

ENGAGING IN RISKY BEHAVIORS

High School

- 44% reported texting while driving (47% in '15) 44% reported using a cell phone while driving (48 in '15)
- 24% reported being offered, sold, or given an illegal drug at school (25% in '15)
- 8% reported drinking and driving in the past 30 days (13% in '15)
- 24% reported being in a physical fight more than once (17% in '15)
- 11% reported carrying a weapon (gun, knife, club) on school property in the past 30 days (6% in '15)

Middle School

- 15% reported being offered, sold, or given an illegal drug at school (11% in '15)
 - 17% reported riding in a vehicle with someone who had been drinking in past 30 days (15% in '15)
 - 37% reported being in a physical fight more than once (20% in '15)
 - 3% reported carrying a weapon (gun, knife, club) on school property in the past 30 days (1% in '15)
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SUICIDE and DEPRESSION

High School Results

- 25% reported seriously considering suicide in the past 12 months (22% in '15)
- 17% students reported actually attempting suicide in the past 12 months (10% in '15)
- 34% reported feeling sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more (28% in '15)

Middle School Results

- 17% reported seriously considering suicide in the past 12 months (11% in '15)
 - 14% students reported actually attempting suicide in the past 12 month (7% in '15)
 - 27% reported feeling sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more (26% in '15)
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SEXUALACTIVITY

High School

- 49% reported having sexual intercourse (53% in '15)
- 31% had 2 or more partners (31% in '15)
- 11% have been forced to have sexual intercourse (7% in '15)

Middle School

- 13% reported having sexual intercourse (6% in '15)
 - 1% had 2 or more partners (11% in '15)
 - 7% have been force to have sexual intercourse (3% in '15)
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OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

High School Results

- 47% reported trying to lose weight (41% in '15)
- 23% reported spending 4 or more hours playing video or computer games a day (24% in '15)

Middle School Results

- 39% reported trying to lose weight (44% in '15)
- 36% reported spending 4 or more hours playing video or computer games a day (26% in '15)

GFPS 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Snapshot

Since 1991, the Great Falls Public Schools have participated with school districts across the nation in conducting the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). Sponsored by the Montana Office of Public Instruction and the Centers for Disease Control, the YRBS gathers information about the health risk behaviors of students in grades 7-8 and 9-12. What follows is a “snapshot” of the results for a random sample of students surveyed in February 2017. In parentheses are the 2015 results.

REPORTS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

High School = 369 students surveyed

Alcohol

- 70% have used alcohol (66% in ‘15)
- 39% of the above started using alcohol at or before age 14 (40% in ‘15)
- 25% of all students engaged in binge drinking in the last month (23% in ‘15) Binge drinking is defined as 5 or more drinks in two hours

Marijuana

- 43% have used marijuana (44% in ‘15)
- 59% of the above started using at or before age 14 (46% in ‘15)
- 10% are daily marijuana users (7% in ‘15)

Use of other Drugs

- Prescription Drugs– 15% have used Rx not prescribed to them (19% in ‘15)
- Inhalants– 6% have sniffed inhalants like glue, gas, or Dust-Off to get high (7% in ‘15)
- Ecstasy (MDMA or “molly”)– 6% (6% in ‘15)

Tobacco Use

- 34% of students have smoked cigarettes (36% in ‘15)
- 4% reported daily use of cigarettes (4% in ‘15)

Electronic Vapor Product Use

- 57% of students have used the product (61% in ‘15)
- 7% reported daily use (1% ‘15)

Middle School = 192 students surveyed

Alcohol

- 40% have used alcohol (31% in ‘15)
- 42% of the above started using alcohol at or before age 12 (31% in ‘15)
- 8% of all students engaged in binge drinking in the past month (4% in ‘15) Binge drinking is defined as 5 or more drinks in two hours

Marijuana

- 14% have used marijuana (8% in ‘15)
- 59% of the above started using at or before age 12 (57% in ‘15)
- 4% are daily marijuana users (1% in ‘15)

Use of other Drugs

- Prescription Drugs– 7% have used Rx not prescribed to them (4% in ‘15)
- Inhalants– 4% have sniffed inhalants like glue, gas, or Dust-Off to get high (7% in ‘15)
- Ecstasy (MDMA or “molly”)– 1.5% (1% in ‘15)

Tobacco Use

- 19% of students have smoked cigarettes (13% in ‘15)
- 4% reported daily use of cigarettes (5% in ‘15)

Electronic Vapor Product Use

- 28% of students have used the product (22% in ‘15)
- 3% reported daily use (0% ‘15)

REPORTS OF BULLYING

High School Results

- 23% reported being bullied on school property (23% in ‘15)
- 19% reported being bullied electronically (Facebook, Twitter, Texting, or E-mail) (18% in ‘15)
- 12% reported being teased/bullied because of their sexual orientation (13% in ‘15)
- 5% did not attend school on 1 or more days because they did not feel safe (4% in ‘15)

Middle School Results

- 29% reported being bullied on school property (31% in ‘15)
- 19% reported being bullied electronically (Facebook, Twitter, Texting, or E-mail) (19% in ‘15)
- 17% reported being teased/bullied because of their sexual orientation (23% in ‘15)
- 5% did not attend school on 1 or more days because they did not feel safe (4% in ‘15)

STUDENTS WHO LIVE ABOVE THE INFLUENCE

- 66% of high school students reported wearing their seat belt most or all of the time (75% in ‘15)
- 86% of middle school students reported wearing their seat belt most or all of the time (86% in ‘15)
- 85% of high school students reported they did NOT smoke cigarettes in the past 30 days (88% in ‘15)
- 30% of high school students have never used alcohol and 57% have never used marijuana
- 97% of high school and 98% of middle school students have never used meth