2021 District of Columbia High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey

This survey is about health behavior. It has been developed so you can tell us what you do that may affect your health. The information you give will be used to improve health education for young people like yourself.

DO NOT write your name on this survey. The answers you give will be kept private. No one will know what you write. Answer the questions based on what you really do.

Completing the survey is voluntary. Whether or not you answer the questions will not affect your grade in this class. If you are not comfortable answering a question, just leave it blank.

The questions that ask about your background will be used only to describe the types of students completing this survey. The information will not be used to find out your name. No names will ever be reported.

Make sure to read every question. Fill in the ovals completely. When you are finished, follow the instructions of the person giving you the survey.

*Thank you very much for your help.*
Directions
- Use a #2 pencil only.
- Make dark marks.
- Fill in a response like this: A B • D.
- If you change your answer, erase your old answer completely.

1. How old are you?
   A. 12 years old or younger
   B. 13 years old
   C. 14 years old
   D. 15 years old
   E. 16 years old
   F. 17 years old
   G. 18 years old or older

2. What is your sex?
   A. Female
   B. Male

3. In what grade are you?
   A. 9th grade
   B. 10th grade
   C. 11th grade
   D. 12th grade
   E. Ungraded or other grade

4. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
   A. Yes
   B. No

5. What is your race? (Select one or more responses.)
   A. American Indian or Alaska Native
   B. Asian
   C. Black or African American
   D. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
   E. White

6. How tall are you without your shoes on?
   Directions: Write your height in the shaded blank boxes. Fill in the matching oval below each number.

   **Example**
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7. How much do you weigh without your shoes on?
   Directions: Write your weight in the shaded blank boxes. Fill in the matching oval below each number.

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8. In what District of Columbia ward do you live?
A. Ward 1
B. Ward 2
C. Ward 3
D. Ward 4
E. None of these
F. Not sure

9. In what District of Columbia ward do you live?
A. Ward 5
B. Ward 6
C. Ward 7
D. Ward 8
E. None of these
F. Not sure

10. Which of the following best describes you?
A. Heterosexual (straight)
B. Gay or lesbian
C. Bisexual
D. I describe my sexual identity some other way
E. I am not sure about my sexual identity (questioning)
F. I do not know what this question is asking

11. A person’s appearance, style, dress, or the way they walk or talk may affect how people describe them. How do you think other people at school would describe you?
A. Very feminine
B. Mostly feminine
C. Somewhat feminine
D. Equally feminine and masculine
E. Somewhat masculine
F. Mostly masculine
G. Very masculine

12. Some people describe themselves as transgender when their sex at birth does not match the way they think or feel about their gender. Are you transgender?
A. No, I am not transgender
B. Yes, I am transgender
C. I am not sure if I am transgender
D. I do not know what this question is asking

The next 3 questions ask about safety.

13. During the past 12 months, when you rode a bicycle or used rollerblades or a skateboard, how often did you wear a helmet?
A. I did not ride a bicycle or use rollerblades or a skateboard during the past 12 months
B. Never wore a helmet
C. Rarely wore a helmet
D. Sometimes wore a helmet
E. Most of the time wore a helmet
F. Always wore a helmet

14. During the past 30 days, how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?
A. 0 times
B. 1 time
C. 2 or 3 times
D. 4 or 5 times
E. 6 or more times

15. During the past 30 days, how many times did you drive a car or other vehicle when you had been drinking alcohol?
A. I did not drive a car or other vehicle during the past 30 days
B. 0 times
C. 1 time
D. 2 or 3 times
E. 4 or 5 times
F. 6 or more times
The next 18 questions ask about violence-related behaviors and experiences.

16. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club?
A. 0 days  
B. 1 day  
C. 2 or 3 days  
D. 4 or 5 days  
E. 6 or more days

17. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property?
A. 0 days  
B. 1 day  
C. 2 or 3 days  
D. 4 or 5 days  
E. 6 or more days

18. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?
A. 0 days  
B. 1 day  
C. 2 or 3 days  
D. 4 or 5 days  
E. 6 or more days

19. During the past 12 months, how many times has someone threatened or injured you with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property?
A. 0 times  
B. 1 time  
C. 2 or 3 times  
D. 4 or 5 times  
E. 6 or 7 times  
F. 8 or 9 times  
G. 10 or 11 times  
H. 12 or more times

20. During the past 12 months, how many times have you been afraid of being beaten up at school?
A. 0 times  
B. 1 time  
C. 2 or 3 times  
D. 4 or 5 times  
E. 6 or 7 times  
F. 8 or 9 times  
G. 10 or 11 times  
H. 12 or more times

21. During the past 12 months, how many times has someone stolen or deliberately damaged your property such as your car, clothing, or books on school property?
A. 0 times  
B. 1 time  
C. 2 or 3 times  
D. 4 or 5 times  
E. 6 or 7 times  
F. 8 or 9 times  
G. 10 or 11 times  
H. 12 or more times

22. During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?
A. 0 times  
B. 1 time  
C. 2 or 3 times  
D. 4 or 5 times  
E. 6 or 7 times  
F. 8 or 9 times  
G. 10 or 11 times  
H. 12 or more times

23. During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight on school property?
A. 0 times  
B. 1 time  
C. 2 or 3 times  
D. 4 or 5 times  
E. 6 or 7 times  
F. 8 or 9 times  
G. 10 or 11 times  
H. 12 or more times
24. During the past 12 months, how many times have you been harassed on school property because someone thought you were gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender?
   A. 0 times
   B. 1 time
   C. 2 or 3 times
   D. 4 or 5 times
   E. 6 or 7 times
   F. 8 or 9 times
   G. 10 or 11 times
   H. 12 or more times

25. During the past 12 months, have you been a member of a gang or crew?
   A. Yes
   B. No

26. During the past 12 months, have you seen or heard people where you live be violent and abusive? (This is not 'play fighting' but could include serious hitting, shouting, throwing items, yelling, or name calling.)
   A. Yes
   B. No

27. Have you ever seen someone get physically attacked, beaten, stabbed, or shot in your neighborhood?
   A. Yes
   B. No

28. Have you ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?
   A. Yes
   B. No

29. During the past 12 months, how many times did anyone force you to do sexual things that you did not want to do? (Count such things as kissing, touching, or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse.)
   A. 0 times
   B. 1 time
   C. 2 or 3 times
   D. 4 or 5 times
   E. 6 or more times

30. During the past 12 months, how many times did someone you were dating or going out with force you to do sexual things that you did not want to do? (Count such things as kissing, touching, or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse.)
   A. I did not date or go out with anyone during the past 12 months
   B. 0 times
   C. 1 time
   D. 2 or 3 times
   E. 4 or 5 times
   F. 6 or more times

31. During the past 12 months, how many times did someone you were dating or going out with physically hurt you on purpose? (Count such things as being hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon.)
   A. I did not date or go out with anyone during the past 12 months
   B. 0 times
   C. 1 time
   D. 2 or 3 times
   E. 4 or 5 times
   F. 6 or more times

32. During the past 12 months, how many times did someone you were dating or going out with purposely try to control you or emotionally hurt you? (Count such things as being told who you could and could not spend time with, being humiliated in front of others, or being threatened if you did not do what they wanted.)
   A. I did not date or go out with anyone during the past 12 months
   B. 0 times
   C. 1 time
   D. 2 or 3 times
   E. 4 or 5 times
   F. 6 or more times
33. During the past 12 months, how many times did someone do sexual things to you that you did not want to do by pressuring you, lying to you, making promises about the future, threatening to end your relationship, or threatening to spread rumors about you?
   A. 0 times  
   B. 1 time  
   C. 2 or 3 times  
   D. 4 or 5 times  
   E. 6 or more times  

The next 3 questions ask about bullying. Bullying is when 1 or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when 2 students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.

34. During the past 12 months, have you ever been bullied on school property?
   A. Yes  
   B. No  

35. During the past 12 months, have you ever been electronically bullied? (Count being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media.)
   A. Yes  
   B. No  

36. During the past 12 months, have you ever bullied someone on school property?
   A. Yes  
   B. No  

The next 5 questions ask about sad feelings and attempted suicide. Sometimes people feel so depressed about the future that they may consider attempting suicide, that is, taking some action to end their own life.

37. 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?
   A. Yes  
   B. No  

38. During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?
   A. Yes  
   B. No  

39. During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?
   A. Yes  
   B. No  

40. During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?
   A. 0 times  
   B. 1 time  
   C. 2 or 3 times  
   D. 4 or 5 times  
   E. 6 or more times  

41. If you attempted suicide during the past 12 months, did any attempt result in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse?
   A. I did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months  
   B. Yes  
   C. No  

The next 2 questions ask about cigarette smoking.

42. How old were you when you first tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?
   A. I have never tried cigarette smoking, not even one or two puffs  
   B. 8 years old or younger  
   C. 9 or 10 years old  
   D. 11 or 12 years old  
   E. 13 or 14 years old  
   F. 15 or 16 years old  
   G. 17 years old or older
43. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?
   A. 0 days
   B. 1 or 2 days
   C. 3 to 5 days
   D. 6 to 9 days
   E. 10 to 19 days
   F. 20 to 29 days
   G. All 30 days

The next question asks about electronic vapor products, such as JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Vuse, and blu. Electronic vapor products include e-cigarettes, vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods.

44. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use an electronic vapor product?
   A. 0 days
   B. 1 or 2 days
   C. 3 to 5 days
   D. 6 to 9 days
   E. 10 to 19 days
   F. 20 to 29 days
   G. All 30 days

The next 2 questions ask about other tobacco products.

45. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, snus, or dissolvable tobacco products, such as Copenhagen, Grizzly, Skoal, or Camel Snus? (Do not count any electronic vapor products.)
   A. 0 days
   B. 1 or 2 days
   C. 3 to 5 days
   D. 6 to 9 days
   E. 10 to 19 days
   F. 20 to 29 days
   G. All 30 days

46. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?
   A. 0 days
   B. 1 or 2 days
   C. 3 to 5 days
   D. 6 to 9 days
   E. 10 to 19 days
   F. 20 to 29 days
   G. All 30 days

The next 3 questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, flavored alcoholic beverages, and liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, or whiskey. For these questions, drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.

47. How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?
   A. I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips
   B. 8 years old or younger
   C. 9 or 10 years old
   D. 11 or 12 years old
   E. 13 or 14 years old
   F. 15 or 16 years old
   G. 17 years old or older

48. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?
   A. 0 days
   B. 1 or 2 days
   C. 3 to 5 days
   D. 6 to 9 days
   E. 10 to 19 days
   F. 20 to 29 days
   G. All 30 days
49. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 4 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours (if you are female) or 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours (if you are male)?
   A. 0 days  
   B. 1 day  
   C. 2 days  
   D. 3 to 5 days  
   E. 6 to 9 days  
   F. 10 to 19 days  
   G. 20 or more days  

The next question asks about the use of prescription pain medicine without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it. For this question, count drugs such as codeine, Vicodin, OxyContin, Hydrocodone, and Percocet.

50. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?
   A. I have never tried marijuana  
   B. 8 years old or younger  
   C. 9 or 10 years old  
   D. 11 or 12 years old  
   E. 13 or 14 years old  
   F. 15 or 16 years old  
   G. 17 years old or older  

51. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana?
   A. 0 times  
   B. 1 or 2 times  
   C. 3 to 9 times  
   D. 10 to 19 times  
   E. 20 to 39 times  
   F. 40 or more times  

The next question asks about other drugs.

52. During your life, how many times have you taken prescription pain medicine without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it?
   A. 0 times  
   B. 1 or 2 times  
   C. 3 to 9 times  
   D. 10 to 19 times  
   E. 20 to 39 times  
   F. 40 or more times  

53. During your life, how many times have you used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase?
   A. 0 times  
   B. 1 or 2 times  
   C. 3 to 9 times  
   D. 10 to 19 times  
   E. 20 to 39 times  
   F. 40 or more times  

54. During your life, how many times have you sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high?
   A. 0 times  
   B. 1 or 2 times  
   C. 3 to 9 times  
   D. 10 to 19 times  
   E. 20 to 39 times  
   F. 40 or more times  

55. During your life, how many times have you used heroin (also called smack, junk, or China White)?
   A. 0 times  
   B. 1 or 2 times  
   C. 3 to 9 times  
   D. 10 to 19 times  
   E. 20 to 39 times  
   F. 40 or more times
56. During your life, how many times have you used methamphetamine (also called speed, crystal meth, crank, ice, or meth)?
   A. 0 times
   B. 1 or 2 times
   C. 3 to 9 times
   D. 10 to 19 times
   E. 20 to 39 times
   F. 40 or more times

57. During your life, how many times have you used ecstasy (also called MDMA or Molly)?
   A. 0 times
   B. 1 or 2 times
   C. 3 to 9 times
   D. 10 to 19 times
   E. 20 to 39 times
   F. 40 or more times

The next 11 questions ask about sexual behavior.

58. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?
   A. Yes
   B. No

59. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?
   A. I have never had sexual intercourse
   B. 11 years old or younger
   C. 12 years old
   D. 13 years old
   E. 14 years old
   F. 15 years old
   G. 16 years old
   H. 17 years old or older

60. During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?
   A. I have never had sexual intercourse
   B. 1 person
   C. 2 people
   D. 3 people
   E. 4 people
   F. 5 people
   G. 6 or more people

61. During the past 3 months, with how many people did you have sexual intercourse?
   A. I have never had sexual intercourse
   B. I have had sexual intercourse, but not during the past 3 months
   C. 1 person
   D. 2 people
   E. 3 people
   F. 4 people
   G. 5 people
   H. 6 or more people

62. The last time you had sexual intercourse, how many years younger or older than you was your partner?
   A. I have never had sexual intercourse
   B. 5 or more years younger
   C. 3 to 4 years younger
   D. About the same age
   E. 3 to 4 years older
   F. 5 or more years older
   G. Not sure

63. Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the last time?
   A. I have never had sexual intercourse
   B. Yes
   C. No

64. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?
   A. I have never had sexual intercourse
   B. Yes
   C. No
65. The last time you had sexual intercourse with an opposite-sex partner, what one method did you or your partner use to prevent pregnancy? (Select only one response.)
A. I have never had sexual intercourse with an opposite-sex partner
B. No method was used to prevent pregnancy
C. Birth control pills (Do not count emergency contraception such as Plan B or the "morning after" pill.)
D. Condoms
E. An IUD (such as Mirena or ParaGard) or implant (such as Implanon or Nexplanon)
F. A shot (such as Depo-Provera), patch (such as Ortho Evra), or birth control ring (such as NuvaRing)
G. Withdrawal or some other method
H. Not sure

66. During your life, with whom have you had sexual contact?
A. I have never had sexual contact
B. Females
C. Males
D. Females and males

67. During your life, with how many people have you had oral sex?
A. I have never had oral sex
B. 1 person
C. 2 people
D. 3 people
E. 4 people
F. 5 people
G. 6 or more people

68. How many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?
A. 0 times
B. 1 time
C. 2 or more times
D. Not sure

The next 5 questions ask about body weight.

69. How do you describe your weight?
A. Very underweight
B. Slightly underweight
C. About the right weight
D. Slightly overweight
E. Very overweight

70. Which of the following are you trying to do about your weight?
A. Lose weight
B. Gain weight
C. Stay the same weight
D. I am not trying to do anything about my weight

71. During the past 30 days, did you exercise to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?
A. Yes
B. No

72. During the past 30 days, did you go without eating for 24 hours or more (also called fasting) to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?
A. Yes
B. No

73. During the past 30 days, did you vomit or take laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?
A. Yes
B. No
The next 6 questions ask about food you ate or drank during the past 7 days. Think about all the meals and snacks you had from the time you got up until you went to bed. Be sure to include food you ate at home, at school, at restaurants, or anywhere else.

74. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat fruit? (Do not count fruit juice.)
   A. I did not eat fruit during the past 7 days
   B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
   C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
   D. 1 time per day
   E. 2 times per day
   F. 3 times per day
   G. 4 or more times per day

75. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat green salad?
   A. I did not eat green salad during the past 7 days
   B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
   C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
   D. 1 time per day
   E. 2 times per day
   F. 3 times per day
   G. 4 or more times per day

76. During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink a can, bottle, or glass of soda or pop, such as Coke, Pepsi, or Sprite? (Do not count diet soda or diet pop.)
   A. I did not drink soda or pop during the past 7 days
   B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
   C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
   D. 1 time per day
   E. 2 times per day
   F. 3 times per day
   G. 4 or more times per day

77. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you eat breakfast?
   A. 0 days
   B. 1 day
   C. 2 days
   D. 3 days
   E. 4 days
   F. 5 days
   G. 6 days
   H. 7 days

78. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you eat at a fast food chain or carry out restaurant?
   A. 0 days
   B. 1 day
   C. 2 days
   D. 3 days
   E. 4 days
   F. 5 days
   G. 6 days
   H. 7 days

79. During the past 30 days, how often did you go hungry because there was not enough food in your home?
   A. Never
   B. Rarely
   C. Sometimes
   D. Most of the time
   E. Always

The next 4 questions ask about physical activity.

80. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? (Add up all the time you spent in any kind of physical activity that increased your heart rate and made you breathe hard some of the time.)
   A. 0 days
   B. 1 day
   C. 2 days
   D. 3 days
   E. 4 days
   F. 5 days
   G. 6 days
   H. 7 days
81. On an average school day, how many hours do you spend in front of a TV, computer, smart phone, or other electronic device watching shows or videos, playing games, accessing the Internet, or using social media (also called "screen time")? (Do not count time spent doing schoolwork.)
   A. Less than 1 hour per day
   B. 1 hour per day
   C. 2 hours per day
   D. 3 hours per day
   E. 4 hours per day
   F. 5 or more hours per day

82. During the past 12 months, on how many sports teams did you play? (Count any teams run by your school or community groups.)
   A. 0 teams
   B. 1 team
   C. 2 teams
   D. 3 or more teams

83. Do any of your classroom teachers provide short physical activity breaks during regular class time? (Do not count your physical education teacher.)
   A. Yes
   B. No

The next 15 questions ask about other health-related topics.

84. Have you ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school?
   A. Yes
   B. No
   C. Not sure

85. Have you ever been tested for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS? (Do not count tests done if you donated blood.)
   A. Yes
   B. No
   C. Not sure

86. During the past 12 months, have you been tested for a sexually transmitted disease (STD) other than HIV, such as chlamydia or gonorrhea?
   A. Yes
   B. No
   C. Not sure

87. When was the last time you saw a dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning, or other dental work?
   A. During the past 12 months
   B. Between 12 and 24 months ago
   C. More than 24 months ago
   D. Never
   E. Not sure

88. During the past 30 days, how often was your mental health not good? (Poor mental health includes stress, anxiety, and depression.)
   A. Never
   B. Rarely
   C. Sometimes
   D. Most of the time
   E. Always

89. Do you agree or disagree that you feel close to people at your school?
   A. Strongly agree
   B. Agree
   C. Not sure
   D. Disagree
   E. Strongly disagree

90. Is there at least one teacher or other adult in your school that you can talk to if you have a problem?
   A. Yes
   B. No
   C. Not sure
91. During the past 12 months, how many times have you been removed from class for at least one day for disciplinary reasons? (Count time spent in in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, and expulsion.)
   A. 0 times
   B. 1 time
   C. 2 or 3 times
   D. 4 or 5 times
   E. 6 or more times

92. On an average school night, how many hours of sleep do you get?
   A. 4 or less hours
   B. 5 hours
   C. 6 hours
   D. 7 hours
   E. 8 hours
   F. 9 hours
   G. 10 or more hours

93. During the past 30 days, where did you usually sleep?
   A. In my parent’s or guardian’s home
   B. In the home of a friend, family member, or other person because I had to leave my home or my parent or guardian cannot afford housing
   C. In a shelter or emergency housing
   D. In a motel or hotel
   E. In a car, park, campground, or other public place
   F. I do not have a usual place to sleep
   G. Somewhere else

94. During the past 30 days, did you ever sleep away from your parents or guardians because you were kicked out, ran away, or were abandoned?
   A. Yes
   B. No

95. Have you ever been given money, a place to stay, food, or something else of value in exchange for sex?
   A. Yes
   B. No

96. When you feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious, how often do you get the kind of help you need?
   A. I do not feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious
   B. Never
   C. Rarely
   D. Sometimes
   E. Most of the time
   F. Always

97. When you feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious, with whom would you most likely talk about it?
   A. I do not feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious
   B. Parent or other adult family member
   C. Teacher or other adult in this school
   D. Other adult
   E. Friend
   F. Sibling
   G. Not sure
98. During the past 12 months, how would you describe your grades in school?
   A. Mostly A's
   B. Mostly B's
   C. Mostly C's
   D. Mostly D's
   E. Mostly F's
   F. None of these grades
   G. Not sure

Beginning in early 2020, the United States, along with the rest of the world, experienced the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. As part of the response to this pandemic, schools and businesses were closed and people were required to stay at home. Depending on where you live, your experience with the pandemic might still be going on now, or your community and your school might be somewhat back to normal. The next question asks about your experiences during this time, whether in the past or continuing now.

99. During the COVID-19 pandemic, did a parent or other adult in your home lose their job even for a short amount of time?
   A. My parents and other adults in my home did not have jobs before the COVID-19 pandemic started
   B. Yes
   C. No

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.