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2013 MINNESOTA STUDENT SURVEY

Survey Participation

The 2013 Minnesota Student Survey was administered in the first half of 2013 to public school students in Grades 5, 8, 9, and 11 statewide. All public school districts in Minnesota were invited to participate. Of the 334 public operating districts, 280 agreed to participate (84% of public operating school districts).

Public school student participation was voluntary and surveys were anonymous. Across the state, approximately 66% of fifth graders, 71% of eighth graders, 69% of ninth graders, and 62% of eleventh graders participated in the 2013 Minnesota Student Survey. Overall participation across the four grades was approximately 67% of total enrollment.

All schools and districts that participated in the survey followed federal laws regarding parental notification as required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). PPRA requires that schools that participate in the survey notify parents of the survey administration, provide parents the opportunity to review the survey instrument, and allow parents to opt their child out of participating.

Mode of Administration

In 2013, for the first time, schools could choose to administer the survey by computer or by using the traditional paper and pencil survey. Each participating school had to choose one method or the other. Overall, 35% of students took the survey by computer and 65% used the paper survey. The survey questions that students saw on their computer screens were the same as those in the paper survey booklets.

Researchers find that the mode of administration (in this case, computer or paper) may sometimes influence survey results in subtle ways. Students may feel that one method offers more privacy or anonymity than the other, or they may simply feel more comfortable with one method. The Minnesota Student Survey research team will be analyzing the results of the 2013 survey to see if they can detect any influence of the mode of administration on survey results.

Items on the Tables

The accompanying set of tables includes the responses for all survey items. Items are ordered within the tables according to meaningful domains; the order items appear on the tables is not necessarily the order they appeared in the survey. A Table of Contents is provided on pages v-vi. The Grade 5 survey version was shorter than the Grade 8 survey version, which in turn was shorter than the Grade 9/11 version. The Grade 5 and Grade 8 versions did not include items appropriate only for older students. Items found on some versions of the survey but not on others are identified on the tables.

New Questions and Year-to-Year Comparisons

Many of the 2013 survey instrument questions were changed from the 2010 survey instrument. While some questions stayed the same, other questions had updated or improved wording. Some entirely new questions were added and some questions were dropped. New questions are noted on each table. Caution must be used when making comparisons over time for any questions in which the wording has changed.

Please note that although these surveys are given repeatedly over time, student populations may change between administrations of the survey.

Validity of Responses

Approximately 2% of the surveys were eliminated from analyses because gender was missing, responses were highly inconsistent, or there was a pattern of likely exaggeration.

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TABLE 1
DEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION
Houston County

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total number of surveys		160	100%	173	100%	188	100%	220	100%
Gender	Male	73	46%	85	49%	92	49%	122	55%
	Female	87	54%	88	51%	96	51%	98	45%
Age	10 or younger	61	38%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	11	97	61%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	12	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	13	0	0%	71	41%	0	0%	0	0%
	14	0	0%	97	56%	80	43%	0	0%
	15	0	0%	3	2%	105	56%	0	0%
	16	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	93	42%
	17	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	125	57%
	18	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%
	19-20	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	No answer	2	1%	2	1%	1	1%	0	0%
Are you a member of any of the following ethnic or cultural groups?[^] Hispanic or Latino/a	Yes	1	1%	3	2%	3	2%	2	1%
	No	152	95%	165	95%	175	93%	209	95%
	Not answered	7	4%	5	3%	10	5%	9	4%
Are you a member of any of the following ethnic or cultural groups?[^] Somali	Yes	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%
	No	152	95%	166	96%	175	93%	211	96%
	Not answered	8	5%	7	4%	12	6%	9	4%
Are you a member of any of the following ethnic or cultural groups?[^] Hmong	Yes	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%
	No	151	94%	166	96%	174	93%	210	95%
	Not answered	8	5%	7	4%	13	7%	10	5%
In addition, what is your race?[^] (If more than one describes you, mark ALL that apply)	American Indian or Alaskan Native only	0	0%	4	2%	1	1%	0	0%
	Asian only	3	2%	2	1%	2	1%	3	1%
	Black, African or African American only	2	1%	4	2%	1	1%	0	0%
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander only	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	White only	149	93%	151	87%	177	94%	210	95%
	Multiple race (checked more than one)	4	3%	11	6%	5	3%	6	3%
	No answer	2	1%	1	1%	2	1%	1	0%

[^] New question in 2013.

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TABLE 2
SCHOOL PLANS; IEP PARTICIPATION; CHANGING SCHOOLS; ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
Houston County

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
What is the MAIN thing you plan to do right AFTER high school?*	I don't plan to graduate from high school			3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Get my GED			0%	6%	2%	1%	0%	1%
	Go to a two-year community or technical college			11%	8%	17%	6%	26%	27%
	Go to a four-year college or university			59%	72%	56%	87%	52%	63%
	Get a license or certificate in a career field			1%	6%	1%	3%	2%	4%
	Attend an apprenticeship program			3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	Join the military			13%	3%	13%	1%	9%	0%
	Work at a job			5%	2%	8%	0%	7%	4%
	Other			5%	1%	1%	1%	5%	1%
Do you have an IEP or get special education services?	Yes	10%	6%	15%	10%	22%	5%	8%	8%
	No	90%	94%	85%	90%	78%	95%	92%	92%
Since the beginning of this school year, how many times have you changed schools?	0 times	88%	85%	98%	95%	96%	96%	95%	96%
	1 time	10%	8%	1%	2%	2%	4%	4%	0%
	2 times	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%
	3 or more times	1%	5%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	4%
How would you describe your grades this school year?^	Mostly As	48%	67%	39%	56%	38%	57%	33%	39%
	Mostly Bs	34%	26%	30%	33%	37%	34%	38%	47%
	Mostly Cs	14%	6%	23%	8%	16%	6%	27%	14%
	Mostly Ds	1%	1%	6%	2%	7%	3%	2%	0%
	Mostly Fs	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%
	Mostly Incompletes	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	None of these letter grades	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2013.

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**TABLE 3
FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL[^]
Houston County**

		Grade								
		5th		8th		9th		11th		
		Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	
How often do you care about doing well in school?	All of the time	59%	66%	28%	45%	25%	44%	25%	47%	
	Most of the time	33%	32%	53%	41%	55%	50%	52%	43%	
	Some of the time	8%	2%	18%	14%	16%	6%	21%	10%	
	None of the time	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%	2%	0%	
How often do you pay attention in class?	All of the time	30%	34%	8%	16%	16%	17%	12%	18%	
	Most of the time	60%	61%	67%	75%	60%	72%	63%	70%	
	Some of the time	10%	5%	22%	9%	24%	11%	24%	11%	
	None of the time	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	
How often do you go to class unprepared?	All of the time	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	0%	
	Most of the time	3%	7%	8%	0%	9%	2%	5%	3%	
	Some of the time	49%	29%	44%	37%	45%	30%	43%	27%	
	None of the time	45%	63%	47%	62%	45%	66%	48%	70%	
How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?	If something interests me, I try to learn more about it.	Strongly agree	53%	45%	53%	32%	63%	42%	63%	58%
		Agree	42%	53%	41%	66%	36%	53%	35%	42%
		Disagree	3%	2%	6%	2%	1%	5%	0%	0%
		Strongly disagree	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
	I think things I learn in school are useful.	Strongly agree	46%	57%	17%	22%	18%	13%	13%	15%
		Agree	51%	42%	63%	59%	64%	69%	62%	58%
		Disagree	1%	1%	12%	17%	15%	14%	17%	24%
		Strongly disagree	1%	0%	7%	2%	3%	4%	9%	2%
	Being a student is one of the most important parts of who I am.	Strongly agree	23%	29%	16%	13%	15%	14%	13%	14%
		Agree	49%	55%	41%	48%	42%	59%	39%	52%
		Disagree	23%	15%	32%	31%	36%	24%	41%	30%
		Strongly disagree	6%	1%	11%	9%	7%	3%	7%	4%

[^] All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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**TABLE 4
FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL; SKIPPING SCHOOL^
Houston County**

			Grade							
			5th		8th		9th		11th	
			Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %
How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?	Overall, adults at my school treat students fairly.	Strongly agree	43%	41%	14%	12%	16%	12%	24%	17%
		Agree	42%	52%	46%	69%	57%	71%	51%	58%
		Disagree	8%	4%	26%	16%	20%	17%	21%	21%
		Strongly disagree	7%	4%	13%	3%	7%	1%	3%	3%
	Adults at my school listen to the students.	Strongly agree	44%	44%	12%	8%	10%	11%	17%	16%
		Agree	42%	44%	47%	67%	62%	71%	56%	51%
		Disagree	11%	12%	31%	18%	20%	15%	22%	28%
		Strongly disagree	3%	1%	10%	7%	9%	3%	6%	5%
	The school rules are fair.	Strongly agree	34%	47%	21%	15%	11%	11%	12%	16%
		Agree	48%	43%	44%	56%	60%	68%	55%	50%
		Disagree	11%	10%	20%	21%	26%	19%	22%	23%
		Strongly disagree	7%	0%	14%	7%	3%	2%	11%	10%
	At my school, teachers care about students.	Strongly agree	58%	60%	23%	19%	18%	16%	20%	29%
		Agree	36%	35%	48%	68%	61%	73%	60%	56%
		Disagree	1%	4%	21%	8%	16%	9%	17%	13%
		Strongly disagree	4%	1%	9%	5%	6%	2%	3%	2%
	Most teachers at my school are interested in me as a person.	Strongly agree	32%	26%	12%	11%	12%	8%	18%	15%
		Agree	54%	61%	41%	55%	44%	49%	43%	50%
		Disagree	10%	11%	37%	28%	34%	39%	31%	32%
		Strongly disagree	4%	2%	10%	6%	10%	3%	7%	3%
During the last 30 days, how many times have you skipped school or cut classes, but NOT a full day of school, without being excused?*	None			95%	91%	93%	99%	88%	91%	
	Once or twice			2%	7%	4%	1%	11%	6%	
	3 to 5 times			0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%	
	6 to 9 times			0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	
	10 or more times			2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
During the last 30 days, how many times have you skipped school or cut a FULL day of school or classes, without being excused?*	None			95%	98%	95%	99%	94%	98%	
	Once or twice			2%	2%	4%	1%	6%	1%	
	3 to 5 times			0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	
	6 to 9 times			1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	
	10 or more times			1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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**TABLE 5
TIME AWAY FROM CLASS[^]
Houston County**

During the last 30 days, how many times have you...		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
...gone to the nurses office?	None	60%	49%	73%	58%	79%	70%	89%	80%
	Once or twice	24%	38%	21%	35%	18%	29%	8%	17%
	3 to 5 times	14%	13%	5%	6%	3%	1%	2%	0%
	6 to 9 times	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
	10 or more times	3%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
...stayed home because you were sick?	None	53%	36%	52%	45%	60%	53%	63%	50%
	Once or twice	32%	39%	43%	41%	33%	39%	36%	40%
	3 to 5 times	10%	21%	4%	14%	3%	7%	1%	8%
	6 to 9 times	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%
	10 or more times	3%	2%	0%	0%	3%	1%	0%	0%
...been sent to the office for discipline?	None	83%	98%	87%	93%	92%	98%	90%	98%
	Once or twice	14%	1%	11%	7%	7%	2%	8%	2%
	3 to 5 times	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	6 to 9 times	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 or more times	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
...had in-school suspension (ISS)?	None	100%	100%	98%	98%	99%	99%	100%	100%
	Once or twice	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	3 to 5 times	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9 times	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 or more times	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
...been suspended from school (out-of-school suspension/OSS)?	None	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Once or twice	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	3 to 5 times	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9 times	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 or more times	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

[^] All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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TABLE 6
PERCEPTIONS OF SAFETY; AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION
Houston County

			Grade							
			5th		8th		9th		11th	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?	I feel safe going to and from school.	Strongly agree	72%	53%	57%	53%	66%	50%	75%	71%
		Agree	20%	38%	35%	43%	32%	47%	24%	26%
		Disagree	6%	6%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%
		Strongly disagree	3%	3%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	I feel safe at school.	Strongly agree	63%	56%	40%	47%	59%	44%	66%	64%
		Agree	25%	37%	43%	44%	33%	52%	30%	28%
		Disagree	6%	7%	8%	7%	8%	4%	2%	6%
		Strongly disagree	6%	0%	8%	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%
	I feel safe in my neighborhood.	Strongly agree	63%	61%	66%	57%	68%	56%	80%	77%
		Agree	27%	33%	28%	40%	30%	40%	20%	22%
		Disagree	6%	6%	2%	1%	1%	4%	0%	1%
		Strongly disagree	4%	0%	4%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	I feel safe at home.^	Strongly agree	90%	75%	70%	61%	78%	66%	85%	78%
		Agree	8%	21%	24%	32%	20%	28%	13%	20%
		Disagree	1%	5%	4%	5%	2%	6%	2%	2%
		Strongly disagree	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Where do you usually GO after school?^ (Mark all that apply)	I stay at my school or go to another school	30%	12%	26%	23%	37%	29%	36%	26%	
	Your home or another home such as a friend's, relative's or neighbor's	84%	95%	83%	91%	90%	94%	80%	93%	
	A rec, community or other youth center	11%	3%	17%	14%	10%	3%	4%	4%	
	A park or other outdoor space	17%	10%	5%	16%	11%	3%	13%	11%	
	A library	16%	7%	1%	13%	4%	7%	2%	3%	
	A church, synagogue, mosque, or other spiritual/religious place	4%	3%	6%	2%	1%	2%	0%	4%	
	A job*					3%	5%	43%	49%	
	Some other place, such as a mall or movie theatre	9%	9%	10%	14%	9%	8%	13%	31%	
During a typical week, how often are you home alone or somewhere unsupervised after school?	0 days	31%	46%	27%	24%	29%	31%	30%	23%	
	1 day	24%	24%	17%	15%	20%	18%	15%	10%	
	2 days	17%	9%	24%	29%	18%	11%	15%	13%	
	3 days	10%	9%	13%	13%	14%	9%	11%	17%	
	4 days	7%	5%	5%	7%	7%	13%	9%	12%	
	5 days	11%	7%	14%	13%	12%	19%	20%	23%	

* 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2013.

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**TABLE 7
BEING BULLIED FOR SPECIFIC REASONS[^]
Houston County**

<i>During the last 30 days, how often have other students harassed or bullied you for any of the following reasons?</i>		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Your race, ethnicity or national origin	Never	94%	93%	91%	93%	95%	95%	97%	99%
	Once or twice	3%	4%	5%	5%	1%	4%	2%	1%
	About once a week	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%
	Several times a week	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Every day	0%	1%	5%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Your religion	Never	100%	96%	90%	97%	95%	94%	97%	95%
	Once or twice	0%	2%	5%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%
	About once a week	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	3%	0%	0%
	Several times a week	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	Every day	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Your gender (being male or female)	Never	93%	91%	89%	93%	98%	98%	97%	88%
	Once or twice	6%	7%	6%	6%	1%	2%	2%	10%
	About once a week	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%
	Several times a week	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Every day	1%	1%	4%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Because you are gay or lesbian or because someone thought you were*	Never			88%	88%	91%	97%	95%	97%
	Once or twice			4%	11%	4%	2%	2%	3%
	About once a week			2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	Several times a week			1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
	Every day			5%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
A physical or mental disability	Never	99%	94%	93%	93%	95%	94%	96%	93%
	Once or twice	0%	6%	2%	6%	3%	3%	2%	4%
	About once a week	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%
	Several times a week	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%
	Every day	0%	0%	5%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Your weight or physical appearance	Never	80%	75%	69%	61%	83%	79%	80%	79%
	Once or twice	15%	15%	14%	28%	11%	18%	12%	12%
	About once a week	0%	5%	6%	5%	1%	1%	5%	3%
	Several times a week	1%	0%	5%	5%	2%	1%	3%	4%
	Every day	3%	5%	6%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

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TABLE 8
VICTIMIZATION AT SCHOOL; CYBERBULLYING^
Houston County

			Grade							
			5th		8th		9th		11th	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 30 days, on how many days have other students at school...	...stolen or deliberately damaged your property such as clothing, books or car?	0 days	92%	91%	85%	85%	91%	94%	89%	91%
		1 day	7%	6%	11%	10%	4%	4%	8%	7%
		2 or 3 days	1%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%
		4 or 5 days	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
		6 or more days	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
	...offered, sold or given you an illegal drug?	0 days	100%	100%	93%	97%	89%	94%	89%	94%
		1 day	0%	0%	5%	1%	3%	4%	4%	1%
		2 or 3 days	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%
		4 or 5 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	1%
		6 or more days	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%	5%	1%
	...threatened or injured you with a weapon (gun, knife, club, etc.)?	0 days	97%	99%	89%	97%	96%	100%	97%	98%
		1 day	1%	1%	5%	2%	3%	0%	2%	0%
		2 or 3 days	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
		4 or 5 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
		6 or more days	1%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
During the last 30 days, how often have you been bullied through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites or texting?	Never	89%	76%	94%	77%	88%	84%	93%	84%	
	Once or twice	8%	14%	1%	16%	9%	13%	5%	13%	
	About once a week	0%	5%	1%	3%	2%	0%	1%	2%	
	Several times a week	0%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	0%	1%	
	Every day	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	

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**TABLE 9
BEING BULLIED OR HARASSED AT SCHOOL[^]
Houston County**

<i>During the last 30 days, how often have other students at school...</i>		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
...pushed, shoved, slapped, hit or kicked you when they weren't kidding around?	Never	78%	76%	82%	89%	91%	91%	87%	92%
	Once or twice	15%	22%	10%	9%	5%	9%	12%	7%
	About once a week	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%
	Several times a week	4%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%
	Every day	3%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
...threatened to beat you up?	Never	81%	87%	79%	91%	84%	97%	86%	94%
	Once or twice	11%	12%	9%	7%	10%	2%	11%	5%
	About once a week	4%	0%	4%	1%	7%	1%	3%	0%
	Several times a week	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	Every day	4%	0%	8%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
...spread mean rumors or lies about you?	Never	74%	56%	73%	58%	85%	74%	84%	68%
	Once or twice	17%	36%	18%	27%	12%	21%	13%	20%
	About once a week	6%	5%	2%	6%	0%	0%	2%	8%
	Several times a week	1%	0%	1%	6%	1%	4%	1%	2%
	Every day	3%	3%	6%	4%	2%	1%	0%	1%
...made sexual jokes, comments or gestures towards you?*	Never			62%	68%	85%	79%	80%	67%
	Once or twice			21%	20%	10%	17%	13%	21%
	About once a week			5%	6%	2%	2%	2%	6%
	Several times a week			4%	3%	1%	1%	3%	5%
	Every day			8%	3%	2%	1%	3%	0%
...excluded you from friends, other students or activities?	Never	84%	53%	76%	68%	82%	63%	85%	70%
	Once or twice	11%	29%	13%	21%	13%	24%	10%	20%
	About once a week	3%	7%	7%	7%	2%	4%	3%	4%
	Several times a week	0%	6%	0%	1%	1%	6%	1%	4%
	Every day	3%	5%	4%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 10
BULLYING OR HARASSING OTHER STUDENTS AT SCHOOL[^]
Houston County**

			Grade							
			5th		8th		9th		11th	
			Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %
During the last 30 days, how many times at school have YOU... [^]	...pushed, shoved slapped, hit or kicked someone when you weren't kidding around?	Never	90%	94%	81%	93%	92%	97%	87%	98%
		Once or twice	8%	6%	16%	6%	8%	3%	9%	1%
		About once a week	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
		Several times a week	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
		Every day	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
	...threatened or beat someone up?	Never	96%	100%	87%	92%	89%	98%	89%	98%
		Once or twice	4%	0%	7%	8%	11%	1%	7%	2%
		About once a week	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
		Several times a week	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
		Every day	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%
	...spread mean rumors or lies about someone else?	Never	95%	92%	92%	85%	97%	92%	94%	93%
		Once or twice	3%	7%	7%	14%	3%	7%	3%	4%
		About once a week	3%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%
		Several times a week	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
		Every day	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
	...made sexual jokes, comments or gestures towards someone else?*	Never			77%	91%	86%	96%	85%	91%
		Once or twice			14%	8%	8%	4%	9%	9%
		About once a week			0%	0%	3%	0%	3%	0%
		Several times a week			5%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
		Every day			4%	0%	3%	0%	3%	0%
...excluded someone from friends, other students or activities?	Never	89%	85%	84%	89%	87%	80%	95%	86%	
	Once or twice	10%	14%	10%	7%	12%	20%	1%	14%	
	About once a week	1%	1%	4%	3%	0%	0%	3%	0%	
	Several times a week	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Every day	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club ON SCHOOL PROPERTY?	0 days	100%	100%	95%	99%	97%	100%	94%	99%	
	1 day	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	
	2 or 3 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	
	4 or 5 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	6 or more days	0%	0%	5%	1%	2%	0%	4%	1%	

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.
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**TABLE 11A
USE OF TIME[^]
Houston County**

<i>During a typical school day, how many hours do you do each of the following outside of school?</i>		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Study or do homework	0 hours	21%	5%	20%	12%	22%	8%	25%	8%
	1 hour	56%	65%	62%	47%	51%	37%	56%	53%
	2 hours	20%	26%	13%	33%	23%	43%	12%	27%
	3 to 5 hours	0%	4%	4%	9%	3%	12%	6%	9%
	6 or more hours	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	3%
Read for pleasure	0 hours	34%	20%	84%	49%	77%	55%	84%	54%
	1 hour	46%	62%	8%	33%	15%	29%	14%	25%
	2 hours	10%	9%	4%	8%	4%	7%	2%	7%
	3 to 5 hours	8%	7%	2%	5%	2%	6%	0%	10%
	6 or more hours	1%	1%	1%	5%	1%	2%	0%	3%
Do creative things such as music or arts and crafts	0 hours	46%	17%	65%	33%	69%	47%	63%	31%
	1 hour	35%	44%	20%	33%	18%	34%	19%	45%
	2 hours	11%	28%	10%	14%	4%	12%	6%	12%
	3 to 5 hours	1%	9%	2%	11%	7%	5%	8%	10%
	6 or more hours	6%	1%	2%	9%	2%	2%	4%	2%
Go outside, take a walk or go for a bike ride	0 hours	32%	27%	26%	28%	31%	42%	31%	33%
	1 hour	38%	47%	39%	45%	40%	47%	42%	44%
	2 hours	14%	18%	24%	15%	16%	7%	17%	19%
	3 to 5 hours	12%	7%	8%	10%	10%	2%	7%	3%
	6 or more hours	4%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%
During a typical week, how many hours do you work for pay outside of the regular school day?*	0 hours			50%	60%	54%	69%	33%	33%
	1 to 2 hours			23%	14%	18%	14%	8%	9%
	3 to 5 hours			14%	14%	14%	9%	14%	9%
	6 to 10 hours			7%	8%	9%	7%	10%	18%
	11 to 20 hours			2%	2%	2%	0%	23%	21%
	21 to 30 hours			1%	1%	3%	0%	8%	7%
	31 or more hours			2%	1%	0%	0%	3%	2%

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**TABLE 11B
USE OF TIME[^]
Houston County**

<i>During a typical school day, how many hours do you do each of the following outside of school?</i>		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Watch TV shows, movies or videos on a TV, computer or phone	0 hours	6%	15%	5%	5%	8%	11%	8%	9%
	1 hour	46%	47%	42%	38%	29%	32%	40%	30%
	2 hours	28%	22%	20%	24%	35%	28%	26%	31%
	3 to 5 hours	15%	11%	24%	17%	15%	23%	15%	19%
	6 or more hours	6%	5%	8%	16%	13%	6%	10%	11%
Talk on the phone or use an app	0 hours	58%	41%	38%	17%	33%	28%	41%	30%
	1 hour	35%	37%	32%	42%	36%	26%	35%	21%
	2 hours	4%	16%	13%	13%	15%	21%	11%	28%
	3 to 5 hours	3%	5%	6%	19%	9%	17%	7%	13%
	6 or more hours	0%	1%	11%	9%	7%	9%	6%	8%
Text	0 hours	83%	53%	43%	22%	27%	23%	29%	14%
	1 hour	9%	35%	22%	38%	31%	24%	27%	16%
	2 hours	4%	7%	10%	12%	12%	9%	13%	16%
	3 to 5 hours	1%	4%	6%	13%	14%	18%	15%	17%
	6 or more hours	3%	1%	19%	15%	16%	26%	16%	39%
Play video or online games	0 hours	29%	51%	35%	78%	22%	73%	27%	80%
	1 hour	31%	34%	31%	17%	28%	20%	28%	11%
	2 hours	19%	8%	10%	2%	20%	2%	17%	4%
	3 to 5 hours	13%	5%	14%	1%	13%	2%	11%	3%
	6 or more hours	9%	2%	11%	1%	17%	2%	18%	1%
Use the computer	0 hours	32%	35%	37%	26%	23%	26%	26%	15%
	1 hour	44%	49%	40%	39%	41%	37%	37%	45%
	2 hours	13%	9%	7%	10%	9%	20%	12%	21%
	3 to 5 hours	6%	5%	7%	15%	13%	13%	14%	17%
	6 or more hours	6%	2%	8%	9%	14%	4%	11%	1%

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**TABLE 12A
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES[^]
Houston County**

		Grade								
		5th		8th		9th		11th		
		Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	
Does your school or community offer a variety of programs for people your age to participate in outside of the regular school day?	Yes	70%	55%	70%	70%	57%	67%	63%	58%	
	No	6%	14%	7%	5%	12%	5%	9%	18%	
	I don't know what programs are available in my community	24%	31%	23%	25%	31%	27%	28%	23%	
During a typical week, how often do you participate in the following activities outside of the regular school day?	Club or community sports teams, such as park and rec teams, in-house teams or traveling teams	0 days	37%	57%	31%	48%	73%	70%	84%	72%
		1 day	10%	20%	6%	5%	5%	10%	6%	6%
		2 days	17%	15%	7%	9%	3%	5%	2%	5%
		3 to 4 days	30%	4%	14%	16%	5%	6%	2%	3%
		5 or more days	6%	4%	42%	23%	13%	8%	6%	14%
	School sports teams*	0 days					39%	40%	34%	50%
		1 day					2%	0%	2%	3%
		2 days					0%	2%	3%	2%
		3 to 4 days					10%	4%	7%	5%
		5 or more days					49%	54%	52%	40%
	School sponsored activities or clubs that are not sports, such as drama, music, chess or science club	0 days	84%	73%	92%	82%	84%	80%	80%	67%
		1 day	13%	20%	2%	10%	3%	7%	7%	11%
		2 days	1%	4%	1%	1%	5%	5%	4%	9%
		3 to 4 days	0%	0%	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%
		5 or more days	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	6%	6%	9%

* 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 12B
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES^
Houston County**

<i>During a typical week, how often do you participate in the following activities outside of the regular school day?</i>		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Tutoring, homework help or academic programs	0 days	73%	87%	92%	89%	95%	95%	94%	93%
	1 day	9%	5%	5%	8%	1%	2%	2%	4%
	2 days	9%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	1%
	3 to 4 days	9%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
	5 or more days	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Leadership activities such as student government, youth councils or committees	0 days	94%	84%	94%	92%	97%	91%	84%	70%
	1 day	3%	12%	4%	6%	2%	8%	11%	14%
	2 days	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	5%	11%
	3 to 4 days	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
	5 or more days	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Lessons, such as music, dance, tennis or karate lessons	0 days	83%	42%	89%	76%	89%	73%	90%	77%
	1 day	10%	29%	9%	13%	8%	16%	6%	12%
	2 days	6%	19%	1%	2%	2%	5%	1%	4%
	3 to 4 days	1%	7%	0%	6%	0%	4%	2%	3%
	5 or more days	0%	4%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	4%
Other community clubs and programs such as 4-H, Scouts, Y-clubs or Community Ed	0 days	71%	61%	82%	82%	89%	87%	88%	84%
	1 day	26%	33%	15%	10%	8%	11%	11%	13%
	2 days	1%	2%	4%	7%	2%	2%	2%	3%
	3 to 4 days	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	5 or more days	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Religious activities such as religious services, education or youth group	0 days	74%	64%	63%	55%	58%	41%	79%	71%
	1 day	21%	31%	29%	39%	34%	46%	18%	21%
	2 days	3%	2%	6%	5%	8%	11%	3%	7%
	3 to 4 days	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	5 or more days	0%	4%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%

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TABLE 13
REASONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES
Houston County

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
What are the reasons you participate in activities, programs or clubs outside of the regular school day?* (Mark all that apply)	To have fun			84%	86%				
	To be with my friends			68%	66%				
	To try new things			23%	43%				
	To help me succeed in school			20%	21%				
	To help me get into college			50%	45%				
	To be a leader or make a difference			19%	24%				
	To feel more connected to my community			4%	11%				
	My parents (or guardians) want me to			19%	28%				
	It is a safe place			7%	11%				
	Other			27%	24%				
What are the reasons you don't participate in activities, programs or clubs outside of the regular school day? (Mark all that apply)	I do not know what is available in my community	14%	24%	13%	13%	20%	14%	16%	24%
	Activities are not available in my community	3%	5%	7%	3%	5%	2%	10%	10%
	Activities cost too much	22%	18%	13%	25%	12%	20%	13%	22%
	My parents (or guardians) won't let me	20%	13%	4%	12%	5%	10%	3%	3%
	My friends are not there	27%	20%	17%	29%	26%	38%	28%	23%
	I am not interested	51%	53%	53%	59%	75%	63%	77%	59%
	I am too busy with other things, such as a job or homework	47%	54%	21%	54%	36%	60%	54%	76%
	I don't have a way to get there or home	8%	19%	18%	25%	16%	33%	2%	8%
	I have to take care of other family members	3%	11%	6%	8%	2%	10%	4%	8%
	It is not a safe place	0%	3%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%
	Other	37%	26%	36%	18%	21%	13%	14%	13%

* Only the 8th grade survey asked this question.

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TABLE 14
FAMILY COMPOSITION AND SITUATIONS

Houston County

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Which adults do you live with?	Both biological parents	76%	67%	71%	59%	72%	78%	74%	68%
	Both adoptive parents	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
	Mother and stepfather	6%	7%	7%	9%	9%	5%	8%	8%
	Father and stepmother	0%	0%	4%	3%	1%	0%	3%	1%
	Mother and partner	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	3%	0%	1%
	Father and partner	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Mother only	4%	17%	8%	14%	8%	8%	6%	13%
	Father only	0%	0%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%
	Sometimes with mother, sometimes with father	7%	5%	4%	3%	5%	1%	4%	4%
	Other (relatives, foster care, etc)	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%
	No adults	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
During the past 12 months, have you stayed in a shelter, somewhere not intended as a place to live, or someone else's home because you had no other place to stay?*	No			92%	93%	97%	95%	99%	98%
	Yes, with my parents or an adult family member			7%	6%	2%	4%	1%	1%
	Yes, on my own without any adult family members			1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%
Have any of your parents or guardians ever been in jail or prison?^	None of my parents or guardians has ever been in jail or prison			81%	76%	85%	91%	89%	85%
	Yes, I have a parent or guardian in jail or prison right now			3%	2%	2%	0%	0%	3%
	Yes, I have had a parent or guardian in jail or prison in the past			18%	22%	13%	9%	11%	12%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2013.

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TABLE 15
PARENTAL COMMUNICATION
Houston County

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Can you talk to your father about problems you are having?	Yes, most of the time	44%	27%	44%	24%	42%	29%	52%	36%
	Yes, some of the time	35%	37%	35%	28%	27%	28%	31%	31%
	No, not very often	10%	15%	12%	26%	15%	31%	8%	16%
	No, not at all	7%	8%	5%	11%	9%	6%	5%	8%
	My father is not around	4%	12%	4%	10%	7%	5%	3%	9%
Can you talk to your mother about problems you are having?	Yes, most of the time	58%	76%	49%	51%	54%	56%	55%	66%
	Yes, some of the time	31%	17%	32%	26%	30%	26%	33%	24%
	No, not very often	6%	7%	12%	14%	9%	14%	7%	6%
	No, not at all	6%	0%	6%	6%	7%	4%	4%	3%
	My mother is not around	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%	0%	2%	0%

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TABLE 16
PERCEPTIONS OF FAMILY AND OTHERS CARING
Houston County

<i>How much do you feel ...</i>		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
... your parents care about you?	Not at all	0%	0%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	A little	1%	1%	5%	6%	4%	3%	4%	5%
	Some	1%	2%	5%	6%	10%	10%	2%	6%
	Quite a bit	10%	8%	14%	17%	19%	18%	24%	20%
	Very much	87%	88%	71%	69%	67%	69%	69%	68%
... other adult relatives care about you?	Not at all	0%	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%
	A little	0%	1%	5%	7%	1%	6%	5%	6%
	Some	4%	0%	10%	8%	13%	14%	9%	14%
	Quite a bit	27%	25%	26%	29%	37%	27%	36%	31%
	Very much	69%	71%	56%	53%	46%	52%	50%	48%
... friends care about you?	Not at all	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%
	A little	11%	4%	10%	8%	7%	9%	5%	6%
	Some	17%	19%	18%	24%	13%	9%	25%	12%
	Quite a bit	27%	39%	43%	29%	47%	33%	41%	34%
	Very much	43%	37%	27%	36%	33%	47%	29%	47%
... teachers/other adults at school care about you?	Not at all	7%	2%	14%	6%	11%	6%	7%	7%
	A little	4%	12%	21%	23%	21%	25%	16%	17%
	Some	29%	22%	33%	34%	34%	35%	40%	45%
	Quite a bit	29%	29%	21%	24%	20%	30%	22%	20%
	Very much	31%	35%	10%	13%	14%	3%	14%	10%
... adults in your community care about you?	Not at all	4%	5%	17%	15%	17%	17%	11%	10%
	A little	16%	18%	27%	24%	19%	23%	31%	24%
	Some	29%	20%	23%	27%	29%	33%	22%	36%
	Quite a bit	24%	33%	24%	20%	18%	23%	24%	21%
	Very much	27%	24%	10%	14%	18%	4%	12%	8%

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TABLE 17
FAMILY SUBSTANCE ABUSE; PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
Houston County

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Do you live with anyone who drinks too much alcohol? [^]	Yes	9%	6%	14%	9%	12%	12%	8%	12%
	No	91%	94%	86%	91%	88%	88%	92%	88%
Do you live with anyone who uses illegal drugs or abuses prescription drugs? [^]	Yes	5%	2%	8%	2%	11%	1%	3%	8%
	No	95%	98%	92%	98%	89%	99%	97%	92%
Does a parent or other adult in your home regularly swear at you, insult you or put you down? [^]	Yes	11%	23%	21%	15%	15%	16%	8%	16%
	No	89%	77%	79%	85%	85%	84%	92%	84%
Has a parent or other adult in your household ever hit, beat, kicked or physically hurt you in any way? [^]	Yes	12%	13%	22%	14%	18%	10%	8%	12%
	No	88%	87%	78%	86%	82%	90%	92%	88%
Have your parents or other adults in your home ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched or beat each other up? [^]	Yes	6%	11%	9%	14%	5%	2%	2%	5%
	No	94%	89%	91%	86%	95%	98%	98%	95%
Has any adult or other person outside of the family ever touched you sexually against your wishes or forced you to touch them sexually?	Yes	3%	5%	6%	4%	3%	1%	3%	4%
	No	97%	95%	94%	96%	97%	99%	98%	96%
Has any older or stronger member of your family ever touched you or had you touch them sexually?	Yes	0%	4%	0%	1%	1%	5%	1%	3%
	No	100%	96%	100%	99%	99%	95%	99%	97%

[^] New question in 2013.

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**TABLE 18
RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE*^**

Houston County

		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Have you ever had a boyfriend or girlfriend in a dating or serious relationship who called you names or put you down verbally?	Yes	6%	15%	5%	7%	13%	18%
	No	94%	85%	95%	93%	87%	82%
Have you ever had a boyfriend or girlfriend in a dating or serious relationship who hit, slapped or physically hurt you on purpose?	Yes	8%	3%	4%	1%	8%	5%
	No	92%	97%	96%	99%	93%	95%
Have you ever had a boyfriend or girlfriend in a dating or serious relationship who pressured you into having sex when you did not want to?*	Yes			3%	3%	3%	14%
	No			97%	97%	98%	86%
Have YOU ever done any of the following to a boyfriend or girlfriend in a dating or serious relationship: called him/her names or put him/her down verbally?	Yes	4%	7%	2%	2%	7%	9%
	No	96%	93%	98%	98%	93%	91%
Have YOU ever done any of the following to a boyfriend or girlfriend in a dating or serious relationship: hit, slapped or physically hurt him/her on purpose?	Yes	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%	3%
	No	99%	100%	98%	98%	100%	97%
Have YOU ever done any of the following to a boyfriend or girlfriend in a dating or serious relationship: pressured him/her into having sex when he/she did not want to?*	Yes			3%	1%	3%	0%
	No			97%	99%	97%	100%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

** 8th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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**TABLE 19
GENERAL HEALTH AND HEALTH CONDITIONS
Houston County**

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %
How would you describe your health in general?^	Excellent	36%	33%	35%	20%	29%	22%	37%	17%
	Very good	32%	45%	40%	45%	34%	45%	38%	44%
	Good	28%	20%	17%	25%	29%	23%	20%	28%
	Fair	3%	2%	7%	10%	7%	8%	4%	10%
	Poor	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Do you have any physical disabilities, or long-term health problems (such as asthma, cancer, diabetes, epilepsy or something else)? Long-term means lasting 6 months or more.^	Yes	17%	13%	16%	20%	14%	13%	8%	12%
	No	83%	87%	84%	80%	86%	88%	92%	88%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?	Yes	14%	14%	14%	18%	13%	16%	11%	20%
	No	86%	86%	86%	82%	87%	84%	89%	80%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have diabetes?^	Yes	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%
	No	100%	100%	98%	99%	98%	100%	98%	100%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have pre-diabetes?^	Yes	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%
	No	100%	100%	99%	100%	97%	100%	100%	100%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have an allergy that requires you to carry an epi-pen?^	Yes	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%
	No	99%	96%	98%	98%	98%	97%	98%	99%
Do you have any long-term mental health, behavioral or emotional problems? Long-term means lasting 6 months or more.^	Yes	14%	8%	9%	13%	12%	14%	6%	16%
	No	86%	92%	91%	87%	88%	86%	94%	84%
How would YOU describe your weight?	Underweight	12%	7%	11%	4%	11%	7%	7%	4%
	About the right weight	79%	81%	72%	75%	80%	73%	79%	76%
	Overweight	9%	12%	17%	21%	9%	20%	14%	20%
Weight status* according to Body Mass Index (BMI)**	Not overweight			76%	86%	77%	89%	65%	88%
	Overweight			10%	8%	13%	7%	19%	10%
	Obese			14%	5%	10%	4%	15%	2%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2013.

** Body Mass Index (BMI) is a number calculated from a child's self-reported weight and height. BMI is calculated using a standard formula. BMI-for-age percentiles are used to interpret BMI numbers for children and teens. CDC BMI-for-age growth charts were used to determine weight status according to BMI for participants in the Minnesota Student Survey.

Not overweight: Less than the 85th percentile
Overweight: 85th to less than the 95th percentile
Obese: Equal to or greater than the 95th percentile

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**TABLE 20
HEALTH CARE ACCESS
Houston County**

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
When was the last time you saw a doctor or nurse for a check-up or physical exam when you were not sick or injured?	During the last year	79%	74%	65%	74%	60%	58%	57%	56%
	Between 1 and 2 years ago	10%	15%	26%	17%	30%	34%	31%	34%
	More than 2 years ago	7%	3%	5%	8%	8%	6%	9%	9%
	Never	4%	8%	4%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%
When was the last time you saw a dentist or dental hygienist for a regular check-up, exam or teeth cleaning or other dental work? [^]	During the last year	82%	80%	86%	84%	83%	90%	90%	90%
	Between 1 and 2 years ago	13%	13%	7%	8%	12%	8%	5%	5%
	More than 2 years ago	6%	2%	2%	5%	5%	2%	5%	4%
	Never	0%	5%	5%	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Have you ever been treated for a mental health, emotional or behavioral problem? ^{**} (Mark ALL that apply)	No			86%	88%	84%	86%	87%	85%
	Yes, during the last year			5%	10%	11%	10%	5%	7%
	Yes, more than a year ago			9%	3%	8%	4%	9%	9%
Have you ever been treated for an alcohol or drug problem? ^{**} (Mark ALL that apply)	No			99%	99%	96%	99%	98%	99%
	Yes, during the last year			1%	1%	4%	0%	2%	1%
	Yes, more than a year ago			1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

[^] New question in 2013.

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TABLE 21
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; SLEEP; USE OF INDOOR TANNING DEVICE[^]
Houston County

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of AT LEAST 60 MINUTES PER DAY?	0 days	11%	11%	5%	7%	8%	8%	7%	7%
	1 day	8%	14%	4%	5%	3%	7%	6%	11%
	2 days	10%	19%	4%	8%	7%	10%	8%	18%
	3 days	14%	13%	7%	10%	11%	16%	11%	18%
	4 days	13%	16%	19%	16%	9%	16%	7%	12%
	5 days	13%	12%	15%	21%	15%	18%	20%	18%
	6 days	7%	4%	11%	15%	16%	13%	11%	7%
	7 days	25%	12%	36%	17%	32%	13%	30%	7%
During a typical school week, on how many days do you go to physical education (PE or gym) classes?	0 days	3%	2%	10%	7%	22%	18%	85%	93%
	1 day	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	2 days	31%	39%	17%	18%	18%	8%	0%	0%
	3 days	46%	43%	63%	73%	29%	42%	3%	1%
	4 days	3%	2%	4%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	5 days	17%	12%	5%	0%	32%	31%	11%	6%
During a typical school night, how many hours of sleep do you get?	4 hours or less	0%	2%	4%	5%	3%	3%	0%	4%
	5 hours	3%	3%	3%	5%	2%	9%	3%	4%
	6 hours	7%	2%	10%	10%	22%	11%	14%	19%
	7 hours	13%	8%	31%	27%	31%	27%	36%	36%
	8 hours	28%	28%	29%	33%	32%	45%	41%	33%
	9 hours	21%	28%	20%	17%	9%	5%	6%	4%
	10 or more hours	28%	29%	4%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%
During the last 12 months, how many times did you use an indoor tanning device such as a sunlamp, sunbed or tanning booth?*	0 times			95%	100%	99%	95%	98%	67%
	1 or 2 times			0%	0%	1%	4%	0%	6%
	3 to 9 times			2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	9%
	10 to 19 times			0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%
	20 to 39 times			0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%
	40 or more times			2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.
[^] All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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**TABLE 22
EATING MEALS
Houston County**

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 7 days, on how many days did you eat breakfast? [^]	0 days	1%	7%	9%	9%	5%	8%	6%	11%
	1 day	0%	1%	5%	3%	4%	2%	5%	5%
	2 days	5%	6%	6%	8%	10%	6%	5%	10%
	3 days	1%	10%	5%	7%	9%	8%	5%	8%
	4 days	7%	6%	4%	2%	7%	9%	8%	7%
	5 days	14%	7%	8%	8%	9%	11%	13%	9%
	6 days	10%	7%	8%	11%	9%	8%	9%	13%
	7 days	62%	56%	55%	51%	48%	46%	49%	36%
During the last 30 days, have you had to skip meals because your family did not have enough money to buy food? [^]	Yes	6%	3%	7%	3%	9%	4%	5%	3%
	No	94%	97%	93%	97%	91%	96%	95%	97%
During a typical school week, where do you usually get your lunch? [^] (Mark ALL that apply)	I usually don't eat lunch	1%	1%	1%	9%	11%	4%	3%	9%
	Regular school lunch from the cafeteria	90%	85%	93%	86%	71%	83%	85%	77%
	The a la carte line (buy individual items)	8%	9%	15%	18%	20%	21%	27%	21%
	School store or vending machine	4%	2%	6%	2%	0%	1%	2%	4%
	Fast food restaurant, gas station or somewhere else outside of school	6%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%
	I bring lunch from home	18%	29%	10%	17%	27%	27%	14%	22%
Do you currently get free or reduced-price lunch at school?	Yes	21%	24%	27%	26%	22%	15%	16%	15%
	No	79%	76%	73%	74%	78%	85%	84%	85%

[^] New question in 2013.

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TABLE 23A
NUTRITION[^]

Houston County

During the last 7 days, how many times did you...		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 7 days, how many times did you drink 100% fruit juices such as orange, apple or grape juice?	I did NOT eat or drink this	23%	16%	24%	16%	21%	19%	15%	31%
	1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	45%	46%	32%	49%	41%	41%	33%	41%
	4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	10%	19%	11%	15%	13%	20%	18%	10%
	1 time per day	6%	8%	16%	10%	11%	8%	16%	9%
	2 times per day	6%	5%	8%	5%	10%	8%	11%	5%
	3 times per day	3%	1%	5%	3%	3%	0%	2%	1%
	4 or more times per day	7%	5%	5%	1%	1%	4%	5%	3%
During the last 7 days, how many times did you eat fruit?	I did NOT eat or drink this	10%	7%	6%	5%	10%	5%	7%	7%
	1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	31%	23%	33%	26%	32%	33%	25%	27%
	4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	23%	33%	14%	20%	18%	20%	23%	19%
	1 time per day	10%	13%	11%	17%	17%	20%	21%	23%
	2 times per day	10%	12%	23%	16%	16%	11%	13%	10%
	3 times per day	6%	4%	5%	9%	2%	6%	6%	9%
	4 or more times per day	10%	7%	8%	7%	4%	4%	5%	4%
During the last 7 days, how many times did you eat green salad, potatoes, carrots or other vegetables (Do not count French fries, fried potatoes, or potato chips)?	I did NOT eat or drink this	15%	11%	6%	8%	20%	7%	5%	5%
	1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	28%	27%	33%	23%	23%	28%	33%	27%
	4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	23%	24%	20%	21%	21%	21%	21%	21%
	1 time per day	15%	14%	12%	24%	22%	20%	22%	20%
	2 times per day	7%	15%	20%	14%	9%	17%	13%	16%
	3 times per day	1%	1%	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%	6%
	4 or more times per day	10%	7%	6%	6%	3%	2%	5%	4%
During the last 7 days, how many times did you eat from a fast food restaurant, including carry-out or delivery?	I did NOT eat or drink this	43%	35%	46%	45%	35%	34%	38%	32%
	1 to 3 times in the last 7 days	38%	55%	45%	51%	53%	55%	54%	60%
	4 to 6 times in the last 7 days	10%	6%	2%	2%	4%	8%	5%	7%
	1 time per day	6%	1%	2%	1%	7%	2%	3%	1%
	2 times per day	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	3 times per day	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	4 or more times per day	0%	1%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

[^] All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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**TABLE 23B
NUTRITION
Houston County**

<i>How many cans, bottles or glasses of each of the following did you drink yesterday?</i>		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Milk	0	13%	14%	13%	13%	14%	20%	7%	21%
	1 to 2	49%	53%	29%	51%	42%	59%	36%	46%
	3 to 4	24%	22%	27%	24%	25%	17%	31%	26%
	5 to 6	6%	8%	16%	5%	13%	3%	13%	4%
	7 or more	10%	2%	14%	8%	5%	1%	13%	3%
Pop or soda	0	59%	63%	54%	68%	42%	57%	52%	55%
	1 to 2	37%	32%	34%	26%	39%	37%	35%	38%
	3 to 4	3%	4%	4%	2%	10%	3%	7%	6%
	5 to 6	0%	0%	4%	2%	2%	0%	4%	0%
	7 or more	1%	1%	5%	1%	7%	2%	2%	1%
Sports drinks, such as Gatorade or Powerade	0	46%	74%	53%	72%	45%	75%	60%	77%
	1 to 2	42%	16%	25%	21%	34%	20%	29%	16%
	3 to 4	11%	8%	8%	3%	16%	2%	8%	5%
	5 to 6	0%	0%	7%	2%	2%	2%	3%	0%
	7 or more	0%	1%	6%	1%	3%	0%	1%	2%
Energy drinks, such as Red Bull or Jolt[^]	0	94%	92%	89%	92%	87%	92%	92%	94%
	1 to 2	1%	6%	6%	5%	7%	7%	5%	4%
	3 to 4	4%	0%	1%	2%	3%	0%	2%	2%
	5 to 6	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%
	7 or more	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Other sugar-sweetened drinks, such as sweet tea, lemonade, coffee drinks or juice drinks[^]	0	52%	52%	55%	38%	53%	38%	55%	52%
	1 to 2	33%	28%	36%	48%	39%	49%	36%	35%
	3 to 4	10%	16%	6%	12%	2%	10%	8%	9%
	5 to 6	3%	4%	1%	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%
	7 or more	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Water	0	6%	0%	7%	8%	4%	11%	5%	2%
	1 to 2	17%	18%	18%	26%	23%	34%	28%	38%
	3 to 4	26%	24%	25%	21%	26%	27%	24%	29%
	5 to 6	15%	18%	20%	23%	21%	15%	19%	13%
	7 or more	36%	40%	30%	22%	26%	14%	24%	18%

[^] New question in 2013.

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TABLE 24
VEHICLE SAFETY
Houston County

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
When driving a car, how often do you wear a seat belt?*	I don't drive a car					64%	61%	2%	9%
	I never do this					1%	1%	2%	0%
	Sometimes					5%	1%	4%	4%
	Often					4%	3%	11%	4%
	Always					25%	33%	80%	83%
When driving a car, how often do you read incoming text messages or emails?**^	I don't drive a car					66%	68%	6%	11%
	I never do this					26%	28%	45%	35%
	Sometimes					4%	1%	35%	39%
	Often					1%	1%	10%	11%
	Always					2%	2%	5%	4%
When driving a car, how often do you send text messages or emails?**^	I don't drive a car					66%	67%	7%	12%
	I never do this					26%	29%	50%	44%
	Sometimes					3%	0%	31%	32%
	Often					0%	1%	8%	8%
	Always					4%	3%	5%	4%
When driving a car, how often do you make or answer a phone call?**^	I don't drive a car					66%	67%	6%	11%
	I never do this					24%	24%	24%	21%
	Sometimes					3%	6%	46%	40%
	Often					3%	1%	17%	20%
	Always					3%	1%	7%	7%
How often do you wear a seat belt when you ride in the FRONT seat of a car?^	I don't ride in the front seat	14%	21%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Always	73%	67%	63%	75%	63%	78%	76%	85%
	Often	7%	7%	20%	18%	18%	17%	16%	9%
	Sometimes	6%	6%	13%	6%	15%	4%	7%	6%
	I never wear a seatbelt	0%	0%	4%	0%	3%	1%	2%	0%
How often do you wear a seat belt when you ride in the BACK seat of a car?^	I don't ride in the back seat	1%	3%	1%	3%	4%	5%	6%	0%
	Always	82%	72%	51%	49%	47%	60%	62%	73%
	Often	11%	16%	21%	28%	23%	22%	16%	13%
	Sometimes	4%	8%	18%	16%	18%	10%	14%	12%
	I never wear a seatbelt	1%	0%	8%	3%	8%	3%	2%	1%

* 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask this question.
^ New question in 2013.

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**TABLE 25A
SELF DESCRIPTION[^]
Houston County**

<i>In general, how does each of the following statements describe you?</i>		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I feel in control of my life and future.*	Not at all or rarely	17%	11%	11%	2%	3%	7%	1%	3%
	Somewhat or sometimes	42%	34%	14%	30%	24%	15%	16%	24%
	Very or often	29%	30%	40%	40%	45%	47%	49%	43%
	Extremely or almost always	12%	24%	35%	28%	27%	31%	35%	30%
I feel good about myself.	Not at all or rarely	7%	4%	7%	13%	12%	13%	1%	11%
	Somewhat or sometimes	16%	20%	20%	28%	22%	25%	17%	37%
	Very or often	40%	35%	43%	43%	44%	42%	51%	33%
	Extremely or almost always	36%	41%	30%	17%	22%	20%	31%	19%
I feel good about my future.	Not at all or rarely	8%	4%	10%	2%	6%	7%	1%	5%
	Somewhat or sometimes	12%	14%	15%	19%	27%	23%	22%	27%
	Very or often	32%	37%	38%	47%	42%	39%	50%	37%
	Extremely or almost always	48%	45%	37%	33%	26%	31%	28%	32%
I deal with disappointment without getting too upset.	Not at all or rarely	21%	12%	12%	15%	12%	16%	2%	11%
	Somewhat or sometimes	37%	28%	30%	34%	27%	38%	35%	39%
	Very or often	24%	39%	43%	36%	48%	26%	48%	30%
	Extremely or almost always	18%	22%	14%	15%	12%	20%	16%	20%
I find good ways to deal with things that are hard in my life.	Not at all or rarely	11%	11%	14%	13%	11%	13%	2%	10%
	Somewhat or sometimes	26%	20%	22%	31%	29%	36%	26%	31%
	Very or often	39%	33%	37%	45%	47%	32%	54%	31%
	Extremely or almost always	24%	36%	27%	11%	12%	19%	17%	29%
I am thinking about what my purpose is in life.**	Not at all or rarely	9%	3%	11%	13%	7%	4%	8%	7%
	Somewhat or sometimes	21%	16%	20%	24%	18%	26%	21%	19%
	Very or often	14%	22%	41%	36%	45%	38%	45%	29%
	Extremely or almost always	56%	59%	28%	28%	30%	32%	26%	45%

* On the 5th grade survey, this item was worded "I can shape and influence what happens in my life and future."

** On the 5th grade survey, this item was worded "I think about what I want to do in my life when I grow up."

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**TABLE 25B
SELF DESCRIPTION[^]
Houston County**

<i>In general, how does each of the following statements describe you?</i>		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I say no to things that are dangerous or unhealthy.	Not at all or rarely	18%	7%	8%	3%	6%	5%	7%	3%
	Somewhat or sometimes	18%	11%	15%	19%	27%	15%	22%	21%
	Very or often	15%	18%	25%	31%	28%	25%	36%	26%
	Extremely or almost always	49%	64%	51%	47%	40%	55%	36%	50%
I build friendships with other people.	Not at all or rarely	12%	5%	9%	10%	3%	4%	0%	2%
	Somewhat or sometimes	24%	11%	32%	32%	29%	27%	24%	24%
	Very or often	33%	39%	30%	34%	49%	41%	54%	37%
	Extremely or almost always	31%	46%	29%	23%	19%	28%	22%	37%
I express my feelings in proper ways.	Not at all or rarely	11%	8%	16%	15%	18%	9%	4%	4%
	Somewhat or sometimes	28%	20%	28%	30%	35%	31%	33%	29%
	Very or often	40%	33%	40%	37%	30%	40%	48%	39%
	Extremely or almost always	22%	39%	17%	18%	18%	20%	15%	29%
I plan ahead and make good choices.	Not at all or rarely	6%	10%	13%	7%	9%	6%	2%	8%
	Somewhat or sometimes	30%	14%	22%	27%	36%	25%	27%	26%
	Very or often	33%	30%	36%	40%	34%	44%	55%	33%
	Extremely or almost always	30%	46%	29%	26%	20%	25%	16%	34%
I stay away from bad influences.	Not at all or rarely	5%	6%	10%	8%	8%	5%	9%	5%
	Somewhat or sometimes	15%	11%	12%	16%	20%	17%	26%	19%
	Very or often	36%	15%	27%	30%	38%	34%	33%	32%
	Extremely or almost always	44%	68%	51%	45%	34%	44%	32%	44%
I resolve conflicts without anyone getting hurt.	Not at all or rarely	9%	6%	11%	10%	7%	4%	3%	2%
	Somewhat or sometimes	28%	16%	24%	24%	30%	19%	27%	26%
	Very or often	31%	28%	41%	36%	41%	50%	40%	37%
	Extremely or almost always	32%	49%	23%	30%	22%	27%	30%	36%

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**TABLE 25C
SELF DESCRIPTION[^]
Houston County**

<i>In general, how does each of the following statements describe you?</i>		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I accept people who are different from me.	Not at all or rarely	3%	4%	7%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%
	Somewhat or sometimes	8%	12%	16%	7%	19%	7%	21%	6%
	Very or often	31%	23%	39%	36%	39%	41%	48%	29%
	Extremely or almost always	58%	62%	38%	57%	38%	51%	29%	64%
I am sensitive to the needs and feelings of others.	Not at all or rarely	5%	3%	12%	3%	12%	1%	2%	2%
	Somewhat or sometimes	31%	13%	23%	20%	25%	11%	28%	18%
	Very or often	29%	32%	44%	37%	40%	48%	47%	26%
	Extremely or almost always	35%	52%	20%	40%	22%	40%	22%	54%
I feel valued and appreciated by others.	Not at all or rarely	8%	4%	7%	17%	9%	9%	2%	7%
	Somewhat or sometimes	25%	25%	33%	30%	30%	31%	26%	29%
	Very or often	23%	35%	39%	31%	42%	39%	56%	37%
	Extremely or almost always	44%	36%	21%	22%	19%	22%	17%	27%
I am included in family tasks and decisions.	Not at all or rarely	15%	4%	11%	7%	7%	6%	4%	9%
	Somewhat or sometimes	14%	18%	13%	20%	26%	27%	23%	24%
	Very or often	33%	31%	46%	42%	47%	34%	48%	34%
	Extremely or almost always	38%	47%	30%	31%	20%	33%	24%	33%
I am given useful roles and responsibilities.	Not at all or rarely	9%	4%	13%	3%	9%	4%	3%	5%
	Somewhat or sometimes	20%	13%	20%	24%	26%	22%	18%	15%
	Very or often	31%	30%	33%	44%	40%	38%	58%	42%
	Extremely or almost always	40%	53%	35%	28%	26%	36%	22%	38%

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**TABLE 26A
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND DISTRESS*^**

Houston County

<i>During the last 12 months, have you had SIGNIFICANT problems with...</i>		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
...feeling very trapped, lonely, sad, blue, depressed or hopeless about the future?	Yes	28%	28%	29%	35%	22%	39%
	No	72%	72%	71%	65%	78%	61%
...sleep trouble, such as bad dreams, sleeping restlessly or falling asleep during the day?	Yes	27%	40%	30%	36%	25%	41%
	No	73%	60%	70%	64%	75%	59%
...feeling very anxious, nervous, tense, scared, panicked or like something bad was going to happen?	Yes	28%	42%	28%	41%	21%	41%
	No	72%	58%	72%	59%	79%	59%
...becoming very distressed and upset when something reminded you of the past?	Yes	32%	39%	26%	35%	26%	44%
	No	68%	61%	74%	65%	74%	56%
...thinking about ending your life or committing suicide?	Yes	14%	16%	15%	16%	4%	10%
	No	86%	84%	85%	84%	96%	90%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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Question introduction reads: This question asks about SIGNIFICANT problems. Problems are considered significant when you have them for two or more weeks, when they keep coming back, keep you from meeting your responsibilities, or make you feel like you can't go on.

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**TABLE 26B
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND DISTRESS*[^]
Houston County**

<i>Thinking back the last 30 days, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?</i>		Grade	
		5th	
		Male	Female
		%	%
I worry a lot	Strongly agree	6%	7%
	Agree	25%	27%
	Neither agree nor disagree	33%	32%
	Disagree	16%	21%
	Strongly disagree	19%	13%
I sometimes feel bad without knowing why	Strongly agree	12%	14%
	Agree	32%	37%
	Neither agree nor disagree	25%	19%
	Disagree	12%	11%
	Strongly disagree	18%	18%

* Only 5th grade survey asked these questions.

[^] All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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TABLE 27
SELF-INFLICTED INJURY; SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR*^
Houston County

		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 12 months, how many times did you do something to purposely hurt or injure yourself without wanting to die, such as cutting, burning, or bruising yourself on purpose?	0 times	88%	81%	86%	82%	96%	85%
	1 or 2 times	9%	9%	4%	10%	3%	8%
	3 to 5 times	0%	6%	7%	4%	0%	3%
	6 to 9 times	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	10 to 19 times	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%
	20 or more times	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Have you ever seriously considered attempting suicide? (Mark all that apply)	No	86%	86%	81%	80%	86%	77%
	Yes, during the last year	10%	12%	12%	14%	7%	12%
	Yes, more than a year ago	5%	5%	9%	10%	9%	18%
Have you ever actually attempted suicide? (Mark all that apply)	No	99%	99%	93%	97%	98%	91%
	Yes, during the last year	1%	0%	4%	3%	1%	4%
	Yes, more than a year ago	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	5%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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**TABLE 28
PROBLEMATIC AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR
Houston County**

During the last 12 months...			Grade								
			5th		8th		9th		11th		
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%		
...did you do any of the following TWO OR MORE TIMES?^	Lie or con to get things you wanted or to avoid having to do something	Yes			48%	47%	51%	49%	47%	49%	
		No			53%	53%	49%	51%	53%	51%	
	Have a hard time paying attention at school, work or home	Yes			59%	43%	61%	56%	52%	60%	
		No			41%	57%	39%	44%	48%	40%	
	Have a hard time listening to instructions at school, work or home	Yes			49%	39%	49%	39%	43%	41%	
		No			51%	61%	51%	61%	57%	59%	
	Be a bully or threaten other people	Yes			20%	3%	14%	5%	8%	1%	
		No			80%	97%	86%	95%	93%	99%	
Start fights with other people	Yes			19%	9%	9%	11%	11%	8%		
	No			81%	91%	91%	89%	89%	92%		
...run away from home?	Never			94%	95%	95%	93%	97%	91%	96%	95%
	Once or twice			6%	2%	4%	3%	1%	9%	4%	3%
	3 to 5 times			0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%
	6 to 9 times			0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	10 or more times			0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
...damaged or destroyed property?	Never			92%	95%	77%	92%	75%	93%	86%	96%
	Once or twice			8%	4%	20%	6%	22%	7%	10%	3%
	3 to 5 times			0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%
	6 to 9 times			0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	10 or more times			0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
...hit or beat up another person?	Never			84%	89%	81%	90%	88%	93%	86%	99%
	Once or twice			13%	8%	18%	9%	7%	4%	12%	1%
	3 to 5 times			3%	1%	0%	0%	5%	2%	0%	0%
	6 to 9 times			0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
	10 or more times			0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
...taken something from a store without paying for it?	Never			97%	98%	95%	98%	93%	97%	91%	97%
	Once or twice			3%	0%	4%	2%	6%	2%	7%	2%
	3 to 5 times			0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%
	6 to 9 times			0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 or more times			0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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TABLE 29
SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE USE **

Houston County

		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Use of any tobacco products during the past 30 days	No	95%	97%	88%	97%	83%	98%
	Yes	5%	3%	13%	3%	17%	2%
Frequent (20+ days) use of any tobacco products during the past 30 days	No	97%	100%	98%	100%	93%	100%
	Yes	3%	0%	2%	0%	7%	0%
Frequent binge drinking in the past year (typically drank 5 or more drinks at a time and drank on 10 or more occasions during the past year)	No	99%	100%	98%	99%	95%	94%
	Yes	1%	0%	2%	1%	5%	6%
Any alcohol, marijuana and/or other drug use during the past year (excluding tobacco)	No alcohol or marijuana or other drug use in the past year	78%	72%	70%	71%	52%	57%
	Used only alcohol in the past year	11%	24%	16%	21%	27%	27%
	Used alcohol and marijuana in the past year, but not other drugs	4%	0%	7%	2%	13%	13%
	Used marijuana or other drugs in the past year, but not alcohol	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
	Used alcohol and marijuana or other drugs in the past year	3%	2%	3%	3%	6%	0%

** These are all computed variables based on combinations of responses to two or more survey items.

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**TABLE 30
SUBSTANCE USE AMONG 5TH GRADE STUDENTS*^**

Houston County

		Grade	
		5th	
		Male	Female
		%	%
During the last 30 days, have you smoked any cigarettes?	Yes	2%	1%
	No	98%	99%
During the last 12 months, have you had alcoholic beverages to drink such as beer, wine, wine coolers and liquor?	Yes	3%	4%
	No	97%	96%
During the last 12 months, have you used marijuana (pot, weed) or hashish (hash, hash oil)?	Yes	2%	6%
	No	98%	94%
During the last 12 months, have you sniffed glue or huffed or inhaled the contents of aerosol spray cans or other gases to get high?	Yes	0%	2%
	No	100%	98%

* Only 5th grade survey asked these questions.

^ All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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**TABLE 31
TOBACCO USE***
Houston County

<i>During the last 30 days, on how many days did you ...</i>		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
...smoke a cigarette?	0 days	95%	97%	92%	97%	89%	98%
	1 to 2 days	1%	1%	2%	1%	4%	1%
	3 to 5 days	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%
	6 to 9 days	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
	10 to 19 days	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%
	All 30 days	3%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
...smoke cigars, cigarillos or little cigars?	0 days	96%	100%	93%	100%	92%	100%
	1 to 2 days	0%	0%	3%	0%	6%	0%
	3 to 5 days	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
	6 to 9 days	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19 days	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	All 30 days	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
...use chewing tobacco, snuff or dip?	0 days	96%	100%	90%	99%	88%	100%
	1 to 2 days	3%	0%	5%	1%	2%	0%
	3 to 5 days	1%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%
	6 to 9 days	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
	10 to 19 days	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
	All 30 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 32
EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE[^]**

Houston County

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room as someone who was smoking cigarettes?	0 days	75%	72%	64%	72%	70%	72%	63%	63%
	1 or 2 days	22%	14%	21%	16%	17%	16%	22%	25%
	3 or 4 days	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	3%
	5 or 6 days	0%	5%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%
	All 7 days	0%	5%	9%	7%	9%	8%	7%	5%
During the last 7 days, on how many days did you ride in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes?	0 days	78%	80%	72%	73%	78%	80%	76%	70%
	1 or 2 days	17%	6%	13%	15%	10%	11%	17%	15%
	3 or 4 days	5%	2%	9%	2%	4%	4%	2%	10%
	5 or 6 days	0%	6%	0%	5%	2%	1%	4%	3%
	All 7 days	0%	6%	5%	5%	6%	3%	1%	1%

[^] All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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TABLE 33
ALCOHOL USE FREQUENCY AND QUANTITY*

Houston County

		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you drink one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage?	0 days	91%	87%	82%	85%	76%	81%
	1 or 2 days	5%	10%	14%	13%	13%	11%
	3 to 5 days	1%	2%	1%	1%	6%	3%
	6 to 9 days	3%	0%	2%	1%	3%	4%
	10 to 19 days	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	All 30 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you had alcoholic beverages to drink?	0	84%	76%	74%	75%	55%	60%
	1-2	8%	13%	10%	12%	21%	17%
	3-5	4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	6%
	6-9	1%	4%	6%	5%	7%	3%
	10-19	1%	1%	1%	1%	5%	7%
	20-39	0%	1%	1%	1%	4%	5%
	40+	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
If you drink beer/wine/wine coolers/liquor, generally, how much (if any) do you drink at one time?	I don't drink beer/wine/wine coolers/liquor	88%	86%	79%	81%	60%	67%
	1 glass/can/drink	5%	12%	7%	8%	16%	11%
	2 glasses/cans/drinks	3%	1%	1%	6%	7%	5%
	3 glasses/cans/drinks	0%	0%	1%	3%	6%	6%
	4 glasses/cans/drinks	0%	1%	2%	0%	5%	3%
	5 or more glasses/cans/drinks	4%	0%	9%	1%	7%	7%
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?^	0 days	97%	95%	94%	94%	87%	94%
	1 day	1%	5%	1%	4%	7%	1%
	2 days	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	3%
	3 to 5 days	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%
	6 to 9 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
	10 to 19 days	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	20 or more days	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2013.

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TABLE 34
ACCESS TO ALCOHOL*

Houston County

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
If you used alcohol in the last 30 days, how did you get it? (Mark all that apply)	I bought alcohol at gas stations or convenience stores	14%	0%	0%	7%	0%	0%
	I bought alcohol at bars or restaurants	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%
	I bought alcohol at liquor or other stores^	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	I bought alcohol on the internet	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	I got alcohol from friends	57%	9%	38%	29%	52%	56%
	I got alcohol from my parents	14%	55%	19%	21%	17%	28%
	I got alcohol from other family members	0%	18%	13%	21%	3%	28%
	I got alcohol by getting someone else to buy for me	0%	9%	13%	14%	14%	39%
	I got alcohol at parties^	29%	9%	19%	7%	31%	61%
	I took alcohol from my home	29%	9%	38%	21%	31%	22%
	I took alcohol from a friend's home	0%	0%	19%	0%	3%	11%
	I took alcohol from stores	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2013.

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TABLE 35
AGE OF FIRST USE OF ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA*
Houston County

		Grade			
		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
How old were you when you had your first drink of an alcoholic beverage, such as beer, wine, wine coolers and liquor, other than a few sips?	I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	55%	62%	40%	46%
	10 years old or younger	17%	5%	11%	2%
	11 years old	3%	2%	2%	0%
	12 years old	7%	2%	6%	3%
	13 years old	6%	9%	7%	7%
	14 years old	9%	17%	7%	7%
	15 years old	2%	2%	13%	22%
	16 years old	0%	0%	8%	11%
	17 years old or older	0%	0%	4%	1%
How old were you when you tried marijuana (pot, weed) or hashish (hash, hash oil) for the first time?	I have never tried marijuana or hashish	87%	97%	78%	78%
	10 years old or younger	0%	0%	0%	0%
	11 years old	1%	0%	0%	0%
	12 years old	3%	0%	1%	0%
	13 years old	2%	0%	1%	0%
	14 years old	5%	3%	4%	2%
	15 years old	1%	0%	8%	5%
	16 years old	0%	0%	7%	13%
	17 years old or older	0%	0%	2%	1%

* 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask these questions.

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TABLE 36
USE OF MARIJUANA AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS*
Houston County

		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana or hashish?	0 days	97%	99%	92%	98%	88%	92%
	1 to 2 days	1%	1%	2%	1%	5%	4%
	3 to 5 days	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%
	6 to 9 days	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	2%
	10 to 19 days	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
	All 30 days	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you used marijuana or hashish?	0	93%	99%	89%	98%	82%	85%
	1-2	5%	1%	3%	1%	8%	5%
	3-5	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
	6-9	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	2%
	10-19	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	4%
	20-39	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%
	40+	1%	0%	3%	0%	6%	1%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use prescription drugs not prescribed for you?^	0 days	97%	98%	97%	96%	98%	100%
	1 to 2 days	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	0%
	3 to 5 days	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9 days	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	10 to 19 days	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	All 30 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2013.

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**TABLE 37
PRESCRIPTION DRUG USE*[^]
Houston County**

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions have you used any of the following prescription drugs that were NOT prescribed for you or that you took ONLY to get high?</i>		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Stimulants such as Benzedrine (bennies, speed, uppers) or diet pills	0	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
	1 to 2	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	3 to 5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
ADHD or ADD drugs like Ritalin (hyper pills)	0	97%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%
	1 to 2	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	3 to 5	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	6 to 9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pain relievers such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin or others	0	99%	99%	98%	100%	99%	100%
	1 to 2	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	3 to 5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	20 to 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Tranquilizers such as Valium, Xanax or sedatives or barbiturates	0	97%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
	1 to 2	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	3 to 5	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	10 to 19	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

[^] Responses for 30-day (found on Table 36) and 12-month misuse of prescription drugs are inconsistent for some students. This may be due to the misinterpretation of a skip instruction on the survey or to slight differences in how the questions were worded. Due to these methodological issues, the results for these questions cannot be compared to the results from previous years.

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TABLE 38
HALLUCINOGEN, ECSTASY, COCAINE AND HEROIN USE*^
Houston County

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you used...</i>		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
...LSD (acid), PCP (wet sticks or dipped joints), or other psychedelics (mushrooms, angel dust)?	0	97%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
	1 to 2	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	3 to 5	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	6 to 9	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
...MDMA (E, X, ecstasy), GHB (G, Liquid E, Liquid X, roofies) or Ketamine (Special K)?	0	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	1 to 2	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	3 to 5	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
...crack, coke or cocaine in any other form?	0	97%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
	1 to 2	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	3 to 5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
...heroin?	0	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	1 to 2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	3 to 5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ Due to methodological issues with these questions (e.g. the possible misinterpretation of a skip instruction on the survey), the results for these questions cannot be compared to the results from previous years.

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TABLE 39
METHAMPHETAMINE, OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG, SYNTHETIC DRUG AND INHALANT USE^{^^}
Houston County

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...</i>		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
...used methamphetamine (meth, glass, crank, crystal meth, ice)?	0	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	1 to 2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	3 to 5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 39	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
...used over-the-counter drugs such as cough syrup, cold medicine or diet pills that you took only to get high? [^]	0	97%	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%
	1 to 2	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	3 to 5	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	6 to 9	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40 or more	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
...used synthetic drugs such as bath salts (Ivory Wave, White Lightning) or synthetic marijuana (K2, Gold) that you took only to get high? [^]	0	99%	100%	99%	100%	98%	100%
	1 to 2	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	3 to 5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	10 to 19	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	40 or more	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
...sniffed glue or huffed or inhaled the contents of aerosol spray cans or other gases to get high?	0	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
	1 to 2	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	3 to 5	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	6 to 9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

[^] New question in 2013.

^{^^} Due to methodological issues with these questions (e.g. the possible misinterpretation of a skip instruction on the survey), the results for these questions cannot be compared to the results from previous years.

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TABLE 40
PERCEIVED RISK OF HARM FROM SUBSTANCE USE
Houston County

<i>How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they...</i>		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
... smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?	No risk	21%	15%	19%	7%	13%	8%	8%	6%
	Slight risk	11%	14%	6%	16%	9%	5%	7%	6%
	Moderate risk	23%	25%	18%	24%	22%	21%	18%	17%
	Great risk	45%	46%	57%	52%	55%	65%	67%	71%
... have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice per week?	No risk	24%	18%	21%	13%	18%	5%	11%	7%
	Slight risk	19%	25%	22%	23%	22%	22%	21%	14%
	Moderate risk	27%	21%	35%	26%	28%	35%	32%	36%
	Great risk	31%	36%	22%	38%	32%	38%	36%	43%
... smoke marijuana once or twice per week?	No risk	25%	20%	22%	10%	27%	5%	22%	16%
	Slight risk	12%	13%	13%	16%	19%	26%	23%	19%
	Moderate risk	15%	13%	21%	24%	21%	19%	18%	20%
	Great risk	48%	55%	44%	50%	33%	49%	37%	46%
... use prescription drugs not prescribed for them? [^]	No risk	21%	21%	15%	6%	16%	6%	5%	4%
	Slight risk	5%	8%	8%	11%	9%	11%	8%	3%
	Moderate risk	15%	15%	24%	26%	26%	27%	26%	21%
	Great risk	59%	56%	53%	57%	48%	56%	61%	72%

[^] New question in 2013.

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TABLE 41
PERCEPTIONS OF OTHERS' DISAPPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE USE^
Houston County

		Grade							
		5th		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to smoke cigarettes?	Not at all wrong	2%	2%	5%	1%	7%	1%	2%	3%
	A little bit wrong	0%	2%	4%	1%	5%	2%	6%	2%
	Wrong	13%	5%	5%	11%	8%	8%	16%	15%
	Very wrong	85%	90%	85%	87%	80%	88%	76%	79%
How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to have one or more drinks of alcoholic beverage nearly every day?	Not at all wrong	3%	4%	8%	1%	8%	2%	7%	3%
	A little bit wrong	6%	0%	4%	6%	6%	5%	11%	10%
	Wrong	3%	9%	14%	12%	12%	16%	17%	11%
	Very wrong	87%	88%	74%	81%	74%	77%	65%	75%
How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to smoke marijuana?	Not at all wrong	2%	4%	7%	0%	8%	1%	3%	3%
	A little bit wrong	0%	0%	1%	2%	6%	1%	5%	3%
	Wrong	8%	1%	5%	5%	4%	8%	14%	12%
	Very wrong	90%	95%	86%	93%	82%	89%	78%	81%
How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to use prescription drugs not prescribed for you?	Not at all wrong	2%	4%	1%	0%	6%	3%	1%	2%
	A little bit wrong	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
	Wrong	10%	4%	5%	5%	4%	7%	8%	5%
	Very wrong	89%	91%	90%	93%	89%	88%	90%	91%
How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to smoke cigarettes?	Not at all wrong	5%	2%	7%	6%	12%	3%	12%	5%
	A little bit wrong	5%	4%	0%	1%	8%	2%	17%	7%
	Wrong	18%	12%	22%	27%	36%	23%	31%	21%
	Very wrong	73%	81%	71%	66%	44%	72%	41%	67%
How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to have one or more drinks of alcoholic beverage nearly every day?	Not at all wrong	5%	4%	8%	8%	14%	5%	14%	10%
	A little bit wrong	10%	1%	7%	4%	13%	9%	32%	9%
	Wrong	15%	10%	19%	20%	29%	22%	25%	25%
	Very wrong	71%	85%	66%	67%	44%	63%	30%	56%
How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to smoke marijuana?	Not at all wrong	5%	4%	7%	6%	16%	3%	15%	18%
	A little bit wrong	2%	0%	1%	7%	8%	4%	23%	5%
	Wrong	15%	4%	19%	14%	25%	20%	23%	16%
	Very wrong	79%	93%	73%	72%	51%	73%	39%	61%
How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to use prescription drugs not prescribed for you?	Not at all wrong	5%	4%	5%	4%	8%	4%	4%	4%
	A little bit wrong	3%	2%	3%	4%	8%	2%	15%	3%
	Wrong	11%	2%	18%	17%	32%	17%	26%	16%
	Very wrong	81%	91%	74%	76%	52%	77%	55%	76%

^ All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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TABLE 42
FEELINGS AND PERCEPTIONS OF OTHERS' FEELINGS ABOUT ALCOHOL USE*^
Houston County

		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
How do you feel about each of the following statements: Parents and other adults should clearly communicate with their children about the importance of not using alcohol?	Strongly agree	56%	62%	52%	58%	40%	51%
	Agree	26%	22%	33%	28%	33%	25%
	Neither agree nor disagree	9%	10%	7%	13%	21%	16%
	Disagree	1%	4%	6%	1%	3%	4%
	Strongly disagree	9%	2%	1%	0%	3%	4%
How do you feel about each of the following statements: Drinking alcohol is never a good thing for anyone my age to do?	Strongly agree	63%	63%	54%	57%	32%	35%
	Agree	17%	15%	24%	25%	25%	23%
	Neither agree nor disagree	6%	15%	12%	16%	25%	23%
	Disagree	3%	2%	6%	2%	13%	11%
	Strongly disagree	11%	5%	5%	0%	5%	8%
How do you think MOST STUDENTS in your school feel about each of the following statements: Parents and other adults should clearly communicate with their children about the importance of not using alcohol?	Strongly agree	33%	22%	30%	13%	15%	6%
	Agree	41%	48%	35%	47%	41%	31%
	Neither agree nor disagree	13%	19%	25%	28%	32%	39%
	Disagree	3%	7%	2%	11%	7%	17%
	Strongly disagree	10%	4%	7%	1%	4%	7%
How do you think MOST STUDENTS in your school feel about each of the following statements: Drinking alcohol is never a good thing for anyone my age to do?	Strongly agree	37%	26%	26%	12%	10%	6%
	Agree	34%	46%	35%	33%	27%	14%
	Neither agree nor disagree	14%	19%	22%	38%	33%	29%
	Disagree	3%	1%	11%	14%	21%	33%
	Strongly disagree	11%	8%	6%	3%	8%	18%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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TABLE 43
USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA*^
Houston County

<i>How often do you use each of the following?</i>		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Tobacco (cigarettes, chew)	Never	96%	98%	84%	95%	79%	92%
	Tried once or twice	0%	0%	5%	4%	8%	4%
	Once or twice a year	1%	1%	2%	0%	4%	2%
	Once a month	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%
	Twice a month	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
	Once a week	0%	0%	4%	1%	3%	0%
	Daily	1%	0%	1%	0%	5%	0%
Alcohol (beer, wine, liquor)	Never	80%	76%	73%	73%	48%	57%
	Tried once or twice	11%	13%	10%	12%	17%	13%
	Once or twice a year	1%	9%	8%	7%	16%	10%
	Once a month	1%	0%	5%	5%	7%	8%
	Twice a month	4%	2%	2%	2%	6%	8%
	Once a week	1%	0%	2%	0%	6%	3%
	Daily	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil)	Never	93%	99%	92%	97%	81%	86%
	Tried once or twice	3%	1%	0%	2%	6%	5%
	Once or twice a year	3%	0%	2%	1%	2%	2%
	Once a month	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	2%
	Twice a month	0%	0%	4%	0%	3%	3%
	Once a week	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%
	Daily	1%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%

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^ All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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TABLE 44
PERCEPTIONS OF OTHERS' USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA*[^]
Houston County

<i>In your opinion, how often do you think MOST STUDENTS in your school use each of the following?</i>		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Tobacco (cigarettes, chew)	Never	55%	49%	36%	21%	22%	6%
	Tried once or twice	15%	21%	13%	32%	19%	24%
	Once or twice a year	3%	6%	12%	5%	7%	9%
	Once a month	3%	4%	8%	11%	12%	6%
	Twice a month	4%	4%	4%	7%	9%	13%
	Once a week	11%	6%	20%	13%	15%	25%
	Daily	8%	11%	7%	11%	17%	16%
Alcohol (beer, wine, liquor)	Never	37%	37%	26%	12%	12%	2%
	Tried once or twice	27%	30%	23%	24%	13%	8%
	Once or twice a year	7%	5%	11%	4%	5%	7%
	Once a month	4%	6%	11%	5%	13%	7%
	Twice a month	3%	9%	10%	17%	16%	18%
	Once a week	14%	10%	17%	30%	34%	47%
	Daily	7%	4%	4%	7%	7%	10%
Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil)	Never	54%	51%	37%	22%	18%	7%
	Tried once or twice	16%	20%	17%	24%	16%	15%
	Once or twice a year	4%	5%	8%	8%	4%	10%
	Once a month	3%	6%	11%	9%	13%	6%
	Twice a month	3%	2%	7%	8%	11%	15%
	Once a week	6%	10%	12%	20%	22%	24%
	Daily	14%	6%	8%	11%	16%	23%

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[^] All questions on this table were new in 2013.

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**TABLE 45A
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE***

Houston County

<i>During the last 12 months ...</i>		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
...have you found that you had to use a lot more alcohol or drugs than before to get the same effect?	No or no use	99%	99%	98%	98%	96%	95%
	Yes	1%	1%	2%	2%	4%	5%
...have you tried to cut down on your use of alcohol or drugs but couldn't?	No or no use	97%	99%	96%	99%	97%	100%
	Yes	3%	1%	4%	1%	3%	0%
...have you continued to use alcohol or drugs even though you knew it was hurting your relationships with friends or family?	No or no use	96%	100%	95%	99%	96%	98%
	Yes	4%	0%	5%	1%	4%	2%
...how many times have you spent all or most of the day using alcohol or drugs, or getting over their effects?	0 times or no use	96%	96%	95%	98%	93%	93%
	1 time	1%	3%	0%	2%	3%	2%
	2 times	0%	0%	5%	0%	1%	4%
	3 or more times	3%	1%	0%	0%	3%	1%
...how many times have you given up important social or recreational activities like sports or being with friends or relatives to use alcohol or drugs or to get over their effects?	0 times or no use	99%	100%	94%	99%	97%	97%
	1 time	0%	0%	4%	1%	1%	2%
	2 times	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
	3 or more times	1%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%
...how many times have you missed work or school, or neglected other major responsibilities because of alcohol or drug use?	0 times or no use	97%	100%	96%	100%	97%	100%
	1 time	1%	0%	4%	0%	1%	0%
	2 times	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	3 or more times	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 45B
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE***
Houston County

<i>During the last 12 months, how many times...</i>		Grade					
		8th		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
...have you driven a motor vehicle after using alcohol or drugs?*	0 times or no use			99%	99%	92%	90%
	1 time			1%	1%	3%	3%
	2 times			0%	0%	2%	3%
	3 or more times			0%	0%	3%	3%
...have you hit someone or become violent while using alcohol or drugs?	0 times or no use	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%
	1 time	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
	2 times	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	3 or more times	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
...have you used so much alcohol or drugs that the next day you could not remember what you had said or done?	0 times or no use	97%	100%	93%	96%	91%	84%
	1 time	0%	0%	5%	2%	4%	9%
	2 times	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	3%
	3 or more times	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	4%
...have you used more alcohol or drugs than you intended to?	0 times or no use	96%	99%	94%	94%	92%	87%
	1 time	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%
	2 times	0%	0%	2%	2%	4%	1%
	3 or more times	3%	0%	2%	1%	1%	7%
...has alcohol or drug use left you feeling depressed, agitated, paranoid, or unable to concentrate?	0 times or no use	99%	99%	93%	98%	94%	94%
	1 time	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%
	2 times	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	3 or more times	0%	0%	5%	0%	3%	3%
...has alcohol or drug use caused you problems with the law?	0 times or no use	99%	99%	98%	99%	96%	98%
	1 time	0%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%
	2 times	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	3 or more times	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

** 8th grade survey did not ask this question.

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TABLE 46
SEXUAL ORIENTATION; SEXUAL BEHAVIOR*
Houston County

		Grade			
		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
Which of the following best describes you?^	Heterosexual (straight)	92%	95%	98%	99%
	Bisexual	4%	1%	1%	1%
	Gay or lesbian	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Not sure (questioning)	3%	4%	2%	0%
Have you ever had sexual intercourse ('had sex')?	Yes	11%	8%	35%	44%
	No	89%	92%	65%	56%
During the last 12 months, with how many different male partners have you had sexual intercourse?	None	98%	92%	97%	57%
	1 person	1%	4%	2%	30%
	2 persons	0%	2%	1%	9%
	3 persons	0%	1%	0%	3%
	4 persons	1%	1%	0%	1%
	5 persons	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 or more persons	0%	0%	0%	0%
During the last 12 months, with how many different female partners have you had sexual intercourse?	None	90%	100%	67%	99%
	1 person	5%	0%	19%	0%
	2 persons	1%	0%	6%	1%
	3 persons	1%	0%	5%	0%
	4 persons	2%	0%	1%	0%
	5 persons	0%	0%	2%	0%
	6 or more persons	0%	0%	1%	0%
How many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?	0 times	96%	100%	98%	98%
	1 time	1%	0%	0%	2%
	2 or more times	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Not sure	2%	0%	2%	0%

* 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2013.

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**TABLE 47
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR***

Houston County

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE EVER HAD SEXUAL INTERCOURSE		Grade			
		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
Have you talked with your partner(s) about protecting yourselves from getting sexually transmitted infections/HIV/AIDS?	Never	33%	63%	36%	28%
	Not with every partner	44%	13%	12%	7%
	At least once with every partner	22%	25%	52%	65%
Have you talked with your partner(s) about preventing pregnancy?	Never	44%	38%	21%	9%
	Not with every partner	22%	38%	14%	12%
	At least once with every partner	33%	25%	64%	79%
The LAST time you had sexual intercourse, what ONE method did you or your partner use to prevent pregnancy?^	No method was used to prevent pregnancy	0%	0%	3%	8%
	Birth control pills	0%	17%	18%	35%
	Condoms	33%	67%	68%	35%
	Depo-Provera/any birth control shot, Nuva Ring/any birth control ring, Implanon/any implant or any IUD	0%	17%	3%	16%
	Withdrawal (pull-out)	50%	0%	8%	5%
	Some other method	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Not sure	17%	0%	0%	0%
The LAST time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?	Yes	33%	100%	79%	86%
	No	67%	0%	21%	14%
Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the LAST time?^	Yes	11%	13%	5%	9%
	No	89%	88%	95%	91%

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^ New question in 2013.

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**TABLE 48
REASONS FOR SEXUAL ABSTINENCE***

Houston County

		Grade			
		9th		11th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
If you do not have sexual intercourse, what factors influence your choice not to? (Mark all that apply)	I don't want to have sex	28%	64%	22%	52%
	My partner doesn't want to have sex [^]	12%	5%	11%	7%
	I have not had a chance to have sex [^]	34%	27%	53%	22%
	My friends don't have sex	12%	24%	11%	17%
	I don't think it's right for a person my age to have sex	38%	71%	26%	46%
	I have chosen to wait until I am married	24%	39%	15%	35%
	My religious or spiritual beliefs	15%	25%	19%	31%
	My parent(s) would object	34%	58%	26%	50%
	What my parents have taught me about sex	15%	28%	16%	19%
	What sex education at school has taught me	9%	31%	18%	22%
	Fear of pregnancy	25%	65%	37%	70%
	Fear of sexually transmitted diseases	26%	52%	25%	56%
	Other reason(s)	34%	13%	25%	26%

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[^] New question in 2013.