

2020 Missouri Student Survey Benton County



	2020 County Data	2020 MO Data	2018 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	371	*	238
Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)			
Grade level. 6th Grade	12.2%	12.9%	14.2%
Grade level. 7th Grade	8.9%	11.5%	18.2%
Grade level. 8th Grade	5.6%	11.8%	14.5%
Grade level. 9th Grade	25.7%	13.6%	14.5%
Grade level. 10th Grade	20.5%	17.4%	13.2%
Grade level. 11th Grade	14.9%	17.8%	10.9%
Grade level. 12th Grade	12.2%	15.0%	14.5%
Male	48.0%	50.5%	48.7%
Hispanic or Latino	1.3%	1.5%	1.0%
Race: Black or African American	0.3%	13.3%	0.3%
Race: White	96.7%	79.5%	97.7%
Race: Multiracial	2.3%	5.3%	1.3%

Note: Small sample sizes at the school level can make comparisons difficult.

Take careful note of the demographic information listed above. Large differences in the sample, especially changes in the percent per grade, can influence the rest of the data in this report. This means differences may be a result of differing samples rather than an actual population differences.

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

Substances: Past 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)

Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	13.4%	5.3%	14.3%
Used electronic cigarettes	18.8%	15.5%	13.9%
Used hookahs or water pipes	1.7%	1.9%	5.1%
Used alcohol	16.7%	17.0%	23.2%
Used marijuana	8.2%	8.9%	7.8%
Used inhalants	1.7%	1.0%	1.7%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	7.3%	6.3%	4.1%
Used `OTC` to get high	1.0%	2.0%	1.4%
Used synthetic drugs	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%

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<u>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Used cocaine or `crack`	1.4%	1.2%	3.1%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	2.8%	2.2%	5.1%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.4%	0.7%	0.3%
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	1.4%	1.0%	3.7%
<u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	33.6%	30.1%	22.8%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	7.9%	5.9%	6.0%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	18.8%	17.0%	19.9%
<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	12.2%	16.2%	17.8%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	13.4%	15.7%	17.5%
Made fun of other people	48.4%	47.2%	54.3%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and was not just fooling around	12.2%	12.4%	14.3%
<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Been bullied on school property	30.2%	26.2%	34.6%
Was in a physical fight	19.7%	15.9%	19.5%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	8.9%	6.7%	7.7%
Seriously considered suicide	18.9%	11.1%	14.1%
Planned suicide	14.4%	8.6%	12.3%
Attempted suicide	11.6%	4.9%	7.1%
<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>			
Was very sad	38.2%	25.3%	25.7%
Was grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	39.5%	33.4%	31.0%
Felt hopeless about the future	19.5%	15.5%	15.3%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	29.2%	21.1%	23.7%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	38.9%	32.6%	28.1%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	37.1%	32.1%	28.7%

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Parents' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)			
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	89.8%	91.8%	92.4%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	91.8%	93.4%	94.4%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	88.6%	92.5%	91.2%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	94.0%	96.2%	95.1%
Friends' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)			
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	77.6%	87.7%	77.5%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	71.7%	84.9%	69.7%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	68.4%	75.6%	75.8%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	88.0%	94.5%	89.7%
Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	46.5%	39.5%	50.3%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	54.3%	52.3%	59.0%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	39.2%	38.0%	34.2%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	25.3%	21.1%	28.4%
Friends' perception of coolness (% reflects pretty cool + very cool)			
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked cigarettes	9.5%	10.1%	9.0%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes	23.0%	26.3%	10.7%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	26.1%	27.5%	25.8%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	22.0%	25.9%	16.6%

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Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)			
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke e-cigarettes	32.2%	33.2%	44.5%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes /day	19.3%	18.9%	17.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	37.4%	46.5%	38.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	34.9%	35.1%	38.5%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	26.9%	24.2%	29.8%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	40.8%	39.2%	33.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	10.1%	9.6%	6.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	14.5%	13.2%	9.5%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	25.7%	23.4%	22.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	16.2%	14.2%	12.3%

These reports contain select questions. For more information, see your full report. If you need assistance locating this report, contact Susan.Depue@mimh.edu. State and county level data will be available at <http://dmh.mo.gov/ada/mobhew> by September 2020.



Thank You!

Your Participation in the
Missouri Student Survey
is appreciated!