

2024 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Okeechobee County Data Tables

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

	Okeechobee County		Florida Statewide	
	N	%	N	%
Sex				
Female	323	49.2	21,747	48.6
Male	331	50.4	22,711	50.7
Race/Ethnic group				
African American	43	6.5	9,493	21.2
American Indian	13	2.0	426	1.0
Asian	5	0.8	653	1.5
Hispanic/Latino	261	39.7	10,394	23.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0	41	0.1
Other/Multiple	125	19.0	7,299	16.3
White, non-Hispanic	203	30.9	16,109	36.0
Parent/Guardian in the Military				
No	571	86.9	38,723	86.5
Yes	81	12.3	5,679	12.7
Age				
11	46	7.0	2,499	5.6
12	96	14.6	5,938	13.3
13	121	18.4	6,288	14.0
14	96	14.6	6,501	14.5
15	73	11.1	6,784	15.2
16	96	14.6	6,743	15.1
17	87	13.2	6,358	14.2
18	38	5.8	3,252	7.3
Grade				
6th	113	17.2	6,126	13.7
7th	128	19.5	6,468	14.5
8th	103	15.7	6,341	14.2
9th	81	12.3	6,696	15.0
10th	73	11.1	6,738	15.1
11th	89	13.5	6,266	14.0
12th	70	10.7	6,121	13.7
Middle School	344	52.4	18,934	42.3
High School	313	47.6	25,821	57.7
Total	657	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 Okeechobee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in their lifetimes, 2024

	Okeechobee 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	23.5	24.7	28.2	20.7	23.6	24.3	24.2	19.3	32.5	30.5	23.5	19.8	32.4	26.9
Blacking Out	--	6.6	7.3	6.1	--	7.6	--	--	9.1	10.3	8.0	--	9.2	--
Cigarettes	4.4	6.1	4.7	6.0	4.6	6.1	5.4	4.4	7.7	6.4	6.2	4.3	7.9	6.3
Vaping Nicotine	13.6	18.9	19.3	14.0	15.2	18.1	16.6	10.9	20.1	20.2	12.4	11.3	20.4	16.2
Vaping Marijuana	9.2	13.1	13.6	9.2	9.2	13.6	11.5	5.5	16.3	14.4	9.2	5.9	16.5	11.7
Marijuana or Hashish	8.8	16.4	17.6	8.8	9.6	15.7	13.1	5.9	18.6	15.3	11.2	6.3	18.8	13.2
Synthetic Marijuana	--	1.5	3.2	0.0	--	1.9	--	--	1.9	2.4	1.5	--	1.9	--
Inhalants	7.4	2.8	6.7	3.1	7.2	3.1	4.8	6.9	3.5	5.5	4.3	6.5	3.7	4.9
Club Drugs	0.3	0.9	1.3	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.6
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.2	2.2	1.3	1.4	0.1	2.2	1.3	1.0	3.0	2.3	2.1	1.0	3.1	2.2
Methamphetamine	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.5	0.9	1.3	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Heroin	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Prescription Depressants	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.5
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.0	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.6	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.7
Prescription Amphetamines	1.0	1.1	1.9	0.3	1.5	0.8	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.4	1.5	2.1	1.8
Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.4	1.1	1.8	0.7	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.7	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.9
Needle to Inject Illegal Drugs	--	0.8	0.6	1.0	--	0.3	--	--	0.6	0.5	0.6	--	0.6	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	6.6	6.2	6.4	--	7.9	--	--	8.7	9.3	8.2	--	8.9	--
Kratom	--	2.3	3.7	1.1	--	2.5	--	--	1.1	1.2	1.1	--	1.1	--
Any illicit drug	18.1	21.9	24.8	16.0	20.1	20.5	20.3	15.1	24.0	23.3	17.2	15.1	24.4	20.2
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	9.7	7.4	11.0	6.1	10.8	6.3	8.4	10.5	9.4	11.0	8.7	10.1	9.7	9.9
Alcohol only	13.7	10.3	11.8	11.8	12.9	10.4	11.8	11.5	14.9	14.2	12.8	11.7	14.7	13.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	31.5	31.9	36.5	27.5	32.6	30.6	31.7	26.4	38.7	37.3	29.8	26.7	38.9	33.5
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	8.0	7.0	8.3	6.8	9.1	5.9	7.5	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 Okeechobee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in the past 30 days, 2024

	Okeechobee 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	9.7	7.2	9.6	7.0	10.4	6.5	8.2	6.2	13.1	11.8	8.6	6.3	13.0	10.2
Binge Drinking	5.5	3.7	4.4	4.6	6.3	3.0	4.5	2.4	5.9	4.8	4.1	2.4	5.9	4.4
Cigarettes	0.8	1.0	0.5	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.4	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.1
Vaping Nicotine	5.7	6.2	7.8	4.0	5.9	6.7	6.0	3.7	8.7	8.4	4.9	3.9	8.9	6.6
Vaping Marijuana	2.9	6.4	6.2	3.4	3.0	6.8	4.9	2.2	7.8	6.3	4.7	2.4	8.0	5.5
Marijuana or Hashish	3.7	7.2	7.1	4.1	3.2	8.3	5.7	2.4	9.1	7.1	5.6	2.7	9.1	6.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	1.5	3.1	0.0	--	1.6	--	--	0.7	0.8	0.6	--	0.7	--
Inhalants	3.5	0.9	3.9	0.4	3.3	1.1	2.1	2.5	0.9	1.9	1.2	2.3	1.0	1.6
Club Drugs	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5
Methamphetamine	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Heroin	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Prescription Depressants	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Prescription Pain Relievers	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6
Prescription Amphetamines	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Over-the-Counter Drugs	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Any illicit drug	8.4	10.0	13.4	5.4	8.4	10.5	9.3	6.6	12.0	11.2	8.3	6.7	12.1	9.7
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	4.5	2.6	5.8	1.4	5.0	2.0	3.5	4.4	3.1	4.1	3.2	4.2	3.3	3.7
Alcohol only	5.6	4.5	5.9	4.2	6.6	3.6	5.0	4.1	7.4	6.9	5.2	4.1	7.4	6.0
Alcohol or any illicit drug	13.9	14.3	19.2	9.4	14.8	13.9	14.2	10.6	19.3	17.9	13.4	10.7	19.4	15.6
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	4.5	6.8	9.4	2.6	4.8	6.8	5.8	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 Okeechobee 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	26.2	63.6	46.8	27.0	46.9	38.6	28.2	50.7	40.9	27.8	43.0	36.1	18.6	33.6	27.0	23.5	24.7	24.2
Blacking Out	--	26.8	--	--	18.7	--	--	20.6	--	--	15.9	--	--	9.7	--	--	6.6	--
Cigarettes	13.4	36.9	26.4	13.6	26.1	20.8	13.3	22.0	18.2	10.1	12.2	11.2	4.8	8.6	6.9	4.4	6.1	5.4
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19.2	30.9	25.7	14.0	23.0	19.1	13.6	18.9	16.6
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.4	25.6	20.6	7.4	18.6	13.8	9.2	13.1	11.5
Marijuana or Hashish	9.5	34.9	23.4	12.5	27.4	21.2	13.5	36.6	26.5	15.0	31.3	23.9	8.6	20.2	15.2	8.8	16.4	13.1
Synthetic Marijuana	--	14.8	--	--	5.5	--	--	5.0	--	--	3.5	--	--	1.0	--	--	1.5	--
Inhalants	6.7	6.3	6.5	4.8	3.8	4.2	6.2	3.2	4.5	11.1	4.2	7.3	5.9	5.3	5.6	7.4	2.8	4.8
Club Drugs	1.9	4.7	3.4	0.6	1.8	1.3	0.3	3.1	1.9	0.5	2.7	1.7	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.6
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	3.6	6.3	5.1	2.9	4.9	4.1	2.6	5.1	4.0	1.6	4.6	3.2	0.2	3.1	1.8	0.2	2.2	1.3
Methamphetamine	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.8	2.9	2.0	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.3
Cocaine or Crack	1.9	6.3	4.3	0.6	3.0	2.0	1.5	6.1	4.1	1.5	3.5	2.6	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.7
Heroin	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
Prescription Depressants	2.6	8.7	5.9	2.1	4.9	3.7	3.3	9.7	6.9	3.9	6.9	5.5	1.0	2.4	1.8	0.4	0.5	0.5
Prescription Pain Relievers	3.6	7.9	5.9	4.0	4.4	4.2	3.8	6.3	5.2	1.9	3.8	2.9	2.8	2.1	2.4	1.0	0.3	0.6
Prescription Amphetamines	1.5	2.4	2.0	1.5	2.3	2.0	1.6	3.3	2.5	4.0	3.8	3.9	1.2	2.5	2.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Over-the-Counter Drugs	5.4	6.1	5.8	1.7	3.1	2.5	3.6	7.5	5.8	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.6	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.2
Needle to Inject Drugs	--	--	--	--	2.5	--	--	2.5	--	--	0.8	--	--	0.8	--	--	0.8	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.6	--
Kratom	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.3	--
Any illicit drug	16.9	41.4	30.4	17.0	31.3	25.3	21.7	39.7	31.8	28.2	37.6	33.4	16.3	27.4	22.6	18.1	21.9	20.3
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	13.1	23.1	18.6	11.5	15.4	13.7	13.3	20.5	17.4	18.6	18.4	18.5	9.7	12.0	11.0	9.7	7.4	8.4
Alcohol only	13.2	25.5	20.0	13.3	19.7	17.0	12.1	16.1	14.4	10.0	14.3	12.3	9.7	14.7	12.5	13.7	10.3	11.8
Alcohol or any illicit drug	30.1	66.8	50.3	31.1	51.2	42.7	33.2	55.7	45.7	37.9	51.6	45.4	25.9	41.8	34.9	31.5	31.9	31.7
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	3.9	3.4	3.6	5.0	4.3	4.6	6.0	5.1	5.5	10.4	8.7	9.5	7.4	7.9	7.7	8.0	7.0	7.5

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 Okeechobee 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	13.6	34.8	25.3	11.1	24.9	19.1	9.3	24.8	18.0	11.7	19.9	16.2	7.1	14.7	11.4	9.7	7.2	8.2
Binge Drinking	6.4	19.9	13.9	6.2	13.7	10.5	8.0	14.1	11.4	7.0	11.1	9.2	4.3	9.1	7.0	5.5	3.7	4.5
Cigarettes	2.6	11.2	7.3	1.5	9.9	6.3	2.5	6.0	4.5	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.9
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.1	17.7	14.3	5.4	11.9	9.1	5.7	6.2	6.0
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.2	14.0	12.3	4.1	9.1	6.9	2.9	6.4	4.9
Marijuana or Hashish	6.7	16.1	11.9	5.1	16.0	11.5	7.8	19.4	14.4	8.5	17.5	13.4	3.4	10.2	7.2	3.7	7.2	5.7
Synthetic Marijuana	--	1.7	--	--	2.1	--	--	2.1	--	--	1.5	--	--	0.3	--	--	1.5	--
Inhalants	3.5	1.3	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.0	1.5	3.0	2.0	2.5	1.0	1.1	1.0	3.5	0.9	2.1
Club Drugs	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.6	0.2	1.3	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.5
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.2	2.0	1.7	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.3
Methamphetamine	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.7	1.7	1.3	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.3
Cocaine or Crack	0.7	1.7	1.2	0.2	1.0	0.6	1.2	1.8	1.5	0.3	1.5	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3
Prescription Depressants	1.1	2.2	1.7	1.1	2.3	1.8	1.3	4.1	2.8	1.3	0.9	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.9	1.6	1.7	3.1	2.4	2.7	2.2	2.8	2.6	0.8	0.0	0.3	1.6	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Prescription Amphetamines	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.1	0.8	2.1	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1
Over-the-Counter Drugs	3.0	1.8	2.4	1.0	0.9	0.9	3.0	3.4	3.2	2.0	1.0	1.5	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.2
Any illicit drug	9.7	20.5	15.7	8.6	18.5	14.3	11.6	22.3	17.6	14.0	22.3	18.6	7.0	12.5	10.1	8.4	10.0	9.3
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	5.8	7.8	6.9	5.8	6.8	6.4	6.6	10.0	8.5	7.1	7.4	7.2	3.4	2.9	3.1	4.5	2.6	3.5
Alcohol only	7.6	20.9	15.0	5.0	12.4	9.3	4.1	10.4	7.7	4.9	9.3	7.3	4.5	7.0	5.9	5.6	4.5	5.0
Alcohol or any illicit drug	17.2	41.1	30.4	15.1	30.5	24.0	15.1	32.5	24.8	18.8	31.2	25.6	11.4	19.5	16.0	13.9	14.3	14.2
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	3.9	6.6	5.4	4.4	5.8	5.2	6.5	7.7	7.2	7.3	11.1	9.4	4.4	5.0	4.7	4.5	6.8	5.8

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 Okeechobee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported early substance use and perceived risk of harm, 2024

	Okeechobee 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	--	12.6	13.7	11.7	--	12.3	--	--	13.2	14.3	12.1	--	13.3	--
Drinking at least once a month	--	1.8	2.2	1.5	--	1.4	--	--	2.0	2.3	1.7	--	2.0	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	5.1	5.6	4.7	--	4.3	--	--	4.3	4.7	3.9	--	4.6	--
Smoke marijuana	--	7.6	12.0	3.8	--	6.5	--	--	5.1	5.8	4.4	--	5.1	--
Vape nicotine	--	9.6	13.1	6.8	--	8.1	--	--	8.4	10.7	6.2	--	8.5	--
Vape marijuana	--	6.6	7.9	5.5	--	6.2	--	--	4.3	5.1	3.5	--	4.4	--
Great risk of harm														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	47.0	48.4	52.7	43.4	44.0	48.9	47.8	51.3	48.5	51.8	47.6	51.1	48.4	49.7
5+ drinks once or twice a week	56.3	57.5	61.2	53.2	55.6	56.6	57.0	61.6	57.3	60.8	57.5	61.7	57.3	59.1
1+ packs of cigarettes per day	65.3	69.3	68.5	66.5	63.5	70.4	67.6	64.2	65.0	65.8	63.6	64.6	65.1	64.7
Vaping nicotine	56.3	50.9	52.2	54.0	55.0	50.1	53.2	54.6	47.1	49.5	51.1	54.2	47.0	50.3
Vaping marijuana	53.0	46.6	46.2	52.2	50.9	46.2	49.4	56.2	42.5	48.0	48.6	55.5	42.3	48.2
Marijuana once or twice a week	42.1	37.5	38.7	40.0	39.9	38.6	39.5	48.7	31.9	38.9	39.2	47.6	32.1	39.0
Try marijuana once or twice	30.6	29.7	28.5	31.3	29.0	29.4	30.1	34.8	22.9	27.3	28.6	33.9	23.0	27.9
Use prescription drugs	71.8	74.1	74.9	71.3	72.5	73.1	73.1	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 Okeechobee 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	--	26.8	--	--	25.3	--	--	23.2	--	--	17.5	--	--	14.6	--	--	12.6	--
Drink monthly	--	4.9	--	--	5.9	--	--	5.0	--	--	6.7	--	--	2.9	--	--	1.8	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	23.0	--	--	15.9	--	--	11.1	--	--	9.7	--	--	7.5	--	--	5.1	--
Smoke marijuana	--	15.0	--	--	14.0	--	--	15.5	--	--	11.6	--	--	9.2	--	--	7.6	--
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.6	--	--	9.4	--	--	9.6	--
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.3	--	--	6.1	--	--	6.6	--
Great risk of harm																		
Daily alcohol use	39.3	26.0	31.9	38.1	36.8	37.3	44.6	33.2	38.2	41.8	38.4	39.9	43.8	43.1	43.4	47.0	48.4	47.8
5+ drinks daily	47.3	41.1	43.8	50.5	44.4	47.0	54.9	43.2	48.2	52.0	48.3	50.0	57.5	53.6	55.3	56.3	57.5	57.0
Daily cigarette use	61.5	59.9	60.6	60.7	62.4	61.7	60.5	62.7	61.7	57.9	63.5	61.0	68.7	67.9	68.3	65.3	69.3	67.6
Vaping nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	43.3	39.5	41.2	48.2	41.0	44.1	56.3	50.9	53.2
Vaping marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	43.0	32.0	36.9	49.7	35.6	41.7	53.0	46.6	49.4
Marijuana weekly	47.4	24.4	34.6	44.5	30.8	36.6	43.3	21.8	31.1	38.8	23.5	30.3	44.8	28.4	35.5	42.1	37.5	39.5
Try marijuana	39.1	16.5	26.4	32.4	23.1	27.0	34.3	16.7	24.4	27.6	17.9	22.3	34.8	23.4	28.4	30.6	29.7	30.1
Prescription drugs	70.6	75.7	73.4	68.5	66.9	67.5	67.4	65.5	66.3	63.5	67.3	65.6	69.6	67.0	68.1	71.8	74.1	73.1

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 Okeechobee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported personal disapproval, peer disapproval, and parent disapproval of substance use, 2024

	Okeechobee 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	97.3	94.7	98.0	93.8	97.2	95.8	95.8	97.0	92.7	94.3	94.8	96.8	93.1	94.5
Drink alcohol regularly	87.6	81.5	84.3	84.1	87.7	81.4	84.1	91.4	78.3	82.6	85.0	90.8	78.5	83.8
Smoke marijuana	89.5	82.4	85.6	85.6	89.8	82.3	85.5	93.7	79.0	84.6	85.8	93.2	79.1	85.2
Vape nicotine	89.9	88.0	88.4	89.5	89.4	88.1	88.8	93.8	87.2	88.3	91.6	93.4	87.5	90.0
Vape marijuana	91.7	84.4	86.3	88.9	90.6	85.2	87.5	94.7	83.7	87.2	89.4	94.1	84.0	88.3
Use other illicit drugs	97.2	98.1	98.2	97.3	97.5	97.7	97.7	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	86.3	89.5	90.0	86.8	86.1	90.5	88.2	93.5	88.7	91.3	90.2	93.2	88.7	90.7
Smoke tobacco	93.3	93.3	94.9	92.2	93.4	93.2	93.3	95.6	91.4	93.2	93.1	95.5	91.2	93.1
Smoke marijuana	87.8	80.0	83.0	83.8	87.4	80.6	83.3	92.9	77.6	83.5	84.7	92.3	77.3	84.1
Vape nicotine	88.1	85.9	85.9	87.9	88.1	86.3	86.8	91.5	83.5	84.7	89.0	91.2	83.4	86.9
Vape marijuana	90.1	83.7	85.1	87.9	89.5	84.7	86.5	93.2	81.1	84.8	87.5	92.6	80.9	86.2
Use prescription drugs	95.3	97.7	97.2	96.2	95.2	98.3	96.7	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	96.1	96.6	96.3	96.4	95.0	97.2	96.4	97.8	95.8	96.8	96.5	97.8	95.9	96.7
Smoke cigarettes	98.3	98.2	99.2	97.4	97.8	98.4	98.2	98.9	98.3	98.5	98.6	98.9	98.4	98.6
Smoke marijuana	96.1	90.4	94.6	91.7	95.2	91.1	92.9	97.4	92.0	94.0	94.6	97.5	92.0	94.3
Use prescription drugs	99.5	99.5	100.0	99.0	98.9	100.0	99.5	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 Okeechobee 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	92.0	79.7	85.1	92.8	82.4	86.8	93.9	87.7	90.4	93.7	90.6	91.9	96.2	95.3	95.7	97.3	94.7	95.8
Drink regularly	85.4	56.9	69.3	83.4	62.6	71.4	83.1	60.3	70.2	82.3	68.0	74.3	89.2	75.2	81.2	87.6	81.5	84.1
Smoke marijuana	87.8	63.9	74.3	87.4	65.2	74.6	81.9	56.0	67.4	81.4	64.6	71.9	89.9	72.2	79.8	89.5	82.4	85.5
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	85.2	76.8	80.4	89.9	82.2	85.5	89.9	88.0	88.8
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	82.9	71.1	76.3	90.9	77.1	83.0	91.7	84.4	87.5
Other illicit drugs	96.1	94.7	95.3	96.7	92.1	94.1	96.3	89.7	92.6	95.2	92.1	93.5	98.3	97.4	97.8	97.2	98.1	97.7
<i>Friends think it wrong</i>																		
Daily alcohol use	88.0	66.5	76.1	86.6	71.5	77.8	88.8	70.1	78.2	87.6	78.0	82.2	88.9	85.5	87.0	86.3	89.5	88.2
Smoke tobacco	92.7	75.9	83.3	93.4	79.1	85.2	93.4	80.3	86.0	93.3	85.7	89.0	93.6	92.6	93.1	93.3	93.3	93.3
Smoke marijuana	88.5	59.9	72.6	81.7	63.1	71.0	81.3	54.2	66.0	82.2	63.6	71.8	88.2	69.0	77.3	87.8	80.0	83.3
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	83.3	70.4	76.1	86.2	80.2	82.8	88.1	85.9	86.8
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	81.6	68.2	74.2	88.7	73.9	80.3	90.1	83.7	86.5
Use prescription drugs	94.4	92.3	93.2	95.9	91.3	93.2	95.2	88.1	91.2	95.2	90.3	92.5	94.9	95.8	95.4	95.3	97.7	96.7
<i>Parents think it wrong</i>																		
Daily alcohol use	96.2	87.8	91.6	96.3	92.0	93.8	95.9	90.0	92.6	95.1	92.7	93.8	97.4	92.5	94.7	96.1	96.6	96.4
Smoke tobacco	97.5	94.3	95.8	99.0	92.6	95.3	98.3	94.6	96.2	98.2	98.0	98.1	99.1	97.5	98.2	98.3	98.2	98.2
Smoke marijuana	96.3	87.1	91.3	95.9	86.9	90.8	94.0	85.7	89.3	94.2	88.3	91.1	96.7	89.3	92.6	96.1	90.4	92.9
Use prescription drugs	98.4	97.8	98.1	98.0	97.1	97.5	97.3	97.0	97.1	96.3	98.1	97.3	97.6	98.5	98.1	99.5	99.5	99.5

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

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

	Okeechobee 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	--	12.5	24.3	0.0	--	12.5	--	--	13.4	10.1	17.7	--	13.4	--
Bought in a restaurant, bar, or club	--	3.8	7.4	0.0	--	3.8	--	--	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	--	13.1	5.6	21.0	--	13.1	--	--	7.1	7.0	7.3	--	7.1	--
Someone gave it to me	--	48.1	42.4	54.1	--	48.1	--	--	41.1	43.9	37.3	--	41.1	--
Took it from a store	--	2.7	0.0	5.6	--	2.7	--	--	2.1	1.3	3.1	--	2.1	--
Took it from a family member	--	7.2	6.4	8.2	--	7.2	--	--	12.8	15.2	9.5	--	12.8	--
Some other way	--	12.6	14.0	11.1	--	12.6	--	--	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, Okeechobee County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Okeechobee 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	--	50.4	48.5	54.2	--	50.4	--	--	43.3	44.6	41.3	--	43.3	--
Another person's home	--	11.2	4.2	25.5	--	11.2	--	--	30.3	31.4	29.0	--	30.3	--
Car or other vehicle	--	3.1	4.7	0.0	--	3.1	--	--	2.2	1.6	3.1	--	2.2	--
Restaurant, bar, or club	--	3.5	5.2	0.0	--	3.5	--	--	5.6	5.3	6.1	--	5.6	--
Public place	--	3.7	5.5	0.0	--	3.7	--	--	5.2	5.4	5.0	--	5.2	--
Public event	--	13.0	9.5	20.2	--	13.0	--	--	2.9	2.6	3.4	--	2.9	--
School property	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	1.5	0.9	2.3	--	1.5	--
Some other place	--	15.0	22.4	0.0	--	15.0	--	--	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, Okeechobee County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Okeechobee 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	--	34.7	23.4	48.2	--	34.7	--	--	33.2	34.8	30.9	--	33.2	--
2	--	34.6	43.3	24.1	--	34.6	--	--	23.0	25.2	20.0	--	23.0	--
3	--	3.3	6.0	0.0	--	3.3	--	--	17.8	17.8	17.6	--	17.8	--
4	--	17.9	17.1	18.7	--	17.9	--	--	7.0	7.0	7.1	--	7.0	--
5 or more	--	9.6	10.2	9.0	--	9.6	--	--	19.0	15.1	24.5	--	19.0	--

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

Table 13. Percentages of Okeechobee 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

	Okeechobee 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	3.2	6.3	5.5	4.5	4.9	4.9	5.0	2.6	3.4	3.7	2.4	2.5	3.7	3.1
Smoking marijuana	4.7	8.1	7.3	6.0	4.9	8.5	6.6	3.1	7.9	6.8	5.0	3.2	8.5	5.9
Using another drug to get high	1.6	2.2	2.5	1.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.7	2.4	2.1

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

	Okeechobee 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	8.5	9.7	5.9	12.2	10.0	9.2	9.2	6.6	5.4	3.5	8.2	6.4	5.5	5.9
Selling drugs	1.1	2.7	1.7	2.2	1.5	2.2	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.1	2.0	1.0	2.1	1.6
Attempting to steal a vehicle	2.1	2.0	1.5	2.6	2.5	1.3	2.0	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Being arrested	2.4	3.6	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.1	1.7	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.7
Taking a handgun to school	0.0	1.7	0.6	1.2	0.6	1.4	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5
Getting suspended	20.5	18.5	17.4	21.3	21.6	17.9	19.4	16.9	10.9	11.2	15.8	15.8	11.9	13.5
Attacking someone with intent to harm	6.6	5.1	5.9	5.7	7.2	3.7	5.7	8.4	4.3	5.4	6.7	8.0	4.5	6.0

Table 15. Trends in delinquent behaviors for Okeechobee 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	9.8	8.3	9.0	10.3	7.8	8.9	9.5	9.1	9.3	13.5	11.0	12.1	9.8	7.9	8.7	8.5	9.7	9.2
Selling drugs	2.9	6.2	4.7	4.3	4.8	4.6	2.5	9.3	6.3	3.4	7.6	5.7	2.2	2.7	2.5	1.1	2.7	2.0
Attempting to steal a vehicle	2.5	1.3	1.9	1.4	2.3	1.9	2.6	3.4	3.0	1.6	2.8	2.2	0.5	2.4	1.6	2.1	2.0	2.0
Being arrested	3.3	5.0	4.2	4.5	3.4	3.9	2.8	4.7	3.9	3.0	4.3	3.7	1.9	2.8	2.4	2.4	3.6	3.1
Taking a handgun to school	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.0	1.4	1.3	0.5	2.4	1.6	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	1.7	0.9
Getting suspended	15.1	10.3	12.5	15.8	13.1	14.3	9.0	10.5	9.9	15.4	14.2	14.7	24.3	12.8	17.9	20.5	18.5	19.4
Attacking someone with intent to harm	7.7	7.6	7.7	8.3	5.9	7.0	6.8	8.9	8.0	7.4	4.7	6.0	7.3	6.0	6.6	6.6	5.1	5.7

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

	Okeechobee 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
Symptoms of Depression														
Sometimes I think that life is not worth it	23.8	23.9	28.9	19.4	25.4	24.0	23.8	28.8	25.5	35.1	18.9	28.5	26.0	26.9
At times I think I am no good at all	36.0	34.5	44.2	26.8	35.9	36.8	35.1	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	29.7	25.1	32.4	22.0	30.5	24.7	27.1	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?	38.6	36.7	48.4	27.5	39.2	36.6	37.5	42.6	39.3	50.7	30.9	42.0	39.6	40.7
Suicide (past 12 months)														
Seriously considered attempting suicide	9.3	8.6	11.3	6.3	10.1	8.3	8.9	14.8	12.4	17.8	8.9	14.7	12.8	13.4
Made a suicide plan	7.2	6.8	12.2	2.4	8.2	5.5	7.0	12.3	9.8	14.2	7.5	12.2	10.2	10.9
Attempted suicide one or more times	4.7	5.8	7.8	3.2	5.2	5.5	5.3	9.3	5.8	10.1	4.4	8.8	6.3	7.3
Suicide attempt that required medical care	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.5	2.1	1.4	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.7

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

	Okeechobee 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
Skipped school because of bullying	10.5	7.0	12.5	5.0	11.1	5.1	8.5	10.0	8.6	13.7	4.7	9.6	8.9	9.2
Was ever kicked or shoved	40.4	22.0	32.6	27.6	38.2	24.0	29.9	46.6	27.4	36.6	34.3	45.0	27.6	35.5
Was ever taunted or teased	65.4	43.2	59.3	46.5	64.2	43.3	52.7	67.9	51.7	64.0	53.2	66.7	51.9	58.5
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	20.5	29.0	34.8	17.3	22.7	26.8	25.4	29.6	28.6	36.7	21.6	29.4	29.0	29.0
Ever physically bullied others	24.1	12.0	17.5	16.5	21.9	13.4	17.2	24.1	12.6	15.9	18.9	22.9	13.2	17.5
Ever verbally bullied others	40.2	23.3	29.0	31.6	38.7	24.4	30.5	37.4	26.2	30.0	31.8	36.3	26.7	30.9
Ever cyber bullied others	12.8	11.1	14.4	9.6	12.9	11.5	11.8	14.6	12.5	14.6	12.2	14.4	12.8	13.4

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

	Okeechobee 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
Emotional abuse	--	12.6	16.9	8.7	--	12.7	--	--	13.3	17.8	8.8	--	13.6	--
Physical abuse	--	7.8	12.0	3.9	--	6.1	--	--	8.9	10.6	7.2	--	9.1	--
Sexual abuse	--	5.1	8.4	2.0	--	4.6	--	--	4.9	7.5	2.3	--	5.2	--
Parents separated or divorced	--	42.4	42.4	41.9	--	41.8	--	--	38.7	41.5	36.0	--	39.2	--
Physical abuse in household	--	7.4	10.3	4.9	--	7.8	--	--	6.9	8.6	5.2	--	7.1	--
Substance abuse in household	--	26.7	28.8	25.0	--	25.7	--	--	22.8	26.3	19.3	--	23.5	--
Mental illness in household	--	22.3	28.1	16.2	--	20.8	--	--	27.7	35.0	20.4	--	28.2	--
Incarcerated household member	--	30.7	32.0	29.7	--	30.2	--	--	21.7	23.2	20.2	--	22.1	--
Emotional neglect	--	27.1	34.2	20.0	--	25.6	--	--	25.1	30.4	19.7	--	25.5	--
Physical neglect	--	6.7	9.5	4.2	--	7.5	--	--	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 Okeechobee County and Florida Statewide high school youth, 2024

	Okeechobee 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
No ACEs reported	--	34.9	31.2	38.5	--	34.9	--	--	37.9	31.9	43.9	--	37.9	--
1 ACE	--	21.0	21.0	21.1	--	21.0	--	--	20.6	20.2	21.1	--	20.6	--
2 ACEs	--	12.9	10.7	14.9	--	12.9	--	--	13.4	13.9	13.0	--	13.4	--
3 ACEs	--	11.3	9.6	12.1	--	11.3	--	--	10.0	11.2	8.9	--	10.0	--
4 ACEs	--	8.4	10.2	6.8	--	8.4	--	--	7.0	8.4	5.5	--	7.0	--
5 ACEs	--	3.7	5.2	2.4	--	3.7	--	--	4.4	5.4	3.4	--	4.4	--
6 ACEs	--	4.0	5.2	2.9	--	4.0	--	--	2.8	3.6	2.0	--	2.8	--
7 ACEs	--	1.2	2.6	0.0	--	1.2	--	--	1.9	2.7	1.1	--	1.9	--
8 ACEs	--	2.4	3.7	1.3	--	2.4	--	--	1.1	1.5	0.6	--	1.1	--
9 ACEs	--	0.3	0.5	0.0	--	0.3	--	--	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 Okeechobee County and Florida Statewide youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with statements indicating impulsiveness or a lack of self-control, 2024

	Okeechobee 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	32.0	28.7	32.6	27.5	30.6	30.1	30.1	30.7	28.0	31.4	27.0	30.4	28.0	29.2
I'm more concerned with the short run	28.3	21.1	27.3	21.5	27.7	21.5	24.2	27.7	23.1	27.2	22.9	27.4	23.2	25.1
Getting in trouble is exciting	31.2	26.3	31.8	25.5	30.2	27.3	28.4	26.9	25.3	26.7	25.2	26.6	25.7	26.0
Excitement is more important than security	32.9	19.9	27.6	23.8	30.7	21.5	25.5	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	25.4	23.9	32.6	17.5	25.2	25.6	24.5	28.4	21.1	27.3	21.1	27.3	21.4	24.2
I get upset when I have a disagreement with someone	45.0	35.6	50.1	29.9	45.0	37.5	39.6	47.0	34.8	48.8	31.2	46.1	34.9	39.9

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

	Okeechobee 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	36.0	38.7	32.9	42.0	36.6	40.7	37.6	38.2	38.2	35.6	40.9	38.4	38.4	38.2
Organized Sports Outside of School	44.9	24.6	30.0	36.4	43.5	26.0	33.2	43.6	25.7	29.5	37.0	42.0	25.9	33.3
School Band	19.5	10.7	14.7	14.0	17.9	11.1	14.4	16.7	8.1	11.7	11.7	15.8	8.1	11.7
School Club(s)	26.1	20.3	30.1	16.5	25.2	20.1	22.8	22.3	33.2	35.8	21.6	23.1	32.8	28.6
Community Club(s)	9.7	9.5	15.8	4.2	10.8	8.7	9.6	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 Okeechobee County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Okeechobee 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	--	13.7	19.0	9.2	--	15.2	--	--	12.4	14.1	10.7	--	12.5	--
Marijuana	--	15.6	23.0	8.6	--	15.4	--	--	14.8	16.7	13.0	--	14.8	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>														
Alcohol	--	1.6	0.5	2.7	--	1.4	--	--	2.4	2.1	2.8	--	2.3	--
Marijuana	--	2.7	5.4	0.4	--	3.5	--	--	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 Okeechobee 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	--	27.8	--	--	20.8	--	--	21.6	--	--	23.6	--	--	19.1	--	--	13.7	--
Marijuana	--	26.3	--	--	24.7	--	--	29.3	--	--	25.6	--	--	17.6	--	--	15.6	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>																		
Alcohol	--	11.4	--	--	9.8	--	--	11.0	--	--	8.1	--	--	5.7	--	--	1.6	--
Marijuana	--	12.7	--	--	12.9	--	--	16.5	--	--	12.7	--	--	6.5	--	--	2.7	--

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

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

Domain	Scale	Okeechobee 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	54	54	55	58	59	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	46	47	49	52	54	55
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	52	62	49	62	57	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	47	58	45	57	53	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	52	58	43	54	56	62
Average Prevalence Rate		50	56	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 Okeechobee County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2024

Domain	Scale	Okeechobee 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>
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	47	27	40	25	42	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	35	16	30	13	45	45
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	25	35	24	29	25	42
Family	Poor Family Management	50	40	47	35	44	45
	Family Conflict	42	28	40	30	42	37
School	Poor Academic Performance	54	52	45	45	45	48
	Lack of Commitment to School	84	72	76	68	47	46
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	63	38	54	38	40	46
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	40	18	27	22	39	45
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	21	11	19	11	41	46
Average Prevalence Rate		46	34	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 Okeechobee County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Okeechobee County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	52	55	53	53	51	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	41	52	45	42	44	46
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	50	45	50	45	50	52
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	44	53	44	40	46	47
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	52	48	48	45	37	52
Average Prevalence Rate		48	51	48	45	46	50

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

Domain	Scale	Okeechobee County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	44	45	51	50	44	47
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	40	38	42	38	33	35
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	34	28	33	33	30	25
Family	Poor Family Management	47	49	48	52	47	50
	Family Conflict	38	38	40	44	38	42
School	Poor Academic Performance	49	57	57	62	62	54
	Lack of Commitment to School	55	61	67	75	78	84
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	36	45	51	53	51	63
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	32	39	48	40	37	40
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	25	28	31	34	20	21
Average Prevalence Rate		40	43	47	48	44	46

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

Domain	Scale	Okeechobee County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	58	59	53	54	53	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	52	56	49	45	48	47
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	56	54	65	62	58	62
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	50	55	54	55	57	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	60	58	57	55	52	58
Average Prevalence Rate		55	56	56	54	54	56

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 Okeechobee County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Okeechobee County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	41	34	41	34	30	27
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	36	27	30	21	15	16
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	56	41	44	36	36	35
Family	Poor Family Management	41	44	42	40	39	40
	Family Conflict	35	30	32	30	30	28
School	Poor Academic Performance	49	51	52	55	56	52
	Lack of Commitment to School	59	63	62	68	69	72
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	42	36	41	42	42	38
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	43	37	43	34	28	18
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	35	29	29	20	16	11
Average Prevalence Rate		44	39	42	38	36	34

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.