

# 2024 Missouri Student Survey

## State Data by Middle & High School



Approximate Sample Size	2024 Missouri 6-12 N = 2811	2024 Missouri 6-8 N = 2074	2024 Missouri 9-12 N = 737
<b>Demographics (% "yes" answer)</b>			
Grade level 6th Grade	9.3%	18.5%	0.0%
Grade level 7th Grade	25.4%	50.5%	0.0%
Grade level 8th Grade	15.6%	31.0%	0.0%
Grade level 9th Grade	10.2%	0.0%	20.4%
Grade level 10th Grade	15.8%	0.0%	31.9%
Grade level 11th Grade	17.2%	0.0%	34.8%
Grade level 12th Grade	6.4%	0.0%	12.9%
Male	44.6%	41.0%	48.2%
Hispanic or Latino	13.7%	11.5%	16.0%
Race: Black or African American	16.8%	16.9%	16.3%
Race: White	62.7%	61.0%	64.7%
Race: Other*	6.7%	8.0%	5.3%

\*Multiracial. American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or PI, 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.

<b>Substances: Past 30 Days (% "1+" answer)</b>			
Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	2.2%	1.5%	2.8%
Used electronic cigarettes	9.1%	5.3%	13.1%
Used hookah or water pipes	1.4%	0.5%	2.2%
Used alcohol	6.8%	3.6%	10.1%
Used marijuana	7.3%	2.6%	12.1%
Used inhalants	1.2%	0.8%	1.7%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	1.6%	1.5%	1.8%
Used 'OTC' to get high	1.7%	1.8%	1.6%

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<b><u>Substances: Ever in your life (% "1+" answer)</u></b>			
Used synthetic drugs	1.9%	2.1%	1.6%
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.5%	0.4%	0.7%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	1.9%	0.6%	3.4%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	0.6%	0.2%	1.0%
<b><u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% "1+" answer)</u></b>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	44.2%	41.1%	47.0%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	10.8%	10.3%	11.5%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	13.0%	16.1%	9.9%
<b><u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% "1+" answer)</u></b>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	18.1%	20.2%	15.9%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	17.0%	18.6%	15.3%
Made fun of other people	45.2%	47.5%	42.7%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and was not just fooling around	13.4%	17.7%	8.8%
<b><u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% "1+" answer)</u></b>			
Were in a physical fight	15.0%	18.7%	11.1%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	8.9%	9.7%	8.0%
Seriously considered suicide	11.2%	10.7%	11.7%
Planned suicide	7.8%	7.1%	8.4%
Attempted suicide	5.5%	5.8%	5.2%
<b><u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u></b>			
Was very sad	27.4%	26.6%	28.3%
Was grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	35.6%	35.2%	36.1%
Felt hopeless about the future	16.6%	15.3%	18.0%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	28.1%	25.6%	30.7%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	33.8%	32.3%	45.3%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	37.8%	34.9%	40.7%

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<b>Parents' perception of wrongness (% wrong + very wrong)</b>			
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	95.9%	97.0%	94.9%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	96.0%	97.4%	94.8%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once	94.2%	97.6%	90.8%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	97.7%	98.0%	97.5%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	93.9%	96.0%	91.8%
<b>Friends' perception of wrongness (% wrong + very wrong)</b>			
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	84.7%	90.8%	78.9%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	83.8%	89.8%	77.9%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	77.4%	89.3%	65.5%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	90.0%	93.1%	87.1%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	75.6%	85.9%	65.3%
<b>Friends' perception of coolness (% pretty cool + very cool)</b>			
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked cigarettes	7.6%	5.1%	10.1%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes	15.5%	9.8%	21.0%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	15.2%	8.8%	21.6%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	17.3%	9.9%	24.7%
<b>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</b>			
Feels like they know where in the community to get help	68.2%	72.2%	64.2%
Feels optimistic about the future	70.5%	70.0%	71.3%
Feels they handle stress in a healthy way	53.5%	54.8%	52.2%
Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming	72.2%	76.4%	68.1%

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#### **Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)**

'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	30.3%	19.6%	41.3%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	40.9%	27.3%	54.9%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	39.9%	29.9%	50.2%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	30.5%	15.9%	45.4%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	16.9%	14.4%	19.5%

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

'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke e-cigarettes	27.8%	23.4%	32.0%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes /day	17.8%	16.2%	19.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	37.3%	35.1%	39.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	24.8%	23.6%	25.8%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	18.5%	16.7%	20.0%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	32.1%	20.9%	43.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	11.6%	11.9%	11.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	18.1%	19.7%	16.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	22.4%	23.4%	21.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	14.4%	14.6%	14.2%

