

2023 District of Columbia Middle 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. 10 years old or younger
 - B. 11 years old
 - C. 12 years old
 - D. 13 years old
 - E. 14 years old
 - F. 15 years old
 - G. 16 years old or older
2. What is your sex?
 - A. Female
 - B. Male
3. In what grade are you?
 - A. 6th grade
 - B. 7th grade
 - C. 8th grade
 - D. 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. 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

7. 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
8. 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

The next 8 questions ask about violence-related behaviors and experiences.

9. Have you ever been in a physical fight?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
10. Have you ever carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
11. 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

12. 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
13. 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
14. Have you ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
15. 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

16. During the past 12 months, 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. Yes
 - C. No

The next question asks about sexting.

17. During the past 30 days, has a revealing or sexual photo of you been texted, e-mailed, or posted electronically without your permission?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Not sure

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.

18. Have you ever been bullied **on school property**?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
19. Have you ever been **electronically** bullied? (Count being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media.)
- A. Yes
 - B. No
20. During the past 12 months, have you ever bullied someone **on school property**?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

The next 3 questions ask about attempted suicide. Sometimes people feel so depressed about the future that they may consider attempting suicide or killing themselves.

21. Have you ever **seriously** thought about killing yourself?
A. Yes
B. No
22. Have you ever made a **plan** about how you would kill yourself?
A. Yes
B. No
23. Have you ever **tried** to kill yourself?
A. Yes
B. No

The next 2 questions ask about cigarette smoking.

24. How old were you when you first smoked a cigarette, even one or two puffs?
A. I have never smoked a cigarette, not even one or two puffs
B. 8 years old or younger
C. 9 years old
D. 10 years old
E. 11 years old
F. 12 years old
G. 13 years old or older
25. 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, Vuse, NJOY, Puff Bar, blu, or Bidi Stick. Electronic vapor products include e-cigarettes, vapes, mods, e-cigs, e-hookahs, or vape pens.

26. 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 question asks about other tobacco products.

27. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke **cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars**, such as Swisher Sweets, Middleton's (including Black & Mild), or Backwoods?
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 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.

28. 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 years old
D. 10 years old
E. 11 years old
F. 12 years old
G. 13 years old or older

29. 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

The next 2 questions ask about marijuana use. Marijuana also is called pot or weed. For these questions, do not count CBD-only or hemp products, which come from the same plant as marijuana, but do not cause a high when used alone.

30. 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 years old
 - D. 10 years old
 - E. 11 years old
 - F. 12 years old
 - G. 13 years old or older
31. 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 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.

32. Have you ever taken **prescription pain medicine** without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

The next 2 questions ask about other drugs.

33. Have you ever used **any** form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
34. Have you ever sniffed glue, breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

The next 4 questions ask about sexual intercourse.

35. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
36. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
 - B. 8 years old or younger
 - C. 9 years old
 - D. 10 years old
 - E. 11 years old
 - F. 12 years old
 - G. 13 years old or older
37. With how many people have you ever 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
38. 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

The next 2 questions ask about sexual and gender identity.

39. 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
40. 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 body weight.

41. How do **you** describe your weight?
- A. Very underweight
 - B. Slightly underweight
 - C. About the right weight
 - D. Slightly overweight
 - E. Very overweight
42. Have you ever **gone without eating for 24 hours or more** (also called fasting) to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
43. Have you ever **vomited or taken laxatives** to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

The next 2 questions ask about eating.

44. 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
45. 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 question asks about physical activity.

46. 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

The next question asks about social media, such as Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, and Twitter.

47. How often do you use social media?
- A. I do not use social media
 - B. A few times a month
 - C. About once a week
 - D. A few times a week
 - E. About once a day
 - F. Several times a day
 - G. About once an hour
 - H. More than once an hour

The next 11 questions ask about other health-related topics.

48. Have you ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Not sure
49. 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
50. 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
51. 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
52. During the past 12 months, did you talk to a teacher or other adult in your school about a personal problem you had?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
53. 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
54. 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
55. 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
56. Have you ever been given money, a place to stay, food, or something else of value in exchange for sex?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
57. During an average week when you are in school, how many total hours do you participate in school activities such as sports, band, drama, or clubs?
- A. 0 hours
 - B. 1 to 4 hours
 - C. 5 to 9 hours
 - D. 10 to 19 hours
 - E. 20 or more hours
58. 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

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