

2024 Missouri Student Survey Lafayette County



	2024 County Data	2024 MO Data	2022 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	1,405	2811	1780
<u>Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)</u>			
Grade level. 6th Grade	16.8%	9.3%	14.5%
Grade level. 7th Grade	18.5%	25.4%	14.5%
Grade level. 8th Grade	18.7%	15.6%	17.0%
Grade level. 9th Grade	12.4%	10.2%	16.4%
Grade level. 10th Grade	13.7%	15.8%	15.8%
Grade level. 11th Grade	11.1%	17.2%	12.7%
Grade level. 12th Grade	8.7%	6.4%	9.1%
Male	50.4%	44.6%	49.8%
Hispanic or Latino	3.3%	13.7%	2.8%
Race: Black or African American	1.7%	16.8%	1.9%
Race: White	85.2%	62.7%	87.1%
Race: Other*	13.1%	6.7%	11.0%

*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)

Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	3.3%	2.2%	4.1%
Used electronic cigarettes	8.2%	9.1%	13.7%
Used hookahs or water pipes	0.7%	1.4%	1.7%
Used alcohol	8.2%	6.8%	14.3%
Used marijuana	3.5%	7.3%	7.6%
Used inhalants	0.5%	1.2%	1.1%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	1.7%	1.6%	2.2%
Used `OTC` to get high	1.0%	1.7%	1.3%

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<u>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Used synthetic drugs	2.4%	1.9%	2.0%
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.5%	0.5%	1.1%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	1.2%	1.9%	1.8%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	0.2%	0.6%	1.1%

<u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	41.5%	44.2%	34.4%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	9.2%	10.8%	10.4%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	15.3%	13.0%	17.3%

<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	20.7%	18.1%	16.4%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	20.1%	17.0%	18.7%
Made fun of other people	49.5%	45.2%	48.1%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around	14.2%	13.4%	14.3%

<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Were in a physical fight	14.7%	15.0%	18.2%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	7.7%	8.9%	9.3%
Seriously considered suicide	10.0%	11.2%	15.7%
Planned suicide	7.1%	7.8%	10.4%
Attempted suicide	4.7%	5.5%	6.9%

<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>			
Were very sad	24.2%	27.4%	29.7%
Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	36.4%	35.6%	37.3%
Felt hopeless about the future	14.7%	16.6%	16.3%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	24.9%	28.1%	27.7%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	30.3%	33.8%	35.0%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	34.7%	37.8%	34.0%

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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	95.5%	95.9%	93.5%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	95.0%	96.0%	92.6%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	94.8%	94.2%	92.1%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	97.3%	97.7%	96.4%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	94.5%	93.9%	92.1%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u>			
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke	86.4%	84.7%	81.6%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	82.1%	83.8%	75.3%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	82.4%	77.4%	75.8%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	92.5%	90.0%	89.7%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	78.3%	75.6%	70.4%
<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	7.7%	7.6%	8.9%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes	17.2%	15.5%	22.0%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	19.0%	15.2%	24.0%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	13.8%	17.3%	21.5%
<u>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</u>			
Feels like they know where in the community to get help	70.3%	68.2%	69.9%
Feels optimistic about the future	69.5%	70.5%	69.3%
Feels they handle stress in a healthy way	56.0%	53.5%	51.0%
Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming	77.9%	72.2%	72.0%

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<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	29.7%	30.3%	38.3%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	39.1%	40.9%	45.4%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	39.6%	39.9%	49.1%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	24.9%	30.5%	30.8%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	16.2%	16.9%	22.5%
<u>Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)</u>			
'No' or 'slight risk' if they used e-cigarettes	26.7%	27.8%	31.9%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes /day	16.0%	17.8%	19.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	39.6%	37.3%	43.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	30.1%	24.8%	36.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	20.5%	18.5%	24.9%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	29.2%	32.1%	32.8%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	10.7%	11.6%	10.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	17.7%	18.1%	18.5%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	21.4%	22.4%	23.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	14.0%	14.4%	11.9%

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.