

Sherman County
Comprehensive Youth
Services Community
Plan (2025-2030)

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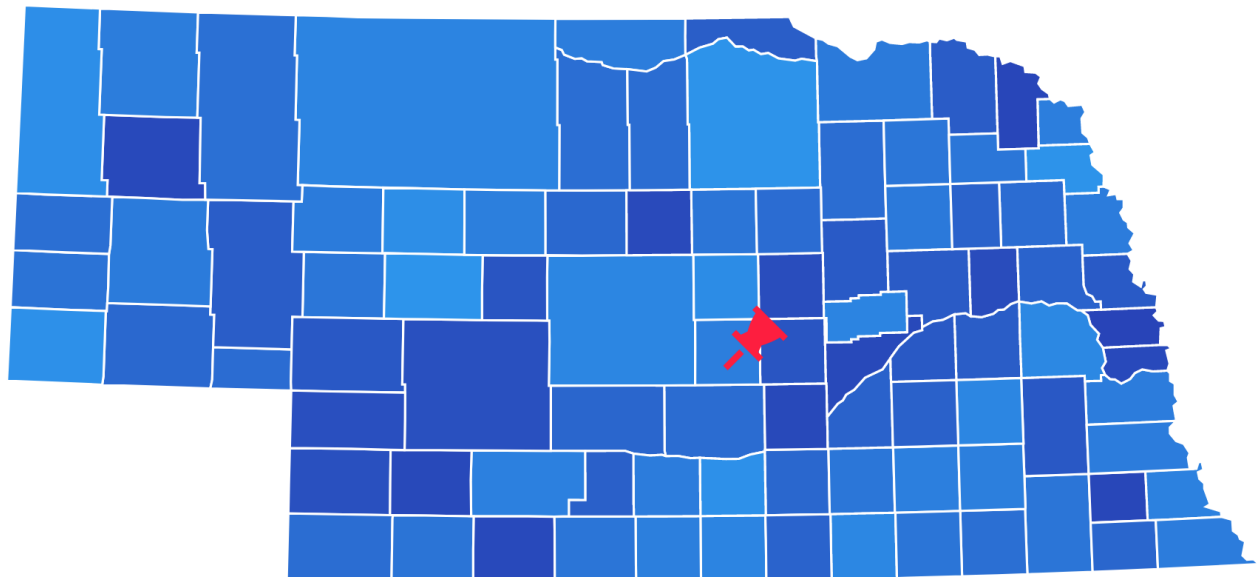
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I. Introduction & Executive Summary

We are pleased to provide this Sherman County 2025-2030 Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plan, approved by the Sherman County Board of Commissioners. The bulk of this plan is a reiteration of the previous plan submitted with modifications and updates.

Sherman County is named for U.S. Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman. Comprised of 2,959 residents, 404 are youth aged 10-19. The county is perhaps best known for its outdoor recreation at Sherman County Reservoir State Recreation Area, and "Polish Days," an annual heritage celebration in the county seat, Loup City. The county is predominately an agricultural-based economy, geographically located 45 miles from Kearney, and 48 miles from Grand Island.

Sherman County
Land Area: 566 sq. miles
Population: 2,959
County Seat: Loup City
Towns & Pop. (2020):
Ashton: 198
Hazard: 57
Litchfield: 220
Loup City: 1,053
Rockville: 89

93.7% Non-Hispanic, White
2.8% Hispanic or Latino
3.5% Other

According to the United States Census Bureau, the county's employment rate is approximately 60.9%. The median household income is \$60,194, below the statewide median income of \$74,590. The median age is 49.1, above the state median age of 37.4. The poverty rate is 10.9%, above the state median poverty rate of 10.5%. Residents without health insurance in Sherman County is 8.8%, above the statewide percentage of 6.1% without health insurance coverage.

Public School Districts: Litchfield
Public Schools, Litchfield & Loup
City Public Schools, Loup City

Research informs us that youth involved in the juvenile justice system are at higher risk of entering the adult criminal justice system. The county has used Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid funding to support diversion services: Victim-Youth Conferencing, Truancy Mediation, and Minor-in-Possession and substance abuse cases. Based on the Community Needs Assessment (CNA), youth are benefiting from these existing strategies.

There is 1184 Team consensus that poverty is a key driver and that there are few community-based youth activities and youth employment opportunities. The data inform us that Sherman County youth report more depression, self-harm thoughts and actions, and binge drinking compared to the state. Consequently, we recognize that beyond meeting basic plan requirements, the promotion of intergenerational prosperity is at the heart of what our youth need to stay out of the juvenile justice system and realize positive life trajectories.

II. Data Summary

The 1184 Team identified key data points for our community planning. A snapshot is below and the full Community Needs Assessment, compiled by UNO's JJI, may be found in Appendix A. Additional data sources are also provided in the Appendices.

Youth Level

Sherman County has more youth who qualify for free/reduced lunch (46.36%) compared to the state.

Youth arrest rates were up 47% from the previous year, primarily in the "all other offenses" category.

County youth report higher rates of worry/loss of sleep, depression, considered/attempted suicide, and binge drinking than the state.

Sherman County youth graduate from high school at a higher rate than the state.

Family Level

Sherman County has higher rates of youth in poverty compared to the state.

The county ranks #1 in technology/computer/internet at home.

Compared to the state, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders in Sherman County report feeling less listened to by adults at home.

12th graders report feeling less supported by adults in school compared to the state.

Community Level

Youth perceive alcohol use is wrong/very wrong at lower rate than the state.

10th graders perceive cigarette use to be wrong/very wrong at lower than the state.

Youth report lower rate of "adult who listens at school" (75%) below the state rate of 87.4%.

Policy, Legal & Systems Level

Race & Ethnicity Data (RED): The court trial database (JUSTICE) has a high rate of missing data by race/ethnicity in this county.

Hispanic/Latino youth over-represented at probation intake point.

As noted in the JJI CNA, we are missing Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services data.

Community Team Level

Response rate was 83.3%, up from 40% in the 2019 survey.

Team representation can be improved in terms of racial/ethnic diversity and community representation in some categories, e.g., faith-based.

III. Comprehensive List of Services

| SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION | | |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Program/ Agency Name | Eligible age | Risk or need |
| <i>Loup City Sixpence & Leap into Learning, Early Head Start, Head Start, Central NE Community Action Partnership & Loup City Public Schools (Nebraska Early Childhood Education Endowment Grant)</i> | <i>Prenatal-6</i> | Low achievement, low attachment, low literacy, poor prenatal and early childhood health; ensures children are ready to learn; parents are empowered with developmental information and healthcare. |
| <i>Loup City After School Program, Loup City Public Schools, NE Department of Education grant funding</i> | <i>K - 6th</i> | Lack of supervision, lack of discipline, low achievement, low literacy, low engagement; provides supervision for youth who have nowhere to go after school, snacks, homework support and healthy activities. |
| <i>Summer Food/Meals Program, State administered, federal USDA funded</i> | <i>0-19</i> | Low achievement due to poor nutrition; reduce food insecure children and youth. |
| <i>Counseling, Sandhills Coalition</i> | <i>6-19</i> | Mental health disorder(s), antisocial attitudes, previous victimization. |
| <i>Central NE Community Action Partnership</i> | <i>0-19</i> | Homeless, utilities and other supports, case management & assistance. |
| <i>DARE Program (SCPC), K-12 Schools</i> | <i>6th graders</i> | Drug/Alcohol use; promotes prevention. |
| <i>School Counseling, K-12 Public Schools</i> | <i>K-12</i> | Anxiety/depression, mental health disorder(s), anti-social/behavioral issues; provides school-based counseling. |
| <i>Greeley, Howard, Sherman, and Valley 4-H Programs</i> | <i>5-19</i> | Lack of supervision, inappropriate use of time, deviant peer groups, low achievement; provides after school and summer activities to promote agriculture, family and consumer science, health, and well-being. |
| <i>"1184" Child Abuse/Neglect Meetings, cross-disciplinary county team meetings</i> | <i>0 - 19</i> | Lack of supervision, low parental warmth, parental hostility, abusive parent(s), parental substance use, family violence, low achievement. "1184" teams monitor and coordinate abuse and neglect investigations and treatment for families where child abuse or neglect has been found. |
| <i>Region 3 Behavioral Health Services</i> | <i>K - 12</i> | Mental health disorder(s), anxiety/ depression, previous victimization, sensation seeking. |

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| Central Mediation Center Family and Youth Mediation; Child Welfare Conferences | 0-19 | Parental hostility, lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time, lack of supervision, lack of discipline; provides mediation of parenting plans and facilitation of plans for permanency for children who have been removed. |
| Public Schools Life Skills Curriculum, Family Consumer Sciences | 14-19 | Character- and self-esteem building, healthy living, Career Connect and career interest inventory. |

We recognize we have provided prevention services that fall outside of the age range for Community-Based Aid funding but wanted to reflect what we see as a critical continuum of prevention aligned to child development and ultimately, prevention of entry into the juvenile justice system. With a higher rate of poverty as a root cause in our county, and this not being something that can be addressed through CBA funding alone, the 1184 Team desired a holistic look at the availability of services and programming.

| SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES | | |
|--|---------------------|---|
| Program/ Agency Name | Eligible age | Risk or need |
| <i>Victim-Youth Conferencing, Central Mediation Center</i> | 11-18 | Lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time, lack of supervision, lack of discipline, defiance of authority; provides a structured conference between youth offender and victim to develop a reparation agreement to repair the harm. |
| <i>Truancy Mediation, Central Mediation Center</i> | 11-18 | Truancy, low achievement, inappropriate use of time, lack of supervision; provides alternative to court to increase school attendance/reduce truancy. |
| <i>Diversion Services, MIP & Substance Abuse, Buffalo County Juvenile Services</i> | 11-18 | Drug/Alcohol use, defiance of authority, lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time; provides drug/alcohol assessment, education, planning & accountability. |
| <i>Warning letter from County Attorney</i> | 11-18 | Drug/alcohol use, inappropriate use of time, defiance of authority, lack of concern for others, lack of supervision, lack of discipline. |

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SYSTEM POINT: ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION FOR PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH ONLY

| Program/ Agency Name | Eligible age | Risk or need |
|--|---------------------|--|
| <i>Victim-Youth Conferencing, Central Mediation Center</i> | 11-18 | Lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time, lack of supervision, lack of discipline, defiance of authority; provides conference between youth offender and victim to develop a reparation agreement to repair the harm. |
| <i>Warning letter from County Attorney</i> | 11-18 | Drug/alcohol use, inappropriate use of time, defiance of authority, lack of concern for others, lack of supervision, lack of discipline; prevent further penetration into the juvenile and criminal justice system. |

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES

| Program/ Agency Name | Eligible age | Risk or need |
|--|---------------------|---|
| <i>Public Schools, increase "adult who listens at school"; provision of life skills and evidence-based parenting classes</i> | 0-99 | Low parental warmth, parental hostility, anxiety/depression; currently 12% lower than state rate for 12 th graders; increase "adult listens" at home. |
| <i>Positive Youth Development/Social Activities</i> | 10-18 | Lack of supervision, sensation seeking, drug/alcohol use, inappropriate use of time; need for adult-supervised youth activities. |
| <i>Telehealth and/or local mental health services (youth & family system); e.g., Telehealth</i> | K-12 | Mental health disorders(s), anxiety/depression; increase access to counseling needed based on data showing more youth depression, etc. |
| <i>Youth Employment Opportunities</i> | 16-18 | Inappropriate use of time, low achievement; few jobs for youth (outside of farm labor) that may reduce other issues/needs. |
| <i>Digital citizenship/safety</i> | 10-18 | Inappropriate use of time, lack of supervision, lack of concern for others, sensation seeking; online behavior and safety promotion that builds on our county's #1 ranking of technology in the home. |

IV. Community Analysis & Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

| COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET | | | |
|--|---|--------------|--|
| Identified Need | Existing Program, Agency, or Resource | Eligible age | Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing? |
| <i>Truancy reduction</i> | Truancy Mediation, Central Mediation Center | 07-18 | Yes, mediation is an evidence-based program to reduce truancy. |
| <i>Recidivism reduction; reparation & restitution</i> | Victim-Youth Conferencing, Central Mediation Center | 11-18 | Yes, VYC is an evidence-based program to reduce recidivism. |
| <i>Planning, goals & accountability for alcohol and substance abuse offenses</i> | Diversion for MIP and other substance abuse, Buffalo County Juvenile Services | 11-18 | Yes, the program uses best practices in evaluations and risk assessment and effective educational programming. |
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| <i>Reduce youth binge drinking</i> | Region 3 Behavioral Health Services | | Need to increase awareness and access to counseling and other services; potential for telehealth/web-based services. |
| <i>Reduce thoughts & actions of self-harm</i> | Region 3 Behavioral Health Services | | Need to increase awareness and access to services; potentially additional services & providers; telehealth. |
| <i>Youth employment opportunities</i> | Community | | Need for community engagement |
| <i>Community-based, adult supervised youth activities</i> | Community/Public Schools | | Need for community engagement |

Sherman County's current services to promote truancy reduction, recidivism reduction, and diversion are perceived by 88.8% of our previous local survey respondents as highly beneficial or beneficial. The CNA data bear this out—we are largely stopping entry and deeper penetration into the juvenile justice system.

However, the needs and risks are greater than resources, programs, and services available. Data tell us we have higher rates of depression and binge drinking, for instance.

Two root causes were identified in data and through community perspectives gathering: **Poverty** and **Lack of Community Activities for Youth**.

Quotes from previous planning participants *tell the story behind the data*.

Youth:

- "There is nothing for young people to do! Nowhere for them to go."

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- "Right now, you have to travel to Grand Island or Kearney to do anything besides go bowling. How many times can you go bowling?"
- "There are no social activities or family activities. When I was growing up, there were monthly activities sponsored by the church."
- "We need a Youth Center. Even if it's a place for them to go and quietly read after school."
- "How about getting a YMCA? There needs to be somewhere to go and something to do!"
- "Why can't we use the VFW building at the fairgrounds for movies or dance nights? Seems like some kids would want to DJ. We just need adult supervision. I think we [adults] need to step up."
- "Kids need more to do around town."
- "There are no jobs for youth besides field work, and they don't want to do that."
- "Involving youth in an advisory or planning group would be valuable."

Parents/Families:

- "Parents are working two and three jobs to keep the lights on and food on the table."
- "Parents work all hours and weekends, and they have no energy left for their kids."
- "Parents need help. They don't have family in the area like I did growing up."
- "There is no childcare. I know that may be for younger kids but what do you do as a parent if you get sick? Where can kids go and be safe?"
- "Do parents even have others to talk with when they need advice?"

Communities:

- "There are new people moving to town from California who are diverse and have no family here. They can't get jobs. Some of our kids have never interacted with people who are of different races."
- "We're seeing more girls fighting. Seems like something just for girls would be beneficial."
- "I feel like there's more truancy, maybe because of depression? Mediation is helping."
- "Before Covid I'd go to the school and have lunch with the kids. We'd also teach classes on Stranger Danger and other things at Head Start. Covid has changed everything."

In sum, previous planning team participants seek to preserve current effective programs while identifying the need to enhance on community-building, positive youth activities creation, and prosperity promotion to achieve the goal of keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system and/or moving deeper into the system.

V. Priorities and Strategies

Priority 1:

1. Increase youth and family engagement in school and the community. Utilize community resources to support youth and families within the community.

Strategy 1A:

Referral to resources which can be community counseling providers. Community members including the youth/parents/guardians or professional personnel. The timeline will be for short-term; 2-6 months. The expected results are that youth/family will be supported within the community. Measurement will be with individuals including the providers, the youth/families/and the community.

Strategy 1B:

Referral to service providers such as Boys Town, COMPASS-Family Support, Central Mediation Center for VYC and At- Risk Truancy

Priority 2:

1. Effectively utilize and expand a continuum of alternatives and supports for youth in crisis.

Strategy 2A:

The Sherman County 1184 Team will continue to meet on a monthly or quarterly basis to identify the continued needs of youth within Sherman County to support youth and families. The Diversion and Truancy program/staff will be responsible for receiving referrals from the Sherman County Attorney's for diversion offenses. The length of the programs will be individualized and normally be from 2-6 months in duration. Truancy referrals will be received in Sherman County from all school administrators or their designates.

Strategy 2B:

Utilize programs such as Electronic Monitoring (EM), Community Coaching (CC), and Tracker Services for pre- adjudication youth. Data will be reviewed monthly on the number of youth utilizing each service.

Priority 3:

1. Identify appropriate behavioral, mental health, and substance abuse prevention programs and services for youth in Sherman County.

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Strategy 3A:

The Sherman County 1184 Team will continue to meet on a monthly or quarterly basis to identify the continued needs of youth within Sherman County. Referrals will be made by youth/individuals, family members, and school professionals. Quarterly meetings will be held to "staff" and provide a means of accountability and information sharing. Data will be shared with all participants/members.

Priority 4:

1. Improve system operation and coordination.

Strategy 4A:

Work with Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership to gather and update data on the needs of youth and families within Buffalo County. Continue to attend and participate in collaborative meetings with the community members. These can be held quarterly or as needed. Data will be gathered throughout the month/year and shared with all members.

VI. Gaps To Be Filled Worksheet

| GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM | | | |
|---|--|--------------|---|
| Brief Data Snapshot | Existing Program, Agency, or Resource | Eligible age | Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing? |
| Higher rate of free and reduced lunch (46.36%) than state | Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership | 0-99 | Meets some basic household needs such as homelessness prevention. Need to develop additional resources, programming, and youth employment opportunities to promote prosperity/reduce poverty |
| 25% of 12 th graders report binge drinking | Region 3 Behavioral Health | 12-18 | Need to develop additional access alcohol/substance use prevention & reduction such as Youth Mental Health First Aid; create/expand youth positive social activities within the community |
| Youth depression and thoughts/actions of self-harm 8 th to 12 th grade higher rates than state; e.g., depression 8 th grade = 47.6%, 10 th grade = 42.3%, and 12 th grade 37.5%. | Region 3 Behavioral Health and Sandhills Mental Health | 12-18 | Need to develop/expand resources and programming for mental health (such as Youth Mental Health First Aid+ Kids Power or other evidence-informed practice/program); expand/create community-based positive socialization and youth activities |
| Evidence-based Parenting Course to increase "adult who listens" youth rate | | | Need to develop parents active listening skills or identify root cause and apply positive interventions |
| Evidence-based/informed professional development for public schools' personnel to increase "adult who listens" for 12 th graders | | | Need to engage youth with active listening at school, explore school professional development opportunities |
| Online Citizenship/Safety | N/A | 10-18 | Improve online/internet digital citizenship and safety learning |
| *Anti-Bullying | N/A | 10-18 | Examine current anti-bullying policies and curriculum at public schools |

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*Previous community perceptions data raised the issue of bullying in schools and the need for reduction. More data may be required as some respondents did not feel this was a serious problem. However, we are making an educated assumption that bullying could potentially be a precursor to juvenile offenses, chronic absenteeism and/or youth reports of depression and should continue to be addressed through life skills and other school curriculum.

Sherman County's basic strategies to address the needs of at-risk and delinquent youth in the community, and to meet gaps in services include:

- 1) Continue current diversion programs: Truancy and Victim-Youth Mediation and Alcohol/Drug Use programming through Central Mediation Center and the Buffalo County Diversion program.
- 2) Work to improve and/or increase awareness of and access to existing counseling and mental health services through the schools, Region 3, and other counseling providers, including but not limited to telehealth.
- 3) Work with the schools and other agencies to better address needs of youth and families identified in the Plan; i.e. conflict resolution classes, parenting classes, mindfulness activities.
- 4) Fill gaps in data from NDHHS, ACES, and risk assessments on diversion youth.
- 5) Continue to develop the TeamMates program created by Loup City Public Schools.

VII. List of Team Members

The Sherman County 1184 Team is a group of community members and service providers, with planning approved by the Sherman County Board of Commissioners. This group evolved from previous iterations launched originally in 1995; the last Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plan was developed and delivered by the Sherman County Prevention Coalition. The Sherman County 1184 team meets every other month.

As the list of members below reflects, a broad range of community members are represented, the County Attorney and County Sheriff, to public school and anti-poverty nonprofit personnel, to out-of-county service providers and state agencies.

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VIII. Closing Comments

Today, Sherman County has several valuable services to offer the youth in our community. However, our county's families experience intergenerational poverty that generates risk of entry or penetration into the juvenile justice system.

Community voices echoed one another with the theme that parents are working two to three jobs: We see prosperity promotion and increased community activities for youth as genuine opportunities for impacting current risks and reducing juvenile justice system entry and deeper penetration. A majority of community planning participants said that the county needs to develop local opportunities—a "youth center" was top of the list and/or community youth activities.

A current strength identified is that Sherman County's #1 ranking in the state for computers at home. This ranking is attributed to children and youth being supplied with iPads from the public schools system. If increased funding is secured for additional web-based services and supports for youth and the adults in their lives – such as mental health/telehealth – that may help our youth stay on a positive life trajectory.

It is worth exploring whether other adjacent rural counties have an interest in collaborating to develop an independent collective impact backbone agency so that we have fidelity to the model. Having paid, dedicated personnel would assist us in closing data and infrastructure gaps, as well as finding ways to advocate and collaborate to increase opportunities for youth to socialize in healthy ways.

We remain grateful to community members and service providers, many from outside the county, who participate as 1184 Team members and contributed to Sherman County planning.

IX. Appendices

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Attachment B: Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey Results for 2023
Profile Report: Sherman County

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Youth Level

- The number of total youth with chronic absenteeism has increased slightly in past years.
- While we could not get race/ethnicity data for chronic absenteeism in this community because the frequency was too low to report Native American and Black youth are over-represented statewide in chronic absenteeism.
- Sherman County has more youth who qualified for free/reduced lunch compared to the state
- 93.4% of students graduated in Sherman County over the last 5 years.
- 8th, 10th, and 12th graders report being depressed and considering/attempting suicide at higher rates in Sherman County compared to the state; 8th and 12th graders also report loss of sleep from worry.
- 8th and 12th graders report alcohol use at higher rates in Sherman County compared to state rates; all grades report binge drinking at higher rates.
- 8th graders in Sherman County report higher rates of vaping compared to the state.
- 8th and 10th graders in Sherman County report feeling less hopeful for the future compared to the state.
- 8th and 10th graders report gang involvement at higher rates compared to the state.
- Arrests for all age groups increased in Sherman County between 2018 and 2019, especially with the “all other offenses” category.
 - There was a decrease in other assaults (non-aggravated).
- JJI did not have risk assessment scores for diversion from the 2015-2017 assessment evaluation to include. If the county is not using a validated assessment tool, then it should begin doing so (there will be a statewide tool coming in July 2021). If the county does have assessment data in digital format for JJI to analyze, we would be happy to update this table.
- Law enforcement data by race and ethnicity would be very beneficial to have a clearer picture of RED. Compared to the Census and school data, White youth are overrepresented at all system points except probation intake, Hispanic youth were overrepresented at probation intake.
- Youth are being referred to diversion and enrolling at the same rate, and completing diversion successfully at the same rate.

Table 1.

Distribution of the Population Age 10-17 by Race/Ethnicity and Gender (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) ^a

Males

| Geographic Area | Total Count | Non-Hispanic White | Hispanic or Latino | Black | American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | 2+ Races |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Nebraska | 108,494 | 70.4% | 16.2% | 5.7% | 1.4% | 2.0% | 4.4% |
| Sherman | 146 | 96.6% | 1.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.1% |



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Females

| Geographic Area | Total Count | Non-Hispanic White | Hispanic or Latino | Black | American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | 2+ Races |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Nebraska | 102,658 | 69.9% | 15.8% | 5.2% | 1.2% | 2.5% | 5.4% |
| Sherman | 167 | 48.1% | 16.8% | 2.4% | 19.3% | 0.0% | 13.4% |

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Table 2.

School Membership by Race/ Ethnicity and School Year (2014-2019) ^b

| Year | Geographic Area | Total Count | Hispanic | Asian | American Indian or Alaska Native | Black or African American | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander | White | Two or More Races |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------|-------------------|
| 2014-2015 | Sherman | 444 | 4.28% | 0.23% | 0.00% | 0.45% | 0.00% | 93.92% | 1.13% |
| | Nebraska | 312,281 | 17.74% | 2.43% | 1.42% | 6.70% | 0.13% | 68.20% | 3.38% |
| 2015-2016 | Sherman | 446 | 4.04% | 0.22% | 0.00% | 0.45% | 0.00% | 94.39% | 0.90% |
| | Nebraska | 315,542 | 18.08% | 2.53% | 1.38% | 6.67% | 0.14% | 67.72% | 3.47% |
| 2016-2017 | Sherman | 466 | 4.29% | 0.21% | 0.43% | 1.07% | 0.21% | 93.13% | 0.64% |
| | Nebraska | 318,853 | 18.61% | 2.66% | 1.38% | 6.69% | 0.15% | 66.92% | 3.59% |
| 2017-2018 | Sherman | 480 | 3.75% | 0.42% | 0.00% | 0.83% | 0.21% | 93.96% | 0.83% |
| | Nebraska | 323,391 | 18.80% | 2.76% | 1.35% | 6.67% | 0.14% | 66.50% | 3.78% |
| 2018-2019 | Sherman | 453 | 4.19% | 0.22% | 0.22% | 0.22% | 0.00% | 94.26% | 0.88% |
| | Nebraska | 325,984 | 19.13% | 2.83% | 1.33% | 6.63% | 0.15% | 66.02% | 3.91% |

Table 3.

Chronic Absenteeism by Race/Ethnicity and School Year (2014 - 2019) ^b

| Year | Geographic Area | Total Youth with Chronic Absenteeism | Hispanic | Asian | American Indian or Alaska Native | Black or African American | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander | White | Two or More Races |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------|
| 2014-2015 | Sherman | 19 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.00% | * |
| | Nebraska | 35,638 | 24.54% | 1.64% | 4.42% | 12.93% | 0.19% | 51.61% | 4.68% |
| 2015-2016 | Sherman | 22 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.00% | * |
| | Nebraska | 38,812 | 25.73% | 1.55% | 4.27% | 13.68% | 0.27% | 49.68% | 4.83% |
| 2016-2017 | Sherman | 29 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.00% | * |
| | Nebraska | 42,290 | 26.90% | 1.66% | 4.40% | 14.22% | 0.24% | 47.66% | 4.92% |



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|-----------|----------------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 2017-2018 | Sherman | 32 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.00% | * |
| | Nebraska | 46,365 | 26.81% | 1.77% | 4.18% | 14.49% | 0.22% | 47.37% | 2389 |
| 2018-2019 | Sherman | 46 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.00% | * |
| | Nebraska | 46,356 | 27.64% | 1.76% | 4.16% | 14.71% | 0.23% | 46.27% | 5.23% |

Per the Nebraska Department of Education, the * represents masked data, which they define as 10 or fewer students, for the confidentiality of the students

Table 4.

Disabilities, English Proficiency, Eligibility for Free/Reduced Lunch and School Year (2014 – 2019) ^b

| Year | Geographic Area | Total Count | IDEA | 504 Plan | Limited English Proficiency | Free/Reduced Lunch |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 2014-2015 | Sherman | 444 | 13.74% | * | * | 45.05% |
| | Nebraska | 312,281 | 13.66% | 0.76% | 5.97% | 44.53% |
| 2015-2016 | Sherman | 446 | 13.00% | * | * | 44.62% |
| | Nebraska | 315,542 | 13.64% | 0.90% | 5.90% | 44.23% |
| 2016-2017 | Sherman | 466 | 13.30% | * | * | 48.71% |
| | Nebraska | 318,853 | 13.80% | 0.93% | 6.99% | 44.76% |
| 2017-2018 | Sherman | 480 | 14.38% | * | * | 47.29% |
| | Nebraska | 323,391 | 15.87% | 0.88% | 6.59% | 46.24% |
| 2018-2019 | Sherman | 453 | 13.69% | * | * | 46.36% |
| | Nebraska | 325,984 | 16.13% | 0.85% | 6.78% | 45.42% |

Per the Nebraska Department of Education, the * represents masked data, which they define as 10 or fewer students, for the confidentiality of the students

Table 5.

Nebraska Public High School 4-Year Graduation Rates by County (5-year estimates, 2015-2019) ^c

| County | Total in Last 5 Years | | Yearly Averages | | Graduation Rate | Rank |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|
| | Graduates | Students | Graduates | Students | | |
| Nebraska | 100,111 | 112,857 | 20,022.2 | 22,571.4 | 88.7% | - |
| Sherman | 142 | 152 | 14.2 | 15.2 | 93.4% | 57 |

Data are only for public school districts and their associated high schools. The figures are aggregated based on the location of the school, not the residential location of the student. The figures for Dawes County are impacted by a vocational school where graduation rates are less than 25%; in the rest of the county graduation rates equal 93%.



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Table 6.

Youth Who Report Mental Health Symptoms and Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

| | | 8 th | 10 th | 12 th |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Sherman | Loss of sleep from worry | 47.6% | 15.4% | 25.0% |
| Nebraska | | 18.0% | 20.6% | 21.6% |
| Sherman | Depressed | 47.6% | 42.3% | 37.5% |
| Nebraska | | 31.1% | 34.8% | 35.3% |
| Sherman | Considered/Attempted suicide | 28.6% | 23.1% | 18.8% |
| Nebraska | | 22.9% | 18.2% | 16.2% |
| Sherman | Current alcohol | 10.0% | 11.5% | 37.5% |
| Nebraska | | 9.8% | 20.1% | 34.2% |
| Sherman | Current binge drinking | 5.0% | 7.7% | 25.0% |
| Nebraska | | 1.3% | 6.2% | 15.0% |
| Sherman | Current marijuana | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6.3% |
| Nebraska | | 3.0% | 7.3% | 13.9% |
| Sherman | Current tobacco | 0.0% | 3.8% | 12.5% |
| Nebraska | | 3.7% | 8.0% | 15.3% |
| Sherman | Current vaping | 14.3% | 19.2% | 31.3% |
| Nebraska | | 10.4% | 24.7% | 37.3% |
| Sherman | Hopeful for future (past week) | 71.4% | 65.4% | 81.3% |
| Nebraska | | 78.0% | 76.1% | 77.6% |

****JJI is currently waiting for the legal team at DHHS to approve providing this data**

Table 7.

Juveniles Referred to Services ^e

Table 8.

Juveniles Referred to Services by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Mental Health Diagnosis ^e

Table 9.

Juveniles Who Utilized Services ^e

Table 10.

Types of Services Utilized ^e



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Table 11.
Youth Who Report Gang Involvement by Grade (2018) ^d

| | | 8 th | 10 th | 12 th |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Sherman | Youth Reported Gang Involvement | 4.8% | 15.4% | 0.0% |
| Nebraska | | 3.8% | 4.4% | 3.8% |

Table 12.
Arrest Rates for Adults and Juveniles for 2018 and 2019 with Percent Change ^f

| Arrestee Age | All Arrestee Ages | | | Under 18 | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------|-------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------|
| Summary Arrest Date | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 - 2019 Growth % | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 - 2019 Growth % |
| Jurisdiction by Geography | SHERMAN COUNTY | | | | | |
| Arrest Offense | | | | | | |
| Total | 19 | 28 | 47.37 | 1 | 2 | 100.00 |
| Aggravated Assault Total | - | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Larceny-Theft Total | 1 | 2 | 100.00 | - | - | - |
| Other Assaults | 6 | 1 | -83.33 | 1 | - | -100.00 |
| Drug Violations - Possession | 2 | 2 | 0.00 | 0 | - | - |
| Offenses Against Family and Children | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Driving Under the Influence | 4 | 2 | -50.00 | - | - | - |
| Liquor Laws | 1 | 1 | 0.00 | 0 | - | - |
| All Other Offenses (Except Traffic) | 5 | 17 | 240.00 | - | 2 | - |

Table 13.
Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) ^g

| | Sherman | | | All NYS Counties | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----|----|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| Score | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Family Circumstance/Parenting | -- | -- | -- | 60.1% | 26.7% | 13.1% |
| Education/Employment | -- | -- | -- | 43.0% | 44.0% | 13.1% |
| Peer Relationships | -- | -- | -- | 44.7% | 46.6% | 8.6% |
| Substance Use | -- | -- | -- | 61.4% | 30.3% | 8.3% |
| Leisure/Recreation | -- | -- | -- | 50.6% | 33.0% | 16.5% |
| Personality/Behavior | -- | -- | -- | 50.1% | 39.4% | 10.4% |
| Attitudes/Orientation | -- | -- | -- | 61.3% | 33.7% | 5.0% |
| Mean Score | M = --, SD = --, -- | | | M = 5.64, SD = 3.65, 0-17 | | |

Could not compute because county did not have any risk assessments completed



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Table 14.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) ¹[Click here to see Census and School Population Data](#)

*Data were not separated by year because there were too few cases

| System Point | N | Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native | Asian/ Pacific Islander | Black | Hispanic/ Latino | Multiple/ Other | Unspec/ Missing | White |
|--|----|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Law enforcement contact | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Youth taken to temporary custody | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Youth issued citation/referral | 19 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Youth referred to diversion | 10 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Youth enrolled in diversion | 10 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Successful completion diversion | 10 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Youth with multiple charges | 2 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Filed on in adult court | 2 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| RAI Override: More Severe | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| RAI Override: Less Severe | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Probation intake | 4 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 25% | 0% | 0% | 75% |
| Successful probation | 0 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Revocation of probation | | | | | | | | |
| Youth in OJS custody | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| OJS custody: placed in detention | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Youth booked into detention | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Youth booked into detention more than once | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |



Family Level

- Sherman County has higher rates of youth in poverty compared to the state.
- Number of adults with bachelor's degrees is lower than the state average; it may be possible that residents who go to college outside of Sherman County find employment where they go to school and do not return to Sherman County.
- Youth in Sherman County have access to computers and internet in the home at higher rates than the state.
 - Ranked 1st in the state for computers in the home.
- Compared to the state, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders in Sherman County report feeling less supported by adults at home, and 12th graders also report feeling less supported by adults in school.

Table 15.

Poverty/SES, Educational Attainment, Technology and Computers in Home, Housing, and Transportation (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) ^a

| Measurement | | Sherman | Nebraska |
|---|---|---------|----------|
| Poverty/SES | Children <18 in Poverty | 15.4% | 14.8 |
| | Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty | 68 | 43,814 |
| | Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty | 31.3% | 28.9% |
| Educational attainment | Age 25+ with B.D. | 18.2% | 31.3% |
| | County Rank | 76 | - |
| | Age 25+ with some college, no degree | 25.8% | 23.0% |
| | County Rank | 29 | - |
| | Age 25+ with HS degree | 93.0% | 91.1% |
| | County Rank | 37 | - |
| Technology and computers in the home | % under 18 with a computer at home | 100.0% | 96.9% |
| | County Rank | 1 | - |
| | % under 18 with an internet subscription at home | 96.5% | 91.0% |
| | County Rank | 12 | - |
| | % under 18 with broadband internet access at home | 95.5% | 90.8% |



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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| | County Rank | 17 | - |
| | | | |
| Housing | Owner-occupied households | 1,043 | 498,567 |
| | Total households | 1,358 | 754,063 |
| | Owner % | 76.8% | 66.1% |
| | Renters | 315 | 255,496 |
| | Renter % | 23.2% | 33.9% |
| Transportation | Households with no vehicle available | 30 | 40,465 |
| | Total households | 1,358 | 754,063 |
| | No vehicle % | 2.2% | 5.4% |
| | | | |

Table 16.
Youth Who Report Supportive Adults by Grade (2018) ^d

| | | 8 th | 10 th | 12 th |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Sherman | Adult at home who listens | 75.0% | 80.8% | 81.3% |
| Nebraska | | 87.3% | 85.0% | 85.6% |
| Sherman | Adult at school who listens | 90.5% | 88.5% | 75.0% |
| Nebraska | | 85.2% | 85.0% | 87.4% |

Table 17.
Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means ^h

| | Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported | Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means | Simple Domestic Assaults Reported | Simple Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Sherman | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Nebraska | 562 | 402 | 2512 | 2019 |

Table 18.
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports ⁱ

| | Abuse/Neglect Calls | Reports Assessed | Substantiated | Unfounded |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Sherman | 26 | 46% | 17% | 67% |
| Nebraska | 36,480 | 33.4% | 16.0% | 68.3% |



Community Level

- With regard to how youth perceive how their community feels about substance use, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders are reporting lower than state averages for alcohol and 10th graders report lower than the state average for cigarettes.
- Juvenile record sealing is not “automatic” even if statute requires it to seal. Sealing a record requires administrative staff to initiate the process. Dismissed or dropped cases should be sealed at a rate of 100%. All others should be sealed at the rate to which youth successfully complete their court requirements (completion of diversion, probation, restorative practice, or other treatment). Yearly data is available in the Appendix to see if the rate has improved because of legislation, but newer cases should naturally have lower rates of sealing than older cases.
 - Sherman County is very close to 100% in all categories.
- Data for race and ethnicity at each juvenile justice system point is imperative for an accurate Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) analysis. The court trial database (JUSTICE) has a high rate of missing data by race/ethnicity in this county.

Table 19.

Community Violence Measured by Arrests for Violent Crime (2019) ^j

| Type of Violence | County | Nebraska |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter | 0 | 34 |
| Rape | 0 | 264 |
| Robbery | 0 | 367 |
| Aggravated Assault | 2 | 1,639 |
| Other Assaults | 1 | 8,782 |

Table 20.

Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

| | | 8 th | 10 th | 12 th |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Sherman | Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana | 100.0% | 92.3% | 93.8% |
| Nebraska | | 94.4% | 89.8% | 85.2% |
| Sherman | Wrong/very wrong – alcohol | 81.3% | 69.2% | 56.3% |
| Nebraska | | 89.1% | 80.4% | 68.7% |
| Sherman | Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes | 93.8% | 80.8% | 81.3% |
| Nebraska | | 92.9% | 89.0% | 78.7% |



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Table 21.

Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) ^msee [Appendix for yearly data](#)

| | Number of charges Sealed | Total Number of charges | Sealed (%) |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Dismissed or Dropped | 24 | 25 | 96.0% |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 44 | 49 | 89.8% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | 16 | 16 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | 0 | 1 | 0.0% |
| Total | 84 | 91 | 92.3% |

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. Some cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis



Policy, Legal and System Level

- Despite not being in a county required to provide counsel under statute, access to counsel is similar to the state average, but still lower than ideal.
- There are few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately.
- With respect to diversion practices, the community may want to consider a few things:
 - Not filing all unsuccessful cases, if the youth completed most of the diversion plan
 - Allowing warning letters for the lowest risk youth
 - Comparing diversion fees to court costs so they are comparable.

Table 22.

Percent of Youth in Juvenile Court Who Had Access to Counsel (2018) ⁿ

| | Sherman | Nebraska |
|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Access to Counsel | 60.0% -- 79.9% | 73.5% |

Neb. Rev. 43-272. Right to counsel; appointment; payment; guardian ad litem; appointment; when; duties; standards for guardians ad litem; standards for attorneys who practice in juvenile court.

(1)(a) In counties having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, when any juvenile shall be brought without counsel before a juvenile court, the court shall advise such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian of their right to retain counsel and shall inquire of such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian as to whether they desire to retain counsel.

(b) In counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or more inhabitants, when any juvenile court petition is filed alleging jurisdiction of a juvenile pursuant to subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247, counsel shall be appointed for such juvenile.

Table 23.

Frequency of Youth with a Curfew Violation (2015 – 2019) ^m

| | Sherman | Nebraska |
|---------------------|---------|----------|
| Curfew Court Filing | 0 | 352 |



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Table 24.

Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) ^m

| | Sherman | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Filed Subtype | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
| 3A - Homeless/Neglect | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3B – Absenteeism/Truancy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3B - Uncontrollable | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | Nebraska | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Filed Subtype | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
| 3A- Homeless/Neglect | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| 3B – Absenteeism/Truancy | 96 | 510 | 493 | 423 | 475 | 1997 |
| 3B - Uncontrollable | 47 | 118 | 125 | 119 | 82 | 491 |
| 3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous | 22 | 48 | 37 | 22 | 23 | 306 |

Table 25.

County Diversion Procedures and Protocols Compared to Statewide Responses (2020) ^o

| | Sherman | Nebraska * |
|--|--|---|
| Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion | Yes | Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1% |
| File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion | No | Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4% |
| File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion | Always | Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5% |
| Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once | Yes | Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5% |
| Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion | No; (unless it was murder or other serious charge) | Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5% |
| Warning letters instead of intervention | No | Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4% |
| Currently drug test | No | Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9% Not sure: 2.3% |
| Fees beyond restitution | Yes; \$75 (but can be waived) | Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% |



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| | | |
|---|---|--|
| | | Not sure: 0.0% |
| Use of graduated responses prior to discharge | Yes; additional activities if they do not comply | Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3% |
| Sealing diversion records | Yes; All juveniles who successfully complete get their record sealed. It is just noted in the file that it is sealed. | Yes: 59.1% No: 22.7% Not sure: 18.2% |

*responses included 44 juvenile diversion programs; representing 68 counties/tribe (91.9% response rate)



Community Team Level

- A community lead should be able to get roughly a 75% response, to ensure active participation on planning issues, your response rate was 83.3%. This is a large increase from the 2019 survey.
- The rates of collective impact went up for all elements from the 2019 survey.
- The community team should be representative of the population of that community but should also include diversity. It might be beneficial to add diverse member to your team (especially because of the patterns of over and under representation.)
- If possible, you should try to have community members at all system points. Per the responses to this survey, there are a few system points not represented, but perhaps the 2 team members who did respond would have been in those areas.

Table 26.
Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^P

| | Sherman | | Nebraska | |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|
| Year of survey | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Number of surveys sent | 10 | 12 | 1407 | 780 |
| Number of completed surveys | 4 | 10 | 221 | 345 |
| Response rate | 40.0% | 83.3% | 28.3% | 24.5% |

Table 27.
Collective Impact Survey Scores ^P

| | Sherman | | Nebraska | |
|--------------------------|------------|------|------------|------|
| Year of survey | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 |
| | Mean Score | | Mean Score | |
| Common agenda | 4.45 | 5.20 | 5.29 | 5.69 |
| Mutually reinforcing | 4.81 | 5.30 | 5.37 | 5.50 |
| Shared measurement | 4.50 | 5.10 | 5.21 | 5.45 |
| Continuous communication | 3.81 | 5.10 | 5.49 | 5.55 |
| Backbone agency | 4.77 | 5.00 | 5.52 | 5.78 |

The five elements of Collective Impact are:



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- **Common agenda:** Participants have a shared vision and common understanding of both the problem and potential solutions to that problem.
- **Mutually reinforcing activities:** Participant activities must be differentiated while still being coordinated through a mutually reinforcing plan of action.
- **Shared measurement:** Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants ensures efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.
- **Continuous communication:** Consistent and open communication is needed across stakeholders to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and create common motivation.
- **Backbone support:** Creating and managing Collective Impact often requires a separate organization(s) with staff and a specific set of skills to serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and to coordinate participating organizations ^q

Table 28.

Community Planning Team Diversity ^p

| | Sherman | | Nebraska | |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------|-------|
| | N = | (%) | N = 345 | (%) |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male | 5 | 50.0% | 101 | 29.3% |
| Female | 5 | 50.0% | 229 | 66.4% |
| Missing | -- | -- | 15 | 4.3% |
| | | | | |
| Age | | | | |
| Under 30 | -- | -- | 19 | 5.6% |
| 30-39 | 1 | 10.0% | 68 | 19.6% |
| 40-49 | 4 | 40.0% | 88 | 25.4% |
| 50-59 | 4 | 40.0% | 90 | 25.8% |
| 60 and over | -- | -- | 44 | 13% |
| Missing | 1 | 10.0% | 36 | 10.4% |
| | | | | |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | |
| White | 10 | 100.0% | 230 | 66.7% |
| Black | -- | -- | 10 | 2.9% |
| Hispanic | -- | -- | 13 | 3.8% |
| Native American | -- | -- | 6 | 1.7% |
| Asian | -- | -- | 1 | 0.3% |
| Other | -- | -- | 2 | 0.6% |
| Provided town name | -- | -- | 63 | 18.3% |
| Missing | -- | -- | 19 | 5.5% |
| | | | | |
| Previous System Involvement | | | | |
| Yes | 3 | 30.0% | 98 | 28.4% |



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| | | | | |
|--|----|-------|-----|-------|
| No | 7 | 70.0% | 242 | 70.1% |
| Missing | -- | -- | 5 | 1.4% |
| | | | | |
| System Point * | | | | |
| Law enforcement | 1 | 8.3% | 34 | 7.8% |
| County attorney/ juvenile court | 1 | 8.3% | 32 | 7.3% |
| K-12 or secondary education | 4 | 33.3% | 65 | 14.9% |
| Ministry/faith based | -- | -- | 10 | 2.3% |
| Diversion | 1 | 8.3% | 55 | 12.6% |
| Probation | -- | -- | 31 | 7.1% |
| Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem | 1 | 8.3% | 8 | 1.8% |
| DHHS or Child Welfare | -- | -- | 13 | 3.0% |
| Treatment provider | 1 | 8.3% | 40 | 9.2% |
| Post adjudication or detention | -- | -- | 8 | 1.8% |
| Community based program | 2 | 16.7% | 109 | 25.0% |
| Elected official or government | -- | -- | 6 | 1.4% |
| Restorative practices | 1 | 8.3% | 6 | 1.4% |
| Backbone or system improvement | -- | -- | 3 | 0.7% |
| Other | -- | -- | 16 | 3.7% |
| | | | | |
| Voice on Team | | | | |
| Feel heard | 9 | 90.0% | 270 | 78.3% |
| Do not feel heard | 1 | 10.0% | 75 | 21.7% |

*note. Team members could have selected more than one system point; as such, they do not add up to 100%



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**Appendix: Sealed Court Records by Year**

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis

| 2015 | Number of charges Sealed | Total Number of charges | Sealed (%) |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dismissed or Dropped | 10 | 10 | 100% |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 22 | 22 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | 2 | 2 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | -- | -- | -- |
| Total | 34 | 34 | 100% |

| 2016 | Number of charges Sealed | Total Number of charges | Sealed (%) |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dismissed or Dropped | 10 | 10 | 100% |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 15 | 15 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | 3 | 3 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | 0 | 1 | 0.0% |
| Total | 28 | 29 | 96.6% |

| 2017 | Number of charges Sealed | Total Number of charges | Sealed (%) |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dismissed or Dropped | -- | -- | -- |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 6 | 6 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | 5 | 5 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | -- | -- | -- |
| Total | 11 | 11 | 100% |



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| 2018 | Number of charges Sealed | Total Number of charges | Sealed (%) |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Dismissed or Dropped | 3 | 4 | 75.0% |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 0 | 3 | 0.0% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | 3 | 3 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | -- | -- | -- |
| Total | 6 | 12 | 50.0% |

| 2019 | Number of charges Sealed | Total Number of charges | Sealed (%) |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Dismissed or Dropped | 1 | 1 | 100% |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 1 | 1 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | 3 | 3 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | -- | -- | -- |
| Total | 5 | 5 | 100% |



Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey Results for 2023

Profile Report: SHERMAN COUNTY

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*NRPFSS is part of the Student Health and Risk
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surveys to youth enrolled in Nebraska schools*

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Introduction and Overview

This report summarizes the findings from the 2023 Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey (NRPFSS). The 2023 survey represents the tenth implementation of the NRPFSS and the seventh implementation of the survey under the Nebraska Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) Surveillance System. SHARP consists of the coordinated administration of three school-based student health surveys in Nebraska, including the NRPFSS, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), and the Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS). The Nebraska SHARP Surveillance System is administered by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska Department of Education through a contract with the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. For more information on the Nebraska SHARP Surveillance System please visit <https://bosr.unl.edu/sharp/>.

As a result of the creation of SHARP and its inclusion of the NRPFSS, the administration schedule shifted from the fall of odd calendar years to the fall of even calendar years. The first three administrations of the NRPFSS occurred during the fall of 2003, 2005, and 2007, while the fourth administration occurred during the fall of 2010, leaving a three-year gap (rather than the usual two-year gap) between the most recent administrations. The 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 administrations also occurred during the fall. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 administration was postponed to 2021, again leaving a three-year gap. The 2023 administration occurred during the fall. All future administrations take place during the fall of odd calendar years as well (i.e., every two years).

The NRPFSS targets Nebraska students in grades 8, 10, and 12 with a goal of providing schools and communities with local-level data. As a result, the NRPFSS is implemented as a census survey, meaning that every public and non-public school with an eligible grade can choose to participate. Therefore, data presented in this report are not to be considered a representative statewide sample. The survey is designed to assess adolescent substance use, delinquent behavior, and many of the risk and protective measures that predict adolescent problem behaviors. The NRPFSS is adapted from national, scientifically-validated surveys and contains information on risk and protective measures that are locally actionable. These risk and protective measures are also highly correlated with substance misuse as well as delinquency, teen pregnancy, school dropout, and violence. Along with other locally attainable sources of information, the information from the NRPFSS can aid schools and community groups in planning and implementing local prevention initiatives to improve the health and academic performance of their youth.

Table 1.1 provides information on the student participation rate for Sherman County. The participation rate represents the percentage of all eligible students who took the survey. If 60 percent or more of the students participated, the report is generally a good indicator of the levels of substance use, risk, protection, and delinquent behavior in Sherman County. If fewer than 60.0 percent participated, a review of who participated should be completed prior to generalizing the results to the entire student population.

2023 NRPFSS Sponsored by:

The 2023 NRPFSS is sponsored by the 2018 Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnership for Success grant and the 2022 Substance Use Prevention Treatment Recovery Services Block Grant for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Prevention through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health.

The Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR) at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) collected the NRPFSS data for this administration as well as the 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021, and 2023 administrations. As part of BOSR's commitment to high quality data, BOSR is a member of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) Transparency Initiative. As part of this initiative, BOSR pledges to provide certain methodological information whenever data are collected. This information as it relates to the NRPFSS is available on BOSR's website (<https://bosr.unl.edu/sharp/>).

Table 1.1. Survey Participation Rates, 2023

| Grade | Sherman County | | | State of Nebraska | | |
|-------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | 2023 | | | 2023 | | |
| | Number Participated | Number Enrolled | Percent Participated | Number Participated | Number Enrolled | Percent Participated |
| 8th | 23 | 26 | 88.5% | 3567 | 26566 | 13.4% |
| 10th | 26 | 29 | 89.7% | 4599 | 27660 | 16.6% |
| 12th | 25 | 33 | 75.8% | 3394 | 27460 | 12.4% |
| Total | 74 | 88 | 84.1% | 11560 | 81686 | 14.2% |

Note: The grade-specific participation rates presented within this table consist of the number of students who completed the NRPFSS divided by the total number of students enrolled within the participating schools.

Again, the goal of the NRPFSS is to collect school district and community-level data and not to collect representative state data. However, state data provide insight into the levels of substance use, risk, protection, and delinquent behavior among Nebraskan students, especially students in rural areas other than in Douglas, Lancaster, or Sarpy counties. In 2023, 14.2 percent of the eligible Nebraska students in grades 8, 10, and 12 participated in the NRPFSS; 83.7 percent of these participations came from the areas outside of Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy counties.

The 2023 participation rate for the state as a whole remains lower than the 60.0 percent level recommended for representing students statewide, so the state-level results should be interpreted with some caution. Failure to obtain a high participation rate statewide is, in part, due to low levels of participation within Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy Counties, which combined had a 4.1% participation rate in 2023 compared to 27.3% for the remainder of the state.

Table 1.2 provides an overview of the characteristics of the students who completed the 2023 survey within Sherman County and the state overall.

Table 1.2. Participant Characteristics, 2023

| | Sherman County 2023 | | State of Nebraska 2023 | |
|------------------|------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| | n | % | n | % |
| Total students | 75 | | 11741 | |
| Grade | | | | |
| 8th | 23 | 30.7% | 3567 | 30.4% |
| 10th | 26 | 34.7% | 4599 | 39.2% |
| 12th | 25 | 33.3% | 3394 | 28.9% |
| Unknown | 1 | 1.3% | 181 | 1.5% |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male | 41 | 54.7% | 5952 | 50.7% |
| Female | 34 | 45.3% | 5719 | 48.7% |
| Unknown | 0 | 0.0% | 70 | 0.6% |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | |
| Hispanic* | 3 | 4.0% | 2393 | 20.4% |
| African American | 2 | 2.7% | 389 | 3.3% |
| Asian | 0 | 0.0% | 227 | 1.9% |
| American Indian | 2 | 2.7% | 308 | 2.6% |
| Pacific Islander | 2 | 2.7% | 41 | 0.3% |
| Alaska Native | 0 | 0.0% | 22 | 0.2% |
| White | 63 | 84.0% | 8193 | 69.8% |
| Other | 2 | 2.7% | 110 | 0.9% |
| Unknown | 1 | 1.3% | 58 | 0.5% |

Notes: *Hispanic can be of any race. In columns, n=number or frequency and %=percentage of distribution.

Overview of Report Contents

The report is divided into the following five sections: (1) substance use; (2) transportation safety; (3) violence, bullying, and mental health; (4) nutrition and physical activity; and (5) feelings and experiences at home, school, and in the community. Within each section, highlights of the 2023 survey data for Sherman County are presented along with state and national estimates, when available.

When there are less than 10 survey respondents for a particular grade, their responses are not presented in order to protect the confidentiality of individual student participants. Furthermore, if a grade level has 10 or more respondents but an individual question or sub-group presented in this report has less than 10 respondents then results for the individual item or sub-group are not reported.

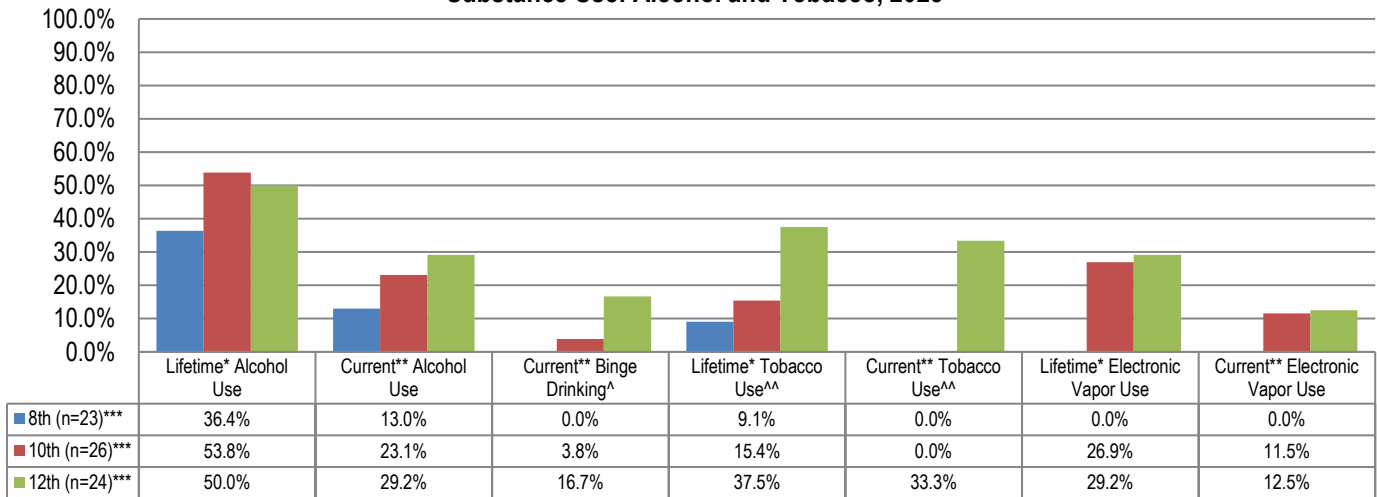
A number of honesty measures were also created to remove students who may not have given the most honest answers. These measures included reporting use of a fictitious drug, using a substance during the past 30 days more than in one's lifetime, answering that the student was not at all honest when filling out the survey, and providing an age and grade combination that are highly unlikely. Students whose answers were in question for any one of these reasons were excluded from reporting. For the State of Nebraska, 368 students met these criteria. No student in Sherman County met these criteria.

Substance Use

This section contains information on the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Sherman County. In addition, there is information on attitudes and perceptions, the sources of substances, and other substance-related topics. To provide greater context for the results from Sherman County, overall state and national results are presented when available. As discussed earlier, the state results are not to be considered a representative statewide sample. The national data source is the Monitoring the Future survey, administered by the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan and sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and National Institutes of Health.

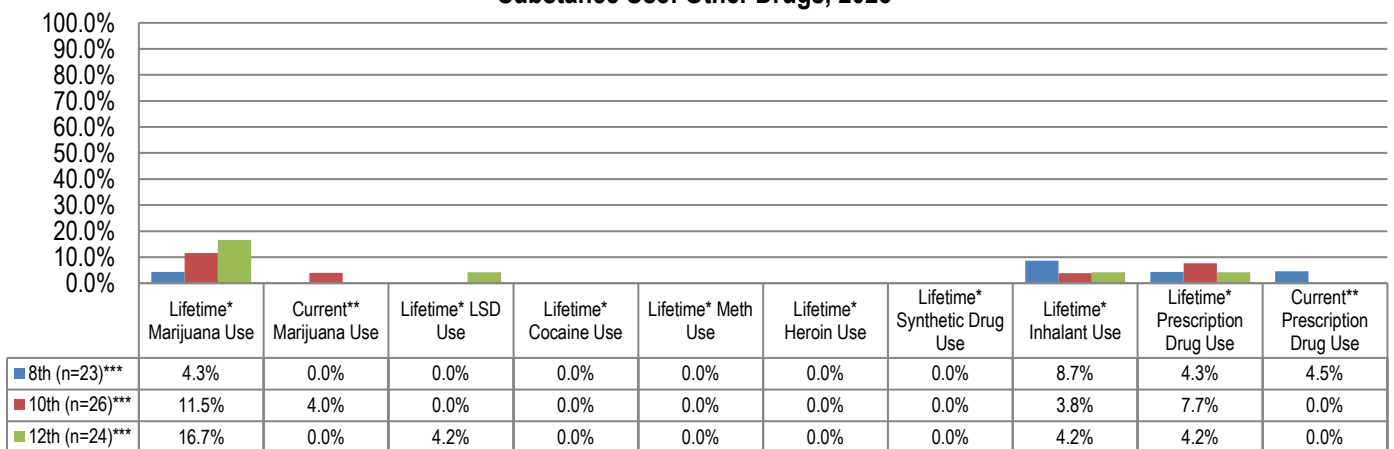
Substance Use

Substance Use: Alcohol and Tobacco, 2023



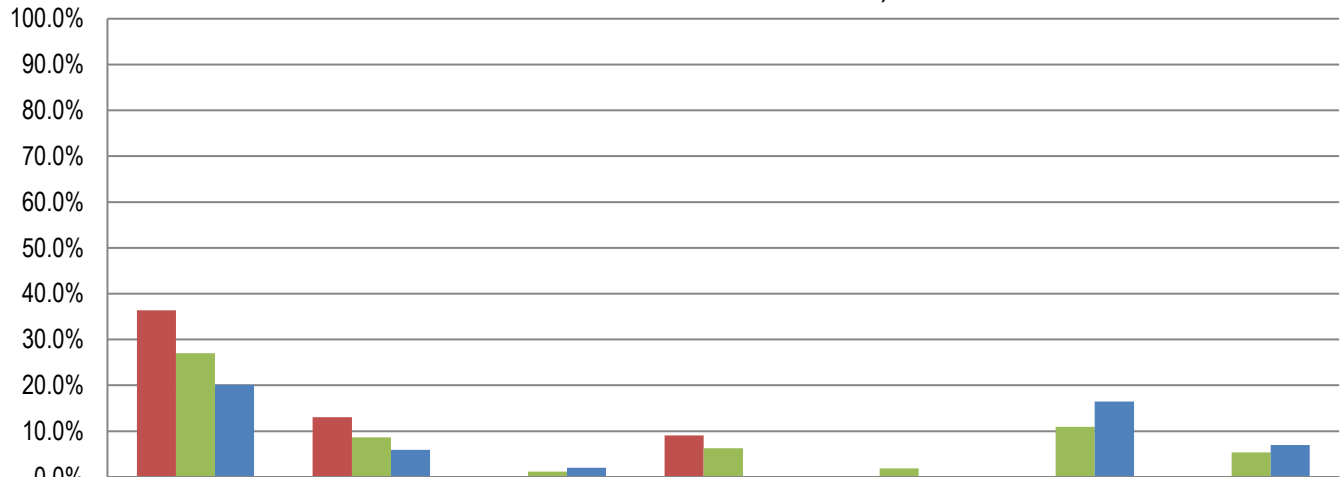
Notes. *Percentage who reported using the named substance one or more times in his or her lifetime. **Percentage who reported using the named substance one or more times during the past 30 days. ^Percentage who reported having five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, within a couple of hours. ^^Tobacco use includes cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. Individual results for each can be found in Appendix A. ***The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Substance Use: Other Drugs, 2023



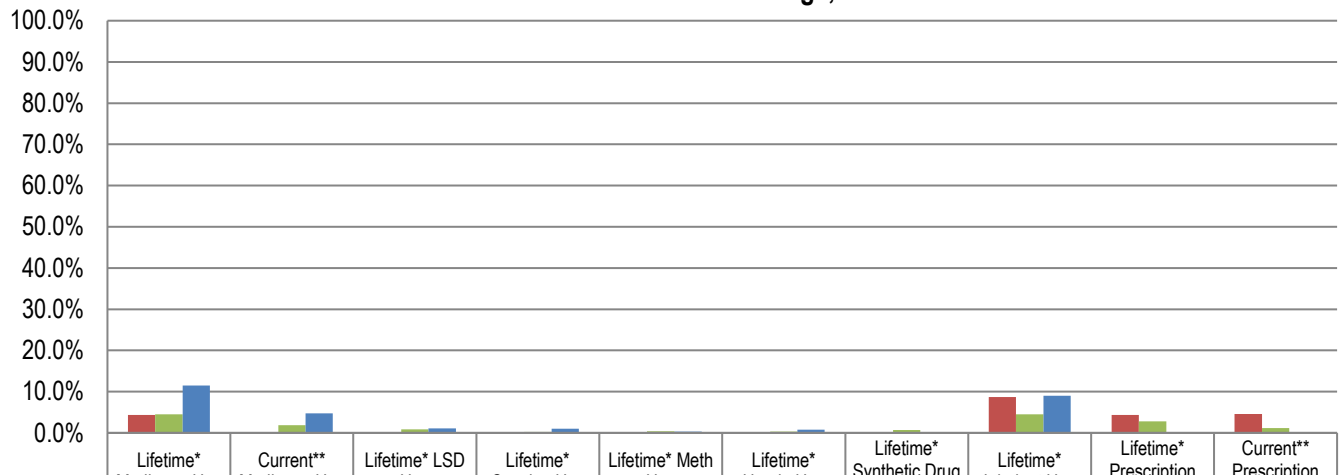
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8th Grade Substance Use: Alcohol and Tobacco, 2023



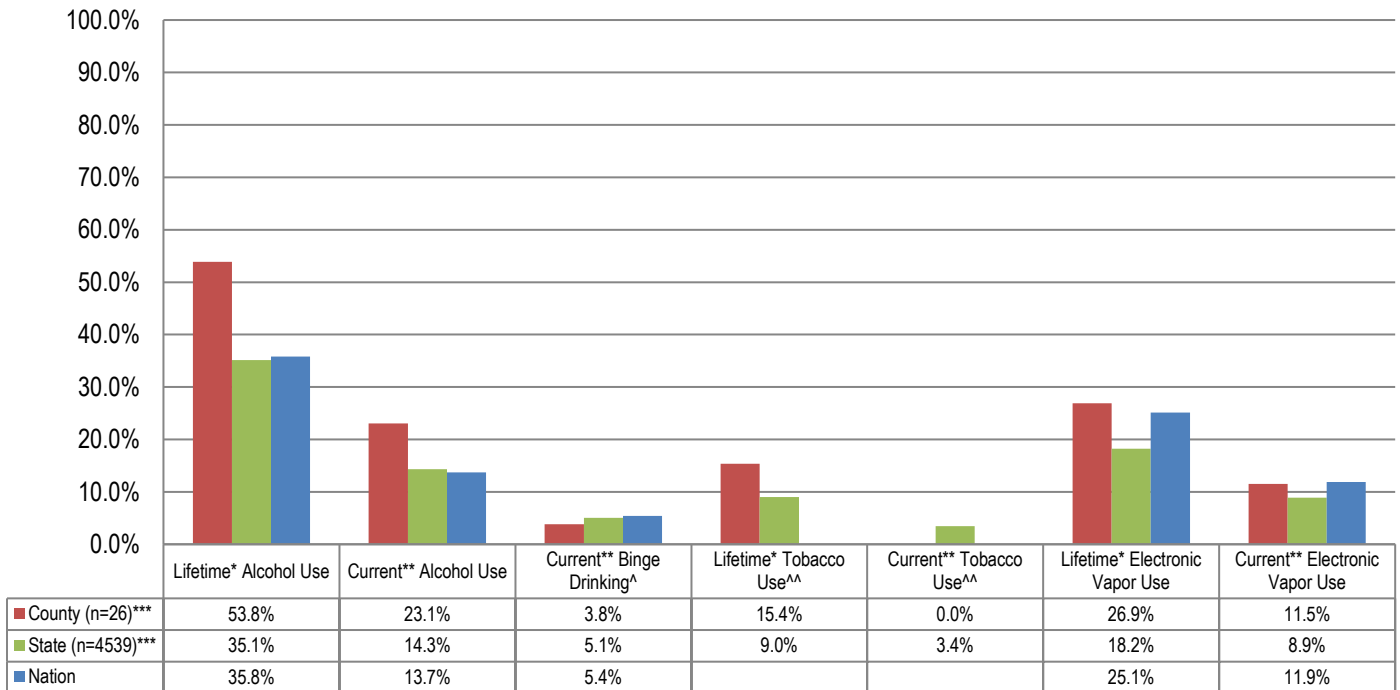
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8th Grade Substance Use: Other Drugs, 2023



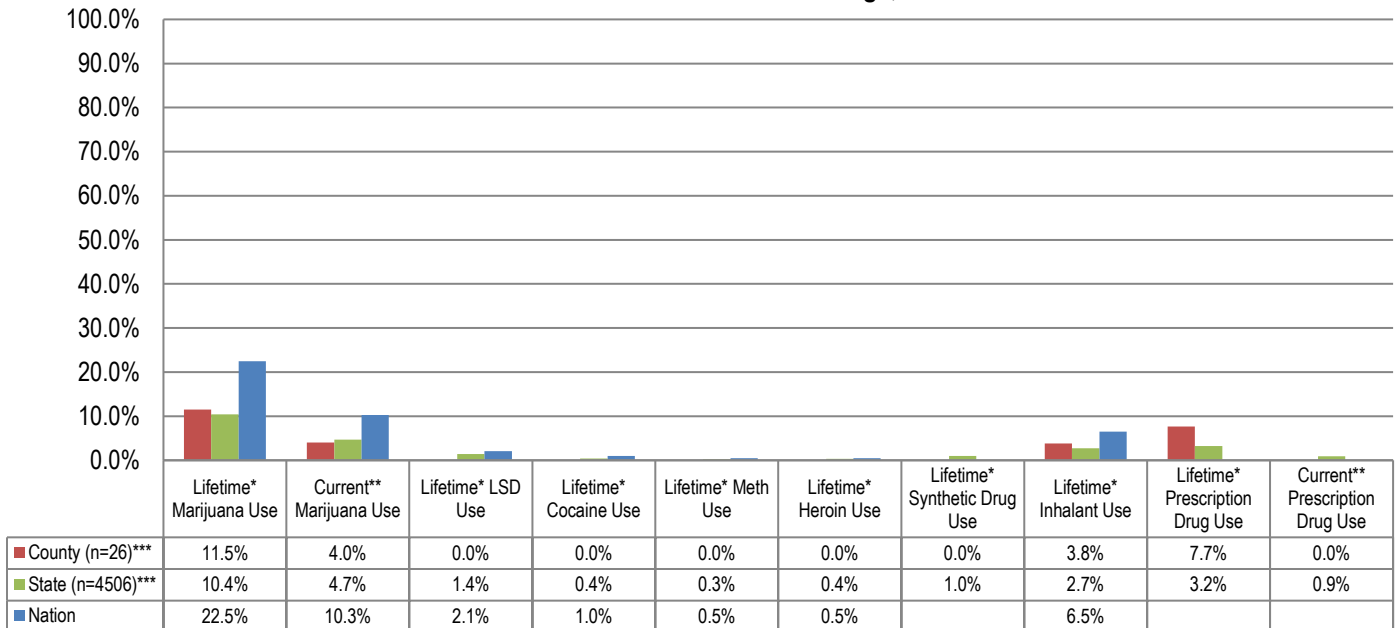
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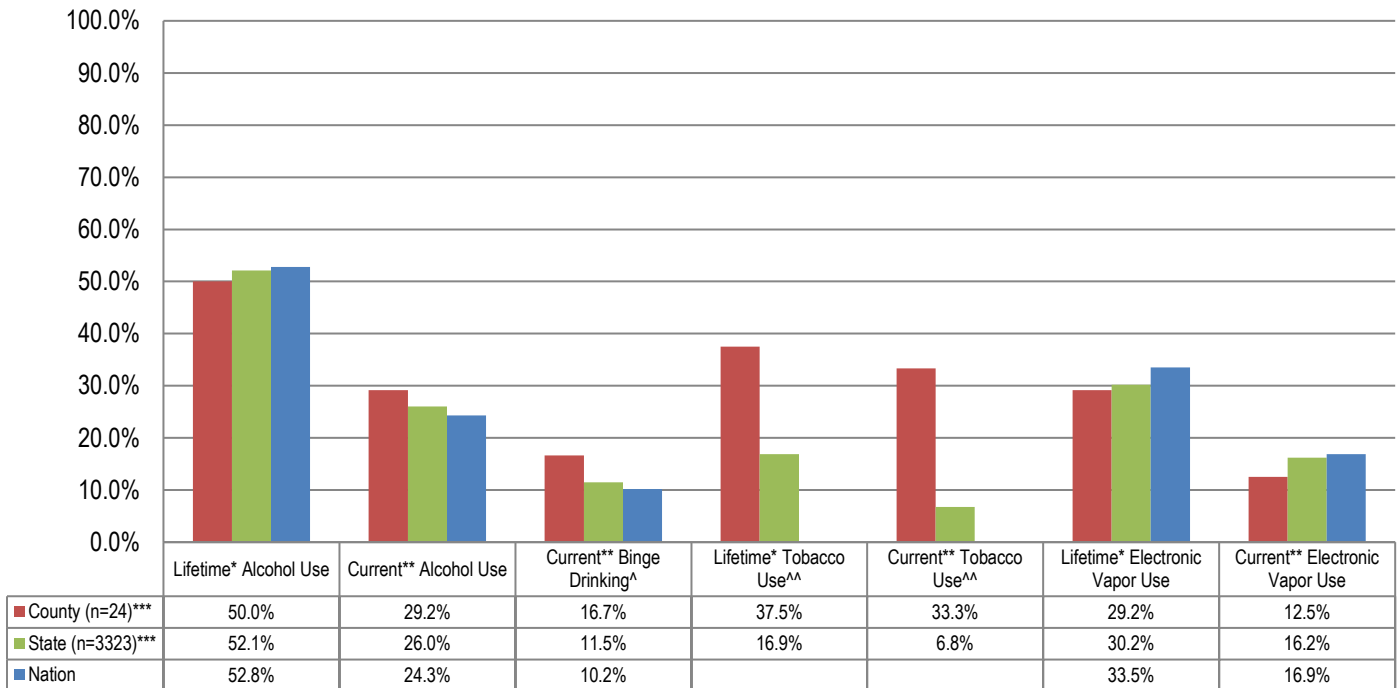
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10th Grade Substance Use: Other Drugs, 2023



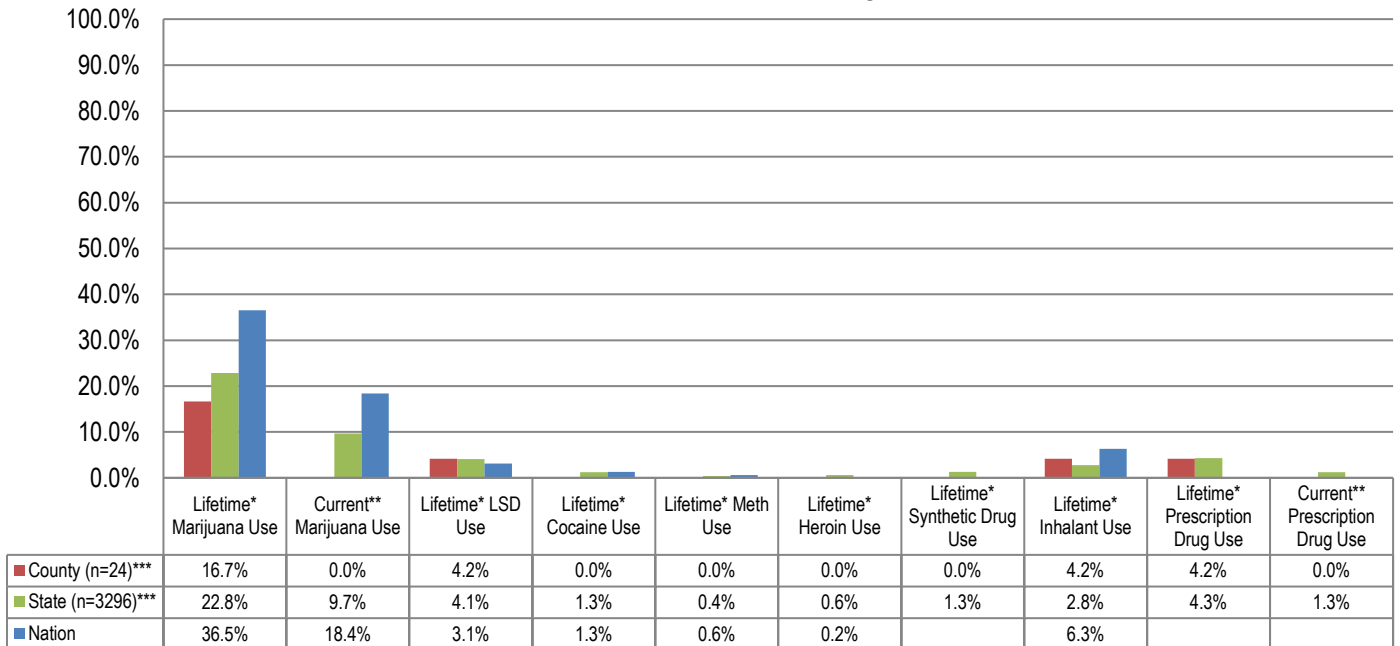
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12th Grade Substance Use: Alcohol and Tobacco, 2023



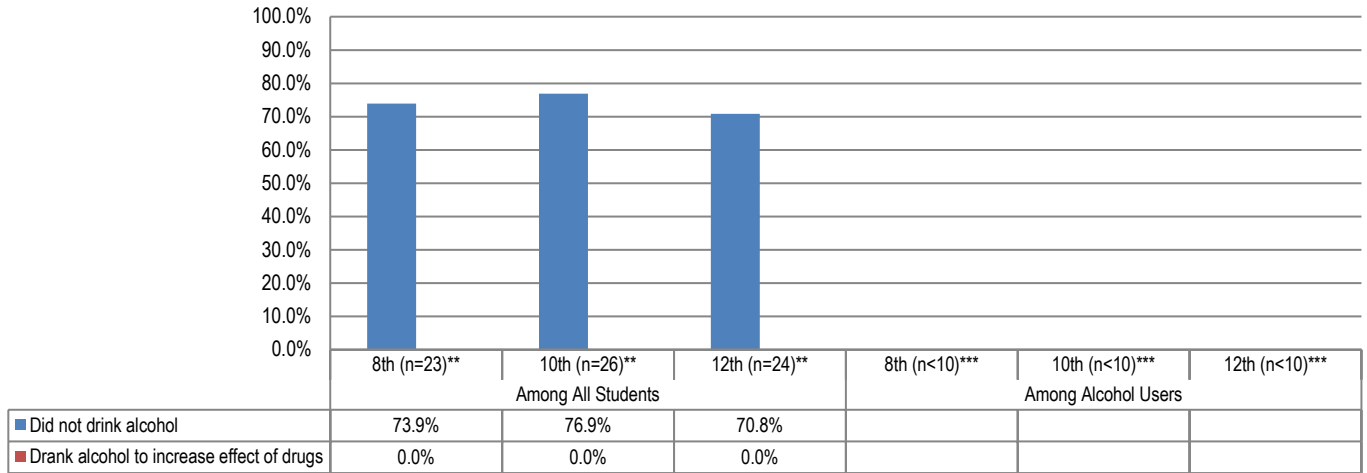
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12th Grade Substance Use: Other Drugs, 2023



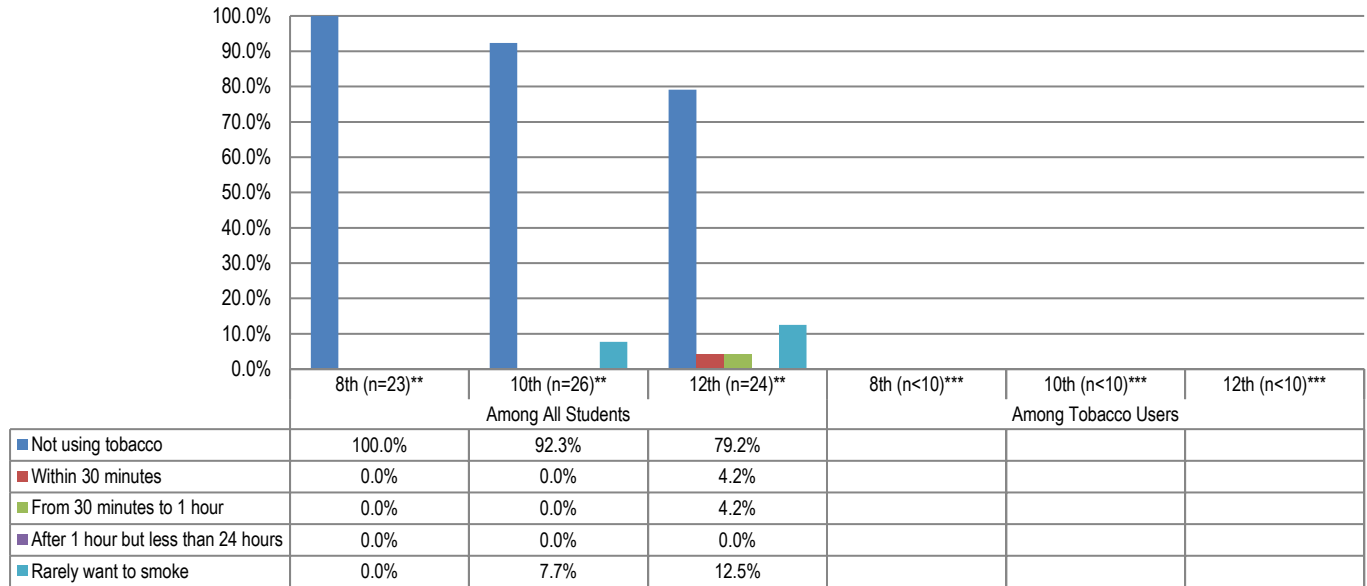
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Percentage Reporting Drinking Alcohol to Increase Effect of Some Other Drug, AMONG Students who Reported Drinking in the Past 30 Days*, 2023



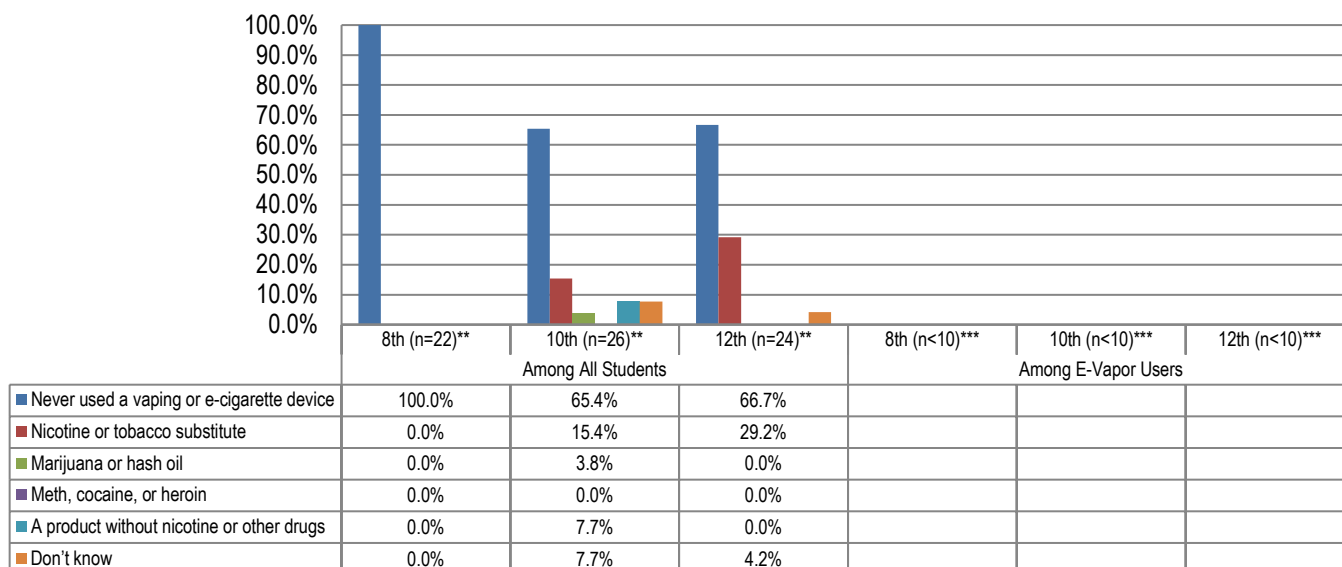
Notes. *Among past 30 day alcohol users, the percentage who reported drinking alcohol one or more times to increase the effect of some of other drug or drugs during the past 30 days. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

How Soon They Wanted to Use Tobacco Products after Waking Up, AMONG Students Who Reported Using Tobacco Products*, 2023



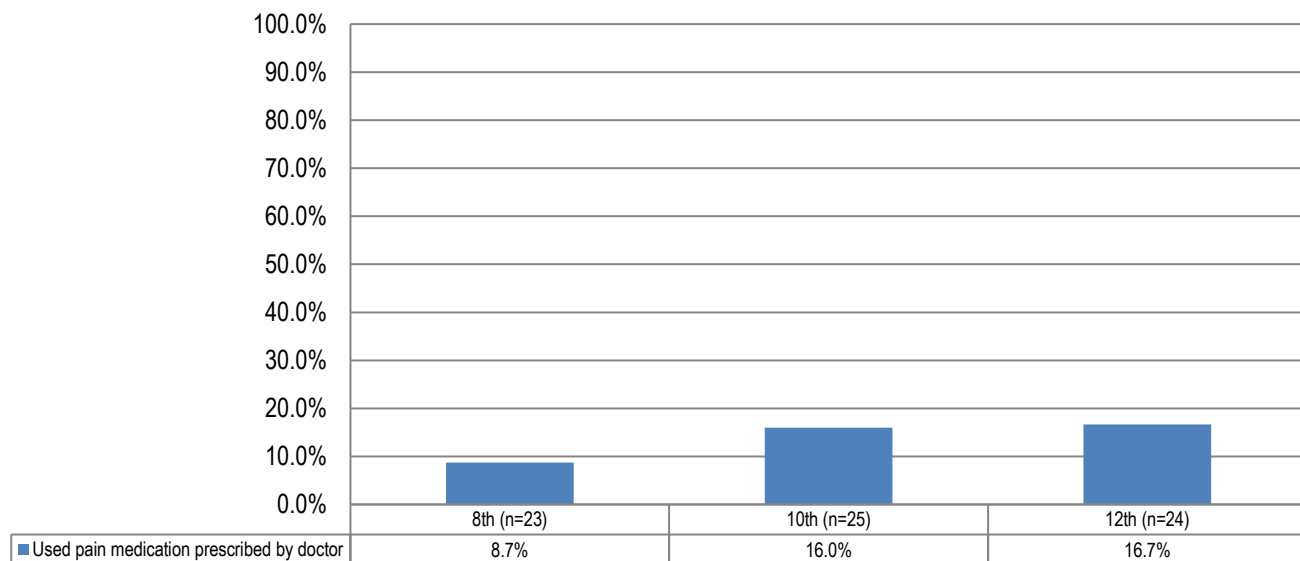
Notes. *How soon after you wake up do you want to use a tobacco product? **The n-size displayed is the same for all people given that how soon they want to smoke after waking up is asked as one question. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

Type of Mist Inhaled in Electronic Vaporizer, AMONG Students who Reported Using an E-cigarette or Vaping Device*, 2023



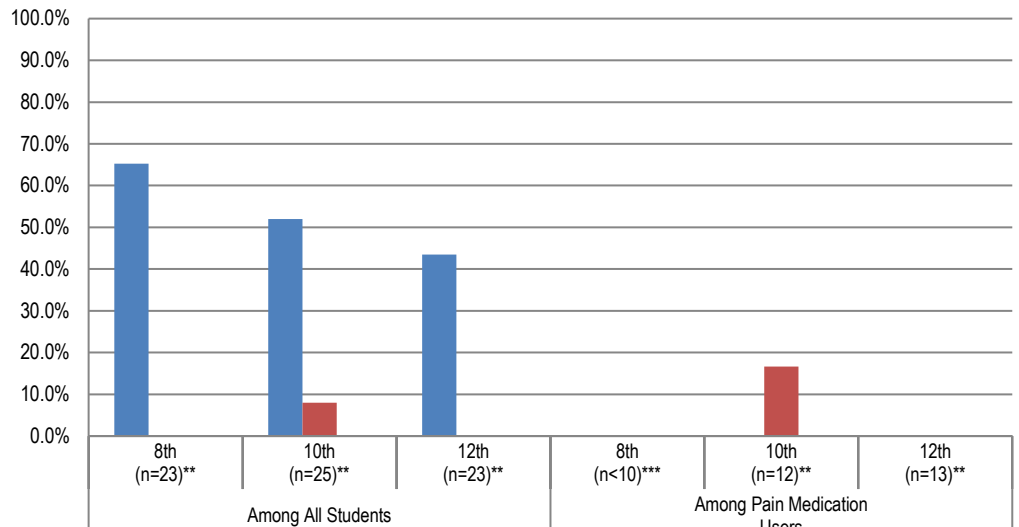
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Percentage Reporting Using Pain Medication Prescribed by a Doctor during the Past 12 Months*, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "During the past 12 months, did you use pain medications that a doctor prescribed for you?"

Other Pain Medication Topics, AMONG Students who Reported Receiving Prescription Pain Medication from a Doctor, 2023

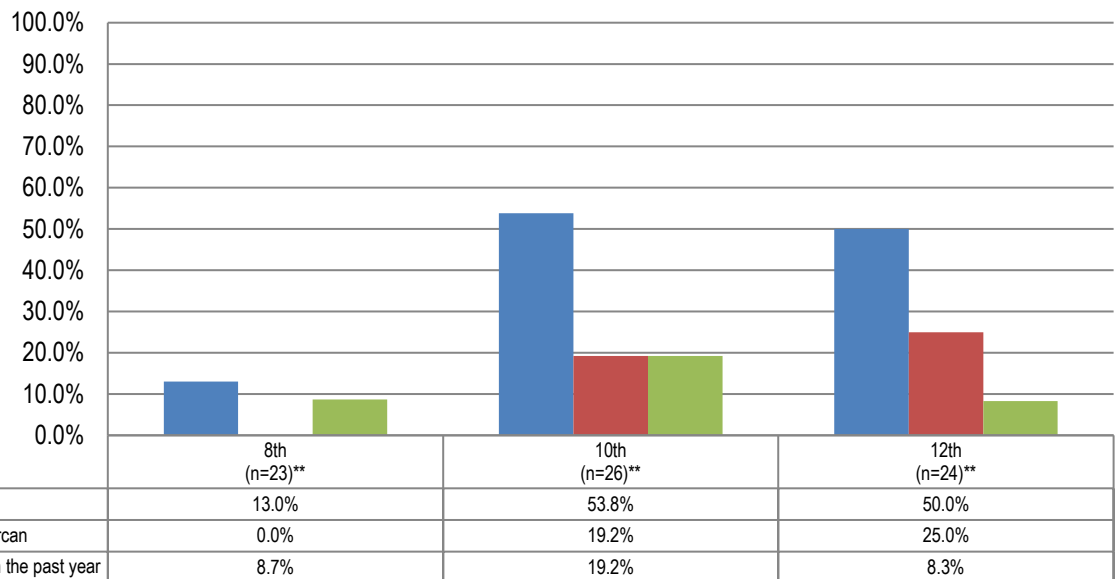


| | 8th (n=23)** | 10th (n=25)** | 12th (n=23)** | 8th (n<10)*** | 10th (n=12)** | 12th (n=13)** |
|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Did not receive a prescription pain medication from a doctor | 65.2% | 52.0% | 43.5% | | | |
| Used pain medication more than directed* | 0.0% | 8.0% | 0.0% | | 16.7% | 0.0% |
| Someone asked to borrow or buy pain medication^ | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | | 0.0% | 0.0% |

Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "The last time a doctor prescribed a pain medication for you, did you use any of the pain medication more frequently or in higher doses than directed by a doctor?" ^Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "The last time a doctor prescribed a pain medication for you, did anyone ask you about borrowing or buying some of your medication?" ***The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

Naloxone, sold as Narcan, is a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose to restore normal respiration in individuals whose breathing has slowed or stopped as a result of overdosing on heroin or prescription opioid medications. It is a critical tool in emergency responses to opioid overdose, helping to prevent fatalities and providing a window of opportunity for medical treatment.

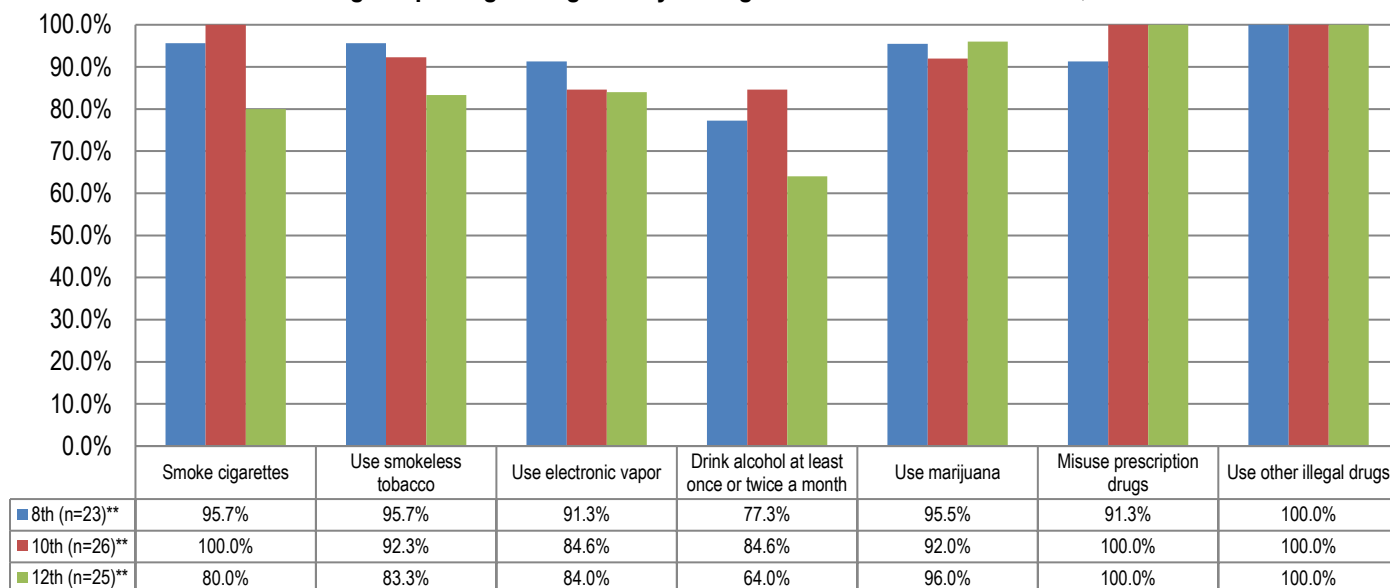
Awareness and Knowledge of Opioid Overdose Reversal*, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the posted questions. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

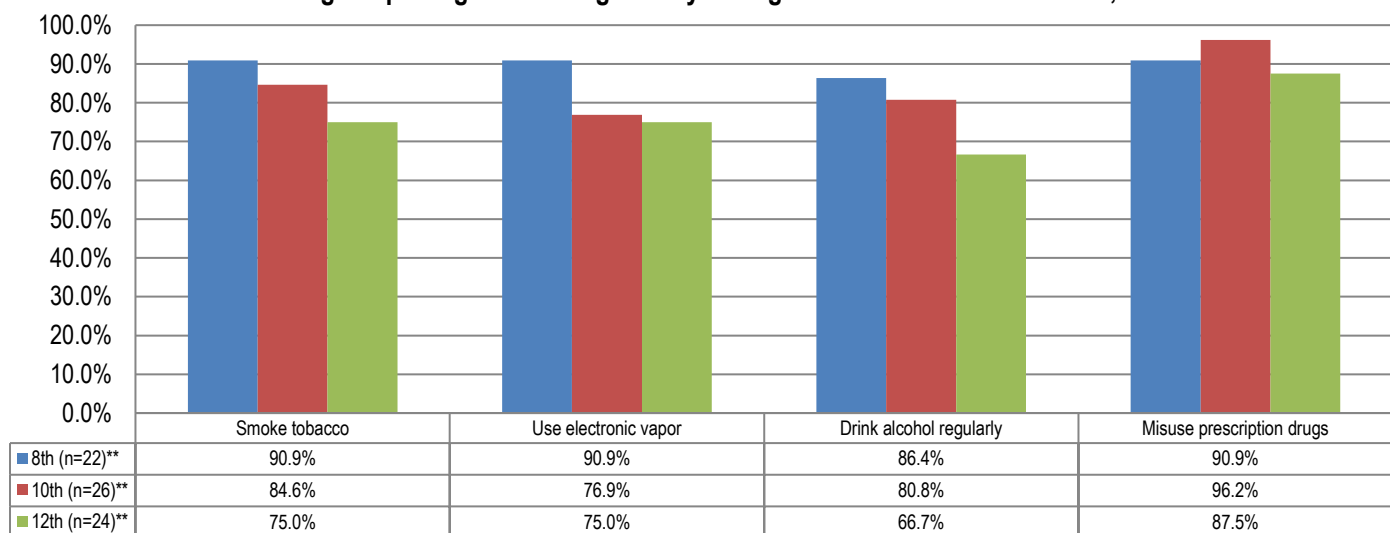
Attitudes toward Substance Use

Percentage Reporting Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior*, 2023



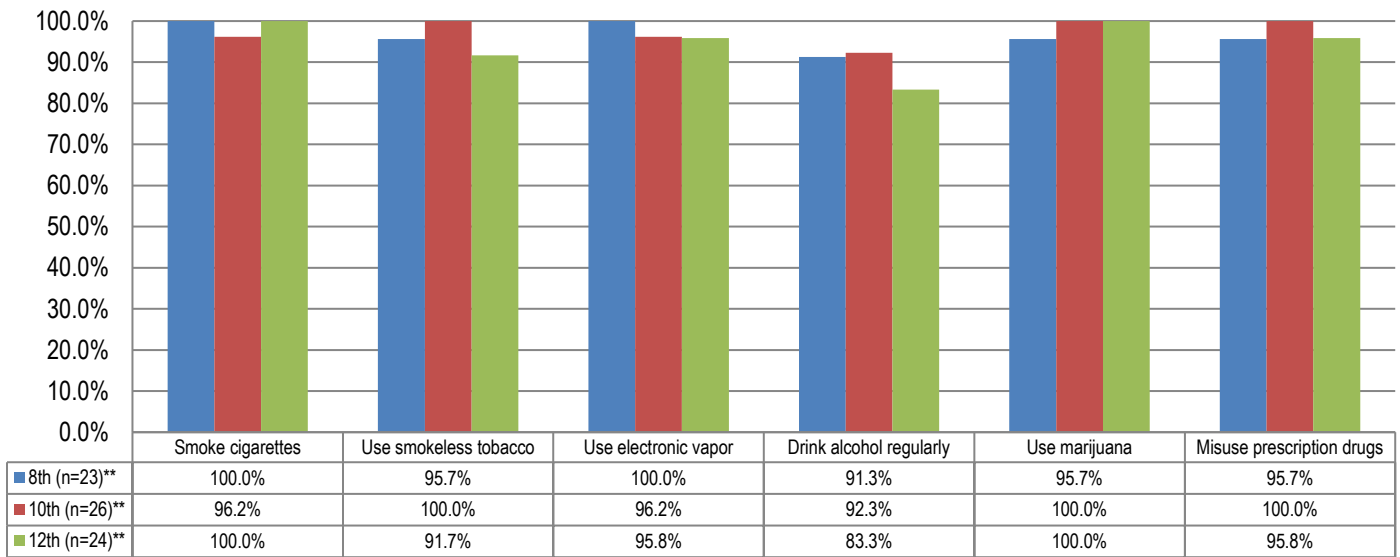
Note. *Percentage who reported how wrong they think different substance behaviors are based on the following scale: Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Percentage Reporting Peer Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior*, 2023



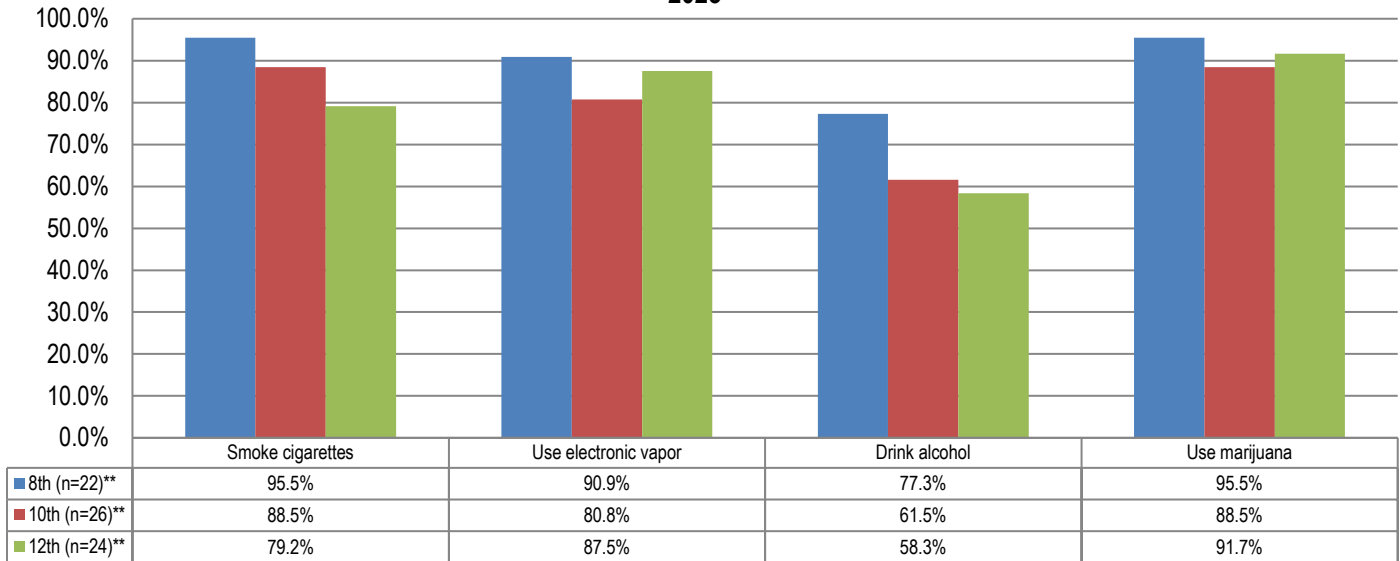
Note. *Percentage who reported how wrong their friends would think different substance behaviors are based on the following scale: Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Percentage Reporting Parent Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior*, 2023



Note. *Percentage who reported how wrong their parents would think different substance behaviors are based on the following scale: Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

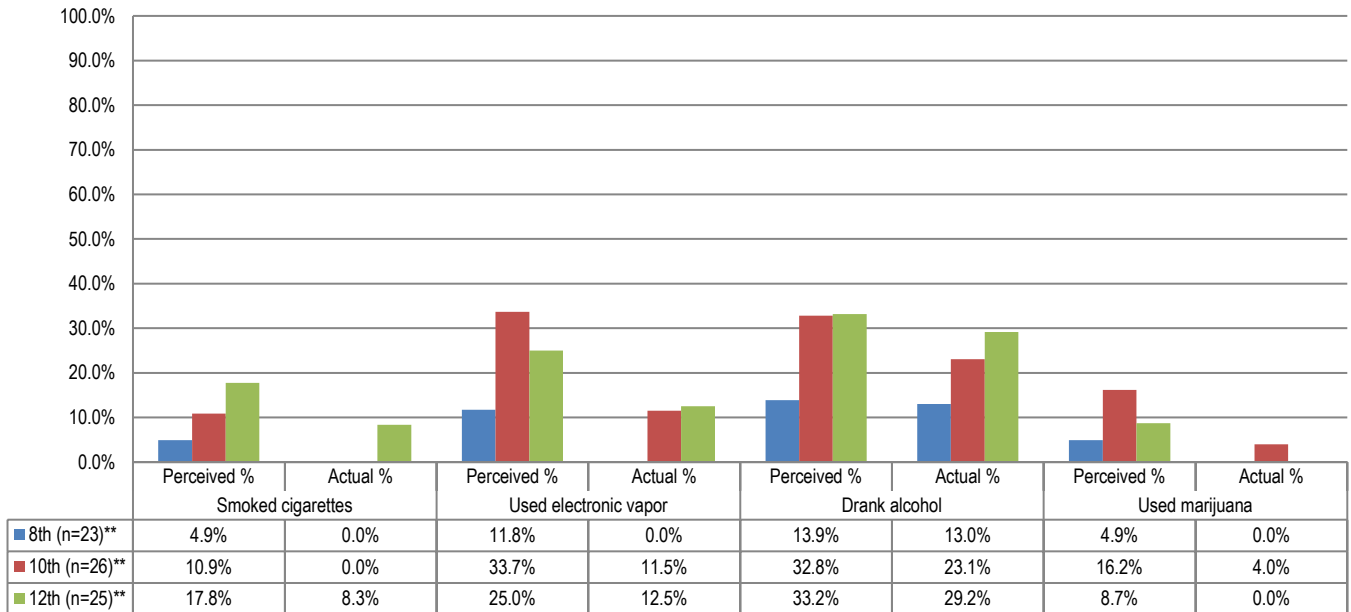
Percentage Reporting Adults in Neighborhood Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior*, 2023



Note. *Percentage who reported how wrong adults in their neighborhood would think different substance behaviors are based on the following scale: Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

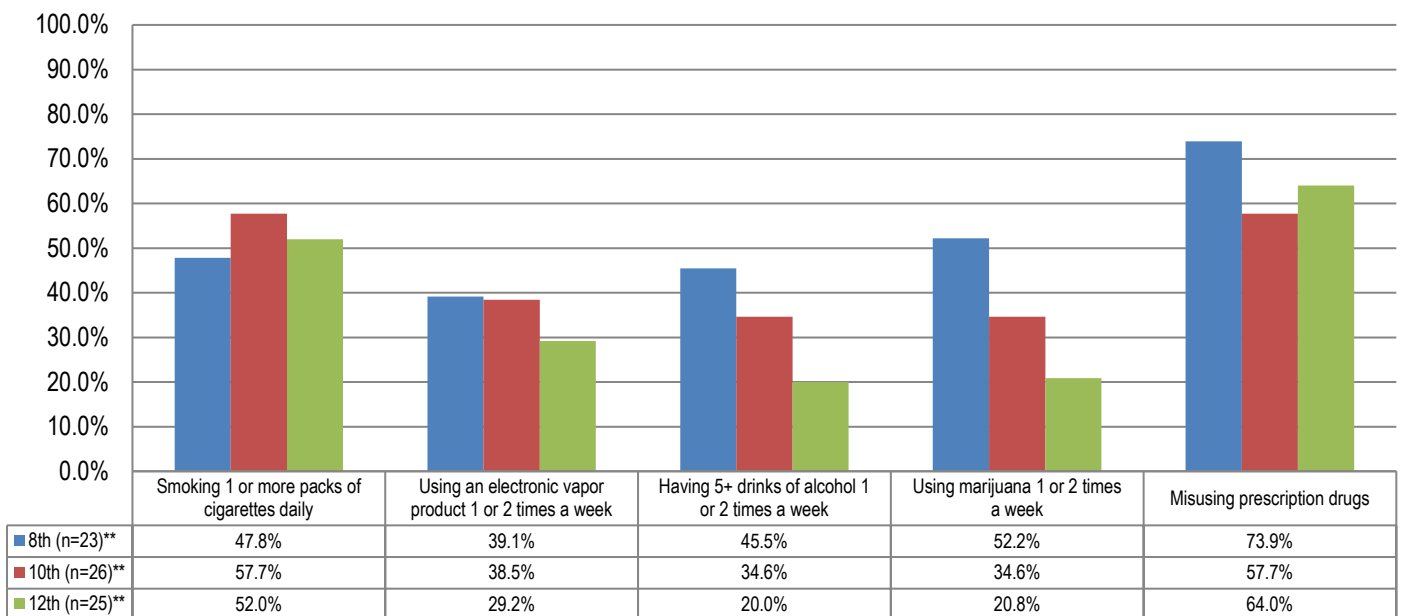
Perceptions of Substance Use

Perceived* and Actual Past 30 Day Substance Use, 2023



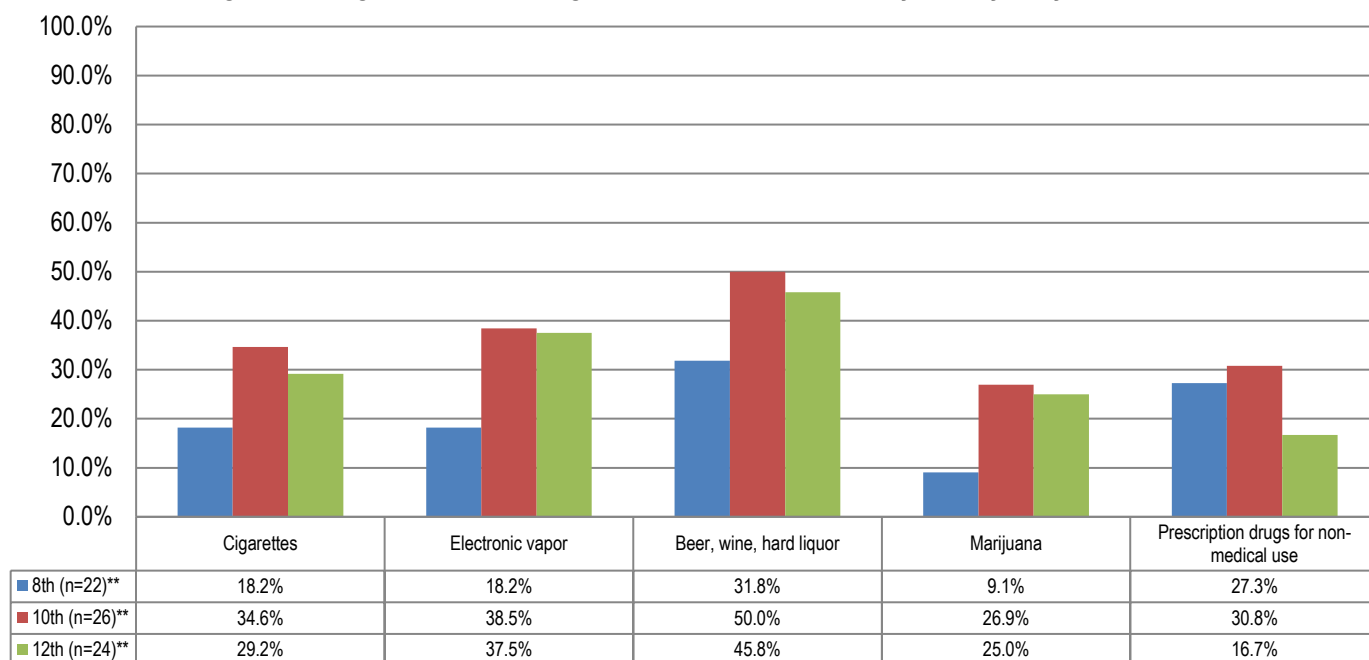
Note. *Perception based on following question: "Now thinking about all the students in your grade at your school. How many of them do you think: <insert substance use behavior> during the past 30 days?" **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Percentage Reporting that the Following Substance Use Behaviors Place People at Great Risk*, 2023



Note. *Percentage who reported great risk associated with each substance behaviors based on the following scale: No risk, Slight risk, Moderate risk, Great risk. Based on the question "How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they: <insert substance use behavior>." **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

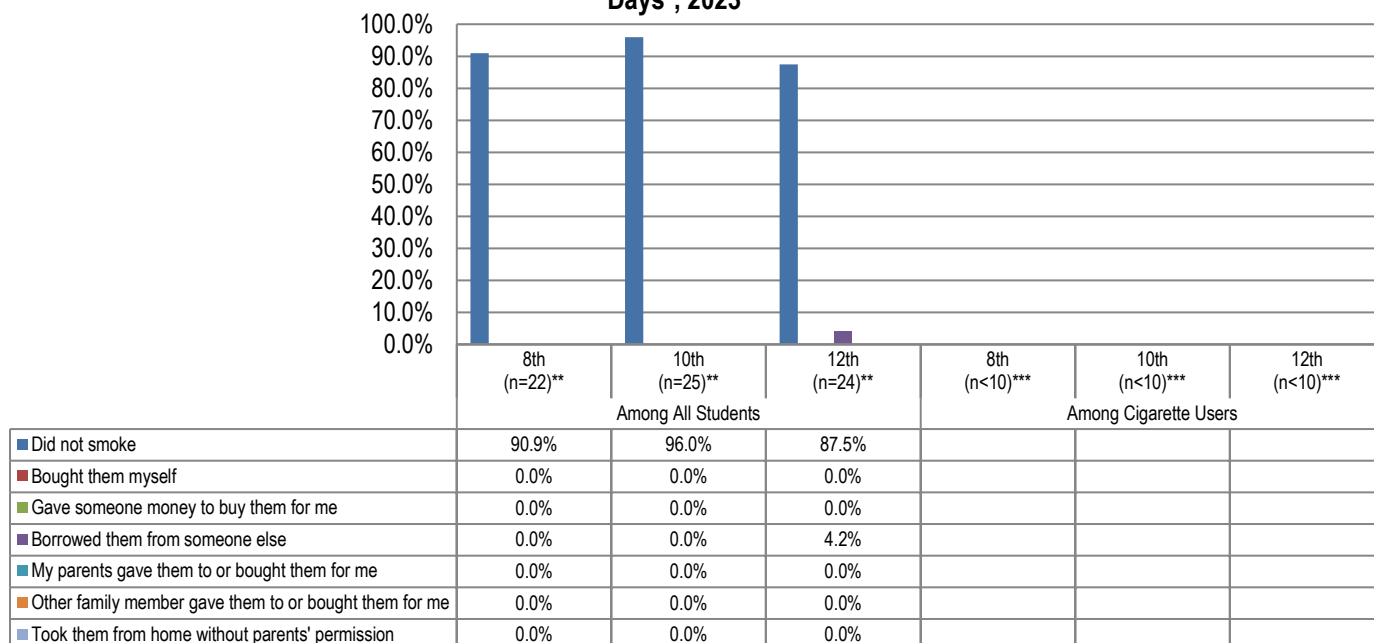
Percentage Reporting that the Following Substances are Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Obtain*, 2023



Note. *Percentage who reported it is sort of or very easy to obtain each substances based on the following scale: Very hard, Sort of hard, Sort of easy, Very easy. Based on the question "If you wanted to, how easy would it be for you to get: <insert substance use behavior>." **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

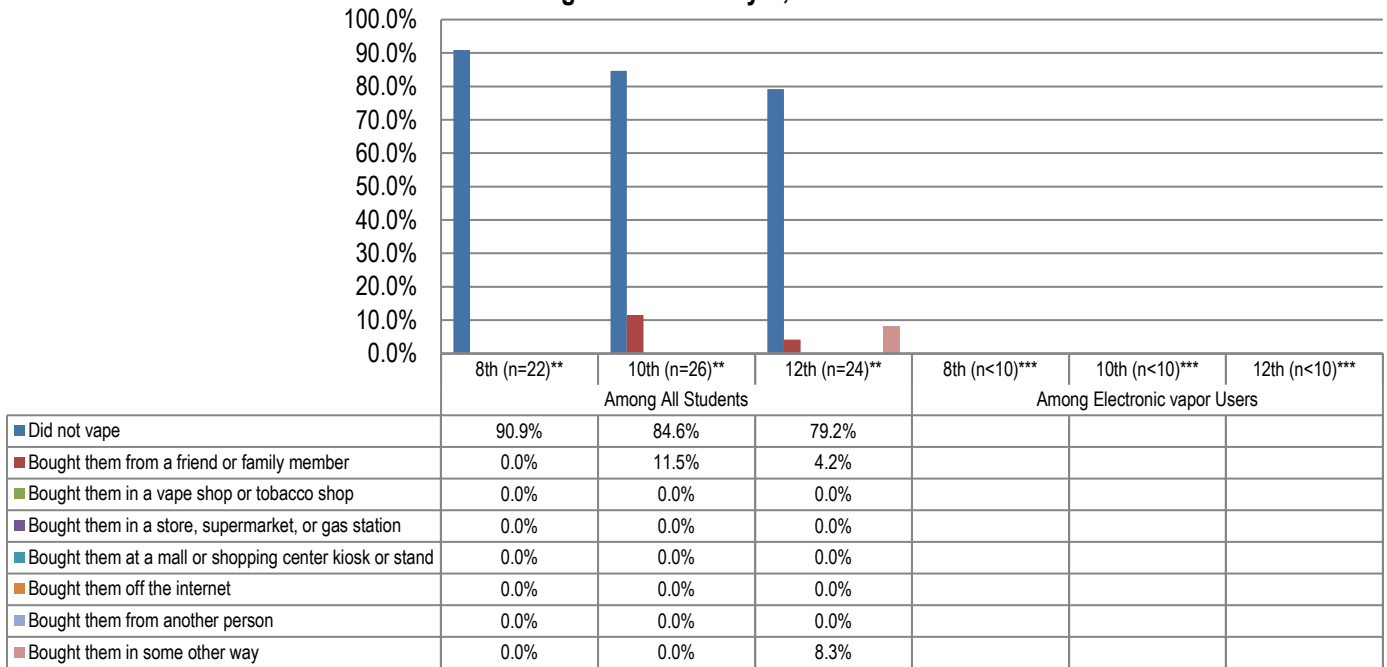
Sources of Substances

Sources for Obtaining Cigarettes, AMONG Students who Reported Smoking during the Past 30 Days*, 2023



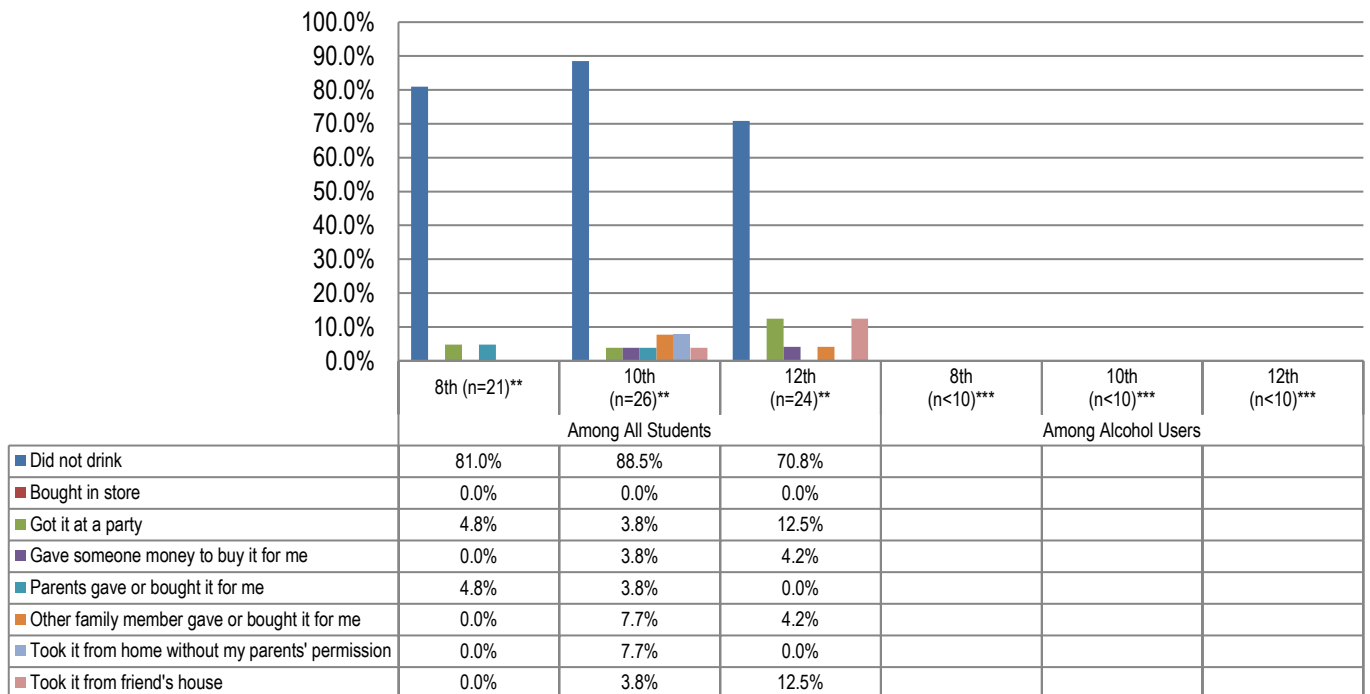
Notes. *Among past 30 day cigarette users, the percentage who reported obtaining cigarettes in each manner during the past 30 days. These scores may include students 18 and older. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary across sources. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

Sources for Electronic Vapor, AMONG Students who Reported Using Electronic Vapor Products during the Past 30 Days*, 2023



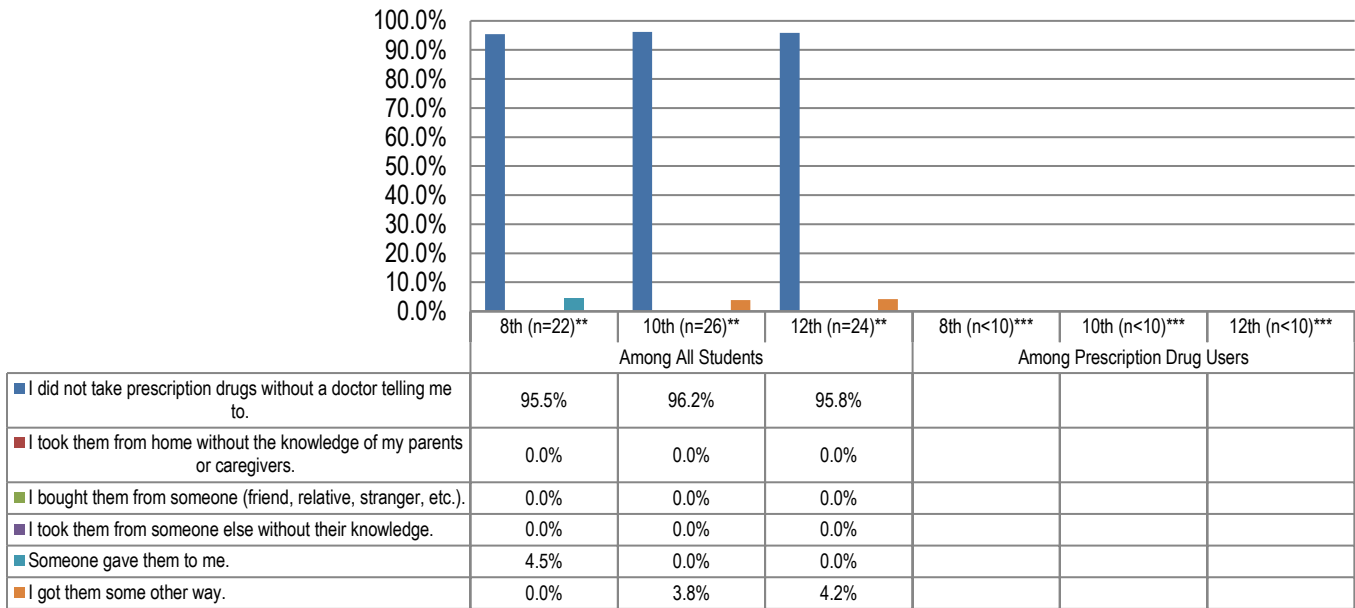
Notes. *Among past 30 day alcohol users, the percentage who reported obtaining alcohol in each manner during the past 30 days. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary across sources. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

Sources for Obtaining Alcohol, AMONG Students who Reported Drinking during the Past 30 Days*, 2023



Notes. *Among past 30 day alcohol users, the percentage who reported obtaining alcohol in each manner during the past 30 days. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary across sources. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

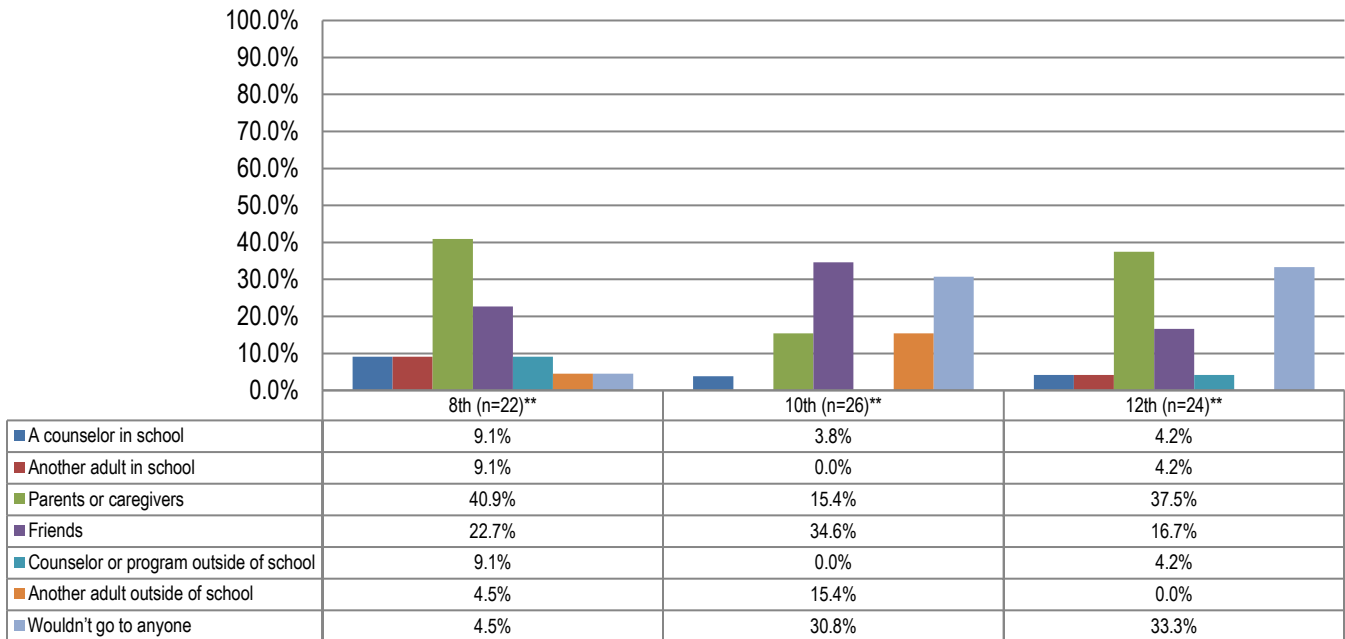
Sources for Obtaining Prescription Drugs, AMONG Students who Reported Taking Prescription Drugs during the Past 30 Days*, 2023



Notes. *Among past 30 day prescription drug users, the percentage who reported obtaining prescription drugs in each manner during the past 30 days. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary across sources. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

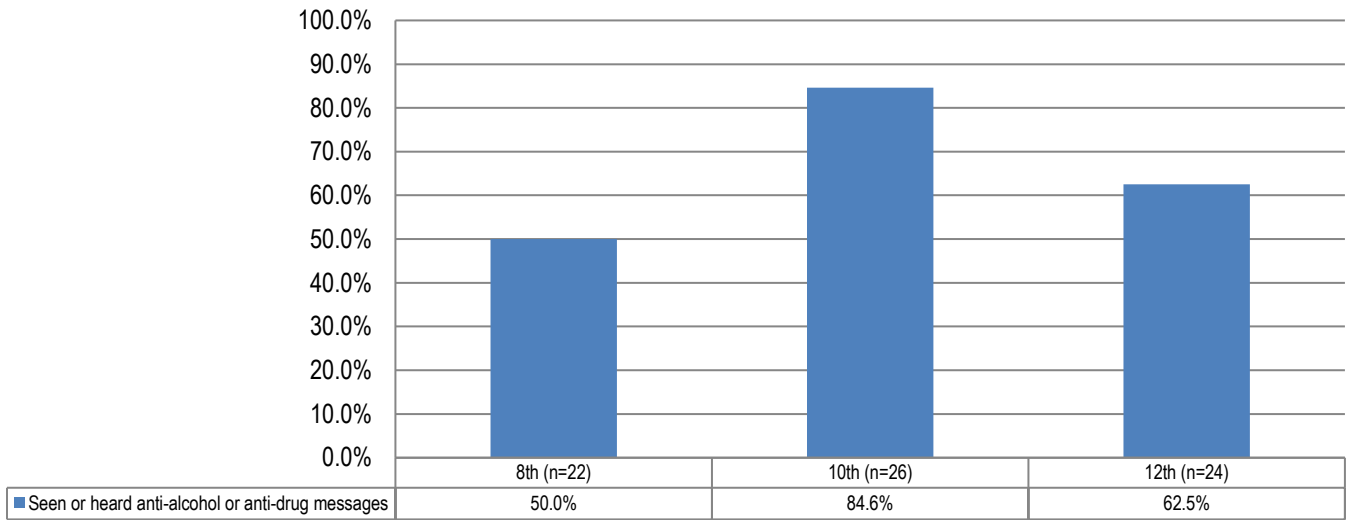
Other Substance-Related Topics

First Person to go to for Drug or Alcohol Problem*, 2023



Notes. *Based on the question "If you had a drug or alcohol problem and needed help, who is the first person you would go to?" **The n-size displayed is the same given that asking who for help is asked as one question.

Percentage Reporting Seeing or Hearing Anti-Alcohol or Anti-Drug Messages during the Past 12 Months*, 2023

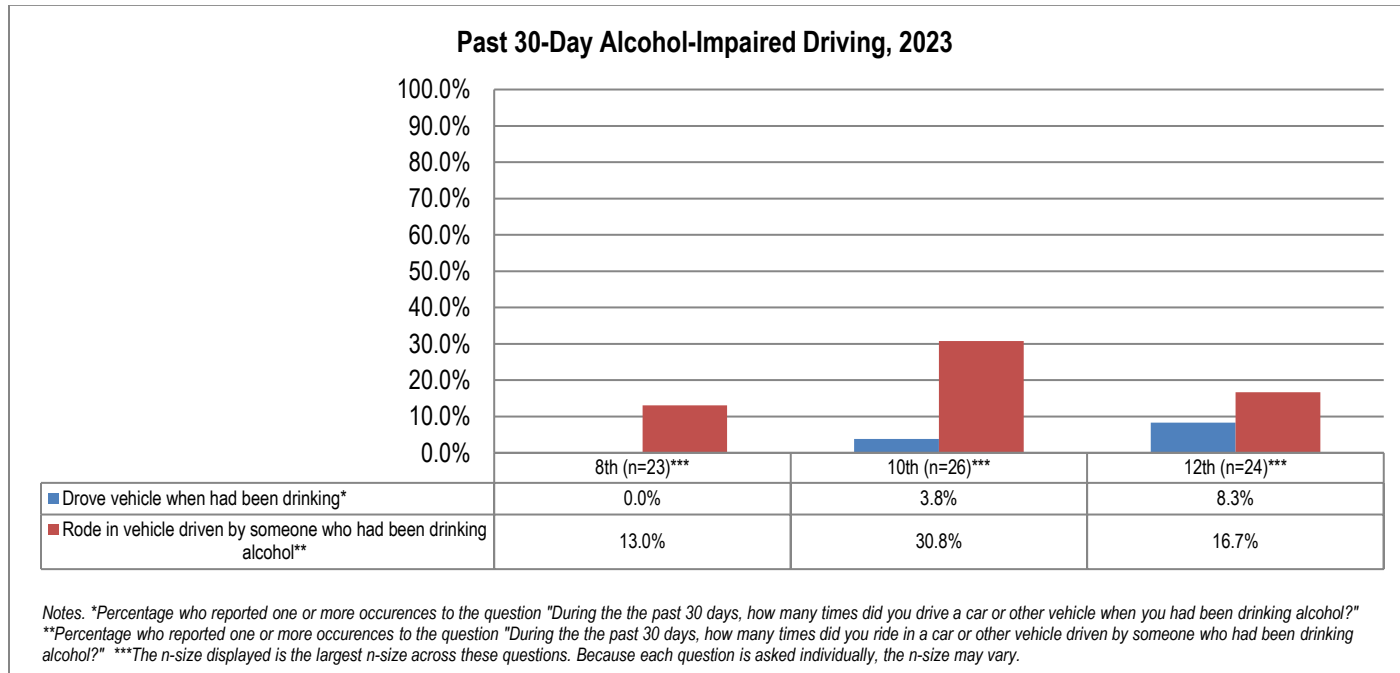


Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "In the past 12 months, have you seen or heard any anti-alcohol or anti-drug messages on TV, the internet, the radio, or in newspapers or magazines?"

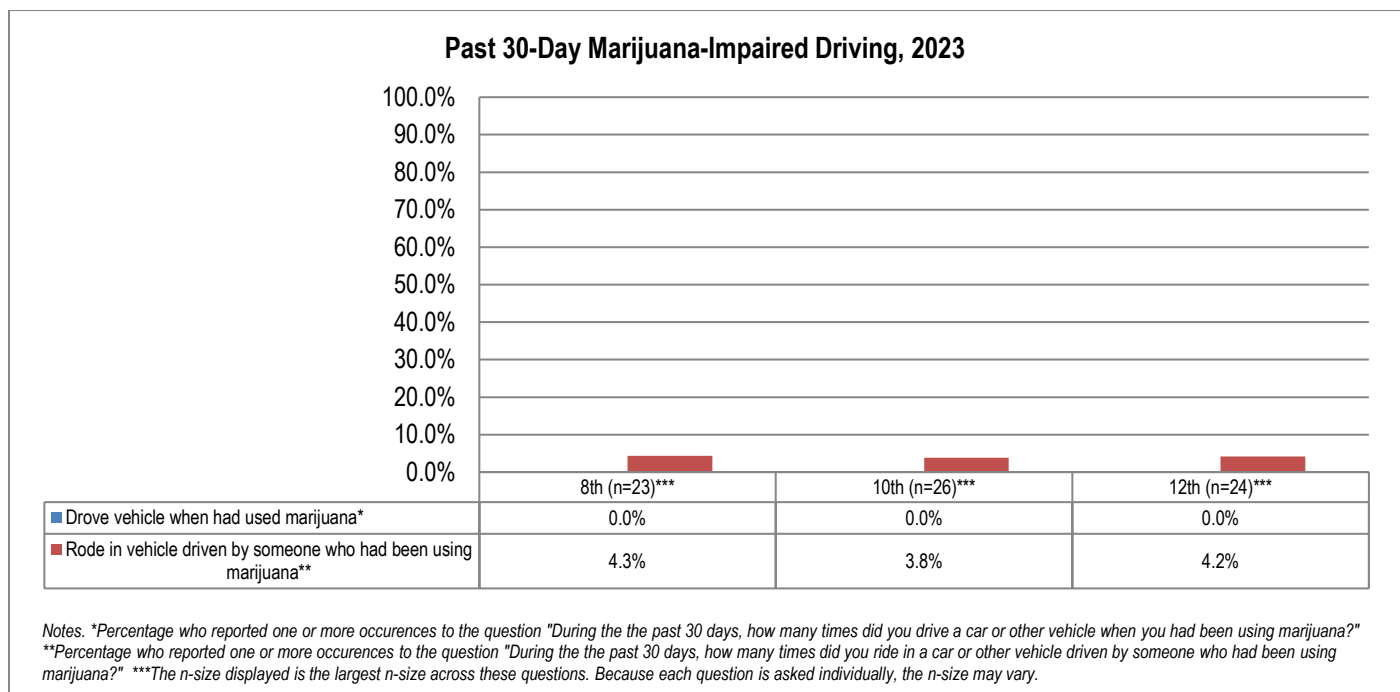
Transportation Safety

This section contains information on transportation safety relating to alcohol-impaired and distracted driving among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Sherman County.

Past 30 Day Alcohol-Impaired Driving

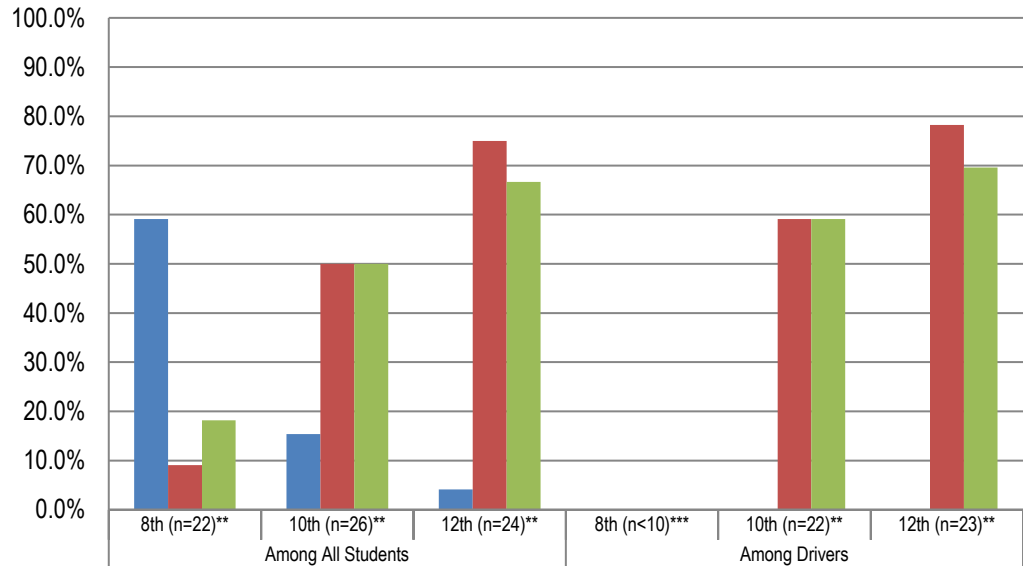


Past 30 Day Marijuana-Impaired Driving



Past 30 Day Distracted Driving

Past 30-Day Distracted Driving, AMONG Students who Reported Driving during the Past 30 Days, 2023



■ Did not drive
 ■ Talked on a cell phone while driving*
 ■ Texted or used an app on a cell phone while driving^

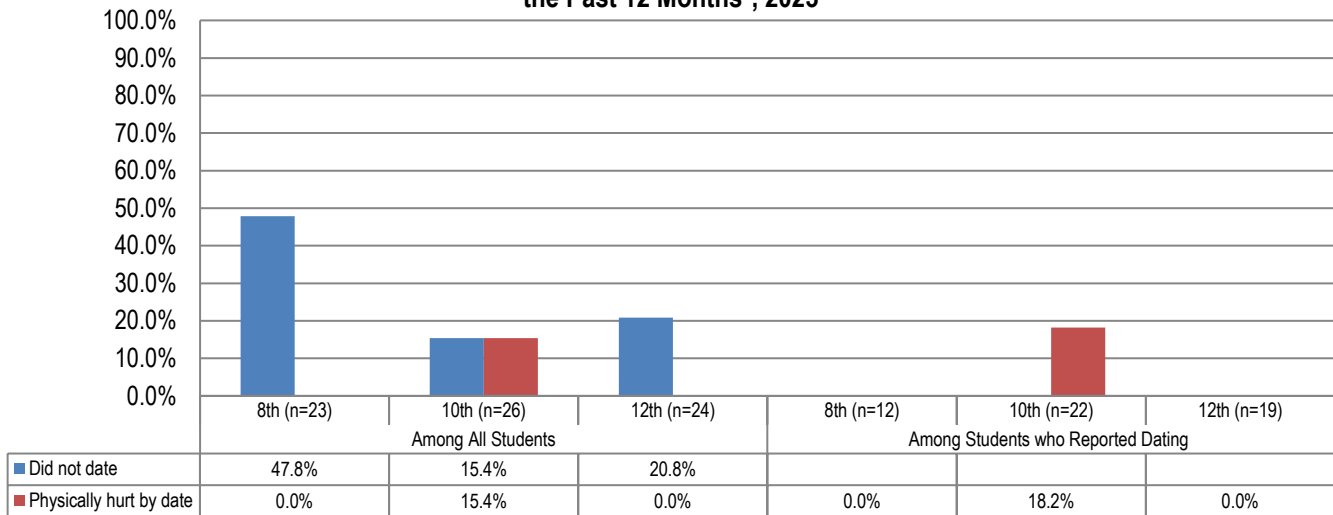
Notes. *Percentage who reported talking on a cell phone while driving a car or other vehicle in the past 30 days. ^Percentage who reported one or more occurrences of texting or using an app on a cell phone while driving a car or other vehicle. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary. ***Not reporting due to the participation number is less than 10.

Violence, Bullying, and Mental Health

This section contains information on dating violence, bullying, anxiety, depression, suicide, and attitudes toward the future among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Sherman County.

Dating Violence during the Past 12 Months

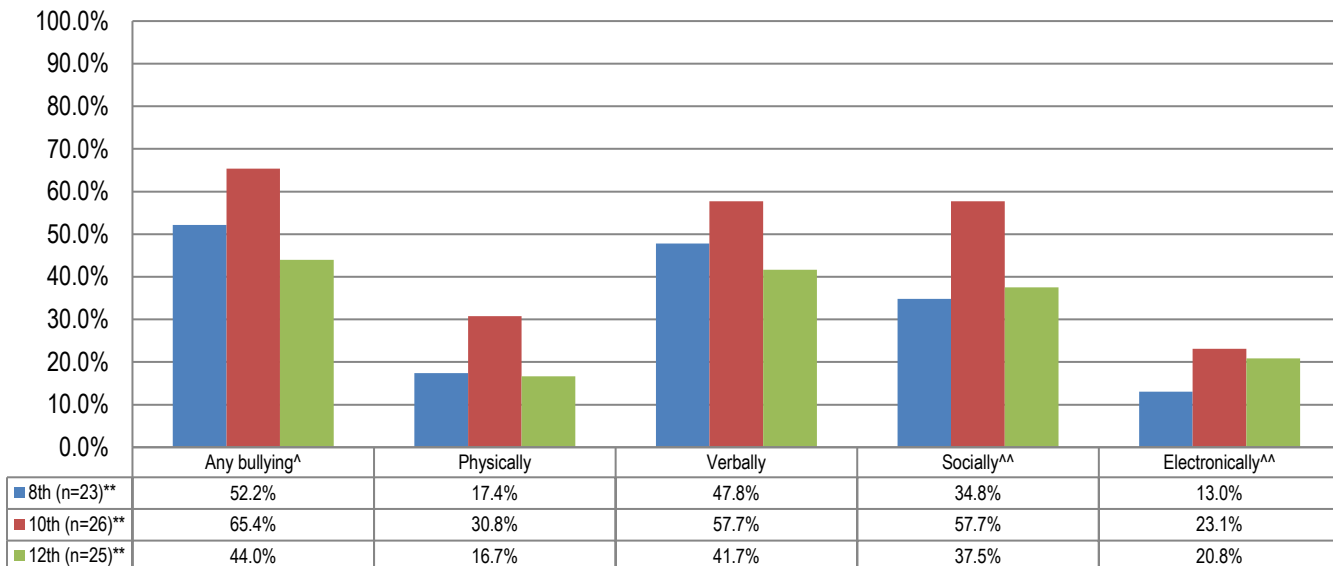
Percentage Reporting Physical Dating Violence, AMONG Students who Reported Dating during the Past 12 Months*, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported being physically hurt on purpose one or more times by someone they were dating or going out with during the past 12 months.

Bullying during the Past 12 Months

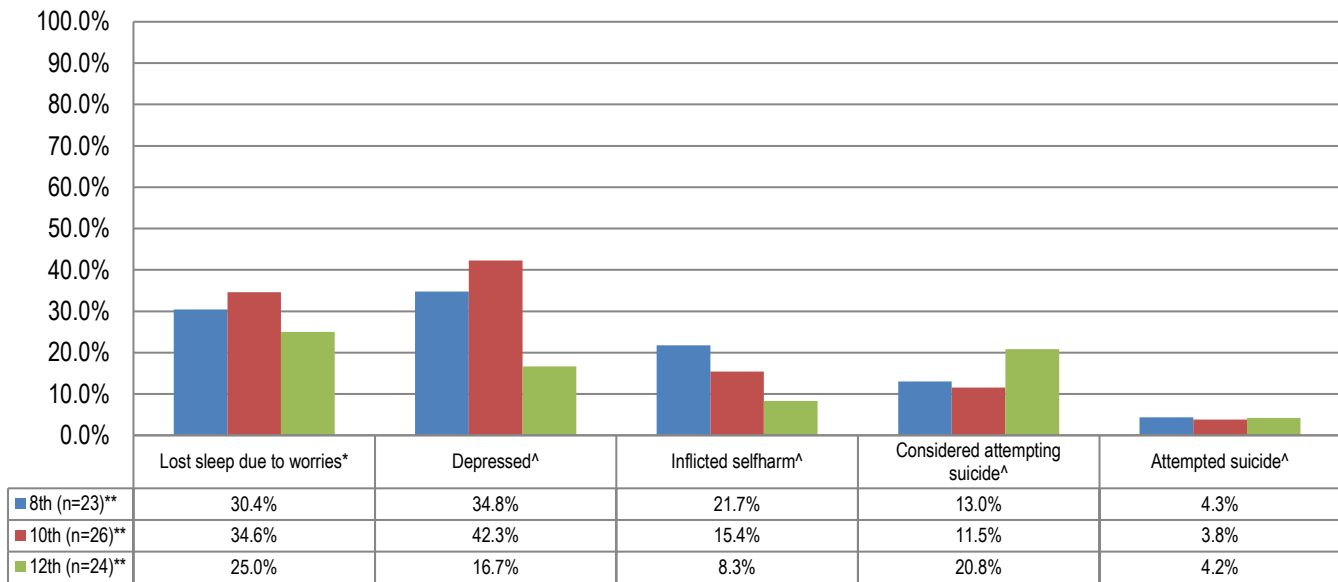
Percentage that were Bullied during the Past 12 Months, by Type of Bullying*, 2023



Note. *Percentage who reported one or more occurrences of each type of bullying. [^]Percentage of students who reported one or more occurrences of one or more of these types of bullying. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary. ^{^^}Examples of being bullied socially can be being excluded from a group or having gossip or rumors spread about the student; examples of being bullied electronically can be being threatened or embarrassed through e-mail, text messages, or social media.

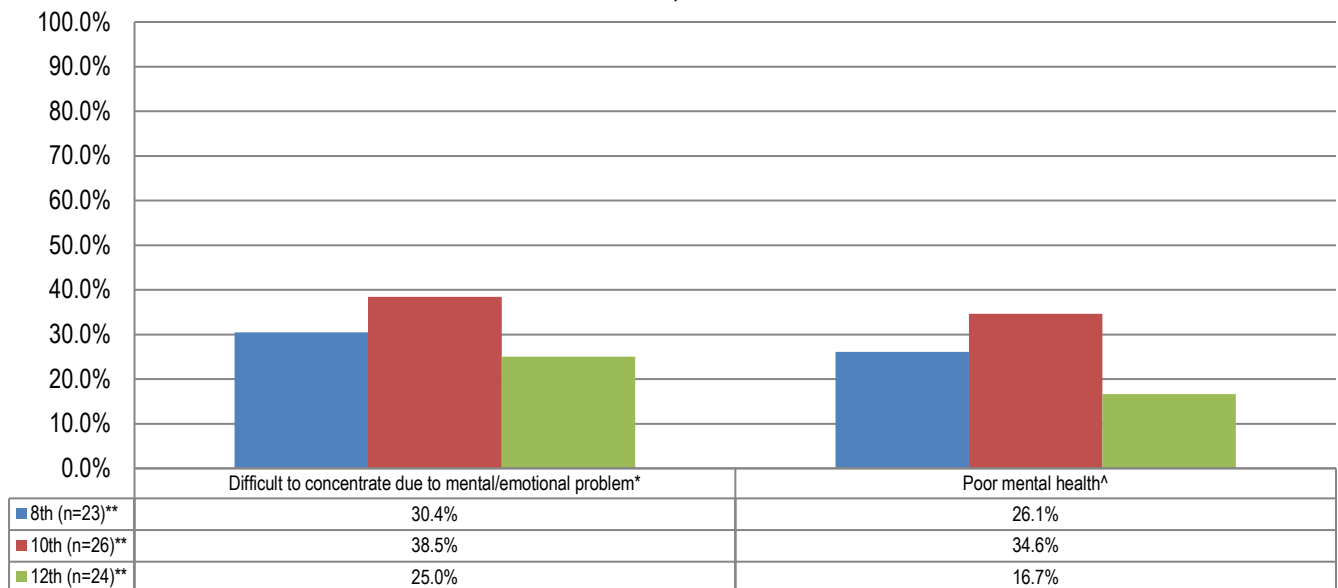
Anxiety, Depression, and Suicide during the Past 12 Months

Percentage Reporting Anxiety, Depression, and Suicide during the Past 12 Months, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported during the past 12 months being so worried about something they could not sleep well at night most of the time or always based on the following scale: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Most of the time, Always. ^Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?" ?, the question "During the past 12 months, did you hurt or injure yourself on purpose without wanting to die?", the question "During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?", and the question "During the past 12 months, did you actually attempt suicide?". **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

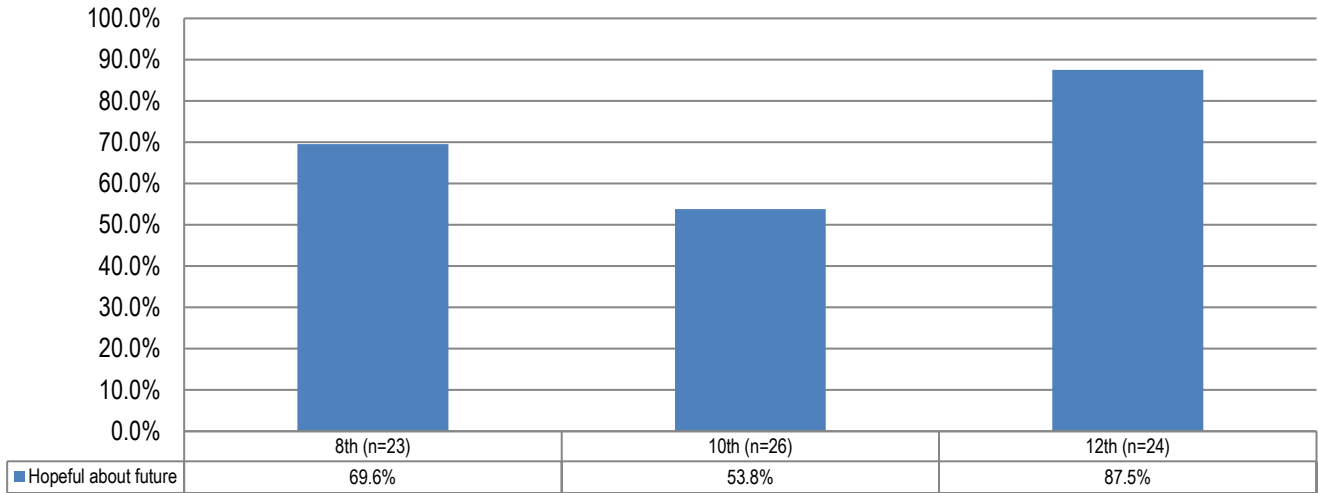
Percentage Reporting Difficult to Concentrate, and Poor Mental Health during the Past 12 Months, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "Because of a physical, mental, or emotional problem, do you have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?" ^Percentage who reported "Most of the time" or "Always" to the question "During the PAST 30 DAYS, how often was your mental health not good? (Poor mental health include stress, anxiety, and depression.)". **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Attitudes toward the Future

Percentage Reporting they were Hopeful About the Future during the Past Week*, 2023



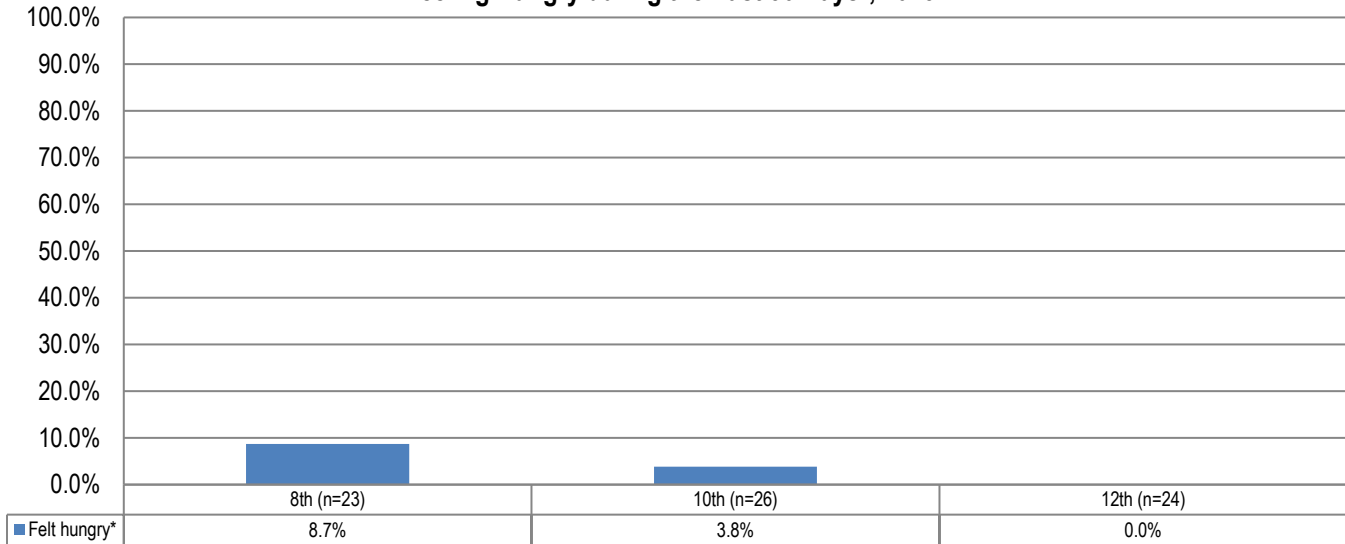
Notes. *Percentage who reported they "Agree" or "Strongly agree" to the question "In the past week, I have felt hopeful about the future." Based on the following scale: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree.

Nutrition and Physical Activity

This section contains information on food security, eating habits, physical activity, and sleep habits among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Sherman County.

Hunger

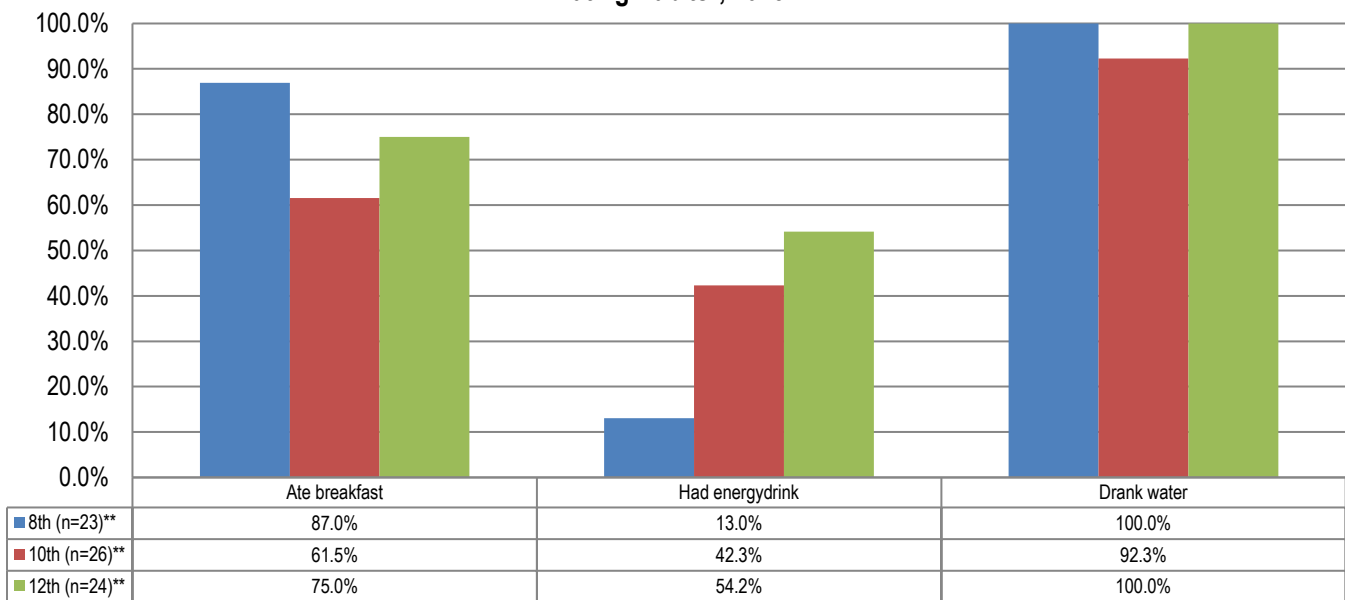
Feeling Hungry during the Past 30 Days*, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported "Most of the time" or "Always" to the question "During the PAST 30 DAYS, how often did you go hungry because there was not enough food in your home?"

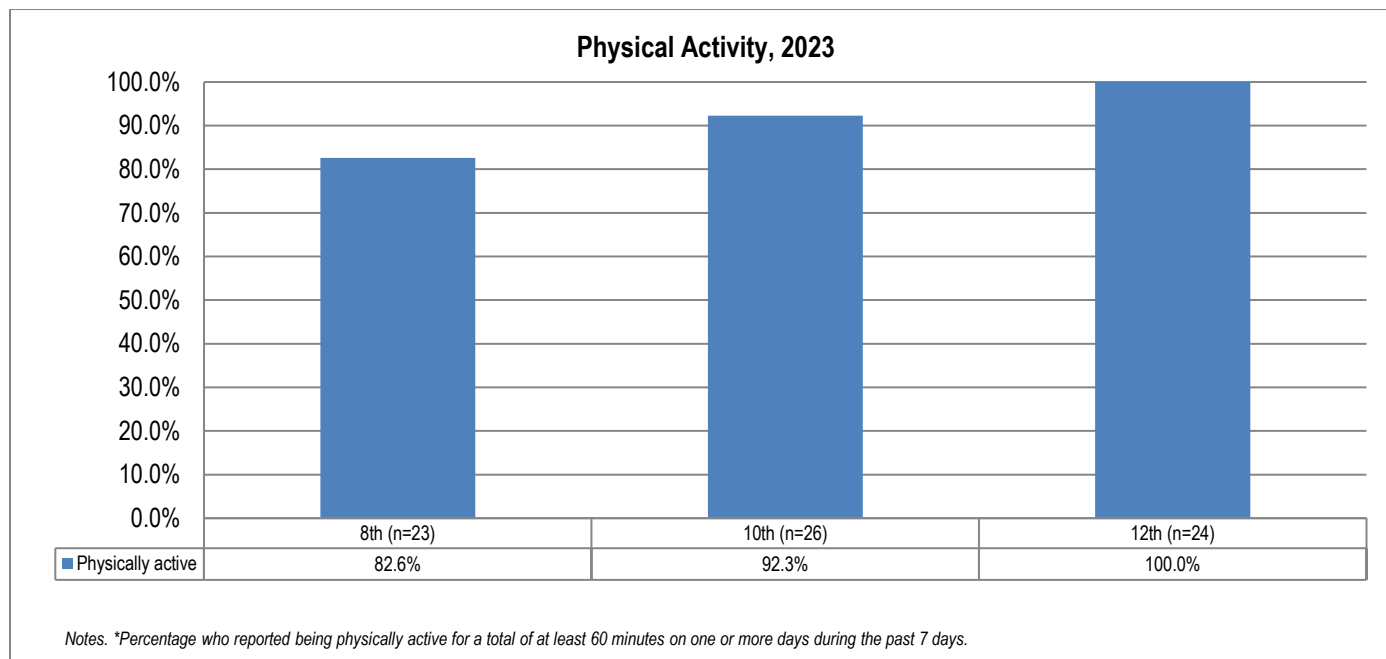
Eating Habits

Eating Habits*, 2023

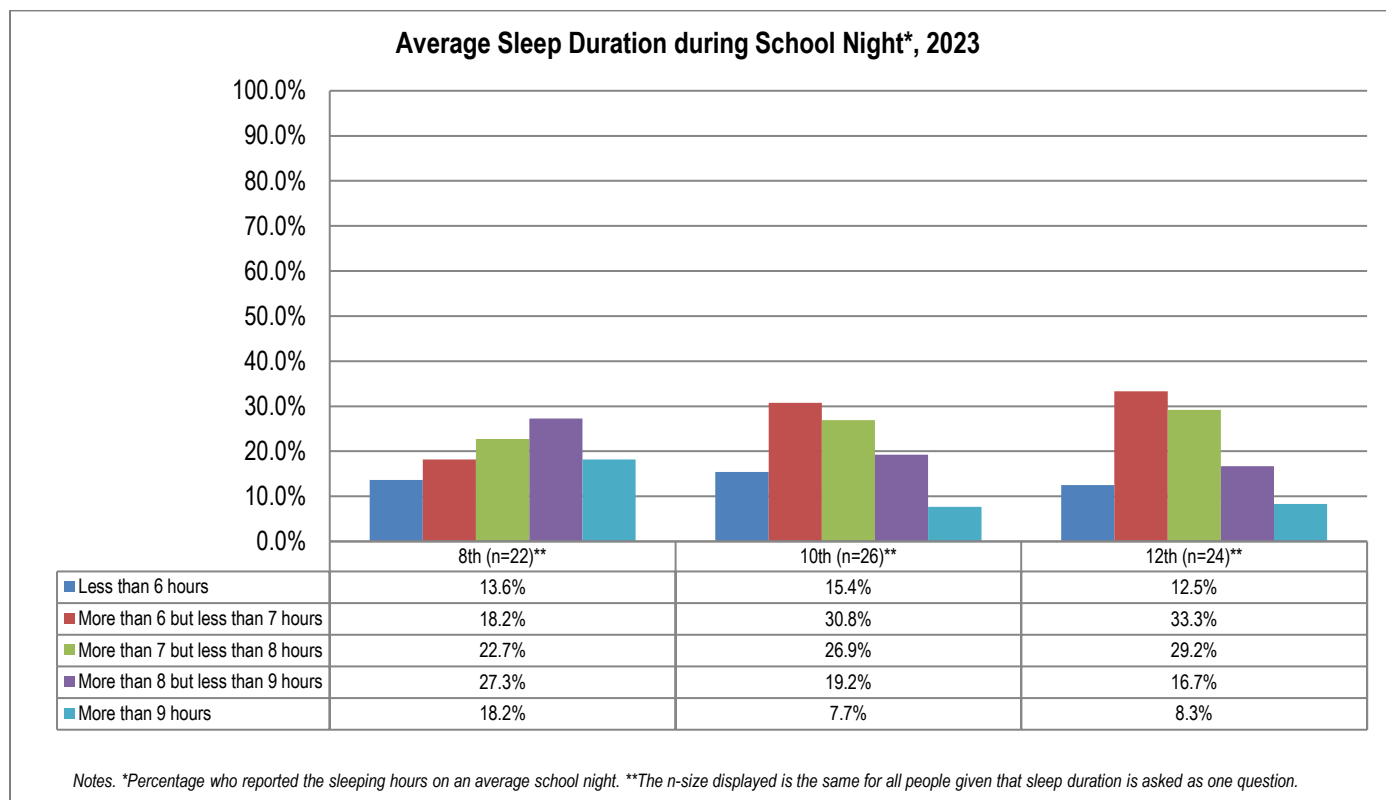


Notes. *Percentage who reported consuming the named drink or food one or more times during the past 7 days. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

Physical Activity



Sleep Habits

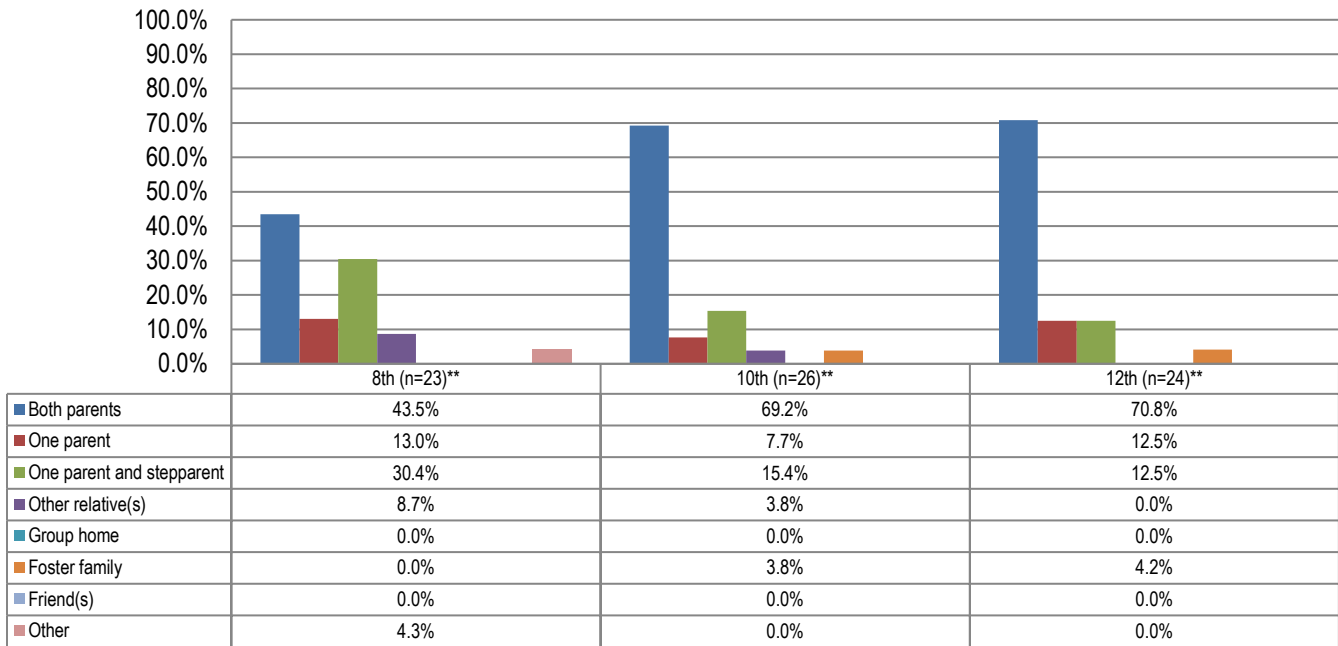


Feelings and Experiences at Home, School, and in the Community

This section contains information on feelings and experiences with family, at school, and in the community for 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Sherman County.

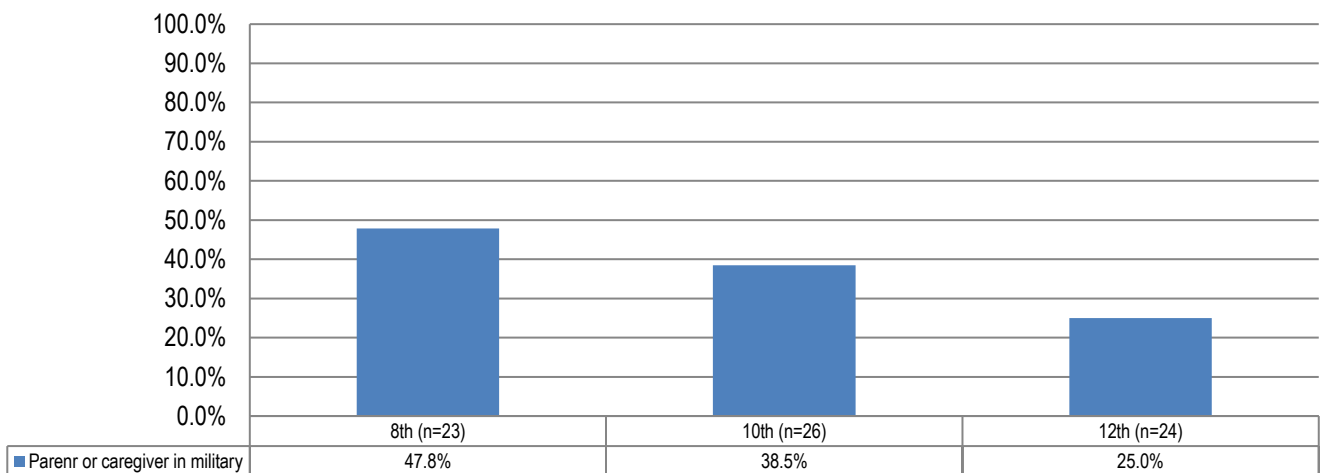
Feelings and Experiences with Family

Percentage Reporting Living with the Following People*, 2023



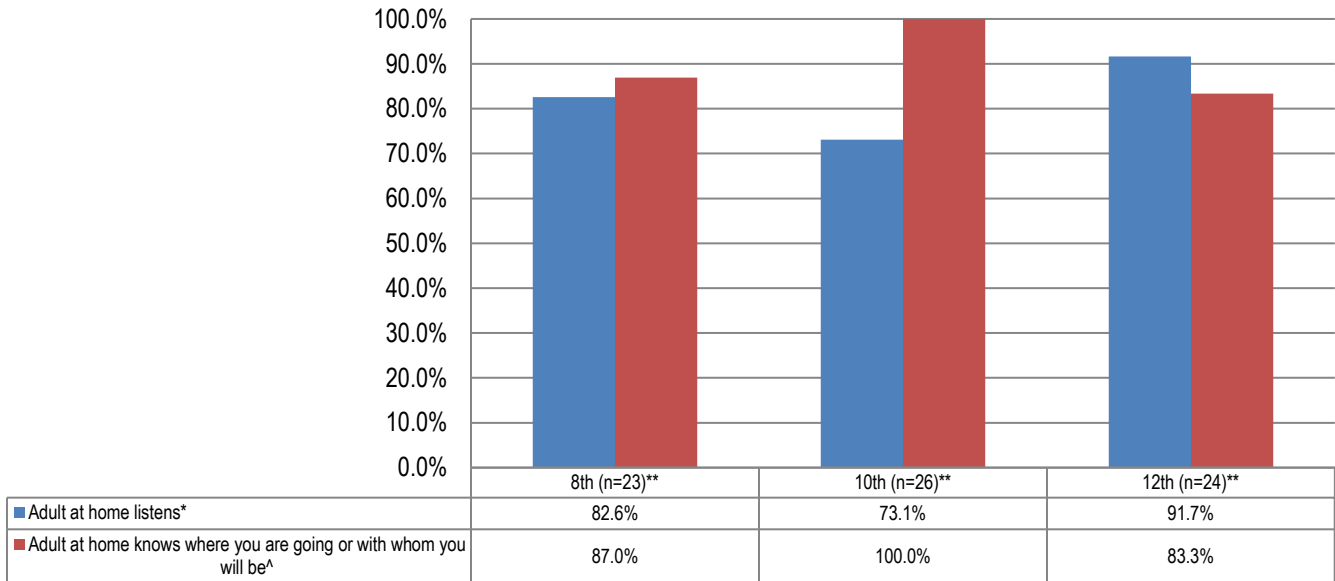
Notes. *Based on the question "Do you live with:". **The n-size displayed is the same for all people given that who they live with is asked as one question.

Percentage Reporting Parent or Caregiver in the Military*, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "During any time in your life, have any of your parents or caregivers served in the military?"

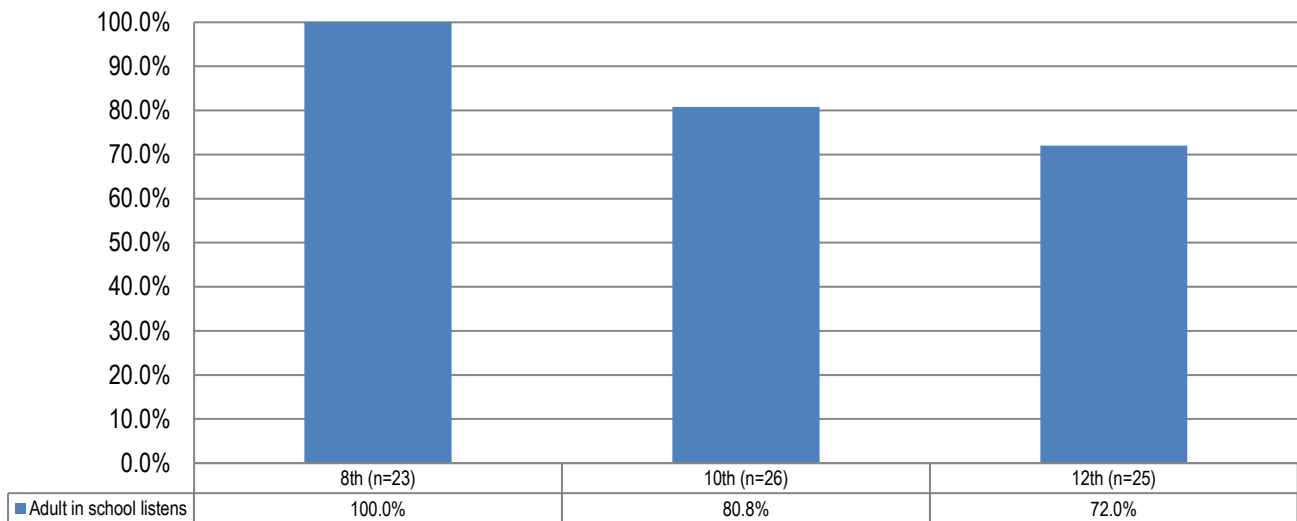
Percentage Reporting Adult at Home Who Listens, and Know Where They Are Going, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported they "Agree" or "Strongly agree" to the statement "In my home, there is an adult who listens to me when I have something to say." based on the following scale: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree. ^Percentage who reported "Always" or "Most of the time" to the question "How often do your parents or other adults in your family know where you are going or with whom you will be?" based on the following scale: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Most of the time, Always. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

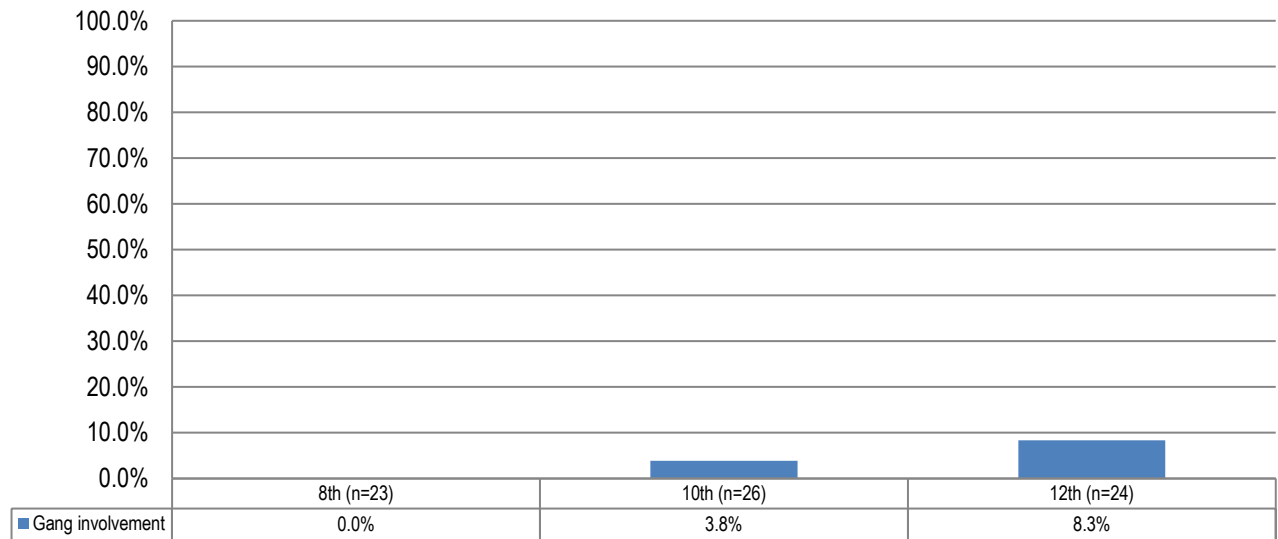
Feelings and Experiences at School and in the Community

Percentage Reporting Adult in School who Listens*, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported they "Agree" or "Strongly agree" to the statement "In my school, there is an adult (such as a counselor, teacher, or coach) who listens to me when I have something to say." Based on the following scale: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree.

Percentage Reporting Gang Involvement*, 2023



Notes. *Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "Do you belong to a gang?"

Tips for Using the NRPFS Results

As a valued stakeholder in your community, you play an important role in prevention by teaching skills, imparting knowledge, and in helping to establish a strong foundation of character and values based on wellness, including prevention of substance use, suicide, and other risky behaviors. Preventing mental and/or substance use disorders and related problems in children, adolescents, and young adults is critical to promoting physical health and overall wellness.

There are a variety of strategies (or interventions) that can be used to increase protective factors and reduce the impact of risk factors. Prevention in schools is often completed through educational programs and school policies and procedures that contribute to the achievement of broader health goals and prevent problem behavior.

Prevention strategies typically fall into six categories:

- **Alternative**
 - This strategy provides for the participation of the target populations in activities that exclude alcohol and drug use through the provision of constructive and healthy activities.
 - Examples of methods used for alternative strategies include the following:
 - Drug-free Social and Recreational Activities (e.g. Dances or Parties)
 - Youth and Adult Leadership Activities
 - Community Drop-in Centers
 - Community Service Activities
 - Mentoring Programs
- **Community-Based**
 - This strategy aims to enhance the ability of the community to more effectively provide substance abuse prevention services. Activities in this strategy include organizing, planning, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of service implementation, building coalitions and networking.
 - Examples of methods used for this strategy include the following:
 - Community and Volunteer Training (i.e. neighborhood action training, training of key people in the system)
 - Systematic Planning
 - Multi-Agency Coordination and Collaboration (i.e. leveraging resources, developing strategic partnerships)
 - Accessing Service and Funding
 - Community Team-Building
- **Education**
 - This strategy provides information and activities aimed to affect critical life and social skills, including decision-making, refusal skills and critical analysis. Prevention education is characterized by two-way communication based on an interaction between the educator and the participants.
 - Examples of methods used for this strategy include the following:
 - Classroom and Small Group Sessions
 - Parenting and Family Management Classes
 - Peer Leader and Peer Helper Programs
 - Education Programs for Youth Groups
 - Groups for Children of Substance Abusers

- **Environmental**

- This strategy seeks to establish or change community standards, codes and attitudes, thereby influencing the incidence and prevalence of drug misuse in the general population.
 - Examples of methods used for this strategy include the following:
 - The Establishment and Review of Drug Policies in Schools
 - Technical assistance to communities to maximize local enforcement procedures governing the availability and distribution of drugs.
 - The review and modification of alcohol and tobacco advertising practices
 - Product pricing strategies

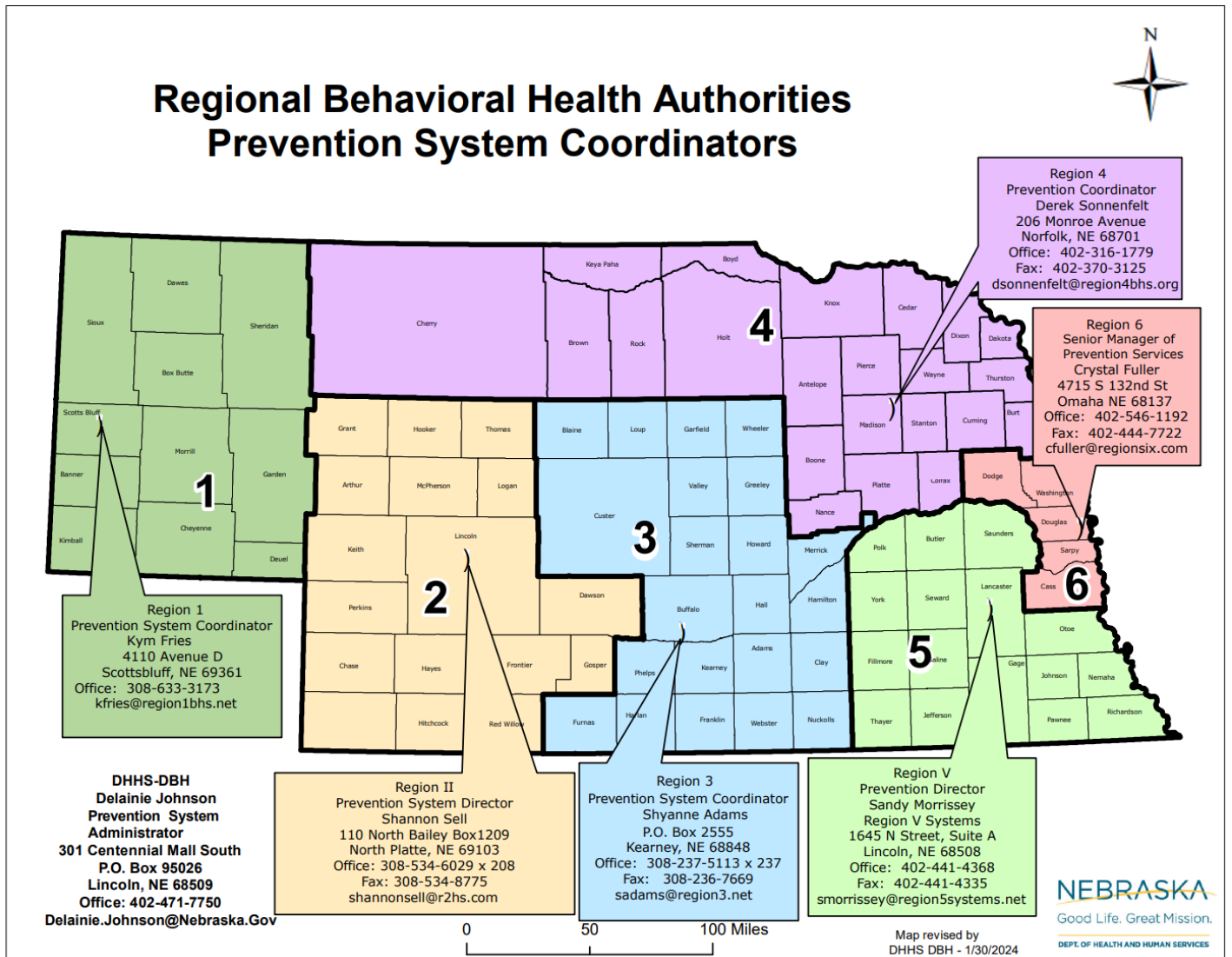
- **Information Dissemination**

- This strategy provides information about the nature of drug use, misuse, addiction and the effects on individuals, families and communities. It also provides information of available prevention programs and services. The dissemination of information is characterized by one-way communication from the source to the audience, with limited contact between the two.
 - Examples of methods used for this strategy include the following:
 - Clearinghouse and other information resource centers
 - Resource directories
 - Media campaigns
 - Brochures
 - Radio and Television Public Service Announcements
 - Speaking engagements
 - Health fairs

- **Problem Identification & Referral**

- This strategy aims to identify those who have misused substances in order to assess if their behavior can be reversed through education. It should be noted, however, that this strategy does not include any activity designed to determine if an individual is in need of treatment.
 - Examples of methods used for this strategy include the following:
 - Brief Screening/Intervention
 - Driving-while-intoxicated Education Programs
 - Employee Assistance Programs
 - Student Assistance Programs
 - Teen Courts

If you would like to implement strategies in your school or community, please contact your regional representative as shown on the map below.



You may also wish to do your own research. The following websites provide listings of evidence-based practices:

- **The Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center**
 - This is a searchable online evidence-based repository and review system designed to provide the public with reliable information on mental health and substance use interventions that are available for implementation.
 - **Website:** <https://www.samhsa.gov/ebp-resource-center>

- **Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development**
 - This searchable registry provides information about evidence-based programs that prevent or reduce the likelihood of antisocial behavior and promote a healthy course of youth development and adult maturity.
 - **Website:** <https://www.blueprintsprograms.org/>

- **The Suicide Prevention Resource Center**
 - This has a variety of suicide prevention resources available.
 - **Website:** <https://sprc.org/>

In accordance with LB923, public school staff in Nebraska are required to complete at least 1 hour of suicide awareness and prevention training each year. To learn more, visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at <https://www.education.ne.gov/Safety/index.html>. Resources on Bullying Prevention and Suicide Prevention are listed.

A variety of print materials on behavioral health topics including depression, trauma, anxiety, and suicide are available from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Materials include toolkits for school personnel, educational fact sheets for parents and caregivers, wallet cards and magnets with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The direct link to the SAMHSA store is <https://store.samhsa.gov/>.

Another resource for kids, teens, and young adults is the **Boys Town National Hotline**, specifically the **Your Life Your Voice campaign**. Wallet cards and other promotional materials are available at no cost for distribution to students, school staff, parents, etc. <http://www.yourlifeyourvoice.org/Pages/home.aspx>. Remember, talking about suicide with a student does not put an idea of attempting suicide in a student's mind.

For information about Nebraska's implementation of the **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline** and other helpful resources, visit <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/988-Suicide-and-Crisis-Lifeline.aspx>

Additional contacts for tips on data use and prevention resources can be found in Appendix B.

APPENDIX A: Trend Data

| Metric | Definition | 8th Grade County-Level ^{^^} | | | | | 8th Grade State-Level ^{^^} | | | | |
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| | | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 |
| Substance Use Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lifetime Substance Use | Alcohol | 17.4% | 41.4% | 55.0% | 11.8% | 36.4% | 18.4% | 23.0% | 28.4% | 28.3% | 27.0% |
| | Cigarettes | 4.3% | 10.3% | 10.0% | 5.9% | 8.7% | 10.1% | 7.6% | 7.0% | 5.8% | 5.0% |
| | Electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA ^{**} | 10.3% | 28.6% | 11.8% | 0.0% | NA ^{**} | 12.4% | 17.7% | 14.1% | 10.9% |
| | Smokeless tobacco | 9.5% | 6.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.7% | 3.6% | 3.4% | 3.3% | 2.0% |
| | Marijuana | 0.0% | 3.4% | 5.0% | 0.0% | 4.3% | 5.8% | 5.4% | 6.0% | 4.8% | 4.5% |
| | LSD/other psychedelics | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.7% | 0.5% | 0.8% |
| | Cocaine/crack | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.2% |
| | Meth | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.4% |
| | Inhalants | 0.0% | 6.9% | 15.0% | 0.0% | 8.7% | 4.3% | 3.6% | 4.6% | 5.1% | 4.5% |
| | Prescription drugs | 0.0% | 0.0% | 5.0% | 0.0% | 4.3% | 1.7% | 1.6% | 2.3% | 4.1% | 2.8% |
| Past 30-Day Substance Use | Alcohol | 4.3% | 6.9% | 10.0% | 5.9% | 13.0% | 4.4% | 7.3% | 9.8% | 9.2% | 8.6% |
| | Binge drinking | 0.0% | 3.6% | 5.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.2% | 1.0% | 1.3% | 1.5% | 1.2% |
| | Alcohol with other substance | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{***} | NA ^{***} | NA ^{***} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 12.6% | 9.2% | 11.2% |
| | Cigarettes | 0.0% | 3.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.9% | 2.3% | 2.0% | 1.2% | 1.0% |
| | Electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA ^{**} | 0.0% | 14.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | NA ^{**} | 6.0% | 10.4% | 6.9% | 5.4% |
| | Smokeless tobacco | 8.7% | 3.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.1% | 1.9% | 2.4% | 1.5% | 1.0% |
| | Marijuana | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.3% | 2.8% | 3.0% | 2.2% | 1.9% |
| | Prescription drugs | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4.5% | 0.6% | 0.5% | 1.0% | 1.7% | 1.1% |
| Past 30-Day Impaired Driving | Drove a car under the influence of alcohol | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.4% | 1.0% | 0.9% | 1.0% | 1.0% |
| | Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of alcohol | 4.3% | 17.9% | 10.0% | 35.3% | 13.0% | 13.3% | 14.0% | 16.1% | 17.6% | 16.9% |
| | Drove a car under the influence of Marijuana | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 0.0% | 0.0% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 0.9% | 0.7% |
| | Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of Marijuana | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 0.0% | 4.3% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 4.9% | 4.1% |

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| Metric | Definition | 8th Grade County-Level ^{^^^} | | | | | 8th Grade State-Level ^{^^^} | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 |
| Mental Health Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Past 12 Months Mental Health | Lost Sleep | NA** | 7.1% | 47.6% | 17.6% | 30.4% | NA** | 16.1% | 18.0% | 21.4% | 19.9% |
| | Depressed | NA** | 17.9% | 47.6% | 35.3% | 34.8% | NA** | 28.4% | 31.1% | 36.1% | 32.5% |
| | Inflicted self-harm | NA** | 7.1% | 23.8% | 17.6% | 21.7% | NA** | 12.2% | 13.6% | 17.0% | 14.7% |
| | Considered attempting suicide | NA** | 10.7% | 28.6% | 5.9% | 13.0% | NA** | 13.9% | 16.1% | 16.1% | 14.3% |
| | Attempted suicide | NA** | 3.6% | 9.5% | 0.0% | 4.3% | NA** | 3.6% | 3.9% | 4.4% | 3.8% |
| | Difficult to concentrate | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 30.4% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 33.5% |
| Behavioral Health Risk Factors | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Age of First Use (12 or Younger) | Smoked cigarettes | 0.0% | 3.6% | 4.8% | 11.8% | 0.0% | 6.7% | 5.3% | 5.0% | 5.7% | 4.2% |
| | Electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 0.0% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 6.2% |
| | Drank alcohol | 4.3% | 17.9% | 30.0% | 11.8% | 13.0% | 14.2% | 15.1% | 17.5% | 18.3% | 15.5% |
| | Smoked Marijuana | 0.0% | 3.6% | 4.8% | 0.0% | 4.3% | 2.4% | 2.2% | 2.2% | 1.9% | 2.2% |
| Perception of Peer's Past 30-Day Substance Use | Smoked cigarettes | 1.4% | 3.3% | 5.3% | 2.9% | 4.9% | 9.8% | 7.6% | 7.4% | 11.6% | 6.9% |
| | Used electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 11.8% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 16.4% |
| | Drank alcohol | 2.6% | 5.3% | 8.0% | 15.1% | 13.9% | 10.0% | 9.1% | 9.8% | 13.7% | 11.8% |
| | Used Marijuana | 0.0% | 1.9% | 4.8% | 4.2% | 4.9% | 9.0% | 8.0% | 7.1% | 8.7% | 6.0% |
| Experienced bullying in past 12 months | Physically | NA** | 37.0% | 28.6% | 47.1% | 17.4% | NA** | 27.8% | 26.8% | 27.5% | 26.2% |
| | Verbally | NA** | 69.0% | 61.9% | 70.6% | 47.8% | NA** | 55.7% | 52.8% | 51.3% | 53.4% |
| | Socially | NA** | 55.2% | 61.9% | 58.8% | 34.8% | NA** | 47.0% | 45.3% | 43.4% | 44.2% |
| | Electronically | 18.2% | 13.8% | 33.3% | 29.4% | 13.0% | 21.0% | 22.2% | 20.0% | 22.5% | 21.0% |
| Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Obtain Substance | Alcohol | 26.1% | 39.3% | 43.8% | 41.2% | 31.8% | 31.1% | 31.5% | 34.1% | 31.6% | 31.7% |
| | Marijuana | 0.0% | 3.7% | 0.0% | 5.9% | 9.1% | 14.1% | 13.3% | 13.5% | 9.5% | 8.2% |
| | Prescription drugs | 13.0% | 3.6% | 18.8% | 5.9% | 27.3% | 18.0% | 17.6% | 20.3% | 16.9% | 16.0% |
| | Cigarettes | 17.4% | 17.9% | NA** | NA** | 18.2% | 22.9% | 21.5% | NA** | NA** | 16.0% |
| | Electronic vapor products ^{^^} | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 18.2% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 20.3% |

| Metric | Definition | 8th Grade County-Level^^^ | | | | | 8th Grade State-Level^^^ | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 |
| Behavioral Health Protective Factors | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Experiences at School | Grades were A's and B's | 81.8% | 72.4% | 66.7% | 94.1% | 73.9% | 83.0% | 83.1% | 82.5% | 81.5% | 81.3% |
| | Felt safe | 95.7% | 78.6% | 81.0% | 82.4% | 87.0% | 89.5% | 89.2% | 88.9% | 88.6% | 87.2% |
| Experiences with Families | Help for personal problems^ | 91.3% | 78.6% | 82.4% | 82.4% | 87.0% | 84.3% | 86.2% | 83.9% | 85.2% | 81.0% |
| | Discussed dangers of alcohol | 56.5% | 32.1% | 25.0% | 35.3% | 39.1% | 54.0% | 45.3% | 46.6% | 41.1% | 37.9% |
| | Discussed dangers of electronic vapor products^^ | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 34.8% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 40.4% |
| Very wrong for person your age to: | Smoke cigarettes | 100.0% | 96.4% | 100.0% | 87.5% | 95.7% | 94.6% | 94.6% | 94.7% | 94.4% | 95.9% |
| | Use smokeless tobacco | 91.3% | 89.3% | 100.0% | 88.2% | 95.7% | 95.0% | 93.9% | 94.2% | 94.2% | 95.5% |
| | Use electronic vapor product^^ | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 91.3% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 93.1% |
| | Drink alcohol | 91.3% | 78.6% | 76.2% | 76.5% | 77.3% | 92.9% | 88.0% | 85.9% | 85.8% | 85.6% |
| | Use Marijuana | 100.0% | 89.3% | 100.0% | 88.2% | 95.5% | 92.2% | 90.9% | 91.6% | 93.1% | 94.7% |
| | Misuse prescription drugs | 100.0% | 96.4% | 95.2% | 94.1% | 91.3% | 96.5% | 95.4% | 95.4% | 94.4% | 94.5% |
| | Use other illegal substances | 100.0% | 96.4% | 100.0% | 94.1% | 100.0% | 98.3% | 98.3% | 98.4% | 98.6% | 98.6% |
| Recall of Prevention Advertisement | Saw or Heard Anti-Alcohol or Anti-Substance Media in the Past 12 Months | NA** | 67.9% | 66.7% | 52.9% | 50.0% | NA** | 76.4% | 72.3% | 66.8% | 60.5% |
| Perceived Great Risk of Harm From: | Smoking 1 or more packs of cigarettes daily | 47.8% | 67.9% | 81.0% | 52.9% | 47.8% | 65.8% | 67.8% | 63.0% | 58.2% | 58.5% |
| | Using electronic vapor product 1 or 2 times per week^^ | NA** | NA** | NA** | 11.8% | 39.1% | NA** | NA** | NA** | 31.8% | 34.1% |
| | Binge drinking 1 or 2 times per week | 34.8% | 35.7% | 38.1% | 23.5% | 45.5% | 50.8% | 57.4% | 43.1% | 37.3% | 40.5% |
| | Using Marijuana | 56.5% | 60.7% | 61.9% | 41.2% | 52.2% | 69.1% | 51.6% | 48.0% | 46.8% | 51.1% |
| | Misusing prescription drugs | 52.2% | 64.3% | 61.9% | 58.8% | 73.9% | 61.0% | 59.5% | 62.0% | 56.3% | 60.2% |

| Metric | Definition | 10th Grade County-Level ^{^^^} | | | | | 10th Grade State-Level ^{^^^} | | | | |
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| | | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 |
| Substance Use Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lifetime Substance Use | Alcohol | 35.5% | 33.3% | 46.2% | 36.4% | 53.8% | 40.5% | 42.3% | 44.3% | 42.6% | 35.1% |
| | Cigarettes | 22.6% | 25.0% | 23.1% | 0.0% | 11.5% | 20.8% | 17.5% | 13.8% | 10.1% | 7.0% |
| | Electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA ^{**} | 20.8% | 38.5% | 4.3% | 26.9% | NA ^{**} | 28.0% | 37.6% | 25.4% | 18.2% |
| | Smokeless tobacco | 12.9% | 20.8% | 23.1% | 9.1% | 7.7% | 11.9% | 10.4% | 8.5% | 4.9% | 3.8% |
| | Marijuana | 6.5% | 4.2% | 15.4% | 4.3% | 11.5% | 17.7% | 17.4% | 16.7% | 15.2% | 10.4% |
| | LSD/other psychedelics | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.0% | 2.7% | 2.3% | 2.2% | 1.4% |
| | Cocaine/crack | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.3% | 1.0% | 0.7% | 0.7% | 0.4% |
| | Meth | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.7% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| | Inhalants | 3.2% | 4.2% | 7.7% | 0.0% | 3.8% | 3.5% | 3.2% | 3.6% | 4.1% | 2.7% |
| | Prescription drugs | 0.0% | 4.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7.7% | 5.0% | 5.6% | 4.3% | 5.5% | 3.2% |
| Past 30-Day Substance Use | Alcohol | 12.9% | 4.2% | 11.5% | 13.6% | 23.1% | 15.9% | 20.0% | 20.1% | 18.2% | 14.3% |
| | Binge drinking | 3.2% | 0.0% | 7.7% | 9.1% | 3.8% | 9.5% | 6.9% | 6.2% | 6.3% | 5.1% |
| | Alcohol with other substance | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{***} | NA ^{***} | NA ^{***} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 11.6% | 11.3% | 11.4% |
| | Cigarettes | 6.5% | 8.3% | 3.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7.6% | 6.7% | 4.1% | 1.8% | 1.6% |
| | Electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA ^{**} | 4.2% | 19.2% | 4.3% | 11.5% | NA ^{**} | 12.3% | 24.7% | 14.3% | 8.9% |
| | Smokeless tobacco | 12.9% | 4.2% | 3.8% | 9.1% | 0.0% | 7.1% | 6.1% | 5.4% | 2.5% | 2.5% |
| | Marijuana | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4.5% | 4.0% | 7.6% | 8.8% | 7.3% | 7.6% | 4.7% |
| | Prescription drugs | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.2% | 2.6% | 1.4% | 1.6% | 0.9% |
| Past 30-Day Impaired Driving | Drove a car under the influence of alcohol | 0.0% | 4.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.8% | 1.8% | 2.1% | 2.7% | 1.8% | 2.6% |
| | Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of alcohol | 22.6% | 12.5% | 11.5% | 13.0% | 30.8% | 15.7% | 12.4% | 16.7% | 14.3% | 16.1% |
| | Drove a car under the influence of Marijuana | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 0.0% | 0.0% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 3.0% | 2.1% |
| | Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of Marijuana | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 0.0% | 3.8% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 8.9% | 7.0% |

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|--|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
| | | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 |
| Mental Health Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Past 12 Months Mental Health | Lost Sleep | NA ^{**} | 26.1% | 15.4% | 21.7% | 34.6% | NA ^{**} | 19.5% | 20.6% | 23.7% | 20.1% |
| | Depressed | NA ^{**} | 30.4% | 42.3% | 47.8% | 42.3% | NA ^{**} | 33.9% | 34.8% | 42.0% | 35.0% |
| | Inflicted self-harm | NA ^{**} | 13.0% | 15.4% | 0.0% | 15.4% | NA ^{**} | 14.3% | 13.7% | 17.5% | 13.9% |
| | Considered attempting suicide | NA ^{**} | 17.4% | 23.1% | 13.0% | 11.5% | NA ^{**} | 17.3% | 17.7% | 20.2% | 13.8% |
| | Attempted suicide | NA ^{**} | 4.3% | 3.8% | 0.0% | 3.8% | NA ^{**} | 4.6% | 4.3% | 5.5% | 3.6% |
| | Difficult to concentrate | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 38.5% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 33.0% |
| Behavioral Health Risk Factors | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Age of First Use (12 or Younger) | Smoked cigarettes | 16.1% | 17.4% | 11.5% | 0.0% | 3.8% | 8.1% | 6.6% | 5.6% | 4.8% | 3.3% |
| | Electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 0.0% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 4.3% |
| | Drank alcohol | 0.0% | 8.7% | 20.0% | 0.0% | 19.2% | 10.4% | 10.0% | 11.0% | 11.3% | 9.3% |
| | Smoked Marijuana | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.8% | 4.3% | 0.0% | 2.9% | 2.9% | 2.9% | 2.2% | 1.7% |
| Perception of Peer's Past 30-Day Substance Use | Smoked cigarettes | 9.5% | 3.1% | 9.6% | 12.8% | 10.9% | 23.1% | 20.6% | 16.6% | 17.2% | 14.0% |
| | Used electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 33.7% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 33.9% |
| | Drank alcohol | 19.6% | 13.0% | 12.4% | 20.1% | 32.8% | 32.0% | 30.7% | 28.1% | 30.4% | 29.2% |
| | Used Marijuana | 1.8% | 2.2% | 4.2% | 8.9% | 16.2% | 24.4% | 24.6% | 20.3% | 21.2% | 18.4% |
| Experienced bullying in past 12 months | Physically | NA ^{**} | 8.7% | 19.2% | 4.3% | 30.8% | NA ^{**} | 19.9% | 17.2% | 15.3% | 15.7% |
| | Verbally | NA ^{**} | 62.5% | 30.8% | 30.4% | 57.7% | NA ^{**} | 50.9% | 45.8% | 42.3% | 43.1% |
| | Socially | NA ^{**} | 43.5% | 42.3% | 26.1% | 57.7% | NA ^{**} | 45.2% | 43.0% | 39.1% | 39.8% |
| | Electronically | 29.0% | 21.7% | 19.2% | 8.7% | 23.1% | 19.3% | 23.4% | 21.4% | 21.4% | 19.4% |
| Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Obtain Substance | Alcohol | 48.4% | 45.8% | 50.0% | 21.7% | 50.0% | 55.5% | 52.8% | 53.7% | 47.8% | 46.2% |
| | Marijuana | 16.1% | 12.5% | 24.0% | 13.0% | 26.9% | 34.6% | 34.9% | 32.5% | 25.9% | 22.3% |
| | Prescription drugs | 22.6% | 16.7% | 11.5% | 0.0% | 30.8% | 28.2% | 26.4% | 26.5% | 19.7% | 19.4% |
| | Cigarettes | 48.4% | 37.5% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 34.6% | 43.6% | 39.8% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 23.7% |
| | Electronic vapor products ^{^^} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 38.5% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 35.4% |

| Metric | Definition | 10th Grade County-Level^^^ | | | | | 10th Grade State-Level^^^ | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 |
| Behavioral Health Protective Factors | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Experiences at School | Grades were A's and B's | 74.2% | 70.8% | 69.2% | 56.5% | 76.9% | 78.4% | 79.7% | 80.8% | 78.4% | 79.5% |
| | Felt safe | 83.9% | 95.7% | 92.3% | 91.3% | 84.6% | 87.2% | 87.1% | 88.5% | 86.7% | 87.6% |
| Experiences with Families | Help for personal problems^ | 83.9% | 75.0% | 80.8% | 91.3% | 65.4% | 80.1% | 82.4% | 81.8% | 83.4% | 81.1% |
| | Discussed dangers of alcohol | 51.6% | 29.2% | 34.6% | 30.4% | 50.0% | 50.3% | 41.8% | 46.0% | 42.5% | 45.8% |
| | Discussed dangers of electronic vapor products^^ | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 46.2% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 45.4% |
| Very wrong for person your age to: | Smoke cigarettes | 74.2% | 100.0% | 88.5% | 87.0% | 100.0% | 86.1% | 87.4% | 89.9% | 88.9% | 93.0% |
| | Use smokeless tobacco | 71.0% | 95.2% | 88.5% | 87.0% | 92.3% | 84.3% | 84.9% | 88.1% | 87.2% | 91.5% |
| | Use electronic vapor product^^ | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 84.6% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 87.0% |
| | Drink alcohol | 67.7% | 90.9% | 73.1% | 78.3% | 84.6% | 78.6% | 74.7% | 74.5% | 69.3% | 75.8% |
| | Use Marijuana | 90.3% | 95.5% | 84.6% | 91.3% | 92.0% | 80.5% | 76.3% | 80.8% | 77.6% | 88.1% |
| | Misuse prescription drugs | 100.0% | 95.5% | 96.2% | 95.7% | 100.0% | 93.4% | 92.8% | 94.7% | 92.1% | 93.5% |
| | Use other illegal substances | 100.0% | 100.0% | 96.2% | 95.7% | 100.0% | 96.3% | 96.1% | 97.2% | 96.4% | 97.6% |
| Recall of Prevention Advertisement | Saw or Heard Anti-Alcohol or Anti-Substance Media in the Past 12 Months | NA** | 75.0% | 56.0% | 60.9% | 84.6% | NA** | 78.1% | 75.1% | 68.7% | 66.1% |
| Perceived Great Risk of Harm From: | Smoking 1 or more packs of cigarettes daily | 61.3% | 95.5% | 65.4% | 52.2% | 57.7% | 65.7% | 69.3% | 67.1% | 59.9% | 59.3% |
| | Using electronic vapor product 1 or 2 times per week^^ | NA** | NA** | NA** | 26.1% | 38.5% | NA** | NA** | NA** | 29.3% | 33.1% |
| | Binge drinking 1 or 2 times per week | 51.6% | 54.5% | 34.6% | 30.4% | 34.6% | 45.4% | 54.1% | 42.1% | 33.7% | 39.3% |
| | Using Marijuana | 76.7% | 52.2% | 38.5% | 34.8% | 34.6% | 52.3% | 36.3% | 37.8% | 33.4% | 40.6% |
| | Misusing prescription drugs | 71.0% | 56.5% | 80.0% | 73.9% | 57.7% | 59.8% | 59.0% | 64.9% | 60.1% | 60.4% |

| Metric | Definition | 12th Grade County-Level ^{^^^} | | | | | 12th Grade State-Level ^{^^^} | | | | |
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| | | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 |
| Substance Use Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lifetime Substance Use | Alcohol | 56.5% | 59.4% | 56.3% | 69.6% | 50.0% | 60.0% | 61.2% | 62.0% | 58.3% | 52.1% |
| | Cigarettes | 34.8% | 25.0% | 37.5% | 21.7% | 20.8% | 34.9% | 28.6% | 24.7% | 15.8% | 14.1% |
| | Electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA ^{**} | 15.6% | 43.8% | 54.2% | 29.2% | NA ^{**} | 43.4% | 52.3% | 38.7% | 30.2% |
| | Smokeless tobacco | 21.7% | 18.8% | 37.5% | 16.7% | 37.5% | 21.6% | 18.3% | 16.2% | 9.3% | 7.8% |
| | Marijuana | 21.7% | 15.6% | 18.8% | 8.3% | 16.7% | 30.3% | 32.4% | 29.9% | 27.0% | 22.8% |
| | LSD/other psychedelics | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4.2% | 4.2% | 5.7% | 5.3% | 4.3% | 4.1% |
| | Cocaine/crack | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.7% | 3.1% | 2.5% | 1.3% | 1.3% |
| | Meth | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.4% | 1.0% | 0.9% | 0.5% | 0.4% |
| | Inhalants | 4.3% | 3.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4.2% | 3.2% | 2.7% | 3.3% | 3.1% | 2.8% |
| | Prescription drugs | 4.3% | 3.1% | 12.5% | 8.3% | 4.2% | 9.2% | 9.1% | 8.1% | 5.1% | 4.3% |
| Past 30-Day Substance Use | Alcohol | 30.4% | 28.1% | 37.5% | 29.2% | 29.2% | 29.6% | 34.4% | 34.2% | 31.9% | 26.0% |
| | Binge drinking | 26.1% | 15.6% | 25.0% | 12.5% | 16.7% | 21.2% | 16.1% | 15.0% | 13.7% | 11.5% |
| | Alcohol with other substance | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{***} | NA ^{***} | NA ^{***} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 13.9% | 10.5% | 11.9% |
| | Cigarettes | 21.7% | 3.2% | 6.3% | 4.2% | 8.3% | 15.8% | 11.9% | 8.7% | 3.8% | 3.8% |
| | Electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA ^{**} | 0.0% | 31.3% | 29.2% | 12.5% | NA ^{**} | 18.7% | 37.3% | 21.0% | 16.2% |
| | Smokeless tobacco | 13.0% | 21.9% | 6.3% | 8.3% | 29.2% | 12.8% | 10.2% | 10.1% | 4.1% | 4.7% |
| | Marijuana | 8.7% | 0.0% | 6.3% | 4.2% | 0.0% | 12.7% | 15.7% | 13.9% | 12.5% | 9.7% |
| | Prescription drugs | 0.0% | 0.0% | 12.5% | 4.2% | 0.0% | 3.3% | 3.4% | 2.2% | 1.7% | 1.3% |
| Past 30-Day Impaired Driving | Drove a car under the influence of alcohol | 13.0% | 9.4% | 18.8% | 8.7% | 8.3% | 8.0% | 6.4% | 7.6% | 5.9% | 5.8% |
| | Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of alcohol | 13.0% | 28.1% | 31.3% | 12.5% | 16.7% | 15.9% | 13.3% | 16.1% | 13.5% | 14.6% |
| | Drove a car under the influence of Marijuana | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 4.2% | 0.0% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 6.8% | 5.7% |
| | Rode in a car driven by someone under the influence of Marijuana | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 8.3% | 4.2% | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | NA ^{**} | 10.4% | 10.1% |

| Metric | Definition | 12th Grade County-Level ^{^^} | | | | | 12th Grade State-Level ^{^^} | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 |
| Mental Health Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Past 12 Months Mental Health | Lost Sleep | NA** | 25.8% | 25.0% | 29.2% | 25.0% | NA** | 18.9% | 21.6% | 23.4% | 20.8% |
| | Depressed | NA** | 28.1% | 37.5% | 50.0% | 16.7% | NA** | 33.5% | 35.3% | 42.9% | 38.0% |
| | Inflicted self-harm | NA** | 18.8% | 0.0% | 20.8% | 8.3% | NA** | 11.3% | 12.7% | 13.6% | 11.7% |
| | Considered attempting suicide | NA** | 16.1% | 18.8% | 20.8% | 20.8% | NA** | 14.8% | 16.3% | 17.1% | 14.1% |
| | Attempted suicide | NA** | 6.3% | 0.0% | 13.0% | 4.2% | NA** | 3.6% | 3.9% | 3.7% | 2.7% |
| | Difficult to concentrate | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 25.0% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 33.0% |
| Behavioral Health Risk Factors | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Age of First Use (12 or Younger) | Smoked cigarettes | 4.3% | 9.4% | 12.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7.5% | 6.5% | 5.4% | 4.3% | 3.9% |
| | Electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 4.0% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 3.5% |
| | Drank alcohol | 4.3% | 3.1% | 12.5% | 13.0% | 12.0% | 8.6% | 7.9% | 7.7% | 7.6% | 6.6% |
| | Smoked Marijuana | 4.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.8% | 2.5% | 2.6% | 1.5% | 1.7% |
| Perception of Peer's Past 30-Day Substance Use | Smoked cigarettes | 17.2% | 18.4% | 11.8% | 18.3% | 17.8% | 27.2% | 24.3% | 18.8% | 17.3% | 14.3% |
| | Used electronic vapor product ^{^^} | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 25.0% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 39.4% |
| | Drank alcohol | 27.1% | 37.6% | 24.4% | 44.8% | 33.2% | 42.4% | 42.8% | 35.0% | 37.6% | 37.1% |
| | Used Marijuana | 2.4% | 6.2% | 4.3% | 14.8% | 8.7% | 27.9% | 30.3% | 23.9% | 26.3% | 23.1% |
| Experienced bullying in past 12 months | Physically | NA** | 25.0% | 0.0% | 4.2% | 16.7% | NA** | 12.2% | 11.8% | 10.3% | 11.2% |
| | Verbally | NA** | 75.0% | 31.3% | 41.7% | 41.7% | NA** | 42.3% | 39.5% | 37.4% | 37.0% |
| | Socially | NA** | 62.5% | 37.5% | 37.5% | 37.5% | NA** | 40.1% | 39.5% | 37.8% | 37.9% |
| | Electronically | 13.0% | 28.1% | 13.3% | 33.3% | 20.8% | 17.1% | 20.1% | 19.3% | 18.9% | 17.7% |
| Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Obtain Substance | Alcohol | 72.7% | 75.0% | 50.0% | 54.2% | 45.8% | 68.5% | 67.4% | 66.0% | 58.1% | 59.9% |
| | Marijuana | 31.8% | 40.6% | 18.8% | 33.3% | 25.0% | 49.0% | 49.8% | 46.3% | 37.0% | 35.5% |
| | Prescription drugs | 31.8% | 28.1% | 20.0% | 17.4% | 16.7% | 34.9% | 32.0% | 29.3% | 20.7% | 19.0% |
| | Cigarettes | 72.7% | 71.9% | NA** | NA** | 29.2% | 67.5% | 62.9% | NA** | NA** | 33.9% |
| | Electronic vapor products ^{^^} | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 37.5% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 49.8% |

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| Metric | Definition | 12th Grade County-Level ^{^^} | | | | | 12th Grade State-Level ^{^^^} | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 | 2023 |
| Behavioral Health Protective Factors | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Experiences at School | Grades were A's and B's | 72.7% | 81.3% | 87.5% | 66.7% | 84.0% | 80.1% | 80.1% | 82.7% | 83.8% | 80.4% |
| | Felt safe | 91.3% | 78.1% | 75.0% | 75.0% | 84.0% | 90.6% | 89.4% | 89.9% | 89.4% | 90.8% |
| Experiences with Families | Help for personal problems^ | 95.5% | 77.4% | 75.0% | 75.0% | 83.3% | 80.1% | 82.4% | 83.4% | 83.2% | 81.6% |
| | Discussed dangers of alcohol | 45.5% | 21.9% | 25.0% | 26.1% | 50.0% | 46.0% | 38.3% | 44.8% | 41.6% | 46.5% |
| | Discussed dangers of electronic vapor products^^ | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 50.0% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 43.3% |
| Very wrong for person your age to: | Smoke cigarettes | 78.3% | 81.3% | 75.0% | 66.7% | 80.0% | 72.3% | 72.8% | 74.6% | 80.5% | 84.2% |
| | Use smokeless tobacco | 78.3% | 65.6% | 80.0% | 62.5% | 83.3% | 69.0% | 69.5% | 72.0% | 77.3% | 82.6% |
| | Use electronic vapor product^^ | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 84.0% | NA** | NA** | NA** | NA** | 77.4% |
| | Drink alcohol | 65.2% | 71.9% | 73.3% | 37.5% | 64.0% | 62.2% | 58.5% | 57.1% | 53.5% | 59.3% |
| | Use Marijuana | 91.3% | 75.0% | 81.3% | 70.8% | 96.0% | 70.5% | 63.5% | 69.3% | 64.3% | 74.3% |
| | Misuse prescription drugs | 100.0% | 96.9% | 93.8% | 87.5% | 100.0% | 90.6% | 91.7% | 93.0% | 91.9% | 93.2% |
| | Use other illegal substances | 100.0% | 100.0% | 93.8% | 91.7% | 100.0% | 95.4% | 94.5% | 94.6% | 95.4% | 96.3% |
| Recall of Prevention Advertisement | Saw or Heard Anti-Alcohol or Anti-Substance Media in the Past 12 Months | NA** | 90.6% | 68.8% | 59.1% | 62.5% | NA** | 78.1% | 75.1% | 71.3% | 67.3% |
| Perceived Great Risk of Harm From: | Smoking 1 or more packs of cigarettes daily | 73.9% | 75.0% | 62.5% | 45.8% | 52.0% | 65.3% | 69.5% | 67.3% | 59.4% | 58.1% |
| | Using electronic vapor product 1 or 2 times per week^^ | NA** | NA** | NA** | 16.7% | 29.2% | NA** | NA** | NA** | 25.6% | 29.3% |
| | Binge drinking 1 or 2 times per week | 43.5% | 46.9% | 37.5% | 16.7% | 20.0% | 40.1% | 47.1% | 36.4% | 29.6% | 32.1% |
| | Using Marijuana | 56.5% | 50.0% | 31.3% | 20.8% | 20.8% | 41.2% | 24.7% | 30.0% | 23.1% | 30.6% |
| | Misusing prescription drugs | 60.9% | 62.5% | 43.8% | 60.9% | 64.0% | 58.1% | 58.4% | 66.9% | 61.6% | 64.4% |

Notes:

[^] Prior to 2016, the question asked students about their "parents" or "mom or dad". In 2016, the wording was changed to "parents or caregivers".

^{^^} Prior to 2021, electronic vapor products were not included.

^{^^^} The number of students and/or school districts included from year to year could vary due to schools participating in some administrations and not others. As a result, these trend findings should be approached with some caution.

* Report is not available for this year.

** Question was not included in this year's survey.

*** Data not available due to participation number being less than 10.

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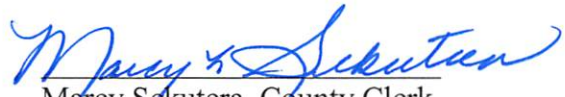
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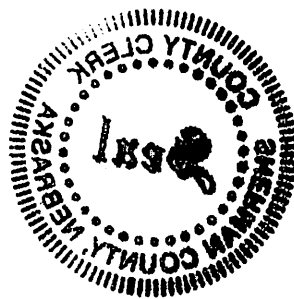
I, the undersigned County Clerk of the above-named County and State; do hereby certify that the following is a true and exact copy of an excerpt of the original record of the County Board minutes from Monday, November 25th, 2024;

Sherman County Attorney, Heather Sikyta, presented and reviewed the Sherman County Comprehensive Youth Services Community Plan (2025-2030). Moved by Griffith and seconded by Bandur to adopt the Sherman County Comprehensive Youth Services Community Plan (2025-2030) to be submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Kaslon, Griffith, and Bandu. None voted "Nay." Motion declared and carried.

MY HAND & OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.




Marcy Sekutera, County Clerk



Comprehensive Youth Services Plan Checklist

Each county shall develop a Comprehensive Youth Services Plan (Community Plan). Plans may be developed by individual counties, multiple counties, federally or state-recognized Indian tribes, or by any combination of the three. Plans must be submitted to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and must be updated no less than every five years.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stats. §43-3504, §43-3505, and §43-2404.01, and Title 75, Chapter 1, 005.02, these are the elements that must be included in a Community Plan.

Community Team Members (§43-3505):

Juvenile justice system stakeholder representation, including but not limited to:

| Stakeholder Representation: | Name(s): |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courts | The Honorable Tami Schendt |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement | Sheriff Joel Bergman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community service providers | Central NE Community Action Partnership |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools | Loup City and Litchfield Public Schools |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detention or shelter care | Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, Inc. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County elected and administrative officials | Kenneth "Zeke" Kaslon |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probation officials | Doug Kramer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and human services representatives | Casey Smith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State officials or agency representatives | DHHS & Probation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Similar committee or group of individuals | Family Advocacy Network, Region 3 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other | Central NE Mediation Center |
| Page number(s) in the plan: 12-13 | |

Plan Components

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| 1. Data (43-2404.01) | | |
| Notes: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Data is relevant to juvenile and family issues | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Includes an examination of racial and ethnic disparities | |
| Page number(s) in the plan: 3-4 | | |
| 2. Identification of the County Risk Factors (43-3504) | | |
| Notes: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Risk factors for delinquency that exist in the county or counties | Poverty and lack of youth activities appear to be the biggest hurdles. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Services needed to address risk factors | |
| Page number(s) in the plan: 3-4 | | |
| 3. Identification of juvenile services available within the county or counties, including, but not limited to (§43-3504): | | |
| Notes: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Programs for assessment and evaluation | Truancy Mediation, Victim-Youth Conferencing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The prevention of delinquent behavior | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Diversion | Joint with Buffalo County |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Detention | Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, Inc. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Shelter care | DHHS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Intensive juvenile probation services | Kiela Richards, Juvenile Probation Officer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Restitution | Victim-Youth Conferencing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Family support services | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Community centers for the care and treatment of juveniles in need of services | YRTC Kearney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: | |
| Page number(s) in the plan: 5-6 | | |
| 4. Identification of Services in close proximity of the county or counties that may be utilized if community-based programs are not available within the county or counties (§43-3504): | | |
| Notes: | | |
| Page number(s) in the plan: 6-7 | | |

| 5. Identification of juvenile detention or alternatives to detention the county primarily uses (§43-3504): | | |
|---|---|--|
| Notes: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Juvenile Detention programs, services, facilities, and providers | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Alternative to detention programs, services, facilities, providers | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Costs associated with use of such programs, services, facilities, and providers | |
| Page number(s) in the plan: 6-7 | | |
| 6. Identify needed community-based programs not available within, or in close proximity to, the county or counties. | | |
| Notes: A youth center | | |
| Page number(s) in the plan: 14 | | |

Coordination Plan and Priorities

The coordination plan must include an enhancement, development, and expansion plan of community services within the county, counties, or region to help prevent delinquency by providing intervention services when behavior that leads to delinquency is first exhibited.

| 1. Coordination Plan: Enhancement, development, and expansion plan of community services, including, but not limited to (§43-3504): | | |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Notes: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Alternative schools | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | School truancy programs | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Volunteer programs | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Family preservation and counseling | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Drug and alcohol counseling | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Diversion programs | Collaborative with Buffalo County |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Parents Anonymous | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts designed to reduce the disproportionate number of youth members of minority groups who come into contact with the youth justice system. | |
| Page number(s) in the plan: 8 | | |
| 2. Priorities: Identify community priorities that includes defining a problem, or set of problems, that affects juveniles at risk or those already involved in the criminal justice system (Title 75, Chapter 1, 005.02); | | |
| Notes: | | |
| Page number(s) in the plan: 9 | | |
| 3. Strategies: Identify Implementation Strategies (§43-2404.01) | | |
| Notes: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Identify policies and practices that are research-based or standardized and reliable and are implemented with fidelity and which have been researched and demonstrate positive outcomes. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Identify clear implementation strategies that are S.M.A.R.T. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Identify how the impact of the program or service will be measured. | |
| Page number(s) in the plan: 11 | | |

The plan shall be submitted to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Following or in conjunction with the development of a comprehensive youth services plan, each county may develop regional service plans and establish regional juvenile services boards when appropriate. The regional service plan shall be submitted to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Sherman County



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| Census Data ¹ | N | American Indian/Alaska Native | Asian/Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander | Black | Hispanic | Multiple Races/ Other | Unspecified/ Missing | White |
|---|-----|-------------------------------|--|-------|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 2020 Census Number of Youth by Race/Ethnicity | 715 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 34 | 17 | 0 | 641 |
| Percent of Youth by Race/Ethnicity | - | 0.6% | 1.3% | 1.4% | 4.7% | 2.4% | 0% | 89.6% |

| Census Data | N | Male | Female |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------|--------|
| 2020 Census Number of Youth by Gender | 715 | 394 | 321 |
| Percent of Youth by Gender | - | 55.2% | 44.8% |

| Measurement | | |
|---|---|-----------|
| Poverty/Socioeconomic Status² | Percent of Children < 18 Years Old in Poverty | 10.0% |
| | Percent of Children 5-17 Years Old Below Poverty Line | 9.4% |
| | Percent of Children 5-17 Years Old Above Poverty Line | 90.6% |
| Educational Attainment | Percent Age 25+ with a Bachelor's Degree | 18.9% |
| | County Rank | 79 (tied) |
| | Percent Age 25+ with a High School Degree | 36.3% |
| | County Rank | 14 |

| Absenteeism ³ | N | American Indian/Alaskan Native | Asian/Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander | Black | Hispanic | Multiple Races/ Other | Unspecified/ Missing | White |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|--|---------|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Enrolled | 445 | 1, 0.2% | 1, 0.2% | 1, 0.2% | 34, 7.7% | 9, 2.0% | 0, 0% | 399, 89.7% |
| Chronically Absent | 65 | 1, 1.5% | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 5, 7.7% | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 59, 90.8% |

¹ Census data (2022) came from the Center for Public Affairs Research Nebraska State Data Center, <https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-public-affairs-and-community-service/center-for-public-affairs-research/programs/nebraska-state-data-center.php>.

² Socioeconomic and Educational Attainment data (2021) came from the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey, <https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST5Y2021.S1701?q=Poverty&g=040XX00US31>.

³ Absenteeism data (2022-2023) came from the Nebraska Department of Education 2022/23 Student Absence Counts by District, <https://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/data-reports/>

Racial and Ethnic Distribution of System Points

| System Point | N | American Indian/ Alaskan Native | Asian/ Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander | Black | Hispanic | Non-Hispanic | Multiple Races/ Other | Unspecified/ Missing | White |
|---|-----|------------------------------------|---|-------|----------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 2020 Census Number of Youth by Race/Ethnicity | 715 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 | - | 0 | 0 | 215 |
| Percent of Youth by Race/Ethnicity | - | 0.4% | 0.9% | 0.4% | 3.5% | - | 0% | 0% | 94.8% |
| Law Enforcement Contact/Cited | 50 | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 2, 4.0% | - | 0, 0% | 2, 4.0% | 46, 52.0% |
| Youth Referred to Diversion (CY 2022) | 1 | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | - | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 1, 100% |
| Filed in Juvenile Court | 15 | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | - | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 15, 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adult Transfer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth Placed on Probation ⁴ | 4 | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | - | - | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 4, 100% |
| <i>Hispanic/non-Hispanic</i> | | | | | 0, 0% | 4, 100% | | | |
| Satisfactory Release | 3 | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | - | - | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 3, 100% |
| <i>Hispanic/non-Hispanic</i> | | | | | 0, 0% | 3, 100% | | | |
| Motions to Revoke | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Hispanic/non-Hispanic</i> | | | | | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Youth Booked into Detention | 2 | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | - | 0, 0% | 0, 0% | 2, 100% |

Sources: Court and probation data (2022) came from the Nebraska Judicial Branch Juvenile Justice Annual Statistic Report, https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/108/PDF/Agencies/Supreme_Court/567_20230718-094145.pdf; Law enforcement citations, diversion, and detention booking data (2022) came from the Nebraska Crime Commission Juvenile Court Reports, <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/data-and-reports>.⁵

⁴ Race and ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic) for probation placement, satisfactory release, and revocations were reported separately. Comparisons to the census percentages cannot be made.

⁵ All data received from the crime commission may include youth processed through the system more than once; may not be individual youth.

Risk and Protective Factors

County: Sherman (2018)

Number of Youth with Surveys: 81

Risk Factors

| Schools | | Prevalence Rates | | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (1) Grades were A’s and B’s | Average Difference: ⁶ -6.8% | 8th | 66.7% | 81.5% |
| | | 10th | 69.2% | 78.4% |
| | | 12th | 87.5% | 83.8% |
| Peer-Individual | | Prevalence Rates | | |
| (3) % Current use | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (a) Smoke cigarettes | Average Difference: +3.2% | 8th | 0% | 1.2% |
| | | 10th | 3.8% | 1.8% |
| | | 12th | 12.5% | 3.8% |
| (b) Drink alcohol | Average Difference: -0.1% | 8th | 10.0% | 9.2% |
| | | 10th | 11.5% | 18.2% |
| | | 12th | 37.5% | 31.9% |
| (c) Smoke marijuana | Average Difference: -5.3% | 8th | 0% | 2.2% |
| | | 10th | 0% | 7.6% |
| | | 12th | 6.3% | 12.5% |
| (4) % Perceive as Wrong | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (a) Smoking cigarettes | Average Difference: -0.1% | 8th | 100% | 94.4% |
| | | 10th | 88.5% | 88.9% |
| | | 12th | 75.0% | 80.5% |
| (b) Using smokeless tobacco | Average Difference: +3.3% | 8th | 100% | 94.2% |
| | | 10th | 88.5% | 87.2% |
| | | 12th | 80.0% | 77.3% |

⁶ We examined the statewide average and compared it to the county average. The average difference value reflects whether the county is higher (+) or lower (-) than the state average.

| Peer-Individual | | Prevalence Rates | | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| (4) % Perceive as Wrong | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (c) Drinking alcohol at least once or twice a month | Average Difference: +4.7% | 8th | 76.2% | 85.8% |
| | | 10th | 73.1% | 69.3% |
| | | 12th | 73.3% | 53.5% |
| (d) Smoking marijuana | Average Difference: +10.3% | 8th | 100% | 93.1% |
| | | 10th | 84.6% | 77.6% |
| | | 12th | 81.3% | 64.3% |
| (e) Misusing prescription drugs | Average Difference: 2.3% | 8th | 95.2% | 94.4% |
| | | 10th | 96.2% | 92.1% |
| | | 12th | 93.8% | 91.9% |
| (f) Using other illegal drugs | Average Difference: -0.1% | 8th | 100% | 98.6% |
| | | 10th | 96.2% | 96.4% |
| | | 12th | 93.8% | 95.4% |
| (5-6) % Perceive as Great Risk | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (a) Smoking 1 or more packs of cigarettes daily | Average Difference: +10.5% | 8th | 81.0% | 58.2% |
| | | 10th | 65.4% | 59.9% |
| | | 12th | 62.5% | 59.4% |
| (b) Taking 1 or 2 drinks of alcohol nearly every day (Taken from Peer Views) | Average Difference: -42.6% | 8th | 19.0% | 85.4% |
| | | 10th | 38.5% | 68.6% |
| | | 12th | 25.0% | 56.2% |
| (c) Having 5+ drinks of alcohol 1 or 2 times a week | Average Difference: +3.2% | 8th | 38.1% | 37.3% |
| | | 10th | 34.6% | 33.7% |
| | | 12th | 37.5% | 29.6% |
| (d) Smoking marijuana 1 or 2 times a week | Average Difference: +9.5% | 8th | 61.9% | 46.8% |
| | | 10th | 38.5% | 33.4% |
| | | 12th | 31.3% | 23.1% |
| (e) Misusing prescription drugs | Average Difference: +2.6% | 8th | 61.9% | 56.3% |
| | | 10th | 80.0% | 60.1% |
| | | 12th | 43.8% | 61.6% |

| Peer-Individual | | Prevalence Rates | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (7) % Involved in a Gang | Average Difference: +3.6% | 8th | 4.8% | 2.6% |
| | | 10th | 15.4% | 3.5% |
| | | 12th | 0% | 3.4% |

| Bullying | | Prevalence Rates | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| (8) % Bullied within Past 12 Months | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (a) Physically | Average Difference: -1.8% | 8th | 28.6% | 27.5% |
| | | 10th | 19.2% | 15.3% |
| | | 12th | 0% | 10.3% |
| (b) Verbally | Average Difference: -2.3% | 8th | 61.9% | 51.3% |
| | | 10th | 30.8% | 42.3% |
| | | 12th | 31.3% | 37.4% |
| (c) Socially | Average Difference: +7.1% | 8th | 61.9% | 43.4% |
| | | 10th | 42.3% | 39.1% |
| | | 12th | 37.5% | 37.8% |
| (d) Electronically | Average Difference: +1.0% | 8th | 33.3% | 22.5% |
| | | 10th | 19.2% | 21.4% |
| | | 12th | 13.3% | 18.9% |

| Family | | Prevalence Rates | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| (9) % Parents would think wrong | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (a) Smoking cigarettes | Average Difference: -1.8% | 8th | 100% | 98.1% |
| | | 10th | 92.3% | 97.1% |
| | | 12th | 93.8% | 96.2% |
| (b) Using smokeless tobacco | Average Difference: -2.0% | 8th | 100% | 98.0% |
| | | 10th | 96.2% | 96.7% |
| | | 12th | 87.5% | 95.1% |

| Family | | Prevalence Rates | | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| (9) % Parents would think wrong | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (c) Having 1 or 2 drinks of alcohol nearly every day | Average Difference: +3.9% | 8th | 94.1% | 94.1% |
| | | 10th | 92.3% | 90.2% |
| | | 12th | 93.8% | 84.1% |
| (d) Smoking marijuana | Average Difference: +7.6% | 8th | 100% | 96.9% |
| | | 10th | 100% | 91.9% |
| | | 12th | 100% | 88.3% |
| (e) Misusing prescription drugs | Average Difference: +2.4% | 8th | 100% | 97.8% |
| | | 10th | 100% | 97.6% |
| | | 12th | 100% | 97.5% |
| (10) % Agree or Strongly Agree | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (a) Clear substance use rules | Average Difference: N/A | 8th | - | 66.8% |
| | | 10th | - | 68.7% |
| | | 12th | - | 71.3% |
| (11) % Sort of Easy or Easy to Obtain | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (a) Beer, wine, hard liquor | Average Difference: +2.1% | 8th | 43.8% | 31.6% |
| | | 10th | 50.0% | 47.8% |
| | | 12th | 50.0% | 58.1% |
| (b) Marijuana | Average Difference: -9.9% | 8th | 0% | 9.5% |
| | | 10th | 24.0% | 25.9% |
| | | 12th | 18.8% | 37.0% |
| (c) Prescription drugs for non-medical use | Average Difference: -2.3% | 8th | 18.8% | 16.9% |
| | | 10th | 11.5% | 19.7% |
| | | 12th | 20.0% | 20.7% |

Protective Factors

| School | | Prevalence Rates | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| (12) % Agree or Strongly Agree | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (a) Feel safe | Average Difference: -5.5% | 8th | 81.0% | 88.6% |
| | | 10th | 92.3% | 86.7% |
| | | 12th | 75.0% | 89.4% |
| (b) Adult in school who listens | Average Difference: -1.4% | 8th | 90.5% | 85.8% |
| | | 10th | 88.5% | 83.7% |
| | | 12th | 75.0% | 88.7% |

| Family | | Prevalence Rates | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| (13) % Agree or Strongly Agree | | Grade | Sherman 2018 | Nebraska 2021 |
| (a) Adult at home who listens | Average Difference: -4.9% | 8th | 75.0% | 85.2% |
| | | 10th | 80.8% | 83.4% |
| | | 12th | 81.3% | 83.2% |
| (b) Help for personal problems | Average Difference: -4.5% | 8th | 82.4% | 85.2% |
| | | 10th | 80.8% | 83.4% |
| | | 12th | 75.0% | 83.2% |

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