

2024 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Polk County Data Tables

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

	Polk County			Florida Statewide	
	N	%		N	%
Sex					
Female	511	52.6		21,747	48.6
Male	457	47.0		22,711	50.7
Race/Ethnic group					
African American	153	15.7		9,493	21.2
American Indian	15	1.5		426	1.0
Asian	13	1.3		653	1.5
Hispanic/Latino	321	33.0		10,394	23.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	0.1		41	0.1
Other/Multiple	236	24.3		7,299	16.3
White, non-Hispanic	229	23.6		16,109	36.0
Parent/Guardian in the Military					
No	837	86.1		38,723	86.5
Yes	128	13.2		5,679	12.7
Age					
11	53	5.5		2,499	5.6
12	131	13.5		5,938	13.3
13	157	16.2		6,288	14.0
14	180	18.5		6,501	14.5
15	135	13.9		6,784	15.2
16	125	12.9		6,743	15.1
17	123	12.7		6,358	14.2
18	62	6.4		3,252	7.3
Grade					
6th	137	14.1		6,126	13.7
7th	153	15.7		6,468	14.5
8th	191	19.7		6,341	14.2
9th	156	16.0		6,696	15.0
10th	115	11.8		6,738	15.1
11th	124	12.8		6,266	14.0
12th	96	9.9		6,121	13.7
Middle School	481	49.5		18,934	42.3
High School	491	50.5		25,821	57.7
Total	972	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 Polk County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in their lifetimes, 2024

	Polk 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	19.0	34.4	33.0	22.7	19.7	33.6	27.7	19.3	32.5	30.5	23.5	19.8	32.4	26.9
Blacking Out	--	10.5	10.9	10.2	--	10.0	--	--	9.1	10.3	8.0	--	9.2	--
Cigarettes	2.7	7.5	6.4	4.5	3.8	7.1	5.4	4.4	7.7	6.4	6.2	4.3	7.9	6.3
Vaping Nicotine	11.1	27.2	25.1	15.8	11.0	25.4	20.3	10.9	20.1	20.2	12.4	11.3	20.4	16.2
Vaping Marijuana	5.6	22.6	17.7	13.0	5.8	22.4	15.3	5.5	16.3	14.4	9.2	5.9	16.5	11.7
Marijuana or Hashish	6.8	21.9	16.7	14.2	6.8	20.9	15.4	5.9	18.6	15.3	11.2	6.3	18.8	13.2
Synthetic Marijuana	--	2.2	4.3	0.1	--	2.0	--	--	1.9	2.4	1.5	--	1.9	--
Inhalants	4.9	3.2	5.6	2.3	4.7	3.9	3.9	6.9	3.5	5.5	4.3	6.5	3.7	4.9
Club Drugs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.6
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.8	2.4	2.1	1.5	0.8	1.9	1.7	1.0	3.0	2.3	2.1	1.0	3.1	2.2
Methamphetamine	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Heroin	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Prescription Depressants	0.9	1.8	2.0	0.9	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.5
Prescription Pain Relievers	4.1	2.3	3.9	2.2	4.0	2.6	3.1	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.7
Prescription Amphetamines	1.7	2.2	3.3	0.7	1.8	2.2	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.4	1.5	2.1	1.8
Over-the-Counter Drugs	0.9	2.2	2.0	1.2	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.9
Needle to Inject Illegal Drugs	--	0.2	0.0	0.4	--	0.3	--	--	0.6	0.5	0.6	--	0.6	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	9.3	9.0	9.6	--	9.2	--	--	8.7	9.3	8.2	--	8.9	--
Kratom	--	1.9	0.6	3.2	--	0.4	--	--	1.1	1.2	1.1	--	1.1	--
Any illicit drug	15.9	27.9	27.1	18.8	15.4	27.0	22.8	15.1	24.0	23.3	17.2	15.1	24.4	20.2
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	10.4	9.2	12.7	6.9	10.0	8.9	9.7	10.5	9.4	11.0	8.7	10.1	9.7	9.9
Alcohol only	11.1	13.8	13.7	11.6	12.2	13.6	12.6	11.5	14.9	14.2	12.8	11.7	14.7	13.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	27.4	41.6	40.6	30.7	27.8	40.6	35.5	26.4	38.7	37.3	29.8	26.7	38.9	33.5
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	8.7	7.6	7.8	8.4	8.2	7.5	8.1	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 Polk County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in the past 30 days, 2024

	Polk 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	6.0	13.0	11.4	8.7	6.4	12.1	9.9	6.2	13.1	11.8	8.6	6.3	13.0	10.2
Binge Drinking	2.2	2.9	2.7	2.5	3.0	2.0	2.6	2.4	5.9	4.8	4.1	2.4	5.9	4.4
Cigarettes	0.5	1.6	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.8	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.1
Vaping Nicotine	3.7	9.6	9.0	5.4	3.1	10.1	7.1	3.7	8.7	8.4	4.9	3.9	8.9	6.6
Vaping Marijuana	2.8	6.9	7.0	3.4	2.0	7.6	5.2	2.2	7.8	6.3	4.7	2.4	8.0	5.5
Marijuana or Hashish	2.5	9.0	6.9	5.5	1.9	9.1	6.2	2.4	9.1	7.1	5.6	2.7	9.1	6.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	0.3	0.4	0.1	--	0.4	--	--	0.7	0.8	0.6	--	0.7	--
Inhalants	2.0	0.5	1.8	0.5	1.9	0.6	1.2	2.5	0.9	1.9	1.2	2.3	1.0	1.6
Club Drugs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5
Methamphetamine	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Heroin	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Prescription Depressants	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.9	0.4	1.6	0.4	1.5	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6
Prescription Amphetamines	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Over-the-Counter Drugs	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Any illicit drug	7.4	11.0	12.3	6.7	6.1	11.6	9.5	6.6	12.0	11.2	8.3	6.7	12.1	9.7
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	4.9	2.9	5.4	2.3	4.4	3.1	3.8	4.4	3.1	4.1	3.2	4.2	3.3	3.7
Alcohol only	4.1	8.3	6.1	6.9	4.7	7.4	6.5	4.1	7.4	6.9	5.2	4.1	7.4	6.0
Alcohol or any illicit drug	11.3	19.2	18.4	13.4	10.6	18.8	15.8	10.6	19.3	17.9	13.4	10.7	19.4	15.6
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	5.5	6.4	7.3	4.9	4.5	6.8	6.0	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 Polk 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	25.3	53.9	41.3	22.8	49.4	38.6	19.3	49.8	36.7	28.0	47.6	39.0	25.4	46.6	37.6	19.0	34.4	27.7
Blacking Out	--	19.2	--	--	16.6	--	--	16.9	--	--	15.1	--	--	12.4	--	--	10.5	--
Cigarettes	13.4	30.5	23.0	11.3	21.9	17.5	9.5	19.4	15.1	7.6	12.2	10.2	4.6	10.3	7.9	2.7	7.5	5.4
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.8	27.5	22.1	13.9	27.5	21.9	11.1	27.2	20.3
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.9	24.8	17.1	6.7	20.7	14.9	5.6	22.6	15.3
Marijuana or Hashish	9.3	35.0	23.8	10.3	33.3	23.8	7.0	34.0	22.3	10.0	30.5	21.7	6.0	26.2	17.9	6.8	21.9	15.4
Synthetic Marijuana	--	13.9	--	--	9.5	--	--	7.2	--	--	3.4	--	--	3.1	--	--	2.2	--
Inhalants	11.4	6.3	8.5	8.5	3.0	5.3	8.1	6.4	7.1	9.7	7.1	8.2	7.3	5.6	6.3	4.9	3.2	3.9
Club Drugs	1.3	3.3	2.4	1.3	2.6	2.0	2.2	3.3	2.8	1.2	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.7	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.6	3.9	2.9	1.4	3.1	2.4	2.1	4.3	3.3	1.3	4.3	3.0	0.9	4.6	3.0	0.8	2.4	1.7
Methamphetamine	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.7	1.3	0.9	1.8	1.4	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.2
Cocaine or Crack	1.4	2.1	1.8	0.7	2.0	1.4	1.5	2.8	2.2	1.5	2.3	1.9	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Heroin	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Prescription Depressants	2.6	7.0	5.1	3.1	8.7	6.4	3.3	10.7	7.4	2.8	7.3	5.2	3.0	3.8	3.4	0.9	1.8	1.4
Prescription Pain Relievers	3.4	8.6	6.4	3.4	6.2	5.1	3.5	8.0	6.0	3.4	4.0	3.8	4.1	1.6	2.7	4.1	2.3	3.1
Prescription Amphetamines	1.7	3.4	2.7	0.8	3.8	2.6	1.8	3.4	2.7	2.6	4.7	3.7	1.7	4.7	3.4	1.7	2.2	2.0
Over-the-Counter Drugs	4.2	6.3	5.4	4.2	5.8	5.2	4.3	5.6	5.1	4.1	5.0	4.6	3.5	2.7	3.1	0.9	2.2	1.6
Needle to Inject Drugs	--	--	--	--	1.7	--	--	1.1	--	--	1.4	--	--	0.1	--	--	0.2	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.3	--
Kratom	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.9	--
Any illicit drug	20.3	40.4	31.7	20.8	36.7	30.2	16.2	40.0	29.6	22.0	38.9	31.5	18.7	32.1	26.4	15.9	27.9	22.8
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	16.0	19.6	18.0	14.9	17.2	16.3	13.1	21.2	17.6	15.8	18.9	17.6	14.1	14.2	14.1	10.4	9.2	9.7
Alcohol only	12.3	20.1	16.7	9.2	19.8	15.5	9.8	16.2	13.4	12.9	15.4	14.3	13.9	19.0	16.8	11.1	13.8	12.6
Alcohol or any illicit drug	32.4	60.5	48.2	29.6	56.2	45.3	26.1	55.8	42.8	34.3	53.7	45.2	31.6	50.6	42.5	27.4	41.6	35.5
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	7.0	6.5	6.7	7.5	7.0	7.2	7.1	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.7	7.4	4.3	5.6	8.7	7.6	8.1

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 Polk 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	11.2	27.3	20.3	7.9	22.9	16.8	8.9	21.8	16.2	11.0	21.9	17.2	8.3	17.7	13.7	6.0	13.0	9.9
Binge Drinking	4.6	12.2	8.8	5.0	11.4	8.8	3.5	10.0	7.2	4.5	10.7	8.0	4.6	8.1	6.6	2.2	2.9	2.6
Cigarettes	3.7	9.6	7.0	1.6	7.6	5.2	1.6	4.8	3.4	1.5	2.3	2.0	0.7	1.9	1.4	0.5	1.6	1.1
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.2	14.0	10.3	6.0	13.6	10.4	3.7	9.6	7.1
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.3	11.1	7.3	3.0	11.8	8.2	2.8	6.9	5.2
Marijuana or Hashish	5.0	17.6	12.2	5.3	16.5	11.9	5.2	19.4	13.1	4.2	17.9	12.0	3.0	15.0	10.0	2.5	9.0	6.2
Synthetic Marijuana	--	4.1	--	--	1.9	--	--	2.8	--	--	0.3	--	--	1.1	--	--	0.3	--
Inhalants	3.7	1.3	2.3	3.3	0.7	1.8	2.9	1.7	2.2	2.5	1.6	2.0	3.4	2.1	2.6	2.0	0.5	1.2
Club Drugs	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.7	1.5	1.1	0.3	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.8	1.6	0.4	1.6	1.1	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.1	1.0	0.6
Methamphetamine	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2
Cocaine or Crack	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2
Heroin	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Prescription Depressants	0.8	2.3	1.7	0.5	2.7	1.8	2.3	2.9	2.6	0.3	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.9	3.8	3.0	1.9	3.5	2.9	2.1	2.7	2.5	0.9	1.1	1.0	2.2	0.9	1.5	1.9	0.4	1.0
Prescription Amphetamines	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	2.2	1.6	1.3	0.1	0.6	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.8	0.7
Over-the-Counter Drugs	2.2	2.9	2.6	3.0	2.3	2.6	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.8	0.6	2.3	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.5
Any illicit drug	9.5	21.1	16.1	10.8	19.2	15.8	9.0	22.3	16.4	9.8	21.2	16.2	8.1	21.3	15.6	7.4	11.0	9.5
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	6.5	7.9	7.3	7.1	7.9	7.6	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.3	6.7	6.5	5.7	7.0	6.4	4.9	2.9	3.8
Alcohol only	6.8	14.8	11.4	4.1	13.2	9.5	4.2	10.8	7.9	7.7	9.7	8.8	5.0	8.5	7.0	4.1	8.3	6.5
Alcohol or any illicit drug	15.9	35.9	27.2	14.6	31.8	24.8	13.3	32.0	23.9	17.0	30.6	24.7	12.5	28.9	21.9	11.3	19.2	15.8
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	4.7	8.7	7.0	7.4	9.2	8.4	4.7	10.8	8.1	6.3	9.3	8.0	4.9	12.3	9.2	5.5	6.4	6.0

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

	Polk 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	--	13.3	11.9	14.7	--	15.4	--	--	13.2	14.3	12.1	--	13.3	--
Drinking at least once a month	--	2.0	2.6	1.3	--	2.0	--	--	2.0	2.3	1.7	--	2.0	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	4.3	6.0	2.6	--	3.7	--	--	4.3	4.7	3.9	--	4.6	--
Smoke marijuana	--	3.3	3.8	2.8	--	3.3	--	--	5.1	5.8	4.4	--	5.1	--
Vape nicotine	--	8.0	10.9	5.2	--	8.2	--	--	8.4	10.7	6.2	--	8.5	--
Vape marijuana	--	3.6	5.9	1.5	--	3.9	--	--	4.3	5.1	3.5	--	4.4	--
Great risk of harm														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	51.7	47.5	51.8	46.9	50.7	49.1	49.3	51.3	48.5	51.8	47.6	51.1	48.4	49.7
5+ drinks once or twice a week	62.9	57.5	61.9	57.9	62.6	58.5	59.9	61.6	57.3	60.8	57.5	61.7	57.3	59.1
1+ packs of cigarettes per day	63.8	65.9	66.6	63.2	65.1	63.8	65.0	64.2	65.0	65.8	63.6	64.6	65.1	64.7
Vaping nicotine	51.7	49.1	46.9	52.9	52.3	47.5	50.2	54.6	47.1	49.5	51.1	54.2	47.0	50.3
Vaping marijuana	53.5	43.2	45.3	49.3	53.8	42.1	47.6	56.2	42.5	48.0	48.6	55.5	42.3	48.2
Marijuana once or twice a week	45.5	30.9	37.0	37.4	44.4	31.3	37.2	48.7	31.9	38.9	39.2	47.6	32.1	39.0
Try marijuana once or twice	31.8	21.4	25.4	26.2	31.3	21.5	25.9	34.8	22.9	27.3	28.6	33.9	23.0	27.9
Use prescription drugs	66.8	71.3	69.0	69.7	67.5	69.9	69.3	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 Polk 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	--	22.8	--	--	23.2	--	--	20.4	--	--	15.8	--	--	17.7	--	--	13.3	--
Drink monthly	--	4.1	--	--	4.8	--	--	3.4	--	--	2.9	--	--	3.1	--	--	2.0	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	16.2	--	--	10.6	--	--	11.5	--	--	7.7	--	--	5.3	--	--	4.3	--
Smoke marijuana	--	13.7	--	--	13.2	--	--	11.5	--	--	8.3	--	--	6.6	--	--	3.3	--
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.5	--	--	9.1	--	--	8.0	--
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.3	--	--	4.9	--	--	3.6	--
Great risk of harm																		
Daily alcohol use	45.7	38.8	41.9	43.7	41.5	42.4	49.4	41.3	44.8	46.8	40.4	43.2	36.0	40.8	38.8	51.7	47.5	49.3
5+ drinks daily	52.7	50.3	51.4	54.7	53.1	53.7	60.9	50.6	55.1	59.9	49.9	54.3	56.6	52.0	54.0	62.9	57.5	59.9
Daily cigarette use	62.1	64.5	63.4	61.6	66.9	64.7	68.2	66.5	67.2	64.0	63.3	63.6	56.3	62.6	59.9	63.8	65.9	65.0
Vaping nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	48.1	38.7	42.8	36.7	39.0	38.0	51.7	49.1	50.2
Vaping marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	50.0	32.2	40.0	40.7	32.3	35.9	53.5	43.2	47.6
Marijuana weekly	54.0	29.8	40.5	46.8	26.5	34.9	51.3	23.5	35.6	43.0	21.3	30.8	39.8	21.2	29.1	45.5	30.9	37.2
Try marijuana	37.4	20.9	28.2	39.3	19.5	27.7	35.0	16.4	24.5	29.6	16.3	22.1	23.0	12.0	16.7	31.8	21.4	25.9
Prescription drugs	68.6	69.9	69.3	66.2	65.3	65.7	66.4	64.5	65.4	66.1	64.5	65.2	63.7	64.8	64.3	66.8	71.3	69.3

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

	Polk 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	98.9	94.8	95.7	97.3	98.8	95.2	96.5	97.0	92.7	94.3	94.8	96.8	93.1	94.5
Drink alcohol regularly	92.9	79.9	83.6	87.2	92.4	80.6	85.5	91.4	78.3	82.6	85.0	90.8	78.5	83.8
Smoke marijuana	95.5	80.9	85.9	88.5	95.7	80.5	87.2	93.7	79.0	84.6	85.8	93.2	79.1	85.2
Vape nicotine	95.0	87.6	88.3	93.0	95.3	86.3	90.8	93.8	87.2	88.3	91.6	93.4	87.5	90.0
Vape marijuana	96.6	84.8	87.1	92.4	96.8	83.8	89.9	94.7	83.7	87.2	89.4	94.1	84.0	88.3
Use other illicit drugs	98.9	98.7	98.1	99.5	98.9	98.5	98.8	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	93.3	87.9	89.9	90.6	93.6	87.7	90.2	93.5	88.7	91.3	90.2	93.2	88.7	90.7
Smoke tobacco	96.3	92.0	93.6	94.0	96.9	90.5	93.9	95.6	91.4	93.2	93.1	95.5	91.2	93.1
Smoke marijuana	93.3	75.2	83.3	82.8	93.5	74.0	83.0	92.9	77.6	83.5	84.7	92.3	77.3	84.1
Vape nicotine	90.4	81.9	84.2	86.8	91.3	80.9	85.6	91.5	83.5	84.7	89.0	91.2	83.4	86.9
Vape marijuana	91.6	79.3	82.5	86.7	92.0	78.3	84.6	93.2	81.1	84.8	87.5	92.6	80.9	86.2
Use prescription drugs	97.7	94.8	94.7	97.3	97.9	94.6	96.0	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	97.9	92.6	95.6	94.1	97.7	93.1	94.9	97.8	95.8	96.8	96.5	97.8	95.9	96.7
Smoke cigarettes	99.5	97.1	98.5	97.7	99.4	97.8	98.1	98.9	98.3	98.5	98.6	98.9	98.4	98.6
Smoke marijuana	98.4	91.6	94.8	94.4	98.3	93.3	94.6	97.4	92.0	94.0	94.6	97.5	92.0	94.3
Use prescription drugs	99.1	97.1	97.5	98.4	98.8	97.7	98.0	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 Polk 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	93.5	80.5	86.3	92.0	84.1	87.4	96.0	87.7	91.3	94.6	90.2	92.1	94.9	92.0	93.2	98.9	94.8	96.5
Drink regularly	88.0	68.3	77.1	84.3	64.0	72.4	90.2	68.8	78.1	87.2	68.7	76.8	87.2	71.8	78.4	92.9	79.9	85.5
Smoke marijuana	89.8	63.1	75.0	83.9	58.4	68.9	89.8	60.1	72.9	86.7	61.7	72.6	89.5	66.8	76.4	95.5	80.9	87.2
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	86.5	79.5	82.6	89.1	77.6	82.6	95.0	87.6	90.8
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	89.3	74.6	81.0	90.3	75.4	81.7	96.6	84.8	89.9
Other illicit drugs	96.7	93.3	94.8	96.1	93.1	94.4	96.9	94.3	95.4	95.9	92.8	94.1	96.8	95.6	96.1	98.9	98.7	98.8
<i>Friends think it wrong</i>																		
Daily alcohol use	90.0	73.9	81.0	87.2	77.5	81.6	90.9	77.7	83.4	89.6	81.3	85.0	88.5	81.1	84.3	93.3	87.9	90.2
Smoke tobacco	92.3	76.3	83.4	92.8	83.9	87.6	92.7	86.8	89.4	92.9	89.5	91.0	96.0	86.6	90.6	96.3	92.0	93.9
Smoke marijuana	87.9	59.7	72.3	83.6	58.8	69.1	88.5	59.6	72.0	84.5	61.7	71.7	91.3	64.0	75.7	93.3	75.2	83.0
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	85.6	72.6	78.3	85.1	70.6	76.8	90.4	81.9	85.6
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	88.2	69.1	77.5	89.5	69.4	78.0	91.6	79.3	84.6
Use prescription drugs	96.3	89.1	92.3	93.0	89.3	90.9	94.2	90.3	92.0	95.2	88.4	91.4	97.9	90.8	93.8	97.7	94.8	96.0
<i>Parents think it wrong</i>																		
Daily alcohol use	97.8	90.5	93.6	95.0	94.2	94.5	96.8	95.5	96.0	96.6	91.7	93.8	98.9	92.8	95.4	97.9	92.6	94.9
Smoke tobacco	98.5	92.4	95.0	96.8	96.0	96.3	98.2	97.6	97.8	98.6	97.6	98.0	98.6	97.8	98.1	99.5	97.1	98.1
Smoke marijuana	97.9	87.6	92.0	94.3	90.2	91.9	96.0	84.3	89.5	96.0	85.3	89.9	98.4	86.8	91.7	98.4	91.6	94.6
Use prescription drugs	98.8	95.7	97.0	98.8	96.7	97.5	97.4	96.8	97.0	97.5	96.7	97.0	98.4	97.4	97.8	99.1	97.1	98.0

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

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

	Polk 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	--	13.3	5.8	24.0	--	13.3	--	--	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	--	7.8	5.8	10.5	--	7.8	--	--	7.1	7.0	7.3	--	7.1	--
Someone gave it to me	--	29.5	29.3	29.7	--	29.5	--	--	41.1	43.9	37.3	--	41.1	--
Took it from a store	--	2.5	4.3	0.0	--	2.5	--	--	2.1	1.3	3.1	--	2.1	--
Took it from a family member	--	27.7	25.5	30.8	--	27.7	--	--	12.8	15.2	9.5	--	12.8	--
Some other way	--	19.2	29.3	5.0	--	19.2	--	--	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, Polk County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Polk 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	--	59.0	48.6	71.5	--	59.0	--	--	43.3	44.6	41.3	--	43.3	--
Another person's home	--	12.0	18.9	3.7	--	12.0	--	--	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	--	3.8	0.8	7.3	--	3.8	--	--	5.6	5.3	6.1	--	5.6	--
Public place	--	11.5	12.9	9.9	--	11.5	--	--	5.2	5.4	5.0	--	5.2	--
Public event	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	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	--	13.7	18.8	7.6	--	13.7	--	--	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, Polk County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Polk 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	--	45.6	57.5	31.4	--	45.6	--	--	33.2	34.8	30.9	--	33.2	--
2	--	25.2	11.3	41.9	--	25.2	--	--	23.0	25.2	20.0	--	23.0	--
3	--	16.0	19.4	12.0	--	16.0	--	--	17.8	17.8	17.6	--	17.8	--
4	--	2.3	0.0	5.1	--	2.3	--	--	7.0	7.0	7.1	--	7.0	--
5 or more	--	10.8	11.9	9.6	--	10.8	--	--	19.0	15.1	24.5	--	19.0	--

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

Table 13. Percentages of Polk 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

	Polk 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	3.0	2.7	3.7	2.0	2.2	4.1	2.8	2.6	3.4	3.7	2.4	2.5	3.7	3.1
Smoking marijuana	2.6	9.6	6.9	6.4	2.4	11.0	6.6	3.1	7.9	6.8	5.0	3.2	8.5	5.9
Using another drug to get high	2.2	1.3	1.9	1.5	2.2	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.7	2.4	2.1

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

	Polk 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	3.9	7.6	3.6	8.3	5.2	7.2	6.0	6.6	5.4	3.5	8.2	6.4	5.5	5.9
Selling drugs	0.3	2.4	1.0	2.0	0.4	2.6	1.5	1.0	2.0	1.1	2.0	1.0	2.1	1.6
Attempting to steal a vehicle	0.2	1.4	0.5	1.3	0.2	1.8	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Being arrested	2.4	2.8	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.2	2.6	1.7	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.7
Taking a handgun to school	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5
Getting suspended	22.8	16.7	14.3	24.1	21.6	19.5	19.3	16.9	10.9	11.2	15.8	15.8	11.9	13.5
Attacking someone with intent to harm	8.1	6.0	8.0	5.8	7.5	7.2	6.9	8.4	4.3	5.4	6.7	8.0	4.5	6.0

Table 15. Trends in delinquent behaviors for Polk 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	5.7	7.0	6.4	5.2	6.2	5.8	6.1	6.7	6.5	8.1	8.4	8.2	11.5	8.3	9.6	3.9	7.6	6.0
Selling drugs	2.8	7.1	5.3	2.6	7.0	5.3	2.5	8.5	5.8	1.9	6.4	4.5	1.9	3.2	2.7	0.3	2.4	1.5
Attempting to steal a vehicle	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.6	2.8	2.0	2.3	0.7	2.2	1.5	2.8	2.4	2.6	0.2	1.4	0.9
Being arrested	4.2	4.6	4.4	5.2	5.0	5.1	2.3	4.5	3.5	3.6	4.2	4.0	2.3	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.8	2.6
Taking a handgun to school	0.4	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.2
Getting suspended	18.3	19.8	19.2	23.6	13.2	17.4	18.6	13.1	15.5	16.9	16.7	16.8	22.4	14.3	17.6	22.8	16.7	19.3
Attacking someone with intent to harm	7.8	7.2	7.5	8.4	6.1	7.1	8.6	5.4	6.9	9.4	7.5	8.3	10.7	6.6	8.3	8.1	6.0	6.9

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

	Polk 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>Symptoms of Depression</i>														
Sometimes I think that life is not worth it	34.0	29.6	43.2	19.8	34.2	30.4	31.5	28.8	25.5	35.1	18.9	28.5	26.0	26.9
At times I think I am no good at all	43.8	40.2	54.2	29.7	44.2	40.4	41.8	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	36.8	27.5	38.8	24.2	36.6	27.3	31.5	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?	47.5	45.2	57.3	35.2	47.0	44.8	46.2	42.6	39.3	50.7	30.9	42.0	39.6	40.7
<i>Suicide (past 12 months)</i>														
Seriously considered attempting suicide	15.6	14.1	22.8	6.9	16.1	14.7	14.8	14.8	12.4	17.8	8.9	14.7	12.8	13.4
Made a suicide plan	13.9	11.3	18.3	6.4	14.0	12.0	12.4	12.3	9.8	14.2	7.5	12.2	10.2	10.9
Attempted suicide one or more times	12.5	7.3	16.2	3.0	12.5	8.0	9.5	9.3	5.8	10.1	4.4	8.8	6.3	7.3
Suicide attempt that required medical care	2.1	1.9	3.9	0.2	2.3	1.8	2.0	2.1	1.4	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.7

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

	Polk 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	11.2	10.9	16.8	5.6	11.1	11.1	11.0	10.0	8.6	13.7	4.7	9.6	8.9	9.2
Was ever kicked or shoved	52.2	26.6	42.5	32.3	51.3	24.9	37.5	46.6	27.4	36.6	34.3	45.0	27.6	35.5
Was ever taunted or teased	70.8	53.9	72.0	50.3	69.1	52.0	61.1	67.9	51.7	64.0	53.2	66.7	51.9	58.5
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	26.1	27.1	34.8	18.9	26.4	25.6	26.7	29.6	28.6	36.7	21.6	29.4	29.0	29.0
Ever physically bullied others	27.3	13.9	19.7	19.4	26.1	14.8	19.6	24.1	12.6	15.9	18.9	22.9	13.2	17.5
Ever verbally bullied others	37.9	27.1	34.2	29.3	36.1	28.9	31.7	37.4	26.2	30.0	31.8	36.3	26.7	30.9
Ever cyber bullied others	11.3	14.1	14.9	11.2	12.3	14.4	12.9	14.6	12.5	14.6	12.2	14.4	12.8	13.4

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

	Polk 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	--	14.8	23.5	6.5	--	14.2	--	--	13.3	17.8	8.8	--	13.6	--
Physical abuse	--	9.7	14.3	5.4	--	9.3	--	--	8.9	10.6	7.2	--	9.1	--
Sexual abuse	--	4.3	7.3	1.5	--	3.5	--	--	4.9	7.5	2.3	--	5.2	--
Parents separated or divorced	--	39.3	40.6	38.2	--	38.6	--	--	38.7	41.5	36.0	--	39.2	--
Physical abuse in household	--	6.7	9.9	3.6	--	6.0	--	--	6.9	8.6	5.2	--	7.1	--
Substance abuse in household	--	25.3	27.8	23.1	--	24.6	--	--	22.8	26.3	19.3	--	23.5	--
Mental illness in household	--	31.3	40.4	22.8	--	30.5	--	--	27.7	35.0	20.4	--	28.2	--
Incarcerated household member	--	29.0	29.1	29.0	--	29.2	--	--	21.7	23.2	20.2	--	22.1	--
Emotional neglect	--	29.9	40.3	19.9	--	30.7	--	--	25.1	30.4	19.7	--	25.5	--
Physical neglect	--	7.2	8.0	6.5	--	7.9	--	--	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 Polk County and Florida Statewide high school youth, 2024

	Polk 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	--	33.4	27.7	38.9	--	33.4	--	--	37.9	31.9	43.9	--	37.9	--
1 ACE	--	20.9	18.9	22.5	--	20.9	--	--	20.6	20.2	21.1	--	20.6	--
2 ACEs	--	13.6	13.6	13.6	--	13.6	--	--	13.4	13.9	13.0	--	13.4	--
3 ACEs	--	10.6	11.4	9.9	--	10.6	--	--	10.0	11.2	8.9	--	10.0	--
4 ACEs	--	8.7	11.4	6.3	--	8.7	--	--	7.0	8.4	5.5	--	7.0	--
5 ACEs	--	4.4	4.0	4.9	--	4.4	--	--	4.4	5.4	3.4	--	4.4	--
6 ACEs	--	3.1	3.3	2.9	--	3.1	--	--	2.8	3.6	2.0	--	2.8	--
7 ACEs	--	3.8	6.7	1.2	--	3.8	--	--	1.9	2.7	1.1	--	1.9	--
8 ACEs	--	1.2	2.4	0.0	--	1.2	--	--	1.1	1.5	0.6	--	1.1	--
9 ACEs	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	0.5	0.8	0.3	--	0.5	--
10 ACEs	--	0.3	0.5	0.0	--	0.3	--	--	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 Polk County and Florida Statewide youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with statements indicating impulsiveness or a lack of self-control, 2024

	Polk 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	30.6	32.0	34.0	29.1	28.6	33.8	31.4	30.7	28.0	31.4	27.0	30.4	28.0	29.2
I'm more concerned with the short run	29.0	25.5	25.1	28.8	28.6	23.8	26.9	27.7	23.1	27.2	22.9	27.4	23.2	25.1
Getting in trouble is exciting	26.3	27.4	27.9	25.8	27.4	27.2	26.9	26.9	25.3	26.7	25.2	26.6	25.7	26.0
Excitement is more important than security	25.3	25.8	22.9	28.0	25.0	26.2	25.6	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	29.6	25.4	29.5	25.1	29.1	26.2	27.2	28.4	21.1	27.3	21.1	27.3	21.4	24.2
I get upset when I have a disagreement with someone	55.8	40.2	55.6	37.9	55.7	40.4	46.7	47.0	34.8	48.8	31.2	46.1	34.9	39.9

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

	Polk 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	36.5	31.4	27.1	39.9	37.2	31.1	33.6	38.2	38.2	35.6	40.9	38.4	38.4	38.2
Organized Sports Outside of School	37.3	25.2	24.9	35.7	37.9	25.5	30.4	43.6	25.7	29.5	37.0	42.0	25.9	33.3
School Band	22.7	6.4	13.9	12.4	20.9	6.7	13.4	16.7	8.1	11.7	11.7	15.8	8.1	11.7
School Club(s)	15.6	24.3	26.9	14.3	17.6	22.8	20.5	22.3	33.2	35.8	21.6	23.1	32.8	28.6
Community Club(s)	8.5	10.5	13.1	6.5	8.9	10.4	9.7	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 Polk County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Polk 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	--	11.7	17.3	6.2	--	11.7	--	--	12.4	14.1	10.7	--	12.5	--
Marijuana	--	15.1	19.9	10.5	--	15.0	--	--	14.8	16.7	13.0	--	14.8	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>														
Alcohol	--	2.3	2.7	1.9	--	2.0	--	--	2.4	2.1	2.8	--	2.3	--
Marijuana	--	3.4	6.0	0.8	--	3.6	--	--	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 Polk 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>Riding in a vehicle</i>																		
Alcohol	--	19.8	--	--	17.3	--	--	18.2	--	--	14.0	--	--	15.2	--	--	11.7	--
Marijuana	--	23.7	--	--	23.9	--	--	26.9	--	--	23.0	--	--	22.2	--	--	15.1	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>																		
Alcohol	--	7.3	--	--	6.6	--	--	6.0	--	--	4.4	--	--	5.0	--	--	2.3	--
Marijuana	--	11.4	--	--	10.1	--	--	10.8	--	--	10.5	--	--	6.9	--	--	3.4	--

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

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

Domain	Scale	Polk 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	51	51	55	58	59	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	45	48	49	52	54	55
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	43	59	49	62	57	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	42	50	45	57	53	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	43	56	43	54	56	62
Average Prevalence Rate		45	53	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 Polk County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2024

Domain		Polk County		Florida Statewide		National Norms	
Scale		<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	40	25	40	25	42	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	28	15	30	13	45	45
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	20	35	24	29	25	42
Family	Poor Family Management	49	34	47	35	44	45
	Family Conflict	44	36	40	30	42	37
School	Poor Academic Performance	51	51	45	45	45	48
	Lack of Commitment to School	80	77	76	68	47	46
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	56	36	54	38	40	46
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	27	20	27	22	39	45
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	18	11	19	11	41	46
Average Prevalence Rate		41	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 Polk County, 2014 to 2024

Domain		Polk County					
Scale		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	56	54	59	54	53	51
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	51	48	50	42	39	45
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	45	40	52	50	44	43
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	50	42	47	38	42	42
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	51	53	48	43	38	43
Average Prevalence Rate		51	47	51	45	43	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.

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

Domain		Polk County					
Scale		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	41	42	38	44	41	40
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	39	39	31	35	28	28
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	25	27	27	27	17	20
Family	Poor Family Management	43	51	45	45	46	49
	Family Conflict	38	41	38	44	39	44
School	Poor Academic Performance	44	43	39	50	42	51
	Lack of Commitment to School	50	55	58	70	75	80
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	41	41	40	53	55	56
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	34	38	32	42	39	27
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	29	29	25	26	25	18
Average Prevalence Rate		38	41	37	44	41	41

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 Polk County, 2014 to 2024

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

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 Polk County, 2014 to 2024

Domain		Polk County					
Scale		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	35	33	34	35	28	25
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	30	25	21	22	17	15
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	44	39	35	33	28	35
Family	Poor Family Management	43	46	40	37	40	34
	Family Conflict	33	30	30	36	37	36
School	Poor Academic Performance	42	42	47	46	50	51
	Lack of Commitment to School	50	57	57	63	71	77
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	35	33	32	41	42	36
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	40	39	36	35	33	20
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	29	25	25	17	17	11
Average Prevalence Rate		38	37	36	36	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.