2024 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

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

	Unio	1 County	Florida S	Statewide
	N	%	N	%
Sex				
Female	83	51.9	21,747	48.6
Male	76	47.5	22,711	50.7
Race/Ethnic group				
African American	15	9.4	9,493	21.2
American Indian	11	6.9	426	1.0
Asian	0	0.0	653	1.5
Hispanic/Latino	3	1.9	10,394	23.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0	41	0.1
Other/Multiple	35	21.9	7,299	16.3
White, non-Hispanic	94	58.8	16,109	36.0
Parent/Guardian in the Military				
No	119	74.4	38,723	86.5
Yes	37	23.1	5,679	12.7
Age				
11	11	6.9	2,499	5.6
12	52	32.5	5,938	13.3
13	52	32.5	6,288	14.0
14	37	23.1	6,501	14.5
15	8	5.0	6,784	15.2
16			6,743	15.1
17			6,358	14.2
18			3,252	7.3
Grade				
6th	55	34.4	6,126	13.7
7th	53	33.1	6,468	14.5
8th	52	32.5	6,341	14.2
9th			6,696	15.0
10th			6,738	15.1
11th			6,266	14.0
12th			6,121	13.7
Middle School	160	100.0	18,934	42.3
High School			25,821	57.7
Total	160	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 Union County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in their lifetimes, 2024

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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	25.9		30.4	21.7	25.2			19.3	32.5	30.5	23.5	19.8	32.4	26.9
Blacking Out									9.1	10.3	8.0		9.2	
Cigarettes	5.7		6.4	5.1	4.5			4.4	7.7	6.4	6.2	4.3	7.9	6.3
Vaping Nicotine	17.3		18.4	15.2	16.4			10.9	20.1	20.2	12.4	11.3	20.4	16.2
Vaping Marijuana	7.0		7.0	7.1	5.7			5.5	16.3	14.4	9.2	5.9	16.5	11.7
Marijuana or Hashish	7.6		6.8	8.5	6.4			5.9	18.6	15.3	11.2	6.3	18.8	13.2
Synthetic Marijuana									1.9	2.4	1.5		1.9	
Inhalants	5.7		5.1	6.4	5.2			6.9	3.5	5.5	4.3	6.5	3.7	4.9
Club Drugs	1.8		3.5	0.0	1.0			0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.6
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	5.6		5.9	5.3	4.2			1.0	3.0	2.3	2.1	1.0	3.1	2.2
Methamphetamine	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0			0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0			0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Heroin	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0			0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Prescription Depressants	2.7		4.1	1.5	2.0			1.2	1.6	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.5
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.8		1.7	3.9	2.0			1.6	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.7
Prescription Amphetamines	1.2		0.0	2.4	1.2			1.5	2.0	2.2	1.4	1.5	2.1	1.8
Over-the-Counter Drugs	4.6		0.5	7.3	3.7			1.7	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.9
Needle to Inject Illegal Drugs									0.6	0.5	0.6		0.6	
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC									8.7	9.3	8.2		8.9	
Kratom									1.1	1.2	1.1		1.1	
Any illicit drug	15.9		13.4	17.3	14.8			15.1	24.0	23.3	17.2	15.1	24.4	20.2
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	13.6		13.6	12.6	12.4			10.5	9.4	11.0	8.7	10.1	9.7	9.9
Alcohol only	14.5		17.3	11.9	15.0			11.5	14.9	14.2	12.8	11.7	14.7	13.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	31.6		34.4	28.2	31.1			26.4	38.7	37.3	29.8	26.7	38.9	33.5
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	6.1		4.2	6.7	6.3			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 Union County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in the past 30 days, 2024

			Un	ion Cou	ıty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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	8.8		9.6	8.2	7.7			6.2	13.1	11.8	8.6	6.3	13.0	10.2
Binge Drinking	6.3		3.9	8.8	5.8			2.4	5.9	4.8	4.1	2.4	5.9	4.4
Cigarettes	1.3		1.1	1.5	1.3			0.7	1.4	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.1
Vaping Nicotine	7.0		10.0	3.0	5.7			3.7	8.7	8.4	4.9	3.9	8.9	6.6
Vaping Marijuana	2.0		4.0	0.0	1.2			2.2	7.8	6.3	4.7	2.4	8.0	5.5
Marijuana or Hashish	3.7		5.2	2.3	3.0			2.4	9.1	7.1	5.6	2.7	9.1	6.3
Synthetic Marijuana									0.7	0.8	0.6		0.7	
Inhalants	1.5		0.0	3.0	1.5			2.5	0.9	1.9	1.2	2.3	1.0	1.6
Club Drugs	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0			0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.7		0.0	1.5	0.0			0.3	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5
Methamphetamine	0.8		0.0	1.5	0.8			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			0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Heroin	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0			0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Prescription Depressants	0.7		0.0	1.5	0.8			0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Prescription Pain Relievers	3.0		2.2	3.9	3.2			0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6
Prescription Amphetamines	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0			0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Over-the-Counter Drugs	2.7		0.0	4.1	2.8			0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Any illicit drug	9.1		7.1	10.0	8.0			6.6	12.0	11.2	8.3	6.7	12.1	9.7
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	6.9		2.1	10.6	6.4			4.4	3.1	4.1	3.2	4.2	3.3	3.7
Alcohol only	5.8		5.4	6.4	5.3			4.1	7.4	6.9	5.2	4.1	7.4	6.0
Alcohol or any illicit drug	14.3		11.8	15.7	12.7			10.6	19.3	17.9	13.4	10.7	19.4	15.6
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	5.7		2.3	7.8	5.2			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 Union County, 2014 to 2024

		2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024	
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School		Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School		Total	Middle School	0	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
Alcohol	25.1	61.4	44.6	27.3	54.8	42.1	27.6	57.4	43.4	26.5	42.4	34.4	22.8	38.1	31.3	25.9		
Blacking Out		31.2			18.9			19.0			15.0			13.3				
Cigarettes	15.7	35.3	26.2	14.6	31.8	23.8	13.2	22.5	18.1	10.3	18.5	14.4	6.1	13.9	10.4	5.7		
Vaping Nicotine										18.1	35.9	27.0	17.3	33.2	26.3	17.3		
Vaping Marijuana										8.1	16.0	12.1	5.5	21.0	14.2	7.0		
Marijuana or Hashish	10.1	30.6	21.2	7.1	25.3	16.9	7.2	25.8	17.0	9.3	26.2	17.7	6.2	27.5	18.0	7.6		
Synthetic Marijuana		11.0			5.0			2.3			4.2			0.3				
Inhalants	5.1	5.6	5.4	4.0	3.9	3.9	8.2	2.3	5.1	4.9	3.4	4.1	11.3	3.1	6.7	5.7		
Club Drugs	0.3	3.3	1.9	1.0	2.5	1.8	0.0	2.0	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	3.7	2.4	1.8		
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.6	7.9	4.5	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.6	1.6	4.6	3.1	0.2	6.3	3.7	5.6		
Methamphetamine	0.9	1.8	1.4	0.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.0		
Cocaine or Crack	0.9	4.7	3.0	1.0	1.8	1.4	0.0	2.4	1.2	0.8	1.3	1.1	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.0		
Heroin	0.9	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Prescription Depressants	2.6	8.1	5.6	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.7	4.3	3.5	0.8	7.8	4.3	0.7	4.5	2.9	2.7		
Prescription Pain Relievers	3.0	8.6	6.1	2.8	2.2	2.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.5	2.9	2.8	1.7	2.2	2.8		
Prescription Amphetamines	1.5	4.7	3.3	1.0	3.1	2.1	0.8	3.2	2.0	1.4	4.3	2.8	1.5	2.0	1.8	1.2		
Over-the-Counter Drugs	2.5	5.8	4.3	4.4	3.3	3.8	4.4	6.4	5.4	4.1	6.0	5.1	2.3	2.7	2.5	4.6		
Needle to Inject Drugs					0.9			0.0			2.7			0.0				
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC																		
Kratom																		
Any illicit drug	16.0	33.5	25.4	16.1	32.9	25.0	18.7	31.5	25.5	19.6	32.8	26.2	19.8	29.8	25.3	15.9		
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	9.0	17.7	13.7	11.7	13.7	12.7	14.8	15.5	15.2	11.7	13.5	12.6	14.4	10.7	12.3	13.6		
Alcohol only	15.4	29.7	23.1	14.8	28.8	22.3	14.4	27.7	21.5	14.1	16.3	15.2	9.8	12.1	11.1	14.5		
Alcohol or any illicit drug	31.3	63.6	48.7	30.3	61.4	46.8	33.6	58.8	46.8	33.7	49.1	41.4	29.3	41.6	36.1	31.6		
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	6.3	5.3	5.6	1.3	3.3	7.2	6.9	7.0	5.9	3.8	4.7	6.1		

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.

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

		2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024	
	Middle School		Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	0	Total	Middle School	0	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
Alcohol	9.5	40.6	26.1	9.8	20.6	15.6	9.5	28.9	19.8	8.9	20.7	14.7	7.4	16.8	12.6	8.8		
Binge Drinking	3.3	23.0	13.8	6.6	11.2	9.1	4.9	13.6	9.6	3.1	8.0	5.6	6.6	11.0	9.1	6.3		
Cigarettes	4.4	15.9	10.5	1.1	5.2	3.3	2.4	5.1	3.8	2.9	5.1	4.0	1.2	0.3	0.7	1.3		
Vaping Nicotine										8.1	23.1	15.6	5.6	19.9	13.7	7.0		
Vaping Marijuana										4.2	11.5	7.9	2.5	12.5	8.1	2.0		
Marijuana or Hashish	3.9	20.0	12.5	4.2	11.6	8.2	2.5	11.5	7.2	4.9	15.2	10.0	2.6	11.9	7.8	3.7		
Synthetic Marijuana		2.8			1.0			0.5			2.3			0.3				
Inhalants	1.4	2.8	2.1	1.6	1.0	1.3	4.2	1.1	2.6	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.6	1.0	1.7	1.5		
Club Drugs	0.3	1.3	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.3	1.7	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	1.2	0.7	2.0	1.4	0.7		
Methamphetamine	0.0	1.2	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8		
Cocaine or Crack	0.0	1.9	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.0		
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Prescription Depressants	1.2	2.9	2.1	0.4	1.4	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.0	0.0	1.7	0.8	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.7		
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.4	4.1	2.8	1.7	0.0	0.8	3.1	0.5	1.7	1.6	0.4	1.0	1.3	0.9	1.1	3.0		
Prescription Amphetamines	1.0	2.7	1.9	0.0	1.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.2	1.1	0.7	0.0		
Over-the-Counter Drugs	0.9	3.8	2.4	2.7	2.3	2.5	1.7	3.3	2.6	0.7	2.0	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	2.7		
Any illicit drug	6.7	22.9	15.3	8.8	14.3	11.8	10.7	15.3	13.1	9.0	18.6	13.8	6.6	14.4	10.9	9.1		
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	4.1	10.3	7.4	6.2	5.3	5.7	8.7	4.0	6.2	3.6	4.9	4.3	4.0	3.0	3.4	6.9		
Alcohol only	6.4	24.0	15.7	3.7	12.8	8.6	7.3	19.4	13.7	4.6	11.0	7.7	6.0	8.2	7.2	5.8		
Alcohol or any illicit drug	13.0	45.9	30.6	12.6	26.9	20.2	17.5	35.0	26.7	13.6	29.5	21.5	12.5	22.4	18.0	14.3		
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	3.7	5.6	4.7	3.4	5.7	4.6	7.4	6.2	6.8	4.7	8.9	6.8	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.7		

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

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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									13.2	14.3	12.1		13.3	
Drinking at least once a month									2.0	2.3	1.7		2.0	
Smoke cigarettes									4.3	4.7	3.9		4.6	
Smoke marijuana									5.1	5.8	4.4		5.1	
Vape nicotine									8.4	10.7	6.2		8.5	
Vape marijuana									4.3	5.1	3.5		4.4	
Great risk of harm														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	55.8		50.1	57.2	18.6			51.3	48.5	51.8	47.6	51.1	48.4	49.7
5+ drinks once or twice a week	60.6		58.6	62.1	18.6			61.6	57.3	60.8	57.5	61.7	57.3	59.1
1+ packs of cigarettes per day	67.2		62.9	68.2	38.6			64.2	65.0	65.8	63.6	64.6	65.1	64.7
Vaping nicotine	59.8		59.5	60.5	38.6			54.6	47.1	49.5	51.1	54.2	47.0	50.3
Vaping marijuana	61.3		64.5	62.8	18.6			56.2	42.5	48.0	48.6	55.5	42.3	48.2
Marijuana once or twice a week	56.6		57.0	58.0	18.6			48.7	31.9	38.9	39.2	47.6	32.1	39.0
Try marijuana once or twice	49.4		49.7	50.6	18.6			34.8	22.9	27.3	28.6	33.9	23.0	27.9
Use prescription drugs	69.2		65.3	70.9	24.5			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 Union County, 2014 to 2024

		2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024	
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School		Total	Middle School	High School	Total									
Early substance use																		
Try alcohol		26.5			24.2			24.9			16.4			18.3				
Drink monthly		8.0			4.1			5.0			3.5			1.8				
Smoke cigarettes		22.3			19.4			14.2			10.1			6.3				
Smoke marijuana		16.8			8.1			7.2			11.8			8.1				
Vape nicotine											6.1			11.3				
Vape marijuana											3.9			3.4				
Great risk of harm																		
Daily alcohol use	42.1	34.8	38.3	41.5	44.5	43.1	47.2	40.0	43.4	47.0	48.4	47.7	53.5	39.6	45.9	55.8		
5+ drinks daily	59.8	39.2	48.8	55.8	51.1	53.3	59.6	51.3	55.2	64.9	52.8	58.9	65.3	46.7	55.1	60.6		
Daily cigarette use	68.1	68.1	68.1	68.7	68.6	68.6	64.4	61.0	62.6	65.7	76.9	71.2	72.2	61.7	66.5	67.2		
Vaping nicotine										51.9	50.7	51.3	53.0	34.1	42.6	59.8		
Vaping marijuana										56.0	48.6	52.3	55.7	32.5	42.9	61.3		
Marijuana weekly	53.1	30.9	41.1	53.5	34.4	43.2	53.0	31.6	41.7	47.5	31.6	39.6	48.0	25.3	35.5	56.6		
Try marijuana	42.4	23.5	32.3	34.5	27.6	30.8	42.1	25.0	33.0	37.5	23.0	30.3	38.0	19.8	28.0	49.4		
Prescription drugs	78.2	69.4	73.5	70.6	72.4	71.6	71.4	69.2	70.2	68.3	69.9	69.1	70.0	65.4	67.5	69.2		

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

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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
Think it would be wrong to														
Smoke cigarettes	94.8		94.9	94.6	96.1			97.0	92.7	94.3	94.8	96.8	93.1	94.5
Drink alcohol regularly	86.0		89.0	82.6	87.0			91.4	78.3	82.6	85.0	90.8	78.5	83.8
Smoke marijuana	93.0		89.9	96.3	94.3			93.7	79.0	84.6	85.8	93.2	79.1	85.2
Vape nicotine	89.4		88.8	90.0	89.8			93.8	87.2	88.3	91.6	93.4	87.5	90.0
Vape marijuana	92.8		91.7	93.9	93.4			94.7	83.7	87.2	89.4	94.1	84.0	88.3
Use other illicit drugs	97.3		96.4	98.1	98.1			98.2	96.9	97.8	97.1	98.2	96.9	97.4
Friends think it would be wrong to														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	91.1		94.2	87.8	91.4			93.5	88.7	91.3	90.2	93.2	88.7	90.7
Smoke tobacco	95.0		96.4	93.6	94.9			95.6	91.4	93.2	93.1	95.5	91.2	93.1
Smoke marijuana	92.0		89.0	95.1	93.1			92.9	77.6	83.5	84.7	92.3	77.3	84.1
Vape nicotine	89.6		88.1	91.1	90.6			91.5	83.5	84.7	89.0	91.2	83.4	86.9
Vape marijuana	92.9		90.5	95.4	94.0			93.2	81.1	84.8	87.5	92.6	80.9	86.2
Use prescription drugs	94.8		97.5	91.9	94.6			96.6	95.1	96.0	95.5	96.6	94.7	95.7
Parents think it would be wrong to														
Daily alcohol use	98.9		97.5	100.0	98.9			97.8	95.8	96.8	96.5	97.8	95.9	96.7
Smoke cigarettes	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0			98.9	98.3	98.5	98.6	98.9	98.4	98.6
Smoke marijuana	97.5		100.0	95.7	98.6			97.4	92.0	94.0	94.6	97.5	92.0	94.3
Use prescription drugs	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0			98.4	97.9	97.9	98.3	98.5	97.8	98.1

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

		2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024	
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	_	Total	Middle School	_	Total									
Think it wrong																		
Smoke cigarettes	91.1	72.5	81.2	95.2	85.3	89.9	95.5	85.5	90.2	94.6	90.7	92.7	98.6	94.0	96.0	94.8		
Drink regularly	86.9	50.5	67.6	80.1	69.5	74.4	84.5	62.5	72.8	86.2	74.0	80.1	87.4	75.9	81.0	86.0		
Smoke marijuana	89.1	60.0	73.6	90.5	74.2	81.6	87.9	64.1	75.2	89.3	73.7	81.6	91.0	70.5	79.6	93.0		
Vape nicotine										90.4	82.3	86.4	90.0	79.4	84.1	89.4		
Vape marijuana										92.1	81.1	86.6	92.3	72.9	81.5	92.8		
Other illicit drugs	98.1	89.9	93.8	96.7	97.5	97.1	99.2	94.8	96.8	97.7	92.1	94.9	99.6	97.2	98.3	97.3		
Friends think it wrong																		
Daily alcohol use	85.2	62.2	72.8	86.6	72.3	78.9	86.4	73.5	79.5	90.7	74.6	82.7	92.8	79.3	85.3	91.1		
Smoke tobacco	92.0	68.3	79.4	95.0	83.1	88.7	92.6	82.8	87.3	90.9	82.4	86.7	97.0	88.4	92.2	95.0		
Smoke marijuana	90.4	65.1	76.8	88.6	73.7	80.6	89.1	64.8	76.1	88.0	63.8	76.0	92.5	64.8	77.1	92.0		
Vape nicotine										87.3	69.4	78.5	86.7	76.3	80.9	89.6		
Vape marijuana										90.7	70.6	80.7	91.8	71.0	80.2	92.9		
Use prescription drugs	97.4	90.2	93.6	96.7	93.2	94.8	95.2	95.5	95.4	94.4	88.4	91.4	96.2	93.8	94.9	94.8		
Parents think it wrong																		
Daily alcohol use	98.1	84.4	90.2	96.2	93.3	94.7	94.4	92.4	93.4	93.5	94.1	93.8	97.9	92.2	94.7	98.9		
Smoke tobacco	97.8	90.1	93.3	100.0	97.3	98.6	97.8	98.0	97.9	95.8	96.5	96.1	97.8	96.9	97.3	100.0		
Smoke marijuana	97.1	87.5	91.5	97.2	91.2	94.1	97.5	85.7	91.5	93.1	90.7	91.9	97.0	79.0	86.6	97.5		
Use prescription drugs	98.6	95.0	96.5	98.2	98.0	98.1	97.7	98.8	98.2	96.4	96.3	96.3	98.2	99.7	99.1	100.0		

Table 10. Among <u>high school</u> drinkers, usual source of alcohol within the past 30 days, Union County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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
Bought in a store									13.4	10.1	17.7		13.4	
Bought in a restaurant, bar, or club									3.2	3.5	2.8		3.2	
Bought at a public event									1.2	0.6	1.9		1.2	
Someone bought it for me									7.1	7.0	7.3		7.1	
Someone gave it to me									41.1	43.9	37.3		41.1	
Took it from a store									2.1	1.3	3.1		2.1	
Took it from a family member									12.8	15.2	9.5		12.8	
Some other way									19.2	18.4	20.2		19.2	

Table 11. Among <u>high school</u> drinkers, usual drinking location within the past 30 days, Union County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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
My home									43.3	44.6	41.3		43.3	
Another person's home									30.3	31.4	29.0		30.3	
Car or other vehicle									2.2	1.6	3.1		2.2	
Restaurant, bar, or club									5.6	5.3	6.1		5.6	
Public place									5.2	5.4	5.0		5.2	
Public event									2.9	2.6	3.4		2.9	
School property									1.5	0.9	2.3		1.5	
Some other place									9.0	8.3	9.9		9.0	

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

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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
1									33.2	34.8	30.9		33.2	
2									23.0	25.2	20.0		23.0	
3									17.8	17.8	17.6		17.8	
4									7.0	7.0	7.1		7.0	
5 or more									19.0	15.1	24.5		19.0	

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

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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
Drinking alcohol	4.2		2.9	5.2	3.2			2.6	3.4	3.7	2.4	2.5	3.7	3.1
Smoking marijuana	4.7		2.9	6.1	3.7			3.1	7.9	6.8	5.0	3.2	8.5	5.9
Using another drug to get high	2.4		0.0	4.2	2.4			1.8	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.7	2.4	2.1

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

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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
Carrying a handgun	9.5		0.0	16.9	8.7			6.6	5.4	3.5	8.2	6.4	5.5	5.9
Selling drugs	2.2		0.0	3.9	2.3			1.0	2.0	1.1	2.0	1.0	2.1	1.6
Attempting to steal a vehicle	1.8		0.0	3.2	1.9			1.2	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Being arrested	5.6		5.6	5.7	4.7			1.7	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.7
Taking a handgun to school	1.8		0.0	3.2	1.9			0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5
Getting suspended	21.4		11.9	28.6	20.8			16.9	10.9	11.2	15.8	15.8	11.9	13.5
Attacking someone with intent to harm	11.6		2.1	18.9	10.8			8.4	4.3	5.4	6.7	8.0	4.5	6.0

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

		2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024	
	Middle School	High School	Total															
Carrying a handgun	5.8	6.2	6.0	18.3	7.1	12.4	9.9	10.7	10.3	8.0	9.6	8.8	6.9	7.7	7.3	9.5		
Selling drugs	1.5	10.6	6.8	2.2	5.4	3.9	1.1	6.5	3.9	1.8	5.2	3.5	1.4	0.9	1.1	2.2		
Attempting to steal a vehicle	0.5	2.4	1.6	1.0	2.1	1.6	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.2	1.8		
Being arrested	1.2	3.1	2.3	1.0	2.3	1.7	1.1	2.6	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.7	2.5	2.7	2.6	5.6		
Taking a handgun to school	0.0	2.2	1.3	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8		
Getting suspended	9.1	11.8	10.7	8.8	8.5	8.6	9.0	14.7	11.9	13.9	12.7	13.4	12.6	9.9	11.1	21.4		
Attacking someone with intent to harm	3.2	8.9	6.5	5.7	6.3	6.0	3.6	5.9	4.7	6.5	6.2	6.4	3.3	7.7	5.8	11.6		

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

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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	30.8		41.4	18.8	31.7			28.8	25.5	35.1	18.9	28.5	26.0	26.9
At times I think I am no good at all	41.0		50.1	30.7	41.1			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	29.8		40.3	17.8	29.8			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?	45.8		61.6	28.6	46.5			42.6	39.3	50.7	30.9	42.0	39.6	40.7
Suicide (past 12 months)														
Seriously considered attempting suicide	12.2		12.5	11.9	12.5			14.8	12.4	17.8	8.9	14.7	12.8	13.4
Made a suicide plan	9.2		14.7	4.9	9.2			12.3	9.8	14.2	7.5	12.2	10.2	10.9
Attempted suicide one or more times	6.3		11.6	2.1	6.5			9.3	5.8	10.1	4.4	8.8	6.3	7.3
Suicide attempt that required medical care	3.0		3.3	2.7	3.1			2.1	1.4	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.7

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

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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	17.1		18.9	15.5	17.4			10.0	8.6	13.7	4.7	9.6	8.9	9.2
Was ever kicked or shoved	55.9		58.9	52.4	56.5			46.6	27.4	36.6	34.3	45.0	27.6	35.5
Was ever taunted or teased	72.0		75.8	67.9	72.6			67.9	51.7	64.0	53.2	66.7	51.9	58.5
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	28.9		40.7	15.4	29.2			29.6	28.6	36.7	21.6	29.4	29.0	29.0
Ever physically bullied others	26.8		24.5	28.4	26.6			24.1	12.6	15.9	18.9	22.9	13.2	17.5
Ever verbally bullied others	30.9		34.6	27.5	30.9			37.4	26.2	30.0	31.8	36.3	26.7	30.9
Ever cyber bullied others	11.9		11.9	12.0	11.7			14.6	12.5	14.6	12.2	14.4	12.8	13.4

Table 18. Percentages of Union County and Florida Statewide <u>high school</u> youth who reported adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), 2024

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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									13.3	17.8	8.8		13.6	
Physical abuse									8.9	10.6	7.2		9.1	
Sexual abuse									4.9	7.5	2.3		5.2	
Parents separated or divorced									38.7	41.5	36.0		39.2	
Physical abuse in household									6.9	8.6	5.2		7.1	
Substance abuse in household									22.8	26.3	19.3		23.5	
Mental illness in household									27.7	35.0	20.4		28.2	
Incarcerated household member									21.7	23.2	20.2		22.1	
Emotional neglect									25.1	30.4	19.7		25.5	
Physical neglect									6.2	7.2	5.3		6.4	

Table 19. Number of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) reported by Union County and Florida Statewide <u>high school</u> youth, 2024

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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									37.9	31.9	43.9		37.9	
1 ACE									20.6	20.2	21.1		20.6	
2 ACEs									13.4	13.9	13.0		13.4	
3 ACEs									10.0	11.2	8.9		10.0	
4 ACEs									7.0	8.4	5.5		7.0	
5 ACEs									4.4	5.4	3.4		4.4	
6 ACEs									2.8	3.6	2.0		2.8	
7 ACEs									1.9	2.7	1.1		1.9	
8 ACEs									1.1	1.5	0.6		1.1	
9 ACEs									0.5	0.8	0.3		0.5	
10 ACEs									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 Union County and Florida Statewide youth who "agree" or "strongly agree" with statements indicating impulsiveness or a lack of self-control, 2024

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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 often do what brings me pleasure now	29.3		30.6	28.3	28.2			30.7	28.0	31.4	27.0	30.4	28.0	29.2
I'm more concerned with the short run	27.2		26.7	27.6	26.7			27.7	23.1	27.2	22.9	27.4	23.2	25.1
Getting in trouble is exciting	27.9		23.0	32.2	26.5			26.9	25.3	26.7	25.2	26.6	25.7	26.0
Excitement is more important than security	27.2		25.7	28.5	25.7			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	20.5		23.6	17.9	19.8			28.4	21.1	27.3	21.1	27.3	21.4	24.2
I get upset when I have a disagreement with someone	41.9		50.3	34.6	41.7			47.0	34.8	48.8	31.2	46.1	34.9	39.9

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

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	ewide		
	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
School Sports	47.1		43.2	51.6	48.9			38.2	38.2	35.6	40.9	38.4	38.4	38.2
Organized Sports Outside of School	41.6		34.7	49.0	43.3			43.6	25.7	29.5	37.0	42.0	25.9	33.3
School Band	28.9		36.0	21.9	30.0			16.7	8.1	11.7	11.7	15.8	8.1	11.7
School Club(s)	40.9		53.7	27.4	41.0			22.3	33.2	35.8	21.6	23.1	32.8	28.6
Community Club(s)	6.9		10.7	3.1	7.1			9.1	12.8	13.6	9.0	9.1	12.6	11.2

Table 22. Percentages of <u>high school</u> 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 Union County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

			Un	ion Cou	nty					Flori	da State	wide		
	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
Riding in a vehicle														
Alcohol									12.4	14.1	10.7		12.5	
Marijuana									14.8	16.7	13.0		14.8	
Driving a vehicle														
Alcohol									2.4	2.1	2.8		2.3	
Marijuana									4.4	4.5	4.3		4.3	

Table 23. Trends for <u>high school</u> 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 Union County, 2014 to 2024

		2014			2016			2018		2020			2022			2024	
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	0	Total	Middle School	0	Middle School	0	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	0	Total
Riding in a vehicle																	i
Alcohol		35.6			23.5			19.7	 	16.5			17.6				
Marijuana		32.0			19.7			19.2	 	18.6			24.4				
Driving a vehicle																	
Alcohol		16.8			11.2			9.0	 	5.4			4.3				
Marijuana		15.2			9.2			8.1	 	6.6			6.0				

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

Domain	Scale	Union	County	Florida S	Statewide	Nationa	l Norms
		Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	60		55	58	59	54
Family	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	49		49	52	54	55
Cahaal	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	56		49	62	57	60
School	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	51		45	57	53	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	63		43	54	56	62
Average Prevalence R	ate	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. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

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

Domain	Scale	Union 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	50		40	25	42	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	34		30	13	45	45
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	37		24	29	25	42
4-	Poor Family Management	67		47	35	44	45
Family	Family Conflict	45		40	30	42	37
C-11	Poor Academic Performance	42		45	45	45	48
School	Lack of Commitment to School	74		76	68	47	46
Peer and	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	55		54	38	40	46
Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	35		27	22	39	45
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	25		19	11	41	46
Average Prevalence Rate		46		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. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

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

Domain	Scale	Union County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	65	68	58	53	60	60
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	65	55	44	47	49	49
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	61	63	62	66	58	56
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	59	53	48	51	54	51
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	66	66	60	58	57	63
Average Prevalence Rate		63	61	54	55	56	56

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

Domain	Scale	Union County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	43	47	44	44	48	50
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	35	38	32	34	29	34
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	36	40	33	35	29	37
Family	Poor Family Management	37	39	40	44	46	67
	Family Conflict	39	32	36	37	38	45
School	Poor Academic Performance	39	46	54	50	43	42
School	Lack of Commitment to School	53	66	63	65	76	74
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	34	38	48	46	46	55
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	38	38	36	38	36	35
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	31	28	37	28	27	25
Average Prevalence Rate		39	41	42	42	42	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 Union County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Union County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	60	59	57	62	43	
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	53	53	47	59	42	
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	62	63	70	70	55	
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	62	65	62	62	54	
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	72	71	70	64	57	
Average Prevalence Rate		62	62	61	63	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. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

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

Domain	Scale	Union County						
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024	
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	35	37	34	33	30		
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	34	28	27	19	25		
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	53	49	59	42	43		
Family	Poor Family Management	38	33	37	39	34		
	Family Conflict	35	33	39	27	32		
School	Poor Academic Performance	40	48	47	46	44		
	Lack of Commitment to School	58	66	61	59	72		
ъ .	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	39	33	44	37	41		
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	47	33	40	26	29		
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	33	28	24	18	16		
Average Prevalence Rate		41	39	41	35	37		

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.