

2018 Missouri Student Survey Howard County



	2018 County Data	2018 MO Data	2016 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	229	*	223
Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)			
Grade level. 6th Grade	14.0%	15.3%	13.3%
Grade level. 7th Grade	11.9%	13.7%	14.5%
Grade level. 8th Grade	15.3%	14.0%	13.3%
Grade level. 9th Grade	11.9%	13.4%	14.5%
Grade level. 10th Grade	6.4%	13.7%	21.4%
Grade level. 11th Grade	19.1%	14.6%	13.3%
Grade level. 12th Grade	21.6%	15.2%	9.8%
Male	48.3%	49.7%	48.6%
Hispanic or Latino	0.9%	5.8%	1.2%
Race: Black or African American	5.1%	12.7%	4.0%
Race: White	92.3%	76.9%	92.5%
Race: Multiracial	0.9%	8.5%	1.1%

Note: Small sample sizes at the school level can make comparisons difficult.

Take careful note of the demographic information listed above. Large differences in the sample, especially changes in the percent per grade, can influence the rest of the data in this report. This means differences may be a result of differing samples rather than an actual population differences.

*Missouri data reflects a random sample, weighted to proportionally reflect the state student population.

Substances: Past 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)

Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	16.2%	8.7%	17.3%
Used electronic cigarettes	8.5%	15.3%	13.5%
Used hookahs or water pipes	0.9%	2.6%	6.3%
Used alcohol	27.0%	14.5%	20.0%
Used marijuana	3.1%	6.5%	7.4%
Used inhalants	0.9%	1.1%	2.3%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	8.7%	7.6%	9.7%
Used `OTC` to get high	1.7%	1.6%	2.9%
Used synthetic drugs	0.9%	0.3%	0.6%

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<u>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.9%	1.0%	1.7%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.9%	0.2%	0.0%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	0.9%	1.3%	1.1%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	1.4%	0.3%	0.0%
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	0.9%	0.9%	1.7%
<u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	25.3%	29.7%	21.4%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	1.7%	7.6%	2.9%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	29.7%	15.1%	27.8%
<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	21.0%	20.7%	25.1%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	15.0%	15.5%	21.1%
Made fun of other people	47.6%	51.1%	64.0%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and was not just fooling around	7.8%	14.1%	17.1%
<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Been bullied on school property	29.1%	29.4%	38.3%
Was in a physical fight	14.5%	17.9%	24.4%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	4.7%	6.6%	2.9%
Seriously considered suicide	9.8%	14.1%	6.9%
Planned suicide	3.9%	10.9%	8.0%
Attempted suicide	3.0%	6.2%	2.9%
<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>			
Was very sad	17.5%	24.4%	17.1%
Was grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	27.9%	35.0%	36.6%
Felt hopeless about the future	9.6%	13.2%	9.8%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	13.2%	21.8%	18.5%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	22.2%	33.4%	20.8%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	29.1%	29.6%	27.4%

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<u>Parents' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u>			
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	90.7%	93.9%	93.7%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	90.7%	93.8%	92.6%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	95.2%	93.0%	94.9%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	98.2%	95.6%	96.0%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u>			
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	70.8%	79.4%	73.0%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	69.2%	75.2%	79.9%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	68.4%	71.1%	79.9%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	93.6%	87.8%	90.8%
<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	50.9%	44.4%	47.1%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	49.4%	48.9%	54.7%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	26.4%	36.9%	22.1%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	21.7%	25.4%	19.3%
<u>Friends' perception of coolness (% reflects pretty cool + very cool)</u>			
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked cigarettes	17.2%	10.7%	15.4%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes	11.2%	25.9%	14.9%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	27.9%	26.8%	30.3%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	17.7%	25.9%	15.4%

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Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)			
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke e-cigarettes	41.9%	41.8%	39.5%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes	19.5%	17.1%	20.8%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	45.0%	39.7%	40.8%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	42.4%	31.4%	41.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	32.5%	22.9%	39.9%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	35.7%	37.0%	31.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	6.1%	9.0%	6.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	11.4%	12.7%	9.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	18.1%	21.6%	21.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	9.6%	13.1%	16.9%

These reports contain select questions. For more information, see your full report. If you need assistance locating this report, contact Susan.Depue@mimh.edu. State and county level data will be available at <http://dmh.mo.gov/ada/mobhew> by September 2018.



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in the Missouri
Student Survey is
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