

2024 Missouri Student Survey St. Louis County



	2024 County Data	2024 MO Data	2022 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	10,794	2811	14317
<u>Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)</u>			
Grade level. 6th Grade	13.6%	9.3%	19.9%
Grade level. 7th Grade	13.3%	25.4%	24.2%
Grade level. 8th Grade	12.1%	15.6%	19.7%
Grade level. 9th Grade	17.6%	10.2%	11.3%
Grade level. 10th Grade	22.2%	15.8%	11.0%
Grade level. 11th Grade	11.9%	17.2%	6.7%
Grade level. 12th Grade	9.2%	6.4%	7.1%
Male	49.4%	44.6%	49.6%
Hispanic or Latino	2.3%	13.7%	4.8%
Race: Black or African American	1.0%	16.8%	13.3%
Race: White	91.4%	62.7%	64.5%
Race: Other*	7.6%	6.7%	22.3%

**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)

Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	1.4%	2.2%	1.0%
Used electronic cigarettes	4.3%	9.1%	3.5%
Used hookahs or water pipes	0.4%	1.4%	0.7%
Used alcohol	7.3%	6.8%	6.3%
Used marijuana	3.9%	7.3%	3.8%
Used inhalants	0.6%	1.2%	0.7%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	0.6%	1.6%	1.1%
Used `OTC` to get high	0.9%	1.7%	1.8%

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<u>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Used synthetic drugs	1.2%	1.9%	2.2%
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.2%	0.5%	0.3%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	0.8%	1.9%	0.8%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	0.1%	0.6%	0.3%
<u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	30.3%	44.2%	27.7%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	5.6%	10.8%	10.2%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	12.5%	13.0%	14.7%
<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	16.8%	18.1%	11.2%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	14.4%	17.0%	12.8%
Made fun of other people	42.8%	45.2%	38.1%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around	7.6%	13.4%	9.8%
<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Were in a physical fight	10.2%	15.0%	13.2%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	4.7%	8.9%	5.8%
Seriously considered suicide	6.4%	11.2%	11.2%
Planned suicide	4.0%	7.8%	7.5%
Attempted suicide	2.8%	5.5%	5.0%
<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>			
Were very sad	17.0%	27.4%	25.4%
Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	23.1%	35.6%	30.6%
Felt hopeless about the future	10.2%	16.6%	14.0%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	17.1%	28.1%	22.8%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	24.9%	33.8%	29.1%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	27.7%	37.8%	31.3%

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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	97.4%	95.9%	97.9%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	97.1%	96.0%	97.7%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	96.8%	94.2%	96.8%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	98.1%	97.7%	97.9%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	96.8%	93.9%	97.1%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u>			
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke	90.3%	84.7%	91.3%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	89.7%	83.8%	88.0%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	84.9%	77.4%	83.9%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	94.3%	90.0%	92.8%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	84.5%	75.6%	83.5%
<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%	5.7%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes	10.8%	15.5%	11.3%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	15.4%	15.2%	14.0%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	11.1%	17.3%	11.6%
<u>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</u>			
Feels like they know where in the community to get help	77.0%	68.2%	72.0%
Feels optimistic about the future	79.9%	70.5%	77.3%
Feels they handle stress in a healthy way	64.3%	53.5%	58.8%
Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming	83.0%	72.2%	77.3%

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<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	24.2%	30.3%	22.1%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	34.9%	40.9%	28.9%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	42.9%	39.9%	40.5%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	23.9%	30.5%	19.1%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	14.1%	16.9%	18.2%
<u>Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)</u>			
'No' or 'slight risk' if they used e-cigarettes	20.2%	27.8%	18.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes /day	11.1%	17.8%	10.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	36.4%	37.3%	33.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	18.0%	24.8%	17.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	12.8%	18.5%	11.7%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	23.0%	32.1%	20.6%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	7.4%	11.6%	5.8%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	13.2%	18.1%	13.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	17.0%	22.4%	16.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	9.3%	14.4%	7.9%

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.