

2024 Missouri Student Survey Polk County



	2024 County Data	2024 MO Data	2022 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	84	2811	125
<u>Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)</u>			
Grade level. 6th Grade	29.2%	9.3%	7.7%
Grade level. 7th Grade	10.4%	25.4%	20.6%
Grade level. 8th Grade	0.0%	15.6%	12.3%
Grade level. 9th Grade	17.2%	10.2%	14.3%
Grade level. 10th Grade	12.5%	15.8%	18.2%
Grade level. 11th Grade	13.2%	17.2%	14.1%
Grade level. 12th Grade	17.4%	6.4%	12.7%
Male	49.2%	44.6%	50.0%
Hispanic or Latino	2.9%	13.7%	2.9%
Race: Black or African American	0.0%	16.8%	0.9%
Race: White	82.0%	62.7%	80.1%
Race: Other*	18.0%	6.7%	19.0%

**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)	0.9%	2.2%	3.1%
Used electronic cigarettes	8.2%	9.1%	12.3%
Used hookahs or water pipes	0.0%	1.4%	1.8%
Used alcohol	3.1%	6.8%	11.0%
Used marijuana	1.0%	7.3%	4.7%
Used inhalants	1.9%	1.2%	1.4%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%
Used `OTC` to get high	0.0%	1.7%	0.7%

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<u>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Used synthetic drugs	0.0%	1.9%	0.7%
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.0%	0.5%	0.9%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	1.0%	1.9%	3.3%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	0.0%	0.6%	0.9%

Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)

Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	41.7%	44.2%	45.7%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	6.3%	10.8%	7.2%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	3.7%	13.0%	13.7%

Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)

Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	18.9%	18.1%	13.6%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	5.4%	17.0%	9.4%
Made fun of other people	40.7%	45.2%	54.9%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around	14.0%	13.4%	14.4%

Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)

Were in a physical fight	14.8%	15.0%	18.8%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	2.3%	8.9%	5.2%
Seriously considered suicide	10.6%	11.2%	11.0%
Planned suicide	3.1%	7.8%	9.2%
Attempted suicide	0.9%	5.5%	6.8%

Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)

Were very sad	13.8%	27.4%	23.3%
Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	24.6%	35.6%	30.3%
Felt hopeless about the future	13.9%	16.6%	16.2%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	16.6%	28.1%	21.5%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	25.8%	33.8%	29.5%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	21.4%	37.8%	36.7%

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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	95.7%	95.9%	89.8%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	95.6%	96.0%	89.0%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	94.1%	94.2%	87.8%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	100.0%	97.7%	93.7%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	94.6%	93.9%	88.7%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u>			
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke	87.8%	84.7%	74.3%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	89.7%	83.8%	72.7%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	89.3%	77.4%	68.0%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	96.7%	90.0%	88.8%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	90.0%	75.6%	68.9%
<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	5.0%	7.6%	13.1%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes	8.3%	15.5%	20.8%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	9.5%	15.2%	22.5%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	10.5%	17.3%	19.5%
<u>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</u>			
Feels like they know where in the community to get help	72.9%	68.2%	64.0%
Feels optimistic about the future	68.6%	70.5%	57.9%
Feels they handle stress in a healthy way	67.5%	53.5%	48.5%
Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming	84.4%	72.2%	71.6%

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<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	31.4%	30.3%	42.8%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	28.1%	40.9%	42.4%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	31.9%	39.9%	44.4%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	18.9%	30.5%	35.5%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	8.8%	16.9%	21.6%
<u>Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)</u>			
'No' or 'slight risk' if they used e-cigarettes	23.3%	27.8%	39.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes /day	13.9%	17.8%	19.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	21.1%	37.3%	36.0%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	18.4%	24.8%	37.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	19.3%	18.5%	24.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	23.7%	32.1%	40.0%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	9.1%	11.6%	13.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	8.3%	18.1%	22.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	20.7%	22.4%	28.9%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	13.1%	14.4%	19.5%

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.