



# 2016 Missouri Student Survey

## Polk County



	2016 County Data	2016 MO Data*	2014 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	1153		343
<b>Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)</b>			
Grade level. 6th Grade	11.4%	13.9%	7.7%
Grade level. 7th Grade	15.4%	14.4%	11.8%
Grade level. 8th Grade	14.5%	14.3%	20.8%
Grade level. 9th Grade	12.5%	15.2%	20.8%
Grade level. 10th Grade	16.0%	14.7%	13.1%
Grade level. 11th Grade	18.9%	13.9%	17.9%
Grade level. 12th Grade	11.3%	13.6%	7.9%
Male	47.5%	47.7%	50.0%
Hispanic or Latino	1.1%	2.1%	1.0%
Race, alone or in combination. Black or African Am.	0.7%	16.0%	0.8%
Race, alone or in combination. White	95.3%	78.8%	98.2%
Race, alone or in combination. Other	0.7%	1.2%	0.8%

Note: Small sample sizes at the county level can make comparisons between years difficult. Take careful note of the demographic information listed above. Drastic changes in the sample, especially changes in the percent per grade, can influence the rest of the data in this report. This means changes between years may be a result of differing samples rather than an actual population change.

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

<b>Substances: Past 30 days (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Used alcohol	12.9%	14.2%	7.7%
Used electronic cigarettes	12.0%	10.6%	2.3%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	7.3%	10.0%	1.0%
Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	11.4%	9.9%	8.2%
Used marijuana	4.9%	7.0%	3.6%
Used hookahs or water pipes	2.5%	3.4%	3.4%
Used 'OTC' drugs for non-medical reasons	1.3%	2.2%	0.5%
Used inhalants	0.9%	1.1%	0.8%
Used synthetic drugs	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%

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<b>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Used hallucinogens such as LSD (acid), PCP (angel dust), or magic mushrooms	1.3%	1.1%	0.5%
Used cocaine or 'crack'	1.1%	0.9%	0.5%
Used 'club drugs' such as ecstasy	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.7%	0.3%	0.5%
Used heroin or 'smack'	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%
<b>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	25.0%	29.0%	25.2%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	4.2%	5.9%	2.0%
Carried a weapon such as a gun, knife or club on school property	10.0%	4.0%	9.5%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	9.5%	14.3%	6.4%
<b>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	22.4%	22.9%	22.0%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	14.8%	16.5%	11.0%
Made fun of other people	52.3%	54.1%	49.7%
Hit, shoved, or pushed another student and was not fooling around	13.7%	15.5%	15.3%
<b>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Been bullied on school property	33.2%	28.8%	28.8%
Were in a physical fight	16.4%	17.3%	14.6%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife or club on school property	7.3%	7.4%	6.9%
Considered suicide	12.0%	13.9%	8.4%
Planned suicide	9.7%	9.9%	5.4%
Attempted suicide	4.6%	6.3%	4.6%
<b>Depression: Past Month (% reflects often + always)</b>			
Was very sad	22.7%	22.7%	15.6%
Was grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	29.3%	33.6%	17.7%
Felt hopeless about the future	11.9%	13.5%	9.8%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	21.0%	21.7%	11.8%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	22.9%	24.8%	14.7%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	29.4%	29.6%	18.7%

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<b>Perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</b>			
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	94.5%	94.0%	96.1%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Cold/Cough Medicines or OTC meds to get high	93.8%	92.3%	97.2%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	88.3%	88.7%	88.7%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke tobacco	87.3%	88.4%	86.3%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	85.6%	86.8%	87.4%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	86.9%	81.1%	91.0%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke e-cigarettes	80.0%	79.2%	unavailable
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke marijuana	85.1%	79.0%	90.4%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to have a drink of any type of alcohol	71.0%	68.1%	76.7%
<b>Availability (% reflects very easy + sort of easy)</b>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Cold/Cough Medicines or OTC medicines	52.9%	51.6%	45.9%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	46.6%	50.7%	43.4%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	47.6%	46.0%	44.5%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	43.4%	43.1%	unavailable
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	32.3%	37.2%	21.4%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	27.3%	27.7%	22.9%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get synthetic drugs	22.4%	22.0%	19.7%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get other illegal drugs	13.8%	14.0%	10.4%
<b>Perception of Coolness (% reflects pretty cool + very cool)</b>			
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	17.7%	24.9%	11.1%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	23.4%	24.8%	14.7%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked e-cigarettes	16.8%	17.0%	unavailable
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked cigarettes	10.6%	9.1%	7.2%

Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)

NOTE - % grouping is consistent with District Reports but other reports use moderate + great risk

'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they smoke e-cigarettes	40.4%	40.6%	unavailable
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	28.9%	36.5%	29.1%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	31.1%	33.7%	unavailable
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	35.7%	29.4%	42.6%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	19.5%	22.4%	16.1%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week	24.3%	21.5%	30.7%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day	16.5%	14.9%	15.1%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use RX drugs that have not been prescribed to them	13.5%	13.7%	12.3%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	10.5%	11.6%	11.1%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	8.4%	9.1%	8.8%



Questions have been abbreviated in order to fit within this report. For a copy of the survey which includes the full wording see <https://dmh.mo.gov/ada/mobhew/>  
 Data included in this report, excluding sample sizes, are weighted data. State level data uses a random sample. Please contact Susan Depue at [susan.depue@mimh.edu](mailto:susan.depue@mimh.edu) with any questions.