

2024 Missouri Student Survey Cole County



| | 2024 County Data | 2024 MO Data | 2022 County Data |
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| Approximate Sample Size | 252 | 2811 | 509 |
| <u>Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)</u> | | | |
| Grade level. 6th Grade | 12.9% | 9.3% | 16.6% |
| Grade level. 7th Grade | 16.8% | 25.4% | 13.8% |
| Grade level. 8th Grade | 17.4% | 15.6% | 15.0% |
| Grade level. 9th Grade | 17.4% | 10.2% | 17.0% |
| Grade level. 10th Grade | 16.0% | 15.8% | 12.3% |
| Grade level. 11th Grade | 9.7% | 17.2% | 13.5% |
| Grade level. 12th Grade | 9.8% | 6.4% | 11.8% |
| Male | 53.7% | 44.6% | 50.9% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 5.2% | 13.7% | 3.0% |
| Race: Black or African American | 10.2% | 16.8% | 11.1% |
| Race: White | 72.3% | 62.7% | 79.6% |
| Race: Other* | 17.5% | 6.7% | 9.3% |

**Multiracial, American Indian/ Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/PI, and other.*

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.

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

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| Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew) | 5.5% | 2.2% | 5.2% |
| Used electronic cigarettes | 6.2% | 9.1% | 12.3% |
| Used hookahs or water pipes | 0.3% | 1.4% | 1.0% |
| Used alcohol | 13.4% | 6.8% | 16.9% |
| Used marijuana | 2.2% | 7.3% | 6.1% |
| Used inhalants | 1.0% | 1.2% | 0.9% |
| Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor | 1.7% | 1.6% | 1.3% |
| Used `OTC` to get high | 0.3% | 1.7% | 0.8% |

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| <u>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</u> | | | |
| Used synthetic drugs | 3.8% | 1.9% | 3.6% |
| Used cocaine or `crack` | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.9% |
| Used heroin or `smack` | 0.4% | 0.2% | 0.6% |
| Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms | 1.0% | 1.9% | 2.1% |
| Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice) | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.8% |
| Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy | 0.0% | 0.6% | 0.8% |
| <u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</u> | | | |
| Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut | 31.2% | 44.2% | 32.1% |
| Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school | 2.6% | 10.8% | 11.0% |
| Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol | 22.8% | 13.0% | 20.7% |
| <u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u> | | | |
| Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school | 18.2% | 18.1% | 13.0% |
| Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student | 12.6% | 17.0% | 14.6% |
| Made fun of other people | 53.4% | 45.2% | 50.8% |
| Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around | 10.5% | 13.4% | 14.5% |
| <u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u> | | | |
| Were in a physical fight | 14.5% | 15.0% | 17.0% |
| Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property | 4.1% | 8.9% | 8.3% |
| Seriously considered suicide | 12.3% | 11.2% | 17.4% |
| Planned suicide | 7.2% | 7.8% | 11.5% |
| Attempted suicide | 4.5% | 5.5% | 8.6% |
| <u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u> | | | |
| Were very sad | 23.5% | 27.4% | 34.6% |
| Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood | 33.3% | 35.6% | 39.3% |
| Felt hopeless about the future | 11.8% | 16.6% | 18.7% |
| Felt like not eating or eating more than usual | 22.9% | 28.1% | 30.8% |
| Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual | 37.8% | 33.8% | 36.5% |
| Had difficulty concentrating on school work | 36.6% | 37.8% | 38.3% |

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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 | 95.8% | 95.9% | 94.6% |
| Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day | 91.8% | 96.0% | 92.3% |
| Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week | 95.9% | 94.2% | 95.4% |
| Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you | 96.9% | 97.7% | 97.0% |
| Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape | 93.9% | 93.9% | 91.9% |
| <u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u> | | | |
| Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke | 86.9% | 84.7% | 83.2% |
| Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day | 81.7% | 83.8% | 75.4% |
| Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana | 85.5% | 77.4% | 75.5% |
| Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you | 93.0% | 90.0% | 92.7% |
| Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape | 77.8% | 75.6% | 68.9% |
| <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 | 5.1% | 7.6% | 9.1% |
| Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes | 7.8% | 15.5% | 20.6% |
| Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol | 18.1% | 15.2% | 24.3% |
| Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana | 7.9% | 17.3% | 19.6% |
| <u>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</u> | | | |
| Feels like they know where in the community to get help | 67.4% | 68.2% | 63.3% |
| Feels optimistic about the future | 73.0% | 70.5% | 73.1% |
| Feels they handle stress in a healthy way | 59.9% | 53.5% | 54.4% |
| Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming | 78.3% | 72.2% | 73.6% |

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| <u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u> | | | |
| 'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes | 27.0% | 30.3% | 35.5% |
| 'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes | 41.3% | 40.9% | 45.1% |
| 'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol | 49.4% | 39.9% | 50.5% |
| 'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana | 27.2% | 30.5% | 27.2% |
| 'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them | 17.4% | 16.9% | 19.0% |
| <u>Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)</u> | | | |
| 'No' or 'slight risk' if they used e-cigarettes | 25.9% | 27.8% | 33.1% |
| 'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes /day | 15.2% | 17.8% | 18.4% |
| 'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified) | 47.6% | 37.3% | 42.7% |
| 'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day | 38.9% | 24.8% | 35.6% |
| 'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week | 27.0% | 18.5% | 26.1% |
| 'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week | 25.5% | 32.1% | 33.4% |
| 'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs | 8.9% | 11.6% | 9.9% |
| 'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs | 17.2% | 18.1% | 18.9% |
| 'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high | 20.1% | 22.4% | 25.1% |
| 'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them | 11.3% | 14.4% | 13.3% |

These reports contain select questions. For more information, see your full report. If you need assistance locating this report, contact Susan.Bradford@mimh.edu. State and county level data will be available at <http://dmh.mo.gov/ada/mobhew> by September 2024.