

2026 Missouri Student Survey - County Report

Buchanan

	2026 County Data	2026 State Data	2024 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	2,131	1,326	3,923
<u>Demographics (% "yes" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Grade level. 6th Grade	12.9%	20.5%	14.8%
Grade level. 7th Grade	17.8%	13.9%	15.7%
Grade level. 8th Grade	17.1%	11.6%	14.7%
Grade level. 9th Grade	12.5%	12.9%	14.1%
Grade level. 10th Grade	14.6%	13.2%	17.4%
Grade level. 11th Grade	14.7%	14.8%	12.5%
Grade level. 12th Grade	10.4%	13.3%	10.8%
Male	49.8%	50.1%	49.9%
Hispanic or Latino	5.5%	7.7%	7.4%
Race: Black or African American	5.8%	16.6%	5.0%
Race: White	83.3%	72.3%	72.9%
Race: Other*	10.8%	11.0%	22.1%

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

Note: Small numbers of students at the school level can make comparisons harder to interpret. Please review the demographic information above, as large differences—especially changes in grade-level percentages—can affect the results in this report. As a result, some differences may reflect who was included in the sample rather than true differences in the overall population.

<u>Substances: Past 30 Days (% "1 or more" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	2.1%	3.6%	1.9%
Used vapes / electronic cigarettes	4.8%	8.4%	9.3%
Used hookahs or water pipes	0.4%	0.6%	1.0%
Used alcohol	3.6%	6.6%	6.2%
Used marijuana	3.1%	3.3%	5.9%
Used inhalants	0.6%	0.7%	0.9%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	0.8%	1.2%	1.4%
Used `OTC` to get high	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%

<u>Substances: Ever in your life (% "1 or more" answer)</u>	2026 County Data	2026 State Data	2024 County Data
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	0.1%	0.3%	0.5%
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.1%	0.2%	0.5%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	0.7%	1.1%	1.7%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%
<u>Parents' perception of wrongness (% wrong + very wrong)</u>	%	%	%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	95.5%	95.5%	94.2%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	95.9%	95.4%	95.5%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	96.6%	96.8%	96.0%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	95.4%	95.4%	93.0%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	97.3%	96.4%	97.2%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% wrong + very wrong)</u>	%	%	%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	78.3%	76.2%	77.0%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke cigarettes	86.2%	84.4%	86.3%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every	84.9%	84.8%	83.6%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	80.6%	81.0%	77.8%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	90.9%	89.3%	91.6%
<u>Friends' perception of coolness (% pretty cool + very cool)</u>	%	%	%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked cigarettes	5.8%	5.6%	6.7%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used vapes	12.2%	11.0%	15.9%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	13.1%	12.2%	16.6%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	11.2%	10.7%	16.3%

<u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% "1 or more" answer)</u>	2026 County Data	2026 State Data	2024 County Data
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	34.9%	35.5%	44.3%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	5.9%	7.5%	10.4%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	8.8%	10.5%	10.3%
<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% "1 or more" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	14.1%	15.5%	12.8%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	11.7%	13.5%	13.8%
Made fun of other people	38.5%	42.6%	38.1%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around	9.0%	13.7%	11.6%
<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% "1 or more" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Were in a physical fight	11.1%	17.6%	15.2%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	5.2%	6.4%	7.0%
Seriously considered suicide	8.2%	10.5%	10.2%
Planned suicide	6.4%	7.7%	7.5%
Attempted suicide	4.7%	6.1%	5.7%
<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>	%	%	%
Were very sad	17.0%	19.5%	25.0%
Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	27.1%	27.9%	35.3%
Felt hopeless about the future	10.3%	12.3%	15.3%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	19.0%	21.7%	24.8%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	25.4%	25.2%	34.1%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	26.9%	28.8%	36.4%
<u>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</u>	%	%	%
Feels like they know where in the community to get help	75.9%	77.0%	67.8%
Feels optimistic about the future	73.3%	74.5%	69.9%
Feels they handle stress in a healthy way	61.4%	65.7%	52.4%
Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming	77.6%	77.7%	72.6%

<u>Anxiety Scale (% often or always in Past Month) - New in 2026</u>	2026 County Data	2026 State Data	2024 County Data
Hard to focus	23.2%	22.1%	N/A
Skipped event or left early	9.4%	8.1%	N/A
Hard to make choices or finish tasks	23.1%	21.1%	N/A
<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>	%	%	%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	24.7%	22.5%	28.2%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	33.6%	35.0%	40.6%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	32.9%	35.4%	34.2%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	23.9%	23.9%	28.4%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	14.7%	14.5%	15.7%
<u>Perception of Harm (% slight risk + no risk at all)</u>	%	%	%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke e-cigarettes	23.2%	26.6%	25.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes / day	14.8%	13.9%	16.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	34.4%	33.9%	32.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	21.4%	24.0%	23.9%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a w	13.6%	15.6%	15.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a	23.9%	23.9%	31.0%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club	7.4%	8.4%	9.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	15.4%	15.4%	15.0%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold / Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	18.3%	18.9%	18.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	9.3%	10.6%	11.2%

THANK YOU!

Your Participation in the Missouri Student Survey is appreciated!
Talk to your local Prevention Resource Center for next steps!

*These reports contain select questions. Additional reporting will be available at <https://dmh.mo.gov/behavioral-health/missouri-student-survey> by September 2026.
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