2009 New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS)  
Middle School (Grades 6 - 8)  

Catron County  

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Introduction

This report contains county level middle school results from the 2009 New Mexico Middle School Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS), a statewide survey of public school students, grades 6 - 8. Statewide and county level results will be available at www.YouthRisk.org and www.health.state.nm.us/ERD/HealthData/yrrs.shtml. Together, these documents comprise a useful tool for those working on youth-related issues at the state and local level.

The YRRS is organized into two major content areas: risk behaviors and protective (resiliency) factors. Risk behaviors include behaviors associated with unintentional injury, violence, sadness and suicidal ideation, tobacco use, alcohol use, drug use, sexual activity, physical activity, and nutrition. Protective or resiliency factors are measures of the positive and supportive relationships, experiences, activities, resources and values that encourage healthy youth development. Resiliency factors and related traits include caring and supportive relationships in the family, school, community and with peers; boundaries set by the family and school; positive peer support; meaningful participation and constructive use of time in school and outside of school; and others (Appendix B).

Additionally, this report includes a section on academic measures and traits. These academic measures include getting good grades (mostly A's and B's), trying hard to do good work in school, planning to go to college, skipping or ditching school, coming to class with paper and something to write with, and completing homework.

How to Read this Report

This report has three main sections, each of which consists of a set of bar and line charts. The first section presents the results of the major risk behaviors examined in the survey. Each category of risk behavior is presented with several data charts. At the beginning of each topic area, a set of line charts gives results for multiple survey years of the YRRS (2003, 2005, 2007, and 2009). A following set of bar charts compares results for the county to results for the entire state, compares the behaviors of boys to those of girls, and makes comparisons between grade levels within the county.

The second section presents results for the academic measures and behaviors. As with the risk behaviors, there are line and bar charts presenting trends, a comparison between the state and the county, a comparison between boys and girls in the county, and a comparison of grade levels within the county. Using the same styles of charts, the third section of the report presents results for the resiliency/protective factors.

In some cases when there were very few students in a particular age or gender group, data have been suppressed to protect the anonymity of the individual respondents.

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NOTE: County level YRRS reports are freely available. School district reports have been distributed to school district offices. School districts are encouraged to reproduce and share these reports with community groups concerned with prevention and health promotion. However, school district level results will not be released without express permission of the school district superintendent. Forms for requesting school district data are available at www.YouthRisk.org.
Understanding the Charts - and A Word about Error Bars

The bar charts in this report present the percentage of students who reported engaging in any given risk behavior or who reported having any given protective factor. The height of the bars conveys the percentage of students reporting each trait, and provides a quick visual comparison between different groups of students reporting that trait. A label for each bar presents the actual percentage of students who reported each trait. For instance, the chart on page 17, Personal Safety: Injury, shows that 7.2% of students in New Mexico rarely or never wore seatbelts, while 7.8% of students in Catron County rarely or never wore seatbelts.

Because of the high cost and logistical complications involved in conducting a statewide survey, the YRRS was administered to a sample of students, rather than to every single student in each school district. Because YRRS data are from a sample of students, and not the entire student body, the results in this report are estimates. As with all estimates, there is some uncertainty associated with each of these estimates. On the charts in this report, this degree of uncertainty is represented by an error bar (or confidence interval). The error bar is the thin ‘I’ shaped line that extends above and below the end of each bar in a chart. One of the major influences on the size of the confidence interval or error bar is the number of participants in the survey. In general, this means that with more students participating in the survey, there will be a higher degree of confidence in the results (i.e., error bars will be smaller).

The proper interpretation of an error bar can be illustrated by looking at the chart below. This chart compares the New Mexico prevalence of smoking and cocaine use to the United States prevalence for 2005, a previous survey year. The chart shows that the prevalence of current smoking was 25.7% in New Mexico and 23.0% in the United States. The error bar for the estimate of current smoking among New Mexico students extends approximately 4 percentage points in either direction, from 22.0% to 29.8%. This means that we are confident that the actual percentage of smokers in this group of students was between 22.0% and 29.8%. The error bar for the estimate current smoking in the US extends approximately 2.5 percentage points in either direction, from 20.7 to 25.3%. We are confident that the actual percentage of smokers among this group was between 20.7% and 25.3%.

Current Smoking and Current Cocaine Use
Grades 9 - 12, 2005

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<th>Current cocaine use</th>
<th>Current smoker</th>
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<td>NM</td>
<td>7.9</td>
<td>25.7</td>
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<td>US</td>
<td>3.4</td>
<td>23.0</td>
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How does knowing the upper and lower limits of our error bars help us? While it appears at first glance that New Mexico had a higher prevalence of smoking than the United States (25.7% vs. 23.0%), a closer look at the error bars shows a more complicated picture. The error bars for the New Mexico estimate (22.0% - 29.8%) and the US estimate (20.7% - 25.3%) overlap. Because of this overlap, we do not have a high degree of confidence that the prevalence of smoking in New Mexico is actually different from the prevalence in the United States. In other words, the difference between the prevalence of smoking in New Mexico and the United States is not statistically significant.

For cocaine use it also appears that in 2005, New Mexico had a higher prevalence than the United States (7.9% vs. 3.4%). The error bar for New Mexico extends from 6.6% to 9.5%, and the error bar for the United States extends from 2.8% to 4.4%. Because the higher bound of the US error bar (4.4%) is lower than the lower bound of the NM error bar (6.6%), these error bars do not overlap. For cocaine use, we are confident in saying that the New Mexico prevalence was higher than the US prevalence. In other words, the difference between the 2005 prevalence of cocaine use in New Mexico and the United States was a statistically significant difference.

For some small counties, error bars have been removed from this report. With small populations, the number of students sampled can approach the total student population. In these cases, error bars would have limited meaning because with a high percentage of students surveyed, there is less uncertainty around the estimates than error bars suggest.
Methodology

The YRRS was implemented in the fall semester of the 2009-10 school year. All public school districts in New Mexico were invited to participate in the 2009 Middle School YRRS. Of 89 districts statewide, 74 districts participated. From each participating school district, schools with students from 6th to 8th grades were selected to participate.* The probability of selection of each school was proportional to the size of its 6th-8th grade population. In large school districts only some of the schools were selected to participate, while in small districts, all schools were selected. Classrooms were systematically selected from each school, and all students in each selected classroom were asked to participate.

In each participating school, a single day was arranged on which to administer the survey. Questionnaire forms and pencils were distributed to each student in participating classes, and students were asked to fill out the questionnaires independently of other students and without teacher assistance.

Questionnaires were electronically scanned, and data were analyzed using STATA 10.1, a statistical software program.

Limitations of the YRRS

All information from the YRRS was self-reported by the participating students. While most questions on the YRRS come from nationally validated surveys, and data quality has been demonstrated to be very high in national surveys, there is no way to guarantee the truthfulness of the participants in any survey that relies on self-reporting.

A good response rate is one of the most important goals in conducting a survey. At the school district level, a response rate is the percentage of all students selected for the survey who complete and return a useable questionnaire form. At the state level, the response rate incorporates the participation of school districts and schools as well as the participation of students. An adequate response rate means that survey results are more likely to represent the actual student population. The statewide response rate for the 2009 Middle School YRRS was 68%, an adequate response rate to represent the population.

In order to achieve a statewide response rate of 60% or greater, we aimed for a 75% response rate from each participating school district. Most participating school districts and counties met this target or were close to it. While the response rate was generally very good in participating schools, the overall response rate was driven down by the school districts that declined to participate.

* The High School YRRS was also conducted at the same time; results from that survey are published separately.
Participation in Catron County

The response rate for Catron County was 55%.

A high response rate produces survey results that are more representative of the student population. A response rate of at least 60% allows generalization of results to the entire student body. A response rate of 75% is excellent and allows a high degree of confidence in results. Because a high response rate means that more students have been surveyed, a high response rate will also be reflected in the error bars (i.e., with a higher response rate and more students included in the survey, error bars will be smaller and confidence intervals will be narrower). Response rates below 60% are considered low, and caution should be exercised in interpreting results. Low response rates indicate that the data may represent only students who participated in the survey and not necessarily the entire student body.

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<th>Profile of students surveyed</th>
<th>Number of students</th>
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<td>100%</td>
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<td>Gender</td>
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<tr>
<td>Girls</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>(48.6%)</td>
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<td>Boys</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>(51.4%)</td>
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<td>Race/Ethnicity</td>
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<td>(3.0%)</td>
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<td>Black or African-American</td>
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<td>(6.1%)</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
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<td>(9.1%)</td>
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<td>White</td>
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<td>(54.5%)</td>
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<td>6th</td>
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<td>8th</td>
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<td>Other:</td>
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Risk Behaviors
Personal Safety

Behaviors Contributing to Unintentional Injury
Behaviors Associated with Violence
Injury: Personal Safety
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

- Never or rarely wears a bicycle helmet: 75.1% in NM, 92.2% in Catron
- Never or rarely wears a seatbelt: 7.2% in NM, 7.8% in Catron
- Ever rode in a car with a drinking driver: 33.6% in NM, 61.2% in Catron

* Among those who rode a bicycle in the past 12 months
Injury: Violence
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

* Such as a gun, knife, or club
Mental Health
Mental Health
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

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<th>Catron</th>
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<td>Ever seriously thought about killing self</td>
<td>17.9%</td>
<td>11.4%</td>
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<td>Ever made plan to kill self</td>
<td>10.7%</td>
<td>14.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ever tried to kill self</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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Tobacco
Tobacco: Cigarettes
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

Ever tried cigarettes *
Smoked cigarette before age 11
Smoked at least one whole cigarette in lifetime
Current smoker **
† Frequent smoker
‡‡ Smoked cigarettes on school property

Percent (%)

24.8 23.3 5.7 1.8 14.2 18.2 6.8 18.2 1.2 0.0 2.0 1.8

* Ever tried cigarettes, even one or two puffs
** Smoked cigarettes on at least one of the past 30 days
† Frequent smoker
‡‡ Smoked cigarettes on school property

Note that the vertical axis extends to 50% rather than to 100% as in most other charts.
Tobacco: Behaviors of Current Cigarette Smokers
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

* Among current smokers, percent who smoked on at least 20 of the last 30 days
** In the past 30 days, among current smokers < 18 yrs old
*** In the past 12 months
Tobacco: Other Use and Exposure
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

Current cigar use *
Current spit tobacco use **
In the same room with someone smoking cigarettes ***

- Current cigar use *
  - NM: 7.1
  - Catron: 7.5

- Current spit tobacco use **
  - NM: 4.3
  - Catron: 18.5

- In the same room with someone smoking cigarettes ***
  - NM: 36.1
  - Catron: 48.2

* Cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars, in the past 30 days
** Chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip, in the past 30 days
*** In the past 7 days
Tobacco: Plans to Smoke
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

Of those who have not smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days

- Will smoke a cigarette in the next year *
  - NM: 6.5%
  - Catron: 6.5%

- Would smoke a cigarette if offered by one of best friends **
  - NM: 7.2%
  - Catron: 2.0%

Of those who have never smoked a cigarette

- Will smoke a cigarette in the next year *
  - NM: 2.7%
  - Catron: 2.9%

- Would smoke a cigarette if offered by one of best friends **
  - NM: 3.1%
  - Catron: 0.0%

* Answered "Probably yes" or "Definitely yes" to the question, "Do you think you will smoke a cigarette at anytime during the next year?"

**Answered "Probably yes" or "Definitely yes" to the question, "If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?"
Saw or heard commercials about the dangers of cigarette smoking

Taught in school about the dangers of tobacco use

* Commercials on the TV, the Internet, or the radio
** During the school year that the survey was administered
Alcohol
** Ever drank alcohol *  
- NM: 33.8%  
- Catron: 50.0%

** First drink of alcohol before age 11  
- NM: 16.5%  
- Catron: 36.5%

** Current drinker **  
- NM: 16.2%  
- Catron: 20.2%

** Binge drinker ***  
- NM: 8.6%  
- Catron: 4.1%

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* Other than a few sips  
** Drank alcohol on at least one of the past 30 days  
*** Had five or more drinks in a row, or within a couple of hours, in the past 30 days
Alcohol: Access and Attitudes
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

* Responded "Very easy" or "Sort of easy" to get beer, wine, or hard liquor
** How wrong do "your parents", or "you" feel it would be for you or someone your age to drink alcohol regularly?"
*** How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they have one or two drinks of beer, wine, or hard liquor nearly every day?"
Drugs
Drugs
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

** NM
** Catron

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<tr>
<td>Ever used marijuana</td>
<td>15.1</td>
<td>13.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>First marijuana use before age 11</td>
<td>4.9</td>
<td>5.9</td>
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<td>Current marijuana use *</td>
<td>9.4</td>
<td>6.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ever used cocaine</td>
<td>5.7</td>
<td>1.8</td>
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<td>Ever used inhalants **</td>
<td>14.2</td>
<td>6.5</td>
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<td>Ever injected illegal drug</td>
<td>1.4</td>
<td>1.8</td>
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* At least once in the past 30 days
** Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high
Sexual Behavior
Ever had sexual intercourse
Had sexual intercourse with two or more people in lifetime
Used a condom at last sexual intercourse *
Ever taught about AIDS/HIV at school

* Among those who ever had sexual intercourse

Sexual Behavior
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS
Body Weight and Weight Control
Body Weight and Weight Control
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

Describes self as overweight
Trying to lose weight
Ever exercised to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight

Percent (%)
Ever eaten less to lose weight or keep from gaining weight

Ever fasted to lose weight or keep from gaining weight

Ever vomited or used laxatives to lose weight or keep from gaining weight
Physical Activity
Physical Activity
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

Met recommended levels of physical activity *

Had no days with 60 minutes of physical activity **

* On each of the past 7 days, at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day that made "you sweat or breathe hard"

** No days of at least 60 minutes of physical activity in the past 7 days
Physical Activity
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

Watched three or more hours of TV on an average school day

Played video or computer games for three or more hours per day *

* Played video or computer games or used a computer for something that was not school work, on an average school day
Physical Activity
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

- **Had any physical education at school**: 54.5% (NM) vs. 95.8% (Catron)
- **Had daily physical education at school**: 39.5% (NM) vs. 4.9% (Catron)

* Played video or computer games or used a computer for something that was not school work, on an average school day
Asthma
Asthma
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

* Ever diagnosed with asthma AND still has asthma

* Ever diagnosed with asthma AND still has asthma
Other Characteristics

Food Sufficiency
Grades
Food Sufficiency
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

Sometimes or often not enough food to eat in family

Percent (%)

NM
Catron

9.9
6.5
Academics
New Mexico and Catron County
Grades 6 - 8, 2009 NM YRRS

- Gets mostly A's or B's

NM: 75.7%
Catron: 83.6%
Protective (Resiliency) Factors
I have a friend about my own age who really cares about me *
Outside of my home and school, there is an adult who really cares about me *
At my school there is a teacher or some other adult who really cares about me *
In my home, there is a parent or some other adult who listens to me when I have something to say *
In my home, there is a parent or some other adult who talks with me about my problems *

* Responded "Very true" to each of these statements
In my school, there are clear rules about what students can and cannot do *

When I am not home, one of my parents/guardians knows where I am and who I am with *

* Responded “Very true” to each of these statements
Outside of my home and school, I am a part of clubs, sports teams, church/temple, or other group activities *

"Not true at all" that my friends get into a lot of trouble

I often do things without thinking about what will happen **

* Responded "Very true"

** Responded "Very true" or "Pretty much true"
Appendix A
Appendix A
2009 NM Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey
Middle School Questionnaire
Catron County

### Personal Information

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<th>Question</th>
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<td>1. How old are you?</td>
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<td>A. 10 years old or younger</td>
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<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>B. 11 years old</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>14.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>C. 12 years old</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>34.3%</td>
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<td>D. 13 years old</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>22.9%</td>
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<td>E. 14 years old</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>22.9%</td>
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<td>F. 15 years old</td>
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<td>5.7%</td>
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<td>G. 16 years old or older</td>
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<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>2. What is your sex?</td>
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<tr>
<td>A. Female</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>48.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B. Male</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>51.4%</td>
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<td>3. In what grade are you?</td>
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<td>A. 6th grade</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>B. 7th grade</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>37.1%</td>
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<td>C. 8th grade</td>
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<td>D. Other</td>
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<td>2.9%</td>
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<td>4. Are you Hispanic or Latino?</td>
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<tr>
<td>A. Yes</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>79.4%</td>
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<td>B. No</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>79.4%</td>
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<td>5. What is your race? (Select one or more responses.)</td>
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**NOTE:** Total may add up to more or less than 100% because respondents were allowed to choose multiple responses, and many students who identified Hispanic ethnicity on question 4 did not choose a response for race.

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<td>A. American Indian or Alaska Native</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>25.7%</td>
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<td>B. Asian</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>C. Black or African American</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>8.6%</td>
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<td>D. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2.9%</td>
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<td>E. White</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>65.7%</td>
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6. During the past 12 months, how would you describe your grades in school?  
   A. Mostly A's 33.5  
   B. Mostly B's 43.1  
   C. Mostly C's 10.7  
   D. Mostly D's 4.3  
   E. Mostly F's 0.0  
   F. None of these grades 0.0  
   G. Not sure 8.4  

   Personal Safety  
   The next 3 questions ask about personal safety.  

7. When you ride a bicycle, how often do you wear a helmet?  
   A. I do not ride a bicycle 19.5  
   B. Never wear a helmet 65.9  
   C. Rarely wear a helmet 8.4  
   D. Sometimes wear a helmet 2.3  
   E. Most of the time wear a helmet 0.0  
   F. Always wear a helmet 4.0  

8. How often do you wear a seat belt when riding in a car?  
   A. Never 2.5  
   B. Rarely 5.3  
   C. Sometimes 18.8  
   D. Most of the time 41.5  
   E. Always 31.9  

9. Have you ever ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?  
   A. Yes 56.1  
   B. No 35.6  
   C. Not sure 8.3  

   Violence-Related Behaviors  
   The next 2 questions ask about violence-related behaviors.  

10. Have you ever carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club?  
    A. Yes 68.6  
    B. No 31.4  

11. Have you ever been in a physical fight?  
    A. Yes 53.0  
    B. No 47.0
The next question asks about bullying. Bullying is when 1 or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when 2 students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.

12. During the past 12 months, have you ever been bullied on school property?
   A. Yes 45.8
   B. No 54.2

Sadness and Attempted Suicide
The next 3 questions ask about attempted suicide. Sometimes people feel so depressed about the future that they may consider attempting suicide or killing themselves.

13. Have you ever seriously thought about killing yourself?
   A. Yes 11.4
   B. No 88.6

14. Have you ever made a plan about how you would kill yourself?
   A. Yes 14.7
   B. No 85.3

15. Have you ever tried to kill yourself?
   A. Yes 0.0
   B. No 100.0

Tobacco Use
The next 17 questions ask about tobacco use.

16. Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?
   A. Yes 23.3
   B. No 76.7

17. How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?
   A. I have never smoked a whole cigarette 81.0
   B. 8 years old or younger 1.8
   C. 9 years old 0.0
   D. 10 years old 0.0
   E. 11 years old 6.3
   F. 12 years old 7.5
   G. 13 years old or older 3.5
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18. About how many cigarettes have you smoked in your entire life?
   A. None 
      78.1
   B. 1 or more puffs but never a whole cigarette 
      3.7
   C. 1 cigarette 
      2.4
   D. 2 to 5 cigarettes 
      10.3
   E. 6 to 15 cigarettes (about ½ a pack total) 
      1.8
   F. 16 to 25 cigarettes (about 1 pack total) 
      3.7
   G. 26 to 99 cigarettes (more than 1 pack, but less than 5 packs) 
      0.0
   H. 100 or more cigarettes (5 or more packs) 
      0.0

19. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?
   A. 0 days 
      92.7
   B. 1 or 2 days 
      3.7
   C. 3 to 5 days 
      1.8
   D. 6 to 9 days 
      1.8
   E. 10 to 19 days 
      0.0
   F. 20 to 29 days 
      0.0
   G. All 30 days 
      0.0

20. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes on school property?
   A. 0 days 
      98.2
   B. 1 or 2 days 
      0.0
   C. 3 to 5 days 
      1.8
   D. 6 to 9 days 
      0.0
   E. 10 to 19 days 
      0.0
   F. 20 to 29 days 
      0.0
   G. All 30 days 
      0.0

21. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigarettes? (Select only one response.)
   A. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days 
      92.7
   B. I bought them in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station 
      0.0
   C. I bought them from a vending machine 
      0.0
   D. I gave someone else money to buy them for me 
      1.8
   E. I borrowed (or bummed) them from someone else 
      5.5
   F. A person 18 years old or older gave them to me 
      0.0
   G. I took them from a store or family member 
      0.0
   H. I got them some other way 
      0.0
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22. During the past 30 days, what brand of cigarettes did you usually smoke? (Select only **one** response.)

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<td>H. Some other brand</td>
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23. During the past 30 days, how many times have you seen or heard commercials on TV, the Internet, or on the radio about the dangers of cigarette smoking?

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<td>C. 1 to 3 times during the past week</td>
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<td>D. Daily or almost daily</td>
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<td>E. More than once a day</td>
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24. During the past 12 months, did you ever try **to quit** smoking cigarettes?

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<td>B. Yes</td>
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<td>C. No</td>
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25. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke **cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars**?

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26. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use **chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip**, such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?

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27. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?  
   %  
   A. 0 days 51.8 
   B. 1 or 2 days 21.4 
   C. 3 or 4 days 1.8 
   D. 5 or 6 days 5.8 
   E. 7 days 19.2 

28. Do you think smoke from other people’s cigarettes is harmful to you?  
   A. Definitely yes 70.9 
   B. Probably yes 26.8 
   C. Probably not 2.3 
   D. Definitely not 0.0 

29. Do you think that you will try smoking a cigarette soon?  
   A. I have already tried smoking cigarettes 11.3 
   B. Yes 6.7 
   C. No 82.0 

30. Do you think you will smoke a cigarette at anytime during the next year?  
   A. Definitely yes 4.0 
   B. Probably yes 12.8 
   C. Probably not 12.9 
   D. Definitely not 70.3 

31. If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?  
   A. Definitely yes 1.8 
   B. Probably yes 7.0 
   C. Probably not 32.7 
   D. Definitely not 58.6 

32. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the dangers of tobacco use?  
   A. Yes 31.5 
   B. No 46.9 
   C. Not sure 21.6
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Alcohol

The next 8 questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, or whiskey. For these questions, drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.

33. Have you ever had a drink of alcohol, other than a few sips? % (95% CI)
   A. Yes 50.0
   B. No 50.0

34. How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?
   A. I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips 50.0
   B. 8 years old or younger 25.8
   C. 9 years old 6.1
   D. 10 years old 4.5
   E. 11 years old 13.5
   F. 12 years old 0.0
   G. 13 years old or older 0.0

35. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?
   A. 0 days 79.8
   B. 1 or 2 days 18.4
   C. 3 to 5 days 0.0
   D. 6 to 9 days 1.8
   E. 10 to 19 days 0.0
   F. 20 to 29 days 0.0
   G. All 30 days 0.0

36. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?
   A. 0 days 95.9
   B. 1 day 2.3
   C. 2 days 0.0
   D. 3 to 5 days 0.0
   E. 6 to 9 days 0.0
   F. 10 to 19 days 1.8
   G. 20 or more days 0.0

37. If you wanted to get some beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin), how easy would it be for you to get?
   A. Very hard 43.3
   B. Sort of hard 20.2
   C. Sort of easy 12.1
   D. Very easy 24.4
38. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to drink alcohol (beer, wine, or hard liquor) regularly?  
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<td>B. Wrong</td>
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<td>C. A little bit wrong</td>
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<td>D. Not wrong at all</td>
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39. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to drink alcohol (beer, wine, or hard liquor) regularly?  
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40. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they have one or two drinks of beer, wine, or hard liquor nearly every day?  
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<td>B. Slight risk</td>
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<td>C. Moderate risk</td>
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<td>D. Great risk</td>
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**Marijuana and other Drug Use**

The next 6 questions ask about marijuana use and other drug use. Marijuana also is called grass or pot.

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<td>B. No</td>
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42. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?  
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<td>E. 11 years old</td>
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<td>F. 12 years old</td>
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<td>G. 13 years old or older</td>
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43. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana?  
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44. Have you ever used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase?
   A. Yes 1.8
   B. No 98.2

45. Have you ever sniffed glue, or breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high?
   A. Yes 6.5
   B. No 93.5

46. Have you ever used a needle to inject any illegal drug into your body?
   A. Yes 1.8
   B. No 98.2

Sexual Behavior
The next 4 questions ask about sexual intercourse.

47. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?
   A. Yes 15.4
   B. No 84.6

48. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?
   A. I have never had sexual intercourse 84.6
   B. 8 years old or younger 3.9
   C. 9 years old 0.0
   D. 10 years old 2.5
   E. 11 years old 2.5
   F. 12 years old 2.7
   G. 13 years old or older 3.9

49. With how many people have you ever had sexual intercourse?
   A. I have never had sexual intercourse 84.6
   B. 1 person 5.0
   C. 2 people 1.9
   D. 3 people 5.8
   E. 4 people 0.0
   F. 5 people 0.0
   G. 6 or more people 2.7

50. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?
   A. I have never had sexual intercourse 84.6
   B. Yes 6.9
   C. No 8.5
Body Weight
The next 6 questions ask about body weight.

51. How do you describe your weight?
   A. Very underweight 0.0%
   B. Slightly underweight 16.2%
   C. About the right weight 76.0%
   D. Slightly overweight 3.5%
   E. Very overweight 4.3%

52. Which of the following are you trying to do about your weight?
   A. Lose weight 22.7%
   B. Gain weight 29.1%
   C. Stay the same weight 24.4%
   D. I am not trying to do anything about my weight 23.8%

53. Have you ever exercised to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?
   A. Yes 44.1%
   B. No 55.9%

54. Have you ever eaten less food, fewer calories, or foods low in fat to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?
   A. Yes 23.5%
   B. No 76.5%

55. Have you ever gone without eating for 24 hours or more (also called fasting) to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?
   A. Yes 16.0%
   B. No 84.0%

56. Have you ever vomited or taken laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?
   A. Yes 0.0%
   B. No 100.0%

Physical Activity
The next 4 questions ask about physical activity.
57. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? (Add up all the time you spend in any kind of physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time.)

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58. On an average school day, how many hours do you watch TV?

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59. On an average school day, how many hours do you play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work? (Include activities such as Nintendo, Game Boy, PlayStation, Xbox, computer games, and the Internet.)

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60. In an average week when you are in school, on how many days do you go to physical education (PE) classes?

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Health-Related Topics
The next 3 questions ask about other health-related topics.

61. Have you ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school?  
   A. Yes 52.0  
   B. No 23.0  
   C. Not sure 25.0

62. Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?  
   A. Yes 11.0  
   B. No 79.2  
   C. Not sure 9.9

63. Do you still have asthma?  
   A. I have never had asthma 67.9  
   B. Yes 6.3  
   C. No 19.6  
   D. Not sure 6.3

Resiliency Factors
How true do you feel the following 10 statements are for you?

64. My friends get into a lot of trouble.  
   A. Not true at all 24.5  
   B. A little true 50.9  
   C. Pretty much true 19.9  
   D. Very much true 4.7

65. I often do things without thinking about what will happen.  
   A. Not true at all 24.0  
   B. A little true 37.4  
   C. Pretty much true 32.9  
   D. Very much true 5.8

66. I have a friend about my own age who really cares about me.  
   A. Not true at all 10.0  
   B. A little true 26.2  
   C. Pretty much true 29.3  
   D. Very much true 34.5

67. Outside of my home and school, there is an adult who really cares about me.  
   A. Not true at all 6.8  
   B. A little true 6.5  
   C. Pretty much true 17.8  
   D. Very much true 68.9
68. At my school there is a teacher or some other adult who really cares about me.
   A. Not true at all
   B. A little true
   C. Pretty much true
   D. Very much true

   % (95% CI)
   8.5
   19.9
   23.6
   48.0

69. In my home, there is a parent or some other adult who listens to me when I have something to say.
   A. Not true at all
   B. A little true
   C. Pretty much true
   D. Very much true

   %
   1.8
   14.4
   30.1
   53.7

70. In my home, there is a parent or some other adult who talks with me about my problems.
   A. Not true at all
   B. A little true
   C. Pretty much true
   D. Very much true

   %
   10.8
   23.7
   22.3
   43.2

71. In my school, there are clear rules about what students can and cannot do.
   A. Not true at all
   B. A little true
   C. Pretty much true
   D. Very much true

   %
   0.0
   8.2
   32.1
   59.7

72. When I am not at home, one of my parents/guardians knows where I am and who I am with.
   A. Not true at all
   B. A little true
   C. Pretty much true
   D. Very much true

   %
   0.0
   3.5
   42.2
   54.3

73. Outside of my home and school, I am a part of clubs, sports teams, church/temple, or other group activities.
   A. Not true at all
   B. A little true
   C. Pretty much true
   D. Very much true

   %
   17.0
   8.2
   8.4
   66.4
Your Family’s Food
This last question asks about the amount of food eaten by your family.

74. During the past 12 months, which of the following statements best describes the food eaten by you and your family?  

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This is the end of the survey.
Thank you very much for your help.
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