



# 2016 Missouri Student Survey

## Howard County



	2016 County Data	2016 MO Data*	2014 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	223		126
<b>Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)</b>			
Grade level. 6th Grade	13.3%	13.9%	7.9%
Grade level. 7th Grade	14.5%	14.4%	15.9%
Grade level. 8th Grade	13.3%	14.3%	18.3%
Grade level. 9th Grade	14.5%	15.2%	15.9%
Grade level. 10th Grade	21.4%	14.7%	15.9%
Grade level. 11th Grade	13.3%	13.9%	17.5%
Grade level. 12th Grade	9.8%	13.6%	8.7%
Male	48.6%	47.7%	49.2%
Hispanic or Latino	1.2%	2.1%	1.6%
Race, alone or in combination. Black or African Am.	4.0%	16.0%	6.5%
Race, alone or in combination. White	92.5%	78.8%	92.0%
Race, alone or in combination. Other	0.6%	1.2%	0.0%

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	20.0%	14.2%	14.4%
Used electronic cigarettes	13.5%	10.6%	7.1%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	9.7%	10.0%	0.0%
Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	17.3%	9.9%	16.0%
Used marijuana	7.4%	7.0%	4.8%
Used hookahs or water pipes	6.3%	3.4%	4.1%
Used 'OTC' drugs for non-medical reasons	2.9%	2.2%	1.6%
Used inhalants	2.3%	1.1%	0.0%
Used synthetic drugs	0.6%	0.3%	2.4%

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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	1.1%	1.1%	3.2%
Used cocaine or 'crack'	1.7%	0.9%	0.8%
Used 'club drugs' such as ecstasy	1.7%	0.8%	0.0%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.0%	0.3%	1.6%
Used heroin or 'smack'	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%
<b>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	20.9%	29.0%	19.8%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	2.9%	5.9%	3.2%
Carried a weapon such as a gun, knife or club on school property	6.3%	4.0%	4.0%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	27.4%	14.3%	22.6%
<b>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	25.1%	22.9%	24.6%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	21.6%	16.5%	16.0%
Made fun of other people	64.0%	54.1%	60.0%
Hit, shoved, or pushed another student and was not fooling around	17.1%	15.5%	18.3%
<b>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</b>			
Been bullied on school property	38.3%	28.8%	19.5%
Were in a physical fight	24.0%	17.3%	19.8%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife or club on school property	3.4%	7.4%	2.4%
Considered suicide	6.9%	13.9%	4.8%
Planned suicide	8.0%	9.9%	5.6%
Attempted suicide	3.4%	6.3%	1.6%
<b>Depression: Past Month (% reflects often + always)</b>			
Was very sad	17.1%	22.7%	12.6%
Was grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	36.6%	33.6%	22.4%
Felt hopeless about the future	9.8%	13.5%	7.2%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	18.5%	21.7%	12.9%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	20.8%	24.8%	8.8%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	27.4%	29.6%	20.0%

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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	89.7%	94.0%	94.3%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Cold/Cough Medicines or OTC meds to get high	90.2%	92.3%	94.4%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	76.6%	88.7%	82.3%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke tobacco	81.1%	88.4%	79.2%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	74.6%	86.8%	83.3%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	80.6%	81.1%	88.9%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke e-cigarettes	79.2%	79.2%	unavailable
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to smoke marijuana	79.3%	79.0%	87.1%
'Wrong' or 'very wrong' for you to have a drink of any type of alcohol	52.0%	68.1%	66.4%
<b>Availability (% reflects very easy + sort of easy)</b>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Cold/Cough Medicines or OTC medicines	51.7%	51.6%	42.7%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	54.7%	50.7%	53.2%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	47.1%	46.0%	46.8%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	38.6%	43.1%	unavailable
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	22.1%	37.2%	21.6%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	19.3%	27.7%	17.7%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get synthetic drugs	18.0%	22.0%	16.7%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get other illegal drugs	7.6%	14.0%	7.2%
<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	16.0%	24.9%	9.6%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	30.3%	24.8%	19.8%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked e-cigarettes	14.9%	17.0%	unavailable
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked cigarettes	14.9%	9.1%	8.7%

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	39.5%	40.6%	unavailable
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	31.2%	36.5%	34.9%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	40.8%	33.7%	unavailable
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	41.6%	29.4%	46.8%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	21.4%	22.4%	20.2%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week	39.9%	21.5%	42.9%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day	20.8%	14.9%	10.5%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use RX drugs that have not been prescribed to them	16.9%	13.7%	10.3%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	8.7%	11.6%	10.3%
'No risk at all' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	6.9%	9.1%	5.6%



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.