

2017 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY RESULTS
District of Columbia (Including Charter Schools) Middle School Survey
Risk Behaviors and Sexual Identity Report

Unintentional Injuries/Violence

Health Risk Behavior	Heterosexual		Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual		Heterosexual More Likely Than Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual [†]	Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual More Likely Than Heterosexual [†]	No Difference [†]
	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN9: Percentage of students who ever rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol (in a car)	18.3 (17.3-19.2)	6,930	29.8 (26.4-33.5)	695		●	
QN10: Percentage of students who ever carried a weapon (such as a gun, knife, or club)	26.5 (25.4-27.6)	6,916	36.5 (32.9-40.3)	685		●	
QN11: Percentage of students who were ever in a physical fight	68.4 (67.3-69.4)	6,935	75.7 (72.4-78.8)	691		●	
QN12: Percentage of students who were ever bullied on school property	30.0 (29.0-31.2)	6,953	44.6 (40.9-48.5)	691		●	
QN13: Percentage of students who were ever electronically bullied (counting being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media)	11.9 (11.2-12.7)	6,948	26.2 (22.9-29.7)	693		●	
QN14: Percentage of students who ever seriously thought about killing themselves	21.1 (20.1-22.1)	6,923	56.2 (52.3-60.0)	692		●	

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QN15: Percentage of students who ever made a plan about how they would kill themselves	13.2 (12.4-14.0)	6,927	40.6 (36.9-44.4)	688		●	
QN16: Percentage of students who ever tried to kill themselves	10.2 (9.5-10.9)	6,879	32.1 (28.6-35.9)	677		●	

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Tobacco Use

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QN18: Percentage of students who tried cigarette smoking for the first time before age 11 years (even one or two puffs)	5.4 (4.9-6.0)	6,877	11.3 (9.1-14.0)	687		●	
QN19: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	3.1 (2.7-3.5)	6,882	10.6 (8.4-13.2)	687		●	
QNFRSIG: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes frequently (on 20 or more days during the 30 days before the survey)	0.4 (0.3-0.6)	6,882	1.5 (0.8-2.7)	687		●	
QNDAYCIG: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes daily (on all 30 days during the 30 days before the survey)	0.3 (0.2-0.5)	6,882	1.1 (0.5-2.2)	687			●
QN21: Percentage of students who ever used an electronic vapor product (including e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, and hookah pens [such as blu, NJOY, Vuse, MarkTen, Logic, Vapin Plus, eGo, and Halo])	15.3 (14.5-16.3)	6,675	26.6 (23.3-30.2)	671		●	
QN22: Percentage of students who currently used an electronic vapor product (including e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, and hookah pens [such as blu, NJOY, Vuse, MarkTen, Logic, Vapin Plus, eGo, and Halo], on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	5.0 (4.5-5.6)	6,754	12.5 (10.2-15.4)	680		●	

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QN25: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigars (cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars, on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	3.6 (3.2-4.1)	6,950	10.2 (8.1-12.7)	695		●	
QNTB2: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes or cigars (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	5.0 (4.5-5.6)	6,874	15.8 (13.2-18.9)	691		●	

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Alcohol/Other Drug Use

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN27: Percentage of students who drank alcohol for the first time before age 11 years (other than a few sips)	13.8 (13.0-14.7)	6,751	22.2 (19.1-25.6)	682		●	
QN29: Percentage of students who tried marijuana for the first time before age 11 years	3.6 (3.2-4.1)	6,871	7.2 (5.5-9.5)	691		●	
QN30: Percentage of students who ever used cocaine (any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase)	5.4 (4.9-6.0)	6,832	8.1 (6.2-10.5)	680		●	
QN31: Percentage of students who ever used inhalants (sniffed glue, breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high)	7.3 (6.7-8.0)	6,825	16.3 (13.7-19.4)	684		●	
QN32: Percentage of students who ever took steroids without a doctor's prescription (pills or shots)	3.1 (2.7-3.5)	6,797	5.2 (3.7-7.1)	684		●	
QN33: Percentage of students who ever took prescription pain medicine without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told them to use it (counting drugs such as codeine, Vicodin, Oxycontin, hydrocodone, and Percocet)	7.3 (6.6-7.9)	6,784	15.6 (13.0-18.6)	684		●	

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Sexual Behaviors

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN34: Percentage of students who ever had sexual intercourse	14.2 (13.3-15.2)	6,142	17.7 (14.7-21.1)	597		●	
QN35: Percentage of students who had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 11 years	5.1 (4.6-5.7)	6,111	6.9 (5.0-9.3)	602			●
QN36: Percentage of students who ever had sexual intercourse with three or more persons	5.0 (4.4-5.6)	6,119	5.8 (4.1-8.0)	598			●
QN37: Percentage of students who did not use a condom during last sexual intercourse (among students who ever had sexual intercourse)	29.2 (26.0-32.5)	780	48.0 (38.0-58.2)	98		●	

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Dietary Behaviors

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN38: Percentage of students who described themselves as slightly or very overweight	19.0 (18.1-20.0)	6,666	30.3 (26.8-34.0)	665		●	

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Physical Activity

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN41: Percentage of students who were not physically active at least 60 minutes per day on 5 or more days (in any kind of physical activity that increased their heart rate and made them breathe hard some of the time during the 7 days before the survey)	61.7 (60.5-62.9)	6,555	68.9 (65.2-72.4)	659		●	
QNPA0DAY: Percentage of students who did not participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 1 day (in any kind of physical activity that increased their heart rate and made them breathe hard some of the time during the 7 days before the survey)	23.6 (22.6-24.7)	6,555	28.8 (25.3-32.5)	659		●	
QNPA7DAY: Percentage of students who were not physically active at least 60 minutes per day on all 7 days (in any kind of physical activity that increased their heart rate and made them breathe hard some of the time during the 7 days before the survey)	75.8 (74.7-76.8)	6,555	78.1 (74.6-81.2)	659			●
QN48: Percentage of students who did not get 8 or more hours of sleep (on an average school night)	47.0 (45.7-48.3)	6,471	61.1 (57.1-64.9)	650		●	

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Other

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN47: Percentage of students who had ever been told by a doctor or nurse that they had asthma	27.9 (26.8-29.1)	6,508	35.8 (32.1-39.7)	645		●	
QN49: Percentage of students who described their grades in school as mostly C's, D's, or F's (during the 12 months before the survey)	33.0 (31.8-34.2)	6,314	40.5 (36.6-44.6)	622		●	

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QN51: Percentage of students who are transgender	0.5 (0.3-0.6)	6,964	2.9 (2.0-4.3)	696		●	
QN52: Percentage of students who never or rarely wore a helmet when they rode a bicycle or used rollerblades or a skateboard (among students who rode a bicycle or used rollerblades or a skateboard during the 12 months before the survey)	72.2 (71.0-73.4)	4,831	77.6 (73.5-81.2)	416		●	
QN53: Percentage of students who did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	14.9 (14.1-15.8)	6,979	20.0 (17.1-23.2)	700		●	
QN54: Percentage of students who have been afraid of being beaten up at school (one or more times during the 12 months before the survey)	12.5 (11.7-13.3)	6,957	22.7 (19.6-26.0)	698		●	
QN55: Percentage of students who have been a member of a gang or crew (during the 12 months before the survey)	12.2 (11.4-13.1)	6,913	19.2 (16.3-22.5)	683		●	
QN56: Percentage of students who experienced physical dating violence (being physically hurt on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with [counting such things as being hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon] one or more times during the 12 months before the survey, among students who dated or went out with someone during the 12 months before the survey)	8.6 (7.7-9.5)	3,955	16.1 (13.1-19.6)	512		●	

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QN57: Percentage of students who have ever bullied someone else on school property (during the 12 months before the survey)	13.6 (12.7-14.4)	6,886	22.9 (19.8-26.3)	686		●	
QN58: Percentage of students who currently drank alcohol (at least one drink of alcohol, on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	8.0 (7.3-8.6)	6,923	19.8 (16.9-22.9)	695		●	
QN59: Percentage of students who currently used marijuana (one or more times during the 30 days before the survey)	8.7 (8.0-9.4)	6,809	22.2 (19.2-25.6)	687		●	
QN60: Percentage of students who have ever used synthetic marijuana (also called "K2," "Spice," "fake weed," "King Kong," "Yucatan Fire," "Skunk," or "Moon Rocks," one or more times during their life)	9.3 (8.6-10.0)	6,718	13.9 (11.4-16.8)	673		●	
QN61: Percentage of students who currently used synthetic marijuana (also called "K2," "Spice," "fake weed," "King Kong," "Yucatan Fire," "Skunk," or "Moon Rocks," one or more times during the 30 days before the survey)	4.5 (4.0-5.0)	6,661	7.6 (5.8-9.9)	662		●	

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QN62: Percentage of students who have ever gone without eating for 24 hours or more to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight (also called fasting)	20.7 (19.7-21.8)	6,614	34.2 (30.5-38.1)	650		●	
QN63: Percentage of students who have ever vomited or taken laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight	7.3 (6.6-8.0)	6,532	11.6 (9.3-14.4)	646		●	
QN64: Percentage of students who reported that none of their classroom teachers provide short physical activity breaks during regular class time (not counting their physical education teacher)	71.6 (70.5-72.8)	6,486	74.5 (70.8-77.9)	633			●
QN65: Percentage of students who have not been taught or are not sure if they have been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school	47.6 (46.4-48.8)	6,577	39.4 (35.6-43.3)	651	●		
QN67: Percentage of students who reported that there is not at least one teacher or other adult in this school that they can talk to if they have a problem or they were not sure if there is at least one teacher or other adult in this school that they can talk to if they have a problem	31.0 (29.9-32.2)	6,517	32.7 (29.1-36.5)	652			●

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QN68: Percentage of students who usually slept in the home of a friend, family member, or other person because they had to leave their home or their parent or guardian cannot afford housing (during the 30 days before the survey)	2.6 (2.2-3.0)	6,496	4.3 (3.0-6.2)	653		●	
QN69: Percentage of students who have ever slept away from their parents or guardians because they were kicked out, ran away, or were abandoned (during the 30 days before the survey)	6.2 (5.6-6.8)	6,457	11.1 (8.9-13.9)	638		●	
QN70: Percentage of students who most of the time or always went hungry because there was not enough food in their home (during the 30 days before the survey)	1.7 (1.4-2.0)	6,472	2.4 (1.5-3.8)	645			●
QN71: Percentage of students who have ever been given money, a place to stay, food, or something else of value in exchange for sex	5.1 (4.6-5.7)	6,334	8.7 (6.6-11.3)	632		●	

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