

2022 Missouri Student Survey

Polk



	2022 County Data	2022 MO Data	2020 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	125	1804	409
<u>Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)</u>			
Grade level. 6th Grade	7.7%	12.9%	16.4%
Grade level. 7th Grade	20.6%	11.8%	18.9%
Grade level. 8th Grade	12.3%	11.6%	16.9%
Grade level. 9th Grade	14.3%	14.7%	13.4%
Grade level. 10th Grade	18.2%	14.9%	12.4%
Grade level. 11th Grade	14.1%	15.8%	10.6%
Grade level. 12th Grade	12.7%	18.2%	11.4%
Male	50.0%	49.9%	47.5%
Hispanic or Latino	2.9%	5.5%	1.6%
Race: Black or African American	0.9%	13.5%	1.0%
Race: White	80.1%	81.6%	95.7%
Race: Other*	19.0%	4.9%	3.3%

**Multiracial, American Indian/ Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/PI, and other.*

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.

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

Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	3.1%	3.2%	10.1%
Used electronic cigarettes	12.3%	11.0%	12.2%
Used hookahs or water pipes	1.8%	1.1%	1.8%
Used alcohol	11.0%	14.9%	11.5%
Used marijuana	4.7%	7.5%	5.9%
Used inhalants	1.4%	0.8%	1.3%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	0.0%	0.9%	7.3%
Used `OTC` to get high	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%
Used synthetic drugs	0.7%	1.0%	0.0%

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<u>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.9%	0.3%	1.1%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	3.3%	1.1%	0.5%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	0.9%	0.2%	0.8%
<u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	45.7%	33.8%	27.9%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	7.2%	10.2%	7.0%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	13.7%	15.4%	11.7%
<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	13.6%	14.2%	14.2%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	9.4%	17.3%	8.4%
Made fun of other people	54.9%	43.9%	45.4%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around	14.4%	14.0%	12.8%
<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Were in a physical fight	18.8%	17.9%	17.6%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	5.2%	7.9%	5.8%
Seriously considered suicide	11.0%	11.0%	9.4%
Planned suicide	9.2%	8.4%	10.0%
Attempted suicide	6.8%	4.3%	6.1%
<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>			
Were very sad	23.3%	27.7%	27.3%
Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	30.3%	35.5%	34.9%
Felt hopeless about the future	16.2%	15.5%	13.8%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	21.5%	24.3%	22.8%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	29.5%	37.6%	30.5%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	36.7%	37.4%	31.4%

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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	89.8%	93.8%	89.7%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	89.0%	94.5%	91.1%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	87.8%	92.5%	90.0%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	93.7%	97.1%	93.2%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u>			
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke cigarettes	74.3%	81.0%	79.7%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	72.7%	75.9%	78.4%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	68.0%	71.1%	76.6%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	88.8%	89.7%	92.3%
<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	42.8%	34.9%	39.5%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	42.4%	45.5%	40.6%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	44.4%	50.8%	44.0%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	35.5%	33.9%	29.9%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	21.6%	19.9%	19.5%
<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	13.1%	7.1%	10.3%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes	20.8%	15.2%	19.8%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	22.5%	20.0%	20.9%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	19.5%	17.4%	20.6%

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<u>Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)</u>			
'No' or 'slight risk' if they used e-cigarettes	39.4%	33.3%	34.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes /day	19.7%	18.0%	20.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	36.0%	44.5%	33.0%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	37.2%	31.5%	34.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	24.2%	22.2%	24.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	40.0%	39.1%	34.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	13.4%	10.0%	9.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	22.4%	16.1%	14.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	28.9%	21.7%	19.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	19.5%	10.8%	14.3%

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 2020.



Thank You!

Your Participation in the
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is appreciated!