



Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey Results for 2023

Profile Report: DAWSON COUNTY

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Introduction and Overview

This report summarizes the findings from the 2023 Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey (NRPFSS). The 2023 survey represents the tenth implementation of the NRPFSS and the seventh implementation of the survey under the Nebraska Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) Surveillance System. SHARP consists of the coordinated administration of three school-based student health surveys in Nebraska, including the NRPFSS, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), and the Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS). The Nebraska SHARP Surveillance System is administered by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska Department of Education through a contract with the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. For more information on the Nebraska SHARP Surveillance System please visit <https://bosr.unl.edu/sharp/>.

As a result of the creation of SHARP and its inclusion of the NRPFSS, the administration schedule shifted from the fall of odd calendar years to the fall of even calendar years. The first three administrations of the NRPFSS occurred during the fall of 2003, 2005, and 2007, while the fourth administration occurred during the fall of 2010, leaving a three-year gap (rather than the usual two-year gap) between the most recent administrations. The 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 administrations also occurred during the fall. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 administration was postponed to 2021, again leaving a three-year gap. The 2023 administration occurred during the fall. All future administrations take place during the fall of odd calendar years as well (i.e., every two years).

The NRPFSS targets Nebraska students in grades 8, 10, and 12 with a goal of providing schools and communities with local-level data. As a result, the NRPFSS is implemented as a census survey, meaning that every public and non-public school with an eligible grade can choose to participate. Therefore, data presented in this report are not to be considered a representative statewide sample. The survey is designed to assess adolescent substance use, delinquent behavior, and many of the risk and protective measures that predict adolescent problem behaviors. The NRPFSS is adapted from national, scientifically-validated surveys and contains information on risk and protective measures that are locally actionable. These risk and protective measures are also highly correlated with substance misuse as well as delinquency, teen pregnancy, school dropout, and violence. Along with other locally attainable sources of information, the information from the NRPFSS can aid schools and community groups in planning and implementing local prevention initiatives to improve the health and academic performance of their youth.

Table 1.1 provides information on the student participation rate for Dawson County. The participation rate represents the percentage of all eligible students who took the survey. If 60 percent or more of the students participated, the report is generally a good indicator of the levels of substance use, risk, protection, and delinquent behavior in Dawson County. If fewer than 60.0 percent participated, a review of who participated should be completed prior to generalizing the results to the entire student population.

2023 NRPFSS Sponsored by:

The 2023 NRPFSS is sponsored by the 2018 Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnership for Success grant and the 2022 Substance Use Prevention Treatment Recovery Services Block Grant for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Prevention through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health.

The Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR) at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) collected the NRPFSS data for this administration as well as the 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021, and 2023 administrations. As part of BOSR’s commitment to high quality data, BOSR is a member of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) Transparency Initiative. As part of this initiative, BOSR pledges to provide certain methodological information whenever data are collected. This information as it relates to the NRPFSS is available on BOSR’s website (<https://bosr.unl.edu/sharp/>).

Table 1.1. Survey Participation Rates, 2023

Grade	Dawson County			State of Nebraska		
	2023			2023		
	Number Participated	Number Enrolled	Percent Participated	Number Participated	Number Enrolled	Percent Participated
8th	91	396	23.0%	3567	26566	13.4%
10th	61	380	16.1%	4599	27660	16.6%
12th	64	402	15.9%	3394	27460	12.4%
Total	216	1178	18.3%	11560	81686	14.2%

Note: The grade-specific participation rates presented within this table consist of the number of students who completed the NRPFSS divided by the total number of students enrolled within the participating schools.

Again, the goal of the NRPFSS is to collect school district and community-level data and not to collect representative state data. However, state data provide insight into the levels of substance use, risk, protection, and delinquent behavior among Nebraskan students, especially students in rural areas other than in Douglas, Lancaster, or Sarpy counties. In 2023, 14.2 percent of the eligible Nebraska students in grades 8, 10, and 12 participated in the NRPFSS; 83.7 percent of these participations came from the areas outside of Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy counties.

The 2023 participation rate for the state as a whole remains lower than the 60.0 percent level recommended for representing students statewide, so the state-level results should be interpreted with some caution. Failure to obtain a high participation rate statewide is, in part, due to low levels of participation within Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy Counties, which combined had a 4.1% participation rate in 2023 compared to 27.3% for the remainder of the state.

Table 1.2 provides an overview of the characteristics of the students who completed the 2023 survey within Dawson County and the state overall.

Table 1.2. Participant Characteristics, 2023

	Dawson County 2023		State of Nebraska 2023	
	n	%	n	%
Total students	219		11741	
Grade				
8th	91	41.6%	3567	30.4%
10th	61	27.9%	4599	39.2%
12th	64	29.2%	3394	28.9%
Unknown	3	1.4%	181	1.5%
Gender				
Male	104	47.5%	5952	50.7%
Female	115	52.5%	5719	48.7%
Unknown	0	0.0%	70	0.6%
Race/Ethnicity				
Hispanic*	18	8.2%	2393	20.4%
African American	6	2.7%	389	3.3%
Asian	1	0.5%	227	1.9%
American Indian	7	3.2%	308	2.6%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	41	0.3%
Alaska Native	0	0.0%	22	0.2%
White	181	82.6%	8193	69.8%
Other	6	2.7%	110	0.9%
Unknown	0	0.0%	58	0.5%

*Notes. *Hispanic can be of any race. In columns, n=number or frequency and %=percentage of distribution.*

Overview of Report Contents

The report is divided into the following five sections: (1) substance use; (2) transportation safety; (3) violence, bullying, and mental health; (4) nutrition and physical activity; and (5) feelings and experiences at home, school, and in the community. Within each section, highlights of the 2023 survey data for Dawson County are presented along with state and national estimates, when available.

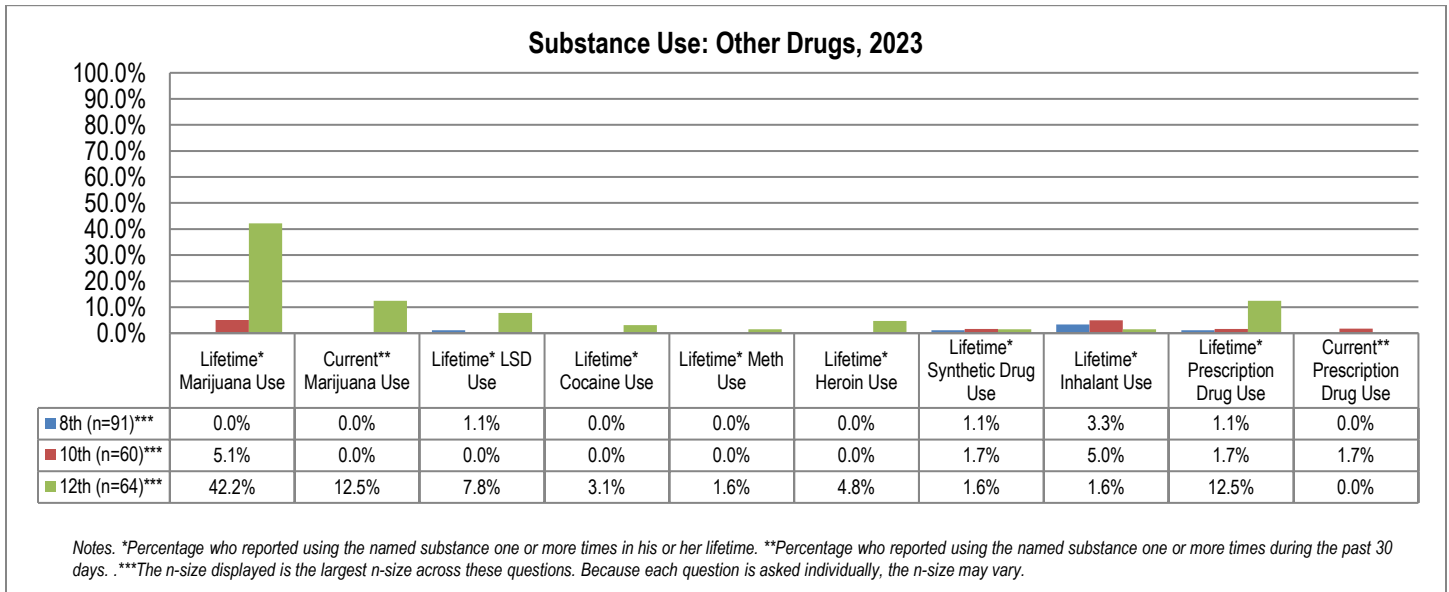
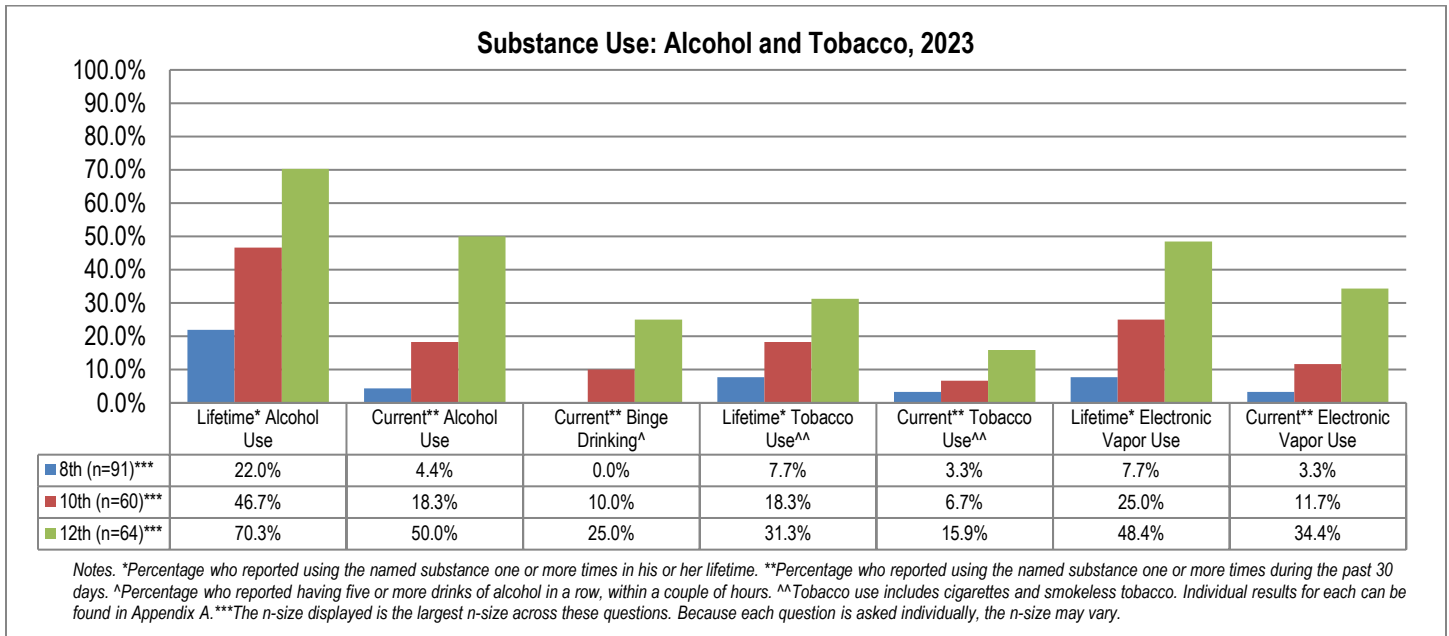
When there are less than 10 survey respondents for a particular grade, their responses are not presented in order to protect the confidentiality of individual student participants. Furthermore, if a grade level has 10 or more respondents but an individual question or sub-group presented in this report has less than 10 respondents then results for the individual item or sub-group are not reported.

A number of honesty measures were also created to remove students who may not have given the most honest answers. These measures included reporting use of a fictitious drug, using a substance during the past 30 days more than in one's lifetime, answering that the student was not at all honest when filling out the survey, and providing an age and grade combination that are highly unlikely. Students whose answers were in question for any one of these reasons were excluded from reporting. For the State of Nebraska, 368 students met these criteria. Six students in Dawson County met these criteria.

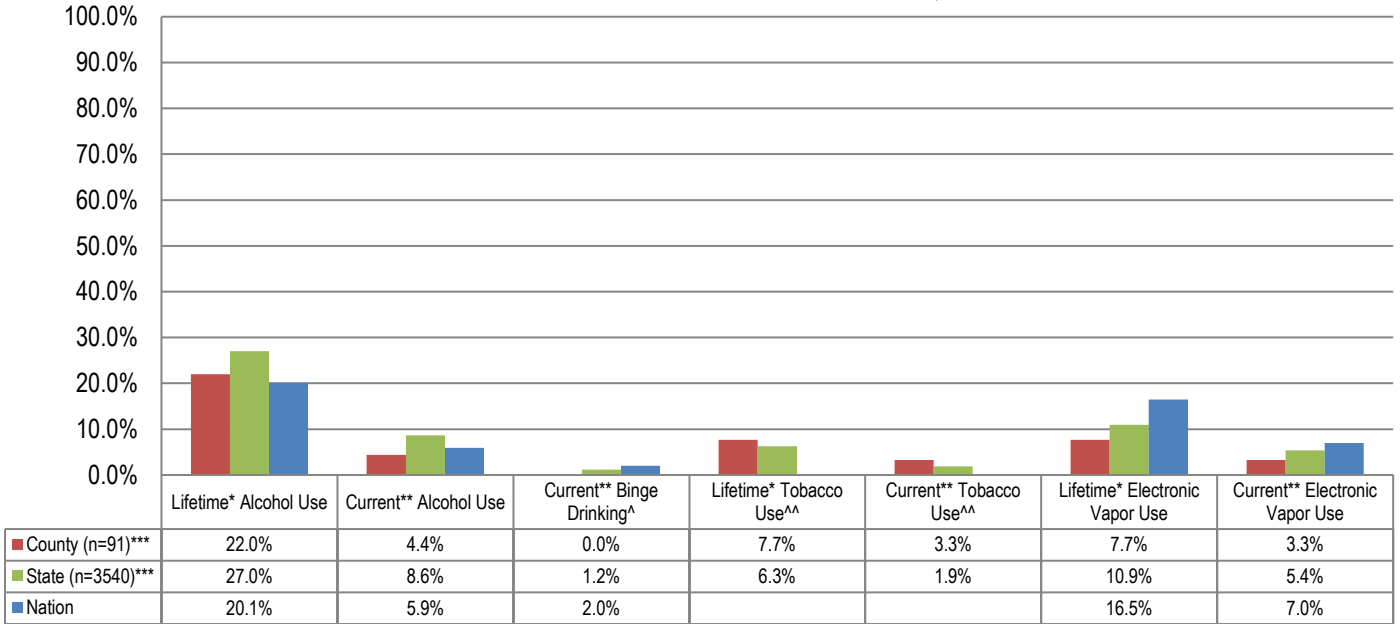
Substance Use

This section contains information on the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Dawson County. In addition, there is information on attitudes and perceptions, the sources of substances, and other substance-related topics. To provide greater context for the results from Dawson County, overall state and national results are presented when available. As discussed earlier, the state results are not to be considered a representative statewide sample. The national data source is the Monitoring the Future survey, administered by the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan and sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and National Institutes of Health.

Substance Use

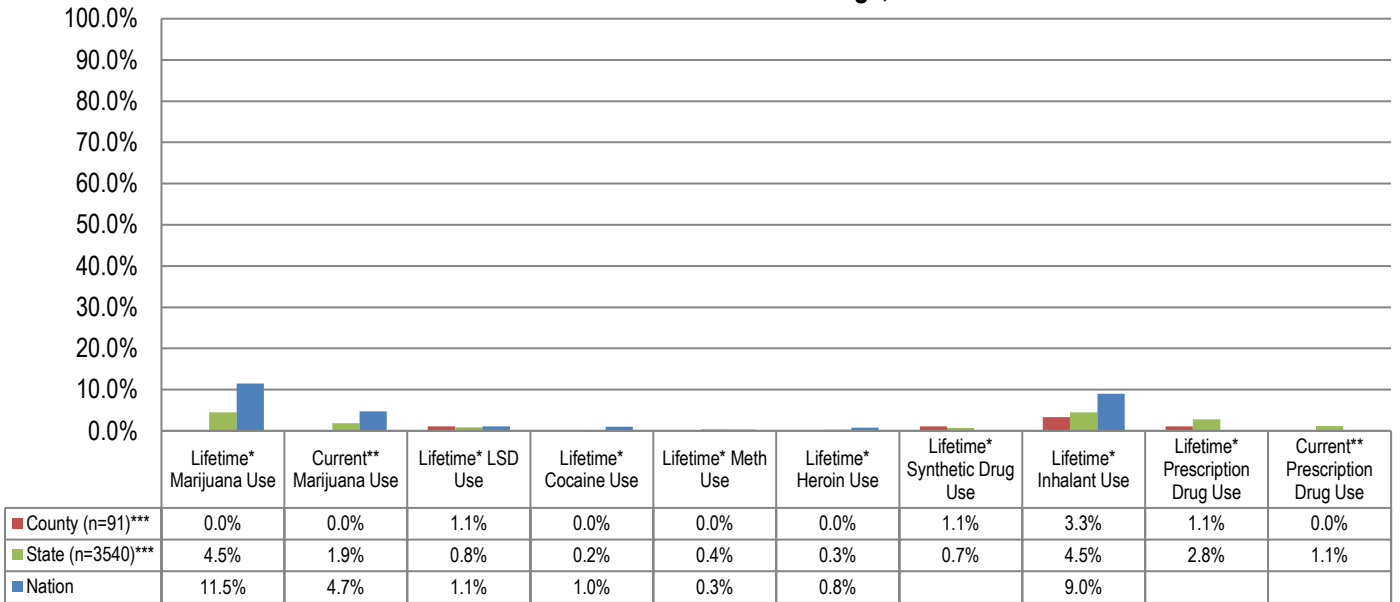


8th Grade Substance Use: Alcohol and Tobacco, 2023



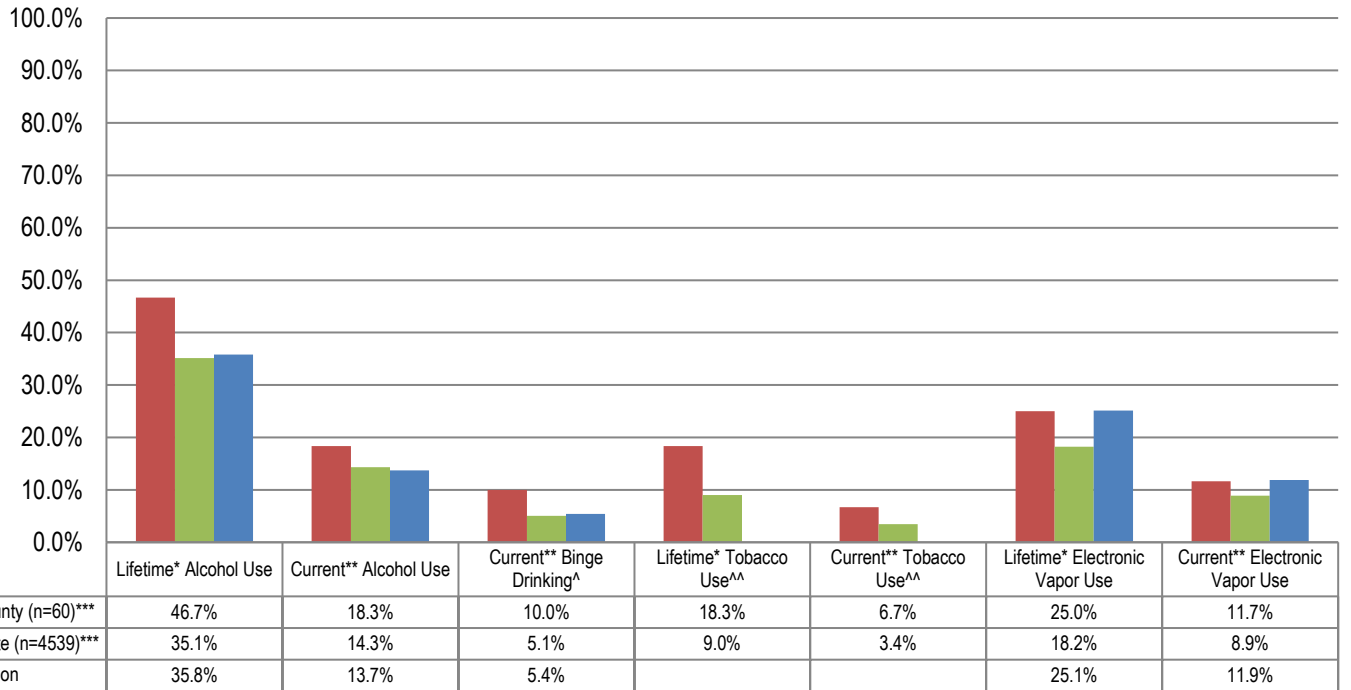
Notes. *Percentage who reported using the named substance one or more times in his or her lifetime. **Percentage who reported using the named substance one or more times during the past 30 days. [^]Percentage who reported having five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, within a couple of hours. ^{^^}Tobacco use includes cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. Individual results for each can be found in Appendix A. ***The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

8th Grade Substance Use: Other Drugs, 2023



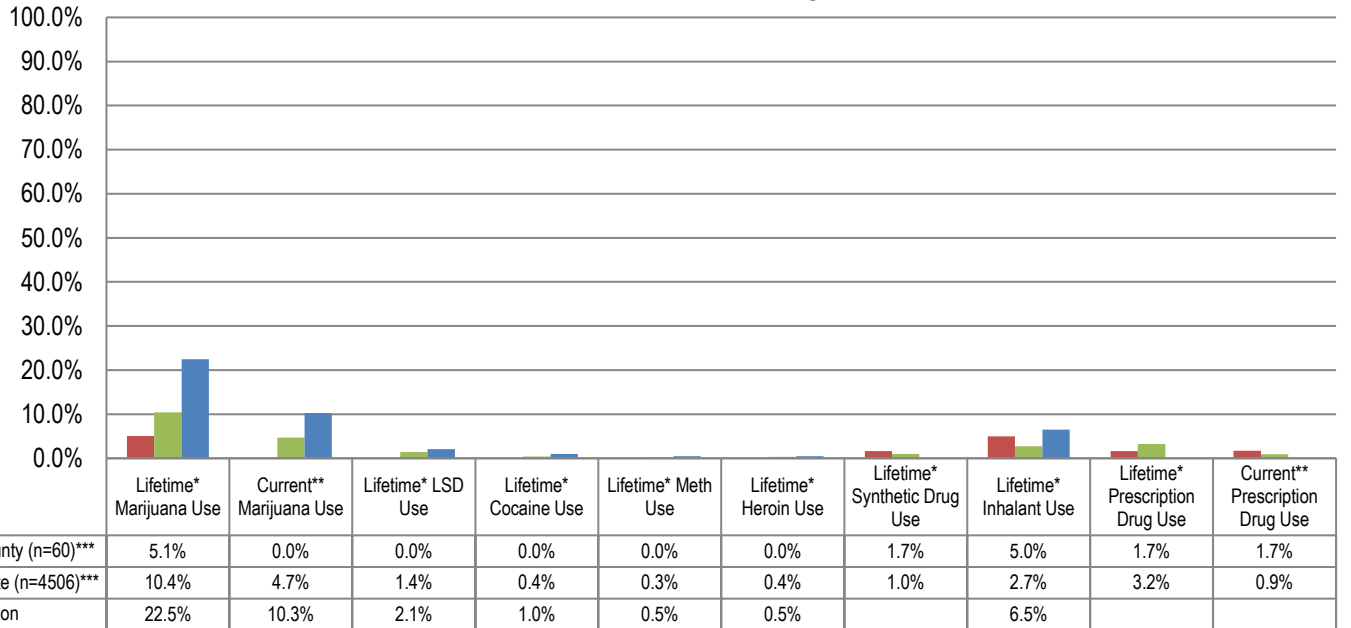
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10th Grade Substance Use: Alcohol and Tobacco, 2023



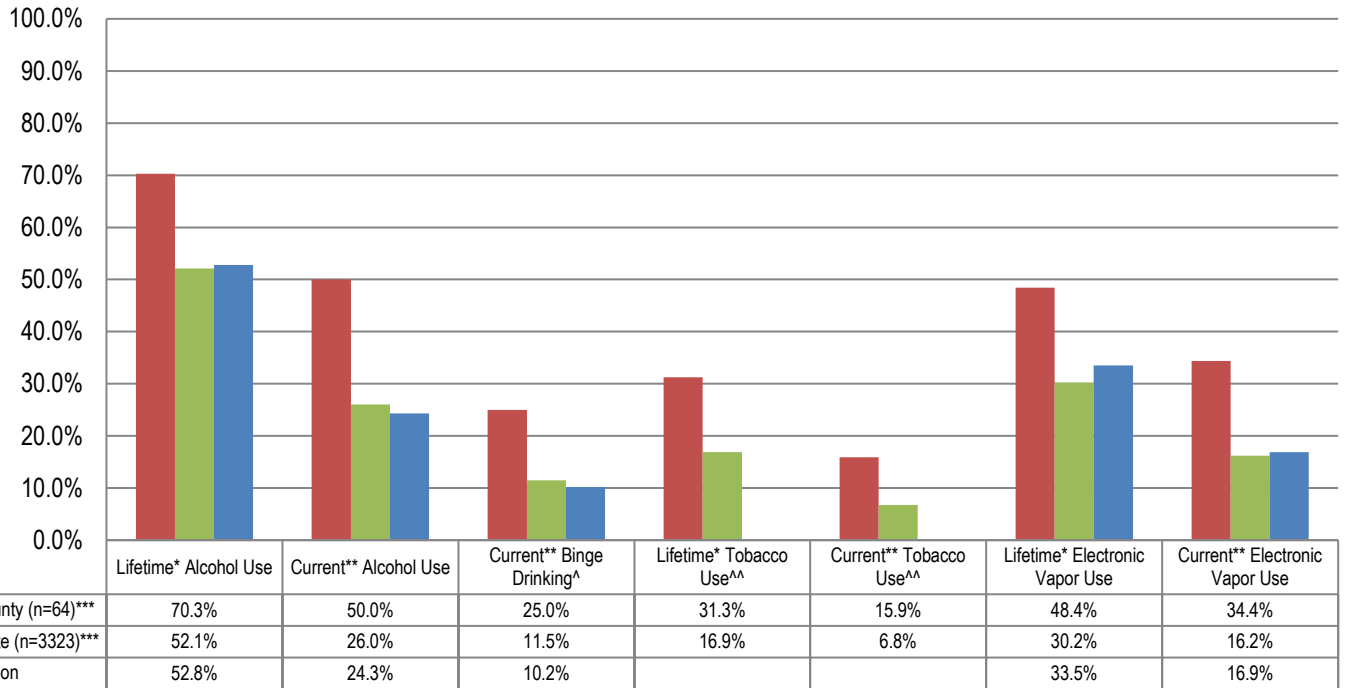
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10th Grade Substance Use: Other Drugs, 2023



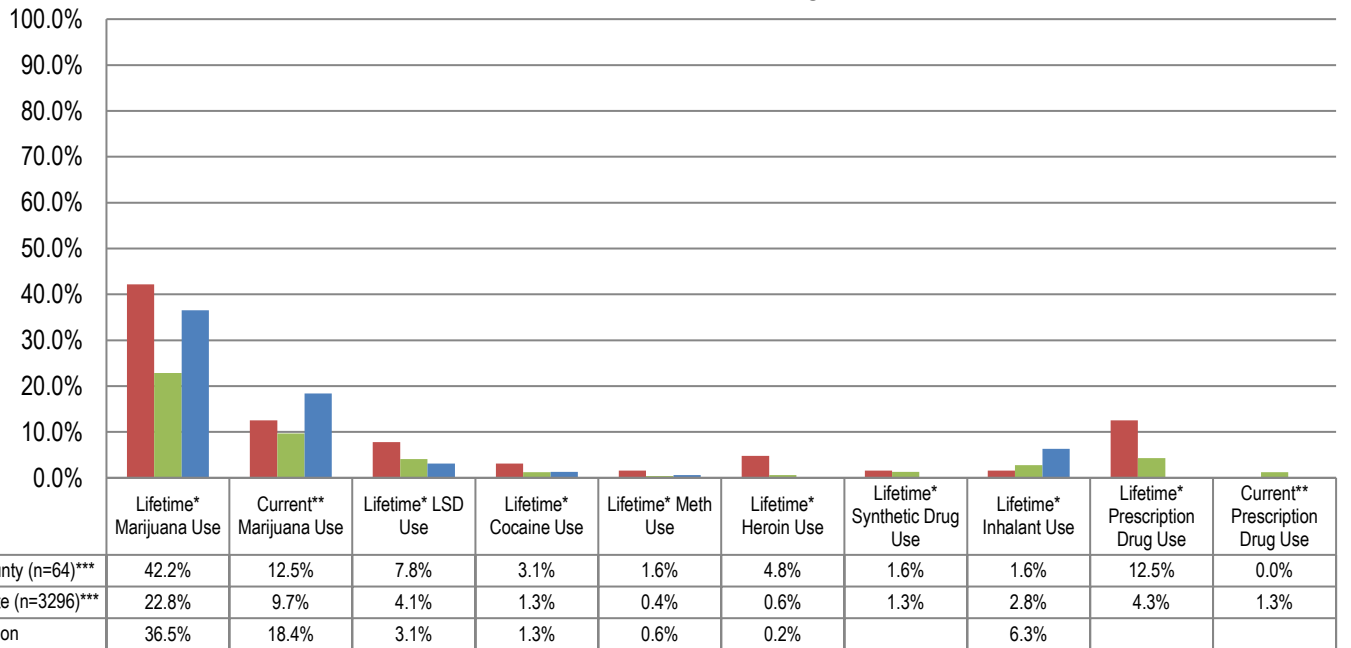
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12th Grade Substance Use: Alcohol and Tobacco, 2023



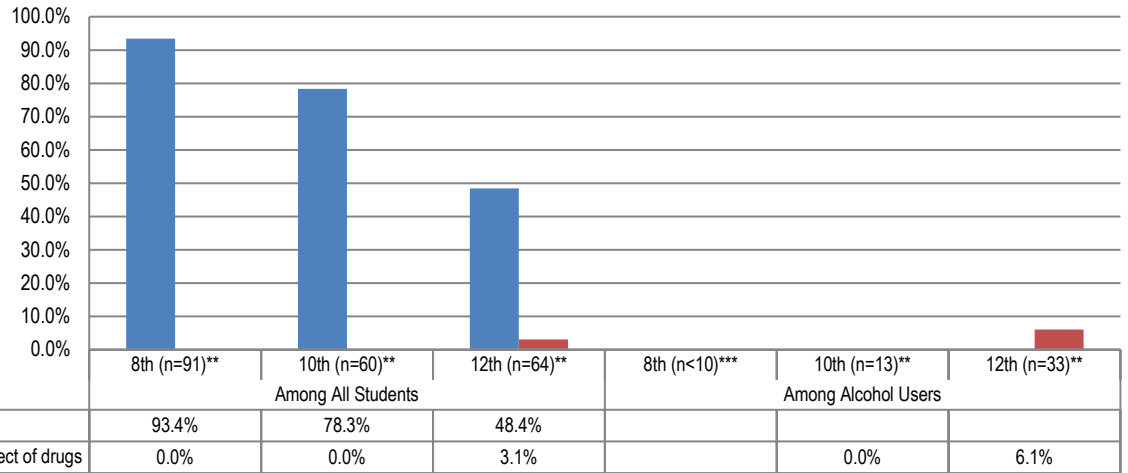
Notes. *Percentage who reported using the named substance one or more times in his or her lifetime. **Percentage who reported using the named substance one or more times during the past 30 days. [^]Percentage who reported having five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, within a couple of hours. ^{^^}Tobacco use includes cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. Individual results for each can be found in Appendix A. .***The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

12th Grade Substance Use: Other Drugs, 2023



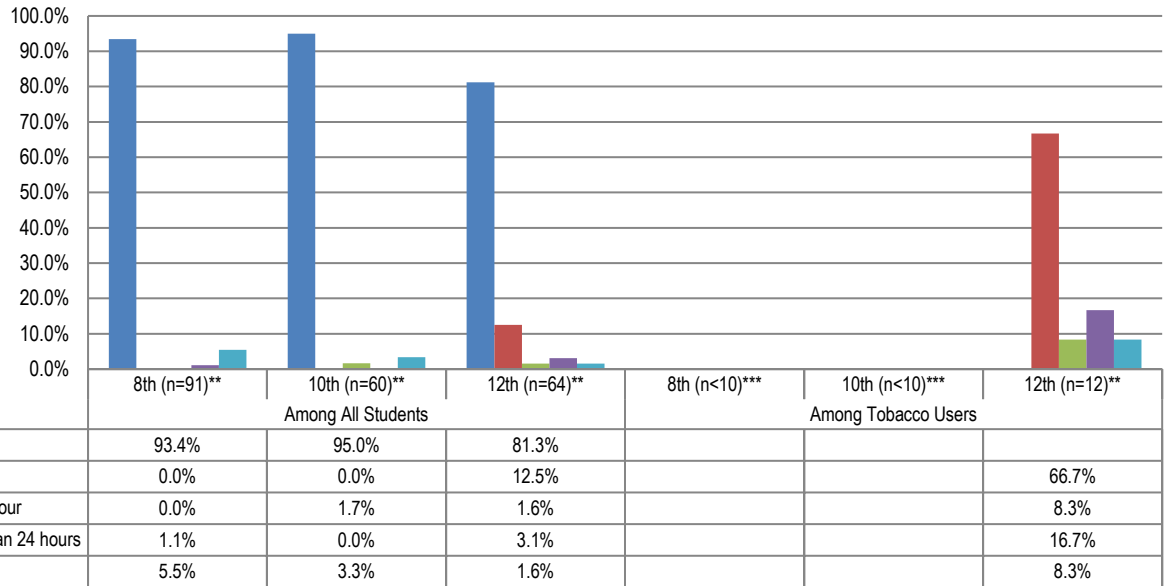
Notes. *Percentage who reported using the named substance one or more times in his or her lifetime. **Percentage who reported using the named substance one or more times during the past 30 days. .***The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Percentage Reporting Drinking Alcohol to Increase Effect of Some Other Drug, AMONG Students who Reported Drinking in the Past 30 Days*, 2023



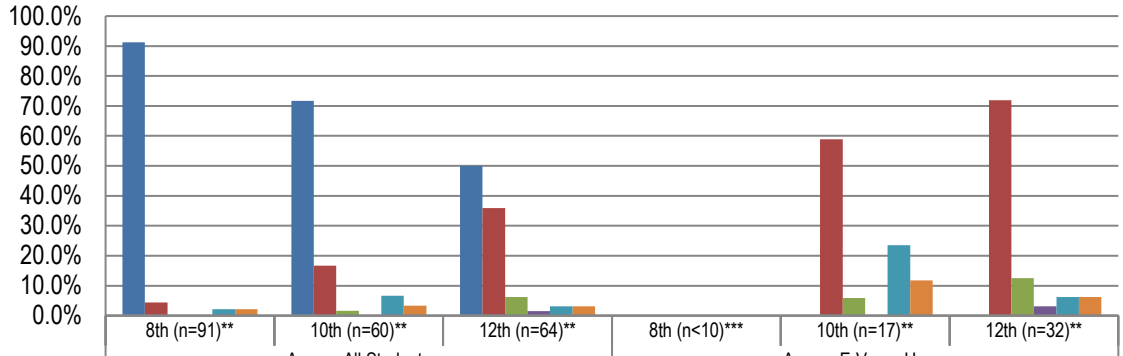
Notes. *Among past 30 day alcohol users, the percentage who reported drinking alcohol one or more times to increase the effect of some of other drug or drugs during the past 30 days. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

How Soon They Wanted to Use Tobacco Products after Waking Up, AMONG Students Who Reported Using Tobacco Products*, 2023



Notes. *How soon after you wake up do you want to use a tobacco product? **The n-size displayed is the same for all people given that how soon they want to smoke after waking up is asked as one question. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

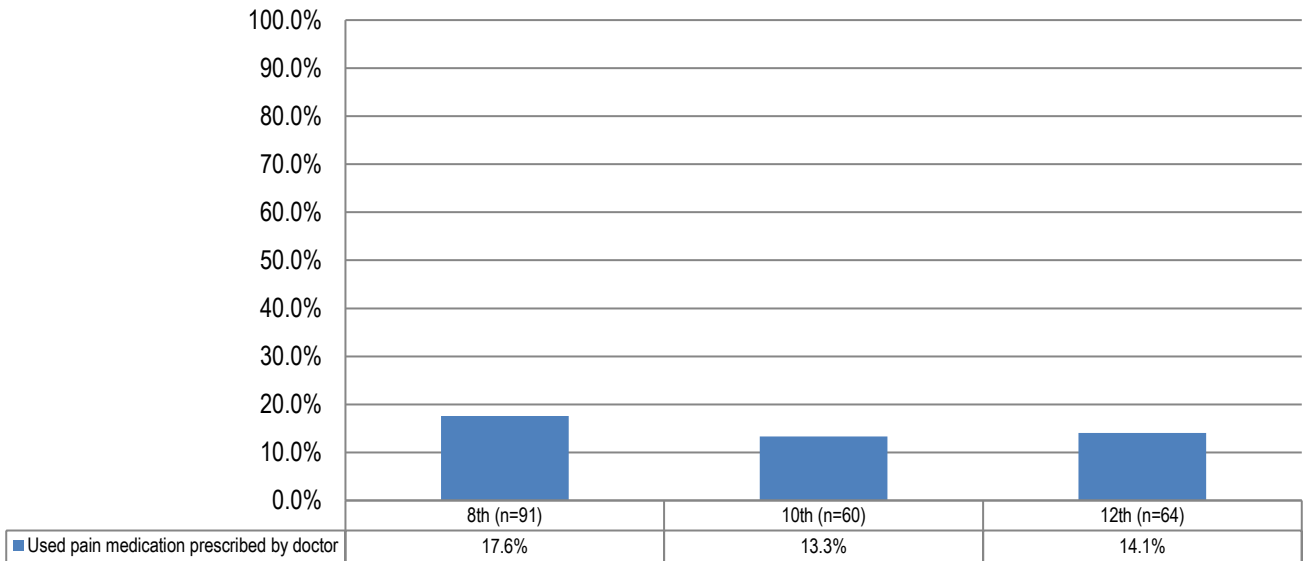
Type of Mist Inhaled in Electronic Vaporizer, AMONG Students who Reported Using an E-cigarette or Vaping Device*, 2023



	8th (n=91)**	10th (n=60)**	12th (n=64)**	8th (n<10)***	10th (n=17)**	12th (n=32)**
	Among All Students			Among E-Vapor Users		
■ Never used a vaping or e-cigarette device	91.2%	71.7%	50.0%			
■ Nicotine or tobacco substitute	4.4%	16.7%	35.9%		58.8%	71.9%
■ Marijuana or hash oil	0.0%	1.7%	6.3%		5.9%	12.5%
■ Meth, cocaine, or heroin	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%		0.0%	3.1%
■ A product without nicotine or other drugs	2.2%	6.7%	3.1%		23.5%	6.3%
■ Don't know	2.2%	3.3%	3.1%		11.8%	6.3%

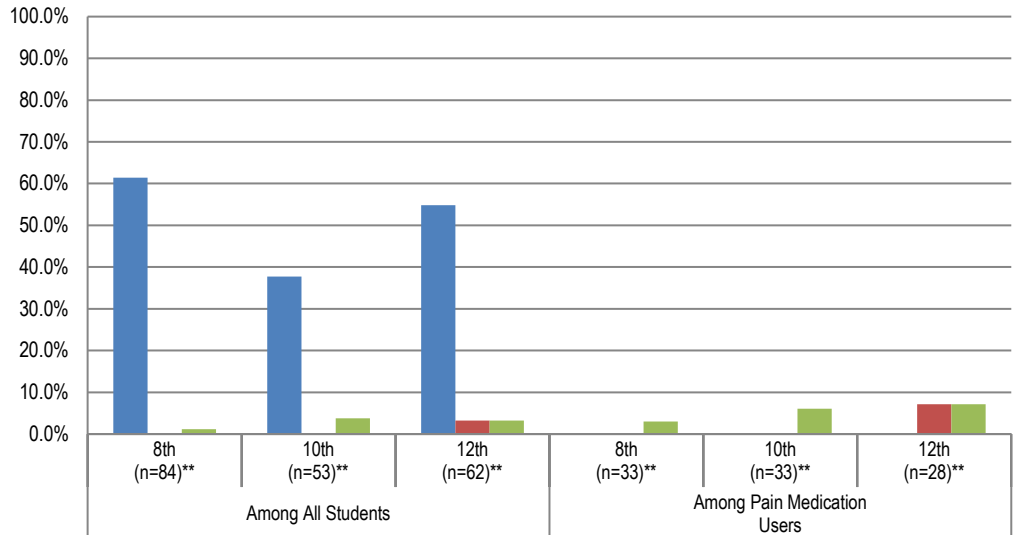
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Percentage Reporting Using Pain Medication Prescribed by a Doctor during the Past 12 Months*, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "During the past 12 months, did you use pain medications that a doctor prescribed for you?"

Other Pain Medication Topics, AMONG Students who Reported Receiving Prescription Pain Medication from a Doctor, 2023

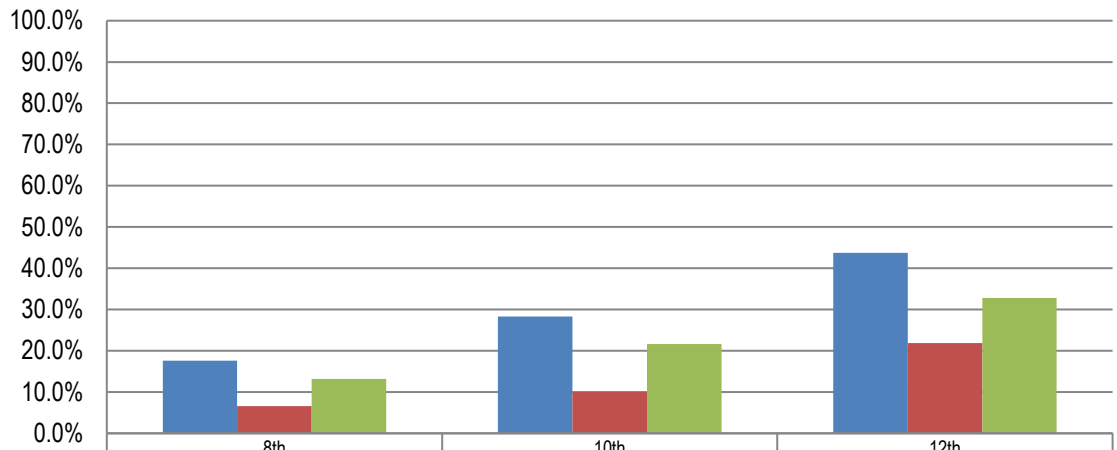


Did not receive a prescription pain medication from a doctor	61.4%	37.7%	54.8%			
Used pain medication more than directed*	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%
Someone asked to borrow or buy pain medication^	1.2%	3.8%	3.2%	3.0%	6.1%	7.1%

Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "The last time a doctor prescribed a pain medication for you, did you use any of the pain medication more frequently or in higher doses than directed by a doctor?" ^Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "The last time a doctor prescribed a pain medication for you, did anyone ask you about borrowing or buying some of your medication?" **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Naloxone, sold as Narcan, is a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose to restore normal respiration in individuals whose breathing has slowed or stopped as a result of overdosing on heroin or prescription opioid medications. It is a critical tool in emergency responses to opioid overdose, helping to prevent fatalities and providing a window of opportunity for medical treatment.

Awareness and Knowledge of Opioid Overdose Reversal*, 2023

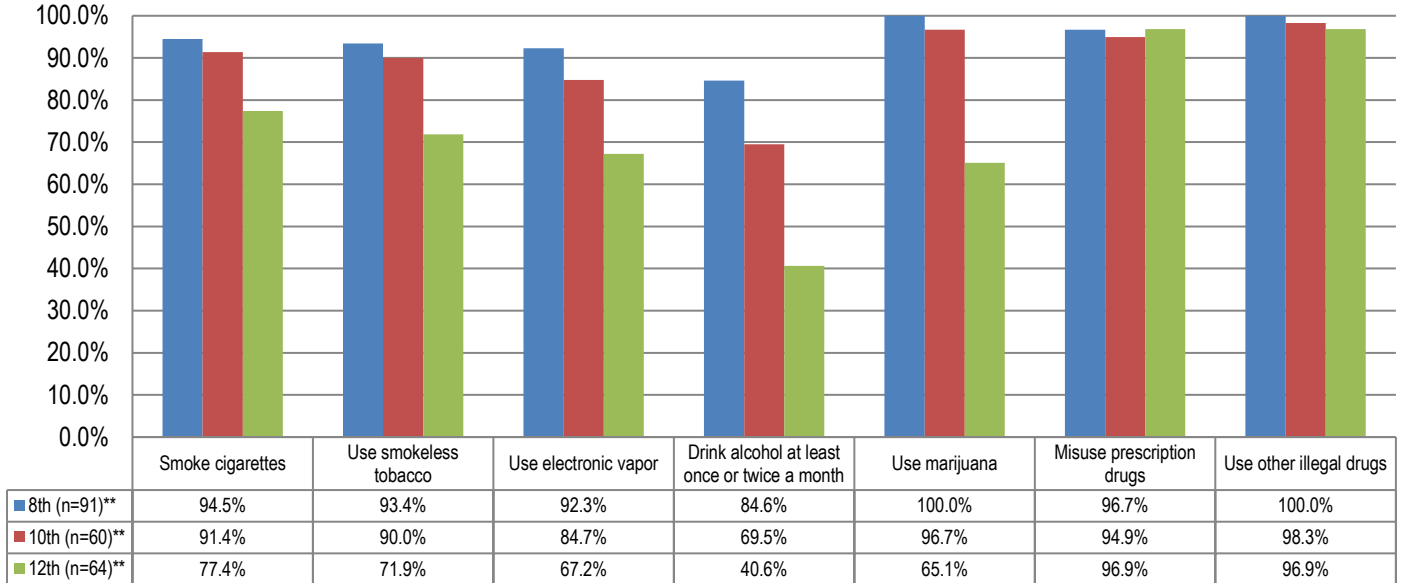


Heard of Naloxone/Narcan	17.6%	28.3%	43.8%
Knowing how use Naloxone/Narcan	6.6%	10.0%	21.9%
Knowing someone overdosed in the past year	13.2%	21.7%	32.8%

Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the posted questions. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

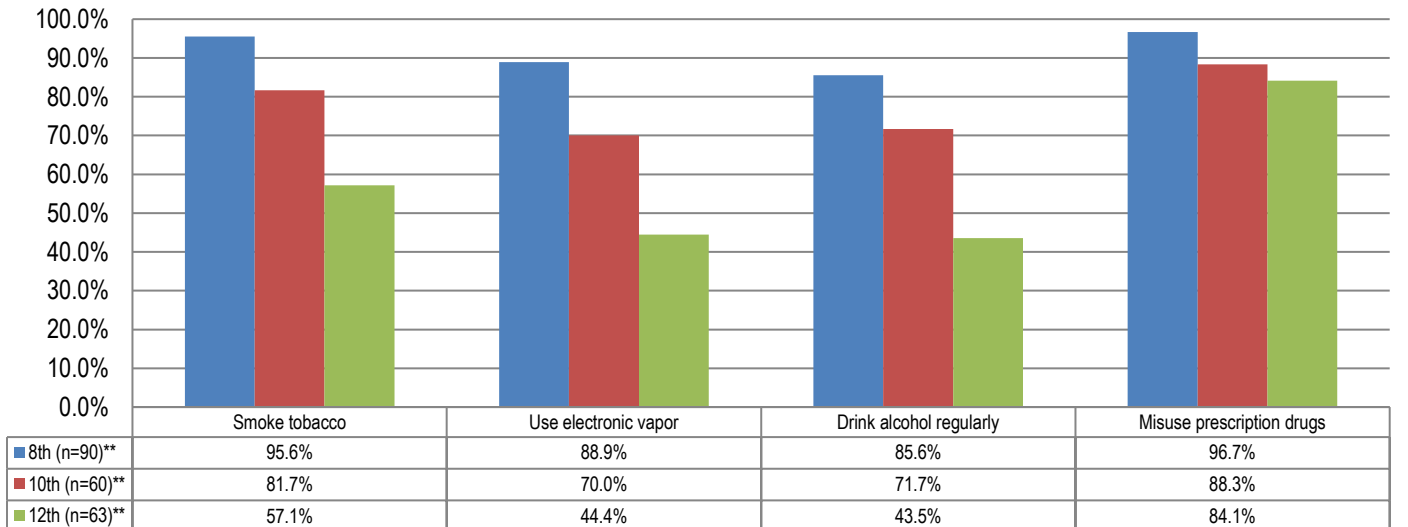
Attitudes toward Substance Use

Percentage Reporting Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior*, 2023



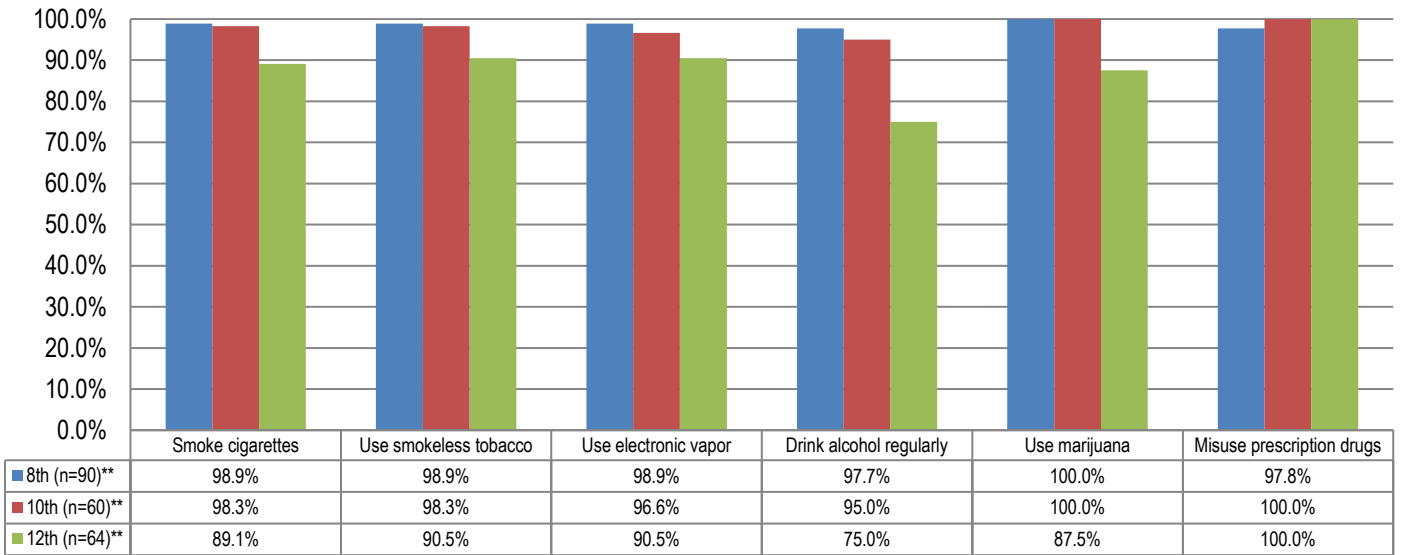
Note. *Percentage who reported how wrong they think different substance behaviors are based on the following scale: Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Percentage Reporting Peer Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior*, 2023



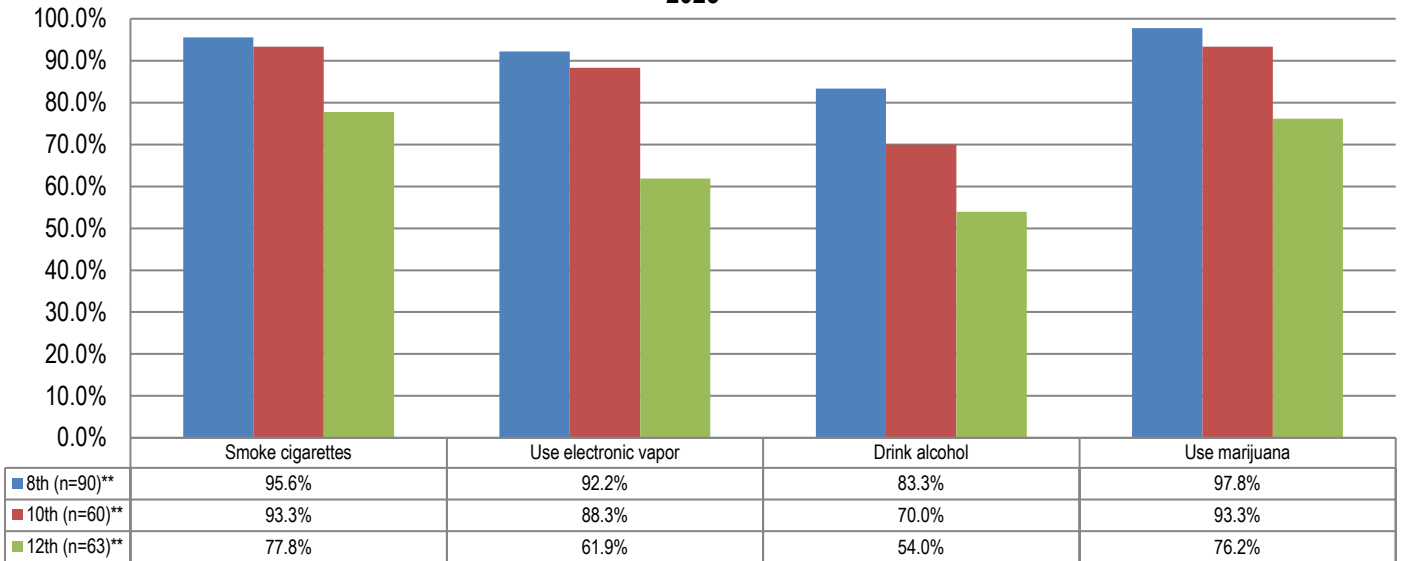
Note. *Percentage who reported how wrong their friends would think different substance behaviors are based on the following scale: Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Percentage Reporting Parent Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior*, 2023



Note. *Percentage who reported how wrong their parents would think different substance behaviors are based on the following scale: Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

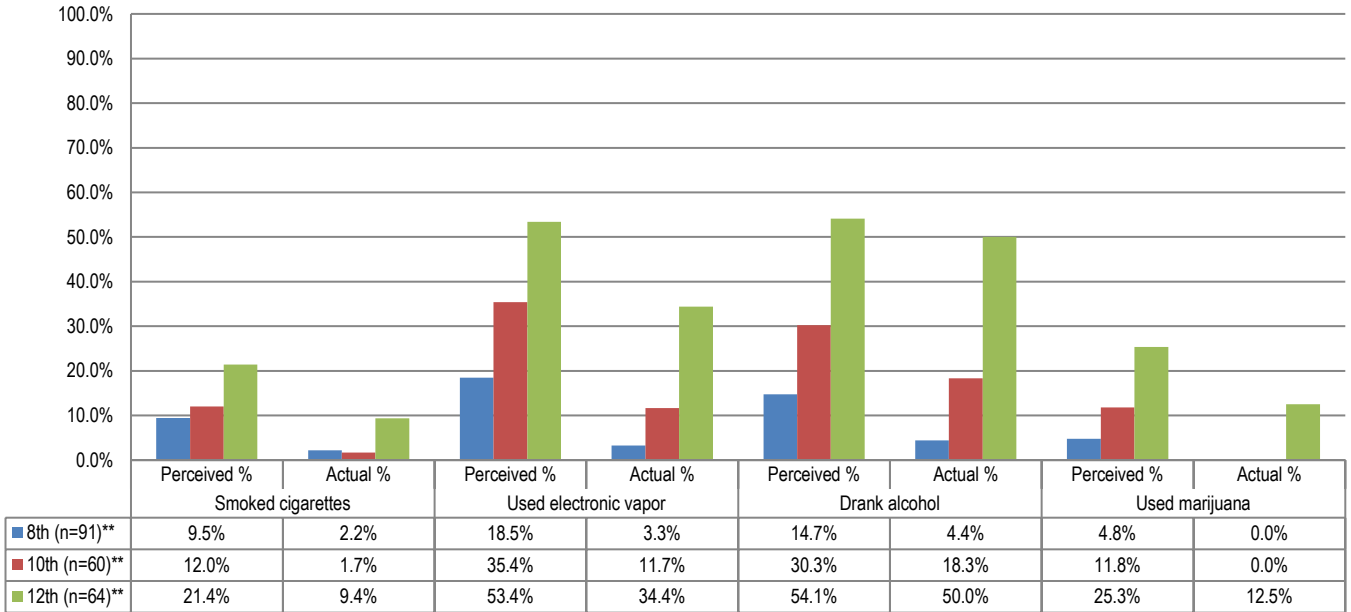
Percentage Reporting Adults in Neighborhood Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior*, 2023



Note. *Percentage who reported how wrong adults in their neighborhood would think different substance behaviors are based on the following scale: Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

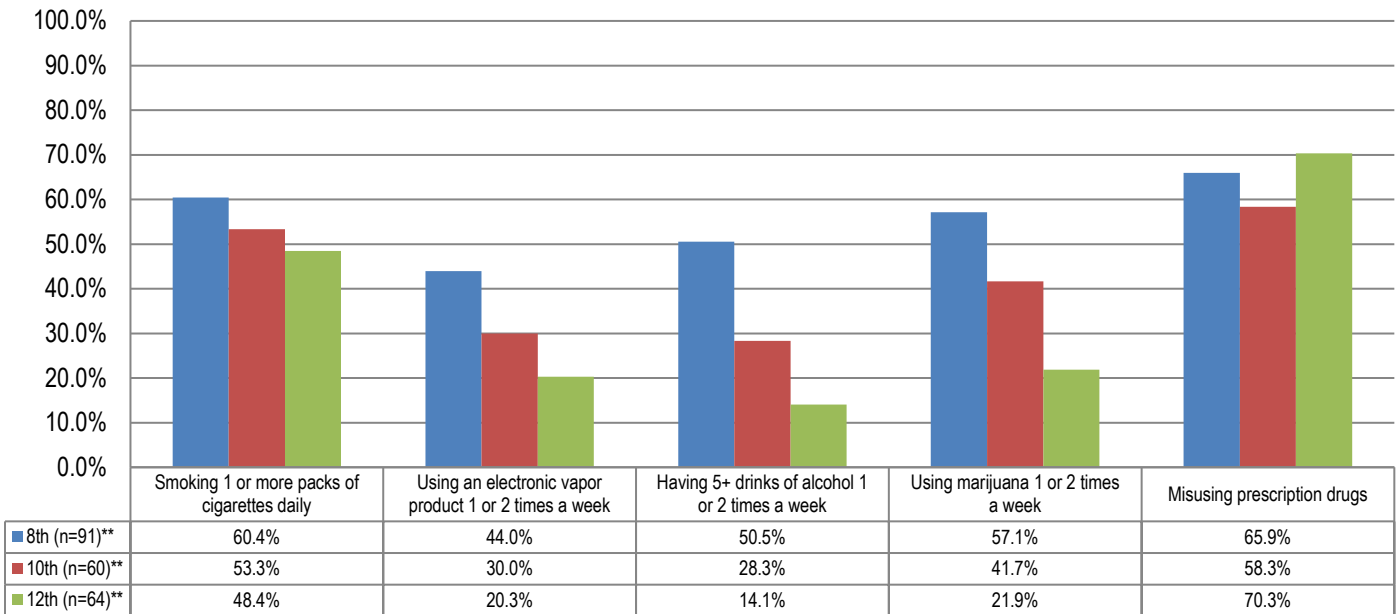
Perceptions of Substance Use

Perceived* and Actual Past 30 Day Substance Use, 2023



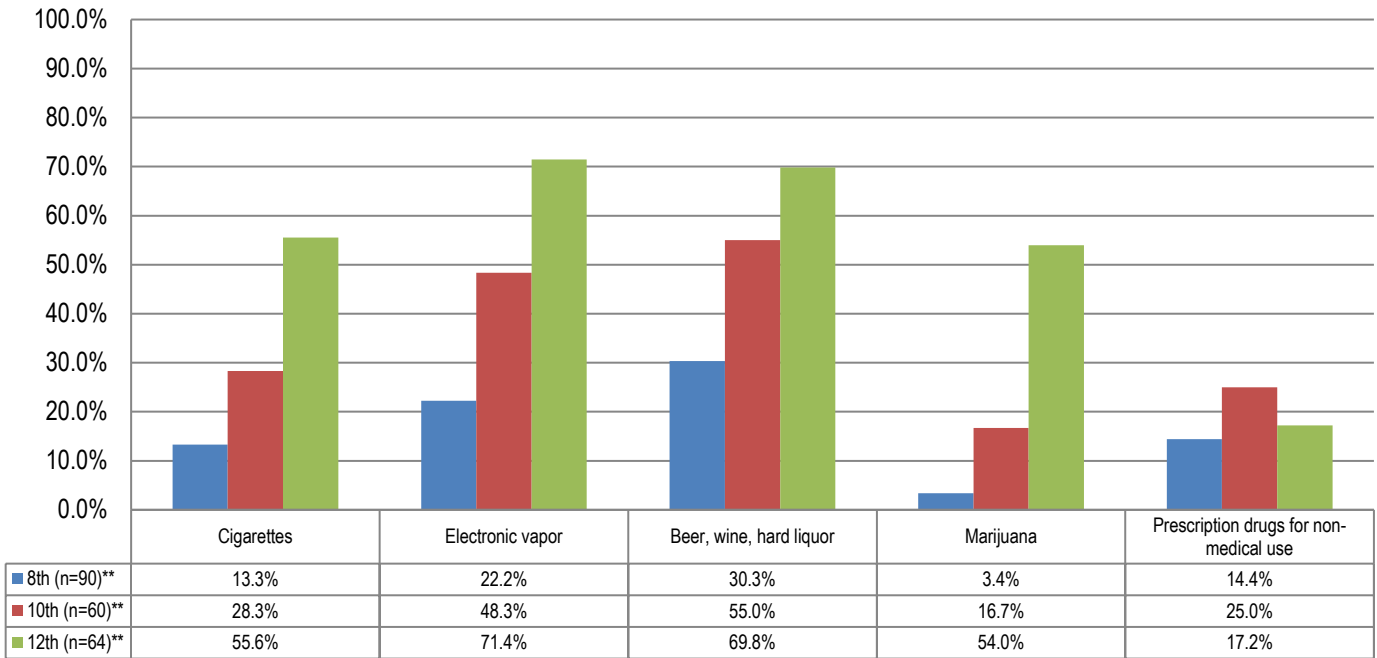
Note. *Perception based on following question: "Now thinking about all the students in your grade at your school. How many of them do you think: <insert substance use behavior> during the past 30 days?" **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Percentage Reporting that the Following Substance Use Behaviors Place People at Great Risk*, 2023



Note. *Percentage who reported great risk associated with each substance behaviors based on the following scale: No risk, Slight risk, Moderate risk, Great risk. Based on the question "How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they: <insert substance use behavior>." **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

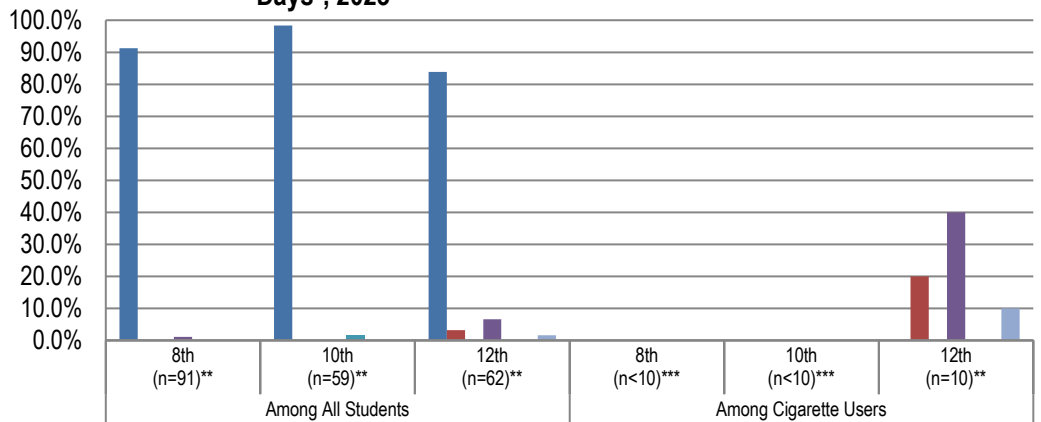
Percentage Reporting that the Following Substances are Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Obtain*, 2023



Note. *Percentage who reported it is sort of or very easy to obtain each substances based on the following scale: Very hard, Sort of hard, Sort of easy, Very easy. Based on the question "If you wanted to, how easy would it be for you to get: <insert substance use behavior>." **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

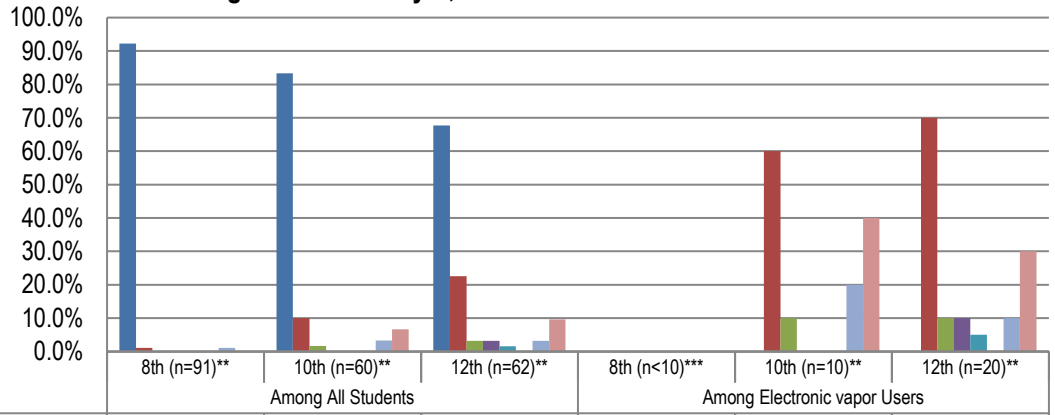
Sources of Substances

Sources for Obtaining Cigarettes, AMONG Students who Reported Smoking during the Past 30 Days*, 2023



Notes. *Among past 30 day cigarette users, the percentage who reported obtaining cigarettes in each manner during the past 30 days. These scores may include students 18 and older.**The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary across sources. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

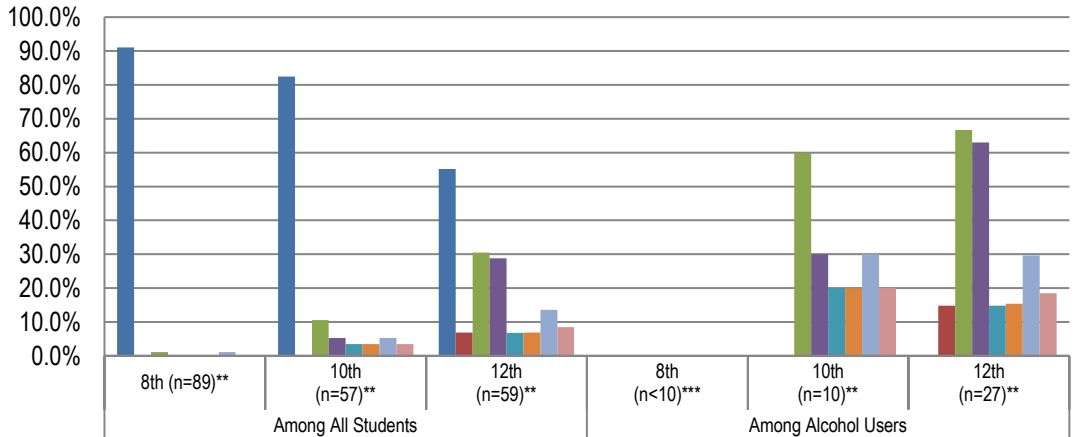
Sources for Electronic Vapor, AMONG Students who Reported Using Electronic Vapor Products during the Past 30 Days*, 2023



	8th (n=91)**	10th (n=60)**	12th (n=62)**	8th (n<10)***	10th (n=10)**	12th (n=20)**
Did not vape	92.2%	83.3%	67.7%			
Bought them from a friend or family member	1.1%	10.0%	22.6%		60.0%	70.0%
Bought them in a vape shop or tobacco shop	0.0%	1.7%	3.2%		10.0%	10.0%
Bought them in a store, supermarket, or gas station	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%		0.0%	10.0%
Bought them at a mall or shopping center kiosk or stand	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%		0.0%	5.0%
Bought them off the internet	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%
Bought them from another person	1.1%	3.3%	3.2%		20.0%	10.0%
Bought them in some other way	0.0%	6.7%	9.7%		40.0%	30.0%

Notes. *Among past 30 day alcohol users, the percentage who reported obtaining alcohol in each manner during the past 30 days. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary across sources. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

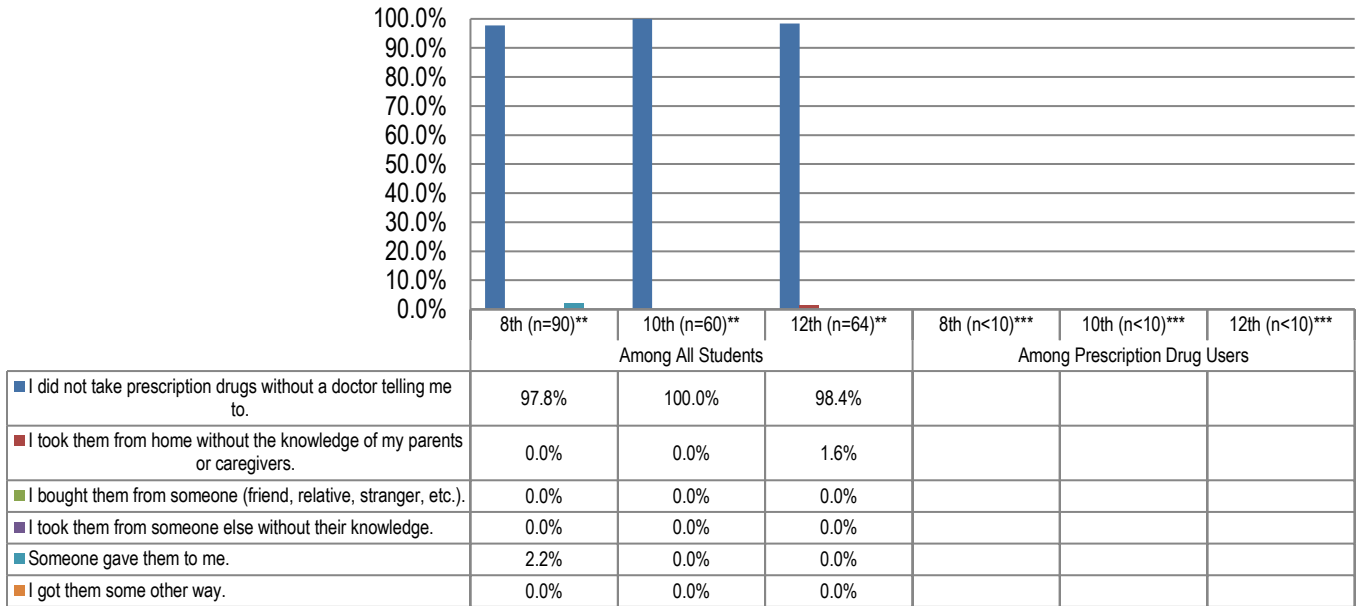
Sources for Obtaining Alcohol, AMONG Students who Reported Drinking during the Past 30 Days*, 2023



	8th (n=89)**	10th (n=57)**	12th (n=59)**	8th (n<10)***	10th (n=10)**	12th (n=27)**
Did not drink	91.0%	82.5%	55.2%			
Bought in store	0.0%	0.0%	6.9%		0.0%	14.8%
Got it at a party	1.1%	10.5%	30.5%		60.0%	66.7%
Gave someone money to buy it for me	0.0%	5.3%	28.8%		30.0%	63.0%
Parents gave or bought it for me	0.0%	3.5%	6.8%		20.0%	14.8%
Other family member gave or bought it for me	0.0%	3.5%	6.9%		20.0%	15.4%
Took it from home without my parents' permission	1.1%	5.3%	13.6%		30.0%	29.6%
Took it from friend's house	0.0%	3.5%	8.5%		20.0%	18.5%

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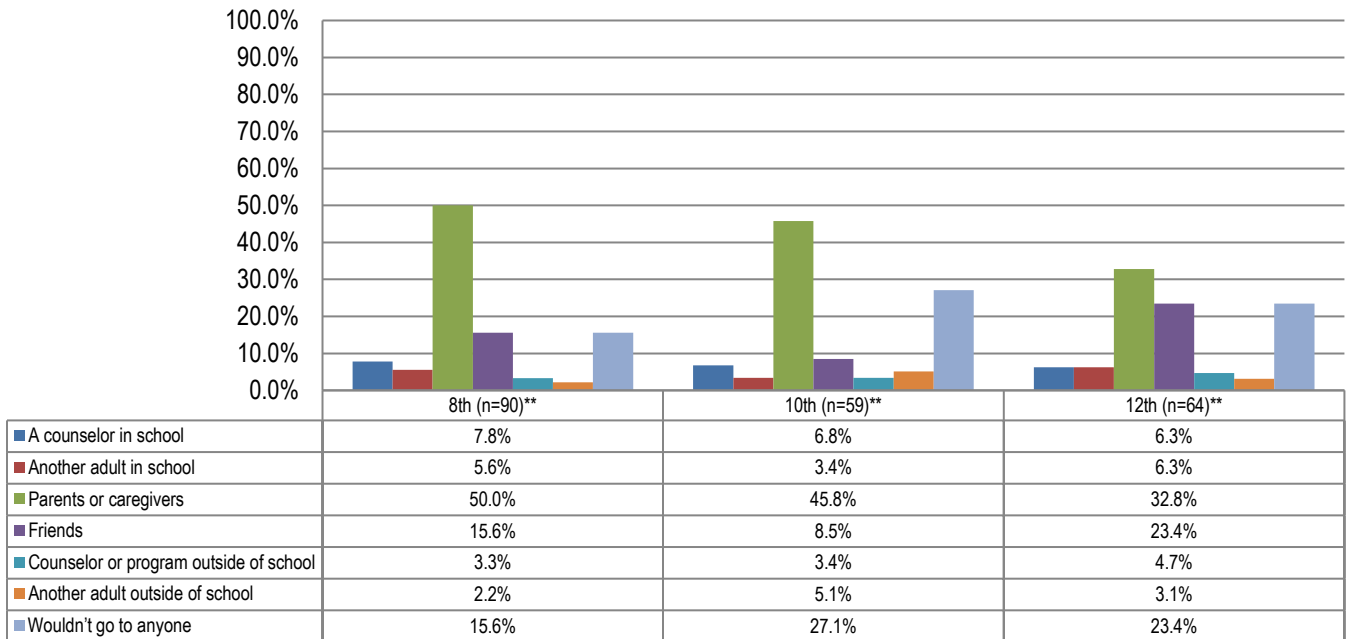
Sources for Obtaining Prescription Drugs, AMONG Students who Reported Taking Prescription Drugs during the Past 30 Days*, 2023



Notes. *Among past 30 day prescription drug users, the percentage who reported obtaining prescription drugs in each manner during the past 30 days. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary across sources. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

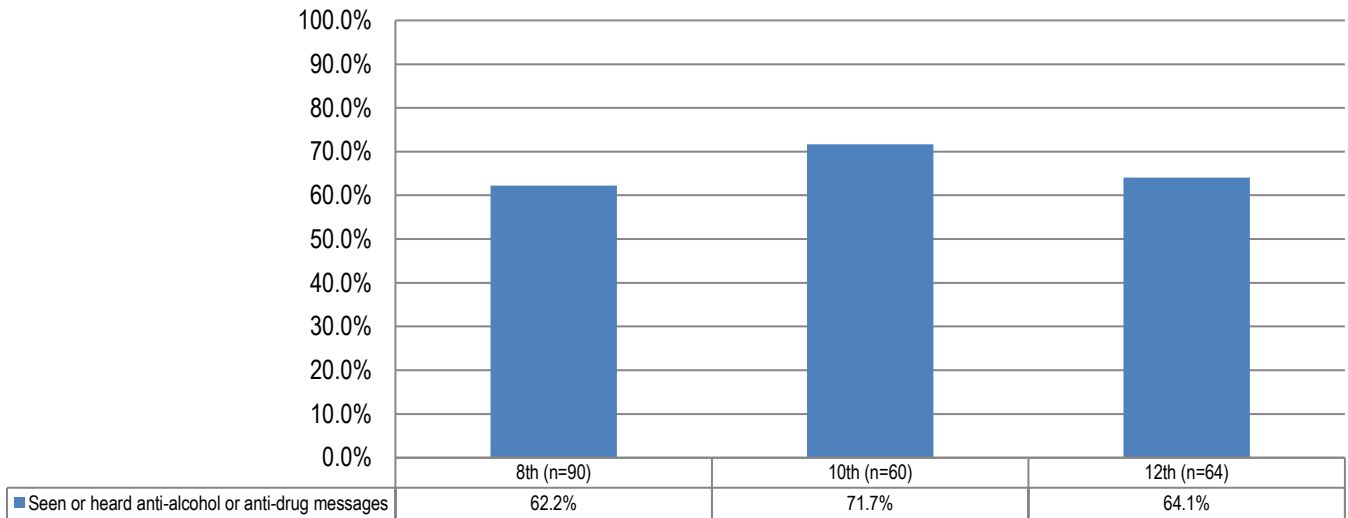
Other Substance-Related Topics

First Person to go to for Drug or Alcohol Problem*, 2023



Notes. *Based on the question "If you had a drug or alcohol problem and needed help, who is the first person you would go to?" **The n-size displayed is the same given that asking who for help is asked as one question.

Percentage Reporting Seeing or Hearing Anti-Alcohol or Anti-Drug Messages during the Past 12 Months*, 2023

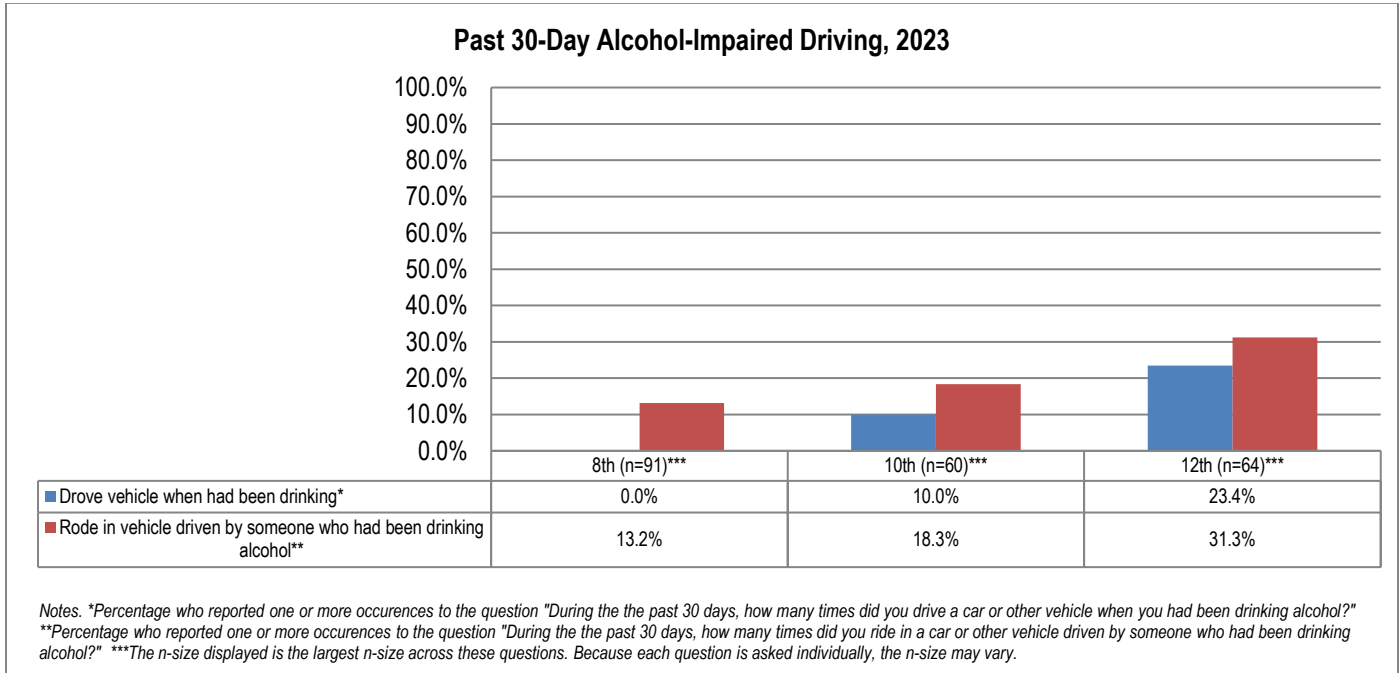


Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "In the past 12 months, have you seen or heard any anti-alcohol or anti-drug messages on TV, the internet, the radio, or in newspapers or magazines?"

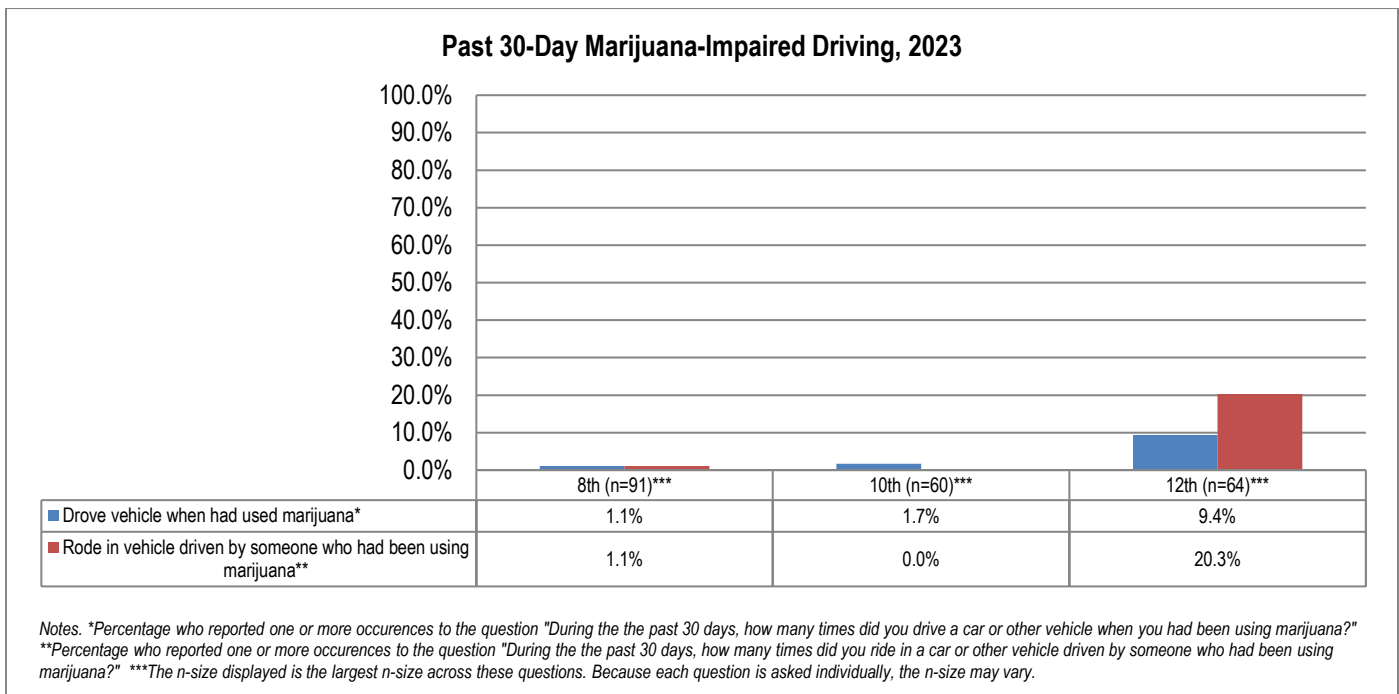
Transportation Safety

This section contains information on transportation safety relating to alcohol-impaired and distracted driving among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Dawson County.

Past 30 Day Alcohol-Impaired Driving

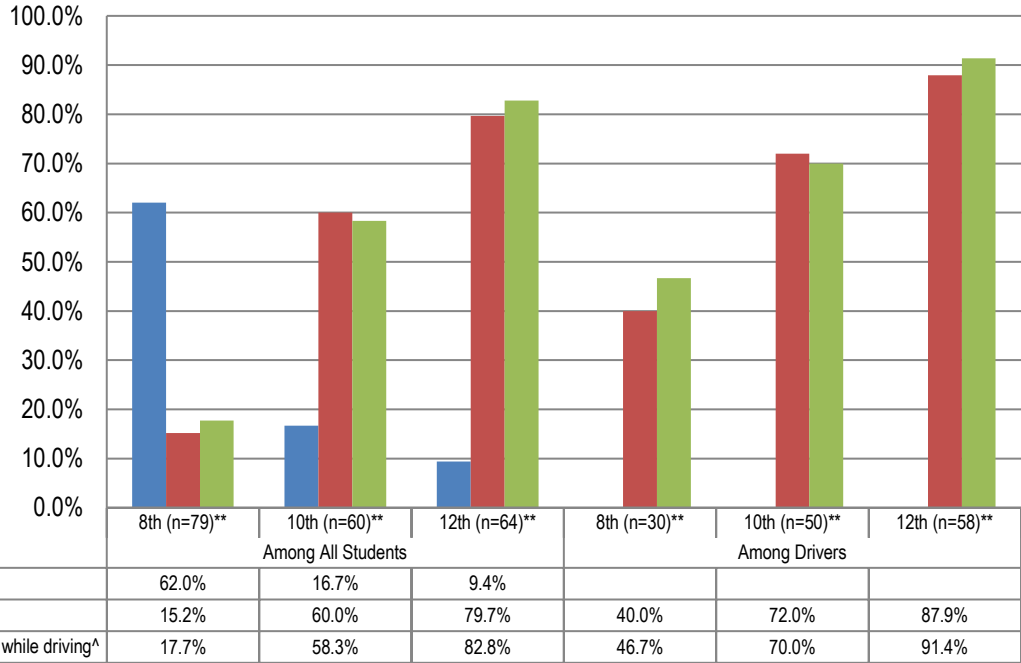


Past 30 Day Marijuana-Impaired Driving



Past 30 Day Distracted Driving

Past 30-Day Distracted Driving, AMONG Students who Reported Driving during the Past 30 Days, 2023

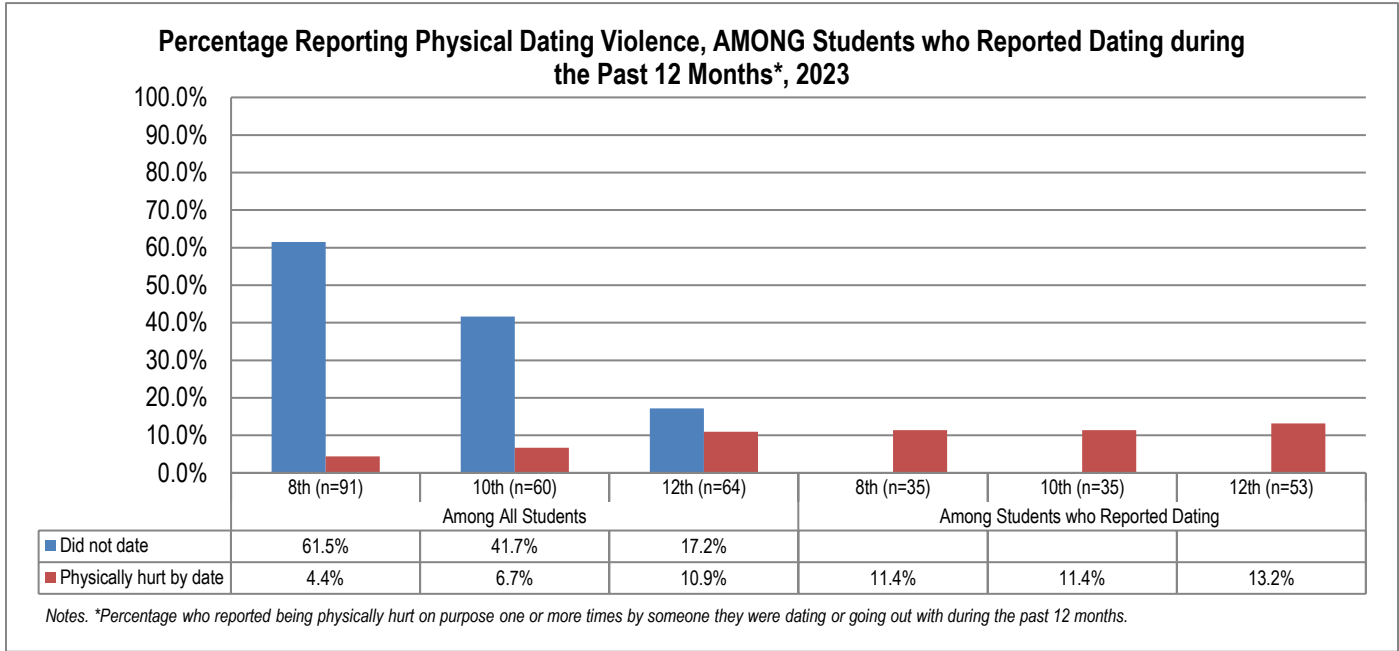


Notes. *Percentage who reported talking on a cell phone while driving a car or other vehicle in the past 30 days. ^Percentage who reported one or more occurrences of texting or using an app on a cell phone while driving a car or other vehicle. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

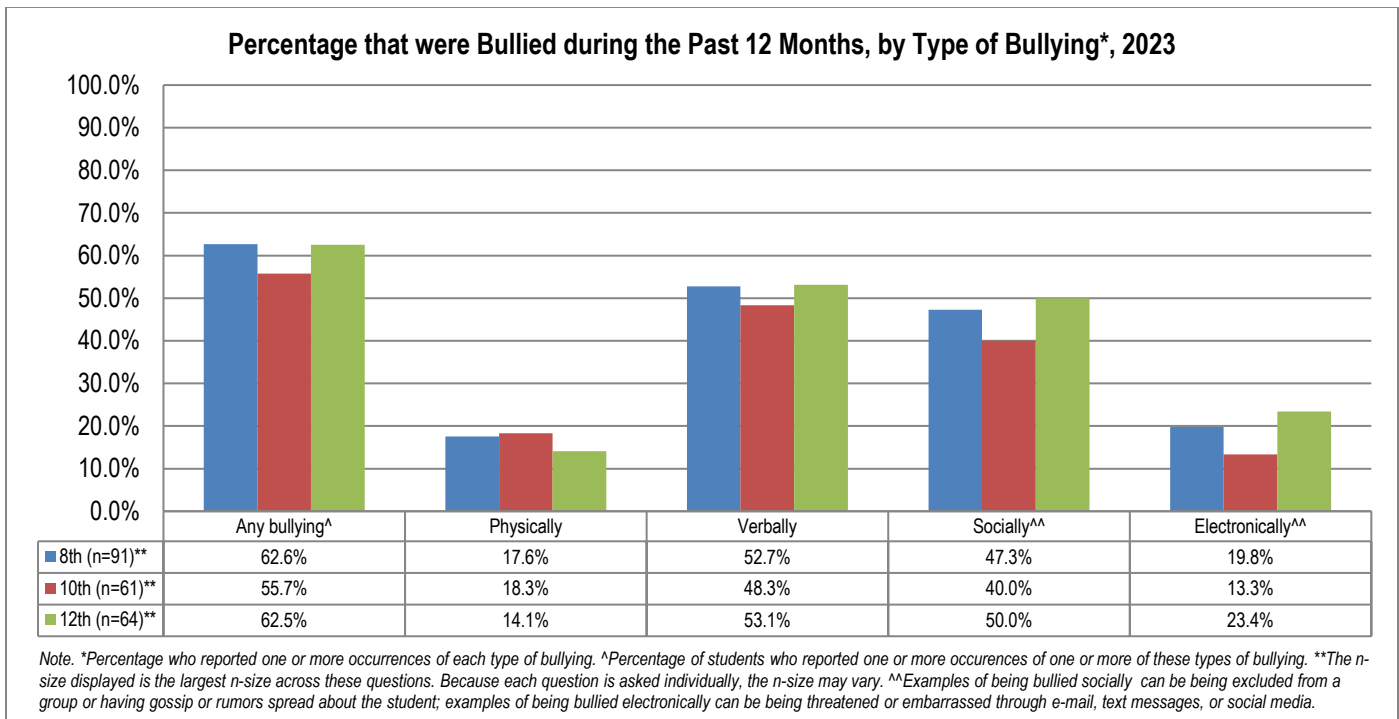
Violence, Bullying, and Mental Health

This section contains information on dating violence, bullying, anxiety, depression, suicide, and attitudes toward the future among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Dawson County.

Dating Violence during the Past 12 Months

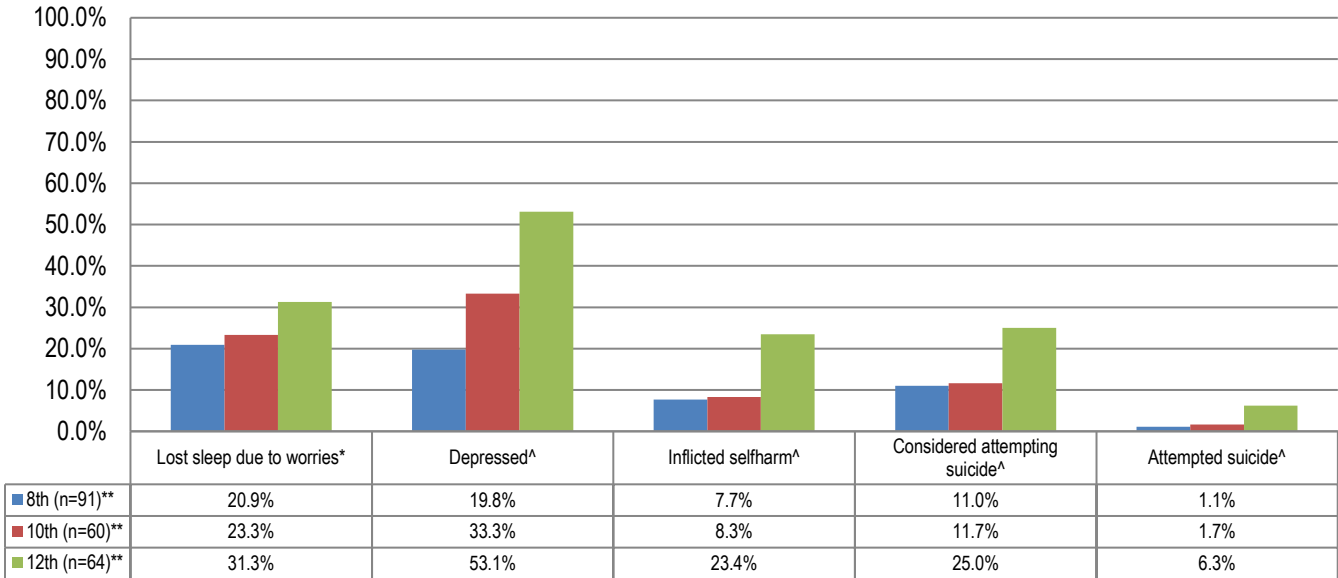


Bullying during the Past 12 Months



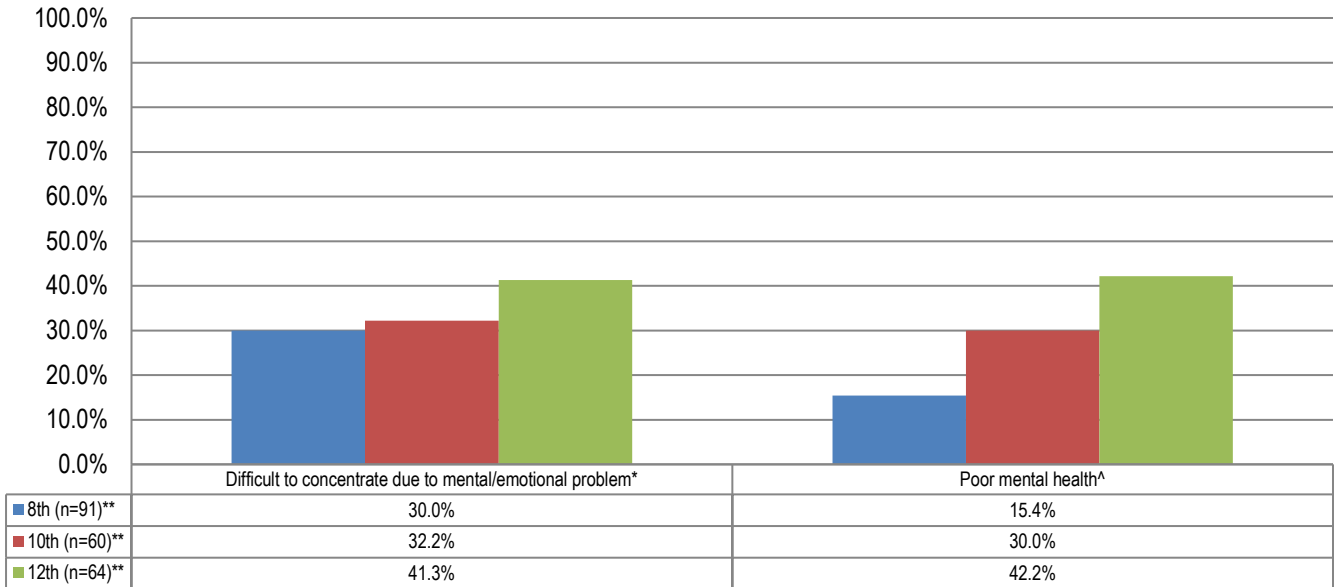
Anxiety, Depression, and Suicide during the Past 12 Months

Percentage Reporting Anxiety, Depression, and Suicide during the Past 12 Months, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported during the past 12 months being so worried about something they could not sleep well at night most of the time or always based on the following scale: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Most of the time, Always. [^]Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?" , the question "During the past 12 months, did you hurt or injure yourself on purpose without wanting to die?", the question "During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?", and the question "During the past 12 months, did you actually attempt suicide?" . **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

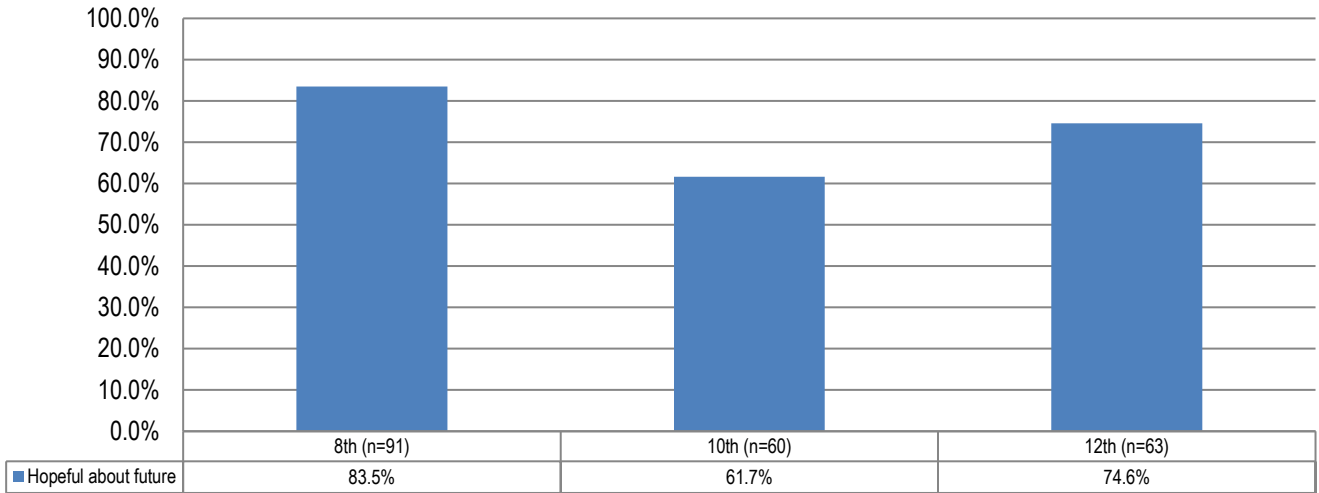
Percentage Reporting Difficult to Concentrate, and Poor Mental Health during the Past 12 Months, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "Because of a physical, mental, or emotional problem, do you have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?" [^]Percentage who reported "Most of the time" or "Always" to the question "During the PAST 30 DAYS, how often was your mental health not good? (Poor mental health include stress, anxiety, and depression.)" . **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Attitudes toward the Future

Percentage Reporting they were Hopeful About the Future during the Past Week*, 2023

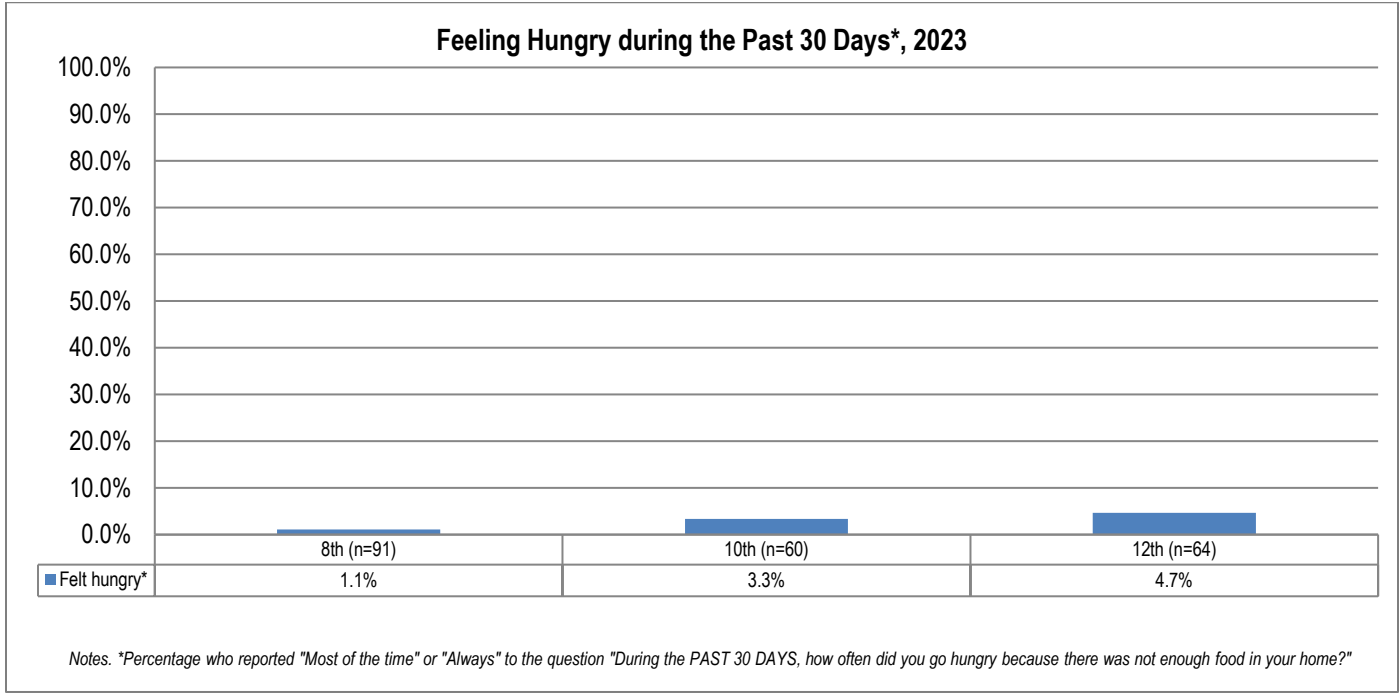


Notes. *Percentage who reported they "Agree" or "Strongly agree" to the question "In the past week, I have felt hopeful about the future." Based on the following scale: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree.

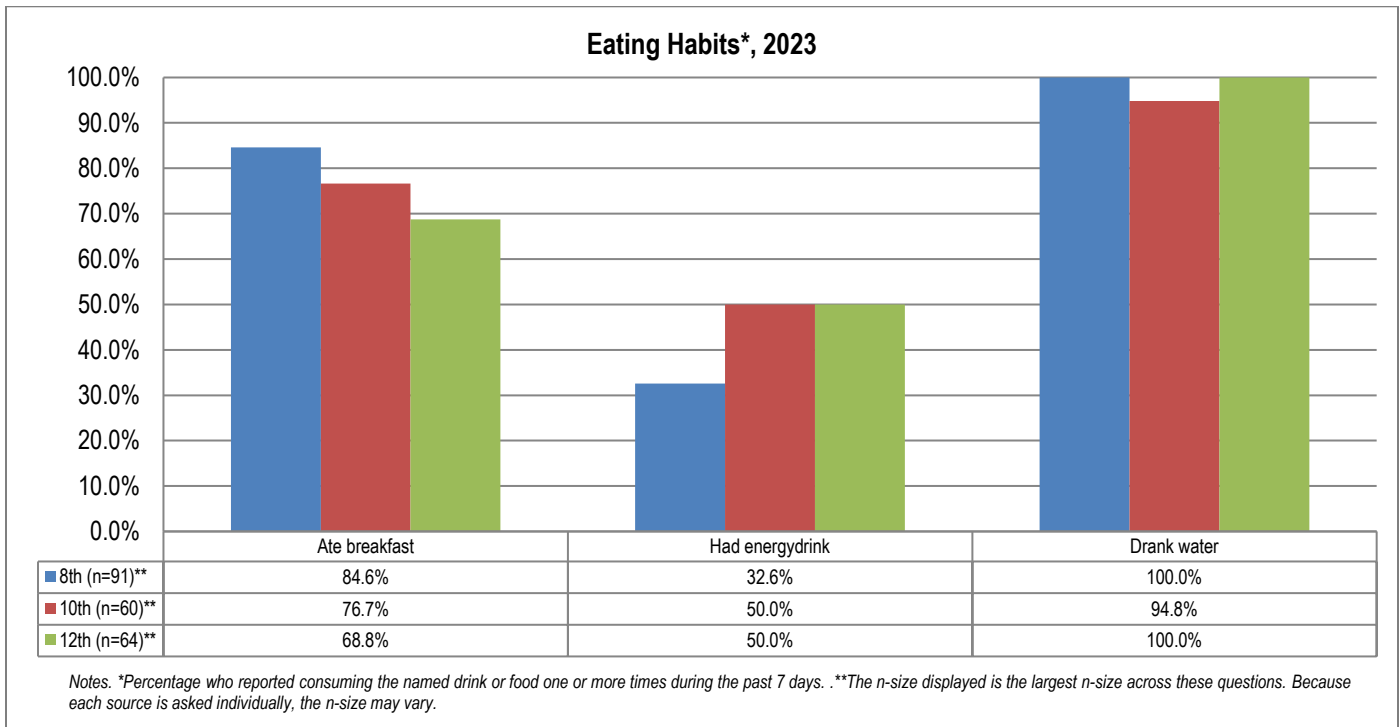
Nutrition and Physical Activity

This section contains information on food security, eating habits, physical activity, and sleep habits among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Dawson County.

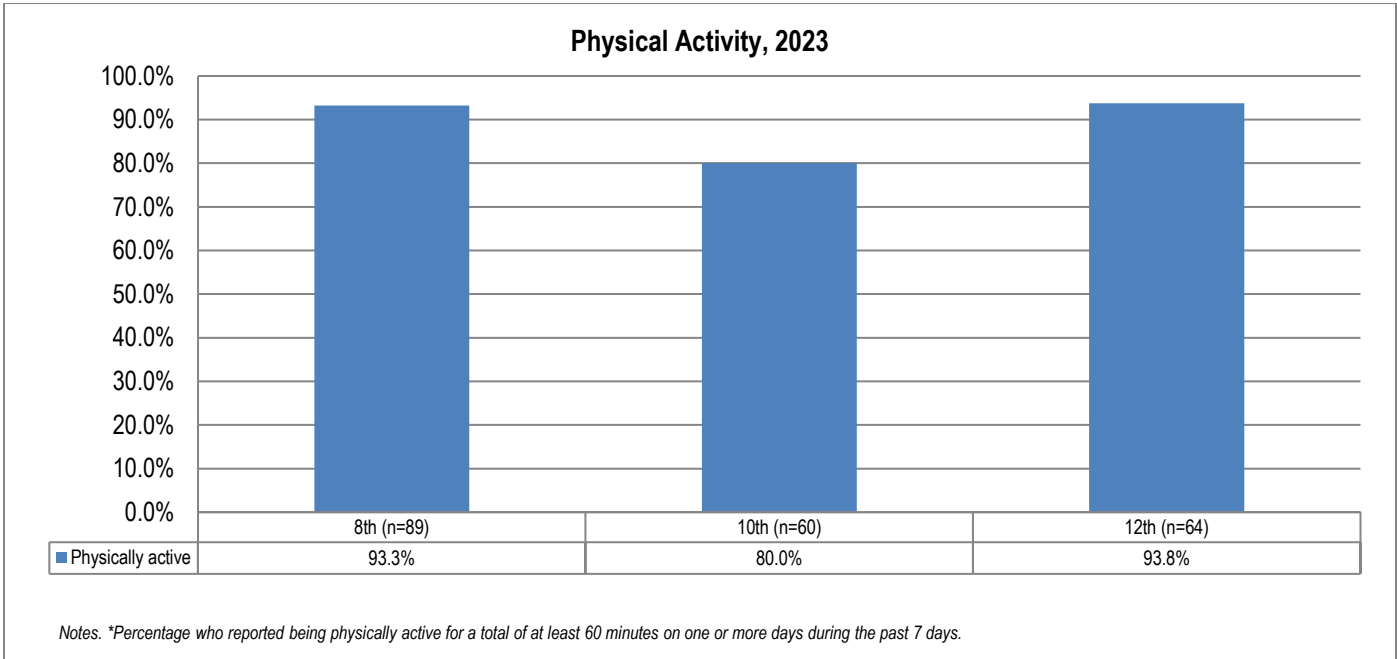
Hunger



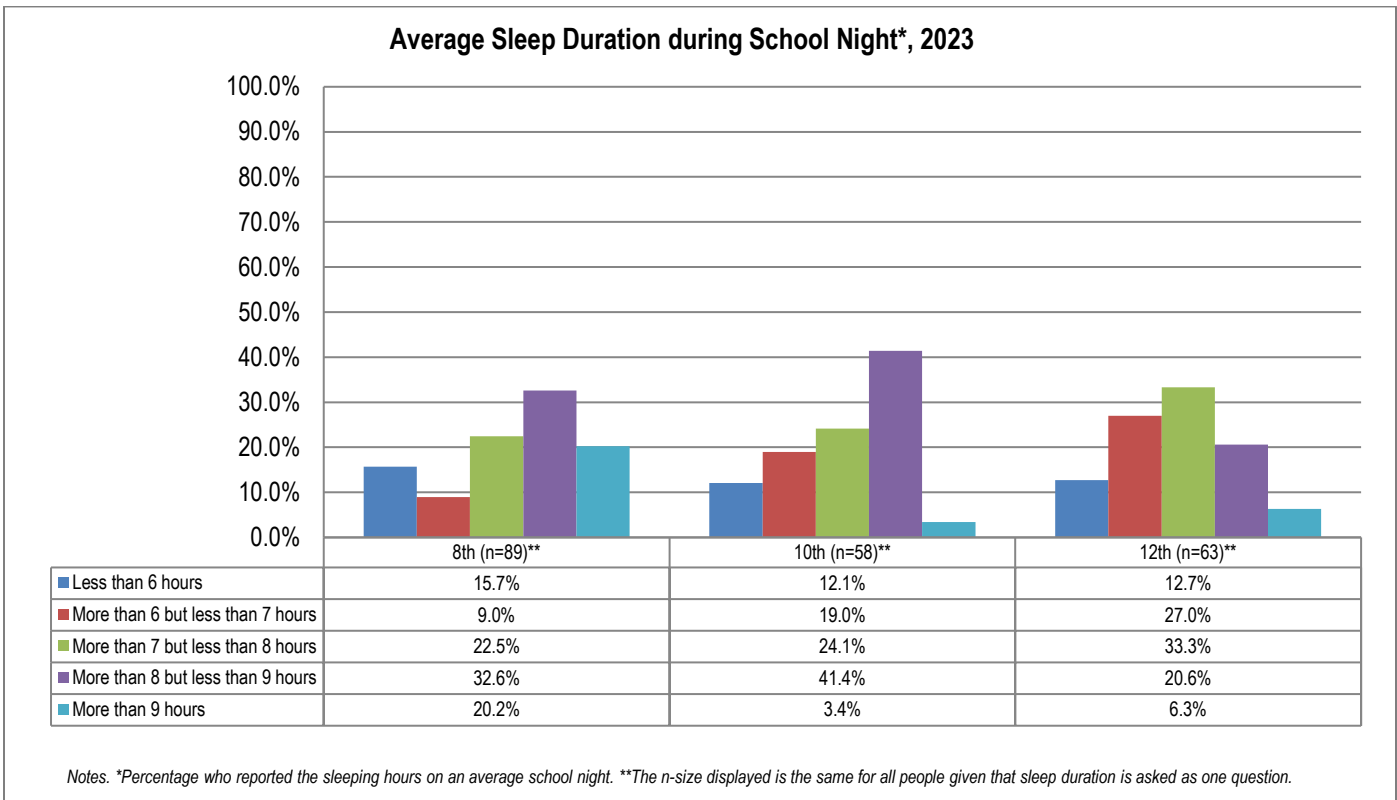
Eating Habits



Physical Activity



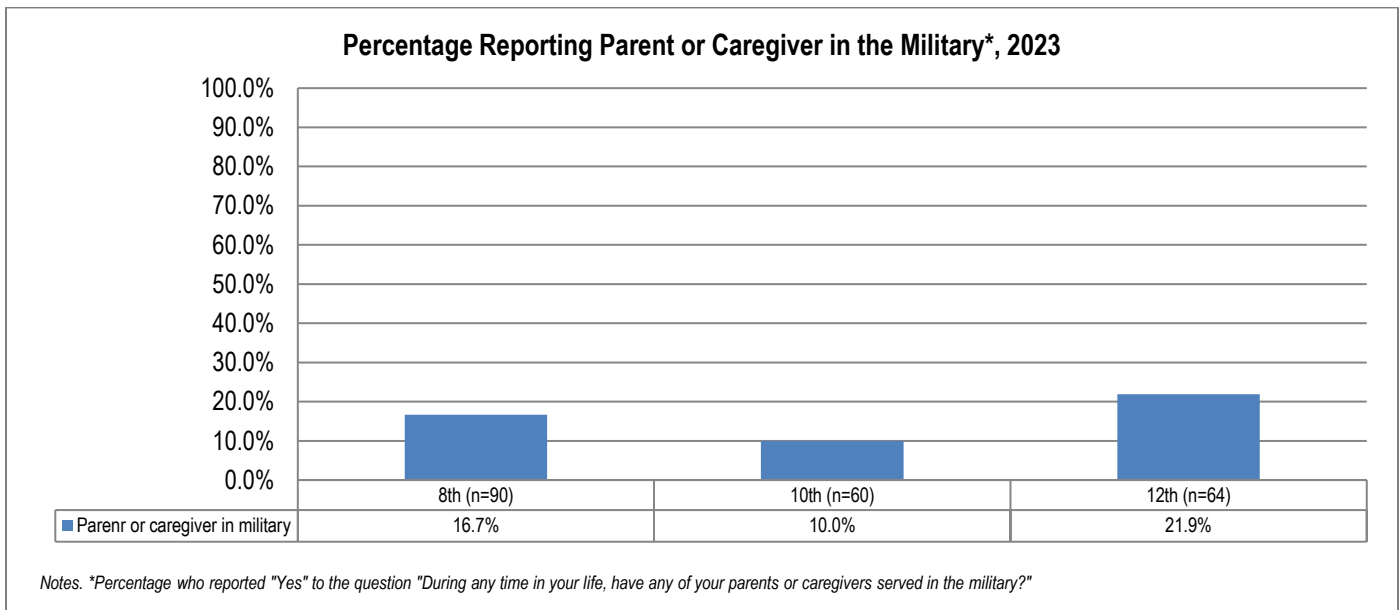
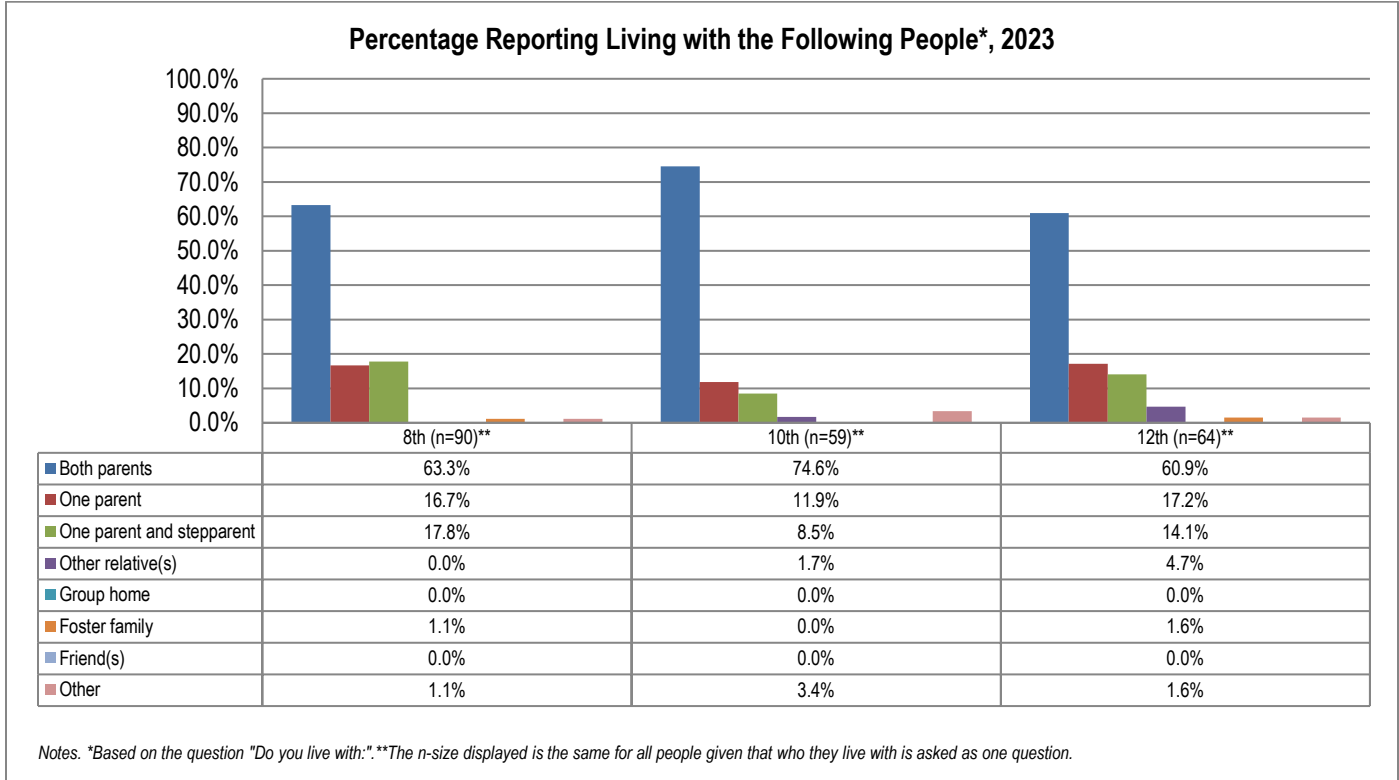
Sleep Habits



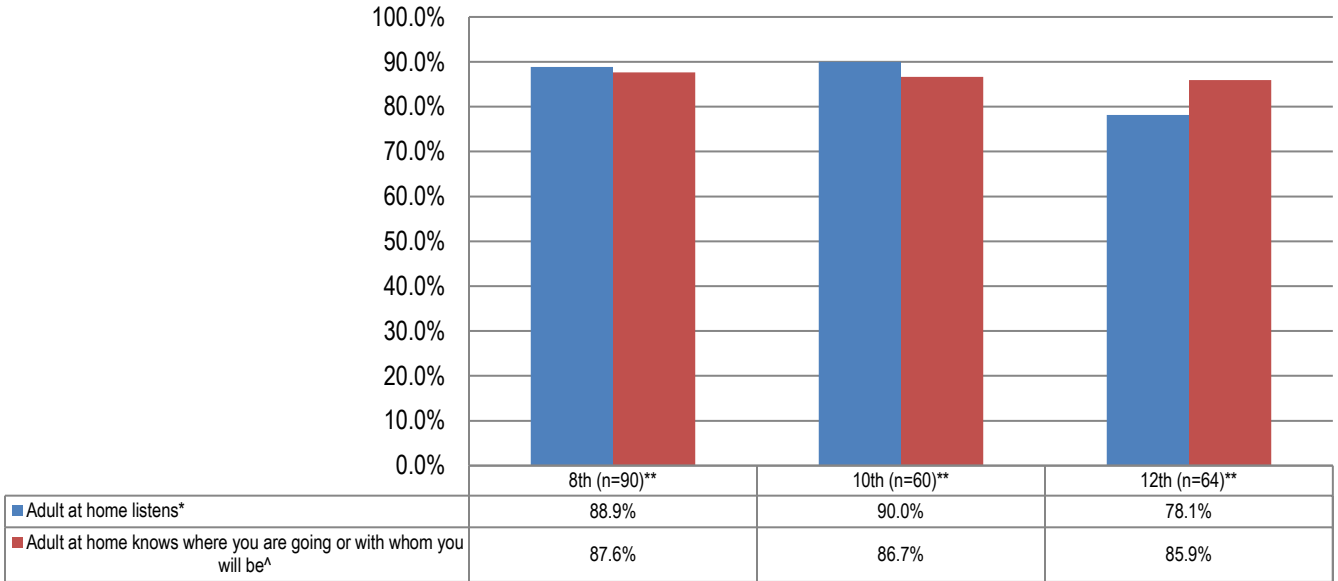
Feelings and Experiences at Home, School, and in the Community

This section contains information on feelings and experiences with family, at school, and in the community for 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Dawson County.

Feelings and Experiences with Family



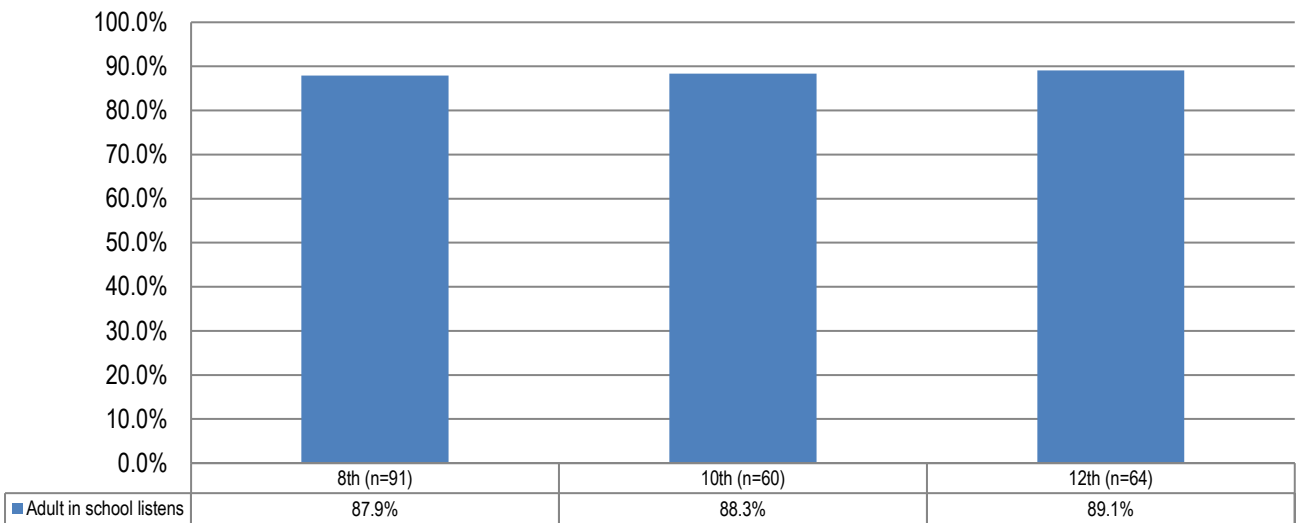
Percentage Reporting Adult at Home Who Listens, and Know Where They Are Going, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported they "Agree" or "Strongly agree" to the statement "In my home, there is an adult who listens to me when I have something to say." based on the following scale: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree. ^Percentage who reported "Always" or "Most of the time" to the question "How often do your parents or other adults in your family know where you are going or with whom you will be?" based on the following scale: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Most of the time, Always. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

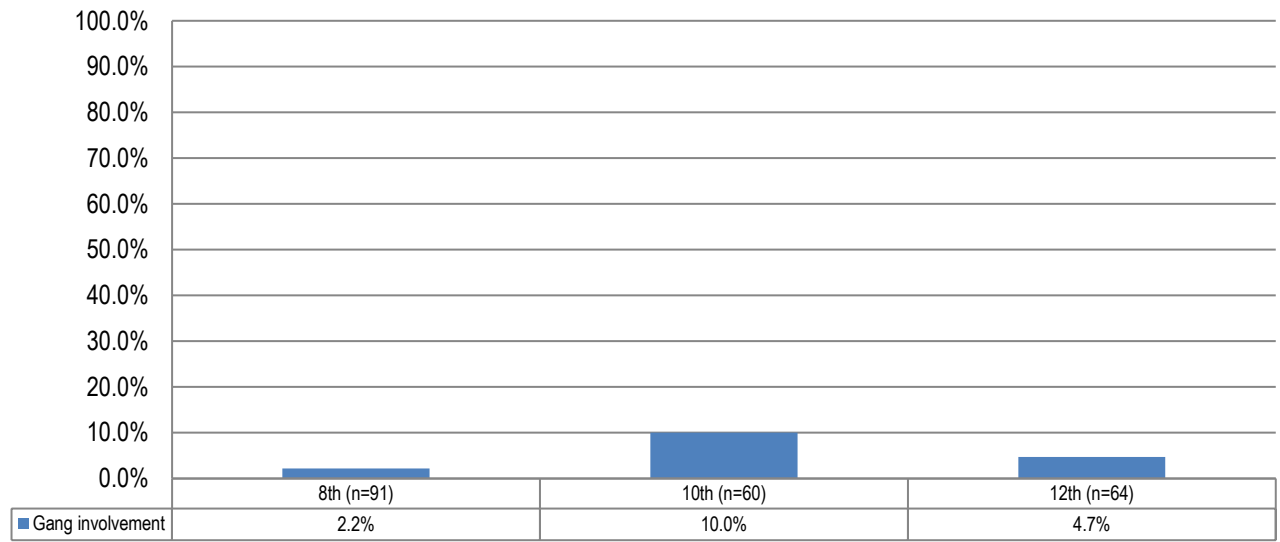
Feelings and Experiences at School and in the Community

Percentage Reporting Adult in School who Listens*, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported they "Agree" or "Strongly agree" to the statement "In my school, there is an adult (such as a counselor, teacher, or coach) who listens to me when I have something to say." Based on the following scale: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree.

Percentage Reporting Gang Involvement*, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "Do you belong to a gang?"

Tips for Using the NRPFSS Results

As a valued stakeholder in your community, you play an important role in prevention by teaching skills, imparting knowledge, and in helping to establish a strong foundation of character and values based on wellness, including prevention of substance use, suicide, and other risky behaviors. Preventing mental and/or substance use disorders and related problems in children, adolescents, and young adults is critical to promoting physical health and overall wellness.

There are a variety of strategies (or interventions) that can be used to increase protective factors and reduce the impact of risk factors. Prevention in schools is often completed through educational programs and school policies and procedures that contribute to the achievement of broader health goals and prevent problem behavior.

Prevention strategies typically fall into six categories:

- **Alternative**
 - This strategy provides for the participation of the target populations in activities that exclude alcohol and drug use through the provision of constructive and healthy activities.
 - Examples of methods used for alternative strategies include the following:
 - Drug-free Social and Recreational Activities (e.g. Dances or Parties)
 - Youth and Adult Leadership Activities
 - Community Drop-in Centers
 - Community Service Activities
 - Mentoring Programs
- **Community-Based**
 - This strategy aims to enhance the ability of the community to more effectively provide substance abuse prevention services. Activities in this strategy include organizing, planning, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of service implementation, building coalitions and networking.
 - Examples of methods used for this strategy include the following:
 - Community and Volunteer Training (i.e. neighborhood action training, training of key people in the system)
 - Systematic Planning
 - Multi-Agency Coordination and Collaboration (i.e. leveraging resources, developing strategic partnerships)
 - Accessing Service and Funding
 - Community Team-Building
- **Education**
 - This strategy provides information and activities aimed to affect critical life and social skills, including decision-making, refusal skills and critical analysis. Prevention education is characterized by two-way communication based on an interaction between the educator and the participants.
 - Examples of methods used for this strategy include the following:
 - Classroom and Small Group Sessions
 - Parenting and Family Management Classes
 - Peer Leader and Peer Helper Programs
 - Education Programs for Youth Groups
 - Groups for Children of Substance Abusers

- **Environmental**

- This strategy seeks to establish or change community standards, codes and attitudes, thereby influencing the incidence and prevalence of drug misuse in the general population.
 - Examples of methods used for this strategy include the following:
 - The Establishment and Review of Drug Policies in Schools
 - Technical assistance to communities to maximize local enforcement procedures governing the availability and distribution of drugs.
 - The review and modification of alcohol and tobacco advertising practices
 - Product pricing strategies

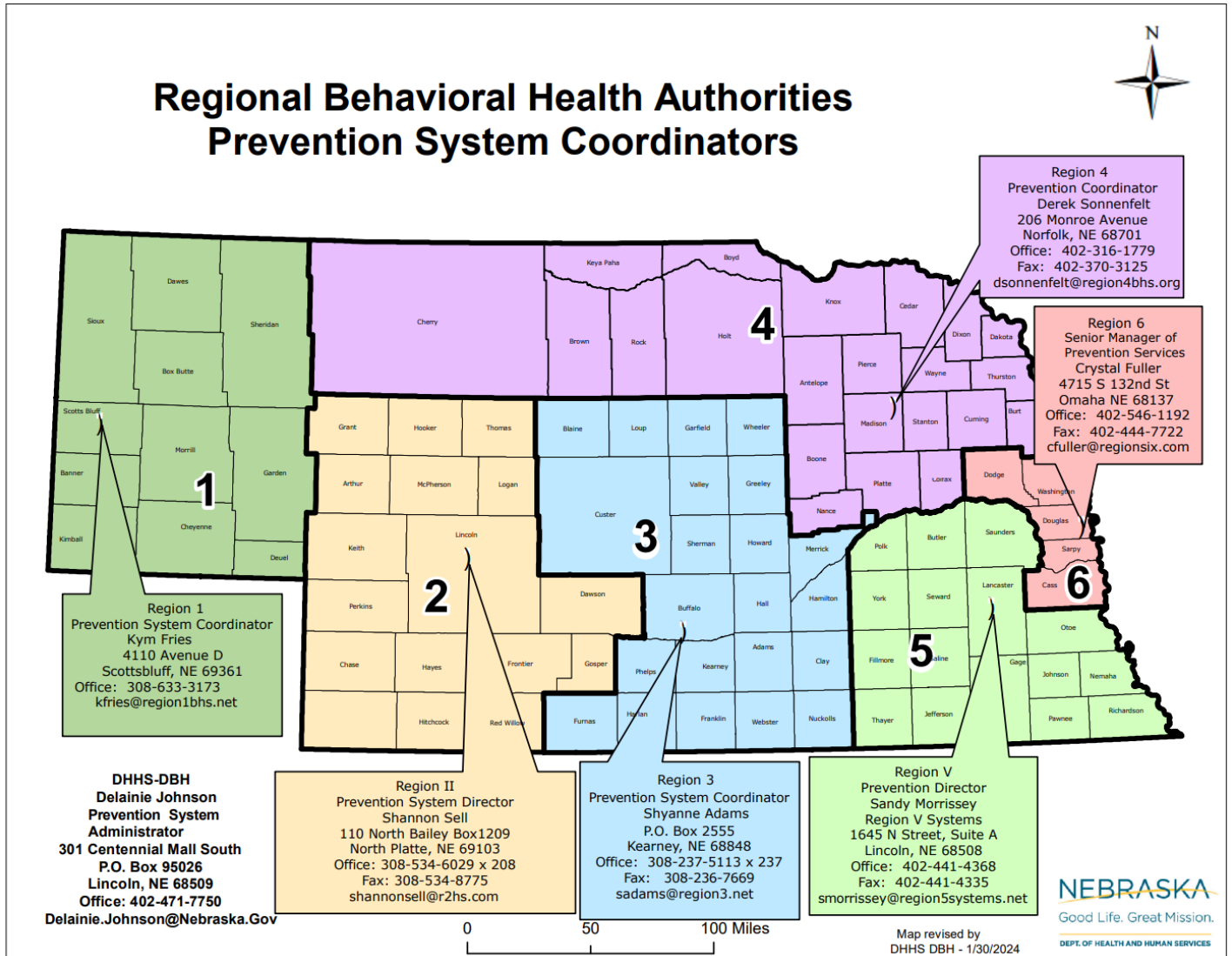
- **Information Dissemination**

- This strategy provides information about the nature of drug use, misuse, addiction and the effects on individuals, families and communities. It also provides information of available prevention programs and services. The dissemination of information is characterized by one-way communication from the source to the audience, with limited contact between the two.
 - Examples of methods used for this strategy include the following:
 - Clearinghouse and other information resource centers
 - Resource directories
 - Media campaigns
 - Brochures
 - Radio and Television Public Service Announcements
 - Speaking engagements
 - Health fairs

- **Problem Identification & Referral**

- This strategy aims to identify those who have misused substances in order to assess if their behavior can be reversed through education. It should be noted, however, that this strategy does not include any activity designed to determine if an individual is in need of treatment.
 - Examples of methods used for this strategy include the following:
 - Brief Screening/Intervention
 - Driving-while-intoxicated Education Programs
 - Employee Assistance Programs
 - Student Assistance Programs
 - Teen Courts

If you would like to implement strategies in your school or community, please contact your regional representative as shown on the map below.



You may also wish to do your own research. The following websites provide listings of evidence-based practices:

- **The Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center**
 - This is a searchable online evidence-based repository and review system designed to provide the public with reliable information on mental health and substance use interventions that are available for implementation.
 - **Website:** <https://www.samhsa.gov/ebp-resource-center>

- **Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development**
 - This searchable registry provides information about evidence-based programs that prevent or reduce the likelihood of antisocial behavior and promote a healthy course of youth development and adult maturity.
 - **Website:** <https://www.blueprintsprograms.org/>

- **The Suicide Prevention Resource Center**
 - This has a variety of suicide prevention resources available.
 - **Website:** <https://sprc.org/>

In accordance with LB923, public school staff in Nebraska are required to complete at least 1 hour of suicide awareness and prevention training each year. To learn more, visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at <https://www.education.ne.gov/Safety/index.html>. Resources on Bullying Prevention and Suicide Prevention are listed.

A variety of print materials on behavioral health topics including depression, trauma, anxiety, and suicide are available from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Materials include toolkits for school personnel, educational fact sheets for parents and caregivers, wallet cards and magnets with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The direct link to the SAMHSA store is <https://store.samhsa.gov/>.

Another resource for kids, teens, and young adults is the **Boys Town National Hotline**, specifically the **Your Life Your Voice campaign**. Wallet cards and other promotional materials are available at no cost for distribution to students, school staff, parents, etc. <http://www.yourlifeyourvoice.org/Pages/home.aspx>. Remember, talking about suicide with a student does not put an idea of attempting suicide in a student's mind.

For information about Nebraska's implementation of the **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline** and other helpful resources, visit <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/988-Suicide-and-Crisis-Lifeline.aspx>

Additional contacts for tips on data use and prevention resources can be found in Appendix B.

APPENDIX A: Trend Data

Metric	Definition	8th Grade County-Level ^{^^^}					8th Grade State-Level ^{^^^}				
		2014	2016	2018	2021	2023	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Substance Use Outcomes											
Lifetime Substance Use	Alcohol	20.2%	26.7%	33.3%	27.1%	22.0%	18.4%	23.0%	28.4%	28.3%	27.0%
	Cigarettes	12.7%	10.3%	6.4%	6.9%	4.4%	10.1%	7.6%	7.0%	5.8%	5.0%
	Electronic vapor product ^{^^}	NA ^{**}	13.9%	18.9%	11.5%	7.7%	NA ^{**}	12.4%	17.7%	14.1%	10.9%
	Smokeless tobacco	3.4%	3.3%	1.2%	6.2%	3.3%	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%	3.3%	2.0%
	Marijuana	7.9%	9.4%	5.5%	5.5%	0.0%	5.8%	5.4%	6.0%	4.8%	4.5%
	LSD/other psychedelics	0.3%	0.6%	0.3%	0.8%	1.1%	0.4%	0.4%	0.7%	0.5%	0.8%
	Cocaine/crack	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%
	Meth	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%
	Inhalants	7.4%	5.8%	5.8%	5.4%	3.3%	4.3%	3.6%	4.6%	5.1%	4.5%
	Prescription drugs	2.1%	2.1%	1.2%	3.1%	1.1%	1.7%	1.6%	2.3%	4.1%	2.8%
Past 30-Day Substance Use	Alcohol	4.4%	9.7%	11.3%	6.2%	4.4%	4.4%	7.3%	9.8%	9.2%	8.6%
	Binge drinking	2.6%	0.9%	1.5%	3.9%	0.0%	2.2%	1.0%	1.3%	1.5%	1.2%
	Alcohol with other substance	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	18.2%	7.1%	NA ^{***}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	12.6%	9.2%	11.2%
	Cigarettes	3.8%	2.7%	0.6%	1.5%	2.2%	2.9%	2.3%	2.0%	1.2%	1.0%
	Electronic vapor product ^{^^}	NA ^{**}	7.0%	9.8%	5.4%	3.3%	NA ^{**}	6.0%	10.4%	6.9%	5.4%
	Smokeless tobacco	2.1%	2.4%	2.4%	1.5%	1.1%	2.1%	1.9%	2.4%	1.5%	1.0%
	Marijuana	3.5%	5.5%	3.4%	0.8%	0.0%	2.3%	2.8%	3.0%	2.2%	1.9%
	Prescription drugs	1.2%	0.6%	0.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.6%	0.5%	1.0%	1.7%	1.1%
Past 30-Day Impaired Driving	Drove a car under the influence of alcohol	0.3%	1.8%	0.9%	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
	Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of alcohol	15.0%	14.7%	20.2%	14.7%	13.2%	13.3%	14.0%	16.1%	17.6%	16.9%
	Drove a car under the influence of Marijuana	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	0.8%	1.1%	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	0.9%	0.7%
	Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of Marijuana	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	4.0%	1.1%	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	4.9%	4.1%

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Metric	Definition	8th Grade County-Level ^{AAA}					8th Grade State-Level ^{AAA}				
		2014	2016	2018	2021	2023	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Mental Health Outcomes											
Past 12 Months Mental Health	Lost Sleep	NA**	20.6%	19.2%	19.1%	20.9%	NA**	16.1%	18.0%	21.4%	19.9%
	Depressed	NA**	28.9%	37.3%	32.1%	19.8%	NA**	28.4%	31.1%	36.1%	32.5%
	Inflicted self-harm	NA**	11.4%	15.0%	16.2%	7.7%	NA**	12.2%	13.6%	17.0%	14.7%
	Considered attempting suicide	NA**	11.7%	17.1%	16.2%	11.0%	NA**	13.9%	16.1%	16.1%	14.3%
	Attempted suicide	NA**	4.0%	4.9%	4.6%	1.1%	NA**	3.6%	3.9%	4.4%	3.8%
	Difficult to concentrate	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	30.0%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	33.5%
Behavioral Health Risk Factors											
Age of First Use (12 or Younger)	Smoked cigarettes	9.5%	7.4%	4.8%	7.4%	4.4%	6.7%	5.3%	5.0%	5.7%	4.2%
	Electronic vapor product ^{AA}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	6.6%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	6.2%
	Drank alcohol	14.8%	19.8%	16.4%	17.0%	14.3%	14.2%	15.1%	17.5%	18.3%	15.5%
	Smoked Marijuana	3.3%	3.4%	2.1%	3.0%	0.0%	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%	1.9%	2.2%
Perception of Peer's Past 30-Day Substance Use	Smoked cigarettes	12.2%	8.9%	6.0%	12.3%	9.5%	9.8%	7.6%	7.4%	11.6%	6.9%
	Used electronic vapor product ^{AA}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	18.5%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	16.4%
	Drank alcohol	11.7%	12.2%	10.2%	15.7%	14.7%	10.0%	9.1%	9.8%	13.7%	11.8%
	Used Marijuana	14.2%	11.4%	6.1%	8.1%	4.8%	9.0%	8.0%	7.1%	8.7%	6.0%
Experienced bullying in past 12 months	Physically	NA**	23.2%	23.2%	25.6%	17.6%	NA**	27.8%	26.8%	27.5%	26.2%
	Verbally	NA**	53.6%	49.4%	59.7%	52.7%	NA**	55.7%	52.8%	51.3%	53.4%
	Socially	NA**	49.2%	42.7%	45.0%	47.3%	NA**	47.0%	45.3%	43.4%	44.2%
	Electronically	18.8%	18.5%	17.4%	20.3%	19.8%	21.0%	22.2%	20.0%	22.5%	21.0%
Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Obtain Substance	Alcohol	28.7%	36.5%	32.0%	27.8%	30.3%	31.1%	31.5%	34.1%	31.6%	31.7%
	Marijuana	17.1%	21.7%	13.5%	9.5%	3.4%	14.1%	13.3%	13.5%	9.5%	8.2%
	Prescription drugs	15.2%	21.0%	18.3%	15.1%	14.4%	18.0%	17.6%	20.3%	16.9%	16.0%
	Cigarettes	23.3%	25.8%	NA**	NA**	13.3%	22.9%	21.5%	NA**	NA**	16.0%
	Electronic vapor products ^{AA}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	22.2%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	20.3%

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		2014	2016	2018	2021	2023	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Behavioral Health Protective Factors											
Experiences at School	Grades were A's and B's	76.5%	77.3%	82.5%	88.2%	95.6%	83.0%	83.1%	82.5%	81.5%	81.3%
	Felt safe	90.4%	90.1%	91.6%	86.0%	81.3%	89.5%	89.2%	88.9%	88.6%	87.2%
Experiences with Families	Help for personal problems [^]	81.7%	84.7%	85.7%	86.6%	85.6%	84.3%	86.2%	83.9%	85.2%	81.0%
	Discussed dangers of alcohol	51.5%	48.3%	43.5%	36.8%	44.4%	54.0%	45.3%	46.6%	41.1%	37.9%
	Discussed dangers of electronic vapor products ^{^^}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	48.9%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	40.4%
Very wrong for person your age to:	Smoke cigarettes	93.5%	93.5%	94.3%	96.2%	94.5%	94.6%	94.6%	94.7%	94.4%	95.9%
	Use smokeless tobacco	96.2%	94.4%	95.7%	94.7%	93.4%	95.0%	93.9%	94.2%	94.2%	95.5%
	Use electronic vapor product ^{^^}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	92.3%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	93.1%
	Drink alcohol	91.1%	88.2%	84.0%	85.2%	84.6%	92.9%	88.0%	85.9%	85.8%	85.6%
	Use Marijuana	91.0%	87.1%	90.1%	94.1%	100.0%	92.2%	90.9%	91.6%	93.1%	94.7%
	Misuse prescription drugs	96.7%	96.0%	96.0%	91.9%	96.7%	96.5%	95.4%	95.4%	94.4%	94.5%
	Use other illegal substances	98.2%	98.5%	98.8%	100.0%	100.0%	98.3%	98.3%	98.4%	98.6%	98.6%
Recall of Prevention Advertisement	Saw or Heard Anti-Alcohol or Anti-Substance Media in the Past 12 Months	NA**	72.3%	67.0%	70.1%	62.2%	NA**	76.4%	72.3%	66.8%	60.5%
Perceived Great Risk of Harm From:	Smoking 1 or more packs of cigarettes daily	62.8%	66.5%	63.7%	57.1%	60.4%	65.8%	67.8%	63.0%	58.2%	58.5%
	Using electronic vapor product 1 or 2 times per week ^{^^}	NA**	NA**	NA**	27.1%	44.0%	NA**	NA**	NA**	31.8%	34.1%
	Binge drinking 1 or 2 times per week	51.8%	60.2%	44.2%	32.6%	50.5%	50.8%	57.4%	43.1%	37.3%	40.5%
	Using Marijuana	66.4%	47.2%	50.3%	41.4%	57.1%	69.1%	51.6%	48.0%	46.8%	51.1%
	Misusing prescription drugs	58.9%	59.9%	63.9%	56.8%	65.9%	61.0%	59.5%	62.0%	56.3%	60.2%

Metric	Definition	10th Grade County-Level ^{^^^}					10th Grade State-Level ^{^^^}				
		2014	2016	2018	2021	2023	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Substance Use Outcomes											
Lifetime Substance Use	Alcohol	41.2%	43.2%	49.5%	52.8%	46.7%	40.5%	42.3%	44.3%	42.6%	35.1%
	Cigarettes	23.6%	19.5%	17.2%	14.8%	16.7%	20.8%	17.5%	13.8%	10.1%	7.0%
	Electronic vapor product ^{^^}	NA ^{**}	28.1%	46.2%	34.1%	25.0%	NA ^{**}	28.0%	37.6%	25.4%	18.2%
	Smokeless tobacco	14.8%	11.0%	8.6%	15.7%	5.0%	11.9%	10.4%	8.5%	4.9%	3.8%
	Marijuana	17.9%	14.9%	28.3%	16.9%	5.1%	17.7%	17.4%	16.7%	15.2%	10.4%
	LSD/other psychedelics	2.6%	1.9%	3.2%	1.1%	0.0%	2.0%	2.7%	2.3%	2.2%	1.4%
	Cocaine/crack	1.8%	0.6%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	1.3%	1.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.4%
	Meth	0.4%	0.6%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%
	Inhalants	3.7%	6.5%	6.5%	6.7%	5.0%	3.5%	3.2%	3.6%	4.1%	2.7%
	Prescription drugs	4.8%	6.5%	6.5%	6.7%	1.7%	5.0%	5.6%	4.3%	5.5%	3.2%
Past 30-Day Substance Use	Alcohol	14.2%	13.0%	21.5%	32.6%	18.3%	15.9%	20.0%	20.1%	18.2%	14.3%
	Binge drinking	8.8%	2.6%	7.6%	9.0%	10.0%	9.5%	6.9%	6.2%	6.3%	5.1%
	Alcohol with other substance	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	23.8%	9.7%	0.0%	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	11.6%	11.3%	11.4%
	Cigarettes	5.5%	4.5%	9.7%	4.5%	1.7%	7.6%	6.7%	4.1%	1.8%	1.6%
	Electronic vapor product ^{^^}	NA ^{**}	7.8%	29.0%	24.7%	11.7%	NA ^{**}	12.3%	24.7%	14.3%	8.9%
	Smokeless tobacco	8.1%	4.5%	5.4%	4.5%	5.0%	7.1%	6.1%	5.4%	2.5%	2.5%
	Marijuana	8.8%	4.5%	9.7%	12.4%	0.0%	7.6%	8.8%	7.3%	7.6%	4.7%
	Prescription drugs	1.5%	5.2%	4.3%	1.1%	1.7%	2.2%	2.6%	1.4%	1.6%	0.9%
Past 30-Day Impaired Driving	Drove a car under the influence of alcohol	4.0%	0.7%	3.3%	7.9%	10.0%	1.8%	2.1%	2.7%	1.8%	2.6%
	Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of alcohol	22.8%	8.5%	22.8%	27.0%	18.3%	15.7%	12.4%	16.7%	14.3%	16.1%
	Drove a car under the influence of Marijuana	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	6.7%	1.7%	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	3.0%	2.1%
	Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of Marijuana	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	12.4%	0.0%	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	8.9%	7.0%

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Metric	Definition	10th Grade County-Level ^{^^^}					10th Grade State-Level ^{^^^}				
		2014	2016	2018	2021	2023	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Mental Health Outcomes											
Past 12 Months Mental Health	Lost Sleep	NA**	20.3%	29.3%	34.8%	23.3%	NA**	19.5%	20.6%	23.7%	20.1%
	Depressed	NA**	31.4%	45.1%	42.7%	33.3%	NA**	33.9%	34.8%	42.0%	35.0%
	Inflicted self-harm	NA**	17.8%	22.8%	24.7%	8.3%	NA**	14.3%	13.7%	17.5%	13.9%
	Considered attempting suicide	NA**	17.9%	23.9%	25.8%	11.7%	NA**	17.3%	17.7%	20.2%	13.8%
	Attempted suicide	NA**	5.9%	6.5%	4.5%	1.7%	NA**	4.6%	4.3%	5.5%	3.6%
	Difficult to concentrate	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	32.2%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	33.0%
Behavioral Health Risk Factors											
Age of First Use (12 or Younger)	Smoked cigarettes	14.0%	5.3%	7.6%	1.1%	5.0%	8.1%	6.6%	5.6%	4.8%	3.3%
	Electronic vapor product ^{^^}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	1.7%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	4.3%
	Drank alcohol	16.8%	7.9%	13.2%	13.5%	3.3%	10.4%	10.0%	11.0%	11.3%	9.3%
	Smoked Marijuana	5.2%	0.0%	3.3%	1.1%	0.0%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.2%	1.7%
Perception of Peer's Past 30-Day Substance Use	Smoked cigarettes	23.8%	21.7%	16.3%	24.5%	12.0%	23.1%	20.6%	16.6%	17.2%	14.0%
	Used electronic vapor product ^{^^}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	35.4%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	33.9%
	Drank alcohol	34.1%	30.6%	29.6%	36.6%	30.3%	32.0%	30.7%	28.1%	30.4%	29.2%
	Used Marijuana	25.3%	24.3%	20.6%	16.5%	11.8%	24.4%	24.6%	20.3%	21.2%	18.4%
Experienced bullying in past 12 months	Physically	NA**	23.2%	19.6%	22.5%	18.3%	NA**	19.9%	17.2%	15.3%	15.7%
	Verbally	NA**	56.8%	52.2%	53.9%	48.3%	NA**	50.9%	45.8%	42.3%	43.1%
	Socially	NA**	52.3%	55.4%	53.9%	40.0%	NA**	45.2%	43.0%	39.1%	39.8%
	Electronically	15.1%	27.9%	24.2%	24.7%	13.3%	19.3%	23.4%	21.4%	21.4%	19.4%
Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Obtain Substance	Alcohol	54.6%	50.7%	64.1%	61.4%	55.0%	55.5%	52.8%	53.7%	47.8%	46.2%
	Marijuana	32.3%	29.6%	40.2%	25.0%	16.7%	34.6%	34.9%	32.5%	25.9%	22.3%
	Prescription drugs	29.0%	25.7%	28.3%	17.0%	25.0%	28.2%	26.4%	26.5%	19.7%	19.4%
	Cigarettes	40.3%	40.8%	NA**	NA**	28.3%	43.6%	39.8%	NA**	NA**	23.7%
	Electronic vapor products ^{^^}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	48.3%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	35.4%

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Metric	Definition	10th Grade County-Level ^{AAA}					10th Grade State-Level ^{AAA}				
		2014	2016	2018	2021	2023	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Behavioral Health Protective Factors											
Experiences at School	Grades were A's and B's	71.0%	83.1%	77.4%	84.3%	95.1%	78.4%	79.7%	80.8%	78.4%	79.5%
	Felt safe	87.0%	91.4%	90.4%	91.0%	83.3%	87.2%	87.1%	88.5%	86.7%	87.6%
Experiences with Families	Help for personal problems ^A	73.5%	84.2%	78.3%	83.0%	91.7%	80.1%	82.4%	81.8%	83.4%	81.1%
	Discussed dangers of alcohol	48.7%	43.4%	44.6%	50.0%	51.7%	50.3%	41.8%	46.0%	42.5%	45.8%
	Discussed dangers of electronic vapor products ^{AA}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	50.0%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	45.4%
Very wrong for person your age to:	Smoke cigarettes	88.6%	90.1%	81.5%	85.2%	91.4%	86.1%	87.4%	89.9%	88.9%	93.0%
	Use smokeless tobacco	83.6%	85.5%	80.2%	82.8%	90.0%	84.3%	84.9%	88.1%	87.2%	91.5%
	Use electronic vapor product ^{AA}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	84.7%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	87.0%
	Drink alcohol	84.2%	82.2%	71.7%	52.8%	69.5%	78.6%	74.7%	74.5%	69.3%	75.8%
	Use Marijuana	81.6%	82.7%	73.6%	83.1%	96.7%	80.5%	76.3%	80.8%	77.6%	88.1%
	Misuse prescription drugs	92.0%	96.0%	92.4%	85.4%	94.9%	93.4%	92.8%	94.7%	92.1%	93.5%
	Use other illegal substances	96.3%	98.7%	94.6%	97.8%	98.3%	96.3%	96.1%	97.2%	96.4%	97.6%
Recall of Prevention Advertisement	Saw or Heard Anti-Alcohol or Anti-Substance Media in the Past 12 Months	NA**	78.4%	78.3%	68.2%	71.7%	NA**	78.1%	75.1%	68.7%	66.1%
Perceived Great Risk of Harm From:	Smoking 1 or more packs of cigarettes daily	60.9%	76.8%	68.5%	52.8%	53.3%	65.7%	69.3%	67.1%	59.9%	59.3%
	Using electronic vapor product 1 or 2 times per week ^{AA}	NA**	NA**	NA**	21.3%	30.0%	NA**	NA**	NA**	29.3%	33.1%
	Binge drinking 1 or 2 times per week	48.5%	62.5%	40.2%	23.6%	28.3%	45.4%	54.1%	42.1%	33.7%	39.3%
	Using Marijuana	53.7%	51.0%	22.8%	32.6%	41.7%	52.3%	36.3%	37.8%	33.4%	40.6%
	Misusing prescription drugs	57.6%	60.8%	68.1%	58.4%	58.3%	59.8%	59.0%	64.9%	60.1%	60.4%

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Metric	Definition	12th Grade County-Level ^{AAA}					12th Grade State-Level ^{AAA}				
		2014	2016	2018	2021	2023	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Substance Use Outcomes											
Lifetime Substance Use	Alcohol	59.9%	63.8%	66.7%	65.8%	70.3%	60.0%	61.2%	62.0%	58.3%	52.1%
	Cigarettes	33.0%	25.5%	32.2%	21.7%	28.1%	34.9%	28.6%	24.7%	15.8%	14.1%
	Electronic vapor product ^{AA}	NA ^{**}	43.5%	61.1%	45.0%	48.4%	NA ^{**}	43.4%	52.3%	38.7%	30.2%
	Smokeless tobacco	21.6%	20.4%	15.6%	17.4%	18.8%	21.6%	18.3%	16.2%	9.3%	7.8%
	Marijuana	32.5%	29.0%	26.7%	28.3%	42.2%	30.3%	32.4%	29.9%	27.0%	22.8%
	LSD/other psychedelics	1.8%	0.7%	6.7%	3.3%	7.8%	4.2%	5.7%	5.3%	4.3%	4.1%
	Cocaine/crack	2.5%	2.9%	3.3%	0.8%	3.1%	2.7%	3.1%	2.5%	1.3%	1.3%
	Meth	1.8%	1.4%	0.0%	0.8%	1.6%	1.4%	1.0%	0.9%	0.5%	0.4%
	Inhalants	4.0%	2.2%	4.4%	4.2%	1.6%	3.2%	2.7%	3.3%	3.1%	2.8%
	Prescription drugs	4.3%	4.3%	5.6%	5.0%	12.5%	9.2%	9.1%	8.1%	5.1%	4.3%
Past 30-Day Substance Use	Alcohol	30.0%	29.0%	36.7%	40.3%	50.0%	29.6%	34.4%	34.2%	31.9%	26.0%
	Binge drinking	21.7%	13.1%	15.6%	18.2%	25.0%	21.2%	16.1%	15.0%	13.7%	11.5%
	Alcohol with other substance	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	24.2%	15.2%	6.1%	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	13.9%	10.5%	11.9%
	Cigarettes	15.1%	7.4%	10.0%	5.8%	9.4%	15.8%	11.9%	8.7%	3.8%	3.8%
	Electronic vapor product ^{AA}	NA ^{**}	13.9%	38.9%	26.1%	34.4%	NA ^{**}	18.7%	37.3%	21.0%	16.2%
	Smokeless tobacco	14.7%	10.2%	12.2%	9.1%	11.1%	12.8%	10.2%	10.1%	4.1%	4.7%
	Marijuana	10.5%	13.0%	7.9%	11.0%	12.5%	12.7%	15.7%	13.9%	12.5%	9.7%
	Prescription drugs	1.8%	1.4%	2.2%	2.5%	0.0%	3.3%	3.4%	2.2%	1.7%	1.3%
Past 30-Day Impaired Driving	Drove a car under the influence of alcohol	11.2%	5.1%	15.6%	11.7%	23.4%	8.0%	6.4%	7.6%	5.9%	5.8%
	Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of alcohol	21.7%	12.4%	26.7%	22.3%	31.3%	15.9%	13.3%	16.1%	13.5%	14.6%
	Drove a car under the influence of Marijuana	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	9.9%	9.4%	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	6.8%	5.7%
	Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of Marijuana	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	11.6%	20.3%	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	NA ^{**}	10.4%	10.1%

Metric	Definition	12th Grade County-Level ^{AAA}					12th Grade State-Level ^{AAA}				
		2014	2016	2018	2021	2023	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Mental Health Outcomes											
Past 12 Months Mental Health	Lost Sleep	NA**	17.5%	25.6%	26.7%	31.3%	NA**	18.9%	21.6%	23.4%	20.8%
	Depressed	NA**	32.6%	42.2%	43.0%	53.1%	NA**	33.5%	35.3%	42.9%	38.0%
	Inflicted self-harm	NA**	11.7%	13.3%	14.0%	23.4%	NA**	11.3%	12.7%	13.6%	11.7%
	Considered attempting suicide	NA**	13.1%	17.8%	15.7%	25.0%	NA**	14.8%	16.3%	17.1%	14.1%
	Attempted suicide	NA**	4.4%	2.2%	2.5%	6.3%	NA**	3.6%	3.9%	3.7%	2.7%
	Difficult to concentrate	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	41.3%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	33.0%
Behavioral Health Risk Factors											
Age of First Use (12 or Younger)	Smoked cigarettes	10.1%	10.9%	8.8%	7.4%	7.9%	7.5%	6.5%	5.4%	4.3%	3.9%
	Electronic vapor product ^{AA}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	6.3%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	3.5%
	Drank alcohol	15.6%	8.0%	9.9%	10.8%	10.9%	8.6%	7.9%	7.7%	7.6%	6.6%
	Smoked Marijuana	4.8%	2.2%	3.3%	0.0%	1.6%	2.8%	2.5%	2.6%	1.5%	1.7%
Perception of Peer's Past 30-Day Substance Use	Smoked cigarettes	24.4%	20.0%	18.0%	20.8%	21.4%	27.2%	24.3%	18.8%	17.3%	14.3%
	Used electronic vapor product ^{AA}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	53.4%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	39.4%
	Drank alcohol	39.8%	35.9%	34.7%	45.6%	54.1%	42.4%	42.8%	35.0%	37.6%	37.1%
	Used Marijuana	29.4%	22.8%	20.2%	25.4%	25.3%	27.9%	30.3%	23.9%	26.3%	23.1%
Experienced bullying in past 12 months	Physically	NA**	13.8%	13.3%	14.2%	14.1%	NA**	12.2%	11.8%	10.3%	11.2%
	Verbally	NA**	47.8%	39.3%	52.5%	53.1%	NA**	42.3%	39.5%	37.4%	37.0%
	Socially	NA**	44.2%	45.6%	49.2%	50.0%	NA**	40.1%	39.5%	37.8%	37.9%
	Electronically	12.3%	20.3%	22.5%	22.5%	23.4%	17.1%	20.1%	19.3%	18.9%	17.7%
Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Obtain Substance	Alcohol	64.8%	70.1%	69.3%	63.0%	69.8%	68.5%	67.4%	66.0%	58.1%	59.9%
	Marijuana	43.9%	48.2%	45.5%	38.7%	54.0%	49.0%	49.8%	46.3%	37.0%	35.5%
	Prescription drugs	34.6%	30.7%	26.4%	23.9%	17.2%	34.9%	32.0%	29.3%	20.7%	19.0%
	Cigarettes	63.2%	56.9%	NA**	NA**	55.6%	67.5%	62.9%	NA**	NA**	33.9%
	Electronic vapor products ^{AA}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	71.4%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	49.8%

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Metric	Definition	12th Grade County-Level ^{^^^}					12th Grade State-Level ^{^^^}				
		2014	2016	2018	2021	2023	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Behavioral Health Protective Factors											
Experiences at School	Grades were A's and B's	74.5%	83.5%	82.4%	77.2%	89.1%	80.1%	80.1%	82.7%	83.8%	80.4%
	Felt safe	90.8%	92.7%	96.7%	87.8%	85.9%	90.6%	89.4%	89.9%	89.4%	90.8%
Experiences with Families	Help for personal problems [^]	76.6%	80.0%	84.1%	79.2%	71.4%	80.1%	82.4%	83.4%	83.2%	81.6%
	Discussed dangers of alcohol	40.5%	38.7%	55.7%	37.0%	43.8%	46.0%	38.3%	44.8%	41.6%	46.5%
	Discussed dangers of electronic vapor products ^{^^}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	48.4%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	43.3%
Very wrong for person your age to:	Smoke cigarettes	73.4%	79.7%	72.5%	76.7%	77.4%	72.3%	72.8%	74.6%	80.5%	84.2%
	Use smokeless tobacco	68.6%	73.0%	74.7%	68.6%	71.9%	69.0%	69.5%	72.0%	77.3%	82.6%
	Use electronic vapor product ^{^^}	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	67.2%	NA**	NA**	NA**	NA**	77.4%
	Drink alcohol	59.9%	71.5%	57.1%	47.5%	40.6%	62.2%	58.5%	57.1%	53.5%	59.3%
	Use Marijuana	74.3%	71.5%	76.7%	66.9%	65.1%	70.5%	63.5%	69.3%	64.3%	74.3%
	Misuse prescription drugs	89.1%	94.9%	93.4%	90.1%	96.9%	90.6%	91.7%	93.0%	91.9%	93.2%
	Use other illegal substances	94.9%	97.1%	94.5%	94.2%	96.9%	95.4%	94.5%	94.6%	95.4%	96.3%
Recall of Prevention Advertisement	Saw or Heard Anti-Alcohol or Anti-Substance Media in the Past 12 Months	NA**	83.8%	67.0%	67.5%	64.1%	NA**	78.1%	75.1%	71.3%	67.3%
Perceived Great Risk of Harm From:	Smoking 1 or more packs of cigarettes daily	53.8%	68.1%	64.8%	50.4%	48.4%	65.3%	69.5%	67.3%	59.4%	58.1%
	Using electronic vapor product 1 or 2 times per week ^{^^}	NA**	NA**	NA**	24.0%	20.3%	NA**	NA**	NA**	25.6%	29.3%
	Binge drinking 1 or 2 times per week	39.7%	57.2%	35.2%	22.3%	14.1%	40.1%	47.1%	36.4%	29.6%	32.1%
	Using Marijuana	42.7%	31.9%	29.7%	28.1%	21.9%	41.2%	24.7%	30.0%	23.1%	30.6%
	Misusing prescription drugs	55.1%	68.8%	63.7%	59.5%	70.3%	58.1%	58.4%	66.9%	61.6%	64.4%

Notes:

[^] Prior to 2016, the question asked students about their "parents" or "mom or dad". In 2016, the wording was changed to "parents or caregivers".

^{^^} Prior to 2021, electronic vapor products were not included.

^{^^^} The number of students and/or school districts included from year to year could vary due to schools participating in some administrations and not others. As a result, these trend findings should be approached with some caution.

* Report is not available for this year.

** Question was not included in this year's survey.

*** Data not available due to participation number being less than 10.

APPENDIX B: Contacts for Prevention

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