

2026 Missouri Student Survey - County Report

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	2026 County Data 301	2026 State Data 1,326	2024 County Data 499
Approximate Sample Size			
<u>Demographics (% "yes" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Grade level. 6th Grade	11.2%	20.5%	11.4%
Grade level. 7th Grade	11.2%	13.9%	16.4%
Grade level. 8th Grade	26.1%	11.6%	20.5%
Grade level. 9th Grade	0.7%	12.9%	15.0%
Grade level. 10th Grade	28.4%	13.2%	14.1%
Grade level. 11th Grade	0.0%	14.8%	9.5%
Grade level. 12th Grade	22.4%	13.3%	13.2%
Male	49.6%	50.1%	54.5%
Hispanic or Latino	4.6%	7.7%	8.8%
Race: Black or African American	0.7%	16.6%	0.5%
Race: White	94.8%	72.3%	62.0%
Race: Other*	4.4%	11.0%	37.6%

*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)	8.5%	3.6%	7.9%
Used vapes / electronic cigarettes	17.3%	8.4%	14.0%
Used hookahs or water pipes	1.6%	0.6%	1.4%
Used alcohol	11.0%	6.6%	14.1%
Used marijuana	4.8%	3.3%	5.7%
Used inhalants	2.4%	0.7%	1.4%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	0.8%	1.2%	1.9%
Used `OTC` to get high	1.6%	1.1%	1.9%

<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	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.8%	0.2%	0.5%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	2.4%	1.1%	1.4%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.0%	0.4%	0.5%
<u>Parents' perception of wrongness (% wrong + very wrong)</u>	%	%	%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	93.6%	95.5%	91.8%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	96.8%	95.4%	93.3%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	96.0%	96.8%	94.2%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	96.0%	95.4%	90.9%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	96.8%	96.4%	95.2%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% wrong + very wrong)</u>	%	%	%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	63.2%	76.2%	67.7%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke cigarettes	75.9%	84.4%	81.5%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every	74.4%	84.8%	78.8%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	76.5%	81.0%	78.7%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	90.2%	89.3%	93.2%
<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	10.7%	5.6%	11.0%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used vapes	23.7%	11.0%	19.2%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	26.2%	12.2%	24.5%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	13.8%	10.7%	14.1%

<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	29.9%	35.5%	41.9%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	5.3%	7.5%	7.7%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	19.7%	10.5%	21.0%
<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% "1 or more" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	19.7%	15.5%	28.1%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	13.6%	13.5%	17.7%
Made fun of other people	53.1%	42.6%	58.4%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around	12.1%	13.7%	18.1%
<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% "1 or more" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Were in a physical fight	13.5%	17.6%	16.3%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	8.3%	6.4%	5.5%
Seriously considered suicide	18.2%	10.5%	14.1%
Planned suicide	10.5%	7.7%	10.9%
Attempted suicide	7.6%	6.1%	6.8%
<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>	%	%	%
Were very sad	29.3%	19.5%	27.7%
Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	32.3%	27.9%	38.6%
Felt hopeless about the future	15.2%	12.3%	17.7%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	27.1%	21.7%	30.5%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	33.1%	25.2%	30.0%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	35.6%	28.8%	34.4%
<u>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</u>	%	%	%
Feels like they know where in the community to get help	77.3%	77.0%	69.5%
Feels optimistic about the future	76.7%	74.5%	65.4%
Feels they handle stress in a healthy way	61.4%	65.7%	55.0%
Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming	76.7%	77.7%	71.2%

<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	24.8%	22.1%	N/A
Skipped event or left early	12.0%	8.1%	N/A
Hard to make choices or finish tasks	29.5%	21.1%	N/A
<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>	%	%	%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	41.2%	22.5%	34.2%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	55.7%	35.0%	46.6%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	54.2%	35.4%	45.7%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	31.5%	23.9%	25.2%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	15.5%	14.5%	16.0%
<u>Perception of Harm (% slight risk + no risk at all)</u>	%	%	%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke e-cigarettes	34.1%	26.6%	27.9%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes / day	11.5%	13.9%	16.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	42.3%	33.9%	41.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	30.8%	24.0%	30.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a w	16.3%	15.6%	18.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a	22.9%	23.9%	30.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club	6.2%	8.4%	10.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	12.4%	15.4%	14.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold / Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	18.3%	18.9%	24.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	9.2%	10.6%	12.0%

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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