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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
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade					
	8th grade		9th grade		11th grade	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total number of surveys						
	631	100%	574	100%	373	100%
What was your sex assigned at birth (as on your original birth certificate)?^						
Male	165	26%	133	23%	120	32%
Female	458	73%	440	77%	252	68%
No answer	8	1%	1	0%	1	0%
Age^^						
10 years old	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
11 years old	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
12 years old	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%
13 years old	282	45%	3	1%	0	0%
14 years old	333	53%	249	43%	0	0%
15 years old	11	2%	316	55%	2	1%
16 years old	0	0%	6	1%	169	45%
17 years old	0	0%	0	0%	195	52%
18 years old	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%
19-20 years old	0	0%	0	0%	4	1%
How do you describe yourself? (Mark ALL that apply)						
American Indian or Alaskan Native only	11	2%	10	2%	4	1%
Asian, South Asian or Asian American only	67	11%	49	9%	34	9%
Black, African or African American only	35	6%	31	5%	25	7%
Hispanic or Latino/Latina only	37	6%	44	8%	22	6%
Middle Eastern or North African only	1	0%	3	1%	0	0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%
White only	373	59%	364	63%	238	64%
Multiple Races (checked more than one)	94	15%	65	11%	45	12%
No answer	12	2%	7	1%	4	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
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	24	4%	16	3%	7	2%
Dakota/Lakota	6	1%	3	1%	3	1%
Other tribal affiliation	9	1%	6	1%	3	1%
If you are Asian or Asian American, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Bangladeshi	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Burmese	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Chinese	15	2%	14	2%	7	2%
Filipino	6	1%	5	1%	1	0%
Hmong	37	6%	31	5%	15	4%
Indian	10	2%	5	1%	4	1%
Karen	3	0%	0	0%	2	1%
Korean	7	1%	4	1%	5	1%
Lao	6	1%	3	1%	1	0%
Nepali	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Pakistani	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Vietnamese	2	0%	8	1%	5	1%
Other Asian	10	2%	5	1%	7	2%
If you are Black, African or African American, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)						
African American	45	7%	41	7%	32	9%
Ethiopian – Oromo	1	0%	1	0%	2	1%
Ethiopian – Other	4	1%	4	1%	0	0%
Liberian	3	0%	4	1%	2	1%
Nigerian	4	1%	5	1%	1	0%
Somali	5	1%	0	0%	6	2%
Other Black, African or African American	15	2%	17	3%	8	2%

TABLE 1B (CONT.)
DEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	0%	0	0%	2	1%
Ecuadoran	3	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Guatemalan	1	0%	4	1%	5	1%
Mexican	54	9%	50	9%	24	6%
Puerto Rican	4	1%	5	1%	2	1%
Salvadoran	2	0%	11	2%	2	1%
Spanish/Spanish-American	14	2%	6	1%	6	2%
Other Hispanic or Latino/Latina	13	2%	8	1%	7	2%
If you are Middle Eastern or North African, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Egyptian	1	0%	2	0%	1	0%
Iranian	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Iraqi	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Lebanese	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Palestinian	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other Middle Eastern or North African	3	0%	1	0%	3	1%

TABLE 2
GENDER EXPRESSION; SEXUAL ORIENTATION; GENDER IDENTITY*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	3%	24%	3%	23%	3%	33%
Somewhat feminine	8%	30%	8%	36%	9%	35%
Equally feminine and masculine	25%	34%	31%	29%	18%	22%
Somewhat masculine	41%	9%	39%	10%	49%	6%
Very or mostly masculine	25%	2%	19%	1%	21%	3%
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Pansexual	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Queer	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	0%
Boy/man (cisgender, which means your gender identity matches your sex assigned at birth)	86%	1%	84%	1%	79%	2%
Boy/man (transgender, which means your gender identity does not match your sex assigned at birth)	1%	6%	1%	6%	0%	4%
Genderfluid, gender non-conforming, or genderqueer	1%	6%	2%	5%	3%	4%
Girl/woman (cisgender, which means your gender identity matches your sex assigned at birth)	0%	77%	1%	78%	0%	88%
Girl/woman (transgender, which means your gender identity does not match your sex assigned at birth)	1%	1%	2%	1%	4%	2%
Nonbinary	3%	5%	3%	2%	8%	4%
Two spirit	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Questioning/ unsure	10%	14%	13%	12%	18%	8%
Identity not listed	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%

* 5th grade surveys did not ask these questions.

TABLE 3
SCHOOL PLANS; ACADEMIC ADVISING; IEP; CHANGING SCHOOLS; ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Get my GED	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%
Go to a two-year community or technical college	9%	5%	8%	5%	8%	14%
Go to a four-year college or university	54%	60%	47%	72%	49%	66%
Get a license or certificate in a career field	2%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%
Attend an apprenticeship program	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Join the military	1%	3%	1%	2%	6%	2%
Work at a job	17%	13%	21%	9%	19%	7%
Other	16%	12%	18%	8%	12%	6%
Has an adult in your school helped you think about education options for after high school (college or other training program)?**						
Yes			70%	67%	81%	85%
No			30%	33%	19%	15%
Has an adult in your school helped you find career-focused field experiences (job shadowing, work-based learning, service learning, career camps, apprenticeships)?**						
Yes			48%	40%	46%	47%
No			52%	60%	54%	53%
Do you receive special education services as part of an IEP (individualized education program)?						
Yes	23%	13%	23%	14%	21%	12%
No	48%	63%	47%	66%	57%	78%
Not sure	29%	24%	30%	20%	22%	11%
Since the beginning of this school year, have you changed schools?						
Yes	3%	4%	8%	6%	5%	2%
No	97%	96%	92%	94%	95%	98%
How would you describe your grades this school year?						
Mostly A's	47%	58%	39%	64%	40%	54%
Mostly B's	34%	22%	40%	20%	34%	31%
Mostly C's	9%	11%	13%	9%	17%	10%
Mostly D's	2%	3%	5%	4%	5%	2%
Mostly F's	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%	1%
Mostly Incompletes	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
None of these letter grades	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%

* 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**
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade	
	8th	
	Male	Female
	%	%
On a typical school day, how do you normally travel to and from school? (Mark ALL that apply)		
Walk	10%	13%
Bike	6%	4%
School bus	69%	66%
Family vehicle (riding with others from your family)	43%	50%
Carpools (riding with children from other families)	2%	5%
Transit (city bus, light rail, etc.)	0%	1%
Other (skateboard, scooter, inline skates, etc)	1%	0%

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

^ Change in question wording from 2022.

TABLE 5
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	43%	35%	42%	38%	34%	33%
Once or twice	39%	42%	35%	34%	49%	42%
3 to 5 times	13%	17%	19%	19%	8%	21%
6 or more times	6%	6%	5%	9%	9%	4%
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	43%	33%	32%	38%	41%	36%
Once or twice	40%	42%	41%	41%	31%	40%
3 to 5 times	13%	16%	14%	14%	20%	16%
6 to 9 times	2%	5%	9%	4%	4%	4%
10 or more times	2%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%
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	52%	61%	63%	63%	58%	63%
Medical, dental or other health-related appointment	48%	52%	45%	43%	31%	40%
Felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed or angry	6%	20%	12%	27%	19%	30%
Didn't get enough sleep	15%	16%	15%	19%	26%	29%
Didn't feel safe at school	2%	4%	2%	4%	2%	3%
Had to work (for pay or to help with a family business or chores)	1%	0%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Had to take care of or help someone else (child, sibling, relative, etc.)^	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Behind in schoolwork or not prepared for a test or class assignment	3%	4%	6%	8%	4%	13%
Bored with or not interested in school	4%	8%	8%	9%	8%	12%
Suspended from school	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Other reason	21%	14%	17%	14%	13%	15%
Was in quarantine^^	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%
Did not want to go^^	7%	15%	7%	15%	17%	24%
Did not feel like I belonged at school^^	3%	6%	5%	5%	2%	2%
Hung out with friends instead^^	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	5%
Was out of town^^	15%	14%	9%	13%	12%	8%
Had a religious holiday or cultural event^^	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Had issues with transportation^^	7%	6%	12%	10%	15%	9%

^ Change in response option wording from 2022.

^^ New response option in 2025.

TABLE 6
DISCIPLINE; FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	89%	94%	88%	96%	96%	98%
Once or twice	8%	4%	9%	3%	2%	2%
3 to 5 times	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
6 to 9 times	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
10 or more times	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
How often do you care about doing well in school?						
All of the time	37%	47%	39%	56%	34%	59%
Most of the time	44%	39%	45%	30%	42%	32%
Some of the time	15%	12%	13%	14%	22%	7%
None of the time	4%	2%	2%	0%	3%	1%
How often do you go to class unprepared?						
All of the time	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	4%
Most of the time	10%	7%	5%	6%	8%	7%
Some of the time	44%	49%	62%	47%	51%	57%
None of the time	42%	42%	29%	45%	37%	32%
How often do you pay attention in class?						
All of the time	24%	19%	17%	20%	14%	15%
Most of the time	54%	63%	66%	61%	64%	72%
Some of the time	22%	18%	16%	17%	22%	12%
None of the time	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%

TABLE 7
FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

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	50%	46%	57%	51%	54%	57%
Agree	48%	52%	42%	47%	45%	43%
Disagree	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%
Strongly disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
I think things I learn at school are useful.						
Strongly agree	17%	9%	20%	10%	14%	9%
Agree	61%	69%	53%	67%	62%	79%
Disagree	19%	20%	22%	20%	17%	11%
Strongly disagree	4%	2%	5%	3%	7%	1%
Being a student is one of the most important parts of who I am.						
Strongly agree	17%	8%	21%	12%	13%	15%
Agree	33%	35%	28%	36%	33%	40%
Disagree	34%	43%	37%	39%	38%	35%
Strongly disagree	17%	14%	14%	13%	15%	10%
Overall, adults at my school treat students fairly.						
Strongly agree	29%	15%	26%	14%	18%	17%
Agree	59%	64%	62%	68%	71%	67%
Disagree	10%	17%	9%	15%	8%	14%
Strongly disagree	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	1%
Adults at my school listen to the students.						
Strongly agree	23%	12%	25%	11%	11%	15%
Agree	60%	65%	59%	70%	71%	69%
Disagree	14%	19%	12%	15%	19%	14%
Strongly disagree	2%	4%	3%	4%	0%	2%
The school rules are fair						
Strongly agree	26%	8%	22%	12%	12%	11%
Agree	52%	60%	65%	66%	62%	68%
Disagree	15%	28%	9%	18%	20%	20%
Strongly disagree	6%	5%	5%	4%	5%	1%
At my school, teachers care about students.						
Strongly agree	36%	20%	34%	19%	24%	26%
Agree	57%	68%	60%	69%	68%	67%
Disagree	7%	9%	4%	9%	8%	7%
Strongly disagree	1%	3%	2%	2%	0%	1%
Most teachers at my school are interested in me as a person.						
Strongly agree	22%	12%	20%	13%	10%	17%
Agree	56%	54%	50%	48%	54%	55%
Disagree	17%	28%	24%	31%	29%	22%
Strongly disagree	5%	6%	6%	8%	6%	6%

TABLE 8A
PRESENCE OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE/POLICE OFFICER*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Is there a police officer or School Resource Officer (SRO) at your school?						
Yes	57%	54%	56%	59%	65%	73%
No	10%	13%	10%	7%	6%	7%
I don't know	33%	34%	33%	35%	29%	20%
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	43%	35%	40%	28%	23%	24%
Agree	43%	49%	43%	51%	48%	52%
Disagree	9%	13%	11%	18%	27%	21%
Strongly disagree	5%	4%	6%	2%	3%	3%
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	33%	19%	32%	17%	14%	13%
Agree	41%	41%	42%	41%	38%	46%
Disagree	18%	32%	20%	37%	38%	33%
Strongly disagree	8%	8%	6%	5%	11%	8%
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	66%	59%	72%	53%	43%	45%
Agree	31%	38%	21%	46%	50%	49%
Disagree	3%	3%	7%	2%	7%	4%
Strongly disagree	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 8B
COMFORT GOING TO POLICE OFFICER*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade	
	8th	
	Male	Female
	%	%
I would feel comfortable going to the police if I was having problems or needed help.		
Strongly agree	29%	15%
Agree	45%	51%
Disagree	21%	27%
Strongly disagree	5%	8%

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

TABLE 9
PERCEPTIONS OF SAFETY
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

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	50%	35%	51%	34%	41%	42%
Agree	45%	57%	44%	57%	53%	52%
Disagree	4%	7%	2%	8%	5%	6%
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%
I feel safe at school.						
Strongly agree	43%	22%	37%	23%	29%	27%
Agree	42%	59%	51%	59%	58%	60%
Disagree	13%	15%	8%	16%	10%	12%
Strongly disagree	2%	4%	4%	2%	4%	1%
I feel safe in my neighborhood.						
Strongly agree	55%	45%	57%	40%	49%	53%
Agree	40%	50%	38%	56%	44%	44%
Disagree	4%	5%	3%	3%	6%	2%
Strongly disagree	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%
I feel safe at home.						
Strongly agree	71%	63%	78%	61%	62%	61%
Agree	26%	33%	20%	36%	34%	36%
Disagree	4%	4%	1%	3%	3%	4%
Strongly disagree	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%

TABLE 10
AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	20%	26%	28%	30%	36%	34%
My home or another home such as a friend's, relative's or neighbor's	94%	93%	94%	92%	88%	93%
A rec, community or other youth center	6%	8%	2%	7%	10%	6%
A park or other outdoor space	4%	12%	9%	10%	8%	7%
A library	4%	4%	6%	5%	2%	9%
A church, synagogue, mosque, or other spiritual/religious place	6%	6%	6%	4%	4%	4%
During a typical week, how often are you home alone or somewhere unsupervised after school?*						
0 days	48%	35%				
1 day	28%	23%				
2 days	12%	17%				
3 days	6%	12%				
4 days	2%	6%				
5 days	4%	8%				

* 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
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	52%	59%	65%	68%	80%	81%
Once or twice	29%	24%	23%	24%	14%	14%
Three or more times	20%	17%	12%	8%	6%	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	8%	16%	7%	10%	9%	4%
Your religion or religious beliefs, including a lack of religious beliefs (e.g., agnosticism or atheism)	3%	7%	12%	6%	0%	2%
Your sex or gender (being male, female, transgender, genderqueer, genderfluid.)^^^	8%	25%	14%	16%	13%	15%
Your gender expression (your style, dress, or the way you walk or talk)*	24%	42%	21%	30%	22%	30%
Because you are bisexual, gay, lesbian, asexual, pansexual, queer, or because someone thought you were*	17%	21%	21%	17%	9%	21%
A physical or mental disability	24%	16%	19%	13%	17%	6%
Your size or weight	38%	35%	33%	28%	39%	28%
Your physical appearance	47%	51%	26%	44%	52%	43%
Reason not listed^^^^	47%	43%	47%	50%	43%	51%

* 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
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	80%	81%	81%	88%	92%	96%
Once or twice	15%	14%	11%	8%	3%	2%
About once a week	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	0%
Several times a week	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%
Every day	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%	0%
...threatened to beat you up?						
Never	80%	88%	82%	89%	91%	96%
Once or twice	11%	9%	14%	7%	6%	2%
About once a week	6%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Several times a week	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Every day	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%
...spread mean rumors or lies about you?						
Never	68%	69%	71%	78%	88%	78%
Once or twice	21%	22%	21%	16%	8%	18%
About once a week	8%	6%	5%	2%	2%	2%
Several times a week	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Every day	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%
...made sexual jokes, comments or gestures towards you?*						
Never	61%	64%	63%	74%	70%	80%
Once or twice	18%	23%	17%	18%	16%	15%
About once a week	9%	6%	7%	2%	4%	3%
Several times a week	6%	4%	5%	4%	4%	2%
Every day	6%	2%	8%	3%	6%	0%
...excluded you from friends, other students or activities?						
Never	64%	56%	71%	62%	74%	70%
Once or twice	20%	25%	19%	25%	17%	23%
About once a week	8%	7%	5%	7%	4%	5%
Several times a week	4%	8%	2%	4%	2%	2%
Every day	4%	4%	3%	2%	4%	0%
Bullied once or more in the last 30 days^						
No	34%	37%	40%	47%	55%	52%
Yes	66%	63%	60%	53%	45%	48%
Bullied weekly or more in last 30 days^						
No	65%	70%	73%	78%	81%	85%
Yes	35%	30%	27%	22%	19%	15%
Bullied daily in the last 30 days^						
No	88%	93%	90%	95%	90%	99%
Yes	12%	7%	10%	5%	10%	1%

* 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
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	84%	82%	87%	89%	91%	94%
Once or twice	12%	14%	10%	8%	6%	5%
Three or more times	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%	1%

^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 14A
AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	74%	70%	78%	73%	76%	77%
No	2%	2%	2%	3%	6%	3%
I don't know what programs are available in my community	24%	27%	19%	25%	18%	20%

TABLE 14B
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	33%	25%	32%	29%	34%	24%
1 day	16%	13%	13%	16%	9%	11%
2 days	16%	16%	16%	12%	15%	15%
3 days	12%	18%	13%	15%	9%	14%
4 days	11%	12%	9%	9%	11%	11%
5 or more days	13%	16%	17%	20%	22%	25%
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^^^	51%	62%	52%	53%	47%	61%
School sponsored activities or clubs that are not sports, such as drama, music, chess, or science club	32%	35%	34%	32%	34%	43%
Tutoring, homework help, or academic programs	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	11%
Leadership activities such as student government, youth councils, or committees	1%	4%	4%	6%	8%	16%
Artistic activities, such as music, dance, drawing, photography, or pottery	15%	29%	15%	32%	22%	37%
Cultural heritage programs	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%	3%
Other community clubs and programs such as 4-H, Scouts, Y-clubs, or Community Ed	7%	5%	6%	4%	8%	5%
Religious activities such as religious services, education, or youth group	11%	12%	9%	9%	8%	8%

^ New question in 2025.

^^ Response options changed from 2022.

^^^ New response option in 2025.

TABLE 15
REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING IN ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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.	27%	30%	15%	33%	38%	33%
Activities are not available in my community.	2%	1%	0%	4%	5%	3%
Activities cost too much.	4%	12%	2%	20%	13%	19%
My parents (or guardians) won't let me.	2%	9%	0%	10%	3%	5%
My friends are not there.	12%	22%	12%	31%	18%	33%
I am not interested.	71%	61%	75%	65%	72%	50%
I am too busy with other things, such as a job or homework.	15%	25%	20%	28%	41%	45%
I don't have a way to get there or home.	6%	16%	0%	22%	18%	24%
I have to take care of other family members.	6%	6%	5%	7%	3%	5%
It is not a safe place.	0%	5%	5%	2%	0%	5%
Other	21%	18%	18%	14%	21%	17%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

TABLE 16
QUALITY OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES[^]
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	2%	3%	6%	3%	4%	1%
Sometimes	11%	9%	12%	7%	9%	5%
Often	29%	46%	37%	46%	39%	40%
Very often	58%	43%	45%	44%	49%	54%
...learn skills like teamwork or leadership?						
Rarely or never	12%	7%	17%	10%	13%	7%
Sometimes	32%	36%	29%	38%	36%	27%
Often	34%	39%	39%	33%	31%	38%
Very often	22%	18%	15%	19%	20%	28%
...develop trusting relationships with peers your age?						
Rarely or never	10%	11%	16%	13%	13%	8%
Sometimes	22%	35%	21%	30%	36%	26%
Often	44%	36%	42%	35%	33%	36%
Very often	24%	17%	21%	22%	18%	30%
...develop trusting relationships with adults?						
Rarely or never	13%	13%	15%	13%	9%	10%
Sometimes	25%	37%	23%	33%	38%	33%
Often	34%	35%	42%	36%	36%	33%
Very often	27%	15%	20%	17%	17%	25%
...help make decisions?						
Rarely or never	8%	8%	14%	11%	11%	5%
Sometimes	37%	43%	32%	41%	39%	33%
Often	30%	37%	40%	35%	35%	39%
Very often	25%	12%	14%	12%	16%	23%
...do something that gives you joy and energy?						
Rarely or never	6%	5%	9%	6%	10%	2%
Sometimes	15%	19%	9%	22%	22%	18%
Often	32%	38%	42%	39%	29%	38%
Very often	46%	38%	39%	33%	39%	42%
...learn skills that you can use in a future job?						
Rarely or never	12%	13%	21%	12%	14%	9%
Sometimes	30%	39%	23%	43%	43%	34%
Often	33%	33%	32%	28%	23%	34%
Very often	25%	15%	24%	17%	21%	22%

[^] 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
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Have you ever been in foster care?^						
Yes	3%	5%	7%	5%	7%	4%
No	97%	95%	93%	95%	93%	96%
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	93%	93%	88%	95%	94%	97%
Yes, I was with my parents or an adult family member	7%	6%	11%	4%	5%	3%
Yes, I was on my own without any adult family member	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
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	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%
Rarely	3%	1%	0%	2%	3%	0%
Sometimes	3%	5%	3%	4%	5%	3%
Most of the time	13%	15%	21%	14%	15%	15%
Always	79%	78%	74%	79%	77%	81%
Have any of your parents or guardians ever been in jail or prison?***						
Yes	16%	22%	16%	22%	21%	15%
No	84%	78%	84%	78%	79%	85%
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	52%	51%	53%	42%	35%	55%
No	48%	49%	47%	58%	65%	45%

* 5th grade surveys did not ask this question.

^ Response options changed from 2022.

*** New question in 2025.

TABLE 18
COMMUNICATION WITH ADULTS
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	82%	76%	89%	74%	78%	81%
Adult at school	43%	27%	34%	24%	37%	32%
Some other adult	24%	25%	22%	26%	36%	29%
I don't have any adults that I can talk to about problems I am having	10%	18%	8%	16%	11%	9%

TABLE 19
PERCEPTIONS OF FAMILY AND OTHERS CARING
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

How much do you feel...	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
...your parents care about you?						
Not at all	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
A little	2%	5%	1%	3%	4%	3%
Some	2%	8%	8%	9%	6%	6%
Quite a bit	21%	22%	23%	26%	22%	27%
Very much	75%	64%	68%	60%	66%	62%
...other adult relatives care about you?						
Not at all	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%
A little	6%	7%	5%	10%	6%	9%
Some	11%	19%	14%	19%	17%	17%
Quite a bit	29%	37%	30%	30%	37%	35%
Very much	51%	35%	48%	38%	39%	37%
...friends care about you?						
Not at all	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
A little	6%	7%	5%	6%	6%	4%
Some	13%	20%	16%	20%	27%	21%
Quite a bit	47%	38%	39%	33%	29%	34%
Very much	32%	32%	39%	38%	34%	39%
...teachers at school care about you?						
Not at all	3%	5%	3%	7%	3%	3%
A little	13%	15%	14%	18%	13%	18%
Some	19%	39%	31%	38%	37%	38%
Quite a bit	43%	30%	33%	28%	34%	30%
Very much	23%	10%	20%	9%	13%	10%
...other adults at school care about you?						
Not at all	8%	13%	8%	18%	10%	10%
A little	14%	23%	18%	24%	17%	32%
Some	22%	34%	29%	33%	38%	30%
Quite a bit	34%	22%	25%	19%	25%	21%
Very much	22%	9%	20%	6%	9%	7%
...adults in your community care about you?						
Not at all	12%	15%	10%	18%	16%	16%
A little	10%	22%	18%	27%	19%	30%
Some	34%	35%	31%	26%	37%	28%
Quite a bit	25%	20%	22%	20%	16%	20%
Very much	19%	9%	18%	8%	12%	6%

TABLE 20
ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Do you live with anyone who drinks too much alcohol?						
Yes	5%	9%	8%	13%	7%	12%
No	95%	91%	92%	87%	93%	88%
Do you live with anyone who uses illegal drugs or abuses prescription drugs?						
Yes	1%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%
No	99%	97%	97%	97%	96%	97%
Do you live with anyone who is depressed or has any other mental health issues?						
Yes	26%	42%	31%	45%	30%	45%
No	74%	58%	69%	55%	70%	55%
Does a parent or other adult in your home regularly swear at you, insult you or put you down?						
Yes	11%	15%	10%	16%	17%	16%
No	89%	85%	90%	84%	83%	84%
Has a parent or other adult in your home ever hit, beat, kicked or physically hurt you in any way?						
Yes	12%	11%	21%	12%	10%	10%
No	88%	89%	79%	88%	90%	90%
Have your parents or other adults in your home ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched or beat each other up?						
Yes	6%	7%	9%	10%	8%	8%
No	94%	93%	91%	90%	92%	92%
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	3%	9%	5%	11%	3%	13%
No	97%	91%	95%	89%	97%	87%
Has any relative/family member ever pressured, tricked, or forced you to do something sexual or done something sexual to you?						
Yes	3%	6%	2%	6%	0%	8%
No	97%	94%	98%	94%	100%	92%
Have you ever traded sex or sexual activity to receive money, food, drugs, alcohol, a place to stay, or anything else?*						
Yes			0%	1%	1%	1%
No			100%	99%	99%	99%
ACEs Score-short^						
None	54%	40%	42%	38%	50%	41%
One	24%	30%	30%	29%	25%	25%
Two	11%	16%	17%	13%	11%	14%
Three	8%	7%	8%	9%	8%	11%
Four or more	2%	7%	3%	11%	6%	9%

* 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^
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	6%	7%	6%	7%	8%	4%
No	94%	93%	94%	93%	92%	96%

^ New question in 2025.

TABLE 21B
RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	4%	3%	4%	6%	6%	6%
No	96%	97%	96%	94%	94%	94%
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	7%	13%	7%	14%	13%	18%
No	93%	87%	93%	86%	87%	82%
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			8%	12%	8%	17%
No			92%	88%	92%	83%
Have YOU ever pressured, tricked, or forced someone to do something sexual, or have you done something sexual to someone against their wishes?**						
Yes			0%	5%	1%	1%
No			94%	89%	91%	95%
Not sure			6%	7%	8%	4%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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

TABLE 22
PHYSICAL HEALTH
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
How would you describe your health in general?						
Excellent	18%	10%	17%	10%	13%	10%
Very good	36%	32%	26%	32%	34%	36%
Good	32%	38%	37%	38%	31%	36%
Fair	11%	19%	17%	16%	16%	18%
Poor	3%	1%	3%	4%	6%	1%
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	22%	16%	14%	17%	25%	17%
No	78%	84%	86%	83%	75%	83%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have diabetes?						
Yes	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%
No	99%	98%	96%	98%	98%	98%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have pre-diabetes?						
Yes	2%	4%	6%	4%	3%	1%
No	98%	96%	94%	96%	97%	99%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?						
Yes	13%	14%	11%	15%	21%	17%
No	87%	86%	89%	85%	79%	83%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have an allergy that requires you to carry an epi-pen?						
Yes	4%	3%	5%	3%	8%	3%
No	96%	97%	95%	97%	92%	97%
Weight status according to Body Mass Index (BMI)*						
Normal	61%	61%	52%	70%	52%	67%
Underweight	5%	2%	4%	2%	11%	4%
Overweight	13%	20%	12%	16%	13%	16%
Obese	21%	16%	32%	13%	24%	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
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	39%	55%	48%	55%	46%	54%
No	61%	45%	52%	45%	54%	46%
Have you ever been treated for a mental health, emotional or behavioral problem? (Mark ALL that apply)						
No	64%	59%	55%	57%	56%	53%
Yes, during the last year	20%	29%	28%	30%	30%	33%
Yes, more than a year ago	20%	18%	24%	22%	22%	24%
Have you ever been treated for an alcohol or drug problem? (Mark ALL that apply)*						
No	99%	98%	97%	99%	99%	98%
Yes, during the last year	1%	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%
Yes, more than a year ago	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	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	16%	6%	13%	6%	10%	9%
Somewhat comfortable	52%	48%	48%	40%	49%	43%
Not at all comfortable	31%	46%	37%	54%	40%	47%
There is no counselor or social worker at my school	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

TABLE 24
ORAL HEALTH
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	77%	83%	77%	81%	72%	78%
Between 1 and 2 years ago	14%	10%	13%	11%	14%	11%
More than 2 years ago	5%	6%	9%	5%	8%	9%
Never	4%	1%	1%	2%	7%	2%
Have you had any dental problems during the past 12 months?^						
Yes	24%	20%	27%	24%	32%	28%
No	76%	80%	73%	76%	68%	72%
Have you had any of the following dental problems during the past 12 months? (Mark ALL that apply)						
Toothaches or pain	9%	10%	11%	12%	15%	14%
Decayed teeth or cavities	7%	11%	13%	13%	19%	18%
Swollen, painful or bleeding gums	3%	3%	5%	3%	5%	8%
Could not eat certain foods because of a dental problem	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	5%
Missed one or more school days because of a dental problem	7%	2%	7%	7%	6%	5%
IF ONE OR MORE DENTAL PROBLEMS: Have you had this dental problem treated by a dentist?						
Yes	78%	71%	76%	80%	58%	68%
No, but I will see a dentist	19%	24%	21%	14%	28%	24%
No, I am not able to get dental treatment	3%	5%	3%	6%	14%	8%

^ New question in 2025.

TABLE 25A
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SLEEP
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	12%	15%	22%	16%	24%	19%
1 day	9%	9%	11%	10%	11%	14%
2 days	13%	16%	14%	16%	23%	19%
3 days	19%	18%	8%	14%	5%	20%
4 days	17%	14%	11%	13%	8%	11%
5 days	13%	12%	18%	15%	10%	8%
6 days	6%	5%	4%	6%	8%	3%
7 days	12%	11%	13%	10%	12%	4%
During a typical school night, how many hours of sleep do you get?						
4 hours or less	8%	10%	7%	9%	10%	3%
5 hours	8%	13%	14%	12%	15%	12%
6 hours	14%	13%	16%	25%	23%	26%
7 hours	27%	28%	28%	27%	25%	36%
8 hours	26%	27%	20%	18%	20%	19%
9 hours	11%	7%	8%	5%	7%	3%
10 or more hours	6%	2%	8%	3%	0%	0%

TABLE 25B
SOCIAL MEDIA USE^
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	56%	43%	54%	39%	34%	39%
1 school night	12%	14%	6%	16%	21%	20%
2 school nights	4%	12%	8%	12%	12%	12%
3 school nights	6%	5%	5%	7%	7%	8%
4 school nights	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%
5 school nights	19%	23%	24%	21%	22%	16%
In a typical week, how often do you use social media?*						
I do not use social media	26%	16%	25%	11%	20%	8%
Less than once a week	5%	3%	8%	2%	4%	3%
A couple days a week	8%	9%	6%	6%	8%	5%
About once a day	10%	12%	15%	14%	8%	12%
Several times a day	38%	49%	34%	50%	40%	56%
About once an hour or more	13%	11%	13%	17%	19%	16%
IF USE SOCIAL MEDIA: Do you feel that you might have a problem with spending too much time on social media?*						
Yes	31%	50%	26%	54%	39%	61%
No	69%	50%	74%	46%	61%	39%
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	16%	14%	6%	14%	8%	11%
No	84%	86%	94%	86%	92%	89%
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	32%	41%	33%	47%	37%	53%
No	68%	59%	67%	53%	63%	47%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New questions in 2025.

TABLE 26A
EATING LUNCH^
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	77%	59%	72%	55%	69%	58%
1 day	9%	13%	9%	13%	8%	11%
2 days	1%	11%	5%	6%	8%	10%
3 days	4%	5%	1%	7%	5%	5%
4 days	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	4%
5 days	6%	11%	10%	14%	6%	13%
Regular school lunch from the cafeteria						
0 days	17%	17%	15%	25%	13%	27%
1 day	3%	6%	5%	5%	3%	4%
2 days	6%	6%	3%	6%	5%	7%
3 days	2%	11%	3%	6%	7%	7%
4 days	8%	7%	5%	9%	10%	8%
5 days	64%	53%	68%	50%	62%	47%
The a la carte line (buy individual items)						
0 days	74%	79%	71%	76%	71%	74%
1 day	8%	9%	9%	12%	7%	10%
2 days	8%	5%	6%	6%	8%	8%
3 days	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%
4 days	4%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%
5 days	5%	3%	10%	3%	9%	4%
School store or vending machine						
0 days	91%	89%	82%	81%	79%	83%
1 day	6%	6%	10%	10%	8%	8%
2 days	1%	3%	2%	6%	6%	5%
3 days	1%	1%	3%	2%	5%	2%
4 days	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
5 days	1%	1%	4%	1%	0%	0%
Fast food restaurant, gas station or somewhere else outside of school						
0 days	74%	78%	80%	81%	75%	78%
1 day	12%	11%	10%	9%	12%	11%
2 days	8%	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%
3 days	2%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%
4 days	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
5 days	3%	1%	3%	0%	2%	0%
I bring lunch from home						
0 days	74%	69%	82%	72%	77%	66%
1 day	7%	5%	6%	6%	5%	8%
2 days	1%	5%	1%	2%	0%	3%
3 days	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%
4 days	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%
5 days	16%	16%	11%	16%	14%	18%

^ Response options have changed from 2022.

^^ Change in question wording from 2022.

TABLE 26B
EATING BREAKFAST; SKIPPING MEALS
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	64%	41%	56%	45%	56%	40%
1 day	5%	9%	9%	6%	6%	9%
2 days	8%	11%	5%	8%	5%	12%
3 days	4%	7%	7%	9%	7%	9%
4 days	4%	9%	4%	8%	5%	5%
5 days	15%	24%	20%	24%	21%	25%
Regular school breakfast from the cafeteria^						
0 days	57%	63%	57%	62%	54%	59%
1 day	7%	6%	3%	10%	3%	8%
2 days	3%	8%	5%	8%	11%	8%
3 days	4%	6%	6%	5%	5%	7%
4 days	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%
5 days	26%	14%	26%	12%	24%	14%
The a la carte line (buy individual items)^						
0 days	95%	97%	94%	97%	92%	96%
1 day	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%
2 days	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
3 days	1%	0%	2%	1%	3%	2%
4 days	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%
5 days	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
School store or vending machine^						
0 days	98%	97%	95%	96%	95%	97%
1 day	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%
2 days	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%
3 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%
4 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5 days	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Fast food restaurant, gas station or somewhere else outside of school^						
0 days	85%	89%	90%	90%	89%	92%
1 day	7%	7%	4%	7%	6%	7%
2 days	4%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%
3 days	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%	0%
4 days	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%
5 days	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
I eat breakfast from home^						
0 days	27%	35%	33%	38%	50%	33%
1 day	6%	11%	12%	9%	3%	10%
2 days	10%	9%	8%	10%	10%	14%
3 days	9%	7%	7%	6%	4%	7%
4 days	5%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%
5 days	44%	32%	35%	32%	30%	30%
During the last 30 days, have you had to skip meals because your family did not have enough money to buy food?						
Yes	3%	5%	2%	4%	2%	4%
No	97%	95%	98%	96%	98%	96%

^ New questions in 2025.

TABLE 26C
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	33%	40%	31%	36%	32%	34%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	29%	37%	35%	40%	32%	39%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	13%	10%	11%	10%	14%	13%
1 time per day	12%	5%	10%	7%	13%	6%
2 times per day	4%	4%	5%	2%	5%	4%
3 times per day	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	1%
4 or more times per day	6%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%
...eat fruit? (Do not count fruit juice)						
I did NOT eat or drink this	11%	7%	16%	5%	15%	4%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	20%	21%	23%	22%	25%	26%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	18%	26%	21%	20%	15%	23%
1 time per day	15%	15%	11%	22%	14%	17%
2 times per day	13%	13%	12%	19%	21%	20%
3 times per day	8%	10%	9%	6%	6%	4%
4 or more times per day	15%	8%	7%	7%	4%	6%
...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	19%	10%	16%	13%	13%	9%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	19%	26%	20%	20%	26%	23%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	18%	15%	25%	21%	22%	23%
1 time per day	17%	19%	16%	18%	18%	22%
2 times per day	12%	14%	12%	17%	15%	16%
3 times per day	5%	8%	6%	6%	4%	3%
4 or more times per day	10%	7%	6%	5%	2%	3%
...eat from a fast food restaurant, including carry-out or delivery?						
I did NOT eat or drink this	31%	26%	36%	28%	23%	21%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	50%	57%	50%	58%	58%	62%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	7%	8%	7%	6%	9%	11%
1 time per day	6%	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%
2 times per day	3%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%
3 times per day	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%
4 or more times per day	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Servings of fruits, fruit juice and vegetables per day during the last 7 days^						
Less than five	77%	81%	83%	84%	85%	87%
Five or more	23%	19%	17%	16%	15%	13%

* 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*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	22%	31%	22%	34%	19%	40%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	18%	28%	18%	27%	17%	25%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	19%	14%	23%	12%	17%	13%
1 time per day	13%	12%	11%	14%	20%	10%
2 times per day	15%	8%	10%	8%	17%	6%
3 times per day	3%	2%	4%	3%	6%	3%
4 or more times per day	10%	5%	12%	2%	6%	3%
... a glass or drink of tap water from a drinking fountain, faucet or sink?						
I did NOT eat or drink this	21%	19%	18%	19%	18%	15%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	14%	12%	10%	10%	11%	14%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	7%	10%	12%	10%	8%	9%
1 time per day	9%	7%	9%	12%	8%	9%
2 times per day	12%	13%	10%	13%	20%	12%
3 times per day	9%	15%	15%	12%	12%	15%
4 or more times per day	29%	24%	26%	23%	22%	25%
... a bottle of water (plain water that is not flavored or carbonated)?						
I did NOT eat or drink this	30%	20%	27%	23%	30%	27%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	14%	13%	18%	16%	14%	15%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	9%	13%	10%	12%	11%	9%
1 time per day	9%	8%	6%	10%	6%	10%
2 times per day	9%	13%	15%	10%	16%	10%
3 times per day	9%	11%	7%	10%	9%	11%
4 or more times per day	20%	21%	17%	19%	13%	18%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 26E
SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

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	30%	32%	38%	36%	23%	34%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	39%	41%	37%	40%	37%	46%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	14%	14%	13%	12%	16%	10%
1 time per day	7%	6%	7%	7%	12%	7%
2 times per day	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%
3 times per day	2%	1%	1%	2%	4%	0%
4 or more times per day	5%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%
... 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	69%	67%	58%	70%	54%	74%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	22%	20%	26%	19%	27%	17%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	4%	7%	9%	6%	10%	4%
1 time per day	1%	4%	3%	3%	5%	2%
2 times per day	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%
3 times per day	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
4 or more times per day	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	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	83%	79%	80%	72%	72%	69%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	13%	14%	13%	16%	15%	19%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	1%	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%
1 time per day	1%	2%	1%	3%	5%	4%
2 times per day	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%
3 times per day	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more times per day	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%
... 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	64%	58%	67%	53%	62%	51%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	22%	29%	20%	31%	20%	33%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	5%	7%	6%	7%	8%	7%
1 time per day	7%	4%	6%	7%	5%	8%
2 times per day	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
3 times per day	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
4 or more times per day	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	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	54%	56%	58%	59%	57%	59%
1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	30%	29%	26%	28%	25%	29%
4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	6%
1 time per day	7%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%
2 times per day	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%
3 times per day	0%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%
4 or more times per day	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 27
VEHICLE SAFETY
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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			82%	82%	45%	34%
Never			12%	15%	32%	46%
Sometimes			5%	2%	20%	20%
Always			1%	0%	3%	1%
How often do you wear a seat belt when you are driving or riding in a car, truck, or SUV? [^] ^{^^}						
Never	1%	0%	2%	0%	3%	1%
Sometimes	13%	11%	10%	14%	6%	6%
Always	87%	88%	88%	86%	91%	93%

* 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^
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	9%	11%	6%	11%	15%	11%
Somewhat or sometimes	23%	40%	36%	44%	43%	42%
Very or often	43%	34%	34%	36%	27%	34%
Extremely or almost always	25%	15%	24%	9%	16%	13%
I feel good about myself.						
Not at all or rarely	13%	22%	10%	18%	17%	15%
Somewhat or sometimes	27%	41%	35%	50%	41%	45%
Very or often	40%	28%	39%	26%	33%	31%
Extremely or almost always	20%	9%	17%	6%	9%	8%
I feel good about my future.						
Not at all or rarely	14%	19%	20%	17%	17%	17%
Somewhat or sometimes	20%	36%	25%	46%	42%	47%
Very or often	37%	29%	32%	28%	29%	27%
Extremely or almost always	29%	16%	22%	9%	12%	9%
I deal with disappointment without getting too upset.						
Not at all or rarely	9%	19%	6%	17%	9%	12%
Somewhat or sometimes	30%	38%	41%	48%	36%	49%
Very or often	41%	34%	43%	30%	45%	31%
Extremely or almost always	19%	9%	11%	5%	10%	7%
I find good ways to deal with things that are hard in my life.						
Not at all or rarely	10%	16%	6%	18%	8%	11%
Somewhat or sometimes	35%	47%	43%	46%	46%	48%
Very or often	38%	30%	37%	27%	39%	35%
Extremely or almost always	17%	8%	15%	9%	7%	6%
I am thinking about what my purpose is in life.^ ^ ^						
Not at all or rarely	13%	8%	12%	8%	10%	8%
Somewhat or sometimes	20%	26%	21%	23%	17%	17%
Very or often	32%	33%	40%	38%	38%	41%
Extremely or almost always	35%	33%	27%	32%	36%	34%

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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^
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	2%	4%	3%	5%	6%	3%
Somewhat or sometimes	17%	15%	22%	19%	17%	19%
Very or often	27%	32%	31%	29%	34%	29%
Extremely or almost always	54%	48%	44%	46%	43%	49%
I build friendships with other people.						
Not at all or rarely	4%	10%	15%	11%	9%	8%
Somewhat or sometimes	33%	36%	29%	39%	43%	36%
Very or often	35%	33%	33%	33%	29%	40%
Extremely or almost always	28%	20%	23%	16%	18%	16%
I express my feelings in proper ways.						
Not at all or rarely	17%	17%	9%	17%	16%	10%
Somewhat or sometimes	31%	42%	37%	46%	41%	46%
Very or often	39%	29%	39%	28%	35%	35%
Extremely or almost always	14%	11%	15%	9%	8%	9%
I plan ahead and make good choices.						
Not at all or rarely	8%	10%	12%	10%	9%	8%
Somewhat or sometimes	39%	33%	36%	36%	44%	37%
Very or often	31%	43%	34%	40%	43%	43%
Extremely or almost always	22%	14%	18%	14%	5%	13%
I stay away from bad influences.						
Not at all or rarely	5%	7%	3%	7%	2%	3%
Somewhat or sometimes	17%	18%	18%	18%	21%	19%
Very or often	33%	36%	36%	33%	43%	34%
Extremely or almost always	45%	40%	44%	43%	34%	44%
I resolve conflicts without anyone getting hurt.						
Not at all or rarely	5%	6%	3%	6%	4%	3%
Somewhat or sometimes	26%	21%	21%	25%	19%	26%
Very or often	47%	41%	48%	39%	52%	44%
Extremely or almost always	22%	32%	28%	30%	25%	27%

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TABLE 28C
SELF DESCRIPTION^
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%
Somewhat or sometimes	5%	4%	1%	3%	5%	2%
Very or often	30%	30%	33%	30%	34%	29%
Extremely or almost always	64%	65%	64%	66%	61%	67%
I am sensitive to the needs and feelings of others.						
Not at all or rarely	8%	6%	8%	6%	6%	4%
Somewhat or sometimes	20%	19%	21%	26%	23%	16%
Very or often	42%	37%	42%	31%	38%	33%
Extremely or almost always	30%	38%	29%	38%	33%	46%
I feel valued and appreciated by others.						
Not at all or rarely	10%	10%	4%	11%	11%	8%
Somewhat or sometimes	25%	42%	27%	41%	38%	38%
Very or often	41%	35%	48%	35%	38%	42%
Extremely or almost always	23%	13%	21%	13%	13%	12%
I am included in family tasks and decisions.						
Not at all or rarely	6%	8%	6%	6%	11%	6%
Somewhat or sometimes	27%	27%	20%	32%	26%	28%
Very or often	36%	41%	46%	40%	41%	45%
Extremely or almost always	31%	25%	27%	22%	22%	22%
I am given useful roles and responsibilities.						
Not at all or rarely	8%	8%	8%	5%	6%	7%
Somewhat or sometimes	27%	25%	24%	33%	27%	21%
Very or often	36%	44%	44%	42%	54%	50%
Extremely or almost always	29%	22%	24%	19%	13%	21%

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TABLE 29A
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND DISTRESS*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	43%	26%	33%	28%	33%	27%
Several days	33%	40%	43%	39%	32%	45%
More than half the days	14%	20%	11%	20%	22%	17%
Nearly every day	11%	14%	13%	14%	13%	11%
...feeling down, depressed or hopeless?						
Not at all	54%	38%	52%	34%	42%	40%
Several days	25%	31%	27%	33%	33%	34%
More than half the days	11%	16%	10%	18%	11%	17%
Nearly every day	11%	16%	11%	15%	13%	9%
...feeling nervous, anxious or on edge?						
Not at all	36%	21%	26%	15%	26%	18%
Several days	37%	33%	48%	35%	34%	36%
More than half the days	11%	21%	12%	24%	25%	23%
Nearly every day	16%	25%	14%	26%	15%	23%
...not being able to stop or control worrying?						
Not at all	54%	36%	50%	28%	41%	28%
Several days	24%	27%	30%	31%	28%	34%
More than half the days	8%	19%	12%	20%	21%	22%
Nearly every day	14%	19%	9%	21%	10%	17%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 29B
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND DISTRESS*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

No data in this table.

* Only the 5th grade survey asked these questions.

TABLE 30
SELF-INFLICTED INJURY; SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	73%	56%	78%	63%	80%	75%
1 or 2 times	12%	16%	10%	17%	7%	10%
3 to 5 times	5%	9%	6%	7%	8%	5%
6 to 9 times	3%	6%	4%	5%	3%	5%
10 to 19 times	3%	5%	1%	4%	0%	4%
20 or more times	5%	8%	1%	5%	2%	1%
Have you ever seriously considered attempting suicide? (Mark ALL that apply)						
No	75%	64%	79%	63%	72%	65%
Yes, during the last year	10%	22%	13%	20%	17%	15%
Yes, more than a year ago	16%	17%	10%	24%	16%	25%
Have you ever actually attempted suicide? (Mark ALL that apply)						
No	89%	86%	93%	88%	92%	87%
Yes, during the last year	3%	6%	3%	5%	3%	4%
Yes, more than a year ago	8%	9%	4%	10%	6%	11%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 31
PROBLEMATIC AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR*^
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 12 months, how often have you...						
...run away from home?						
Never	96%	94%	95%	96%	99%	98%
Once or twice	4%	6%	4%	4%	1%	2%
More than 3 times	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
...damaged or destroyed property?						
Never	81%	87%	87%	89%	88%	95%
Once or twice	18%	11%	11%	10%	9%	4%
More than 3 times	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%
...hit or beat up another person?						
Never	82%	90%	82%	94%	88%	96%
Once or twice	17%	8%	16%	4%	10%	4%
More than 3 times	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%
...taken something from a store without paying for it?						
Never	95%	90%	93%	88%	90%	89%
Once or twice	5%	7%	5%	9%	9%	8%
More than 3 times	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Response options have changed from 2022.

TABLE 32A
GAMBLING BEHAVIOR*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	71%	85%	73%	86%	72%	89%
Less than once a month	16%	12%	16%	11%	14%	7%
About once a month	7%	2%	7%	2%	9%	2%
About once a week	5%	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%
2 to 6 times a week	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Daily	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	0%
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.^ ^	38%	21%	41%	40%	31%	32%
...Bet on formal sports/events or games including esports^ ^	10%	10%	3%	12%	10%	8%
...Bought lottery tickets or scratch offs^ ^	10%	19%	7%	16%	10%	32%
...Gambled in a casino^ ^	2%	0%	0%	5%	3%	4%
...Purchased mystery or random paid items (weapons/tools, power ups, new graphics, etc.) in online games without previewing the content first^ ^	26%	24%	45%	39%	45%	44%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2025.

^^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 32B
GAMBLING BEHAVIOR*^
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

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	88%	96%	89%	94%	90%	96%
Once or twice	7%	2%	6%	4%	5%	3%
Once or twice a month	4%	1%	4%	1%	3%	0%
Once a week	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%
Daily	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Bet on formal sports events or games including esports						
Not at all	97%	98%	98%	98%	93%	99%
Once or twice	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%
Once or twice a month	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Once a week	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Daily	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Bought lottery tickets or scratch offs						
Not at all	94%	96%	98%	97%	95%	96%
Once or twice	5%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%
Once or twice a month	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Once a week	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Daily	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Gambled in a casino						
Not at all	99%	99%	100%	100%	98%	100%
Once or twice	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Once or twice a month	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Once a week	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Daily	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Gambled for money online including loot boxes						
Not at all	93%	97%	92%	96%	89%	96%
Once or twice	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%
Once or twice a month	3%	1%	3%	2%	5%	1%
Once a week	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Daily	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 32C
GAMBLING BEHAVIOR*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

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	85%	92%	93%	92%	86%	83%
Sometimes	5%	3%	0%	6%	11%	17%
Many times	5%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
All of the time	5%	2%	7%	2%	4%	0%
...felt that you might have a problem with gambling/betting?						
Never	88%	88%	89%	91%	86%	91%
Sometimes	10%	8%	7%	8%	11%	4%
Many times	2%	2%	4%	0%	4%	0%
All of the time	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%	4%
...skipped hanging out with friends who do not gamble/bet to hang out with friends who do gamble/bet?						
Never	95%	95%	96%	96%	93%	100%
Sometimes	0%	3%	4%	2%	4%	0%
Many times	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
All of the time	2%	2%	0%	2%	4%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 33
SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE USE*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Have you EVER used the following?^ (Mark ALL that apply)						
...Nicotine/tobacco	4%	9%	3%	12%	10%	19%
...Alcoholic beverages to drink	8%	9%	9%	16%	22%	29%
...Marijuana (pot, weed) or hashish (hash, hash oil) (Do NOT count medical marijuana prescribed for you by a doctor)	2%	7%	4%	13%	13%	21%
...I have never used any of the above	88%	87%	88%	79%	73%	68%
Use of conventional tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco) during the past 30 days^^						
No	99%	98%	100%	98%	100%	96%
Yes	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	4%
Use of any tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and hookah, during the past 30 days^^						
No	98%	95%	97%	94%	96%	90%
Yes	2%	5%	3%	6%	4%	10%
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	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	98%
Yes	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%
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	86%	91%	83%	84%	77%	74%
Used only alcohol in the past year	3%	2%	6%	4%	10%	8%
Used alcohol and marijuana in past year, but not other drugs	0%	1%	1%	4%	6%	10%
Used marijuana or other drugs but not alcohol in the past year	9%	4%	9%	6%	4%	6%
Used alcohol and marijuana or other drugs in the past year	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%	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*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

No data in this table.

* Only the 5th grade survey asked these questions.

TABLE 35A
TOBACCO USE*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the past 12 months, have you used the following?^						
...Nicotine/tobacco	1%	4%	3%	9%	6%	12%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you smoke a cigarette?^^						
0 days	100%	98%	100%	99%	100%	96%
1 to 19 days	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	4%
20 or more days	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos or little cigars?^^						
0 days	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%
1 to 19 days	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
20 or more days	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff or dip?^^						
0 days	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%
1 to 19 days	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
20 or more days	0%	0%	0%	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	99%	95%	97%	95%	97%	90%
1 to 19 days	1%	4%	2%	3%	3%	5%
20 or more days	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	5%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use a hookah or a waterpipe to smoke tobacco?^^						
0 days	99%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%
1 to 19 days	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
20 or more days	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2025.

^^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 35B
FLAVORED TOBACCO USE*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	0%	18%	0%	6%	0%	5%
Menthol or mint	50%	12%	0%	33%	0%	48%
Clove or spice	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%
Fruit	50%	71%	100%	83%	0%	71%
Chocolate	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	5%
An alcoholic drink	50%	12%	0%	17%	0%	5%
A non-alcoholic drink	50%	18%	0%	22%	0%	5%
Candy, desserts, or other sweets	0%	41%	0%	44%	50%	24%
Some other flavor	50%	29%	0%	33%	50%	14%
No flavor (unflavored)	0%	6%	0%	11%	0%	0%
IF VAPED IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student used a flavored e-cigarette in the past 30 days^						
No	0%	21%	0%	19%	33%	5%
Yes	100%	79%	100%	81%	67%	95%
IF SMOKED CIGARETTE IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student smoked a flavored (i.e., menthol) cigarette in the past 30 days						
No	0%	62%	0%	40%	0%	62%
Yes	0%	38%	0%	60%	0%	38%
IF SMOKED CIGAR IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student smoked a flavored cigar in the past 30 days						
No	100%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%
Yes	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
IF USED SMOKELESS TOBACCO IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student used flavored smokeless tobacco in the past 30 days						
No	100%	67%	0%	100%	0%	100%
Yes	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%
IF USED HOOKAH IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student used flavored hookah in the past 30 days						
No	0%	60%	0%	100%	0%	67%
Yes	100%	40%	0%	0%	100%	33%
IF PAST 30 DAYS TOBACCO USE: Student used a flavored tobacco product in the past 30 days^^						
No	0%	24%	0%	22%	25%	9%
Yes	100%	76%	100%	78%	75%	91%

* 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*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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)^	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%
I bought it on the internet	0%	0%	0%	11%	0%	5%
I bought it at vape shops or other stores that sell only e-cigarettes	0%	6%	33%	6%	0%	20%
I got it from friends	50%	71%	33%	67%	50%	75%
I got it from my parents or other family members^	50%	24%	0%	11%	0%	5%
I got it by getting someone else to buy it for me	0%	35%	33%	33%	50%	20%
I took it from my home or a friend's home^	0%	29%	0%	17%	0%	5%
I got it some other way	50%	18%	67%	28%	50%	10%
I got it at parties^	0%	18%	0%	6%	0%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New response option in 2025.

TABLE 37
EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE AND SECONDHAND AEROSOL*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

No data in this table.

* Only the 5th grade survey asked these questions.

TABLE 38
ALCOHOL USE FREQUENCY AND QUANTITY*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the past 12 months, have you used the following?^						
...Alcoholic beverages to drink	5%	5%	8%	9%	19%	20%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you drink one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage?^^						
0 days	99%	97%	96%	97%	93%	92%
1-19 days	1%	2%	4%	3%	7%	7%
20 or more days	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
During the last 12 months, on how many occasions have you had alcoholic beverages to drink?^^						
0	95%	94%	92%	89%	81%	77%
1-2	4%	4%	6%	6%	8%	11%
3-9	1%	2%	2%	5%	8%	8%
10 or more	0%	1%	0%	1%	3%	4%
If you drink beer/wine/wine coolers/liquor, generally how much do you drink at one time?						
No alcohol use	97%	95%	92%	89%	81%	78%
1 glass/can/drink	3%	2%	7%	7%	12%	11%
2 glasses/cans/drinks	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	5%
3 glasses/cans/drinks	0%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%
4 glasses/cans/drinks	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%
5 or more glasses/cans/drinks	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%
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	99%	99%	100%	99%	98%	97%
1 to 19 days	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%
20 or more days	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	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*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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)^	0%	0%	0%	8%	0%	0%
I bought it at liquor stores or other stores that sell only alcohol	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%	0%
I bought alcohol on the internet	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
I got alcohol from friends	50%	40%	25%	31%	29%	44%
I got alcohol from my parents or other family members^	50%	50%	50%	62%	57%	25%
I got alcohol by getting someone else to buy it for me	0%	20%	0%	0%	29%	25%
I got alcohol at parties	0%	20%	0%	0%	57%	25%
I took alcohol from my home or a friend's home^	0%	20%	25%	38%	0%	12%
I got alcohol some other way	50%	40%	25%	0%	0%	25%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New response option in 2025.

TABLE 40
USE OF MARIJUANA*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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)	1%	4%	4%	9%	10%	15%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana?^^						
0 days	99%	97%	98%	96%	93%	88%
1-19 days	1%	2%	2%	4%	5%	10%
20 or more days	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	3%
IF EVER USED MARIJUANA, how old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?^						
8 years old or younger	0%	22%	0%	2%	0%	2%
9 or 10 years old	0%	4%	0%	6%	0%	2%
11 or 12 years old	33%	41%	0%	31%	15%	12%
13 or 14 years old	67%	33%	100%	50%	46%	46%
15 or 16 years old	0%	0%	0%	8%	23%	31%
17 years old or older	0%	0%	0%	2%	15%	6%
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)	100%	62%	0%	88%	83%	59%
Eat it (for example, in gummies, brownies, cakes, cookies, or candy)	100%	54%	50%	35%	33%	52%
Drink it (for example, in seltzers, tea, cola, or alcohol)	0%	31%	0%	18%	17%	19%
Vape it (for example, in an e-cigarette-like vaporizer or another vaporizing)	100%	77%	50%	65%	50%	59%
Dab it (for example, using a dabbing rig, knife, or dab pen)	0%	31%	0%	18%	33%	7%
Use it some other way	100%	15%	0%	0%	0%	7%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2025.

^^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 41
ACCESS TO MARIJUANA**
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

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%	17%	0%	6%	0%	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)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%
I bought it on the internet	100%	0%	0%	25%	14%	0%
I got it from friends	100%	50%	50%	81%	29%	77%
I got it from my parents or other family members	0%	17%	0%	38%	29%	27%
I got it by getting someone else to buy it for me	0%	42%	0%	31%	29%	27%
I got it at parties	0%	25%	0%	0%	0%	23%
I took it from my home or a friend's home	0%	33%	0%	19%	0%	8%
I got it some other way	100%	42%	50%	6%	29%	19%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2025.

TABLE 42
PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG USE*[^]
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
...Prescription stimulants such as Amphetamines or diet pills, without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	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	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%
...Prescription pain relievers (OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, or others), without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it	3%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%
...Prescription tranquilizers (Valium, Xanax, Klonopin, Ativan, anxiety pills, sedatives, or benzos (downers)), without a doctor's prescription or differently tha	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

[^] Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 43
OTHER DRUG AND INHALANT USE*^
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%
...LSD (acid), PCP (wet sticks or dipped joints) or other psychedelics (mushrooms, angel dust)	1%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%
...MDMA (E, X, ecstasy, Molly), GHB (G, Liquid E, Liquid X, roofies), or Ketamine (Special K)	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
...Crack, coke, or cocaine in any form	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
...Heroin (smack, junk, China White)	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
...Methamphetamine (meth, glass, crank, crystal meth, ice)	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
...Synthetic marijuana (K2, Gold) that you took only to get high	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%
...Any other synthetic drugs such as bath salts (Ivory Wave, White Lightning) that you took only to get high	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 44
PERCEIVED RISK OF HARM FROM SUBSTANCE USE*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

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	16%	9%	11%	8%	10%	12%
Slight risk	12%	8%	11%	11%	8%	6%
Moderate risk	22%	25%	21%	26%	26%	20%
Great risk	50%	58%	57%	54%	55%	61%
...have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice per week?						
No risk	17%	7%	9%	7%	10%	7%
Slight risk	11%	13%	12%	11%	9%	13%
Moderate risk	31%	33%	32%	41%	38%	31%
Great risk	41%	47%	47%	41%	42%	49%
...use marijuana once or twice per week?						
No risk	22%	13%	23%	14%	29%	17%
Slight risk	24%	21%	36%	32%	36%	39%
Moderate risk	20%	36%	21%	29%	20%	27%
Great risk	34%	31%	21%	25%	15%	18%
...use prescription drugs not prescribed for them?						
No risk	17%	8%	11%	7%	10%	7%
Slight risk	5%	6%	6%	10%	11%	7%
Moderate risk	20%	29%	29%	30%	27%	27%
Great risk	57%	57%	54%	52%	52%	58%
...vape or use e-cigarettes?						
No risk	15%	9%	10%	8%	11%	8%
Slight risk	15%	15%	16%	19%	26%	17%
Moderate risk	26%	36%	33%	32%	34%	31%
Great risk	45%	39%	40%	41%	29%	44%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 45A
PERCEPTIONS OF PARENTS' DISAPPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE USE*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
A little bit wrong	4%	3%	2%	3%	7%	4%
Wrong	14%	15%	20%	20%	24%	18%
Very wrong	80%	80%	76%	75%	66%	75%
...have one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?						
Not at all wrong	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%
A little bit wrong	5%	6%	9%	7%	2%	3%
Wrong	15%	12%	14%	17%	22%	18%
Very wrong	77%	81%	76%	74%	73%	77%
...use marijuana?						
Not at all wrong	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	6%
A little bit wrong	6%	6%	12%	8%	18%	13%
Wrong	17%	13%	17%	18%	23%	20%
Very wrong	74%	78%	68%	70%	54%	61%
...use prescription drugs not prescribed for you?						
Not at all wrong	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%
A little bit wrong	1%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%
Wrong	18%	12%	17%	15%	20%	13%
Very wrong	79%	87%	77%	82%	78%	84%
...vape or use e-cigarettes?						
Not at all wrong	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
A little bit wrong	5%	3%	4%	3%	9%	1%
Wrong	15%	13%	17%	19%	23%	20%
Very wrong	78%	81%	77%	76%	65%	76%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 45B
PERCEPTIONS OF FRIENDS' DISAPPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE USE*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	1%	3%	2%	3%	7%	6%
A little bit wrong	11%	9%	14%	12%	13%	12%
Wrong	32%	30%	35%	28%	35%	32%
Very wrong	56%	58%	50%	56%	45%	50%
...have one or more drinks of alcoholic beverage nearly every day?						
Not at all wrong	1%	2%	2%	4%	7%	3%
A little bit wrong	8%	7%	18%	8%	14%	8%
Wrong	30%	28%	33%	28%	33%	34%
Very wrong	61%	63%	48%	60%	46%	55%
...use marijuana?						
Not at all wrong	4%	4%	10%	8%	22%	14%
A little bit wrong	9%	8%	18%	14%	16%	23%
Wrong	28%	24%	25%	25%	29%	22%
Very wrong	59%	63%	48%	53%	33%	41%
...use prescription drugs not prescribed for you?						
Not at all wrong	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%
A little bit wrong	7%	6%	8%	8%	12%	9%
Wrong	24%	26%	32%	22%	24%	26%
Very wrong	66%	65%	57%	68%	60%	62%
...vape or use e-cigarettes?						
Not at all wrong	2%	5%	4%	8%	12%	14%
A little bit wrong	7%	10%	11%	15%	16%	9%
Wrong	31%	28%	36%	26%	28%	27%
Very wrong	59%	57%	49%	50%	43%	50%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 46
PERCEPTIONS ABOUT ALCOHOL USE*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	60%	66%	64%	65%	48%	57%
Agree	26%	25%	30%	29%	34%	34%
Neither agree nor disagree	10%	7%	6%	5%	14%	5%
Disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Strongly disagree	4%	3%	0%	1%	3%	3%
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	65%	68%	60%	61%	47%	47%
Agree	17%	21%	28%	22%	24%	32%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%	7%	9%	14%	20%	15%
Disagree	2%	1%	3%	1%	7%	3%
Strongly disagree	5%	3%	0%	2%	2%	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	33%	23%	30%	18%	22%	12%
Agree	44%	49%	45%	49%	45%	56%
Neither agree nor disagree	17%	22%	18%	29%	27%	23%
Disagree	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	6%
Strongly disagree	4%	2%	2%	1%	3%	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	38%	23%	30%	16%	20%	9%
Agree	34%	42%	32%	37%	35%	37%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%	25%	24%	36%	27%	33%
Disagree	4%	7%	9%	10%	12%	17%
Strongly disagree	4%	3%	5%	2%	5%	4%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 47A
USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA AND E-CIGARETTES*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
How often do you use each of the following?	%	%	%	%	%	%
Tobacco (cigarettes, chew) ^						
Never	98%	97%	99%	95%	90%	92%
Tried once or twice	1%	2%	1%	3%	8%	5%
Once or twice a month	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%
Once a week	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Daily	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Alcohol (beer, wine, liquor) ^						
Never	87%	84%	79%	78%	71%	68%
Tried once or twice	11%	14%	18%	19%	19%	25%
Once or twice a month	1%	2%	3%	2%	7%	6%
Once a week	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%
Daily	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil) ^						
Never	97%	95%	96%	89%	83%	83%
Tried once or twice	2%	3%	2%	6%	5%	10%
Once or twice a month	1%	1%	1%	2%	7%	5%
Once a week	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%
Daily	0%	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%
Vaping device or e-cigarette with nicotine ^						
Never	96%	93%	96%	89%	84%	82%
Tried once or twice	3%	5%	2%	7%	13%	10%
Once or twice a month	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	3%
Once a week	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Daily	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	4%
Vaping device or e-cigarette with marijuana, THC or hash oil, or THC wax ^						
Never	99%	96%	97%	92%	88%	88%
Tried once or twice	0%	2%	1%	4%	6%	6%
Once or twice a month	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	4%
Once a week	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Daily	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	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	0%	30%	0%	14%	0%	4%
Sometimes	100%	50%	0%	43%	33%	54%
Never	0%	20%	100%	43%	67%	42%

* 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*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

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	72%	57%	57%	32%	51%	41%
Tried once or twice	21%	31%	28%	42%	29%	34%
Once or twice a month	4%	7%	9%	14%	12%	13%
Once a week	1%	3%	4%	6%	3%	6%
Daily	1%	3%	2%	6%	5%	6%
Alcohol (beer, wine, liquor) ^						
Never	57%	39%	39%	22%	31%	16%
Tried once or twice	33%	45%	36%	43%	34%	34%
Once or twice a month	7%	11%	18%	22%	23%	30%
Once a week	2%	4%	4%	8%	8%	16%
Daily	1%	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%
Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil) ^						
Never	73%	58%	47%	34%	43%	22%
Tried once or twice	20%	27%	28%	32%	24%	24%
Once or twice a month	5%	7%	12%	13%	12%	20%
Once a week	1%	3%	9%	11%	12%	18%
Daily	1%	5%	4%	11%	10%	15%
Vaping device or e-cigarette with nicotine ^						
Never	51%	27%	29%	14%	28%	13%
Tried once or twice	29%	34%	24%	23%	27%	17%
Once or twice a month	8%	12%	11%	16%	10%	13%
Once a week	5%	11%	17%	16%	15%	14%
Daily	7%	16%	19%	30%	20%	43%
Vaping device or e-cigarette with marijuana, THC or hash oil, or THC wax ^						
Never	66%	47%	45%	27%	40%	20%
Tried once or twice	23%	29%	27%	26%	25%	21%
Once or twice a month	6%	10%	12%	13%	7%	18%
Once a week	1%	4%	6%	13%	16%	16%
Daily	4%	10%	11%	21%	12%	26%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in response options from 2022.

TABLE 48A
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	5%	26%	0%	20%	0%	22%
No	95%	74%	100%	80%	100%	78%
IF USED: Have you tried to cut down on your use of alcohol or drugs but couldn't?						
Yes	5%	16%	0%	12%	4%	14%
No	95%	84%	100%	88%	96%	86%
IF USED: Have you continued to use alcohol or drugs even though you knew it was hurting your relationships with friends or family?						
Yes	10%	18%	5%	12%	4%	9%
No	90%	82%	95%	88%	96%	91%
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	19%	29%	0%	34%	12%	19%
No	81%	71%	100%	66%	88%	81%
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	86%	74%	100%	75%	79%	81%
1 time	10%	11%	0%	6%	12%	8%
2 times	0%	3%	0%	9%	4%	2%
3 or more times	5%	11%	0%	9%	4%	10%
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	95%	81%	100%	94%	92%	92%
1 time	0%	11%	0%	3%	8%	5%
2 times	5%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3 or more times	0%	3%	0%	3%	0%	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	90%	86%	100%	92%	92%	89%
1 time	5%	6%	0%	5%	8%	3%
2 times	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%	5%
3 or more times	5%	6%	0%	3%	0%	3%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

TABLE 48B
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

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			100%	97%	83%	87%
1 time			0%	0%	8%	8%
2 times			0%	0%	0%	2%
3 or more times			0%	3%	8%	3%
IF USED: How many times have you hit someone or become violent while using alcohol or drugs?						
0 times	100%	94%	100%	94%	92%	95%
1 time	0%	6%	0%	2%	4%	2%
2 times	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%
3 or more times	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%	3%
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	90%	75%	100%	82%	79%	76%
1 time	5%	25%	0%	5%	17%	13%
2 times	5%	0%	0%	9%	0%	5%
3 or more times	0%	0%	0%	5%	4%	6%
IF USED: How many times have you used more alcohol or drugs than you intended to?						
0 times	81%	67%	89%	74%	67%	75%
1 time	10%	25%	11%	15%	21%	12%
2 times	0%	6%	0%	6%	4%	2%
3 or more times	10%	3%	0%	5%	8%	11%
IF USED: How many times has alcohol or drug use left you feeling depressed, agitated, paranoid, or unable to concentrate?						
0 times	76%	57%	95%	68%	84%	78%
1 time	10%	24%	0%	11%	8%	8%
2 times	5%	11%	5%	5%	4%	6%
3 or more times	10%	8%	0%	17%	4%	8%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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

TABLE 49
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade			
	9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%
Have you ever had sex?				
Yes	7%	6%	15%	17%
No	93%	94%	85%	83%
IF EVER HAD SEX: During the last 12 months, how many different partners have you had sex with?^				
None	94%	95%	88%	85%
1 person	6%	4%	10%	12%
2 persons	0%	1%	0%	1%
3 persons	0%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more persons	0%	0%	2%	1%
IF EVER HAD SEX: Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sex the LAST time?				
Yes	0%	10%	0%	8%
No	100%	90%	100%	92%

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

^ Change in response option from 2022.

TABLE 50
PREVENTION OF PREGNANCY AND INFECTION*
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	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	17%	32%	13%	17%
Not with every partner	0%	5%	0%	8%
At least once with every partner	50%	58%	60%	61%
Does not apply to me^	33%	5%	27%	14%
Have you talked with your partner(s) about preventing pregnancy?				
Never	33%	26%	13%	9%
Not with every partner	0%	11%	0%	9%
At least once with every partner	50%	53%	67%	69%
Does not apply to me^	17%	11%	20%	14%
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	17%	20%	7%	6%
Birth control pills	33%	10%	29%	34%
Condoms	33%	50%	57%	46%
Birth control shot, ring, or patch^^	17%	0%	21%	6%
Implant or IUD^^	0%	10%	14%	26%
Withdrawal	17%	5%	14%	20%
Not sure	17%	10%	7%	0%
Not applicable	50%	10%	14%	11%
The LAST time you had sex, did you or your partner use a condom or dental dam (barrier)?^^^				
Yes	33%	48%	67%	54%
No	67%	52%	33%	46%

* 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)^
QUESTIONING/NOT SURE

	Grade					
	8th		9th		11th	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%
About how many books are there in your home?						
Few (0-10)	10%	8%	12%	10%	17%	9%
Enough to fill one shelf (11-25)	16%	18%	15%	13%	21%	18%
Enough to fill one bookcase (26-100)	30%	34%	35%	32%	26%	32%
Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)	43%	40%	38%	45%	37%	41%
Do you have any of the following in your home?						
...Access to the internet	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%
...Your own bedroom	94%	86%	90%	89%	94%	92%
...A desktop or laptop computer (including Chromebooks) that you can use	81%	84%	83%	90%	91%	92%
...A tablet (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) that you can use	60%	71%	66%	66%	57%	66%
...A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, HTC One) that you can use	88%	94%	92%	99%	99%	99%

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