

2026 Missouri Student Survey - County Report

Mississippi

	2026 County Data	2026 State Data	2024 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	335	1,326	141
<u>Demographics (% "yes" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Grade level. 6th Grade	0.0%	20.5%	0.0%
Grade level. 7th Grade	17.4%	13.9%	18.9%
Grade level. 8th Grade	25.5%	11.6%	27.0%
Grade level. 9th Grade	27.5%	12.9%	21.2%
Grade level. 10th Grade	12.8%	13.2%	9.3%
Grade level. 11th Grade	9.4%	14.8%	12.4%
Grade level. 12th Grade	7.4%	13.3%	11.2%
Male	44.6%	50.1%	55.4%
Hispanic or Latino	3.4%	7.7%	9.1%
Race: Black or African American	35.1%	16.6%	33.0%
Race: White	55.4%	72.3%	43.4%
Race: Other*	9.5%	11.0%	23.6%

**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)	5.8%	3.6%	5.1%
Used vapes / electronic cigarettes	10.9%	8.4%	17.7%
Used hookahs or water pipes	0.7%	0.6%	1.6%
Used alcohol	8.0%	6.6%	10.1%
Used marijuana	4.4%	3.3%	16.3%
Used inhalants	2.9%	0.7%	0.5%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	0.7%	1.2%	7.4%
Used `OTC` to get high	2.9%	1.1%	6.4%

<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%	1.7%
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.0%	0.2%	1.7%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	0.0%	1.1%	6.3%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%
<u>Parents' perception of wrongness (% wrong + very wrong)</u>	%	%	%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	95.4%	95.5%	94.3%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	96.2%	95.4%	95.6%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	97.7%	96.8%	98.1%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	96.9%	95.4%	94.8%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	97.7%	96.4%	96.8%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% wrong + very wrong)</u>	%	%	%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	67.1%	76.2%	71.4%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke cigarettes	81.5%	84.4%	81.9%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every	74.7%	84.8%	79.4%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	74.7%	81.0%	73.9%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	87.6%	89.3%	89.2%
<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	11.3%	5.6%	6.8%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used vapes	20.4%	11.0%	17.4%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	22.0%	12.2%	11.9%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	18.4%	10.7%	15.6%

<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	45.3%	35.5%	38.4%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	8.8%	7.5%	9.7%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	13.1%	10.5%	13.0%
<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% "1 or more" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	17.6%	15.5%	20.7%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	16.2%	13.5%	19.9%
Made fun of other people	47.0%	42.6%	53.0%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around	18.1%	13.7%	28.5%
<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% "1 or more" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Were in a physical fight	27.0%	17.6%	30.3%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	14.1%	6.4%	10.8%
Seriously considered suicide	16.7%	10.5%	13.4%
Planned suicide	11.1%	7.7%	8.2%
Attempted suicide	11.7%	6.1%	8.2%
<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>	%	%	%
Were very sad	26.9%	19.5%	24.0%
Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	42.1%	27.9%	42.2%
Felt hopeless about the future	18.9%	12.3%	21.2%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	28.5%	21.7%	22.5%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	37.1%	25.2%	36.1%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	36.1%	28.8%	31.0%
<u>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</u>	%	%	%
Feels like they know where in the community to get he	75.7%	77.0%	62.6%
Feels optimistic about the future	73.8%	74.5%	61.5%
Feels they handle stress in a healthy way	54.1%	65.7%	43.9%
Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming	75.7%	77.7%	62.8%

<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	34.7%	22.1%	N/A
Skipped event or left early	18.6%	8.1%	N/A
Hard to make choices or finish tasks	30.6%	21.1%	N/A
<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>	%	%	%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	29.3%	22.5%	40.4%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	44.2%	35.0%	51.4%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	34.8%	35.4%	39.9%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	29.2%	23.9%	43.6%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	13.9%	14.5%	25.2%
<u>Perception of Harm (% slight risk + no risk at all)</u>	%	%	%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke e-cigarettes	33.6%	26.6%	24.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes / day	23.0%	13.9%	15.0%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	38.7%	33.9%	32.5%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	27.4%	24.0%	32.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a w	20.1%	15.6%	21.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a	28.9%	23.9%	34.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club	9.8%	8.4%	15.8%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	13.4%	15.4%	14.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold / Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	19.4%	18.9%	21.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	14.8%	10.6%	15.3%

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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