

# 2024 Missouri Student Survey Mississippi County



	2024 County Data	2024 MO Data	2022 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	141	2811	455
<b><u>Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)</u></b>			
Grade level. 6th Grade	0.0%	9.3%	18.6%
Grade level. 7th Grade	18.9%	25.4%	12.0%
Grade level. 8th Grade	27.0%	15.6%	11.5%
Grade level. 9th Grade	21.2%	10.2%	21.9%
Grade level. 10th Grade	9.3%	15.8%	10.9%
Grade level. 11th Grade	12.4%	17.2%	14.2%
Grade level. 12th Grade	11.2%	6.4%	10.9%
Male	55.4%	44.6%	53.6%
Hispanic or Latino	9.1%	13.7%	3.9%
Race: Black or African American	33.0%	16.8%	20.8%
Race: White	43.4%	62.7%	74.3%
Race: Other*	23.6%	6.7%	4.9%

*\*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)	5.1%	2.2%	6.7%
Used electronic cigarettes	17.7%	9.1%	14.6%
Used hookahs or water pipes	1.6%	1.4%	0.6%
Used alcohol	10.1%	6.8%	11.9%
Used marijuana	16.3%	7.3%	5.7%
Used inhalants	0.5%	1.2%	0.6%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	7.4%	1.6%	1.1%
Used `OTC` to get high	6.4%	1.7%	1.7%

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<b><u>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</u></b>			
Used synthetic drugs	4.3%	1.9%	1.1%
Used cocaine or `crack`	1.7%	0.5%	1.1%
Used heroin or `smack`	4.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	6.3%	1.9%	1.2%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	1.7%	0.6%	0.6%
<b><u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</u></b>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	38.4%	44.2%	43.7%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	9.7%	10.8%	10.9%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	13.0%	13.0%	11.9%
<b><u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u></b>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	20.7%	18.1%	8.8%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	19.9%	17.0%	11.6%
Made fun of other people	53.0%	45.2%	34.6%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around	28.5%	13.4%	12.6%
<b><u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u></b>			
Were in a physical fight	30.3%	15.0%	19.1%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	10.8%	8.9%	8.7%
Seriously considered suicide	13.4%	11.2%	9.9%
Planned suicide	8.2%	7.8%	7.8%
Attempted suicide	8.2%	5.5%	5.0%
<b><u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u></b>			
Were very sad	24.0%	27.4%	25.4%
Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	42.2%	35.6%	34.6%
Felt hopeless about the future	21.2%	16.6%	15.9%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	22.5%	28.1%	25.4%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	36.1%	33.8%	33.0%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	31.0%	37.8%	29.0%

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<b><u>Parents' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u></b>			
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	95.6%	95.9%	94.7%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	98.1%	96.0%	93.5%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	94.8%	94.2%	95.9%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	96.8%	97.7%	97.0%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	94.3%	93.9%	92.3%
<b><u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u></b>			
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke	81.9%	84.7%	81.9%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	79.4%	83.8%	76.4%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	73.9%	77.4%	79.6%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	89.2%	90.0%	91.2%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	71.4%	75.6%	72.0%
<b><u>Friends' perception of coolness (% reflects pretty cool + very cool)</u></b>			
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked cigarettes	6.8%	7.6%	7.7%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes	17.4%	15.5%	18.6%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	11.9%	15.2%	19.7%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	15.6%	17.3%	19.7%
<b><u>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</u></b>			
Feels like they know where in the community to get help	62.6%	68.2%	70.7%
Feels optimistic about the future	61.5%	70.5%	63.5%
Feels they handle stress in a healthy way	43.9%	53.5%	56.6%
Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming	62.8%	72.2%	76.4%

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<b><u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u></b>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	40.4%	30.3%	33.9%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	51.4%	40.9%	41.2%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	39.9%	39.9%	37.7%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	43.6%	30.5%	26.2%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	25.2%	16.9%	20.8%
<b><u>Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)</u></b>			
'No' or 'slight risk' if they used e-cigarettes	24.6%	27.8%	29.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes /day	15.0%	17.8%	17.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	32.5%	37.3%	37.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	32.4%	24.8%	31.5%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	21.7%	18.5%	19.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	34.4%	32.1%	25.0%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	15.8%	11.6%	8.9%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	14.1%	18.1%	11.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	21.7%	22.4%	19.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	15.3%	14.4%	10.6%

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.