

2024 Missouri Student Survey Jefferson County



	2024 County Data	2024 MO Data	2022 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	649	2811	730
<u>Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)</u>			
Grade level. 6th Grade	15.4%	9.3%	16.3%
Grade level. 7th Grade	18.6%	25.4%	15.3%
Grade level. 8th Grade	14.9%	15.6%	13.2%
Grade level. 9th Grade	17.4%	10.2%	18.5%
Grade level. 10th Grade	13.7%	15.8%	18.3%
Grade level. 11th Grade	12.3%	17.2%	13.1%
Grade level. 12th Grade	7.7%	6.4%	5.3%
Male	49.3%	44.6%	49.0%
Hispanic or Latino	4.5%	13.7%	2.3%
Race: Black or African American	0.7%	16.8%	0.9%
Race: White	67.4%	62.7%	87.0%
Race: Other*	31.9%	6.7%	12.1%

**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.

<u>Substances: Past 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	0.4%	2.2%	2.3%
Used electronic cigarettes	6.2%	9.1%	11.0%
Used hookahs or water pipes	0.2%	1.4%	1.1%
Used alcohol	5.3%	6.8%	11.3%
Used marijuana	3.8%	7.3%	7.2%
Used inhalants	0.9%	1.2%	0.5%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	2.4%	1.6%	1.2%
Used `OTC` to get high	1.7%	1.7%	2.2%

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<u>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Used synthetic drugs	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.0%	0.5%	0.6%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	0.6%	1.9%	1.4%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.9%	0.3%	0.5%
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	0.3%	0.6%	0.4%
<u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	38.7%	44.2%	32.4%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	4.7%	10.8%	8.7%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	11.8%	13.0%	13.8%
<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	18.4%	18.1%	14.8%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	17.6%	17.0%	14.8%
Made fun of other people	48.7%	45.2%	44.9%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around	13.7%	13.4%	12.4%
<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Were in a physical fight	15.8%	15.0%	16.4%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	6.3%	8.9%	8.2%
Seriously considered suicide	8.6%	11.2%	12.4%
Planned suicide	3.9%	7.8%	6.6%
Attempted suicide	2.9%	5.5%	4.6%
<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>			
Were very sad	18.0%	27.4%	28.8%
Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	29.4%	35.6%	36.8%
Felt hopeless about the future	12.7%	16.6%	17.5%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	20.6%	28.1%	25.8%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	29.4%	33.8%	34.4%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	32.3%	37.8%	36.3%

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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	96.7%	95.9%	96.9%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	95.5%	96.0%	95.5%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	93.7%	94.2%	94.7%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	96.7%	97.7%	98.2%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	96.1%	93.9%	96.0%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u>			
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke	86.6%	84.7%	85.7%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	83.3%	83.8%	79.0%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	79.9%	77.4%	76.8%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	93.0%	90.0%	91.4%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	78.2%	75.6%	74.7%
<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	4.3%	7.6%	7.9%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes	12.6%	15.5%	17.0%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	16.4%	15.2%	19.4%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	12.7%	17.3%	16.4%
<u>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</u>			
Feels like they know where in the community to get help	71.2%	68.2%	71.0%
Feels optimistic about the future	70.7%	70.5%	71.9%
Feels they handle stress in a healthy way	53.0%	53.5%	51.9%
Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming	75.5%	72.2%	70.4%

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<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	27.5%	30.3%	30.7%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	35.2%	40.9%	38.8%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	40.7%	39.9%	45.0%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	22.2%	30.5%	27.0%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	13.1%	16.9%	16.9%
<u>Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)</u>			
'No' or 'slight risk' if they used e-cigarettes	32.4%	27.8%	27.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes /day	16.2%	17.8%	16.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	43.4%	37.3%	41.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	30.1%	24.8%	30.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	17.8%	18.5%	20.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	32.0%	32.1%	32.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	12.5%	11.6%	7.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	16.6%	18.1%	15.8%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	24.5%	22.4%	20.5%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	13.7%	14.4%	10.9%

These reports contain select questions. For more information, see your full report. If you need assistance locating this report, contact Susan.Bradford@mimh.edu. State and county level data will be available at <http://dmh.mo.gov/ada/mobhew> by September 2024.