



2016 Missouri Student Survey St. Louis County



	2016 County Data	2016 MO Data*	2014 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	11897		8867
Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)			
Grade level. 6th Grade	13.9%	13.9%	13.6%
Grade level. 7th Grade	16.8%	14.4%	17.1%
Grade level. 8th Grade	14.1%	14.3%	12.1%
Grade level. 9th Grade	18.5%	15.2%	19.3%
Grade level. 10th Grade	12.0%	14.7%	13.3%
Grade level. 11th Grade	10.8%	13.9%	12.9%
Grade level. 12th Grade	13.8%	13.6%	11.8%
Male	48.0%	47.7%	43.6%
Hispanic or Latino	1.9%	2.1%	1.6%
Race, alone or in combination. Black or African Am.	22.6%	16.0%	23.6%
Race, alone or in combination. White	70.7%	78.8%	75.7%
Race, alone or in combination. Other	1.4%	1.2%	0.5%

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.

Substances: Past 30 days (% reflects "1+" answer)			
Used alcohol	16.6%	14.2%	14.7%
Used electronic cigarettes	10.7%	10.6%	11.0%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	8.6%	10.0%	3.7%
Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	5.1%	9.9%	5.6%
Used marijuana	11.3%	7.0%	9.1%
Used hookahs or water pipes	5.2%	3.4%	10.4%
Used 'OTC' drugs for non-medical reasons	1.8%	2.2%	1.6%
Used inhalants	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%
Used synthetic drugs	0.5%	0.3%	0.6%

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Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)			
Used hallucinogens such as LSD (acid), PCP (angel dust), or magic mushrooms	2.0%	1.1%	1.9%
Used cocaine or 'crack'	1.1%	0.9%	1.0%
Used 'club drugs' such as ecstasy	1.2%	0.8%	1.4%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Used heroin or 'smack'	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	24.3%	29.0%	23.4%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	5.0%	5.9%	4.2%
Carried a weapon such as a gun, knife or club on school property	2.3%	4.0%	1.7%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	18.4%	14.3%	17.9%
Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	26.2%	22.9%	26.1%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	19.9%	16.5%	18.3%
Made fun of other people	59.1%	54.1%	55.7%
Hit, shoved, or pushed another student and was not fooling around	13.6%	15.5%	13.0%
Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)			
Been bullied on school property	26.2%	28.8%	27.4%
Were in a physical fight	16.3%	17.3%	14.9%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife or club on school property	5.1%	7.4%	4.4%
Considered suicide	13.3%	13.9%	11.5%
Planned suicide	9.4%	9.9%	8.3%
Attempted suicide	5.5%	6.3%	4.8%
Depression: Past Month (% reflects often + always)			
Was very sad	19.8%	22.7%	18.5%
Was grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	29.1%	33.6%	22.9%
Felt hopeless about the future	11.7%	13.5%	11.1%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	18.4%	21.7%	15.9%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	21.5%	24.8%	18.6%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	26.5%	29.6%	23.9%

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Perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)			
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	93.8%	94.0%	93.6%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Cold/Cough Medicines or OTC meds to get high	92.5%	92.3%	93.0%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	91.0%	88.7%	88.9%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke tobacco	91.1%	88.4%	89.7%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	90.3%	86.8%	89.2%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	78.7%	81.1%	81.4%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke e-cigarettes	79.9%	79.2%	unavailable
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke marijuana	74.7%	79.0%	78.3%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to have a drink of any type of alcohol	68.6%	68.1%	68.4%
Availability (% reflects very easy + sort of easy)			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Cold/Cough Medicines or OTC medicines	54.9%	51.6%	56.9%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	53.9%	50.7%	54.0%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	42.8%	46.0%	42.4%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	44.1%	43.1%	unavailable
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	42.5%	37.2%	37.9%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	28.4%	27.7%	28.0%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get synthetic drugs	26.1%	22.0%	26.8%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get other illegal drugs	15.2%	14.0%	13.9%
Perception of Coolness (% reflects pretty cool + very cool)			
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	27.4%	24.9%	21.2%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	25.2%	24.8%	22.2%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked e-cigarettes	14.9%	17.0%	unavailable
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked cigarettes	6.8%	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	37.9%	40.6%	unavailable
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	36.4%	36.5%	34.0%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	33.8%	33.7%	unavailable
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	23.1%	29.4%	29.6%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	20.5%	22.4%	18.3%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week	16.7%	21.5%	19.5%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day	12.5%	14.9%	10.6%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use RX drugs that have not been prescribed to them	13.2%	13.7%	12.9%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	12.9%	11.6%	10.3%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	9.3%	9.1%	7.6%



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 with any questions.