



# 2016 Missouri Student Survey Vernon County



	2016 County Data	2016 MO Data*	2014 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	356		194
<b>Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)</b>			
Grade level. 6th Grade	16.7%	13.9%	40.1%
Grade level. 7th Grade	12.8%	14.4%	4.4%
Grade level. 8th Grade	19.2%	14.3%	4.0%
Grade level. 9th Grade	15.4%	15.2%	5.8%
Grade level. 10th Grade	14.4%	14.7%	12.4%
Grade level. 11th Grade	15.1%	13.9%	18.6%
Grade level. 12th Grade	6.4%	13.6%	14.6%
Male	49.2%	47.7%	51.8%
Hispanic or Latino	0.8%	2.1%	0.7%
Race, alone or in combination. Black or African Am.	0.5%	16.0%	0.4%
Race, alone or in combination. White	97.2%	78.8%	98.2%
Race, alone or in combination. Other	0.5%	1.2%	0.4%

Note: Small sample sizes at the county level can make comparisons between years difficult. Take careful note of the demographic information listed above. Drastic changes in the sample, especially changes in the percent per grade, can influence the rest of the data in this report. This means changes between years may be a result of differing samples rather than an actual population change.

\*Missouri data reflects a random sample, weighted to proportionally reflect the state student population.

<b>Substances: Past 30 days (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Used alcohol	21.2%	14.2%	17.2%
Used electronic cigarettes	14.3%	10.6%	7.7%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	8.5%	10.0%	2.2%
Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	13.6%	9.9%	12.4%
Used marijuana	6.9%	7.0%	3.0%
Used hookahs or water pipes	2.8%	3.4%	1.5%
Used 'OTC' drugs for non-medical reasons	3.1%	2.2%	3.0%
Used inhalants	1.5%	1.1%	0.4%
Used synthetic drugs	0.5%	0.3%	0.0%

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<b>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Used hallucinogens such as LSD (acid), PCP (angel dust), or magic mushrooms	1.6%	1.1%	0.0%
Used cocaine or 'crack'	1.3%	0.9%	0.0%
Used 'club drugs' such as ecstasy	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	1.0%	0.3%	0.0%
Used heroin or 'smack'	1.0%	0.2%	0.0%
<b>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	36.5%	29.0%	30.5%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	6.4%	5.9%	3.3%
Carried a weapon such as a gun, knife or club on school property	9.0%	4.0%	5.1%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	17.5%	14.3%	15.9%
<b>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	24.4%	22.9%	15.7%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	13.3%	16.5%	6.2%
Made fun of other people	54.5%	54.1%	56.7%
Hit, shoved, or pushed another student and was not fooling around	16.9%	15.5%	19.6%
<b>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Been bullied on school property	33.8%	28.8%	26.5%
Were in a physical fight	21.7%	17.3%	16.6%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife or club on school property	8.5%	7.4%	4.3%
Considered suicide	13.8%	13.9%	5.5%
Planned suicide	13.2%	9.9%	4.0%
Attempted suicide	7.5%	6.3%	2.2%
<b>Depression: Past Month (% reflects often + always)</b>			
Was very sad	25.1%	22.7%	12.0%
Was grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	34.4%	33.6%	25.1%
Felt hopeless about the future	15.9%	13.5%	7.7%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	21.3%	21.7%	17.8%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	25.3%	24.8%	8.8%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	31.5%	29.6%	20.4%

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<b>Perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</b>			
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	93.1%	94.0%	96.6%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Cold/Cough Medicines or OTC meds to get high	92.3%	92.3%	94.9%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	83.3%	88.7%	80.9%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke tobacco	85.6%	88.4%	86.2%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	79.6%	86.8%	77.7%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	82.6%	81.1%	90.8%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke e-cigarettes	72.9%	79.2%	unavailable
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke marijuana	81.9%	79.0%	91.8%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to have a drink of any type of alcohol	60.3%	68.1%	61.0%
<b>Availability (% reflects very easy + sort of easy)</b>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Cold/Cough Medicines or OTC medicines	52.5%	51.6%	39.1%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	54.5%	50.7%	45.5%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	50.8%	46.0%	50.5%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	43.1%	43.1%	unavailable
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	39.4%	37.2%	15.7%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	31.7%	27.7%	19.9%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get synthetic drugs	19.0%	22.0%	15.6%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get other illegal drugs	16.1%	14.0%	5.6%
<b>Perception of Coolness (% reflects pretty cool + very cool)</b>			
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	26.2%	24.9%	6.2%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	32.7%	24.8%	27.0%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked e-cigarettes	17.1%	17.0%	unavailable
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked cigarettes	6.9%	9.1%	13.6%

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

NOTE - % grouping is consistent with District Reports but other reports use moderate + great risk

'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they smoke e-cigarettes	39.6%	40.6%	unavailable
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	30.1%	36.5%	21.8%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	32.1%	33.7%	unavailable
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	37.1%	29.4%	50.7%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	24.9%	22.4%	21.5%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week	31.0%	21.5%	32.4%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day	17.0%	14.9%	19.4%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use RX drugs that have not been prescribed to them	12.5%	13.7%	12.4%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	8.8%	11.6%	10.1%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	7.0%	9.1%	7.9%



Questions have been abbreviated in order to fit within this report. For a copy of the survey which includes the full wording see <https://dmh.mo.gov/ada/mobhew/>  
 Data included in this report, excluding sample sizes, are weighted data. State level data uses a random sample. Please contact Susan Depue at [susan.depue@mimh.edu](mailto:susan.depue@mimh.edu) with any questions.