

2020 Missouri Student Survey Polk County



	2020 County Data	2020 MO Data	2018 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	409	*	630
Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)			
Grade level. 6th Grade	16.4%	12.9%	10.0%
Grade level. 7th Grade	18.9%	11.5%	15.9%
Grade level. 8th Grade	16.9%	11.8%	10.2%
Grade level. 9th Grade	13.4%	13.6%	21.6%
Grade level. 10th Grade	12.4%	17.4%	15.9%
Grade level. 11th Grade	10.6%	17.8%	16.2%
Grade level. 12th Grade	11.4%	15.0%	10.1%
Male	47.5%	50.5%	47.6%
Hispanic or Latino	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%
Race: Black or African American	1.0%	13.3%	0.8%
Race: White	95.7%	79.5%	96.2%
Race: Multiracial	2.3%	5.3%	2.1%

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)	10.1%	5.3%	11.7%
Used electronic cigarettes	12.2%	15.5%	14.0%
Used hookahs or water pipes	1.8%	1.9%	2.1%
Used alcohol	11.5%	17.0%	14.2%
Used marijuana	5.9%	8.9%	6.9%
Used inhalants	1.3%	1.0%	0.7%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	7.3%	6.3%	9.7%
Used `OTC` to get high	0.8%	2.0%	1.4%
Used synthetic drugs	0.0%	0.5%	0.3%

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<u>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Used cocaine or `crack`	1.1%	1.2%	1.7%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	0.5%	2.2%	1.7%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	0.8%	1.0%	1.4%
<u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	27.9%	30.1%	26.3%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	7.0%	5.9%	7.8%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	11.7%	17.0%	11.7%
<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	14.2%	16.2%	19.5%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	8.4%	15.7%	12.7%
Made fun of other people	45.4%	47.2%	54.0%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and was not just fooling around	12.8%	12.4%	11.9%
<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Been bullied on school property	31.7%	26.2%	35.5%
Was in a physical fight	17.6%	15.9%	17.2%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	5.8%	6.7%	8.9%
Seriously considered suicide	9.4%	11.1%	15.2%
Planned suicide	10.0%	8.6%	10.9%
Attempted suicide	6.1%	4.9%	5.3%
<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>			
Was very sad	27.3%	25.3%	24.9%
Was grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	34.9%	33.4%	33.8%
Felt hopeless about the future	13.8%	15.5%	16.1%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	22.8%	21.1%	24.1%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	30.5%	32.6%	33.5%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	31.4%	32.1%	31.4%

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<u>Parents' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u>			
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	89.7%	91.8%	95.3%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	91.1%	93.4%	94.2%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	90.0%	92.5%	92.2%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	93.2%	96.2%	96.6%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u>			
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	79.7%	87.7%	77.3%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	78.4%	84.9%	72.8%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	76.6%	75.6%	72.9%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	92.3%	94.5%	90.3%
<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	39.5%	39.5%	47.3%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	44.0%	52.3%	48.0%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	29.9%	38.0%	35.3%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	19.5%	21.1%	25.0%
<u>Friends' perception of coolness (% reflects pretty cool + very cool)</u>			
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked cigarettes	10.3%	10.1%	11.6%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes	19.8%	26.3%	22.0%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	20.9%	27.5%	27.4%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	20.6%	25.9%	23.8%

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Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)			
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke e-cigarettes	34.3%	33.2%	42.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes /day	20.1%	18.9%	16.9%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	33.0%	46.5%	33.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	34.3%	35.1%	34.8%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	24.2%	24.2%	24.8%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	34.6%	39.2%	35.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	9.4%	9.6%	8.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	14.1%	13.2%	12.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	19.7%	23.4%	21.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	14.3%	14.2%	13.2%

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!