

2026 Missouri Student Survey - County Report

St. Francois

	2026 County Data	2026 State Data	2024 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	633	1,326	1,396
<u>Demographics (% "yes" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Grade level. 6th Grade	0.2%	20.5%	19.1%
Grade level. 7th Grade	21.5%	13.9%	19.1%
Grade level. 8th Grade	21.6%	11.6%	10.9%
Grade level. 9th Grade	23.3%	12.9%	14.0%
Grade level. 10th Grade	15.4%	13.2%	14.8%
Grade level. 11th Grade	10.0%	14.8%	13.2%
Grade level. 12th Grade	8.1%	13.3%	8.9%
Male	54.1%	50.1%	53.3%
Hispanic or Latino	1.5%	7.7%	2.8%
Race: Black or African American	2.6%	16.6%	2.3%
Race: White	91.5%	72.3%	77.8%
Race: Other*	6.0%	11.0%	19.8%

*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)	3.6%	3.6%	3.0%
Used vapes / electronic cigarettes	6.9%	8.4%	9.0%
Used hookahs or water pipes	0.5%	0.6%	1.3%
Used alcohol	4.7%	6.6%	7.8%
Used marijuana	3.5%	3.3%	3.9%
Used inhalants	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	1.8%	1.2%	1.3%
Used `OTC` to get high	1.2%	1.1%	1.3%

<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%	0.0%
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	0.5%	1.1%	0.9%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%
<u>Parents' perception of wrongness (% wrong + very wrong)</u>	%	%	%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	93.1%	95.5%	91.5%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	94.4%	95.4%	93.4%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	95.2%	96.8%	94.3%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	94.0%	95.4%	93.5%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	94.9%	96.4%	95.8%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% wrong + very wrong)</u>	%	%	%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	76.2%	76.2%	77.3%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke cigarettes	84.2%	84.4%	86.4%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every	81.7%	84.8%	81.0%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	80.4%	81.0%	80.9%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	87.7%	89.3%	91.4%
<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	9.0%	5.6%	7.8%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used vapes	13.0%	11.0%	14.4%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	15.8%	12.2%	15.2%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	10.8%	10.7%	14.0%

<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	44.4%	35.5%	42.2%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	9.2%	7.5%	10.9%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	11.4%	10.5%	11.7%
<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% "1 or more" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	21.6%	15.5%	15.7%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	19.7%	13.5%	16.5%
Made fun of other people	54.7%	42.6%	42.9%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around	18.9%	13.7%	15.4%
<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% "1 or more" answer)</u>	%	%	%
Were in a physical fight	17.2%	17.6%	17.8%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	9.6%	6.4%	9.5%
Seriously considered suicide	12.4%	10.5%	11.6%
Planned suicide	7.5%	7.7%	9.6%
Attempted suicide	5.1%	6.1%	6.0%
<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>	%	%	%
Were very sad	22.2%	19.5%	27.6%
Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	33.5%	27.9%	36.8%
Felt hopeless about the future	11.7%	12.3%	17.2%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	26.2%	21.7%	27.7%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	32.2%	25.2%	38.0%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	32.6%	28.8%	37.6%
<u>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</u>	%	%	%
Feels like they know where in the community to get help	72.8%	77.0%	67.2%
Feels optimistic about the future	72.1%	74.5%	68.7%
Feels they handle stress in a healthy way	56.3%	65.7%	52.8%
Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming	75.0%	77.7%	72.4%

<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	26.8%	22.1%	N/A
Skipped event or left early	14.8%	8.1%	N/A
Hard to make choices or finish tasks	29.9%	21.1%	N/A
<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>	%	%	%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	31.7%	22.5%	28.9%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	41.9%	35.0%	40.5%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	40.8%	35.4%	36.0%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	26.0%	23.9%	25.5%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	20.7%	14.5%	17.0%
<u>Perception of Harm (% slight risk + no risk at all)</u>	%	%	%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke e-cigarettes	25.9%	26.6%	23.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes / day	13.4%	13.9%	14.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	36.7%	33.9%	33.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	27.6%	24.0%	27.8%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a w	15.0%	15.6%	18.5%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a	22.2%	23.9%	25.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club	7.6%	8.4%	9.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	16.9%	15.4%	15.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold / Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	24.4%	18.9%	21.9%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	13.6%	10.6%	12.7%

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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