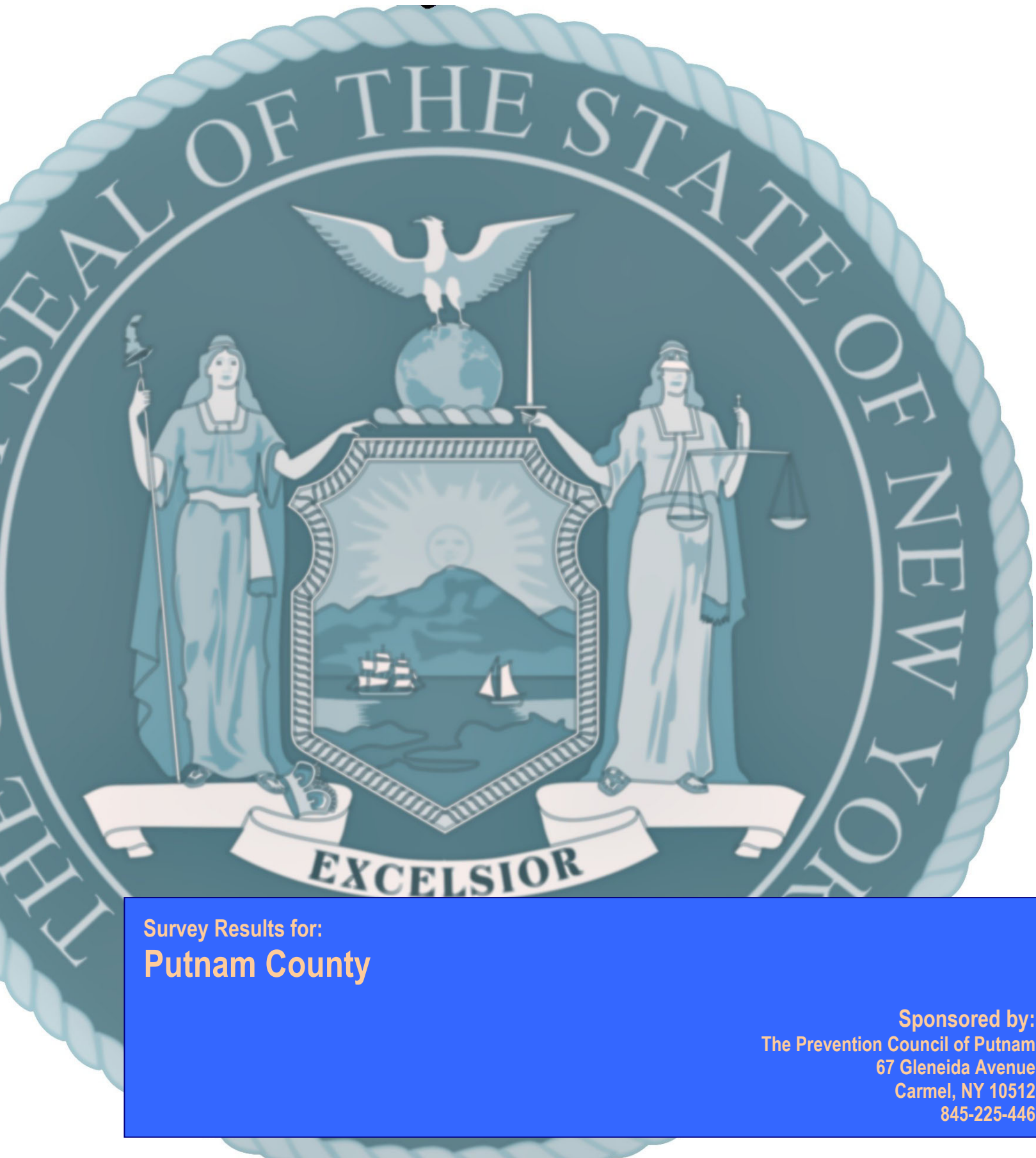


2024 New York Prevention Needs Assessment Survey



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Introduction and Demographics

2024 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey Profile Report

This report summarizes the findings from the Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey that was conducted during 2024. The results are presented along with comparisons to the Monitoring the Future Survey (A nation-wide survey of grades 8, 10, and 12) and the Bach Harrison Norm (BH Norm). The BH Norm is described in more detail on page 10 of this report.

The survey was designed to assess students' involvement in a specific set of problem behaviors, as well as their exposure to a set of scientifically validated risk and protective factors. The risk and protective factors have been shown to influence the likelihood of academic success, school dropout, substance abuse, violence, and delinquency among youth.

Table 1 contains the characteristics of the students who completed the survey from your community. When using the information in this report, please pay attention to the number and percentage of students who participated from your community. The sample size for this survey administration was 2,673 students. If 60% or more of the sample participated, the report is a good indicator of the levels of substance use, risk, protection, and antisocial behavior. If fewer than 60% participated, a review of who participated should be completed prior to generalizing the results to the entire community.

Table 1. Characteristics of Participants

Student Totals						
Total Students	Putnam County					
	2020		2022		2024	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	2086	100	2363	100	2248	100
Grade						
8	744	35.7	838	35.5	911	40.5
10	676	32.4	898	38.0	619	27.5
12	666	31.9	627	26.5	718	31.9

Student Percentages by Grade

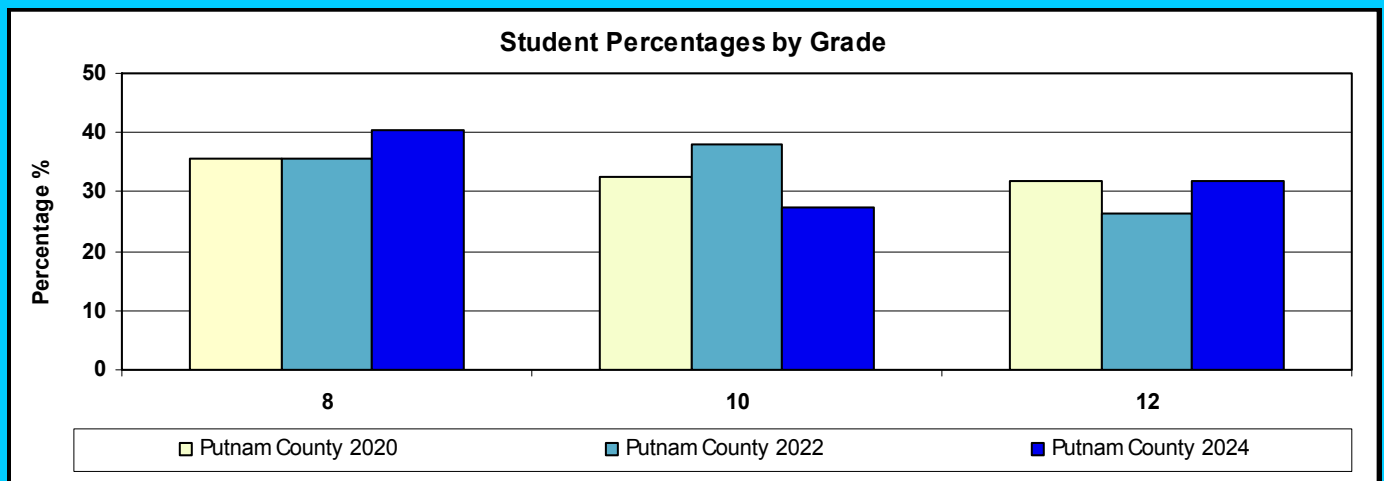


Table 1. represents the total survey population. Students were given the option to skip questions, and not all students completed the survey. The percentages in remaining tables/figures of this report reflect the percent of students responding to each question, rather than the percent of the total survey population.

Demographics

Table 1. (Continued) Characteristics of Participants

Student Totals						
	2020		2022		2024	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Gender						
Male	989	47.6	1151	48.8	1132	50.4
Female	1089	52.4	1141	48.4	1080	48.1
Other	n/a	n/a	67	2.8	32	1.4

Student Percentages by Gender

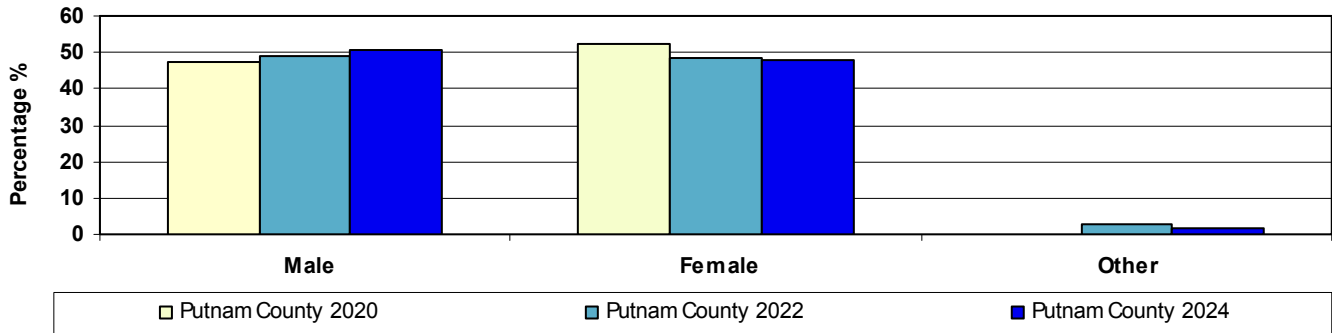
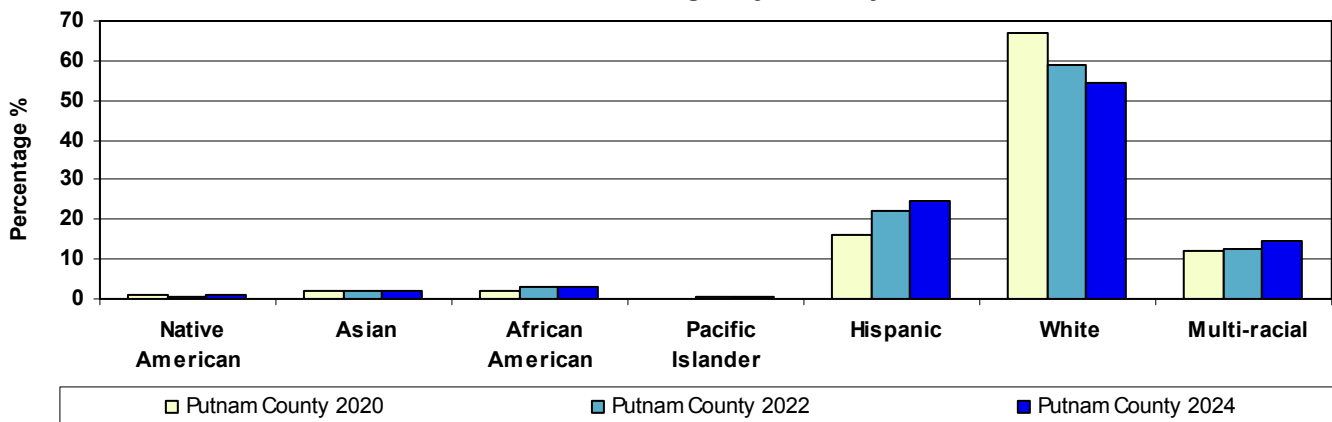


Table 1. (Continued) Characteristics of Participants

Student Totals						
	2020		2022		2024	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ethnicity						
Native American	16	0.8	14	0.6	20	0.9
Asian	40	1.9	44	1.9	46	2.1
African American	37	1.8	71	3.1	73	3.3
Pacific Islander	3	0.1	13	0.6	6	0.3
Hispanic	335	16.3	519	22.3	546	24.5
White	1378	67.1	1371	59.0	1213	54.3
Multi-racial	246	12.0	292	12.6	328	14.7

Student Percentages by Ethnicity



Risk and Protective Factors

The Risk and Protective Factor Model of Substance Use Prevention

Prevention is a science. The Risk and Protective Factor Model of Prevention is a proven way of reducing substance abuse and its related consequences.

This model is based on the simple premise that to prevent a problem from happening, we need to identify the factors that increase the risk of that problem developing and then find ways to reduce the risks. Just as medical researchers have found risk factors for heart disease such as diets high in fat, lack of exercise, and smoking; a team of researchers at the University of Washington have defined a set of risk factors for youth problem behaviors.

Risk factors are characteristics of school, community and family environments, and of students and their peer groups known to predict increased likelihood of drug use, delinquency, school dropout, and violent behaviors among youth. For example, children who live in disorganized and crime-ridden neighborhoods are more likely to become involved in crime and drug use than children who live in safe neighborhoods.

The chart below shows the links between the nineteen risk factors in this survey and six problem behaviors.

Risk Factors																			
Problem Behaviors	Community		Family						School		Peer/Individual								
	Laws and Norms Favorable Toward Drug Use, Firearms, and Crime	Perceived Availability of Drugs	Poor Family Management	Family Conflict	Sibling Drug Use	Exposure to Adult Antisocial Behavior	Parental Attitudes Favorable Towards Antisocial Behavior	Parental Attitudes Favorable Towards Drugs	Academic Failure	Low Commitment to School	Early Initiation of Antisocial Behavior	Early Initiation of Drug Use	Attitudes Favorable Toward Antisocial Behavior	Attitudes Favorable Toward Drug Use	Perceived Risk of Drug Use	Interaction with Antisocial Peers	Friend's Use of Drugs	Rewards for Antisocial Behavior	Depressive Symptoms
Substance Abuse	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delinquency	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Teen Pregnancy			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
School Drop-Out			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Violence	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Depression & Anxiety			✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓							✓

Protective factors exert a positive influence and buffer against the negative influence of risk, thus reducing the likelihood that adolescents will engage in problem behaviors. Protective factors identified through research include strong bonding to family, school, community and peers, and healthy beliefs and clear standards for behavior. Protective bonding depends on three conditions:

- **Opportunities** for young people to actively contribute
- **Skills** to be able to successfully contribute
- **Consistent recognition** or reinforcement for their efforts and accomplishments

Risk and Protective Factors

Bonding confers a protective influence only when there is a positive climate in the bonded community. Peers and adults in these schools, families and neighborhoods must communicate healthy values and set clear standards for behavior in order to ensure a protective effect. For example, strong bonds to antisocial peers would not be likely to reinforce positive behavior.

The chart below shows the links between the ten protective factors in this survey and five positive influences.

Research on risk and protective factors has important implications for children’s academic success, positive youth development, and prevention of health and behavior problems. In order to promote academic success and positive youth development and to prevent problem behaviors, **it is necessary to address the factors that predict these outcomes.** By measuring risk and protective factors in a population, specific risk factors that are elevated and widespread can be identified and targeted by policies, programs, and actions shown to reduce those risk factors and to promote protective factors.

Each risk and protective factor can be linked to specific types of interventions that have been shown to be effective in either reducing risk(s) or enhancing protection(s). The steps outlined here will help make key decisions regarding allocation of resources, how and when to address specific needs, and which strategies are most effective and known to produce results.

In addition to helping assess current conditions and prioritize areas of greatest need, data from this survey can be a powerful tool in applying for and complying with several federal programs, outlined later in this report, such as the Strategic Prevention Framework process. The survey also gathers valuable data which allows state and local agencies to address other prevention issues related to academic achievement, mental health, gang involvement, health and fitness, and personal safety.

Protective Factors										
	Community	Family			School		Peer/Individual			
Positive Influences	Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	Family Attachment	Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	Belief in the Moral Orde	Interaction with Prosocial Peers	Prosocial Involvement	Rewards for Prosocial Involvement
Healthy Beliefs and Clear Standards				✓			✓			
Bonding	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Opportunities			✓		✓					
Skills								✓	✓	
Recognition	✓			✓		✓				✓

Building a Strategic Prevention Framework

The survey is an important data source for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF). CSAP created the SPF model to guide states and communities in creating planned, data-driven, effective, and sustainable prevention programs. Each part represents an interdependent element of the ongoing process of prevention coordination.

Assessment: Profile Population Needs, Resources, and Readiness to Address the Problems and Gaps in Service Delivery. The SPF begins with an assessment of the needs in the community that is based on data. One of the primary sources of needs assessment data is this Prevention Needs Assessment Survey (PNA). While planning prevention services, communities are urged to collect and use multiple data sources, including archival and social indicators, assessment of existing resources, key informant interviews, and community readiness. The PNA results presented in this Profile Report will help you to identify needs for prevention services. PNA data include adolescent substance use, anti-social behavior, and many of the risk and protective factors that predict adolescent problem behaviors.

Capacity: Mobilize and/or Build Capacity to Address Needs. Engagement of key stakeholders at the State and community levels is critical to plan and implement successful prevention activities that will be sustained over time. Some of the key tasks to mobilize the state and communities are to work with leaders and stakeholders to build coalitions, provide training, leverage resources, and help sustain prevention activities.

Planning: Develop a Comprehensive Strategic Plan. States and communities should develop a strategic plan that articulates not only a vision for the prevention activities, but also strategies for organizing and implementing prevention efforts. The strategic plan should be based on the assessments conducted during Step 1. The Plan should address the priority needs, build on identified resources/strengths, set measurable objectives, and identify how progress will be monitored. Plans should be adjusted with ongoing needs assessment and monitoring activities.

Implementation: Implement Evidence-based Prevention Programs and Infrastructure Development Activities. By measuring and identifying the risk factors and other causal factors that contribute to the targeted problems specified in your strategic plan, programs can be implemented that will reduce the prioritized substance abuse problems. After completing Steps 1, 2, and 3, communities will be able to choose prevention strategies that



Building a Strategic Prevention Framework (Continued)

have been shown to be effective, are appropriate for the population served, can be implemented with fidelity, are culturally appropriate, and can be sustained over time. SAMHSA developed an internet tool located at www.samhsa.gov/nrepp for identifying Best Practice Programs. Another way to access the resources is from this address: www.nrepp.samhsa.gov.

Evaluation: Monitor Process, Evaluate Effectiveness, Sustain Effective Programs/Activities, and Improve or Replace Those That Fail. Finally, ongoing monitoring and evaluation are essential to determine if the desired outcomes are achieved, assess service delivery quality, identify successes, encourage needed improvement, and promote sustainability of effective policies, programs, and practices. The OPNA allows communities to monitor levels of ATOD use, antisocial behavior, risk, and protection.

Sustainability and Cultural Competence: Incorporate principles of cultural competence and sustainability in each of the five elements. At the center of the SPF model, sustainability and cultural competence play a key role in assessment, capacity appraisal, planning, implementation and evaluation, ensuring successful, long lasting prevention programs.

Sustainability is accomplished by utilizing a comprehensive approach. States and communities should plan adaptive, flexible programs around a variety of resources, funding, and organizations. An inclusive design helps build sustainable programs and achieve sustainable outcomes. A strategic plan that dynamically responds to changing issues, data, priorities, and resources is more likely to achieve long term results.

Sharing information gathered during the evaluation stage with key stakeholders, forging partnerships and encouraging creative collaboration all enhance sustainability.

Cultural Competence recognizes unique needs, styles, values and beliefs of the recipients of prevention efforts. Culturally competent prevention strategies use interventions, evaluations and communication strategies appropriate to their intended community. Cultural issues reflect a range of influences and are not just a matter of ethnic or racial identity. Learning to communicate with audiences from diverse geographic, cultural, economic, social, and linguistic backgrounds can increase program efficacy and ensure sustainable results.

Whether enlisting extended family networks as a prevention resource for single parent households, or ensuring there are resources available to bridge language gaps, cultural competency will help you recognize differences in prevention needs and tailor prevention approaches accordingly.

A one-size-fits-all program is less effective than a program that draws on community-based values, traditions, and customs and works with knowledgeable people from the community to develop focused interventions, communication, and support.

Validity Measures

Honesty: Because the survey was anonymous, and because confidentiality was stressed through the survey's administration process, most of the reasons for students to exaggerate or deny behaviors were eliminated. However, Bach Harrison has built several checks into the data analysis to minimize the impact of students who were either not truthful in their responses or who did not take the survey seriously. Surveys were eliminated from the final data reported in this report for meeting one or more the following five pre-determined dishonesty indicators:

1. In response to a question about whether or not they had been honest in completing the survey, the students indicated that they were "Not Honest At All" in completing the survey.
2. The students indicated that they had used a non-existent, fictitious drug in their lifetime or in the past 30 days.
3. The students reported an impossibly high level of multiple drug use (having used substances on 120 or more occasions in the past 30 days).
4. The students indicated past-month use rates that were higher than lifetime use rates. The student can make one mistake, which is then recoded so that the lifetime is equal to the 30 day value.
5. The students reported an age that was inconsistent with their grade or their school; for example, a 10-year-old 12th grader or 19-year-old 6th grader.

Additionally, if a student did not answer enough of the validity questions to determine whether or not they were honest in their responses to the five criteria, their survey data were also removed from the final analysis presented in this report.

How to Read the Charts

There are four types of charts presented in this report:

1. Substance use charts
2. Antisocial behavior (ASB) charts
3. Risk factor charts
4. Protective factor charts

Data from the charts are also presented in Tables 3 through 10. Additional data found in later tables are explained at the end of this section.

Understanding the Format of the Charts

There are several graphical elements common to all the charts. Understanding the format of the charts and what these elements represent is essential in interpreting the results of the PNA survey.

The Bars on substance use and antisocial behavior charts represent the percentage of students in that grade who reported a given behavior. The bars on the risk and protective factor charts represent the percentage of students whose answers reflect significant risk or protection in that category. Each set of differently colored bars represents one of the past administrations of the PNA. By looking at the percentages over time, it is possible to identify trends in substance use and antisocial behavior. By studying the percentage of youth at risk and with protection over time, it is possible to determine whether the percentage of students at risk or with protection is increasing, decreasing, or staying the same. This information is important when deciding which risk and protective factors warrant attention.

Dots and Diamonds provide points of comparison to larger samples. The dots on the charts represent the percentage of all of the youth surveyed who reported substance use, problem behavior, elevated risk, or elevated protection. Please note that the dot represents the aggregate results of all participating students rather than a random sample of students. The survey results provide considerable information for communities to use in planning

How to Read the Charts (Continued)

prevention services. The diamonds represent national data from either the Monitoring the Future (MTF) Survey or the Bach Harrison Norm (BH Norm). The BH Norm was developed by Bach Harrison L.L.C. to provide states and communities with the ability to compare their results on risk, protection, and antisocial measures with more national measures. Survey participants from ten statewide surveys and one large regional survey across the nation were combined into a database of approximately 642,000 students. The results were weighted to make the contribution of each state and region proportional to its share of the national population. Bach Harrison analysts then calculated rates for antisocial behavior and for students at risk and with protection. The results appear on the charts as BH Norm. In order to keep the BH Norm relevant, it is updated approximately every few years as new data become available.

A comparison to survey-wide and national results provides additional information for your community in determining the relative importance of levels of alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) use, antisocial behavior, risk, and protection. Information about other students in the state and the nation can be helpful in determining the seriousness of a given level of problem behavior. Scanning across the charts, it is important to observe the factors that differ the most from the BH Norm. This is the first step in identifying the levels of risk and protection that are higher or lower than those in other communities. The risk factors that are higher than the BH Norm and the protective factors are lower than the BH Norm are probably the factors that you should consider addressing when planning prevention programs.

Cut-Points

Before the percentage of youth at risk on a given scale could be calculated, a scale value or cut-point needed to be determined that would separate the at-risk group from the not at-risk group. The Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) survey was designed to assess adolescent substance use, anti-social behavior, and the risk and protective factors that predict these adolescent problem behaviors. Once the PNA survey had been given to over 460,000 youth nationwide, it was possible to select two groups of youth, one that was more at risk for problem behaviors and another group that was less at risk. A cut-point score was then determined for each risk and protective factor scale

that best divided the youth from the two groups into their appropriate group, more at-risk or less at-risk. The criteria for separating youth into the more at-risk and the less at-risk groups included academic grades (the more at-risk group received “D” and “F” grades, the less at-risk group received “A” and “B” grades), ATOD use (the more at-risk group had more regular use, the less at-risk group had no drug use and use of alcohol or tobacco on only a few occasions), and antisocial behavior (the more at-risk group had two or more serious delinquent acts in the past year, the less at-risk group had no serious delinquent acts).

The cut-points that were determined by analyzing the results of the more at-risk and less at-risk groups will remain constant and will be used to produce the profiles for future surveys.

Since the cut-points for each scale will remain fixed, the percentage of youth above the cut-point on a scale (at-risk) will provide a method for evaluating the progress of prevention programs over time. For example, if the percentage of youth at risk for family conflict in a community prior to implementing a community-wide family/parenting program was 60% and then decreased to 50% one year after the program was implemented, the program would be viewed as helping to reduce family conflict.

Lifetime, 30 Day & Heavy ATOD Use Charts

There are three types of use measured on the ATOD charts.

Lifetime use is a measure of the percentage of students who tried the particular substance at least once in their lifetime and is used to show the percentage of students who have had experience with a particular substance.

30-day use is a measure of the percentage of students who used the substance at least once in the 30 days prior to taking the survey and is a more sensitive indicator of the level of current use of the substance.

Heavy use is measured in two ways: *binge drinking* (five or more drinks in a row over the last two weeks), and use of *one-half a pack or more of cigarettes per day*.

Supplement 1. ATOD Questions

This contains the full wording for the ATOD questions.

How to Read the Charts (Continued)

Antisocial Behavior, Driving and Alcohol Charts

Antisocial behavior (ASB) is a measure of the percentage of students who report any involvement during the past year with the eight antisocial behaviors listed in the charts.

Driving and Alcohol is a measure of the percentage of students who report drinking and driving, or being a passenger in a car where the driver had been drinking in the past 30 days.

Risk and Protective Factor Charts

Risk and protective factor scales measure specific aspects of a youth's life experience that predict whether he/she will engage in problem behaviors. The scales, defined in Table 2, are grouped into four domains: community, family, school, and peer/individual. The risk and protective factor charts show the percentage of students at risk and with protection for each of the scales.

The tables are a list of the numbers and percents presented in the report. Before each table group is a summary of what is detailed in that section.

Tables

Tables in this Report

Tables 3 and 4 detail the Risk and Protective Scales.

Tables 5 to 8 detail ATOD Use, Problem ATOD Use, and Alcohol and Driving Behaviors.

Table 9 shows Antisocial Behaviors.

Tables 10 and 11, Sources and Places of Student Alcohol and Marijuana Use, presents the percentages of how and where students obtained and used alcohol and marijuana during the past year. The data focus on a subgroup of students who indicated at least one means of obtaining or using alcohol. (Students reporting no alcohol use are not represented.) It is important to note that the table represents a subgroup of users and not the entire survey population. Additionally, the smaller the sample, the more dramatic the influence of a student's responses. For example, if only one student in a particular grade reported where he/she obtained alcohol or marijuana, each category would show up as either 0% or 100%. The table indicates the sample size for each grade surveyed to help clarify the value of the data.

Table 12, Drug Free Communities Report. It contains information required by communities with Drug Free Communities Grants, such as the perception of the risks of ATOD use, perception of parent and peer disapproval of ATOD use, past 30-day use, and average age of first use.

Table 13, Youth Perceptions of Substance Use. Youth often overestimate the percentage of their peers who are using substances. Youth perceptions of the percentage of their peers who use cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana, and other illegal drugs are shown in these tables.

Table 14, Additional Items. It contains information such as the parent attitudes regarding drinking, general student well being, and types of substances used in vaping.

Finally, extra questions your agency might have included on the questionnaire are listed.

Tools for Assessment and Planning

What are the numbers telling you?

Review the charts and data tables presented in this report. Note your findings as you discuss the following questions.

Which 3-5 risk factors appear to be higher than you would want when compared to the Bach Harrison Norm?

Which 3-5 protective factors appear to be lower than you would want when compared to the Bach Harrison Norm?

Which levels of 30-day drug use are increasing and/or unacceptably high? Which substances are your students using the most? At which grades do you see unacceptable usage levels?

Which antisocial behaviors are increasing and/or unacceptably high? Which behaviors are your students exhibiting the most? At which grades do you see unacceptable behavior levels?

How to identify high priority problem areas

Once you have familiarized yourself with the data, you can begin to identify priorities.

Look across the charts for items that stand out as either much higher or much lower than the others.

Compare your data with statewide, and/or national data. Differences of 5% between local and other data are probably significant.

Prioritize problems for your area according to the issues you've identified. Which can be realistically addressed with the funding available to your community? Which problems fit best with the prevention resources at hand?

Determine the standards and values held within your community. For example: Is it acceptable in your community for a percentage of high school students to drink alcohol regularly as long as that percentage is lower than the overall state rate?

Use these data for planning.

Once priorities are established, use data to guide your prevention efforts.

Substance use and antisocial behavior data are excellent tools to raise awareness about the problems and promote dialogue.

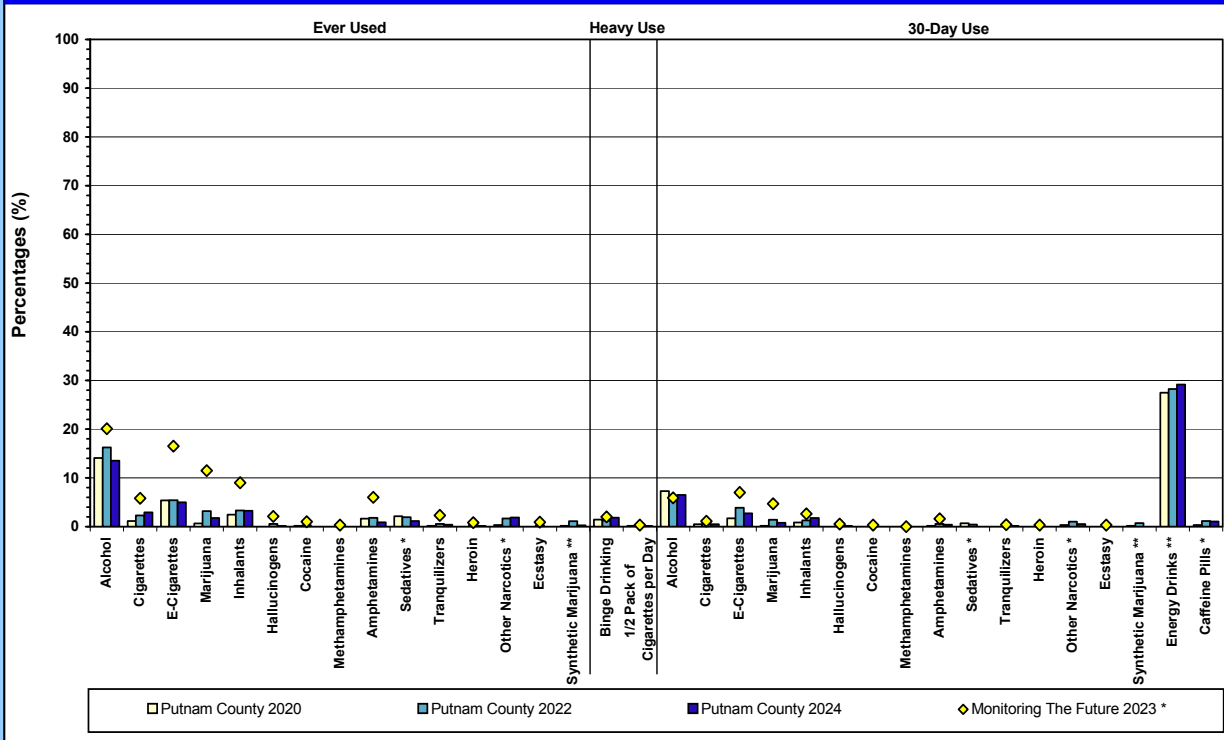
Risk and protective factor data can be used to identify exactly where the community needs to take action.

Promising approaches for any prevention goal are available through resources listed on the last page of this report. These contacts are a great resource for information about programs that have been proven effective in addressing the risk factors that are high in your community, and improving the protective factors that are low.

	Sample	Priority Rate 1	Priority Rate 2	Priority Rate 3
Risk Factors	6th grad Fav. Attitude to Drugs (Peer/Indiv. Scale) @ 15% (8% > 8-state av.)			
Protective Factors	10th grad - Rewards for prosocial involm. (School Domain) 40% (down 5% from 2 yrs ago & 16% below state av.)			
30-day Substance Abuse	8th grad Binge Drinking @ 13% (5% above state av.)			
Antisocial Behavior	12th grad - Drunk/High at School @ 21% (about same as state, but remains a priority.)			

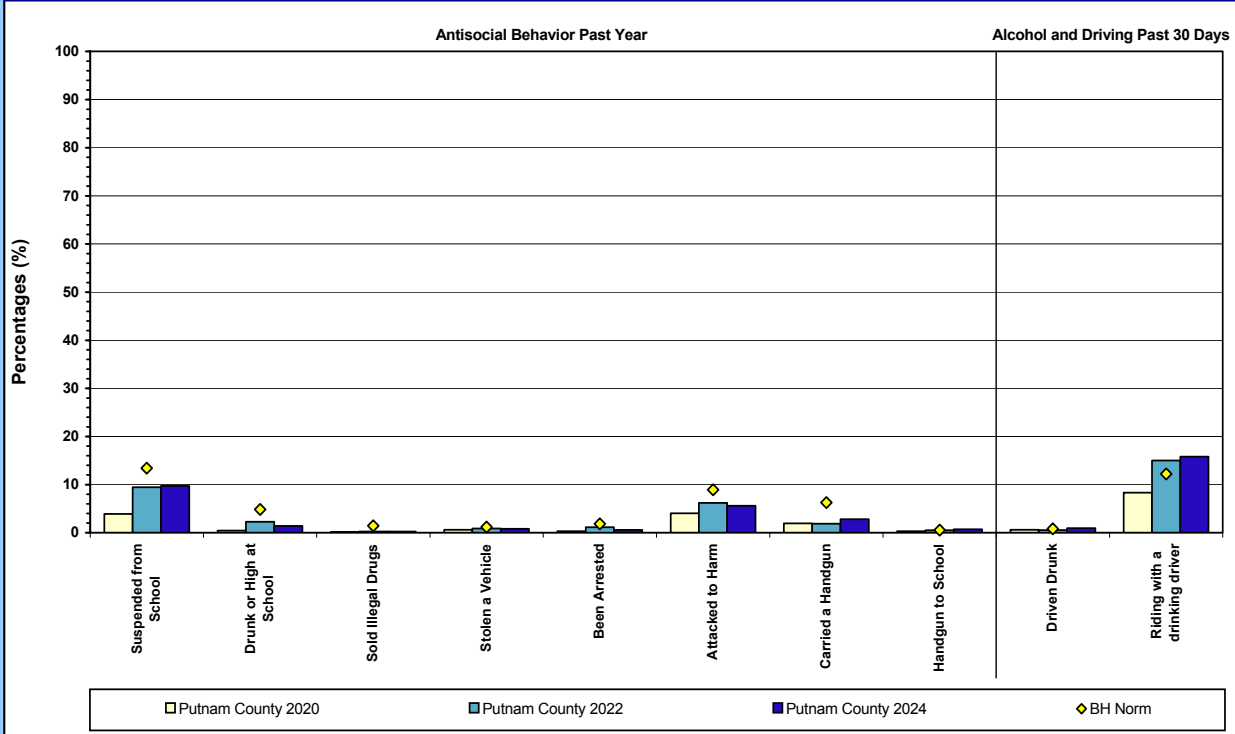
Substance Use and Antisocial Behavior

LIFETIME, 30 DAY & HEAVY ATOD USE
2024 Putnam County Student Survey, Grade 8



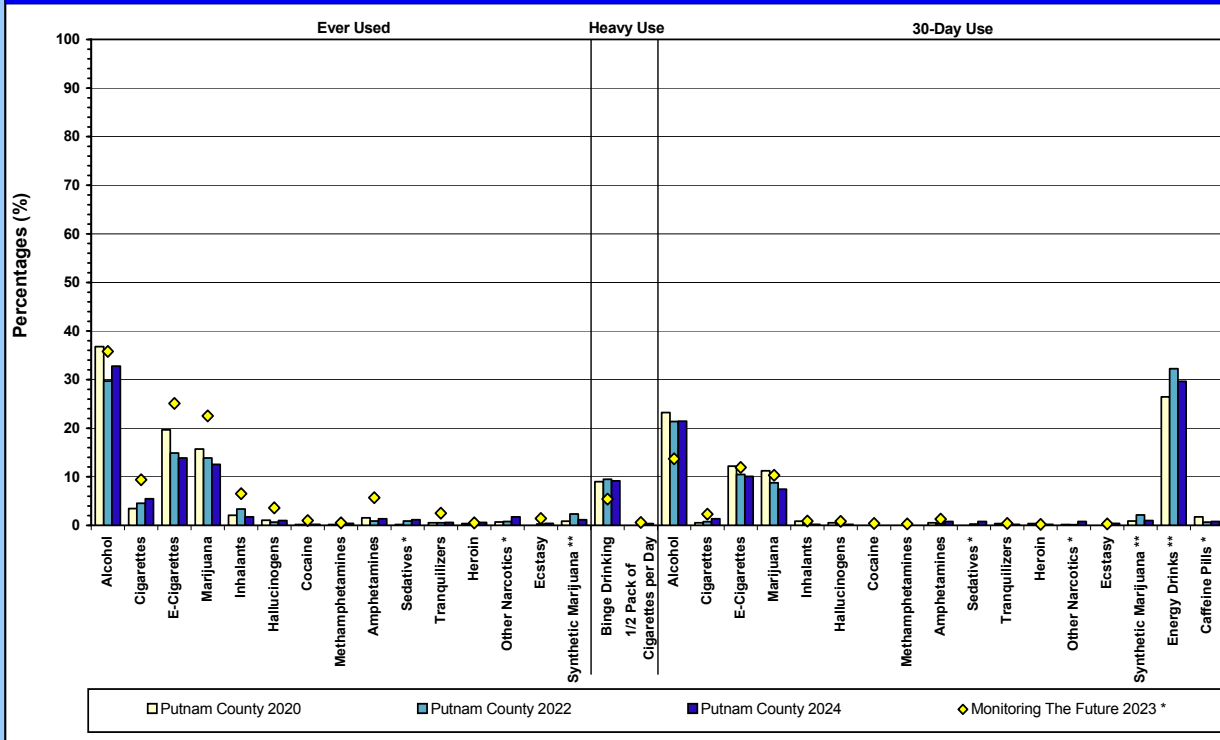
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ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR & ALCOHOL AND DRIVING
2024 Putnam County Student Survey, Grade 8



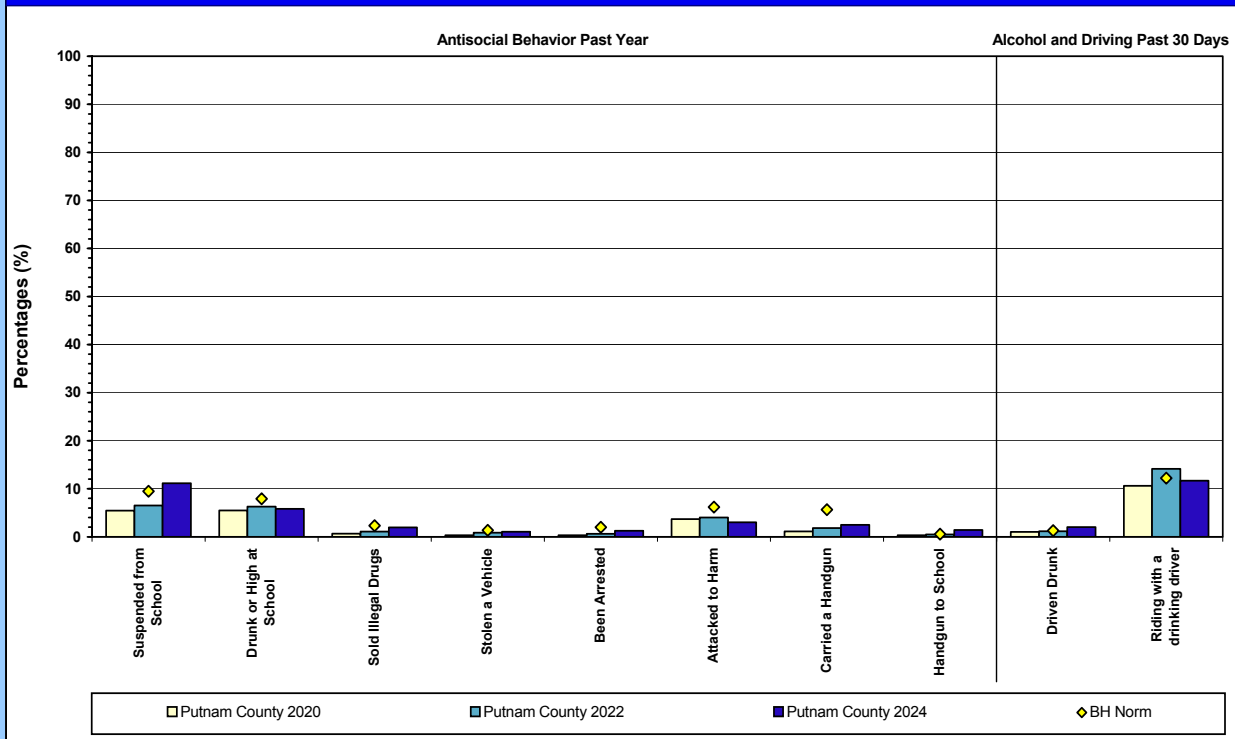
Substance Use and Antisocial Behavior

LIFETIME, 30 DAY & HEAVY ATOD USE
2024 Putnam County Student Survey, Grade 10



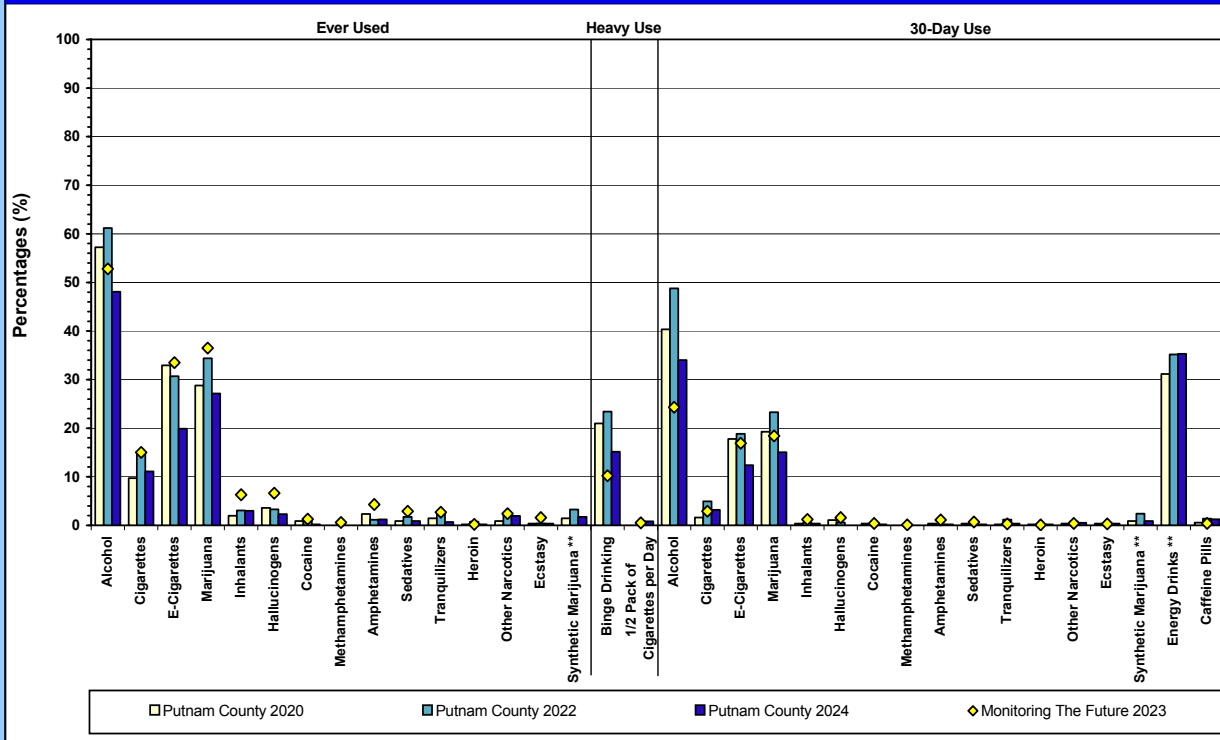
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ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR & ALCOHOL AND DRIVING
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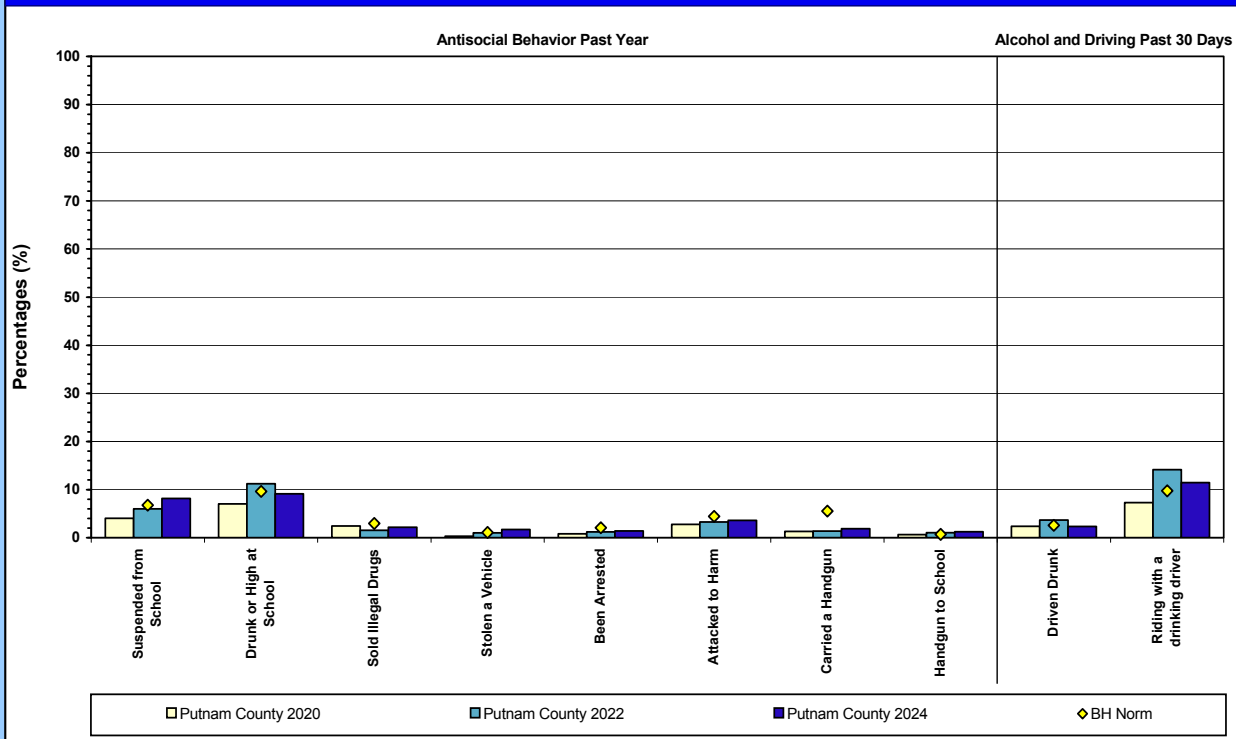
Substance Use and Antisocial Behavior

LIFETIME, 30 DAY & HEAVY ATOD USE
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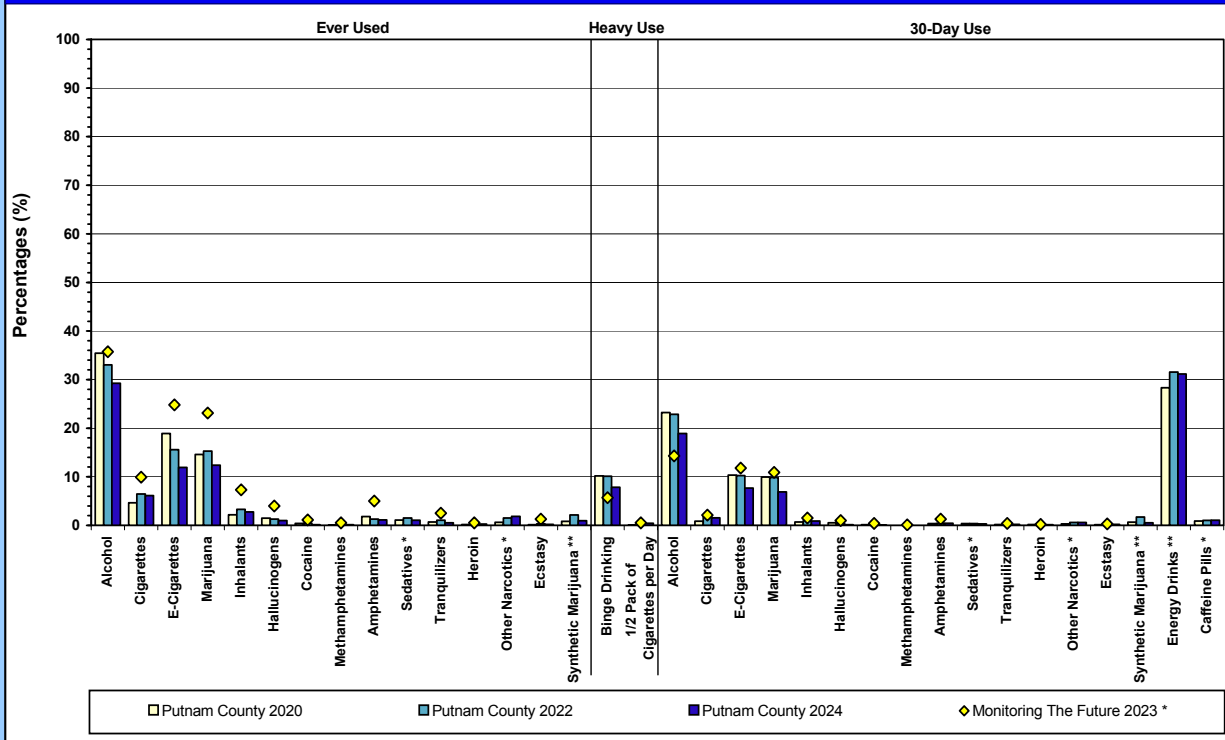
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ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR & ALCOHOL AND DRIVING
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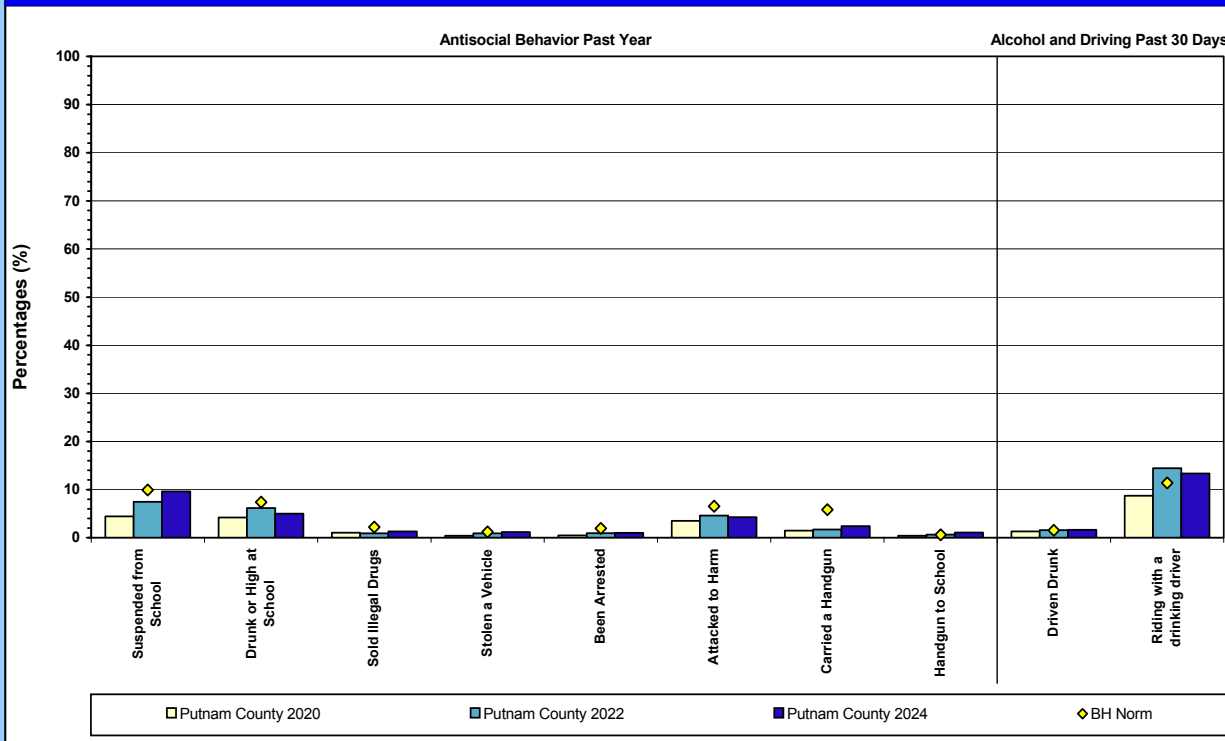
Substance Use and Antisocial Behavior

LIFETIME, 30 DAY & HEAVY ATOD USE
2024 Putnam County Student Survey, All Grades



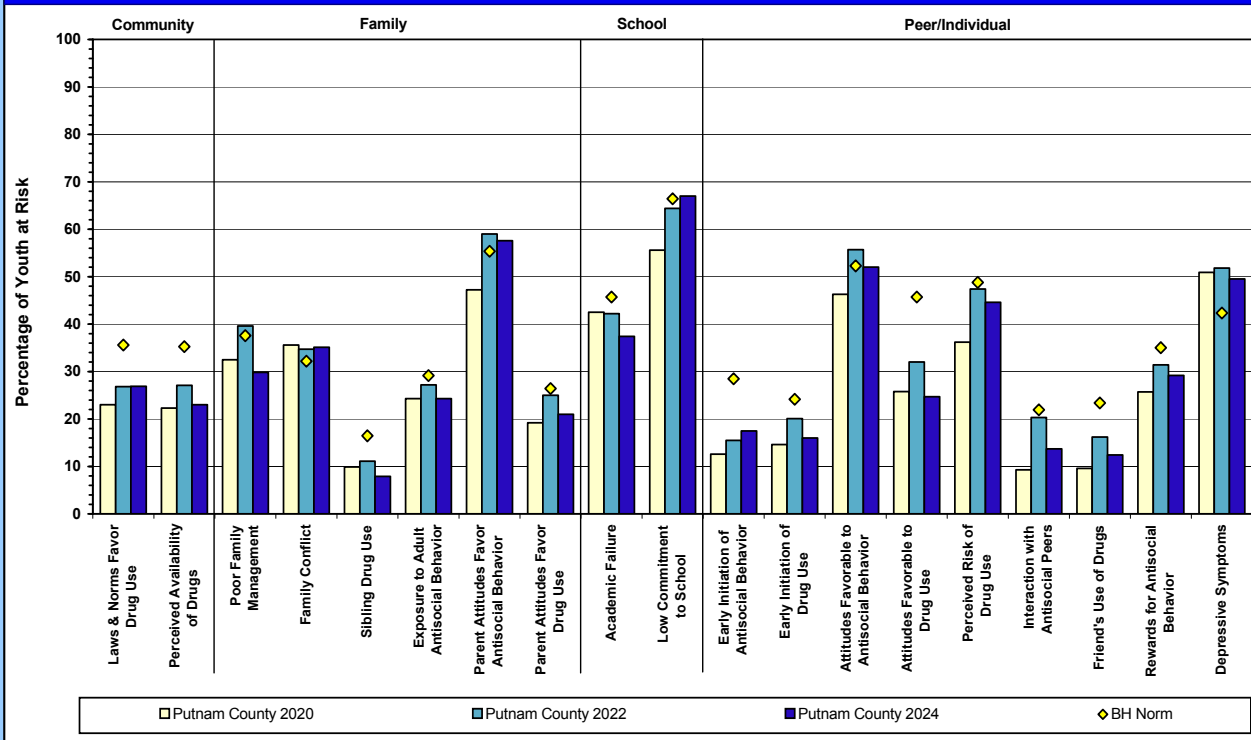
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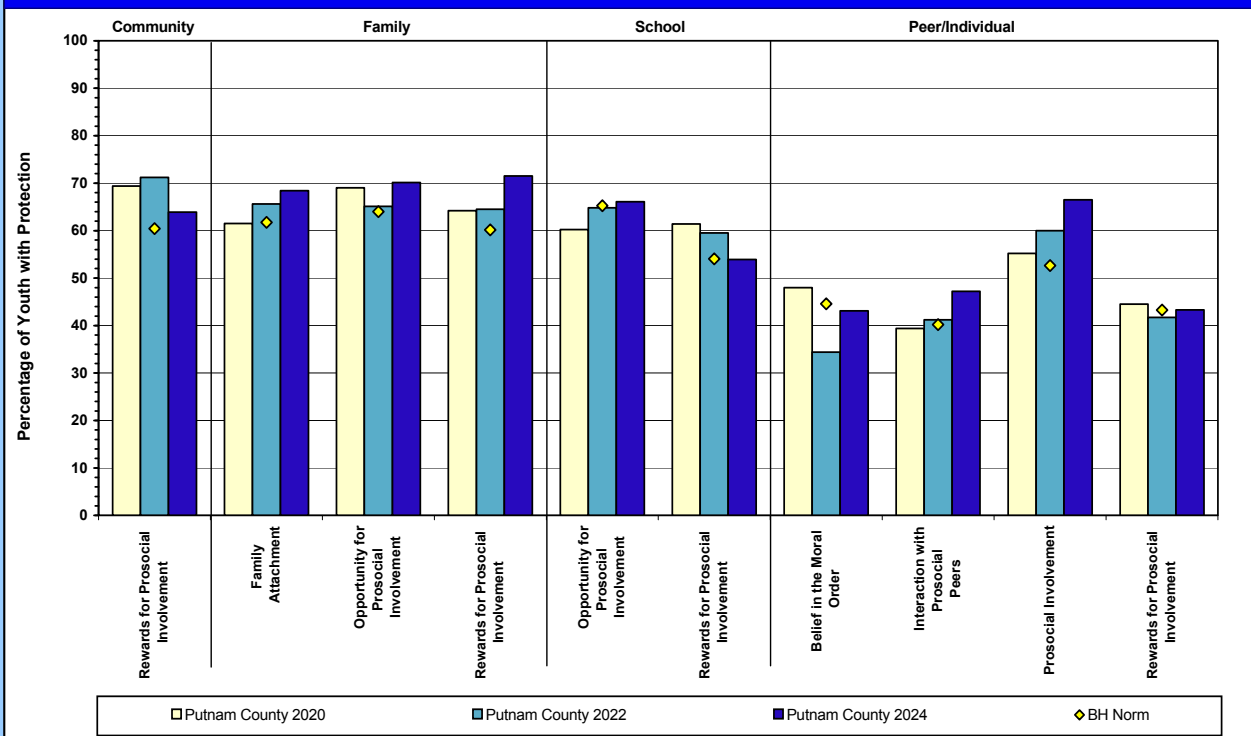


Risk and Protective Factor Profiles

RISK PROFILE
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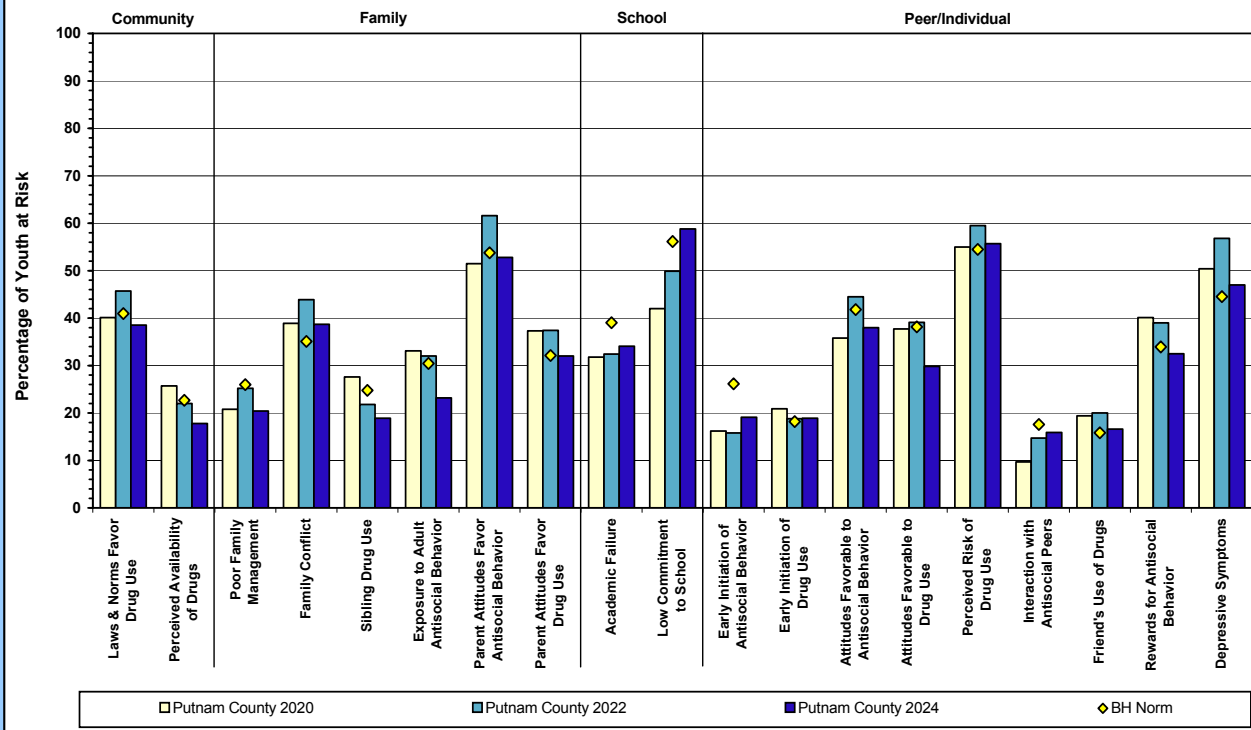


PROTECTIVE PROFILE
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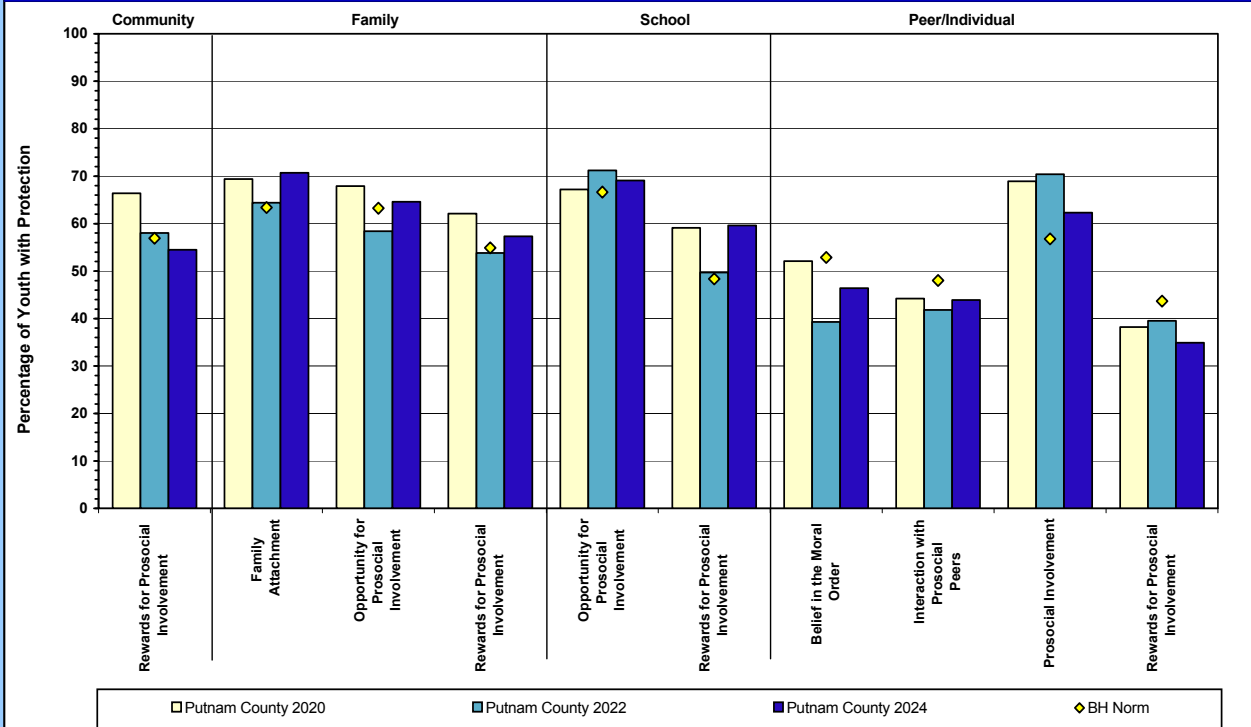


Risk and Protective Factor Profiles

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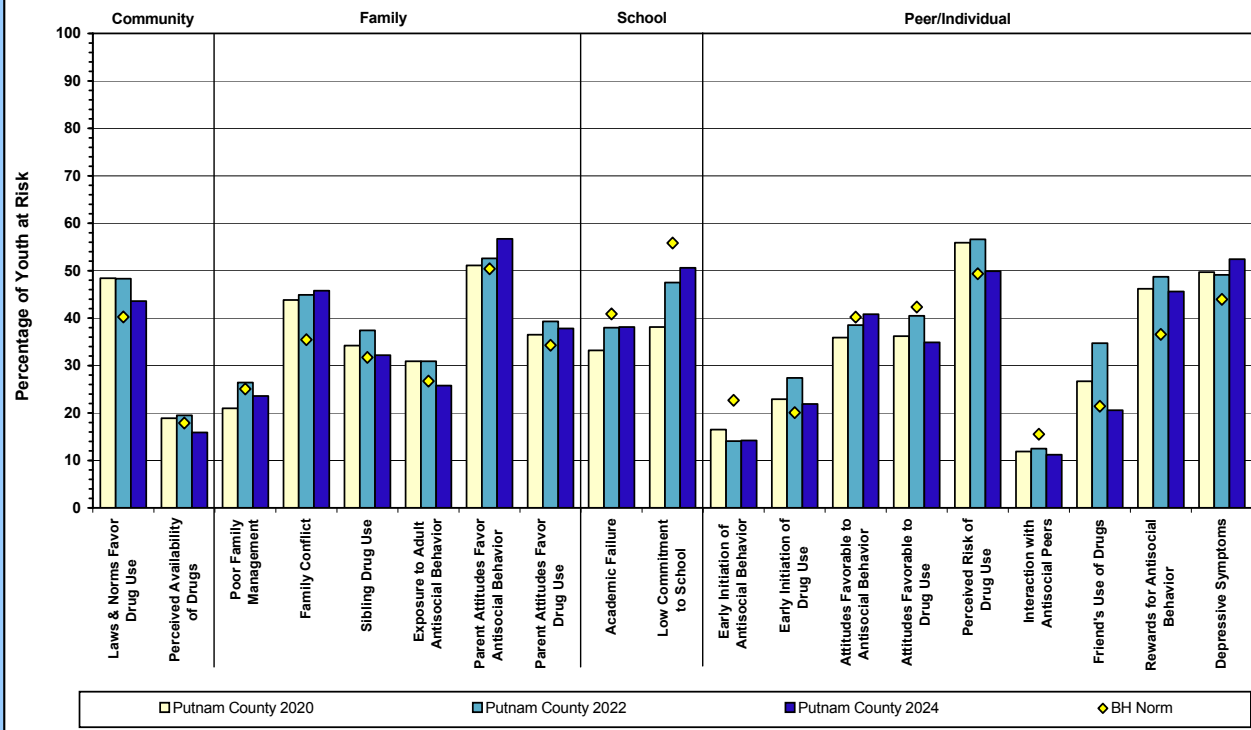


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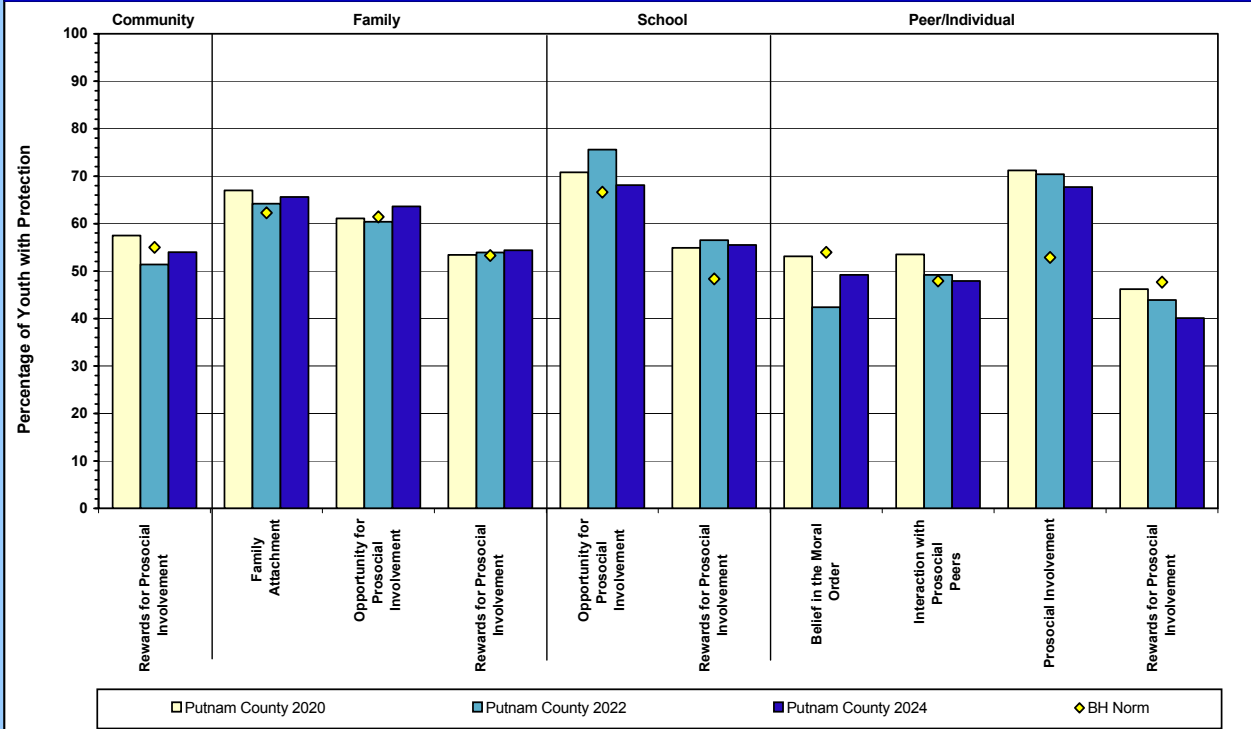


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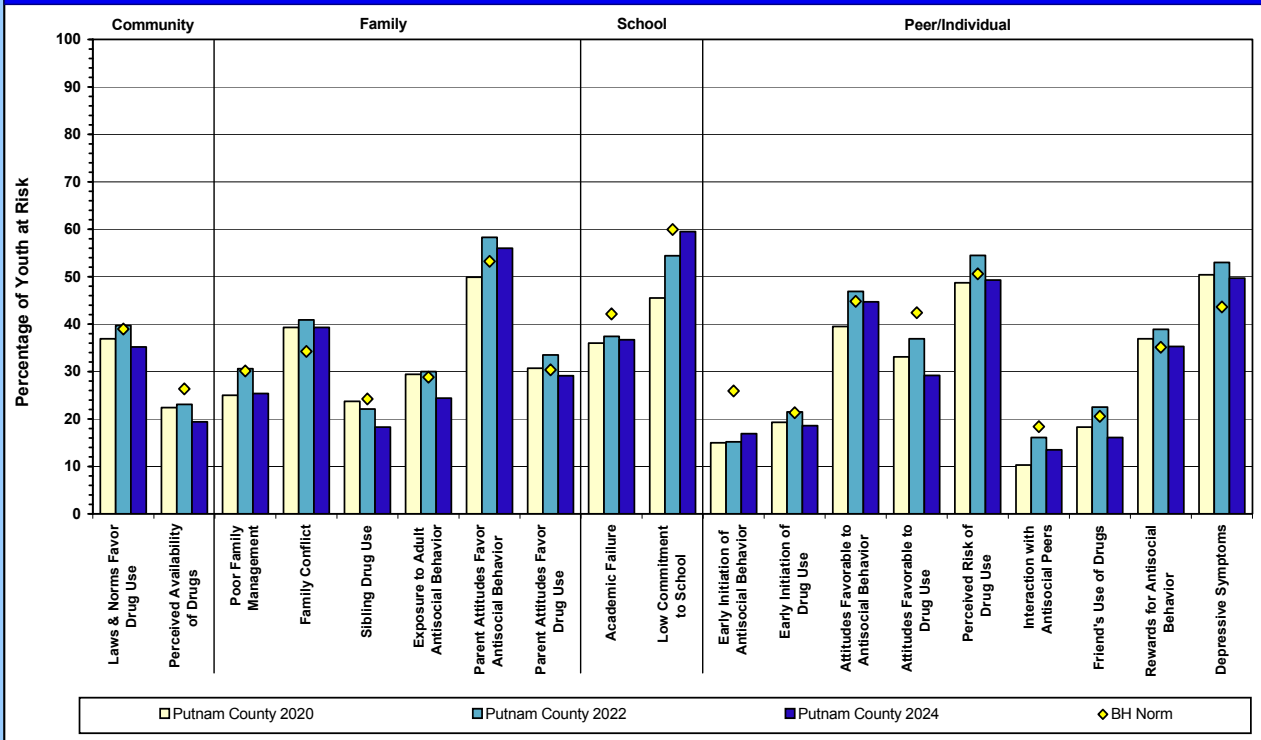


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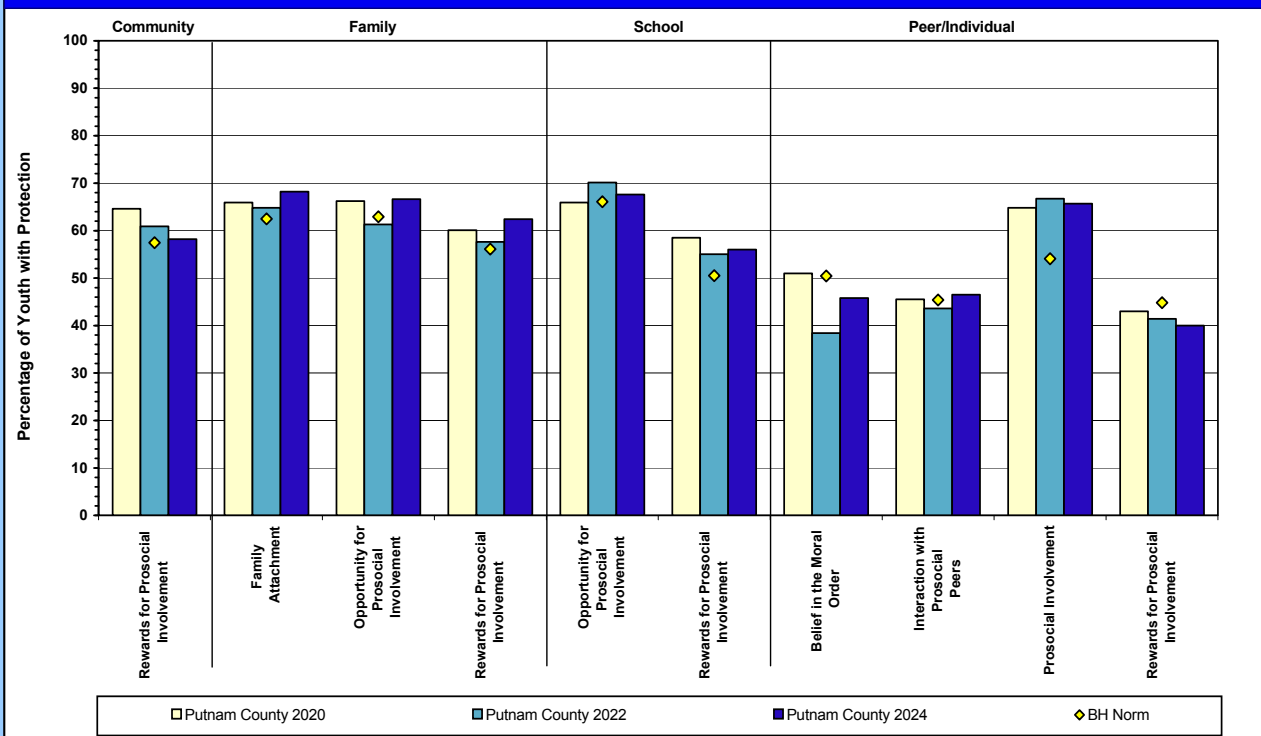


Risk and Protective Factor Profiles

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Risk and Protective Scale Definitions

Table 2. Scales that Measure the Risk and Protective Factors Shown in the Profiles

<i>Community Domain Risk Factors</i>	
Laws and Norms Favorable Toward Drug Use	Research has shown that legal restrictions on alcohol and tobacco use, such as raising the legal drinking age, restricting smoking in public places, and increased taxation have been followed by decreases in consumption. Moreover, national surveys of high school seniors have shown that shifts in normative attitudes toward drug use have preceded changes in prevalence of use.
Scale Questions for Laws and Norms Favorable Toward Drug Use	<i>If a kid drank some beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) in your neighborhood would he or she be caught by the police?</i>
	<i>If a kid smoked marijuana in your neighborhood, would he or she be caught by the police?</i>
	<i>If a kid carried a handgun in your neighborhood, would he or she be caught by the police?</i>
	<i>How wrong would most adults (over 21) in your neighborhood think it is for kids your age to use marijuana?</i>
	<i>How wrong would most adults (over 21) in your neighborhood think it is for kids your age to drink alcohol?</i>
Perceived Availability of Drugs	The availability of cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana, and other illegal drugs has been related to the use of these substances by adolescents.
	<i>If you wanted to get some cigarettes, how easy would it be for you to get some?</i>
Scale Questions for Perceived Availability of Drugs	<i>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 some?</i>
	<i>If you wanted to get some marijuana, how easy would it be for you to get some?</i>
	<i>If you wanted to get a drug like cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines, how easy would it be for you to get some?</i>
	<i>If you wanted to get some cigarettes, how easy would it be for you to get some?</i>
<i>Community Domain Protective Factors</i>	
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	Rewards for positive participation in activities helps youth bond to the community, thus lowering their risk for substance use.
Scale Questions for Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	<i>My neighbors notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it.</i>
	<i>There are people in my neighborhood who are proud of me when I do something well.</i>
	<i>There are people in my neighborhood who encourage me to do my best.</i>
<i>Family Domain Risk Factors</i>	
Poor Family Management	Parents' use of inconsistent and/or unusually harsh or severe punishment with their children places them at higher risk for substance use and other problem behaviors. Also, parents' failure to provide clear expectations and to monitor their children's behavior makes it more likely that they will engage in drug abuse whether or not there are family drug problems.
Scale Questions for Poor Family Management	<i>The rules in my family are clear.</i>
	<i>When I am not at home, one of my parents knows where I am and who I am with.</i>
	<i>If you drank some beer or wine or liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?</i>
	<i>My family has clear rules about alcohol use.</i>
	<i>My family has clear rules about other drug use.</i>
	<i>If you carried a handgun without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?</i>
	<i>If you skipped school, would you be caught by your parents?</i>
	<i>My parents ask if I've gotten my homework done.</i>
<i>Would your parents know if you did not come home on time?</i>	

Risk and Protective Scale Definitions

Table 2. Scales that Measure the Risk and Protective Factors Shown in the Profiles

<i>Family Domain Risk Factors (Continued)</i>	
Family Conflict	Children raised in families high in conflict, whether or not the child is directly involved in the conflict, appear at risk for both delinquency and drug use.
Scale Questions for Family Conflict	<i>People in my family often insult or yell at each other.</i>
	<i>We argue about the same things in my family over and over.</i>
	<i>People in my family have serious arguments.</i>
Sibling Drug Use and Exposure to Adult Antisocial Behavior	When children are raised in a family with a history of problem behaviors (e.g., violence or ATOD use), the children are more likely to engage in these behaviors.
Scale Questions for Sibling Drug Use	<i>Have any of your brothers or sisters ever:</i>
	<i>drunk beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin)?</i>
	<i>smoked marijuana?</i>
	<i>smoked cigarettes?</i>
Scale Questions for Exposure to Adult Antisocial Behavior	<i>About how many adults (over 21) have you known personally who in the past year have:</i>
	<i>used marijuana, crack, cocaine, or other drugs?</i>
	<i>sold or dealt drugs?</i>
	<i>done other things that could get them in trouble with the police like stealing, selling stolen goods, mugging or assaulting others, etc.?</i>
	<i>gotten drunk or high?</i>
Parental Attitudes Favorable Toward Antisocial Behavior and Parental Attitudes Favorable Toward Drugs	In families where parents use illegal drugs, are heavy users of alcohol, or are tolerant of children's use, children are more likely to become drug abusers during adolescence. The risk is further increased if parents involve children in their own drug (or alcohol) using behavior, for example, asking the child to light the parent's cigarette or get the parent a beer from the refrigerator.
Scale Questions for Parental Attitudes Favorable Toward Antisocial Behavior	<i>How wrong do your parents feel it would be for YOU to steal something worth more than \$5?</i>
	<i>How wrong do your parents feel it would be for YOU to draw graffiti, write things, or draw pictures on buildings or other property (without the owner's permission)?</i>
	<i>How wrong do your parents feel it would be for YOU to pick a fight with someone?</i>
Scale Questions for Parental Attitudes Favorable Toward Drug Use	<i>How wrong do your parents feel it would be for YOU to drink beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) regularly?</i>
	<i>How wrong do your parents feel it would be for YOU to smoke cigarettes?</i>
	<i>How wrong do your parents feel it would be for YOU to smoke marijuana?</i>
<i>Family Domain Protective Factors</i>	
Family Attachment	Young people who feel that they are a valued part of their family are less likely to engage in substance use and other problem behaviors.
Scale Questions for Family Attachment	<i>Do you feel very close to your mother?</i>
	<i>Do you share your thoughts and feelings with your mother?</i>
	<i>Do you share your thoughts and feelings with your father?</i>
	<i>Do you feel very close to your father?</i>

Risk and Protective Scale Definitions

Table 2. Scales that Measure the Risk and Protective Factors Shown in the Profiles

<i>Family Domain Protective Factors (Continued)</i>	
Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	Young people who are exposed to more opportunities to participate meaningfully in the responsibilities and activities of the family are less likely to engage in drug use and other problem behaviors.
Scale Questions for Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	<i>If I had a personal problem, I could ask my mom or dad for help.</i>
	<i>My parents give me lots of chances to do fun things with them.</i>
	<i>My parents ask me what I think before most family decisions affecting me are made</i>
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	When parents, siblings, and other family members praise, encourage, and attend to things done well by their child, children are less likely to engage in substance use and problem behaviors.
Scale Questions for Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	<i>My parents notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it.</i>
	<i>How often do your parents tell you they're proud of you for something you've done?</i>
	<i>Do you enjoy spending time with your mother?</i>
	<i>Do you enjoy spending time with your father?</i>
<i>School Domain Risk Factors</i>	
Academic Failure	Beginning in the late elementary grades (grades 4-6) academic failure increases the risk of both drug abuse and delinquency. It appears that the experience of failure itself, for whatever reasons, increases the risk of problem behaviors.
Scale Questions for Academic Failure	<i>Putting them all together, what were your grades like last year?</i>
	<i>Are your school grades better than the grades of most students in your class?</i>
Low Commitment to School	Surveys of high school seniors have shown that the use of drugs is significantly lower among students who expect to attend college than among those who do not. Factors such as liking school, spending time on homework, and perceiving the coursework as relevant are also negatively related to drug use.
Scale Questions for Low Commitment to School	<i>During the LAST FOUR WEEKS how many whole days of school have you missed because you skipped or "cut"?</i>
	<i>How often do you feel that the school work you are assigned is meaningful and important?</i>
	<i>How interesting are most of your courses to you?</i>
	<i>How important do you think the things you are learning in school are going to be for your later life?</i>
	<i>Now, thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you enjoy being in school?</i>
	<i>Now, thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you hate being in school?</i>
<i>Now, thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you try to do your best work in school?</i>	
<i>School Domain Protective Factors</i>	
Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	When young people are given more opportunities to participate meaningfully in important activities at school, they are less likely to engage in drug use and other problem behaviors.
Scale Questions for Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	<i>In my school, students have lots of chances to help decide things like class activities and rules.</i>
	<i>There are lots of chances for students in my school to get involved in sports, clubs, or other school activities outside of class.</i>
	<i>There are lots of chances for students in my school to talk with a teacher one-on-one.</i>
	<i>I have lots of chances to be part of class discussions or activities.</i>

Risk and Protective Scale Definitions

Table 2. Scales that Measure the Risk and Protective Factors Shown in the Profiles

<i>School Domain Protective Factors (Continued)</i>		
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	When young people are recognized and rewarded for their contributions at school, they are less likely to be involved in substance use and other problem behaviors.	
Scale Questions for Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	<i>My teachers notice when I am doing a good job and lets me know about it.</i>	
	<i>The school lets my parents know when I have done something well.</i>	
	<i>My teachers praise me when I work hard in school.</i>	
<i>Peer-Individual Risk Factors</i>		
Early Initiation of Antisocial Behavior and Early Initiation of Drug Use	Early onset of drug use predicts misuse of drugs. The earlier the onset of any drug use, the greater the involvement in other drug use and the greater frequency of use. Onset of drug use prior to the age of 15 is a consistent predictor of drug abuse, and a later age of onset of drug use has been shown to predict lower drug involvement and a greater probability of discontinuation of use.	
Scale Questions for Early Initiation of Antisocial Behavior	<i>How old were you when you first...</i>	
	<i>got suspended from school?</i>	
	<i>got arrested?</i>	
	<i>carried a handgun?</i>	
Scale Questions for Early Initiation of Drug Use	<i>attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?</i>	
	<i>How old were you when you first...</i>	
	<i>smoked a cigarette, even just a puff?</i>	
	<i>had more than a sip or two of beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin)?</i>	
Scale Questions for Early Initiation of Drug Use	<i>began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly, that is, at least once or twice a month?</i>	
	<i>smoked marijuana?</i>	
	Attitudes Favorable Toward Antisocial Behavior and Attitudes Favorable Toward Drug Use	During the elementary school years, most children express anti-drug, anti-crime, and pro-social attitudes and have difficulty imagining why people use drugs or engage in antisocial behaviors. However, in middle school, as more youth are exposed to others who use drugs and engage in antisocial behavior, their attitudes often shift toward greater acceptance of these behaviors. Youth who express positive attitudes toward drug use and antisocial behavior are more likely to engage in a variety of problem behaviors, including drug use.
	Scale Questions for Attitudes Favorable Toward Antisocial Behavior	<i>How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to...</i>
<i>take a handgun to school?</i>		
<i>steal anything worth more than \$5?</i>		
<i>pick a fight with someone?</i>		
<i>attack someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?</i>		
Scale Questions for Attitudes Favorable Toward Drug Use	<i>stay away from school all day when their parents think they are at school?</i>	
	<i>How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to...</i>	
	<i>drink beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) regularly?</i>	
	<i>smoke cigarettes?</i>	
	<i>smoke marijuana?</i>	
Scale Questions for Attitudes Favorable Toward Drug Use	<i>use LSD, cocaine, amphetamines or another illegal drug?</i>	

Risk and Protective Scale Definitions

Table 2. Scales that Measure the Risk and Protective Factors Shown in the Profiles

<i>Peer-Individual Risk Factors (Continued)</i>	
Perceived Risk of Drug Use	Young people who do not perceive drug use to be risky are far more likely to engage in drug use.
Scale Questions for Perceived Risk of Drug Use	<i>How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they:</i>
	<i>smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?</i>
	<i>try marijuana once or twice?</i>
	<i>smoke marijuana regularly?</i>
	<i>take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, or liquor) nearly every day?</i>
Interaction with Antisocial Peers	Young people who associate with peers who engage in problem behaviors are at higher risk for engaging in antisocial behavior themselves.
Scale Questions for Interaction with Antisocial Peers	<i>Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many of your best friends have:</i>
	<i>been suspended from school?</i>
	<i>carried a handgun?</i>
	<i>sold illegal drugs?</i>
	<i>stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle such as a car or motorcycle?</i>
	<i>been arrested?</i>
	<i>dropped out of school?</i>
Friends' Use of Drugs	Young people who associate with peers who engage in alcohol or substance abuse are much more likely to engage in the same behavior. Peer drug use has consistently been found to be among the strongest predictors of substance use among youth. Even when young people come from well-managed families and do not experience other risk factors, spending time with friends who use drugs greatly increases the risk of that problem developing.
Scale Questions for Friends' Use of Drugs	<i>Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many of your best friends have:</i>
	<i>smoked cigarettes?</i>
	<i>tried beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) when their parents didn't know about it?</i>
	<i>used marijuana?</i>
	<i>used LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or other illegal drugs?</i>
Rewards for Antisocial Behavior	Young people who receive rewards for their antisocial behavior are at higher risk for engaging further in antisocial behavior and substance use.
Scale Questions for Rewards for Antisocial Behavior	<i>What are the chances you would be seen as cool if you:</i>
	<i>smoked cigarettes?</i>
	<i>began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly, that is, at least once or twice a month?</i>
	<i>smoked marijuana?</i>
Depressive Symptoms	Young people who are depressed are overrepresented in the criminal justice system and are more likely to use drugs. Survey research and other studies have shown a link between depression and youth problem behaviors.
Scale Questions for Depressive Symptoms	<i>Sometimes I think that life is not worth it.</i>
	<i>At times I think I am no good at all.</i>
	<i>All in all, I am inclined to think that I am a failure.</i>
	<i>In the past year, have you felt depressed or sad MOST days, even if you felt OK sometimes?</i>

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Table 2. Scales that Measure the Risk and Protective Factors Shown in the Profiles

<i>Peer-Individual Protective Factors</i>	
Belief in the Moral Order	Young people who have a belief in what is “right” or “wrong” are less likely to use drugs.
Scale Questions for Belief in the Moral Order	<i>It is all right to beat up people if they start the fight.</i>
	<i>It is important to be honest with your parents, even if they become upset or you get punished.</i>
	<i>I think it is okay to take something without asking if you can get away with it.</i>
	<i>I think sometimes it’s okay to cheat at school.</i>
Interaction with Prosocial Peers	Young people who associate with peers who engage in prosocial behavior are more protected from engaging in antisocial behavior and substance use.
Scale Questions for Interaction with Antisocial Peers	<i>Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many of your best friends have:</i>
	<i>participated in clubs, organizations or activities at school?</i>
	<i>made a commitment to stay drug-free?</i>
	<i>tried to do well in school?</i>
	<i>liked school?</i>
	<i>regularly attended religious services?</i>
Prosocial Involvement	Participation in positive school and community activities helps provide protection for youth.
Scale Questions for Prosocial Involvement	<i>How many times in the past year (12 months) have you:</i>
	<i>participated in clubs, organizations or activities at school?</i>
	<i>done extra work on your own for school?</i>
	<i>volunteered to do community service?</i>
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	Young people who are rewarded for working hard in school and the community are less likely to engage in problem behavior.
Scale Questions for Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	<i>What are the chances you would be seen as cool if you:</i>
	<i>worked hard at school?</i>
	<i>defended someone who was being verbally abused at school?</i>
	<i>regularly volunteered to do community service?</i>

Risk and Protective Factor Tables

Table 3. Percentage of Students Reporting Protection

Protective Factors	Grade 8				Grade 10				Grade 12				Total			
	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm
Community Domain																
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	69.4	71.2	63.9	60.4	66.4	58.0	54.5	56.9	57.5	51.4	54.0	55.0	64.6	60.9	58.2	57.4
Family Domain																
Family Attachment	61.5	65.6	68.4	61.7	69.4	64.4	70.7	63.4	67.0	64.2	65.6	62.3	65.9	64.8	68.2	62.5
Opportunity for Prosocial Involvement	69.0	65.1	70.1	64.0	67.9	58.4	64.6	63.2	61.1	60.4	63.6	61.4	66.2	61.3	66.6	62.9
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	64.2	64.5	71.5	60.2	62.1	53.8	57.3	54.9	53.4	53.9	54.4	53.3	60.1	57.6	62.4	56.1
School Domain																
Opportunity for Prosocial Involvement	60.2	64.8	66.1	65.2	67.2	71.2	69.1	66.6	70.8	75.6	68.1	66.6	65.9	70.1	67.6	66.1
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	61.4	59.5	53.9	54.0	59.1	49.7	59.6	48.4	54.9	56.5	55.5	48.3	58.5	55.0	56.0	50.5
Peer-Individual Domain																
Belief in the Moral Order	48.0	34.4	43.1	44.6	52.1	39.3	46.4	52.9	53.1	42.4	49.2	54.0	51.0	38.4	45.8	50.4
Interaction with Prosocial Peers	39.4	41.2	47.2	40.2	44.2	41.8	43.9	48.0	53.5	49.2	47.9	47.9	45.5	43.6	46.5	45.4
Prosocial Involvement	55.2	60.0	66.5	52.6	68.9	70.4	62.3	56.8	71.2	70.4	67.7	52.9	64.8	66.7	65.7	54.1
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	44.5	41.7	43.3	43.3	38.2	39.5	34.9	43.7	46.2	43.9	40.1	47.7	43.0	41.4	40.0	44.8

Risk and Protective Factor Tables

Table 4. Percentage of Students Reporting Risk

Risk Factors	Grade 8				Grade 10				Grade 12				Total			
	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm
Community Domain																
Laws & Norms Favor Drug Use	23.0	26.8	26.9	35.6	40.1	45.7	38.5	41.0	48.4	48.3	43.6	40.3	36.9	39.7	35.2	39.0
Perceived Availability of Drugs	22.3	27.1	23.0	35.3	25.7	22.0	17.8	22.7	18.9	19.5	15.9	17.9	22.4	23.1	19.4	26.4
Family Domain																
Poor Family Management	32.5	39.6	29.8	37.6	20.8	25.2	20.4	26.0	21.0	26.4	23.6	25.1	25.0	30.6	25.4	30.2
Family Conflict	35.6	34.7	35.1	32.2	38.9	43.9	38.7	35.1	43.8	44.9	45.8	35.5	39.3	40.9	39.3	34.2
Sibling Drug Use	9.9	11.1	7.9	16.5	27.6	21.8	18.9	24.8	34.2	37.4	32.2	31.7	23.7	22.1	18.3	24.2
Exposure to Adult Antisocial Behavior	24.3	27.2	24.3	29.2	33.1	32.0	23.2	30.4	30.9	30.9	25.8	26.7	29.4	30.0	24.4	28.8
Parent Attitudes Favor Antisocial Behavior	47.2	59.0	57.6	55.3	51.5	61.6	52.8	53.8	51.1	52.6	56.7	50.4	49.9	58.3	56.0	53.2
Parent Attitudes Favor Drug Use	19.2	25.0	21.0	26.4	37.3	37.4	32.0	32.1	36.5	39.3	37.8	34.3	30.7	33.5	29.1	30.4
School Domain																
Academic Failure	42.5	42.2	37.4	45.7	31.8	32.4	34.1	39.0	33.2	38.0	38.1	40.9	36.0	37.4	36.7	42.2
Low Commitment to School	55.6	64.4	67.0	66.4	42.0	49.9	58.8	56.2	38.1	47.5	50.6	55.8	45.5	54.4	59.5	59.9
Peer-Individual Domain																
Early Initiation of Antisocial Behavior	12.6	15.5	17.5	28.5	16.2	15.8	19.1	26.2	16.5	14.1	14.2	22.7	15.0	15.2	16.9	25.9
Early Initiation of Drug Use	14.6	20.1	16.0	24.2	20.9	18.8	18.9	18.2	22.9	27.4	21.9	20.1	19.3	21.5	18.6	21.3
Attitudes Favorable to Antisocial Behavior	46.3	55.7	52.0	52.3	35.8	44.5	38.0	41.8	35.9	38.5	40.8	40.2	39.5	46.9	44.7	44.8
Attitudes Favorable to Drug Use	25.8	32.0	24.7	45.7	37.7	39.1	29.8	38.2	36.2	40.5	34.9	42.3	33.1	36.9	29.2	42.4
Perceived Risk of Drug Use	36.2	47.4	44.6	48.8	55.0	59.5	55.7	54.5	55.9	56.6	49.9	49.4	48.7	54.5	49.3	50.6
Interaction with Antisocial Peers	9.3	20.3	13.7	22.0	9.7	14.7	15.9	17.6	11.9	12.5	11.2	15.5	10.3	16.1	13.5	18.4
Friend's Use of Drugs	9.6	16.2	12.4	23.4	19.4	20.0	16.6	15.8	26.7	34.7	20.6	21.4	18.3	22.5	16.1	20.6
Rewards for Antisocial Behavior	25.7	31.4	29.2	35.0	40.1	39.0	32.5	33.9	46.2	48.7	45.6	36.6	36.9	38.9	35.3	35.1
Depressive Symptoms	50.9	51.8	49.5	42.3	50.4	56.8	47.0	44.6	49.7	49.1	52.4	44.0	50.4	53.0	49.7	43.6

High Prevalence/Early Initiation Drugs

Alcohol, tobacco (cigarettes, smokeless, and vaporized), marijuana, and inhalants are the drugs first and most commonly abused by youth. The higher prevalence and earlier initiation of use makes monitoring these drugs useful when monitoring at-risk students for progression from experimentation to social use to addiction to these and other substances.

Because these drugs generally enjoy more social acceptability, their use may normalize the larger idea of drug use as acceptable. Another potential risk is their use may “prime” the brain for addiction to other substances.

The most common early initiation/higher prevalence substances used are alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or hard liquor) (29.2% of all students in this survey indicating lifetime use), cigarettes (6.1% indicating lifetime use), electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, or e-hookahs (11.9% indicating lifetime use), and marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) (12.4 % indicating lifetime use).

Prescription Medications

In recent years, the non-medical use of prescription drugs has emerged as a major public health issue. According to the recent Monitoring the Future study, prescription drugs are the most abused category of drugs after alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana.

Students often believe these substances are safer than illicit drugs because they are prescribed by a doctor and dispensed by a pharmacist. This is particularly troubling given the adverse health consequences related to prescription drug abuse: physiological and psychological addiction, physical dependence, and the possibility of overdose. Recent studies have found that once access to prescription drugs is limited, some abusers have adopted the use of heroin or other illicit substances. In 2014, the CDC reported that 3 out of 4 new heroin users report having abused prescription opioids prior to using heroin.

In 2020, 91,799 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States. The age-adjusted rate of overdose deaths increased by 31% from 2019 (21.6 per 100,000) to 2020 (28.3 per 100,000). Opioids were involved in 68,630 overdose deaths in 2020, 74.8% of all overdose deaths.

Opioids, mainly synthetic opioids (other than methadone), are currently the main driver of drug overdose deaths. 82% of opioid-involved overdose deaths involve synthetic opioids. Drug overdose deaths involving psychostimulants such as methamphetamine are increasing with and without synthetic opioid involvement.

The prescription drugs measured in this survey are prescription stimulants or amphetamines (1.1% of students indicating lifetime use), prescription sedatives including barbiturates or sleeping pills (1.1% indicating lifetime use), prescription tranquilizers (0.5% indicating lifetime use), and prescription pain relievers (1.8% of students indicating lifetime use).

Other Drugs

The Survey also measures the prevalence of use for a variety of other drugs. The rates for prevalence of use of these other drugs are generally lower than the rates for alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and inhalants. Use of these other drugs tends to be concentrated in the upper grade levels.

The most frequently used substances in the “other” category in this survey are LSD (acid) or other hallucinogens (like PCP, mescaline, peyote, “shrooms” or psilocybin) (1.0% of students indicating lifetime use), cocaine (like cocaine powder) or “crack” (cocaine in chunk or rock form) (0.1% of students indicating lifetime use), and “synthetic marijuana” (“K2”, “Spice”) (0.9% of students indicating lifetime use).

ATOD Tables

Table 5. Number of Students Who Completed the Survey

Number of Youth	Grade 8				Grade 10				Grade 12				Total			
	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †
	744	838	911	†	676	898	619	†	666	627	718	†	2086	2363	2248	†

Table 6. Percentage of Students Who Used ATODs During Their Lifetime

Substance	Grade 8				Grade 10				Grade 12				Total			
	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †
Alcohol	14.1	16.3	13.5	20.1	36.8	29.7	32.8	35.8	57.2	61.2	48.1	52.8	35.4	33.0	29.2	35.7
Cigarettes	1.1	2.3	2.9	5.8	3.4	4.5	5.5	9.4	9.7	14.9	11.1	15.0	4.6	6.5	6.1	9.9
E-Cigarettes	5.4	5.4	5.0	16.5	19.7	14.9	13.8	25.1	32.9	30.7	19.9	33.5	18.9	15.6	11.9	24.8
Marijuana	0.7	3.2	1.7	11.5	15.7	13.9	12.5	22.5	28.8	34.4	27.1	36.5	14.6	15.3	12.4	23.1
Inhalants	2.5	3.3	3.2	9.0	2.1	3.4	1.7	6.5	2.0	3.1	3.0	6.3	2.2	3.3	2.7	7.3
Hallucinogens	0.0	0.6	0.1	2.1	1.0	0.6	1.0	3.6	3.6	3.3	2.3	6.6	1.5	1.3	1.0	4.0
Cocaine	0.2	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.9	1.2	0.2	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	1.1
Methamphetamines	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5
Amphetamines	1.6	1.8	0.9	6.0	1.6	0.9	1.3	5.7	2.3	1.2	1.2	4.3	1.8	1.3	1.1	5.0
Sedatives *	2.1	1.9	1.1	n/a	0.2	0.9	1.2	n/a	0.9	1.7	0.9	2.9	1.1	1.5	1.1	n/a
Tranquilizers	0.2	0.6	0.4	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	2.5	1.4	2.5	0.7	2.7	0.7	1.0	0.5	2.5
Heroin	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.5
Other Narcotics *	0.3	1.7	1.9	n/a	0.7	0.8	1.7	n/a	0.9	2.3	1.9	2.4	0.6	1.5	1.8	n/a
Ecstasy	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.3	0.4	1.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.6	0.1	0.3	0.2	1.3
Synthetic Marijuana **	0.2	1.1	0.2	n/a	0.9	2.3	1.2	n/a	1.4	3.3	1.7	n/a	0.8	2.1	0.9	n/a

† See the Monitoring The Future (MTF) website (www.monitoringthefuture.org). MTF only surveys grades 8, 10 and 12.

* MTF does not publish 8th, 10th, or combined grade values for "Sedatives" or "Other Narcotics".

** MTF does not collect data on that substance at the lifetime or 30-day level.

Table 7. Percentage of Students Who Used ATODs During The Past 30 Days

Substance	Grade 8				Grade 10				Grade 12				Total			
	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †
Alcohol	7.3	5.7	6.5	5.9	23.2	21.4	21.4	13.7	40.4	48.7	34.0	24.3	23.2	22.8	18.9	14.3
Cigarettes	0.5	1.2	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.8	1.3	2.3	1.6	4.9	3.2	2.9	0.9	2.0	1.5	2.1
E-Cigarettes	1.7	3.9	2.7	7.0	12.2	10.5	10.1	11.9	17.8	18.8	12.4	16.9	10.3	10.3	7.7	11.8
Marijuana	0.2	1.4	0.8	4.7	11.2	8.8	7.4	10.3	19.3	23.3	15.0	18.4	10.0	9.9	6.9	10.9
Inhalants	0.8	1.3	1.8	2.6	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.2	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.5
Hallucinogens	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.0	1.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	1.0
Cocaine	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4
Methamphetamines	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Amphetamines	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.6	0.5	0.4	0.8	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.3
Sedatives *	0.7	0.4	0.0	n/a	0.0	0.3	0.8	n/a	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.3	n/a
Tranquilizers	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.4
Heroin	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Other Narcotics *	0.3	1.0	0.5	n/a	0.2	0.1	0.8	n/a	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	n/a
Ecstasy	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
Synthetic Marijuana **	0.2	0.7	0.0	n/a	0.9	2.1	1.0	n/a	0.9	2.4	0.9	n/a	0.6	1.7	0.5	n/a
Energy Drinks **	27.5	28.2	29.1	n/a	26.4	32.2	29.6	n/a	31.1	35.2	35.3	n/a	28.3	31.5	31.1	n/a
Caffeine Pills *	0.3	1.1	1.0	n/a	1.7	0.7	0.8	n/a	0.5	1.4	1.3	0.4	0.9	1.0	1.0	n/a

Table 8. Percentage of Students With Problem ATOD Use

Problem Use	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †	2020	2022	2024	MTF 2023 †
Binge Drinking (past 2 weeks)	1.4	1.2	1.8	2.0	9.0	9.5	9.1	5.4	21.0	23.4	15.1	10.2	10.2	10.1	7.8	5.7
1/2 Pack of Cigarettes per Day	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5
Alcohol and Driving in the Past 30 Days	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm
Drinking and Driving	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.1	2.0	1.3	2.4	3.7	2.3	2.6	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.5
Riding with a Drinking Driver	8.3	15.0	15.8	12.2	10.6	14.1	11.7	12.2	7.3	14.2	11.4	9.7	8.7	14.5	13.4	11.4

† See the Monitoring The Future (MTF) website (www.monitoringthefuture.org). MTF only surveys grades 8, 10 and 12.

* MTF does not publish 8th, 10th, or combined grade values for "Sedatives", "Other Narcotics", or "Caffeine Pills".

** MTF does not collect data on that substance at the lifetime or 30-day level.

ATOD Tables, Supplement 1

Supplement 1. ATOD Questions

Cigarettes	"Have you ever smoked cigarettes?" And "How frequently have you smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days?"
On how many occasions (if any) have you:	
Alcohol	had alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, or hard liquor) to drink in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days) -- more than just a few sips?
E-Cigarettes	used electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, or e-hookahs in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Marijuana	used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Inhalants	sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays, in order to get high in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Hallucinogens	used LSD (acid) or other hallucinogens (like PCP, mescaline, peyote, "shrooms" or psilocybin) in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Cocaine	used cocaine (like cocaine powder) or "crack" (cocaine in chunk or rock form) in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Methamphetamines	used methamphetamines (meth, speed, crank, crystal meth) in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Amphetamines	used prescription stimulants or amphetamines (such as Ritalin, Adderall, or Dexedrine) not prescribed to you in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Sedatives	used prescription sedatives including barbiturates or sleeping pills (such as phenobarbital, Tuinal, Seconal, Ambien, Lunesta, or Sonata) not prescribed to you in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Tranquilizers	used prescription tranquilizers (such as Librium, Valium, Xanax, Ativan, Soma, or Klonopin) not prescribed to you in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Heroin	used heroin in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Other Narcotics	used prescription pain relievers (such as OxyContin, methadone, morphine, codeine, Demerol, Vicodin, or Percocet) not prescribed to you in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Ecstasy	used MDMA (X,E, or ecstasy) in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Synthetic Marijuana	used "synthetic marijuana" ("K2", "Spice") to get high in your lifetime (or during the past 30 days)?
Energy Drinks	drank energy drinks with caffeine (like Red Bull, Monster, Rockstar, or 5-Hour-Energy) during the past 30 days?
Caffeine Pills	used caffeine pills (No-Doz, Vivarin, Dexatrim) during the past 30 days?
Problem Use	
Binge Drinking (past 2 weeks)	Think back over the last two weeks. How many times have you had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row?
1/2 Pack of Cigarettes per Day	How frequently have you smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days?
Alcohol and Driving in the Past 30 Days	
Drinking and Driving	During the past 30 days, how many times did you DRIVE a car or other vehicle when you had been drinking alcohol?
Riding with a Drinking Driver	During the past 30 days, how many times did you RIDE in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?



Antisocial Behavior

The tables that follow present the rates of a variety of antisocial behaviors (ASB). Antisocial behavior may be outwardly directed, involving aggression against adults or peers, or might be behavior destructive to property, self, and others.

Less overt antisocial behavior includes addictive behavior (such as gambling) or dishonest communication with parents.

Rates of both antisocial behavior and gambling reflect reported behavior in the past year. Questions assess lifetime incidence of gambling, online betting, personal skills games (such as pool, darts, coin tossing, video games), and other ways as means to provide additional information about gambling involvement. Intervention programs that focus on diminishing rewards for ASB and increasing reinforcement for prosocial behavior can encourage young people to discard these detrimental behavioral strategies.

This section presents the percentage of youth who reported engaging in various antisocial behaviors (e.g., attacking someone with the idea of seriously hurting them, selling illegal drugs, attending school while drunk or high), and related consequences (e.g., being suspended from school or arrested).

The most frequently reported antisocial behaviors in this survey are having “been suspended from school?” reported by 9.6% of students, having “been drunk or high at school?”, reported by 5.0% of students having “attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?”, reported by 4.3% of students, and having “carried a handgun?”, reported by 2.4% of students.

Antisocial Behavior Tables

Table 9. Percentage of Students With Antisocial Behavior in the Past Year

How many times in the past year (12 months) have you: (One or more times)	Grade 8				Grade 10				Grade 12				Total			
	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm	2020	2022	2024	BH Norm
Been Suspended from School	3.9	9.5	9.7	13.4	5.5	6.5	11.1	9.5	4.1	6.0	8.2	6.8	4.5	7.5	9.6	9.9
Been Drunk or High at School	0.5	2.3	1.4	4.8	5.5	6.3	5.8	7.9	7.0	11.2	9.1	9.6	4.2	6.2	5.0	7.4
Sold Illegal Drugs	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.4	0.6	1.1	1.9	2.3	2.4	1.6	2.2	3.0	1.1	0.9	1.3	2.2
Stolen or Tried to Steal a Motor Vehicle	0.6	0.9	0.8	1.2	0.3	0.8	1.1	1.4	0.3	1.0	1.7	1.1	0.4	0.9	1.2	1.2
Been Arrested	0.3	1.1	0.6	1.8	0.3	0.6	1.2	2.0	0.8	1.2	1.4	2.1	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.0
Attacked Someone with the Idea of Seriously Hurting Them	4.0	6.2	5.6	8.9	3.7	4.0	3.0	6.2	2.8	3.3	3.6	4.5	3.5	4.6	4.3	6.6
Carried a Handgun	2.0	1.9	2.8	6.3	1.1	1.8	2.5	5.7	1.3	1.4	1.9	5.5	1.5	1.7	2.4	5.8
Carried a Handgun to School	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.4	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.6

Sources and Places of Alcohol and Marijuana Use Tables

Access to Alcohol and Marijuana

Questions about how and where ATODs were obtained help suggest new approaches for preventing substance use.

Sources of alcohol include individuals such as a parent, brother or sister, relative, or friend, and other methods such as from a party, work, or the internet. Places of using alcohol include at your or a friend's home (with or without parent permission), open areas such as parks or back roads, and at school, both during the day and at after-school events, such as a dance or sports game.

Because the questions are multiple choice, the total percentages can add to more than 100%.

The most frequent sources/methods of obtaining the alcohol used by students taking this survey were "I got it at a party." with 43.6% of students indicating this method, "I got it from someone I know age 21 or older." with 29.0% of students indicating this method, "I got it from home with my parents' permission." with 30.0% of students indicating this method, and "I got it in another way." with 23.9% of students indicating this method.

The most frequent places of using alcohol reported by students taking this survey were "At my home or someone else's home without any parent permission." with 35.6% of students choosing this answer, "At my home with my parent's permission." with 40.7% of students, "At someone else's home with their parent's permission." with 30.4% of students, and "In another place." with 24.5% of students.

The most frequent sources/methods of obtaining the marijuana used by students taking this survey were "I bought it myself from a store." with 19.0%, "I got it at a party." with 30.0% of students indicating this method, "I got it from someone I know age 21 or older." with 15.5% of students indicating this method, "I got it from someone I know under

age 21." with 24.5% of students indicating this method, "I got it from home with my parents' permission." with 7.1% of students indicating this method, and "I got it in another way." with 38.8% of students indicating this method.

The most frequent places of using marijuana reported by students taking this survey were "At my home or someone else's home without any parent permission." with 39.0% of students choosing this answer, "At my home with my parent's permission." with 11.8% of students, "At an open area like a park, beach, or back road." with 27.7% of students, "In a car.", with 19.1%, and "In another place." with 42.1% of students.

Sources and Places of Alcohol Use Tables

Table 10. Sources and Places of Student Alcohol Use

If you drank alcohol (not just a sip or taste) in the past year (12 months), how did you get it?	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024
Sample size *	117	213	161	233	282	207	322	342	332	672	837	700
I bought it myself from a store.	1.7	3.8	3.7	3.9	6.0	9.2	14.0	21.6	16.9	8.3	11.8	11.6
I got it at a party.	16.2	16.4	20.5	44.2	48.9	45.9	61.2	68.4	53.3	47.5	48.6	43.6
I gave someone else money to buy it for me.	0.9	4.2	6.2	16.7	12.1	16.9	29.8	35.1	25.0	20.2	19.5	18.3
I got it from someone I know age 21 or older.	16.2	11.7	20.5	23.6	22.3	30.9	37.0	36.5	31.9	28.7	25.4	29.0
I got it from someone I know under age 21.	11.1	6.6	8.7	21.9	21.6	19.8	30.1	33.6	27.4	24.0	22.7	20.9
I got it from a family member or relative other than my parents.	19.7	16.0	17.4	20.6	23.4	19.8	23.3	21.9	25.0	21.7	20.9	21.7
I got it from home with my parents' permission.	31.6	23.5	28.0	27.9	31.2	25.1	35.1	30.7	34.0	32.0	29.0	30.0
I got it from home without my parents' permission.	13.7	11.3	18.0	25.8	21.3	19.8	19.3	22.2	19.9	20.5	19.1	19.4
I got it at work.	0.0	1.4	1.9	0.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	4.4	4.5	1.2	2.6	3.1
I bought it over the internet.	0.0	0.9	3.1	0.0	1.4	1.4	0.6	1.5	1.5	0.3	1.3	1.9
I got it in another way.	41.0	48.8	44.1	21.0	17.4	24.2	8.4	7.9	13.9	18.5	21.5	23.9

During the past year (12 months) did you drink alcohol at any of the following places?	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024
Sample size *	124	192	160	236	252	184	309	321	314	669	765	658
At my home or someone else's home without any parent permission.	21.8	16.7	18.8	50.8	42.1	39.7	47.9	48.9	41.7	44.1	38.6	35.6
At my home with my parent's permission.	43.5	30.2	37.5	40.7	40.9	32.6	46.6	43.9	47.1	43.9	39.5	40.7
At someone else's home with their parent's permission.	13.7	9.4	8.8	20.3	21.0	30.4	43.4	53.3	41.4	29.7	31.6	30.4
At an open area like a park, beach, or back road.	2.4	9.9	8.8	15.3	14.7	16.8	22.7	22.7	24.5	16.3	16.9	18.5
At public events such as a sporting event, festival, or concert.	1.6	6.8	6.3	6.4	12.7	13.0	12.3	24.9	18.8	8.2	16.3	14.1
At a restaurant, bar, or a nightclub.	1.6	7.8	4.4	5.1	11.1	9.8	8.4	18.7	15.9	6.0	13.5	11.4
In a car.	3.2	5.7	3.8	10.2	8.3	11.4	10.0	18.1	14.3	8.8	11.8	10.9
At a school dance, a game, or other event.	0.0	2.6	0.6	3.8	5.2	5.4	4.2	9.3	4.8	3.3	6.3	4.0
At school during the day.	0.0	2.1	0.6	2.5	2.4	3.3	1.3	2.5	2.2	1.5	2.4	2.1
Near school.	0.8	3.6	1.9	3.8	2.8	3.3	3.2	7.2	3.5	3.0	4.8	3.0
In another place.	37.1	47.9	45.6	22.0	24.6	22.3	11.7	12.5	15.0	20.0	25.4	24.5

* Sample size represents the number of youth who answered the question, not including students reporting no use in the past year. In the case of smaller sample sizes, caution should be exercised before generalizing results and yearly trends to the entire community.

Sources and Places of Marijuana Use Tables

Table 11. Sources and Places of Student Marijuana Use

If you used marijuana in the past year (12 months), how did you get it?	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024
Sample size *	n/a	143	100	n/a	155	118	n/a	192	202	n/a	490	420
I bought it myself from a store.	n/a	4.2	5.0	n/a	12.3	18.6	n/a	21.4	26.2	n/a	13.5	19.0
I got it at a party.	n/a	16.1	17.0	n/a	30.3	23.7	n/a	52.6	40.1	n/a	34.9	30.0
I gave someone else money to buy it for me.	n/a	9.1	7.0	n/a	18.7	20.3	n/a	26.6	22.8	n/a	19.0	18.3
I got it from someone I know age 21 or older.	n/a	7.0	9.0	n/a	12.3	17.8	n/a	20.3	17.3	n/a	13.9	15.5
I got it from someone I know under age 21.	n/a	11.9	7.0	n/a	32.3	30.5	n/a	42.2	29.7	n/a	30.2	24.5
I got it from a family member or relative other than my parents.	n/a	7.7	2.0	n/a	8.4	10.2	n/a	12.5	12.9	n/a	9.8	9.5
I got it from home with my parents' permission.	n/a	1.4	5.0	n/a	7.1	8.5	n/a	5.2	7.4	n/a	4.7	7.1
I got it from home without my parents' permission.	n/a	5.6	5.0	n/a	8.4	6.8	n/a	4.7	6.4	n/a	6.1	6.2
I got it at work.	n/a	3.5	3.0	n/a	1.3	0.8	n/a	3.6	5.0	n/a	2.9	3.3
I bought it over the internet.	n/a	4.9	3.0	n/a	2.6	6.8	n/a	6.3	7.9	n/a	4.7	6.4
I got it in another way.	n/a	67.1	69.0	n/a	38.1	34.7	n/a	16.1	26.2	n/a	38.0	38.8

During the past year (12 months) did you use marijuana at any of the following places?	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024	2020	2022	2024
Sample size *	n/a	136	90	n/a	140	109	n/a	179	183	n/a	455	382
At my home or someone else's home without any parent permission.	n/a	16.9	8.9	n/a	42.1	45.9	n/a	65.4	49.7	n/a	43.7	39.0
At my home with my parent's permission.	n/a	1.5	4.4	n/a	10.0	12.8	n/a	16.2	14.8	n/a	9.9	11.8
At someone else's home with their parent's permission.	n/a	7.4	3.3	n/a	13.6	20.2	n/a	24.6	24.0	n/a	16.0	18.1
At an open area like a park, beach, or back road.	n/a	10.3	6.7	n/a	23.6	24.8	n/a	49.2	39.9	n/a	29.7	27.7
At public events such as a sporting event, festival, or concert.	n/a	5.1	3.3	n/a	14.3	18.3	n/a	23.5	20.8	n/a	15.2	16.0
At a restaurant, bar, or a nightclub.	n/a	3.7	2.2	n/a	9.3	8.3	n/a	13.4	14.2	n/a	9.2	9.7
In a car.	n/a	7.4	2.2	n/a	21.4	19.3	n/a	38.5	27.3	n/a	24.0	19.1
At a school dance, a game, or other event.	n/a	6.6	1.1	n/a	10.0	13.8	n/a	15.6	14.2	n/a	11.2	11.0
At school during the day.	n/a	6.6	1.1	n/a	15.0	18.3	n/a	21.2	13.7	n/a	14.9	12.0
Near school.	n/a	7.4	5.6	n/a	10.0	12.8	n/a	15.6	10.4	n/a	11.4	9.9
In another place.	n/a	72.1	78.9	n/a	43.6	33.9	n/a	17.3	29.0	n/a	41.8	42.1

* Sample size represents the number of youth who answered the question, not including students reporting no use in the past year. In the case of smaller sample sizes, caution should be exercised before generalizing results and yearly trends to the entire community.

Drug Free Communities and Youth Perception Tables

These factors have been chosen as a common set of measures to fulfill the reporting requirements of several national drug prevention grants. Because all grantees collect these same core measures, evaluators use them to assess the compliance and effectiveness of the programs.

Systemic Factors

Systemic factors are measures of the attitudes and perceptions students hold about substances. They measure the perceived risks of use for individual substances and how acceptable these substances are perceived to be from both a peer standpoint and parental standpoint.

The systemic factors covered here are student's perception of risk, that is, how much the student thinks people risk harming themselves if they regularly use the substance in question; perception of disapproval (parental and peer), that is, the student's perception of how wrong his or her parents/friends would feel it was if the student regularly used the substance; and attitudes toward peer use, that is, a measure of the student's level of approval or disapproval if someone their age regularly used the substance.

Perception of risk

Perception of risk is an important determinant in the decision-making process young people go through when deciding whether or not to use alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

Data analysis shows a consistent negative correlation between perception of risk and the level of reported ATOD use. That is, generally when the perceived risk of harm is high, reported frequency of use is low.

Evidence also suggests that perceptions of the risks and benefits associated with drug use sometimes serve as a leading indicator of future drug use patterns in a community. These are presented as prevalence rates for surveyed youth assigning "moderate risk" or "great risk" of harm to six drug use behaviors.

Perception of Parent Disapproval

Parents influence the attitudes and behavior of their children, including their perceptions on drug and alcohol use.

For example, parental approval of moderate drinking, even under parental supervision, substantially increases the likelihood of the young person using alcohol. Further, in families where parents involve children in their own drug or alcohol behavior, there is an increased likelihood that their children will use drugs in adolescence.

Parental attitudes were measured by asking surveyed youth "how wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to" use various substances. The rates are the percentages of surveyed youth who reported that their parents feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" to use the substance.

Perception of Peer Disapproval

Parent influences tend to be more salient for younger students, whereas peer influences are more predominant for eighth graders. The older the student is, the more influence a student's peers exert on the student's behavior.

Researchers have identified a positive correlation between the amount of peer disapproval of alcohol and other drug use and the level of alcohol and other drug use among students. Thus, the greater the peer disapproval, the less likely students are to use alcohol and other drugs. The rates are the percentages of surveyed youth who reported that their friends feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" for them to use the substance.

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Table 12. Drug Free Communities Report *

Outcomes	Definition	Grade 8		Grade 10		Grade 12		Total		Male		Female	
		Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.
How do you feel about someone your age having one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day? †	Neither Approve nor Disapprove	9.6	80	15.5	86	14.2	89	12.7	255	13.6	136	11.5	113
	Somewhat Disapprove	6.7	56	14.6	81	16.2	101	11.8	238	10.9	109	12.7	125
	Strongly Disapprove	73.7	613	57.4	319	57.1	357	64.0	1289	61.4	612	66.8	657
	Don't know or can't say	10.0	83	12.6	70	12.5	78	11.5	231	14.0	140	9.0	89
How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they: (Moderate risk or Great Risk)	take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day?	75.2	818	73.0	534	72.9	584	73.9	1936	70.6	940	77.3	964
	have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?	80.5	805	75.8	529	71.6	574	76.5	1908	74.8	924	78.3	953
	smoke 1 or more packs of cigarettes per day.	80.5	821	78.3	535	75.1	587	78.3	1943	75.9	945	80.6	966
	use electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, or e-hookahs?	77.8	812	73.8	535	68.4	582	73.9	1929	72.1	939	76.0	959
	smoke marijuana once or twice a week?	73.9	809	58.5	533	47.7	583	61.7	1925	59.4	936	64.5	957
	use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them?	83.6	810	81.4	533	82.6	582	82.7	1925	80.5	934	85.3	960
How wrong do your parents feel it would be for YOU to: (Wrong or Very Wrong)	have one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?	98.9	733	96.7	488	97.6	531	97.9	1752	98.1	826	98.1	896
	smoke cigarettes	98.9	733	96.5	488	96.4	530	97.5	1751	98.1	825	97.4	896
	use electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, or e-hookahs?	98.8	735	95.9	487	95.1	530	96.9	1752	97.6	825	96.7	897
	smoke marijuana	99.0	734	91.7	484	88.7	530	93.9	1748	94.4	827	93.7	891
	use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them?	98.4	732	97.3	487	97.7	529	97.9	1748	98.4	825	97.9	893

† For this question only, the numbers and percentages represent the students' answers for all response options.

* The "Num." column represents the sample size (the number of youth who answered the question). The "Per." column represents the percentage of youth in the sample answering the question as specified.

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Table 12. (Continued) Drug Free Communities Report *

Outcomes	Definition	Grade 8		Grade 10		Grade 12		Total		Male		Female	
		Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.
How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to: (Wrong or Very Wrong)	have one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?	94.4	839	89.9	545	86.2	600	90.7	1984	88.9	971	92.6	982
	smoke cigarettes	96.8	837	91.7	542	86.1	597	92.2	1976	90.9	967	93.4	978
	use electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, or e-hookahs?	93.1	837	82.4	540	74.5	597	84.5	1974	86.0	966	83.0	977
	smoke marijuana	96.2	835	82.6	541	67.8	599	83.8	1975	82.6	967	84.9	977
	use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them?	95.9	837	92.8	540	93.0	599	94.2	1976	93.8	970	94.9	975
Past 30 day use of (at least one use in the Past 30 Days):	Alcohol	6.5	802	21.4	513	34.0	573	18.9	1888	16.0	921	21.5	935
	Cigarettes	0.5	820	1.3	526	3.2	598	1.5	1944	1.9	961	0.9	951
	E-cigarettes	2.7	775	10.1	506	12.4	558	7.7	1839	5.8	890	9.5	919
	Marijuana	0.8	796	7.4	512	15.0	565	6.9	1873	6.6	912	7.4	930
	Any Prescription Drug	1.0	798	1.6	514	1.2	565	1.2	1877	1.2	912	1.0	934
		Age	Num.	Age	Num.	Age	Num.	Age	Num.	Age	Num.	Age	Num.
Average Age of Onset **	Alcohol	11.1	118	13.1	170	14.4	287	13.3	575	13.2	249	13.5	317
	Cigarettes	11.5	37	12.7	40	14.4	74	13.2	151	13.4	72	13.2	76
	E-cigarettes	12.0	37	13.6	69	14.7	122	13.9	228	14.0	90	13.9	135
	Marijuana	12.6	14	13.5	66	14.9	166	14.4	246	14.4	108	14.3	136
	Prescription Pain Relievers	11.4	25	13.4	20	13.7	18	12.7	63	12.7	29	12.7	31

* The "Num." column represents the sample size (the number of youth who answered the question). The "Per." column represents the percentage of youth in the sample answering the question as specified.

** For Average Age of Onset, "Num." represents the number of youth who reported any age of first use for the specified substance other than "Never Used."

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Table 13. Youth Perceptions of Substance Use

Now think about all the students in your grade at school. How many of them do you think:	Substance	Grade 8		Grade 10		Grade 12		Total	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
a. smoke one or more cigarettes a day?	None (0%)	570	65.4	270	45.8	274	40.6	1114	52.2
	Few (1-10%)	201	23.1	145	24.6	198	29.3	544	25.5
	Some (11-30%)	60	6.9	91	15.4	107	15.9	258	12.1
	Half or less (31-50%)	19	2.2	37	6.3	43	6.4	99	4.6
	Half or more (51-70%)	14	1.6	26	4.4	32	4.7	72	3.4
	Most (71-90%)	7	0.8	15	2.5	13	1.9	35	1.6
	Almost All (91-100%)	0	0.0	6	1.0	8	1.2	14	0.7
b. drank alcohol sometime in the past month?	None (0%)	444	51.1	177	29.9	162	24.1	783	36.7
	Few (1-10%)	219	25.2	57	9.6	43	6.4	319	15.0
	Some (11-30%)	105	12.1	81	13.7	77	11.5	263	12.3
	Half or less (31-50%)	55	6.3	103	17.4	90	13.4	248	11.6
	Half or more (51-70%)	31	3.6	83	14.0	145	21.6	259	12.1
	Most (71-90%)	12	1.4	65	11.0	113	16.8	190	8.9
	Almost All (91-100%)	3	0.3	25	4.2	42	6.3	70	3.3
c. used marijuana sometime in the past month?	None (0%)	602	69.2	202	34.4	180	26.6	984	46.1
	Few (1-10%)	182	20.9	103	17.5	74	10.9	359	16.8
	Some (11-30%)	53	6.1	82	13.9	109	16.1	244	11.4
	Half or less (31-50%)	20	2.3	87	14.8	112	16.6	219	10.3
	Half or more (51-70%)	5	0.6	59	10.0	114	16.9	178	8.3
	Most (71-90%)	7	0.8	34	5.8	64	9.5	105	4.9
	Almost All (91-100%)	1	0.1	21	3.6	23	3.4	45	2.1
d. used an illegal drug in the past month (not including marijuana)?	None (0%)	622	71.7	263	44.8	254	37.6	1139	53.5
	Few (1-10%)	177	20.4	150	25.6	232	34.4	559	26.3
	Some (11-30%)	41	4.7	81	13.8	93	13.8	215	10.1
	Half or less (31-50%)	20	2.3	42	7.2	48	7.1	110	5.2
	Half or more (51-70%)	6	0.7	23	3.9	25	3.7	54	2.5
	Most (71-90%)	1	0.1	21	3.6	15	2.2	37	1.7
	Almost All (91-100%)	0	0.0	7	1.2	8	1.2	15	0.7
e. used electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, or e-hookahs in the past month?	None (0%)	373	42.9	170	29.0	170	25.1	713	33.4
	Few (1-10%)	207	23.8	34	5.8	40	5.9	281	13.2
	Some (11-30%)	134	15.4	75	12.8	82	12.1	291	13.6
	Half or less (31-50%)	74	8.5	75	12.8	82	12.1	231	10.8
	Half or more (51-70%)	34	3.9	98	16.7	129	19.1	261	12.2
	Most (71-90%)	34	3.9	92	15.7	118	17.4	244	11.4
	Almost All (91-100%)	13	1.5	43	7.3	56	8.3	112	5.3

Additional Data Tables

Table 14. Additional items

Question	Response	Grade 8		Grade 10		Grade 12		Total	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<i>For the following for questions, during the past 12 months, have you talked with at least one of your parents (by parents, we mean either your biological parents, adoptive parents, stepparents, foster parents, or other adult caregivers whether or not they live with you) about :</i>									
The dangers of underage drinking?	Yes	392	53.2	288	59.0	280	52.9	960	54.7
	No	345	46.8	200	41.0	249	47.1	794	45.3
The dangers of tobacco use?	Yes	373	50.6	276	56.6	269	50.9	918	52.4
	No	364	49.4	212	43.4	259	49.1	835	47.6
The dangers of drug abuse?	Yes	424	57.6	304	62.9	315	59.7	1043	59.7
	No	312	42.4	179	37.1	213	40.3	704	40.3
<i>For the following for questions, during the past 30 days, how often did you:</i>									
Feel nervous?	Never	84	10.8	64	12.5	73	13.2	221	12.0
	Once	159	20.4	103	20.2	124	22.4	386	20.9
	Twice	255	32.7	161	31.6	205	37.0	621	33.7
	Three or four times	194	24.8	115	22.5	98	17.7	407	22.1
	Five or more times	89	11.4	67	13.1	54	9.7	210	11.4
Feel hopeless?	Never	51	6.6	47	9.3	47	8.5	145	7.9
	Once	84	10.9	51	10.0	55	10.0	190	10.4
	Twice	132	17.1	89	17.5	131	23.7	352	19.2
	Three or four times	207	26.7	114	22.4	123	22.3	444	24.2
	Five or more times	300	38.8	207	40.7	196	35.5	703	38.3
Feel restless or fidgety?	Never	117	15.1	88	17.5	79	14.3	284	15.5
	Once	152	19.6	78	15.5	130	23.5	360	19.7
	Twice	168	21.6	120	23.9	144	26.0	432	23.6
	Three or four times	153	19.7	99	19.7	109	19.7	361	19.7
	Five or more times	186	24.0	118	23.5	91	16.5	395	21.6
Feel so depressed that nothing could cheer you up?	Never	47	6.1	39	7.7	40	7.3	126	6.9
	Once	48	6.2	45	8.9	46	8.4	139	7.6
	Twice	101	13.0	57	11.2	93	16.9	251	13.7
	Three or four times	172	22.2	99	19.5	113	20.5	384	20.9
	Five or more times	408	52.6	268	52.8	258	46.9	934	50.9

Additional Data Tables

Table 14. (Continued) Additional items

Question	Response	Grade 8		Grade 10		Grade 12		Total	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<i>For the following for questions, during the past 12 months, how many times has each of the following things happened?</i>									
Feel that everything was an effort?	Never	73	9.4	58	11.5	70	12.7	201	11.0
	Once	135	17.4	71	14.0	111	20.2	317	17.3
	Twice	182	23.4	118	23.3	130	23.6	430	23.5
	Three or four times	177	22.8	100	19.8	127	23.1	404	22.0
	Five or more times	210	27.0	159	31.4	112	20.4	481	26.2
Feel worthless?	Never	71	9.1	55	10.9	48	8.8	174	9.5
	Once	64	8.2	35	6.9	49	9.0	148	8.1
	Twice	102	13.1	70	13.8	86	15.7	258	14.1
	Three or four times	133	17.1	76	15.0	100	18.3	309	16.9
	Five or more times	409	52.5	270	53.4	264	48.3	943	51.5
<i>For the following for questions, if you used a vape product such as e-cigarettes, vape pens or mods in the past 12 months, what did you put in it?</i>									
I did not use a vape product in the past 12 months	Yes	529	91.7	307	78.9	344	74.3	1180	82.6
	No	48	8.3	82	21.1	119	25.7	249	17.4
E-juice with zero nicotine	Yes	5	0.9	6	1.5	10	2.2	21	1.5
	No	572	99.1	383	98.5	453	97.8	1408	98.5
E-juice with nicotine	Yes	13	2.3	37	9.5	60	13.0	110	7.7
	No	564	97.7	352	90.5	403	87.0	1319	92.3
Marijuana	Yes	6	1.0	26	6.7	44	9.5	76	5.3
	No	571	99.0	363	93.3	419	90.5	1353	94.7
Other	Yes	3	0.5	1	0.3	9	1.9	13	0.9
	No	574	99.5	388	99.7	454	98.1	1416	99.1
Not sure	Yes	29	5.0	35	9.0	39	8.4	103	7.2
	No	548	95.0	354	91.0	424	91.6	1326	92.8

Additional Data Tables

Table 14. (Continued) Additional items

Question	Response	Grade 8		Grade 10		Grade 12		Total	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?	No	722	87.3	480	89.9	526	89.2	1728	88.6
	Yes	105	12.7	54	10.1	64	10.8	223	11.4
During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?	No	751	91.1	490	91.9	543	92.5	1784	91.8
	Yes	73	8.9	43	8.1	44	7.5	160	8.2
During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?	0 times	765	92.6	508	95.3	565	96.1	1838	94.4
	1 time	35	4.2	14	2.6	10	1.7	59	3.0
	2 to 3 times	15	1.8	9	1.7	9	1.5	33	1.7
	4 to 5 times	4	0.5	2	0.4	3	0.5	9	0.5
	6 or more times	7	0.8	0	0.0	1	0.2	8	0.4
On an average school day, how many hours do you use an electronic device for something that is not school work? (Count time spent on things such as Xbox, PlayStation, texting, YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, or other social media.)	Less than 1 hour per day	60	7.8	43	8.6	44	8.0	147	8.1
	1 hour per day	50	6.5	25	5.0	33	6.0	108	5.9
	2 hours per day	126	16.4	69	13.8	54	9.9	249	13.7
	3 hours per day	169	22.0	108	21.6	112	20.4	389	21.4
	4 hours per day	148	19.2	84	16.8	93	17.0	325	17.9
5 or more hours per day	216	28.1	171	34.2	212	38.7	599	33.0	
In the past 12 months, how often have you been threatened or harassed over the internet, by e-mail, or by someone using a cell phone?	Never	544	75.9	402	84.5	428	81.1	1374	79.8
	Once	80	11.2	40	8.4	43	8.1	163	9.5
	Twice	58	8.1	18	3.8	27	5.1	103	6.0
	Three or four times	11	1.5	5	1.1	11	2.1	27	1.6
	Five or more times	24	3.3	11	2.3	19	3.6	54	3.1

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(From this website, the programs and services provided by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and Center for Mental Health Services can be accessed)

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<http://captus.samhsa.gov/home.cfm>

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