

2024 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

DeSoto County Data Tables

Table 1. Major demographic characteristics of surveyed DeSoto County and Florida Statewide, 2024

	DeSoto County			Florida Statewide	
	N	%		N	%
Sex					
Female	349	52.4		21,747	48.6
Male	317	47.6		22,711	50.7
Race/Ethnic group					
African American	70	10.5		9,493	21.2
American Indian	11	1.7		426	1.0
Asian	8	1.2		653	1.5
Hispanic/Latino	323	48.5		10,394	23.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	0.2		41	0.1
Other/Multiple	121	18.2		7,299	16.3
White, non-Hispanic	132	19.8		16,109	36.0
Parent/Guardian in the Military					
No	587	88.1		38,723	86.5
Yes	76	11.4		5,679	12.7
Age					
11	38	5.7		2,499	5.6
12	111	16.7		5,938	13.3
13	99	14.9		6,288	14.0
14	118	17.7		6,501	14.5
15	97	14.6		6,784	15.2
16	103	15.5		6,743	15.1
17	60	9.0		6,358	14.2
18	31	4.7		3,252	7.3
Grade					
6th	96	14.4		6,126	13.7
7th	127	19.1		6,468	14.5
8th	127	19.1		6,341	14.2
9th	98	14.7		6,696	15.0
10th	99	14.9		6,738	15.1
11th	72	10.8		6,266	14.0
12th	47	7.1		6,121	13.7
Middle School	350	52.6		18,934	42.3
High School	316	47.4		25,821	57.7
Total	666	100.0		44,755	100.0

Note: Some categories do not sum to 100% of the total due to missing values (e.g., not all survey questions were answered) or categories with very few responses were omitted. In addition, rounding can produce totals that do not equal 100%. “N” represents the number of valid cases. In this table, county data are unweighted while statewide data are weighted.

Table 2. Percentages of DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in their lifetimes, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
Alcohol	21.2	20.7	21.9	20.0	19.6	20.2	20.9	19.3	32.5	30.5	23.5	19.8	32.4	26.9
Blacking Out	--	6.3	5.5	7.2	--	7.0	--	--	9.1	10.3	8.0	--	9.2	--
Cigarettes	3.5	9.5	7.7	5.8	3.4	10.5	6.7	4.4	7.7	6.4	6.2	4.3	7.9	6.3
Vaping Nicotine	14.1	16.4	18.3	12.5	13.9	16.5	15.4	10.9	20.1	20.2	12.4	11.3	20.4	16.2
Vaping Marijuana	9.9	13.3	14.0	9.4	9.5	13.7	11.7	5.5	16.3	14.4	9.2	5.9	16.5	11.7
Marijuana or Hashish	12.4	14.1	13.6	13.0	11.8	14.2	13.3	5.9	18.6	15.3	11.2	6.3	18.8	13.2
Synthetic Marijuana	--	2.7	2.1	3.4	--	3.3	--	--	1.9	2.4	1.5	--	1.9	--
Inhalants	5.9	2.7	4.3	4.0	6.0	3.0	4.2	6.9	3.5	5.5	4.3	6.5	3.7	4.9
Club Drugs	1.5	0.7	1.6	0.6	1.7	0.6	1.1	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.6
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.5	1.8	2.2	1.1	1.4	2.2	1.6	1.0	3.0	2.3	2.1	1.0	3.1	2.2
Methamphetamine	0.9	1.1	1.4	0.6	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Heroin	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Prescription Depressants	1.1	1.9	1.9	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.5
Prescription Pain Relievers	3.0	1.4	1.7	2.6	3.3	1.0	2.2	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.7
Prescription Amphetamines	1.7	1.7	2.8	0.6	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.4	1.5	2.1	1.8
Over-the-Counter Drugs	2.2	1.8	2.6	1.4	1.9	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.9
Needle to Inject Illegal Drugs	--	0.6	0.7	0.5	--	0.8	--	--	0.6	0.5	0.6	--	0.6	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	6.6	4.2	9.3	--	7.8	--	--	8.7	9.3	8.2	--	8.9	--
Kratom	--	2.2	1.3	3.2	--	3.0	--	--	1.1	1.2	1.1	--	1.1	--
Any illicit drug	18.0	18.6	19.3	17.3	17.7	18.5	18.3	15.1	24.0	23.3	17.2	15.1	24.4	20.2
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	9.0	7.0	8.9	7.0	9.3	7.2	8.0	10.5	9.4	11.0	8.7	10.1	9.7	9.9
Alcohol only	10.9	8.5	8.9	10.3	9.3	8.6	9.6	11.5	14.9	14.2	12.8	11.7	14.7	13.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	28.7	26.7	28.2	27.1	26.8	26.8	27.6	26.4	38.7	37.3	29.8	26.7	38.9	33.5
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	7.7	6.4	6.5	7.6	7.5	6.9	7.0	7.2	6.5	7.0	6.6	7.0	6.7	6.8

Note: The first 20 data rows show results for alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. For "Blacking Out," respondents were asked on how many occasions in their lifetime they woke up after a night of drinking and did not remember the things they did or the places they went. Ecstasy, Rohypnol, GHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 3. Percentages of DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in the past 30 days, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Alcohol	7.5	7.1	8.1	6.5	7.3	7.4	7.3	6.2	13.1	11.8	8.6	6.3	13.0	10.2
Binge Drinking	4.7	5.7	6.2	4.3	3.7	7.7	5.2	2.4	5.9	4.8	4.1	2.4	5.9	4.4
Cigarettes	1.3	2.8	2.0	2.2	1.2	3.6	2.1	0.7	1.4	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.1
Vaping Nicotine	4.6	8.8	7.7	5.9	4.7	8.4	6.8	3.7	8.7	8.4	4.9	3.9	8.9	6.6
Vaping Marijuana	4.5	7.3	5.8	6.2	4.5	7.1	6.0	2.2	7.8	6.3	4.7	2.4	8.0	5.5
Marijuana or Hashish	5.3	9.0	7.1	7.4	4.9	9.5	7.3	2.4	9.1	7.1	5.6	2.7	9.1	6.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	1.3	2.1	0.5	--	1.5	--	--	0.7	0.8	0.6	--	0.7	--
Inhalants	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.2	1.6	1.7	2.5	0.9	1.9	1.2	2.3	1.0	1.6
Club Drugs	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5
Methamphetamine	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Heroin	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Prescription Depressants	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Prescription Pain Relievers	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6
Prescription Amphetamines	1.1	1.4	2.1	0.4	0.9	1.5	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.0	1.1	1.5	0.6	0.8	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Any illicit drug	7.8	12.0	10.2	9.9	7.4	12.8	10.0	6.6	12.0	11.2	8.3	6.7	12.1	9.7
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	4.4	4.1	5.1	3.3	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.4	3.1	4.1	3.2	4.2	3.3	3.7
Alcohol only	5.4	2.9	5.0	3.1	5.2	2.3	4.1	4.1	7.4	6.9	5.2	4.1	7.4	6.0
Alcohol or any illicit drug	13.1	14.8	15.2	12.8	12.5	14.9	14.0	10.6	19.3	17.9	13.4	10.7	19.4	15.6
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	5.7	7.9	7.2	6.6	5.3	7.8	6.9	4.5	6.4	6.2	4.9	4.5	6.6	5.6

Note: The first 17 data rows show results for alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. Binge drinking is defined as having had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row in the past two weeks. Ecstasy, Rohypnol, GHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 4. Lifetime trend in substance use for DeSoto County, 2014 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
Alcohol	32.5	59.5	46.7	26.4	46.5	37.0	19.2	44.6	33.0	24.8	46.9	37.3	--	30.1	--	21.2	20.7	20.9
Blacking Out	--	20.7	--	--	19.1	--	--	18.4	--	--	15.8	--	--	14.9	--	--	6.3	--
Cigarettes	14.8	34.9	25.3	9.0	24.5	17.2	6.0	22.3	14.7	8.9	13.7	11.6	--	6.6	--	3.5	9.5	6.7
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17.7	37.2	28.8	--	21.9	--	14.1	16.4	15.4
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.7	29.7	20.2	--	16.8	--	9.9	13.3	11.7
Marijuana or Hashish	12.7	36.2	25.1	7.7	28.5	18.6	5.5	25.5	16.2	11.5	32.3	23.2	--	20.2	--	12.4	14.1	13.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	14.9	--	--	7.2	--	--	3.3	--	--	1.6	--	--	1.2	--	--	2.7	--
Inhalants	6.9	4.9	5.9	5.8	3.0	4.3	2.5	1.8	2.1	10.9	4.0	7.0	--	3.4	--	5.9	2.7	4.2
Club Drugs	0.7	3.1	2.0	0.2	4.0	2.1	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.7	--	0.9	--	1.5	0.7	1.1
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.2	4.0	2.7	1.0	2.5	1.8	1.2	0.5	0.8	0.5	4.8	3.0	--	2.5	--	1.5	1.8	1.6
Methamphetamine	0.7	3.0	1.9	0.2	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.3	2.5	0.9	1.6	--	0.4	--	0.9	1.1	1.0
Cocaine or Crack	1.5	4.8	3.2	0.5	3.3	1.9	1.0	3.7	2.4	1.2	3.1	2.3	--	1.2	--	0.6	0.6	0.6
Heroin	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	--	0.4	--	0.6	0.6	0.6
Prescription Depressants	1.0	4.5	2.9	2.4	8.1	5.3	2.9	6.5	4.8	3.7	6.6	5.4	--	7.0	--	1.1	1.9	1.5
Prescription Pain Relievers	3.0	6.9	5.1	2.1	6.4	4.4	1.6	4.5	3.1	5.6	2.3	3.7	--	1.3	--	3.0	1.4	2.2
Prescription Amphetamines	0.2	5.0	2.7	0.4	4.6	2.6	0.0	1.6	0.9	1.7	1.8	1.8	--	4.0	--	1.7	1.7	1.7
Over-the-Counter Drugs	3.4	5.3	4.4	3.5	4.2	3.9	1.9	4.2	3.1	4.6	4.2	4.4	--	2.7	--	2.2	1.8	2.0
Needle to Inject Drugs	--	--	--	--	0.6	--	--	2.2	--	--	0.3	--	--	0.7	--	--	0.6	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.6	--
Kratom	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2	--
Any illicit drug	19.0	40.3	30.2	16.9	33.2	25.4	9.2	28.0	19.3	26.4	38.8	33.4	--	24.9	--	18.0	18.6	18.3
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	11.5	18.4	15.1	13.4	15.0	14.2	6.9	12.5	9.9	18.9	17.9	18.3	--	12.6	--	9.0	7.0	8.0
Alcohol only	21.0	24.0	22.5	14.4	18.6	16.6	12.2	22.3	17.7	11.9	16.2	14.3	--	10.2	--	10.9	8.5	9.6
Alcohol or any illicit drug	39.9	63.5	52.3	31.0	52.0	42.0	21.0	50.5	36.8	37.3	54.9	47.2	--	35.0	--	28.7	26.7	27.6
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	7.5	4.3	5.8	5.3	5.6	5.5	2.1	6.1	4.2	12.0	8.3	9.9	--	4.8	--	7.7	6.4	7.0

Note: The first 20 data rows show results for alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. For "Blacking Out," respondents were asked on how many occasions in their lifetime they woke up after a night of drinking and did not remember the things they did or the places they went. Ecstasy, Rohypnol, GHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. In 2024, the wording of the prescription pain reliver use items was changed to include drug names that are prescribed more frequently. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 5. Past-30-day trends in substance use for DeSoto County, 2014 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
Alcohol	13.9	38.4	26.8	10.2	25.5	18.3	9.0	25.6	17.9	12.4	25.4	19.8	--	18.0	--	7.5	7.1	7.3
Binge Drinking	6.1	17.9	12.3	5.5	16.1	11.1	6.1	13.4	10.0	8.7	12.5	10.9	--	10.4	--	4.7	5.7	5.2
Cigarettes	3.7	7.5	5.7	1.4	10.0	6.0	1.8	4.8	3.4	0.7	3.5	2.3	--	0.3	--	1.3	2.8	2.1
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.7	17.9	13.9	--	13.6	--	4.6	8.8	6.8
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.9	14.2	9.3	--	9.9	--	4.5	7.3	6.0
Marijuana or Hashish	6.3	21.6	14.3	5.4	15.2	10.5	3.5	15.3	9.7	5.6	16.9	12.0	--	14.3	--	5.3	9.0	7.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	3.4	--	--	0.8	--	--	0.6	--	--	0.9	--	--	0.6	--	--	1.3	--
Inhalants	3.4	2.3	2.8	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.6	0.5	1.0	6.3	2.2	3.9	--	2.1	--	2.0	1.5	1.7
Club Drugs	0.3	2.1	1.3	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.3	1.5	1.3	1.4	--	0.6	--	0.4	0.6	0.5
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.7	--	0.4	--	0.8	0.5	0.6
Methamphetamine	0.5	1.7	1.1	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.4	2.6	0.2	1.2	--	0.4	--	0.3	0.9	0.6
Cocaine or Crack	0.7	3.0	1.9	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	--	0.4	--	0.4	0.7	0.6
Heroin	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.0	0.9	--	0.4	--	0.4	0.6	0.5
Prescription Depressants	0.3	1.6	1.0	0.9	3.4	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.3	0.8	1.6	1.3	--	0.6	--	0.0	0.4	0.2
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.1	3.8	2.5	0.6	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.7	0.3	0.9	--	0.6	--	0.7	0.2	0.4
Prescription Amphetamines	0.0	2.3	1.2	0.0	1.8	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	--	1.0	--	1.1	1.4	1.3
Over-the-Counter Drugs	2.7	1.7	2.2	1.1	2.1	1.6	1.0	3.9	2.5	0.2	1.8	1.1	--	1.6	--	1.0	1.1	1.0
Any illicit drug	12.1	23.6	18.1	8.8	17.8	13.5	5.6	17.2	11.7	13.4	23.4	19.0	--	17.6	--	7.8	12.0	10.0
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	7.4	8.9	8.2	5.1	6.9	6.1	4.3	6.8	5.6	9.2	7.6	8.3	--	3.7	--	4.4	4.1	4.2
Alcohol only	9.6	20.6	15.3	7.0	13.2	10.3	5.1	15.1	10.5	7.2	12.6	10.2	--	7.7	--	5.4	2.9	4.1
Alcohol or any illicit drug	21.7	43.1	32.9	15.3	30.9	23.5	10.8	30.9	21.5	20.1	35.6	28.8	--	25.5	--	13.1	14.8	14.0
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	8.1	4.8	6.4	5.5	5.7	5.6	1.7	5.7	3.8	6.8	10.3	8.8	--	7.1	--	5.7	7.9	6.9

Note: The first 18 data rows show results for alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. Binge drinking is defined as having had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row in the past two weeks. Ecstasy, Rohypnol, GHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. In 2020, the vaping/e-cigarette item was replaced with separate questions about vaping nicotine and vaping marijuana. In 2024, the wording of the prescription pain reliver use items was changed to include drug names that are prescribed more frequently. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 6. Percentages of DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth who reported early substance use and perceived risk of harm, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
Early substance use														
More than a sip of alcohol	--	10.5	10.0	10.9	--	12.8	--	--	13.2	14.3	12.1	--	13.3	--
Drinking at least once a month	--	2.8	2.0	3.7	--	3.8	--	--	2.0	2.3	1.7	--	2.0	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	5.0	7.1	2.7	--	4.6	--	--	4.3	4.7	3.9	--	4.6	--
Smoke marijuana	--	6.6	4.6	8.8	--	5.5	--	--	5.1	5.8	4.4	--	5.1	--
Vape nicotine	--	8.1	8.8	7.3	--	9.0	--	--	8.4	10.7	6.2	--	8.5	--
Vape marijuana	--	4.2	1.5	7.1	--	4.8	--	--	4.3	5.1	3.5	--	4.4	--
Great risk of harm														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	45.9	53.9	49.9	50.4	48.1	51.2	50.2	51.3	48.5	51.8	47.6	51.1	48.4	49.7
5+ drinks once or twice a week	54.1	60.8	56.8	58.5	56.7	59.3	57.7	61.6	57.3	60.8	57.5	61.7	57.3	59.1
1+ packs of cigarettes per day	60.6	67.8	67.7	61.3	62.8	65.7	64.5	64.2	65.0	65.8	63.6	64.6	65.1	64.7
Vaping nicotine	49.2	51.2	48.6	52.0	50.1	51.7	50.3	54.6	47.1	49.5	51.1	54.2	47.0	50.3
Vaping marijuana	49.8	49.4	46.9	52.3	51.0	48.8	49.6	56.2	42.5	48.0	48.6	55.5	42.3	48.2
Marijuana once or twice a week	42.1	39.1	38.7	42.4	43.8	36.6	40.5	48.7	31.9	38.9	39.2	47.6	32.1	39.0
Try marijuana once or twice	32.1	33.6	32.1	33.7	33.5	31.5	32.9	34.8	22.9	27.3	28.6	33.9	23.0	27.9
Use prescription drugs	62.4	71.6	69.5	65.2	64.6	68.8	67.3	67.0	67.7	69.3	65.6	67.3	67.7	67.4

Note: Early substance use is defined as the percentage of high school students who started using at age 13 or younger. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 7. Trends in early substance use and perceived risk of harm for DeSoto County, 2014 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
Early substance use																		
Try alcohol	--	29.8	--	--	20.5	--	--	27.4	--	--	16.3	--	--	13.6	--	--	10.5	--
Drink monthly	--	9.0	--	--	5.3	--	--	5.0	--	--	2.9	--	--	1.3	--	--	2.8	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	22.6	--	--	13.7	--	--	15.3	--	--	6.9	--	--	6.7	--	--	5.0	--
Smoke marijuana	--	17.3	--	--	11.0	--	--	15.1	--	--	9.9	--	--	9.9	--	--	6.6	--
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.0	--	--	11.6	--	--	8.1	--
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.0	--	--	6.2	--	--	4.2	--
Great risk of harm																		
Daily alcohol use	40.6	31.7	35.9	41.6	33.2	37.1	45.3	27.3	35.6	47.7	44.1	45.7	--	51.7	--	45.9	53.9	50.2
5+ drinks daily	55.7	43.2	49.2	55.8	46.9	51.1	53.0	39.9	46.0	57.9	56.1	56.9	--	62.7	--	54.1	60.8	57.7
Daily cigarette use	64.8	62.4	63.6	65.9	60.7	63.1	54.3	53.9	54.1	64.2	73.1	69.2	--	71.0	--	60.6	67.8	64.5
Vaping nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	51.5	50.5	51.0	--	52.8	--	49.2	51.2	50.3
Vaping marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	54.2	45.7	49.5	--	50.1	--	49.8	49.4	49.6
Marijuana weekly	48.8	23.8	35.7	43.4	26.1	34.2	49.8	23.3	35.7	47.8	32.2	39.1	--	43.5	--	42.1	39.1	40.5
Try marijuana	38.7	18.3	28.0	35.6	16.8	25.7	35.1	15.4	24.6	36.5	24.5	29.7	--	32.6	--	32.1	33.6	32.9
Prescription drugs	70.0	68.7	69.3	68.0	64.7	66.3	64.1	53.8	58.6	66.1	75.6	71.4	--	67.7	--	62.4	71.6	67.3

Note: Early substance use is defined as the percentage of high school students who started using at age 13 or younger. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 8. Percentages of DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth who reported personal disapproval, peer disapproval, and parent disapproval of substance use, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
<i>Think it would be wrong to...</i>														
Smoke cigarettes	96.5	93.8	96.6	93.6	97.0	93.6	95.1	97.0	92.7	94.3	94.8	96.8	93.1	94.5
Drink alcohol regularly	90.5	85.8	90.3	85.8	90.9	85.2	88.0	91.4	78.3	82.6	85.0	90.8	78.5	83.8
Smoke marijuana	93.1	85.9	91.1	87.5	92.6	83.6	89.3	93.7	79.0	84.6	85.8	93.2	79.1	85.2
Vape nicotine	91.6	89.5	90.9	90.1	91.0	89.7	90.5	93.8	87.2	88.3	91.6	93.4	87.5	90.0
Vape marijuana	91.2	88.2	90.5	88.8	90.8	86.6	89.6	94.7	83.7	87.2	89.4	94.1	84.0	88.3
Use other illicit drugs	96.3	97.3	96.7	96.9	96.6	96.9	96.8	98.2	96.9	97.8	97.1	98.2	96.9	97.4
<i>Friends think it would be wrong to...</i>														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	91.7	88.3	89.6	90.2	92.3	86.9	89.9	93.5	88.7	91.3	90.2	93.2	88.7	90.7
Smoke tobacco	95.3	91.8	93.7	93.2	95.9	90.5	93.4	95.6	91.4	93.2	93.1	95.5	91.2	93.1
Smoke marijuana	90.4	82.1	85.6	86.5	90.9	80.1	86.0	92.9	77.6	83.5	84.7	92.3	77.3	84.1
Vape nicotine	88.8	86.6	86.2	89.0	89.5	85.4	87.6	91.5	83.5	84.7	89.0	91.2	83.4	86.9
Vape marijuana	89.7	84.4	86.3	87.4	90.3	82.6	86.9	93.2	81.1	84.8	87.5	92.6	80.9	86.2
Use prescription drugs	95.7	95.8	94.8	96.7	96.4	95.1	95.8	96.6	95.1	96.0	95.5	96.6	94.7	95.7
<i>Parents think it would be wrong to...</i>														
Daily alcohol use	93.6	96.5	95.6	94.7	95.3	95.6	95.2	97.8	95.8	96.8	96.5	97.8	95.9	96.7
Smoke cigarettes	98.0	98.3	98.8	97.6	98.1	98.4	98.2	98.9	98.3	98.5	98.6	98.9	98.4	98.6
Smoke marijuana	95.7	91.8	93.7	93.4	95.2	91.6	93.6	97.4	92.0	94.0	94.6	97.5	92.0	94.3
Use prescription drugs	94.9	98.8	98.0	96.1	95.4	98.3	97.0	98.4	97.9	97.9	98.3	98.5	97.8	98.1

Note: The symbol “--” indicates that data are not available.

Table 9. Trends in personal disapproval, peer disapproval, and parent disapproval of substance use for DeSoto County, 2014 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
<i>Think it wrong</i>																		
Smoke cigarettes	92.6	79.7	85.9	93.2	85.0	88.7	96.5	87.4	91.5	92.6	87.1	89.5	--	93.7	--	96.5	93.8	95.1
Drink regularly	82.9	55.7	68.6	83.4	65.5	73.7	89.5	68.7	78.2	82.2	72.9	77.0	--	77.0	--	90.5	85.8	88.0
Smoke marijuana	81.9	57.7	69.2	85.0	67.9	75.7	91.2	67.1	78.1	84.1	66.6	74.4	--	78.5	--	93.1	85.9	89.3
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	86.8	78.8	82.4	--	84.2	--	91.6	89.5	90.5
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	88.4	75.5	81.3	--	82.4	--	91.2	88.2	89.6
Other illicit drugs	95.2	94.6	94.9	96.9	92.9	94.7	97.3	93.8	95.4	96.3	96.6	96.4	--	94.2	--	96.3	97.3	96.8
<i>Friends think it wrong</i>																		
Daily alcohol use	86.2	66.1	75.6	85.9	77.7	81.5	92.5	78.9	85.2	83.7	77.4	80.2	--	82.0	--	91.7	88.3	89.9
Smoke tobacco	91.0	77.1	83.6	93.0	84.9	88.7	93.5	89.3	91.2	91.3	85.5	88.1	--	89.0	--	95.3	91.8	93.4
Smoke marijuana	81.7	57.2	68.9	85.0	67.2	75.5	90.5	63.6	76.1	83.2	63.0	72.0	--	74.4	--	90.4	82.1	86.0
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	84.7	70.1	76.6	--	79.4	--	88.8	86.6	87.6
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	88.4	65.6	75.8	--	75.9	--	89.7	84.4	86.9
Use Prescription drugs	95.5	89.7	92.5	94.9	88.5	91.5	93.7	90.8	92.1	91.1	92.0	91.6	--	92.9	--	95.7	95.8	95.8
<i>Parents think it wrong</i>																		
Daily alcohol use	96.5	87.8	91.8	95.7	89.1	92.4	96.8	93.9	95.3	97.4	92.8	94.7	--	93.6	93.6	93.6	96.5	95.2
Smoke tobacco	98.0	96.1	97.0	97.4	95.8	96.6	99.6	94.6	97.0	97.1	96.1	96.5	--	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.3	98.2
Smoke marijuana	93.1	87.3	90.0	96.8	88.8	92.8	98.6	87.3	92.7	95.9	86.2	90.3	--	87.8	87.8	95.7	91.8	93.6
Use prescription drugs	98.4	97.3	97.8	98.2	97.5	97.9	99.5	95.9	97.7	93.8	99.5	97.1	--	99.0	99.0	94.9	98.8	97.0

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 10. Among high school drinkers, usual source of alcohol within the past 30 days, DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bought in a store	--	12.8	4.5	23.7	--	12.8	--	--	13.4	10.1	17.7	--	13.4	--
Bought in a restaurant, bar, or club	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	3.2	3.5	2.8	--	3.2	--
Bought at a public event	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	1.2	0.6	1.9	--	1.2	--
Someone bought it for me	--	13.4	14.0	12.6	--	13.4	--	--	7.1	7.0	7.3	--	7.1	--
Someone gave it to me	--	21.8	36.0	3.0	--	21.8	--	--	41.1	43.9	37.3	--	41.1	--
Took it from a store	--	4.4	7.7	0.0	--	4.4	--	--	2.1	1.3	3.1	--	2.1	--
Took it from a family member	--	27.2	24.0	31.5	--	27.2	--	--	12.8	15.2	9.5	--	12.8	--
Some other way	--	20.4	13.7	29.2	--	20.4	--	--	19.2	18.4	20.2	--	19.2	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 11. Among high school drinkers, usual drinking location within the past 30 days, DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
My home	--	31.1	27.5	34.6	--	31.1	--	--	43.3	44.6	41.3	--	43.3	--
Another person's home	--	14.1	14.4	13.8	--	14.1	--	--	30.3	31.4	29.0	--	30.3	--
Car or other vehicle	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	2.2	1.6	3.1	--	2.2	--
Restaurant, bar, or club	--	6.9	0.0	13.9	--	6.9	--	--	5.6	5.3	6.1	--	5.6	--
Public place	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	5.2	5.4	5.0	--	5.2	--
Public event	--	9.1	18.2	0.0	--	9.1	--	--	2.9	2.6	3.4	--	2.9	--
School property	--	5.3	0.0	10.6	--	5.3	--	--	1.5	0.9	2.3	--	1.5	--
Some other place	--	33.5	39.8	27.1	--	33.5	--	--	9.0	8.3	9.9	--	9.0	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 12. Among high school drinkers, number of drinks usually consumed per day, on the days students drank in the past 30 days, DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	--	32.6	31.5	33.6	--	32.6	--	--	33.2	34.8	30.9	--	33.2	--
2	--	13.4	3.4	21.9	--	13.4	--	--	23.0	25.2	20.0	--	23.0	--
3	--	31.2	28.1	33.8	--	31.2	--	--	17.8	17.8	17.6	--	17.8	--
4	--	6.8	4.7	8.6	--	6.8	--	--	7.0	7.0	7.1	--	7.0	--
5 or more	--	16.0	32.4	2.2	--	16.0	--	--	19.0	15.1	24.5	--	19.0	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 13. Percentages of DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth who reported drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, or using another drug to get high before or during school in the past 12 months, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Drinking alcohol	4.7	1.5	4.2	1.6	4.7	1.6	2.9	2.6	3.4	3.7	2.4	2.5	3.7	3.1
Smoking marijuana	8.5	8.7	8.9	8.3	8.4	10.5	8.6	3.1	7.9	6.8	5.0	3.2	8.5	5.9
Using another drug to get high	2.4	2.0	2.6	1.8	2.6	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.7	2.4	2.1

Table 14. Percentages of DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth who reported engaging in delinquent behavior within the past 12 months, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Carrying a handgun	8.6	5.1	4.3	9.1	6.8	8.1	6.7	6.6	5.4	3.5	8.2	6.4	5.5	5.9
Selling drugs	3.1	2.4	2.0	3.5	3.0	3.1	2.7	1.0	2.0	1.1	2.0	1.0	2.1	1.6
Attempting to steal a vehicle	1.6	1.0	0.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Being arrested	3.5	2.6	2.0	4.0	3.9	2.6	3.0	1.7	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.7
Taking a handgun to school	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5
Getting suspended	21.2	11.0	11.0	20.5	19.2	15.1	15.7	16.9	10.9	11.2	15.8	15.8	11.9	13.5
Attacking someone with intent to harm	9.8	4.3	5.9	7.8	8.8	6.1	6.8	8.4	4.3	5.4	6.7	8.0	4.5	6.0

Table 15. Trends in delinquent behaviors for DeSoto County, 2014 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>
Carrying a handgun	9.2	10.4	9.8	11.2	7.2	9.2	6.8	8.5	7.7	13.2	7.2	9.7	--	9.3	--	8.6	5.1	6.7
Selling drugs	3.8	6.5	5.2	2.2	5.4	3.8	0.9	13.5	7.5	3.6	2.8	3.1	--	3.0	--	3.1	2.4	2.7
Attempting to steal a vehicle	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.5	2.5	2.0	0.8	6.4	3.7	3.2	0.6	1.7	--	0.7	--	1.6	1.0	1.3
Being arrested	3.8	3.7	3.8	1.9	2.8	2.3	2.3	10.5	6.6	4.7	2.1	3.2	--	1.9	--	3.5	2.6	3.0
Taking a handgun to school	2.4	1.8	2.1	0.9	1.6	1.2	0.3	3.1	1.7	1.7	0.5	1.0	--	1.1	--	0.6	0.6	0.6
Getting suspended	14.3	9.0	11.5	11.5	5.0	8.2	11.9	11.7	11.8	13.7	9.9	11.5	--	11.9	--	21.2	11.0	15.7
Attacking someone with intent to harm	7.6	7.3	7.4	8.6	7.0	7.8	5.7	10.5	8.2	14.4	7.0	10.2	--	3.4	--	9.8	4.3	6.8

Table 16. Percentages of DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth who reported symptoms of depression, or suicidal ideation and behavior in the past 12 months, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
<i>Symptoms of Depression</i>														
Sometimes I think that life is not worth it	23.1	17.1	22.5	17.4	23.4	17.5	19.9	28.8	25.5	35.1	18.9	28.5	26.0	26.9
At times I think I am no good at all	34.2	25.8	34.0	25.6	33.6	25.5	29.7	42.2	37.1	48.5	30.2	41.8	37.2	39.3
All in all, I am inclined to think that I am a failure	27.9	20.7	28.4	19.8	27.1	20.7	24.1	29.6	25.1	33.4	20.7	29.3	25.3	27.0
In the past year, have you felt depressed or sad MOST days, even if you felt OK sometimes?	37.2	34.9	41.8	30.3	37.6	32.2	36.0	42.6	39.3	50.7	30.9	42.0	39.6	40.7
<i>Suicide (past 12 months)</i>														
Seriously considered attempting suicide	12.4	7.0	12.4	6.6	11.7	7.2	9.5	14.8	12.4	17.8	8.9	14.7	12.8	13.4
Made a suicide plan	10.3	7.3	10.2	7.2	10.0	6.9	8.7	12.3	9.8	14.2	7.5	12.2	10.2	10.9
Attempted suicide one or more times	7.8	4.5	8.6	3.4	7.6	4.6	6.0	9.3	5.8	10.1	4.4	8.8	6.3	7.3
Suicide attempt that required medical care	3.3	2.4	4.3	1.3	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.1	1.4	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.7

Table 17. Percentages of DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth who reported involvement in bullying behavior, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Skipped school because of bullying	9.5	11.1	12.8	8.0	9.5	11.5	10.4	10.0	8.6	13.7	4.7	9.6	8.9	9.2
Was ever kicked or shoved	43.3	25.5	30.9	36.8	42.4	28.6	33.9	46.6	27.4	36.6	34.3	45.0	27.6	35.5
Was ever taunted or teased	59.0	46.9	54.2	51.0	57.4	50.0	52.5	67.9	51.7	64.0	53.2	66.7	51.9	58.5
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	21.9	23.6	27.2	18.7	20.6	28.0	22.8	29.6	28.6	36.7	21.6	29.4	29.0	29.0
Ever physically bullied others	29.5	13.6	16.0	26.0	28.8	14.7	21.1	24.1	12.6	15.9	18.9	22.9	13.2	17.5
Ever verbally bullied others	36.6	22.1	25.2	32.6	36.0	23.2	29.0	37.4	26.2	30.0	31.8	36.3	26.7	30.9
Ever cyber bullied others	13.0	12.7	12.9	12.8	13.3	14.5	12.8	14.6	12.5	14.6	12.2	14.4	12.8	13.4

Table 18. Percentages of DeSoto County and Florida Statewide high school youth who reported adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Emotional abuse	--	9.4	10.4	8.3	--	8.6	--	--	13.3	17.8	8.8	--	13.6	--
Physical abuse	--	6.7	4.4	9.4	--	7.0	--	--	8.9	10.6	7.2	--	9.1	--
Sexual abuse	--	2.1	3.5	0.5	--	1.6	--	--	4.9	7.5	2.3	--	5.2	--
Parents separated or divorced	--	34.0	36.8	30.9	--	34.2	--	--	38.7	41.5	36.0	--	39.2	--
Physical abuse in household	--	6.4	6.4	6.3	--	7.7	--	--	6.9	8.6	5.2	--	7.1	--
Substance abuse in household	--	23.8	26.5	20.9	--	22.0	--	--	22.8	26.3	19.3	--	23.5	--
Mental illness in household	--	16.4	18.7	13.8	--	17.7	--	--	27.7	35.0	20.4	--	28.2	--
Incarcerated household member	--	20.5	27.7	12.6	--	18.9	--	--	21.7	23.2	20.2	--	22.1	--
Emotional neglect	--	23.8	29.7	17.2	--	21.9	--	--	25.1	30.4	19.7	--	25.5	--
Physical neglect	--	5.7	7.4	3.9	--	5.4	--	--	6.2	7.2	5.3	--	6.4	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 19. Number of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) reported by DeSoto County and Florida Statewide high school youth, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
No ACEs reported	--	43.6	39.0	48.9	--	43.6	--	--	37.9	31.9	43.9	--	37.9	--
1 ACE	--	20.6	19.1	22.3	--	20.6	--	--	20.6	20.2	21.1	--	20.6	--
2 ACEs	--	12.4	12.2	12.7	--	12.4	--	--	13.4	13.9	13.0	--	13.4	--
3 ACEs	--	10.3	13.6	6.5	--	10.3	--	--	10.0	11.2	8.9	--	10.0	--
4 ACEs	--	4.6	6.5	2.5	--	4.6	--	--	7.0	8.4	5.5	--	7.0	--
5 ACEs	--	3.5	3.5	3.5	--	3.5	--	--	4.4	5.4	3.4	--	4.4	--
6 ACEs	--	2.0	3.6	0.3	--	2.0	--	--	2.8	3.6	2.0	--	2.8	--
7 ACEs	--	1.9	1.5	2.3	--	1.9	--	--	1.9	2.7	1.1	--	1.9	--
8 ACEs	--	1.0	1.0	1.1	--	1.0	--	--	1.1	1.5	0.6	--	1.1	--
9 ACEs	--	0.1	0.2	0.0	--	0.1	--	--	0.5	0.8	0.3	--	0.5	--
10 ACEs	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	0.3	0.3	0.2	--	0.3	--

Note: Each respondent receives an ACEs score, which is the number of adverse childhood experiences he or she reported. This table shows the frequency distribution of the ACEs score across the sample. Percentages total to 100% down each column. Rounding can produce totals that do not equal 100%. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 20. Percentages of DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with statements indicating impulsiveness or a lack of self-control, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
I often do what brings me pleasure now	23.3	23.8	25.3	21.8	24.6	22.0	23.5	30.7	28.0	31.4	27.0	30.4	28.0	29.2
I'm more concerned with the short run	22.2	22.2	28.1	16.3	21.9	21.5	22.2	27.7	23.1	27.2	22.9	27.4	23.2	25.1
Getting in trouble is exciting	25.9	15.8	23.7	17.4	24.7	17.2	20.6	26.9	25.3	26.7	25.2	26.6	25.7	26.0
Excitement is more important than security	20.5	20.9	23.7	17.7	19.6	21.7	20.7	26.5	23.4	23.6	25.8	26.0	23.8	24.7
People better stay away from me when I'm really angry	25.8	16.7	24.0	18.0	24.6	16.4	21.0	28.4	21.1	27.3	21.1	27.3	21.4	24.2
I get upset when I have a disagreement with someone	38.8	33.7	49.1	22.9	37.9	32.6	36.1	47.0	34.8	48.8	31.2	46.1	34.9	39.9

Table 21. Percentages of DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth who reported participation in extracurricular activities, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
School Sports	34.9	35.7	28.2	42.1	35.1	34.5	35.3	38.2	38.2	35.6	40.9	38.4	38.4	38.2
Organized Sports Outside of School	40.7	18.4	24.8	32.8	38.1	19.7	28.9	43.6	25.7	29.5	37.0	42.0	25.9	33.3
School Band	15.5	7.3	5.5	16.5	14.3	8.2	11.2	16.7	8.1	11.7	11.7	15.8	8.1	11.7
School Club(s)	11.9	26.2	30.9	8.5	14.2	23.2	19.5	22.3	33.2	35.8	21.6	23.1	32.8	28.6
Community Club(s)	10.0	14.9	15.8	9.5	9.8	14.6	12.6	9.1	12.8	13.6	9.0	9.1	12.6	11.2

Table 22. Percentages of high school students who reported *riding in* a vehicle within the past 30 days driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol or using marijuana, or *driving* a vehicle within the past 30 days after drinking alcohol or using marijuana, among DeSoto County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	DeSoto County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
<i>Riding in a vehicle</i>														
Alcohol	--	13.3	12.6	14.0	--	16.1	--	--	12.4	14.1	10.7	--	12.5	--
Marijuana	--	11.5	11.7	11.3	--	12.9	--	--	14.8	16.7	13.0	--	14.8	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>														
Alcohol	--	4.0	2.5	5.7	--	4.6	--	--	2.4	2.1	2.8	--	2.3	--
Marijuana	--	4.7	2.5	7.1	--	5.4	--	--	4.4	4.5	4.3	--	4.3	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 23. Trends for high school students *riding in* a vehicle within the past 30 days driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol or using marijuana, or *driving* a vehicle within the past 30 days after drinking alcohol or using marijuana, for DeSoto County, 2014 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Riding in a vehicle</i>																		
Alcohol	--	26.7	--	--	20.1	--	--	20.3	--	--	23.4	--	--	15.1	--	--	13.3	--
Marijuana	--	23.2	--	--	20.0	--	--	26.4	--	--	24.3	--	--	11.0	--	--	11.5	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>																		
Alcohol	--	9.2	--	--	7.1	--	--	11.2	--	--	9.1	--	--	3.4	--	--	4.0	--
Marijuana	--	12.8	--	--	10.8	--	--	17.7	--	--	12.6	--	--	3.7	--	--	4.7	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 24. Protective factor prevalence rates for DeSoto County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2024

Domain	Scale	DeSoto County		Florida Statewide		National Norms	
		<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	44	54	55	58	59	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	35	45	49	52	54	55
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	33	51	49	62	57	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	33	49	45	57	53	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	43	62	43	54	56	62
Average Prevalence Rate		38	52	48	57	53	58

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

Table 25. Risk factor prevalence rates for DeSoto County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2024

Domain		Scale		DeSoto County		Florida Statewide		National Norms	
				Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use			48	22	40	25	42	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs			28	15	30	13	45	45
	Perceived Availability of Handguns			26	27	24	29	25	42
Family	Poor Family Management			59	40	47	35	44	45
	Family Conflict			35	24	40	30	42	37
School	Poor Academic Performance			60	52	45	45	45	48
	Lack of Commitment to School			81	67	76	68	47	46
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior			58	29	54	38	40	46
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use			31	17	27	22	39	45
	Early Initiation of Drug Use			21	12	19	11	41	46
Average Prevalence Rate				45	31	40	32	41	44

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

Table 26. Protective factor prevalence rate trends among middle school students for DeSoto County, 2014 to 2024

Domain		DeSoto County					
Scale		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	61	57	59	56	--	44
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	53	52	53	48	--	35
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	36	42	55	33	--	33
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	37	43	41	29	--	33
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	51	51	48	48	--	43
Average Prevalence Rate		48	49	51	43	--	38

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 27. Risk factor prevalence rate trends among middle school students for DeSoto County, 2014 to 2024

Domain		DeSoto County					
Scale		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	49	48	48	50	--	48
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	44	36	26	33	--	28
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	34	27	25	35	--	26
Family	Poor Family Management	46	46	47	46	--	59
	Family Conflict	31	38	30	34	--	35
School	Poor Academic Performance	47	49	44	50	--	60
	Lack of Commitment to School	55	59	55	78	--	81
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	38	47	45	48	--	58
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	40	44	32	40	--	31
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	37	27	28	29	--	21
Average Prevalence Rate		42	42	38	44	--	45

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 28. Protective factor prevalence rate trends among high school students for DeSoto County, 2014 to 2024

Domain		DeSoto County					
Scale		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	53	57	47	59	55	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	55	55	43	53	53	45
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	43	42	51	57	53	51
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	43	47	44	53	50	49
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	63	60	53	59	58	62
Average Prevalence Rate		51	52	48	56	54	52

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

Table 29. Risk factor prevalence rate trends among high school students for DeSoto County, 2014 to 2024

Domain		DeSoto County					
Scale		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	39	34	41	34	30	22
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	40	22	26	18	14	15
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	52	38	26	33	35	27
Family	Poor Family Management	43	35	57	31	35	40
	Family Conflict	29	26	27	30	29	24
School	Poor Academic Performance	52	52	49	53	54	52
	Lack of Commitment to School	62	58	65	60	63	67
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	43	34	38	34	31	29
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	43	37	35	31	22	17
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	38	26	35	20	15	12
Average Prevalence Rate		44	36	40	34	33	31

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.