68%	98%	73%	98%	89%	99%
Once or twice	5%	0%	5%	1%	4%	1%
Once or twice a month	9%	0%	3%	1%	2%	0%
Once a week	14%	1%	5%	0%	0%	0%
Daily	5%	1%	14%	0%	6%	0%
Bought lottery tickets or scratch offs						
Not at all	85%	91%	78%	96%	89%	96%
Once or twice	10%	7%	3%	4%	4%	3%
Once or twice a month	5%	1%	8%	1%	4%	0%
Once a week	0%	1%	3%	0%	2%	0%
Daily	0%	0%	8%	0%	2%	0%
Gambled in a casino						
Not at all	85%	99%	85%	100%	93%	99%
Once or twice	5%	0%	6%	0%	2%	1%
Once or twice a month	5%	0%	3%	0%	4%	0%
Once a week	0%	1%	6%	0%	2%	0%
Daily	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Gambled for money online including loot boxes						
Not at all	75%	91%	74%	97%	87%	95%
Once or twice	10%	5%	9%	1%	4%	3%
Once or twice a month	5%	2%	6%	1%	4%	1%
Once a week	0%	0%	3%	1%	2%	0%
Daily	10%	2%	9%	0%	4%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 32C
GAMBLING BEHAVIOR*
QUEER

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ANY GAMBLING ACTIVITIES DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS: During the last 12 months, how often have you...	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
...hidden your gambling/betting from your parents, other family members or teachers?						
Never	64%	73%	55%	88%	65%	94%
Sometimes	9%	23%	9%	6%	12%	3%
Many times	0%	0%	5%	6%	0%	0%
All of the time	27%	5%	32%	0%	24%	3%
...felt that you might have a problem with gambling/betting?						
Never	55%	77%	61%	94%	59%	79%
Sometimes	36%	9%	9%	6%	18%	21%
Many times	0%	5%	9%	0%	12%	0%
All of the time	9%	9%	22%	0%	12%	0%
...skipped hanging out with friends who do not gamble/bet to hang out with friends who do gamble/bet?						
Never	42%	95%	50%	94%	53%	94%
Sometimes	8%	5%	9%	0%	6%	3%
Many times	33%	0%	0%	6%	18%	0%
All of the time	17%	0%	41%	0%	24%	3%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 33
SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE USE*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Have you EVER used the following?^ (Mark ALL that apply)						
...Nicotine/tobacco	27%	17%	28%	16%	25%	17%
...Alcoholic beverages to drink	46%	20%	26%	22%	49%	25%
...Marijuana (pot, weed) or hashish (hash, hash oil) (Do NOT count medical marijuana prescribed for you by a doctor)	23%	9%	31%	13%	33%	21%
...I have never used any of the above	46%	75%	67%	75%	47%	66%
Use of conventional tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco) during the past 30 days^^						
No	88%	98%	90%	99%	85%	98%
Yes	12%	2%	10%	1%	15%	2%
Use of any tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and hookah, during the past 30 days^^						
No	85%	91%	82%	94%	82%	94%
Yes	15%	9%	18%	6%	18%	6%
Frequent binge drinking in the past year (typically drank 5 or more drinks at a time and drank on 10 or more occasions during the past year)^^						
No	92%	100%	97%	99%	91%	99%
Yes	8%	0%	3%	1%	9%	1%
Any alcohol and/or other drug use during the past year (excluding tobacco)^^						
No alcohol or marijuana or other drug use in the past year	53%	78%	63%	84%	54%	75%
Used only alcohol in the past year	17%	4%	2%	7%	14%	7%
Used alcohol and marijuana in past year, but not other drugs	0%	3%	6%	1%	7%	8%
Used marijuana or other drugs but not alcohol in the past year	13%	9%	16%	6%	16%	9%
Used alcohol and marijuana or other drugs in the past year	17%	6%	12%	1%	9%	2%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2025.

^^ This is a computed variable based on combinations of responses to two or more survey items.

TABLE 34
SUBSTANCE ABUSE*
QUEER

No data in this table.

* Only the 5th grade survey asked these questions.

TABLE 35A
TOBACCO USE*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the past 12 months, have you used the following?^						
...Nicotine/tobacco	27%	12%	22%	7%	16%	6%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you smoke a cigarette?^^						
0 days	96%	98%	90%	99%	91%	98%
1 to 19 days	0%	2%	8%	1%	5%	2%
20 or more days	4%	0%	3%	0%	4%	1%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos or little cigars?^^						
0 days	96%	99%	95%	99%	95%	99%
1 to 19 days	4%	1%	5%	1%	4%	0%
20 or more days	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff or dip?^^						
0 days	88%	99%	95%	99%	98%	99%
1 to 19 days	8%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%
20 or more days	4%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you vape or use an e-cigarette that contains nicotine, such as JUUL, VUSE, NJOY, Puff Bar, Blu, or Bidi Stick?^^						
0 days	88%	92%	85%	95%	87%	95%
1 to 19 days	4%	7%	8%	3%	6%	3%
20 or more days	8%	1%	8%	2%	7%	2%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use a hookah or a waterpipe to smoke tobacco?^^						
0 days	96%	98%	92%	99%	95%	100%
1 to 19 days	0%	2%	8%	1%	0%	0%
20 or more days	4%	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2025.

^^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 35B
FLAVORED TOBACCO USE*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
IF VAPED IN PAST 30 DAYS: Which flavors of cigarettes (or e-juice) have you used in the past 30 days? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Tobacco-flavored	67%	12%	20%	0%	0%	9%
Menthol or mint	100%	25%	83%	43%	0%	27%
Clove or spice	67%	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%
Fruit	67%	75%	67%	86%	86%	64%
Chocolate	67%	0%	33%	14%	0%	9%
An alcoholic drink	67%	12%	33%	0%	14%	0%
A non-alcoholic drink	67%	12%	33%	14%	29%	0%
Candy, desserts, or other sweets	100%	38%	83%	71%	43%	9%
Some other flavor	67%	0%	50%	57%	14%	18%
No flavor (unflavored)	33%	12%	17%	14%	14%	0%
IF VAPED IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student used a flavored e-cigarette in the past 30 days^						
No	0%	12%	0%	0%	0%	17%
Yes	100%	88%	100%	100%	100%	83%
IF SMOKED CIGARETTE IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student smoked a flavored (i.e., menthol) cigarette in the past 30 days						
No	0%	100%	50%	100%	40%	33%
Yes	100%	0%	50%	0%	60%	67%
IF SMOKED CIGAR IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student smoked a flavored cigar in the past 30 days						
No	0%	100%	50%	100%	100%	50%
Yes	100%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%
IF USED SMOKELESS TOBACCO IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student used flavored smokeless tobacco in the past 30 days						
No	33%	100%	0%	100%	100%	50%
Yes	67%	0%	100%	0%	0%	50%
IF USED HOOKAH IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student used flavored hookah in the past 30 days						
No	0%	100%	33%	100%	33%	0%
Yes	100%	0%	67%	0%	67%	100%
IF PAST 30 DAYS TOBACCO USE: Student used a flavored tobacco product in the past 30 days^^						
No	25%	22%	14%	12%	20%	7%
Yes	75%	78%	86%	88%	80%	93%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Tobacco-flavor is excluded from the definition of flavored e-cigarettes.

^^ This is a computed variable based on combinations of responses to two or more survey items.

TABLE 36
ACCESS TO E-CIGARETTES*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
IF VAPED IN PAST 30 DAYS: When you vaped or used an e-cigarette during the last 30 days, how did you get it? (Mark ALL that apply)						
I bought it at stores other than vape/tobacco shops (e.g., gas stations, convenience stores, grocery stores, discount stores, drug stores)^	50%	0%	20%	0%	14%	18%
I bought it on the internet	50%	0%	80%	0%	0%	0%
I bought it at vape shops or other stores that sell only e-cigarettes	50%	0%	20%	14%	14%	27%
I got it from friends	100%	75%	60%	100%	43%	45%
I got it from my parents or other family members^	0%	25%	0%	14%	0%	0%
I got it by getting someone else to buy it for me	50%	25%	60%	14%	14%	9%
I took it from my home or a friend's home^	50%	0%	40%	0%	0%	18%
I got it some other way	50%	0%	60%	14%	29%	18%
I got it at parties^	50%	0%	20%	0%	14%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New response option in 2025.

TABLE 37
EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE AND SECONDHAND AEROSOL*
QUEER

No data in this table.

* Only the 5th grade survey asked these questions.

TABLE 38
ALCOHOL USE FREQUENCY AND QUANTITY*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the past 12 months, have you used the following?^						
...Alcoholic beverages to drink	33%	13%	20%	10%	30%	16%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you drink one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage?^^						
0 days	73%	95%	84%	96%	81%	92%
1-19 days	15%	5%	11%	4%	9%	7%
20 or more days	12%	0%	5%	1%	9%	1%
During the last 12 months, on how many occasions have you had alcoholic beverages to drink?^^						
0	69%	85%	79%	88%	63%	81%
1-2	12%	10%	8%	7%	9%	12%
3-9	12%	4%	5%	4%	9%	4%
10 or more	8%	1%	8%	1%	19%	2%
If you drink beer/wine/wine coolers/liquor, generally how much do you drink at one time?						
No alcohol use	67%	89%	81%	88%	60%	80%
1 glass/can/drink	14%	7%	3%	8%	17%	13%
2 glasses/cans/drinks	0%	3%	0%	1%	4%	3%
3 glasses/cans/drinks	5%	1%	14%	1%	6%	2%
4 glasses/cans/drinks	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%
5 or more glasses/cans/drinks	14%	0%	3%	2%	11%	1%
Binge drinking (4 or more drinks in a row (females) or 5 or more drinks in a row (males) within a couple of hours)^^^						
0 days	88%	99%	87%	99%	87%	98%
1 to 19 days	4%	1%	11%	1%	7%	2%
20 or more days	8%	0%	3%	1%	6%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2025.

^^ Change in response options from 2022.

^^^ This is a computed variable based on combinations of responses to two or more survey items.

TABLE 39
ACCESS TO ALCOHOL*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS						
When you used alcohol during the last 30 days, how did you get it? (Mark ALL that apply)						
I bought it at bars or restaurants or stores other than liquor stores (e.g., gas stations, convenience stores, grocery stores, discount stores, drug stores)^	60%	0%	0%	0%	30%	11%
I bought it at liquor stores or other stores that sell only alcohol	0%	20%	0%	0%	20%	5%
I bought alcohol on the internet	0%	0%	40%	0%	10%	0%
I got alcohol from friends	40%	40%	20%	60%	30%	32%
I got alcohol from my parents or other family members^	20%	80%	0%	20%	30%	47%
I got alcohol by getting someone else to buy it for me	20%	0%	40%	20%	20%	11%
I got alcohol at parties	20%	0%	0%	20%	20%	26%
I took alcohol from my home or a friend's home^	20%	0%	20%	40%	10%	32%
I got alcohol some other way	0%	0%	40%	20%	20%	11%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New response option in 2025.

TABLE 40
USE OF MARIJUANA*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the past 12 months, have you used the following?^						
...Marijuana (pot, weed) or hashish (hash, hash oil) (Do NOT count medical marijuana prescribed for you by a doctor)	17%	6%	22%	5%	16%	15%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana?^^						
0 days	81%	94%	79%	97%	80%	90%
1-19 days	4%	5%	13%	2%	11%	8%
20 or more days	15%	1%	8%	1%	9%	2%
IF EVER USED MARIJUANA, how old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?^						
8 years old or younger	50%	0%	27%	0%	18%	4%
9 or 10 years old	17%	11%	9%	6%	0%	0%
11 or 12 years old	17%	44%	18%	47%	12%	8%
13 or 14 years old	0%	44%	45%	29%	29%	48%
15 or 16 years old	0%	0%	0%	12%	29%	40%
17 years old or older	17%	0%	0%	6%	12%	0%
IF USED MARIJUANA IN THE PAST 30 DAYS, in which ways did you use marijuana or other THC-containing products (e.g., edibles, beverages)? (Mark ALL that apply)^						
Smoke it (for example, in a joint, bong, pipe, or blunt)	80%	60%	71%	50%	55%	60%
Eat it (for example, in gummies, brownies, cakes, cookies, or candy)	80%	60%	29%	25%	45%	56%
Drink it (for example, in seltzers, tea, cola, or alcohol)	60%	0%	14%	0%	27%	20%
Vape it (for example, in an e-cigarette-like vaporizer or another vaporizing)	80%	60%	71%	75%	73%	56%
Dab it (for example, using a dabbing rig, knife, or dab pen)	60%	0%	29%	25%	27%	4%
Use it some other way	60%	0%	43%	0%	9%	8%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2025.

^^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 41
ACCESS TO MARIJUANA**
QUEER

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED MARIJUANA IN THE LAST 30 DAYS	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
When you used marijuana or other THC-containing products (e.g., edibles, beverages) during the last 30 days, how did you get it? (Mark ALL that apply)						
I bought it at dispensaries or other stores that sells only marijuana and other THC-containing products	0%	0%	0%	0%	18%	12%
I bought it at bars or restaurants or stores other than dispensaries (e.g., gas stations, convenience stores, grocery stores, discount stores, drug stores)	100%	0%	14%	0%	9%	4%
I bought it on the internet	33%	0%	43%	20%	0%	12%
I got it from friends	33%	60%	57%	80%	45%	71%
I got it from my parents or other family members	33%	20%	14%	60%	18%	21%
I got it by getting someone else to buy it for me	33%	0%	14%	20%	27%	8%
I got it at parties	33%	0%	29%	0%	18%	25%
I took it from my home or a friend's home	33%	20%	14%	20%	0%	17%
I got it some other way	33%	20%	29%	20%	36%	17%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2025.

TABLE 42
PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG USE*[^]
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the past 12 months, have you used the following?^						
...Over-the-counter drugs such as cough syrup, cold medicine, or diet pills that you took only to get high	20%	6%	22%	1%	7%	1%
...Prescription stimulants such as Amphetamines or diet pills, without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it	20%	1%	18%	0%	2%	1%
...Prescription ADHD or ADD drugs (Ritalin, Adderall, hyper pills), without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it	20%	2%	18%	1%	4%	1%
...Prescription pain relievers (OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, or others), without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it	20%	4%	18%	1%	4%	2%
...Prescription tranquilizers (Valium, Xanax, Klonopin, Ativan, anxiety pills, sedatives, or benzos (downers)), without a doctor's prescription or differently tha	20%	3%	18%	1%	14%	2%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 43
OTHER DRUG AND INHALANT USE*^
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the past 12 months, have you used the following?^						
...Sniffed glue or huffed or inhaled the contents of aerosol spray cans or other gases to get high	27%	6%	20%	0%	5%	2%
...LSD (acid), PCP (wet sticks or dipped joints) or other psychedelics (mushrooms, angel dust)	20%	1%	20%	1%	5%	1%
...MDMA (E, X, ecstasy, Molly), GHB (G, Liquid E, Liquid X, roofies), or Ketamine (Special K)	20%	1%	20%	0%	5%	1%
...Crack, coke, or cocaine in any form	20%	1%	18%	1%	5%	1%
...Heroin (smack, junk, China White)	20%	1%	18%	1%	5%	1%
...Methamphetamine (meth, glass, crank, crystal meth, ice)	20%	1%	18%	1%	4%	1%
...Synthetic marijuana (K2, Gold) that you took only to get high	20%	1%	20%	1%	7%	1%
...Any other synthetic drugs such as bath salts (Ivory Wave, White Lightning) that you took only to get high	20%	1%	16%	0%	4%	1%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 44
PERCEIVED RISK OF HARM FROM SUBSTANCE USE*
QUEER

How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they...	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
...smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?						
No risk	38%	2%	18%	4%	21%	10%
Slight risk	10%	11%	21%	3%	8%	8%
Moderate risk	14%	37%	18%	24%	8%	18%
Great risk	38%	51%	44%	69%	63%	65%
...have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice per week?						
No risk	41%	3%	27%	5%	17%	7%
Slight risk	5%	17%	15%	9%	10%	10%
Moderate risk	27%	38%	30%	36%	31%	32%
Great risk	27%	42%	27%	50%	42%	51%
...use marijuana once or twice per week?						
No risk	43%	10%	23%	14%	37%	20%
Slight risk	5%	43%	42%	41%	37%	49%
Moderate risk	19%	30%	13%	25%	12%	19%
Great risk	33%	17%	23%	20%	15%	12%
...use prescription drugs not prescribed for them?						
No risk	38%	3%	18%	2%	13%	7%
Slight risk	19%	11%	15%	6%	8%	8%
Moderate risk	5%	32%	21%	37%	17%	30%
Great risk	38%	54%	45%	55%	62%	55%
...vape or use e-cigarettes?						
No risk	40%	2%	18%	4%	17%	8%
Slight risk	15%	18%	21%	22%	13%	14%
Moderate risk	10%	41%	21%	29%	29%	41%
Great risk	35%	38%	39%	46%	40%	38%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 45A
PERCEPTIONS OF PARENTS' DISAPPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE USE*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
How wrong do your PARENTS feel it would be for you to...	%	%	%	%	%	%
...smoke cigarettes?						
Not at all wrong	20%	1%	15%	0%	10%	1%
A little bit wrong	0%	5%	9%	4%	6%	8%
Wrong	10%	22%	18%	18%	19%	23%
Very wrong	70%	71%	59%	78%	65%	68%
...have one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?						
Not at all wrong	19%	1%	15%	0%	8%	2%
A little bit wrong	0%	5%	6%	5%	12%	8%
Wrong	19%	20%	30%	15%	15%	18%
Very wrong	62%	73%	48%	79%	65%	71%
...use marijuana?						
Not at all wrong	20%	8%	12%	4%	23%	7%
A little bit wrong	0%	6%	15%	13%	12%	25%
Wrong	15%	30%	27%	20%	27%	21%
Very wrong	65%	56%	45%	62%	38%	47%
...use prescription drugs not prescribed for you?						
Not at all wrong	24%	1%	12%	0%	8%	1%
A little bit wrong	0%	6%	6%	1%	6%	6%
Wrong	14%	14%	24%	11%	12%	10%
Very wrong	62%	79%	58%	88%	75%	84%
...vape or use e-cigarettes?						
Not at all wrong	19%	2%	12%	0%	8%	1%
A little bit wrong	0%	10%	6%	3%	10%	6%
Wrong	19%	19%	21%	18%	23%	22%
Very wrong	62%	69%	61%	79%	60%	70%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 45B
PERCEPTIONS OF FRIENDS' DISAPPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE USE*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
How wrong do your FRIENDS feel it would be for you to...	%	%	%	%	%	%
...smoke cigarettes?						
Not at all wrong	25%	7%	18%	1%	10%	6%
A little bit wrong	15%	14%	6%	17%	20%	21%
Wrong	10%	36%	27%	32%	29%	33%
Very wrong	50%	43%	48%	51%	41%	41%
...have one or more drinks of alcoholic beverage nearly every day?						
Not at all wrong	29%	5%	22%	1%	14%	5%
A little bit wrong	10%	5%	16%	13%	14%	15%
Wrong	14%	35%	19%	31%	31%	29%
Very wrong	48%	54%	44%	55%	41%	50%
...use marijuana?						
Not at all wrong	25%	16%	33%	11%	39%	22%
A little bit wrong	10%	12%	15%	25%	24%	31%
Wrong	20%	31%	18%	23%	8%	21%
Very wrong	45%	41%	33%	41%	29%	26%
...use prescription drugs not prescribed for you?						
Not at all wrong	25%	4%	19%	0%	10%	3%
A little bit wrong	10%	10%	6%	8%	16%	8%
Wrong	20%	32%	25%	28%	22%	27%
Very wrong	45%	54%	50%	63%	53%	63%
...vape or use e-cigarettes?						
Not at all wrong	24%	12%	34%	5%	18%	9%
A little bit wrong	14%	10%	9%	20%	22%	23%
Wrong	10%	34%	12%	24%	20%	30%
Very wrong	52%	44%	44%	50%	41%	38%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 46
PERCEPTIONS ABOUT ALCOHOL USE*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
How do you feel about each of the following statements? - Parents and other adults should clearly communicate with their children about the importance of not using alcohol.						
Strongly agree	47%	58%	58%	59%	53%	54%
Agree	21%	31%	18%	32%	27%	38%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%	7%	6%	7%	10%	5%
Disagree	0%	2%	9%	0%	6%	0%
Strongly disagree	21%	2%	9%	2%	4%	2%
How do you feel about each of the following statements? - Drinking alcohol is never a good thing for anyone my age to do.						
Strongly agree	41%	60%	50%	53%	53%	40%
Agree	18%	24%	16%	26%	16%	28%
Neither agree nor disagree	18%	9%	19%	16%	16%	23%
Disagree	0%	2%	6%	4%	12%	6%
Strongly disagree	24%	4%	9%	2%	4%	3%
In your opinion, how do you think MOST STUDENTS in your school feel about each of the following statements? - Parents and other adults should clearly communicate with their children about the importance of not using alcohol.						
Strongly agree	50%	14%	29%	16%	18%	13%
Agree	28%	52%	35%	48%	39%	46%
Neither agree nor disagree	6%	32%	23%	31%	33%	37%
Disagree	6%	2%	3%	4%	8%	3%
Strongly disagree	11%	0%	10%	2%	2%	2%
In your opinion, how do you think MOST STUDENTS in your school feel about each of the following statements? - Drinking alcohol is never a good thing for anyone my age to do.						
Strongly agree	44%	12%	32%	13%	20%	7%
Agree	17%	42%	23%	31%	16%	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%	33%	26%	41%	45%	41%
Disagree	0%	13%	13%	12%	16%	23%
Strongly disagree	17%	0%	6%	2%	4%	4%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 47A
USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA AND E-CIGARETTES*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
How often do you use each of the following?	%	%	%	%	%	%
Tobacco (cigarettes, chew) ^						
Never	89%	92%	65%	95%	80%	91%
Tried once or twice	0%	6%	10%	4%	10%	7%
Once or twice a month	0%	1%	6%	0%	2%	1%
Once a week	0%	0%	6%	1%	4%	0%
Daily	11%	0%	13%	1%	4%	0%
Alcohol (beer, wine, liquor) ^						
Never	72%	74%	53%	69%	59%	60%
Tried once or twice	11%	23%	20%	28%	22%	34%
Once or twice a month	6%	2%	13%	2%	12%	5%
Once a week	6%	0%	3%	2%	4%	0%
Daily	6%	0%	10%	0%	4%	0%
Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil) ^						
Never	89%	94%	59%	91%	71%	77%
Tried once or twice	0%	3%	10%	7%	14%	14%
Once or twice a month	0%	2%	14%	0%	8%	4%
Once a week	6%	1%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Daily	6%	0%	14%	1%	4%	2%
Vaping device or e-cigarette with nicotine ^						
Never	83%	81%	67%	85%	78%	84%
Tried once or twice	6%	13%	7%	10%	10%	11%
Once or twice a month	0%	3%	7%	1%	4%	2%
Once a week	6%	3%	3%	1%	2%	0%
Daily	6%	0%	17%	3%	6%	3%
Vaping device or e-cigarette with marijuana, THC or hash oil, or THC wax ^						
Never	89%	90%	63%	93%	76%	84%
Tried once or twice	0%	5%	7%	5%	6%	11%
Once or twice a month	0%	2%	13%	1%	8%	1%
Once a week	6%	1%	0%	1%	4%	2%
Daily	6%	1%	17%	1%	6%	2%
IF USED ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA: In the last year, how often did you use alcohol and marijuana or other THC-containing products (e.g., edibles, beverages) at the same time? ^ ^						
Usually	67%	25%	25%	0%	0%	9%
Sometimes	0%	0%	38%	67%	71%	39%
Never	33%	75%	38%	33%	29%	52%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in response options from 2022.

^^ New question in 2025.

TABLE 47B
PERCEPTIONS OF OTHERS' USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA AND E-CIGARETTES*
QUEER

In your opinion, how often do you think MOST STUDENTS in your school use each of the following?	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Tobacco (cigarettes, chew) ^						
Never	47%	45%	45%	39%	40%	28%
Tried once or twice	16%	39%	24%	41%	36%	46%
Once or twice a month	16%	14%	9%	12%	6%	16%
Once a week	11%	0%	6%	3%	4%	5%
Daily	11%	2%	15%	5%	14%	4%
Alcohol (beer, wine, liquor) ^						
Never	44%	27%	28%	19%	24%	9%
Tried once or twice	22%	53%	19%	45%	24%	36%
Once or twice a month	17%	15%	28%	22%	30%	37%
Once a week	11%	2%	12%	12%	10%	14%
Daily	6%	2%	12%	2%	12%	4%
Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil) ^						
Never	61%	46%	41%	23%	20%	13%
Tried once or twice	11%	28%	19%	36%	24%	32%
Once or twice a month	11%	14%	16%	20%	22%	27%
Once a week	6%	7%	12%	15%	12%	18%
Daily	11%	5%	12%	6%	22%	11%
Vaping device or e-cigarette with nicotine ^						
Never	44%	13%	29%	10%	18%	5%
Tried once or twice	6%	27%	13%	26%	16%	22%
Once or twice a month	17%	24%	16%	18%	20%	19%
Once a week	6%	17%	3%	16%	20%	20%
Daily	28%	19%	39%	30%	26%	35%
Vaping device or e-cigarette with marijuana, THC or hash oil, or THC wax ^						
Never	50%	36%	34%	20%	22%	13%
Tried once or twice	11%	27%	19%	33%	28%	31%
Once or twice a month	11%	16%	12%	13%	12%	19%
Once a week	11%	11%	19%	19%	14%	16%
Daily	17%	10%	16%	15%	24%	22%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 48A
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE*
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
During the last 12 months ...	%	%	%	%	%	%
IF USED: Have you found that you had to use a lot more alcohol or drugs than before to get the same effect?						
Yes	25%	13%	36%	26%	36%	9%
No	75%	87%	64%	74%	64%	91%
IF USED: Have you tried to cut down on your use of alcohol or drugs but couldn't?						
Yes	18%	4%	29%	13%	21%	8%
No	82%	96%	71%	87%	79%	92%
IF USED: Have you continued to use alcohol or drugs even though you knew it was hurting your relationships with friends or family?						
Yes	27%	17%	29%	10%	32%	8%
No	73%	83%	71%	90%	68%	92%
IF USED: Were there any times when you felt such a strong desire or urge to drink alcohol or to use a drug that you couldn't resist or could not think of anything else?						
Yes	55%	26%	33%	35%	37%	9%
No	45%	74%	67%	65%	63%	91%
IF USED: How many times have you spent all or most of the day using alcohol or drugs, or getting over their effects?						
0 times	70%	82%	38%	68%	81%	82%
1 time	0%	5%	23%	9%	0%	7%
2 times	0%	5%	15%	5%	4%	7%
3 or more times	30%	9%	23%	18%	15%	3%
IF USED: How many times have you given up important social or recreational activities like sports or being with friends or relatives to use alcohol or drugs or to get over their effects?						
0 times	58%	82%	38%	82%	85%	87%
1 time	0%	14%	31%	14%	0%	7%
2 times	17%	5%	8%	5%	4%	3%
3 or more times	25%	0%	23%	0%	11%	3%
IF USED: How many times have you missed work or school, or neglected other major responsibilities because of alcohol or drug use?						
0 times	70%	95%	46%	91%	82%	91%
1 time	0%	5%	31%	5%	4%	4%
2 times	0%	0%	8%	5%	4%	3%
3 or more times	30%	0%	15%	0%	11%	1%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 48B
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE*
QUEER

During the last 12 months ...	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
IF USED: How many times have you driven a motor vehicle after using alcohol or drugs?**						
0 times			38%	95%	89%	91%
1 time			31%	5%	0%	4%
2 times			23%	0%	4%	1%
3 or more times			8%	0%	7%	3%
IF USED: How many times have you hit someone or become violent while using alcohol or drugs?						
0 times	70%	95%	42%	100%	85%	97%
1 time	0%	5%	25%	0%	0%	1%
2 times	0%	0%	8%	0%	7%	1%
3 or more times	30%	0%	25%	0%	7%	0%
IF USED: How many times have you used so much alcohol or drugs that the next day you could not remember what you had said or done?						
0 times	70%	86%	38%	77%	82%	81%
1 time	0%	5%	38%	9%	0%	10%
2 times	0%	9%	0%	9%	4%	4%
3 or more times	30%	0%	23%	5%	14%	4%
IF USED: How many times have you used more alcohol or drugs than you intended to?						
0 times	70%	73%	31%	68%	75%	76%
1 time	0%	5%	31%	23%	4%	15%
2 times	0%	18%	15%	5%	7%	3%
3 or more times	30%	5%	23%	5%	14%	6%
IF USED: How many times has alcohol or drug use left you feeling depressed, agitated, paranoid, or unable to concentrate?						
0 times	64%	68%	50%	57%	62%	79%
1 time	0%	14%	14%	17%	8%	13%
2 times	9%	9%	21%	13%	4%	3%
3 or more times	27%	9%	14%	13%	27%	4%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

** 8th grade survey did not ask this question.

TABLE 49
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR*
QUEER

	Grade			
	9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%
Have you ever had sex?				
Yes	39%	15%	47%	23%
No	61%	85%	53%	77%
IF EVER HAD SEX: During the last 12 months, how many different partners have you had sex with?^				
None	70%	89%	57%	81%
1 person	0%	8%	21%	14%
2 persons	8%	1%	2%	3%
3 persons	2%	0%	6%	1%
4 or more persons	20%	1%	15%	1%
IF EVER HAD SEX: Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sex the LAST time?				
Yes	53%	6%	28%	14%
No	47%	94%	72%	86%

* 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask these questions.

^ Change in response option from 2022.

TABLE 50
PREVENTION OF PREGNANCY AND INFECTION*
QUEER

	Grade			
	9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%
INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE EVER HAD SEX				
Have you talked with your partner(s) about protecting yourselves from getting sexually transmitted infections/HIV/AIDS?				
Never	36%	28%	17%	11%
Not with every partner	9%	6%	17%	11%
At least once with every partner	18%	50%	54%	66%
Does not apply to me^	36%	17%	12%	12%
Have you talked with your partner(s) about preventing pregnancy?				
Never	36%	22%	17%	13%
Not with every partner	9%	11%	12%	5%
At least once with every partner	18%	44%	46%	56%
Does not apply to me^	36%	22%	25%	25%
The LAST time you had sex, what method or methods did you or your partner use to prevent pregnancy? (Mark ALL that apply)				
No method was used to prevent pregnancy	20%	17%	21%	7%
Birth control pills	40%	11%	21%	15%
Condoms	30%	28%	38%	41%
Birth control shot, ring, or patch^^	0%	0%	4%	9%
Implant or IUD^^	0%	0%	12%	24%
Withdrawal	20%	6%	4%	9%
Not sure	18%	11%	4%	2%
Not applicable	27%	44%	21%	33%
The LAST time you had sex, did you or your partner use a condom or dental dam (barrier)?^^^				
Yes	23%	22%	64%	47%
No	77%	78%	36%	53%

* 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask these questions.

^ New response option in 2025.

^^ Change in response option wording from 2022.

^^^ Change in question wording from 2022.

TABLE 51
RESOURCES IN THE HOME (PROXY FOR SES)^
QUEER

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
About how many books are there in your home?						
Few (0-10)	34%	6%	22%	5%	26%	5%
Enough to fill one shelf (11-25)	20%	11%	22%	8%	10%	10%
Enough to fill one bookcase (26-100)	26%	26%	19%	29%	26%	36%
Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)	20%	57%	38%	58%	38%	49%
Do you have any of the following in your home?						
...Access to the internet	86%	99%	84%	95%	89%	99%
...Your own bedroom	83%	91%	78%	91%	82%	94%
...A desktop or laptop computer (including Chromebooks) that you can use	80%	88%	78%	84%	85%	94%
...A tablet (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) that you can use	65%	78%	56%	68%	53%	68%
...A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, HTC One) that you can use	85%	96%	84%	93%	89%	100%

^ Source: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
 (https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/researchcenter/socioeconomic_factors.pdf).