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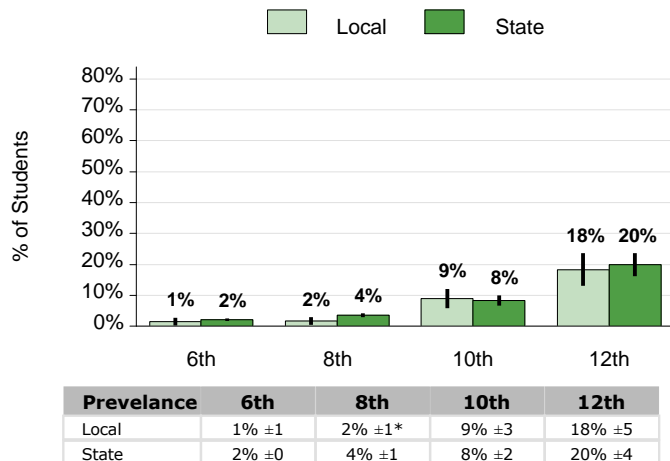
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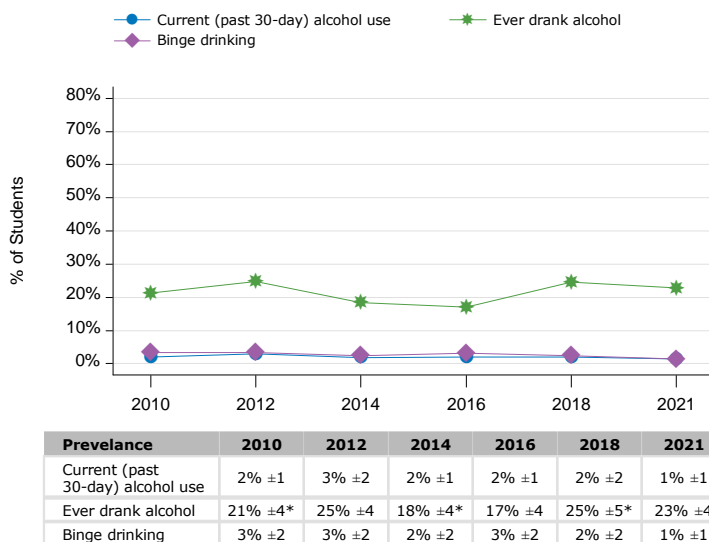
### Background:

- Youth alcohol use is associated with violence, poor school performance, suicide, and risky sexual behavior.
- Research shows that heavy alcohol use during teen years can permanently damage the still-developing brain.

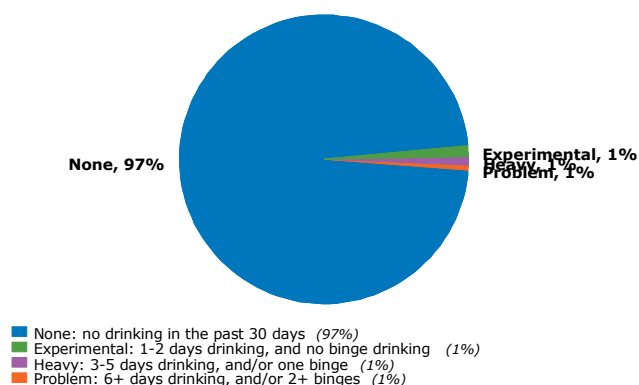
**Current (past 30 days) Alcohol Use Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**



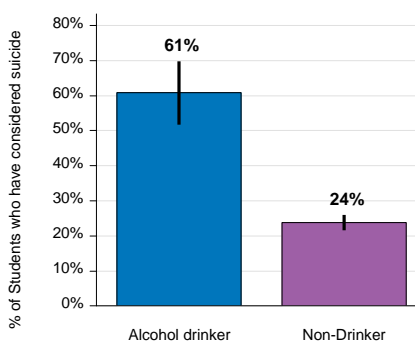
**Alcohol Use 2010-2021, Grade 6**



**Level of Alcohol Use Grade 6, 2021**

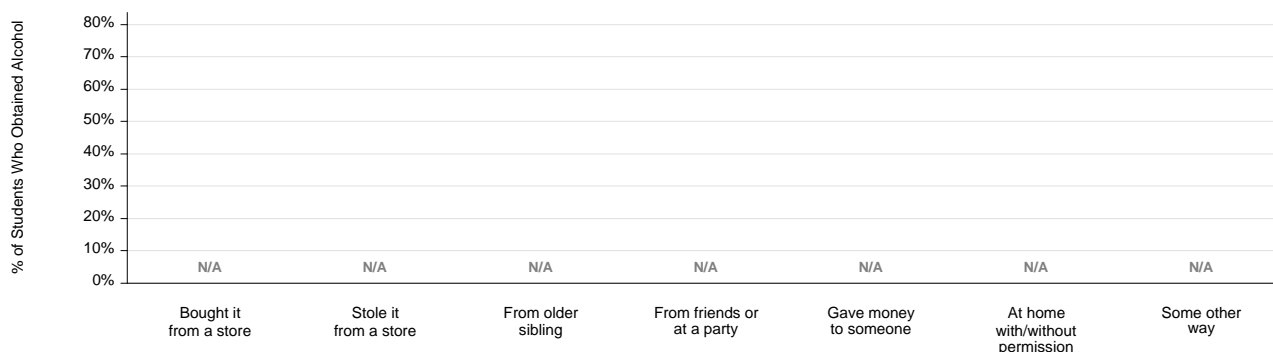


**Statewide Relationship between Considering Suicide and Current (past 30-day) Alcohol Use Grade 6, 2021**



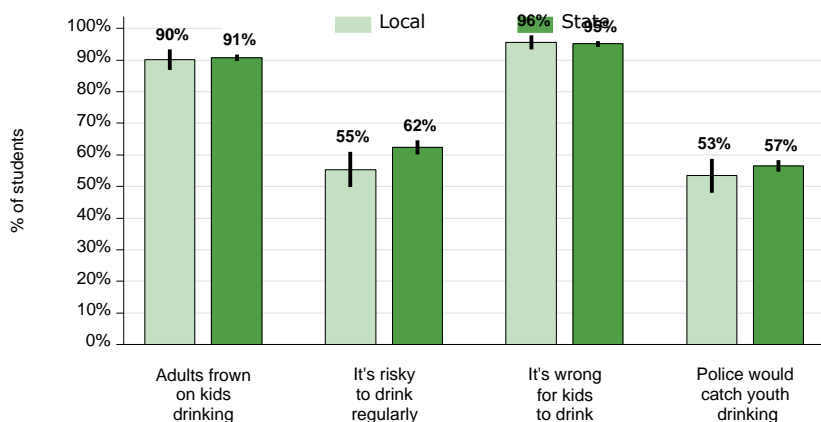
*Statewide, more 6th graders who drink alcohol report seriously considering suicide compared to those who don't drink.*

**Where Do Youth Get Alcohol? Grade 6, 2021**



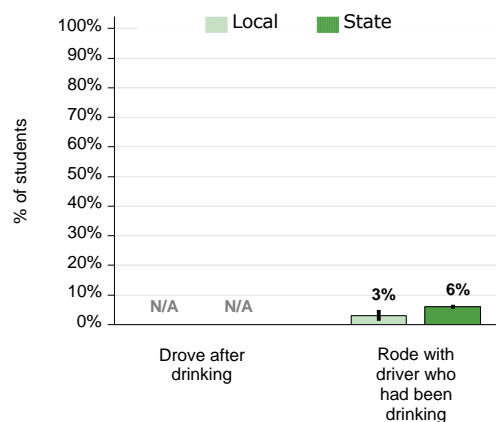
The percentages in this chart are based on all students who reported getting alcohol in the past 30 days, regardless of whether they reported drinking in the past 30 days. Students could select multiple sources.

**Youth Perceptions about Alcohol  
Compared to the State, Grade 6, 2021**



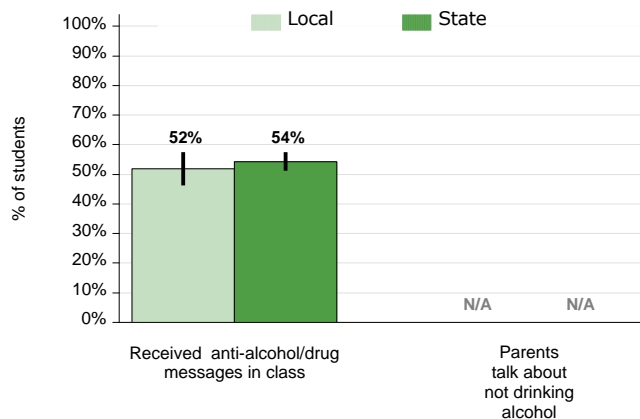
Prevalence	Adults frown on drinking	Regular drinking is risky	Drinking is wrong for kids	Police would catch youth drinking
Local	90% ±3	55% ±6	96% ±2	53% ±5
State	91% ±1	62% ±2	95% ±1	57% ±2

**Drinking and Driving/Riding  
Compared to the State, Grade 6, 2021**



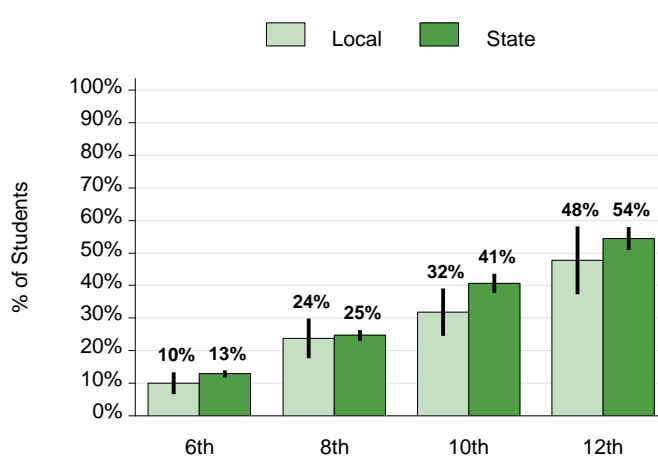
Prevalence	Drove after drinking	Rode with driver who had been drinking
Local	N/A	3% ±2
State	N/A	6% ±1

**Received Anti-Alcohol Messages  
Compared to the State, Grade 6, 2021**



Prevalence	Received anti-alcohol/drug messages in class	Parents talked about drinking
Local	52% ±6	N/A
State	54% ±3	N/A

**Youth Perception that Alcohol is Easy to Get  
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	10% ±3	24% ±6	32% ±7*	48% ±10
State	13% ±1	25% ±2	41% ±3	54% ±3

### For More Information:

- Parents, schools, and communities can work together to keep youth healthy and safe. For prevention tips and to connect with a prevention coalition in your area, visit [www.StartTalkingNow.org](http://www.StartTalkingNow.org).
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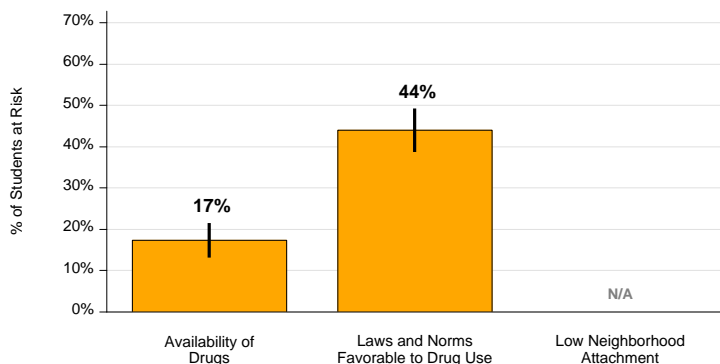
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- Risk factors in the **community environment** point to youth perceptions of local attitudes, beliefs, and standards: if youth perceive that people in the community look the other way when youth are using substances, the youth have a higher likelihood of using these substances. If youth perceive access to substances is easy, there is a higher likelihood they will engage in the problem behavior - that is, they are "at risk."

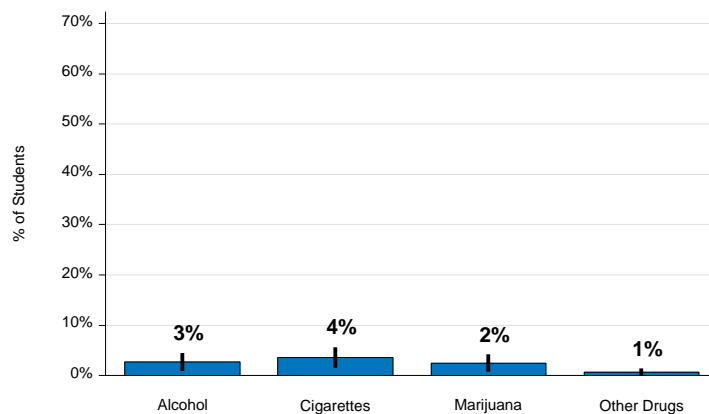
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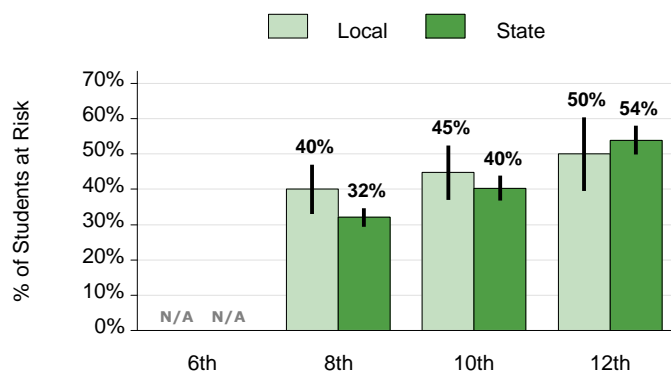
**Risk Factors: Availability of Drugs and Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use and Low Neighborhood Attachment**  
Grade 6, 2021



**Substances Perceived as "Very Easy" to Get**  
Grade 6, 2021

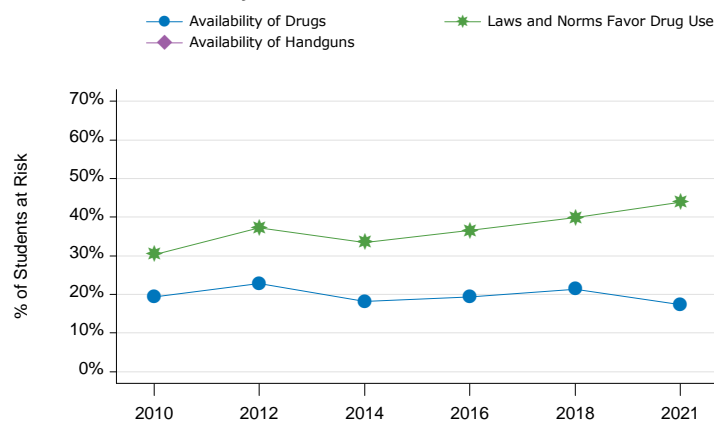


**Risk Factor: Low Neighborhood Attachment**  
All Grades, 2021



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/A	40% ±7	45% ±8	50% ±10
State	N/A	32% ±3	40% ±4	54% ±4

**Community Risk Factors 2010-2021, Grade 6**



Prevalence	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
Availability of Drugs	19% ±4	23% ±4	18% ±4	19% ±4	21% ±5	17% ±4
Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	30% ±4*	37% ±5*	34% ±5	37% ±5	40% ±5	44% ±5
Availability of Handguns	N/A	N/A	N/S	N/S	N/A	N/A

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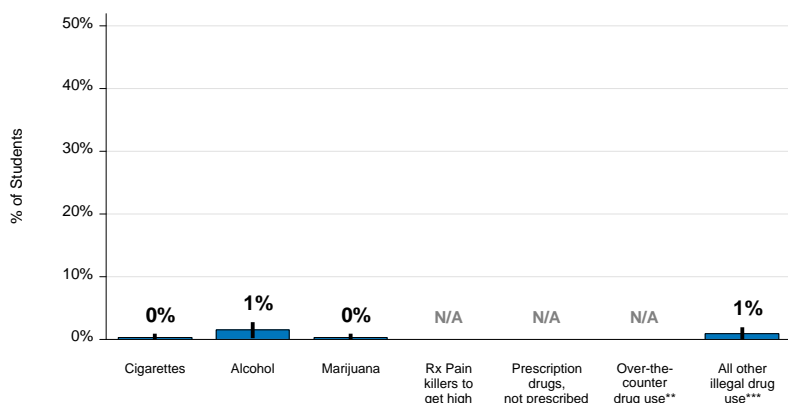
### Background:

- Parents are one of the primary influences on their children's decision to use alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
- Brain development in young adulthood continues into the mid-20s. Developing brains are more susceptible to the effects of alcohol and other drugs.

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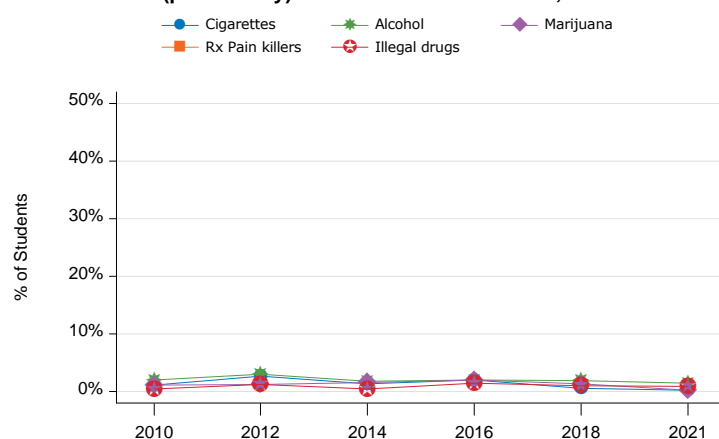
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**Current (past 30-day) Substance Use  
Grade 6, 2021**



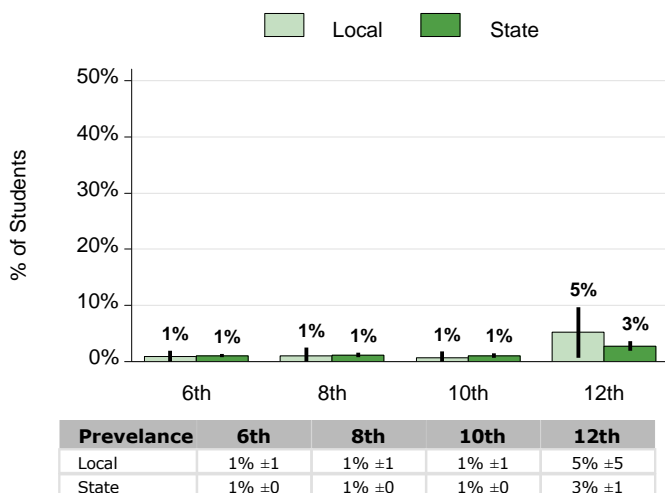
*Most youth don't use alcohol or other substances.*

**Current (past 30-day) Substance Use 2010-2021, Grade 6**

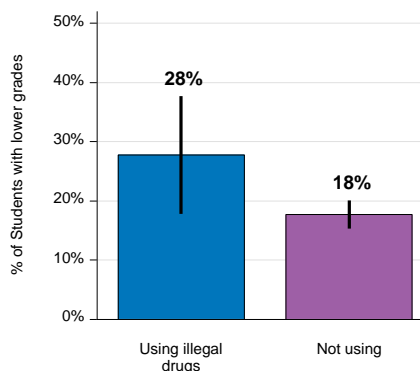


Prevalence	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
Cigarettes	1% ±1	3% ±2	1% ±1	2% ±1	1% ±1	0% ±0.6
Alcohol	2% ±1	3% ±2	2% ±1	2% ±1	2% ±2	1% ±1
Marijuana	1% ±1	1% ±1	2% ±1	2% ±1	1% ±1	0% ±0.6
Rx Pain killers to get high	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
All other illegal drug use***	0% ±0.6	1% ±1	1% ±1	1% ±1	1% ±1	1% ±1

**Current (past 30-day) All Other Illegal Drug Use\*\*\*  
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**



**Statewide Relationship between  
Lower Grades and Current (past 30-day)  
All Other Illegal Drug Use\*\*\*  
Grade 6, 2021**



*Statewide, more 6th graders who use illegal drugs (not including alcohol, tobacco or marijuana) report lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who don't use.*

\*\*Over-the-counter drug use is the use of drugs like cough syrup or cold medicine for non-medical purposes.

\*\*\*All other illegal drug use includes prescription drugs not prescribed, Rx pain killers to get high, and all other illegal drugs; but does not include alcohol, tobacco or marijuana.

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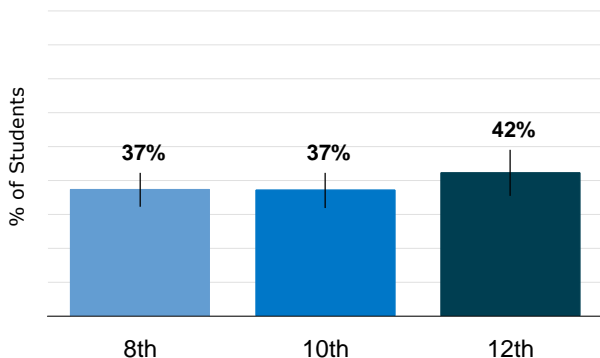
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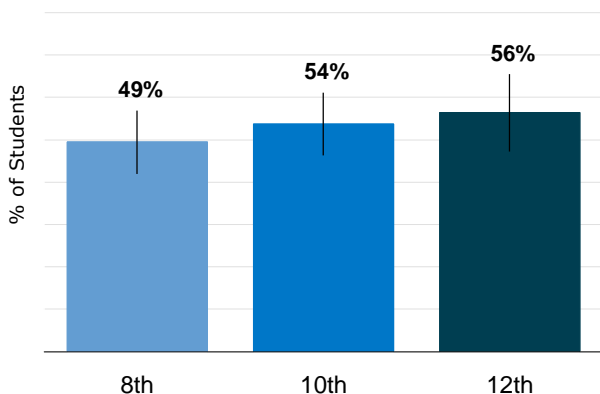
### Depressive Feelings...

Students who report feeling sad or hopeless for at least two weeks in the past year



### Support...

Students who report they have an adult to turn to when they feel sad or hopeless



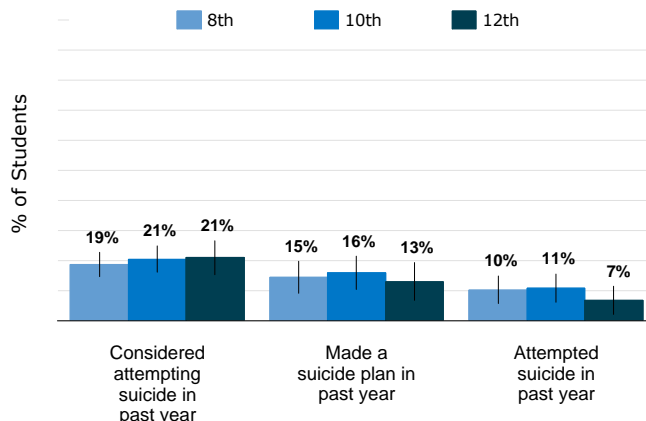
### For help and information about what you can do, contact:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8225) or [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)
- For help, text "HOME" to 741741 for a 24/7, free, confidential crisis counselor or call 1-800-TEENLINK (833-6546) to speak with a caring teen.

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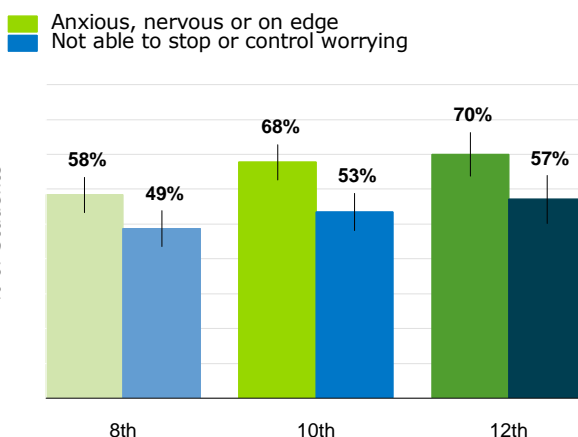
### Suicidal Feelings and Actions...

Students who report considering suicide, making a suicide plan, and attempting suicide in the past year



### Feeling Anxious and not able to Stop Worrying...

Students who report feeling nervous, anxious or over the edge or not being able to stop or control worrying in the past 2 weeks



### YOU can save a life:

- Take it Seriously
- Understand the risk factors and watch for the warning signs (<https://afsp.org/about-suicide/risk-factors-and-warning-signs>).
- Emphasize, don't rationalize. Show you care. "I'm worried about you" or "I want to help you".
- Ask if they are thinking about killing themselves.
- Get help. Don't keep it a secret!

**For immediate help call**  
**1-800-273-TALK**  
**1-866-4-U-TREVOR (GLBTQ)**



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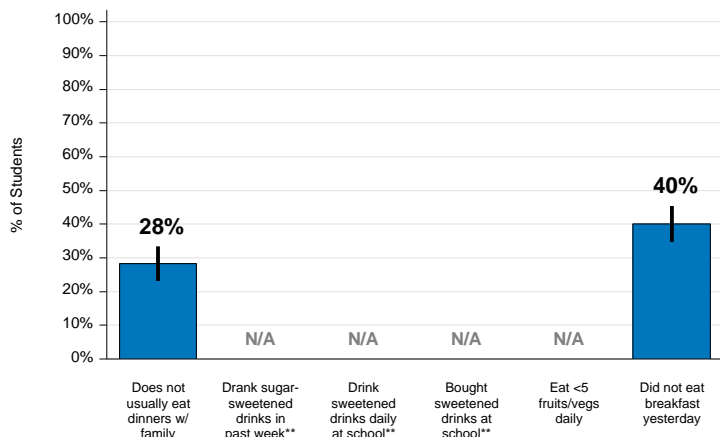
### Background:

- A nutritious diet can reduce major risk factors for chronic disease such as obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, and high blood cholesterol.
- Poor nutrition has the potential to affect the growth, development, health status and academic achievement of children and adolescents.
- Individual food choices are made within the context of the family and the community.
- In order to be able to choose a nutritious diet, an affordable supply of healthy foods must be available.

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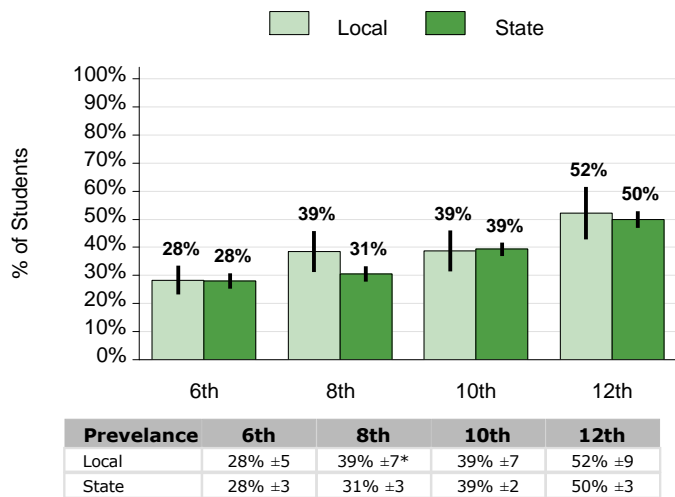
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**Dietary Behaviors  
Grade 6, 2021**

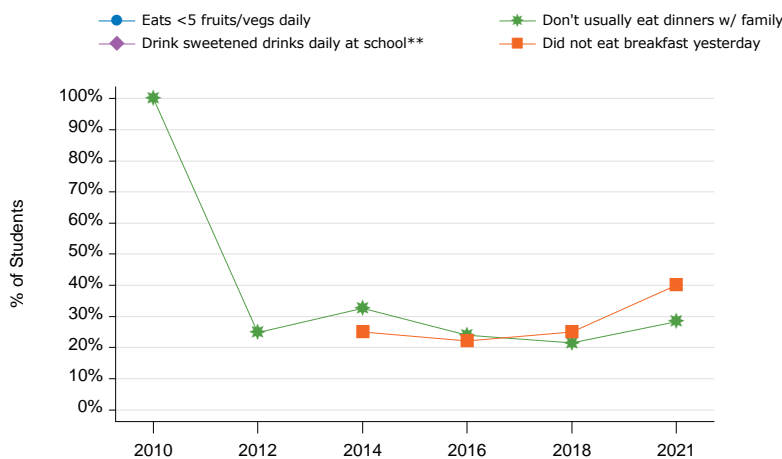


*In 2021, 28% of 6th graders in our school district don't usually eat dinner with their family.*

**Does Not Usually Eat Dinners with Family  
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**

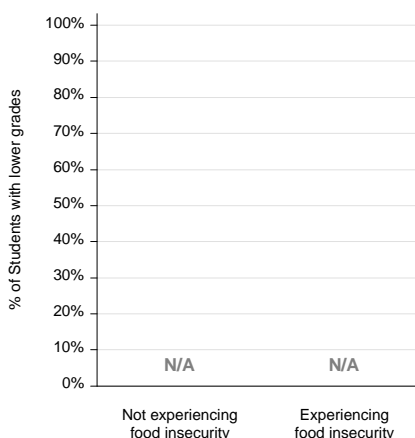


**Dietary Behavior 2010-2021, Grade 6**



Prevalence	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
Eats <5 fruits/vegs daily	N/S	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Does not usually eat dinners w/ family	100% ±0	25% ±8	33% ±5	24% ±5*	22% ±6	28% ±5
Drink sweetened drinks daily at school**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Did not eat breakfast yesterday	N/S	N/S	25% ±5	22% ±4	25% ±6	40% ±5*

**Statewide Relationship between  
Lower Grades and Food Insecurity  
Grade 6, 2021**



*Statewide, more 6th graders who report experiencing food insecurity also report lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to other youth.*

\*\* In 2021, the definition of sugar-sweetened and sugar-free drinks expanded to include additional examples compared to those provided in previous surveys.

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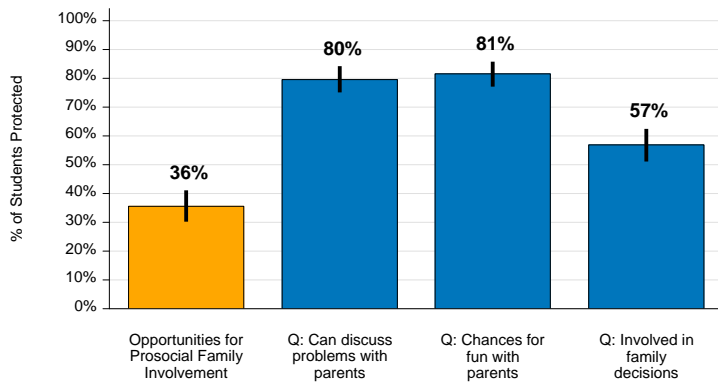
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- *Protective factors in the family environment are those that encourage positive participation in the family setting, and reward youth for that involvement.*

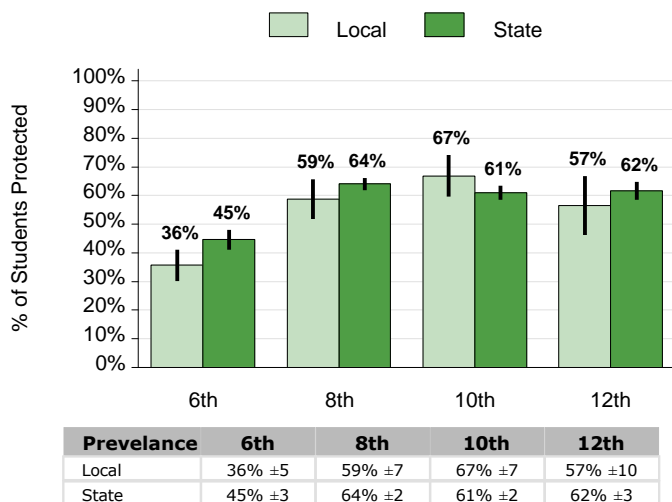
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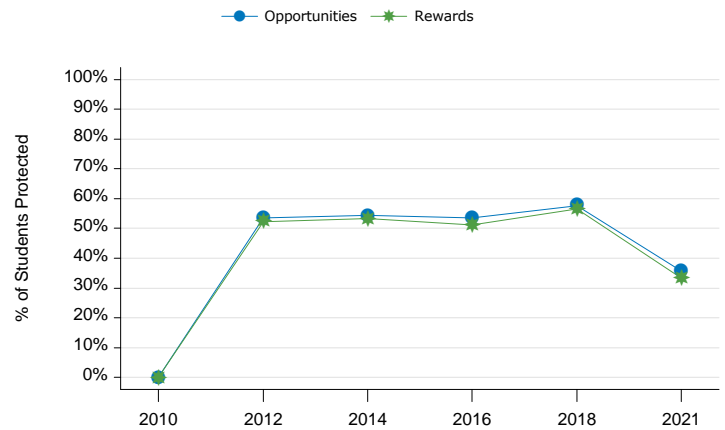
### Protective Factor: Opportunities for Prosocial Family Involvement with Component Questions (Q:) Grade 6, 2021



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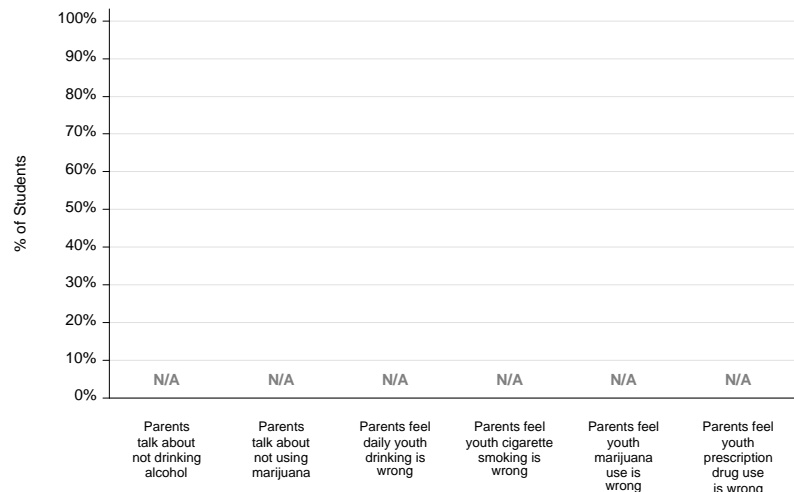


### Family Protective Factor 2010-2021, Grade 6



Prevalence	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
Opportunities	0% ±0	54% ±9	54% ±5	53% ±5	58% ±7	36% ±5*
Rewards	0% ±0	52% ±9	53% ±6	51% ±5	56% ±7	33% ±5*

### Parental Protective Influences, Grade 6, 2021



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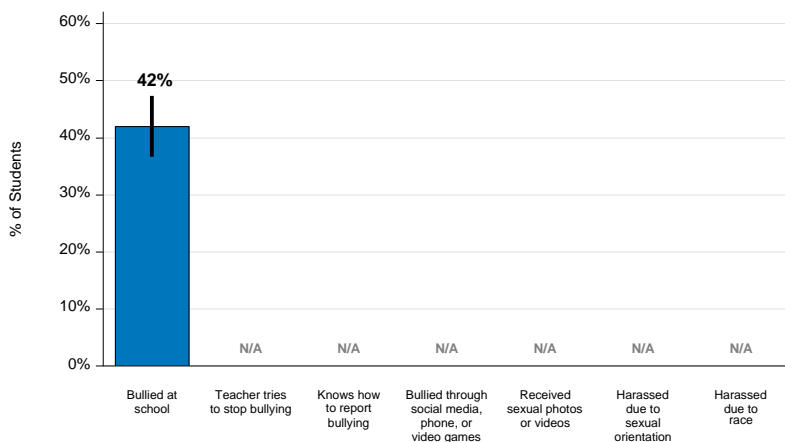
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- Bullying in this survey is defined as; when one or more students threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or otherwise hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.

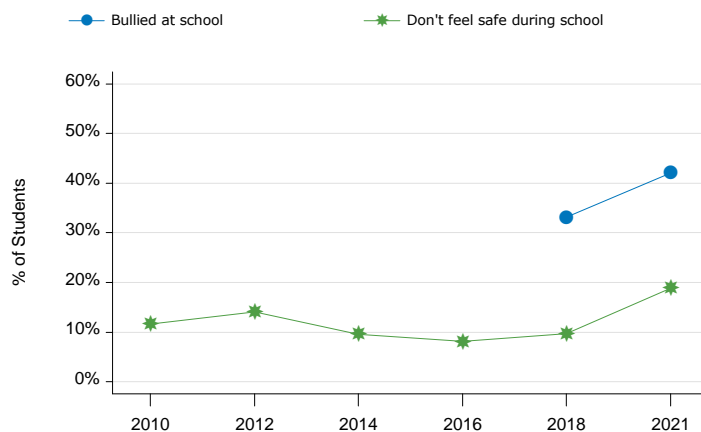
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**Bullying and Harassment  
Grade 6, 2021**

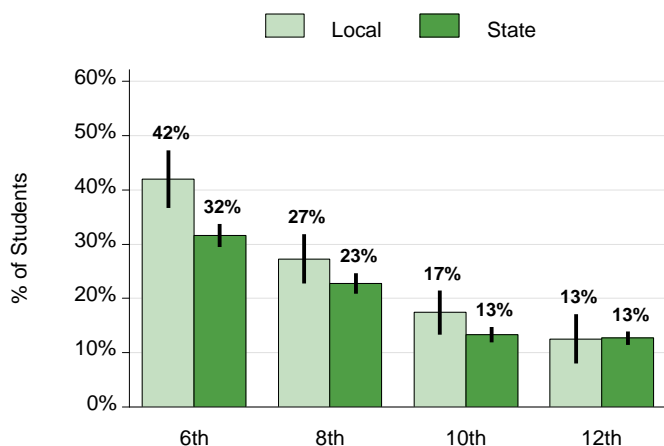


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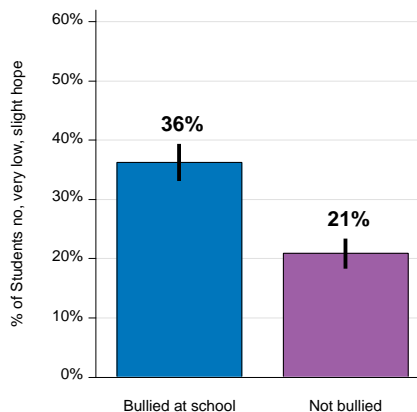
Prevalence	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
Bullied at school	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	33% ±5	42% ±5*
Don't feel safe during school	12% ±3	14% ±3	10% ±3*	8% ±3	10% ±3	19% ±4*

**Bullied in Past Month  
Compared to the State/All Grades, 2021**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	42% ±5	27% ±5	17% ±4	13% ±5
State	32% ±2	23% ±2	13% ±1	13% ±1

**Statewide Relationship between  
No, Very Low, or Slight Hope and Bullying  
Grade 6, 2021**



*Statewide, more 6th graders who are bullied at school report having no, very low, or slight hope compared to those who aren't bullied.*

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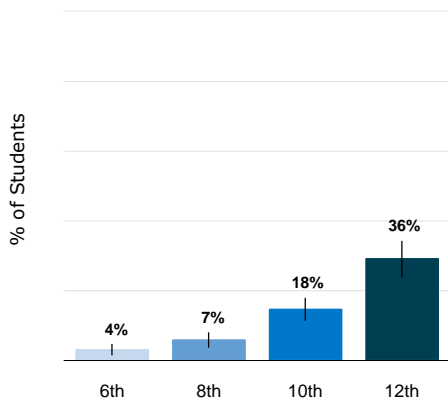
- Marijuana can be addictive. Most teens who enter drug treatment programs report marijuana is the main drug they use.
- If teens use marijuana, anxiety and depression can get worse. Marijuana use is associated with risk of anxiety and depression.
- Teens who use marijuana can have problems with learning and memory and are more likely to do poorly in school.

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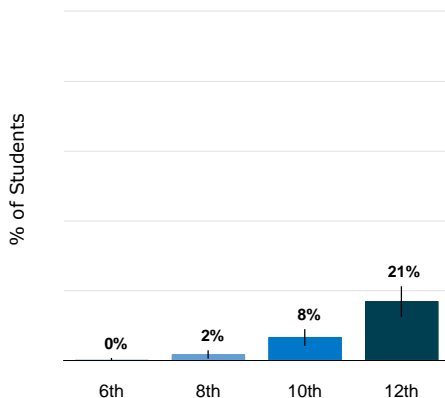
### Lifetime Marijuana Use

"I have used marijuana at least once."



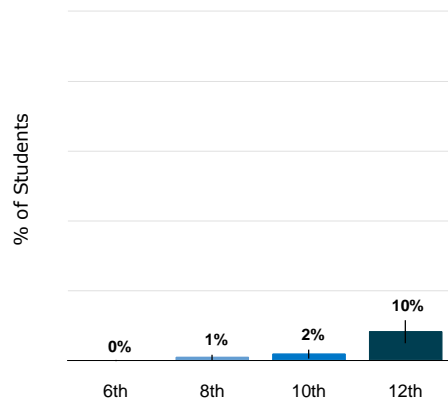
### Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use

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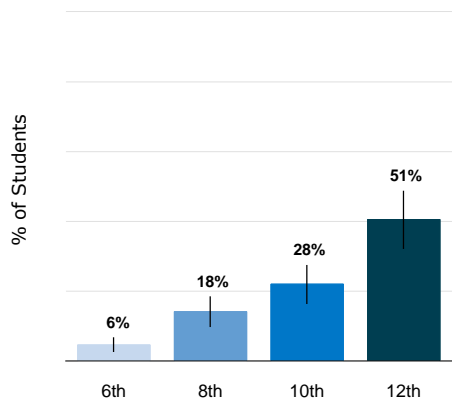


### Heavy Marijuana Use

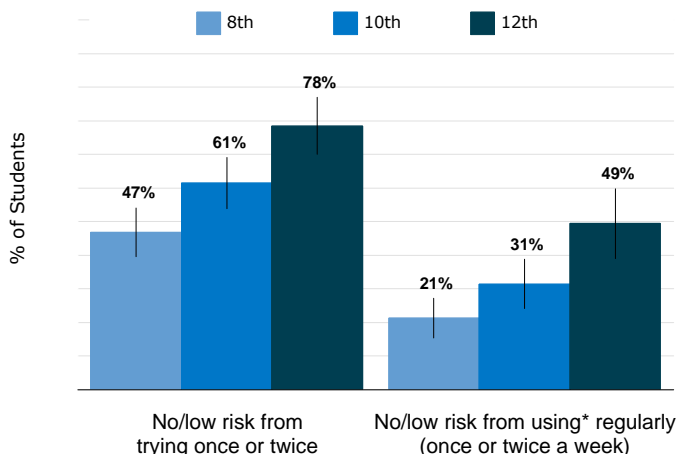
"I have used marijuana on 10 or more days in the past month."



### Marijuana is Perceived as Easy or Very Easy to Get

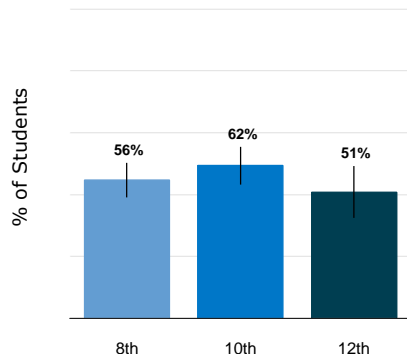


### Marijuana is Perceived as Not Harmful

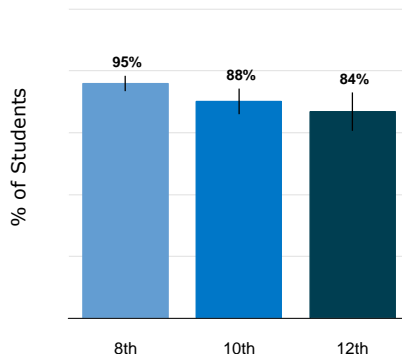


\*"Smoked" regularly changed to "Used" regularly in 2014

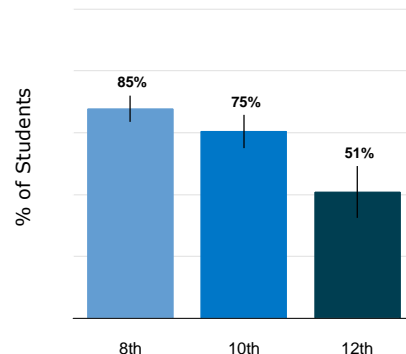
Parental discussion about not using marijuana



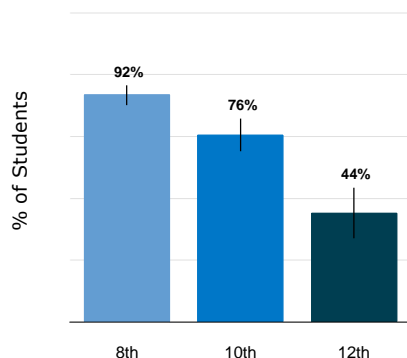
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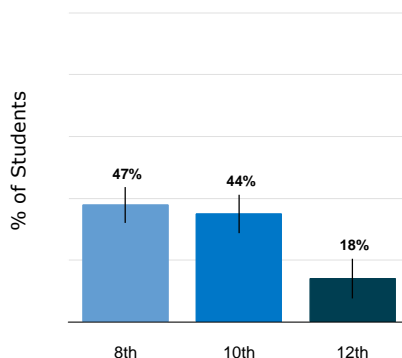
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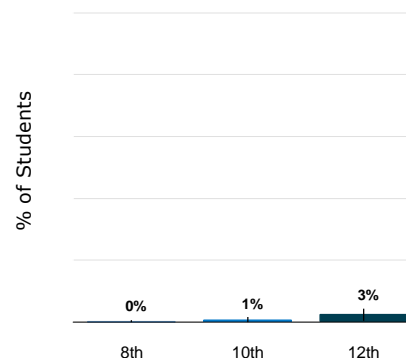
Youth think marijuana use is wrong for youth their age



Police would catch me if I used marijuana



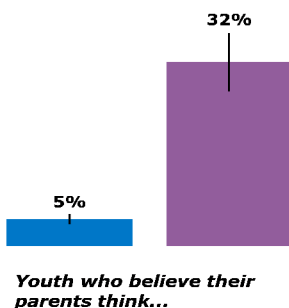
Marijuana use on school property in past month



### Relationship between marijuana use and perceived parental and peer norms, Grade 10, 2021

10th

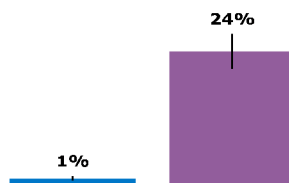
% students who use marijuana  
(in the past 30-days)



Youth who believe their parents think...

It's wrong for them to use

It's not wrong



Youth who believe their friends think...

It's wrong for them to use

It's not wrong

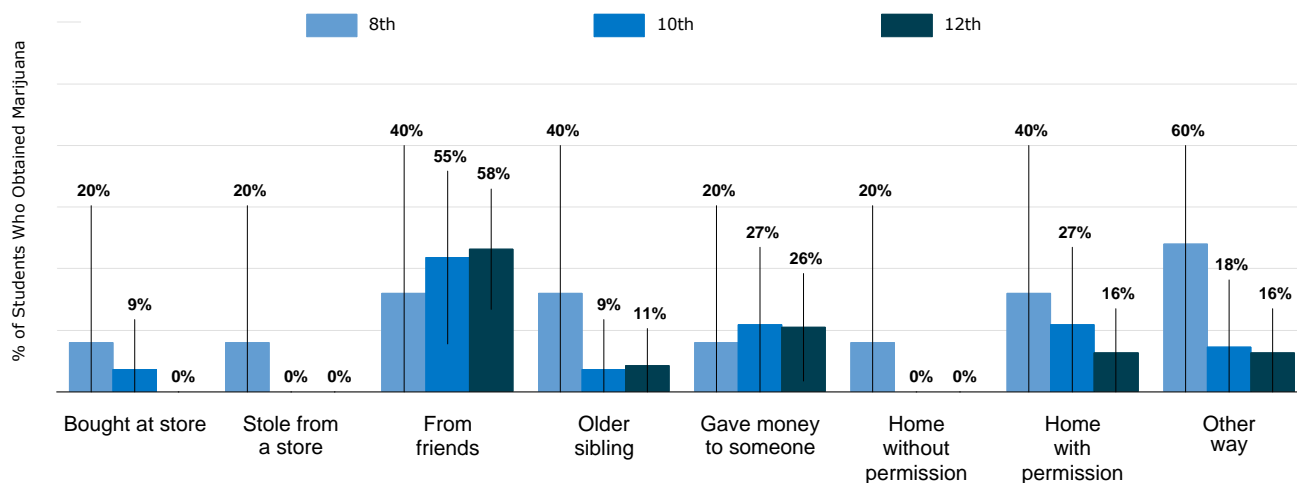
#### What does this chart say?

- Statewide, 10th graders are less likely to use marijuana if they believe their parents think it's wrong for them to use.
- Statewide 10th graders are less likely to use marijuana if they believe their friends think it's wrong for them to use.

### Tips for parents and guardians to help teens avoid alcohol, marijuana and other drugs

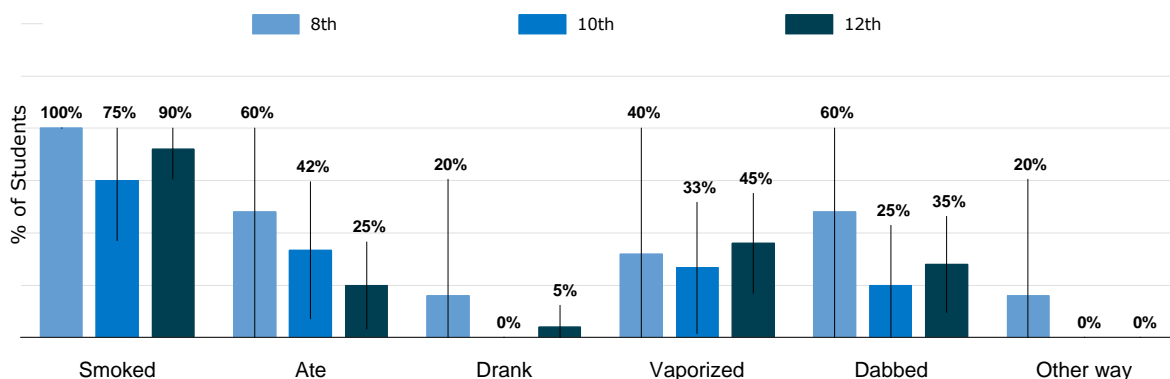
- Talk early and often about the risks. Get tips for how to talk with your child and stay better connected at [www.StartTalkingNow.org](http://www.StartTalkingNow.org).
- Set clear rules against alcohol and drug use, and enforce reasonable consequences.
- Stay involved in your child's life: eat dinner together, know who their friends are, keep track of what they are doing.
- Be aware of the signs and take action if you think your teen is using. Talk to your school's counselor, or get information about other resources in your area by calling the Washington Recovery Help Line at 1-866-789-1511.
- For 24 hour help for mental health, substance use or misuse and problem gambling, call 1-866-789-1511 or visit [www.waRecoveryHelpLine.org](http://www.waRecoveryHelpLine.org).

### Where Do Youth Get Marijuana?

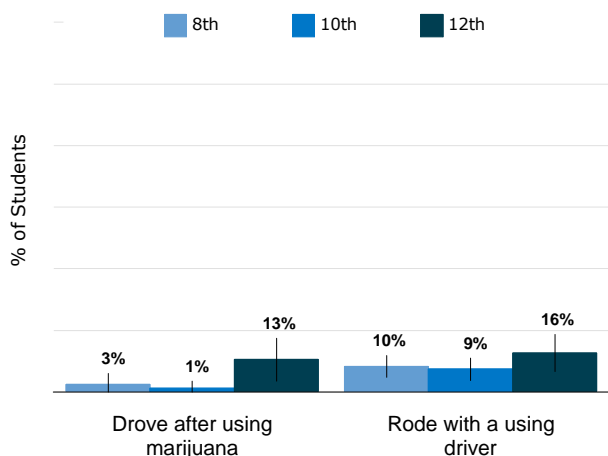


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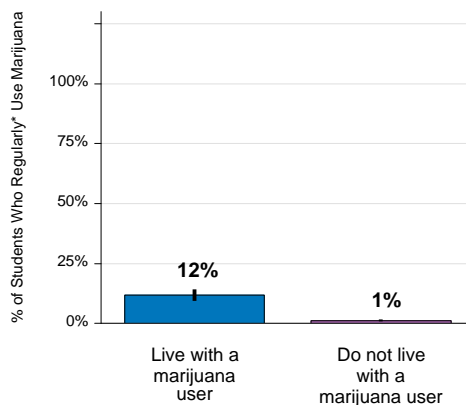
### Type of Marijuana Use, among Current Marijuana Users



### Marijuana Use and Riding/Driving



### Statewide Relationship between Regular\* Marijuana Use and Living with a Marijuana User, Grade 10, 2021



Statewide, more 10th graders who live with a marijuana user report regular\* marijuana use compared to those who don't live with someone who uses marijuana.

\*Regular marijuana use is defined as use on 6 or more days in the past 30 days.

Year: 2021

Grade: 6

Sex: All

Number of Students Surveyed: 368

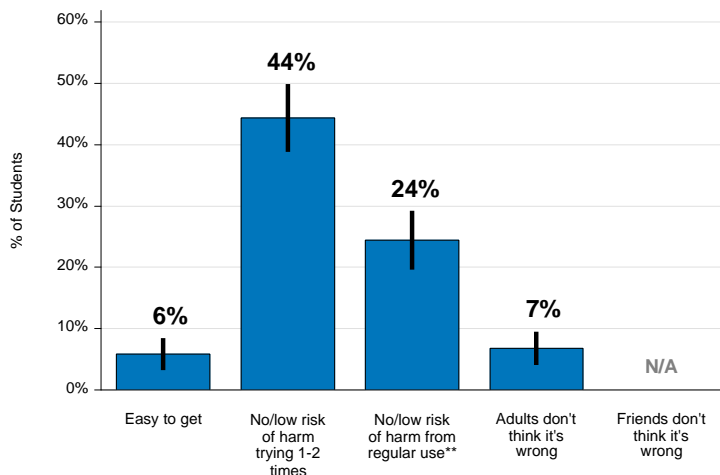
#### Background:

- Marijuana can be addictive. Most teens who enter drug treatment programs report marijuana is the primary drug they use.
- If teens use marijuana, anxiety and depression can get worse. Marijuana use is associated with risk of anxiety and depression.
- Teens who use marijuana can have problems with learning and memory and are more likely to fail in school.

#### For More Information:

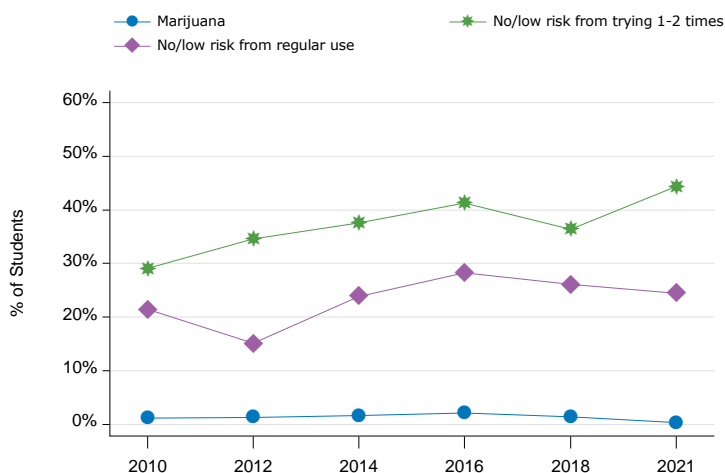
- To learn more, go to the Start Talking Now website: [www.StartTalkingNow.org](http://www.StartTalkingNow.org). To find out about prevention coalitions in your area and how to get involved, go to [https://www.theathenaforum.org/cpwi\\_coalitions](https://www.theathenaforum.org/cpwi_coalitions).
- For free printed guides on preventing marijuana, alcohol and other drug use, visit the ADAI Clearinghouse <http://adaiclearinghouse.net> or call (206) 221-8325.
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**Attitudes about Marijuana Use  
Grade 6, 2021**



*In 2021, 24% of 6th graders in our school district thought there was little or no risk of using marijuana regularly.*

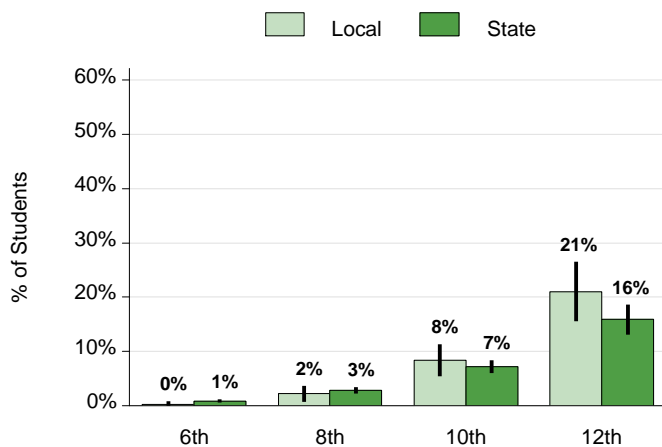
**Marijuana Use and Perception of Harm 2010-2021  
Grade 6**



Prevalence	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
Marijuana	1% ± 1	1% ± 1	2% ± 1	2% ± 1	1% ± 1	0% ± 0.6
No/low risk from trying 1-2 times	29% ± 4	35% ± 5	38% ± 5	41% ± 5	36% ± 6	44% ± 5
No/low risk from regular use**	21% ± 4*	15% ± 4*	24% ± 4*	28% ± 5	26% ± 5	24% ± 5

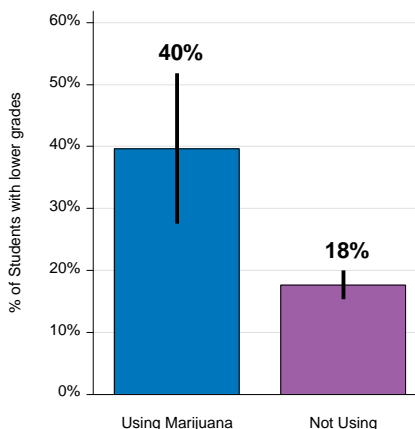
\*\*\*"Smoke" marijuana regularly was changed to "Use" regularly in 2014. This may mark a break in the trend.

**Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use  
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	0% ± 0.6	2% ± 2	8% ± 3	21% ± 6
State	1% ± 0	3% ± 1	7% ± 1	16% ± 3

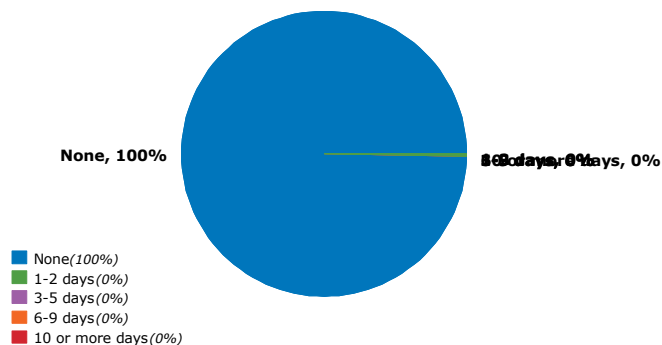
**Statewide Relationship between  
Lower Grades and Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use  
Grade 6, 2021**



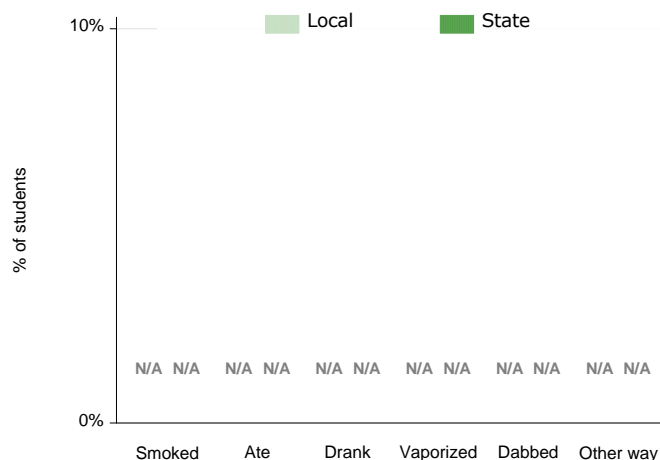
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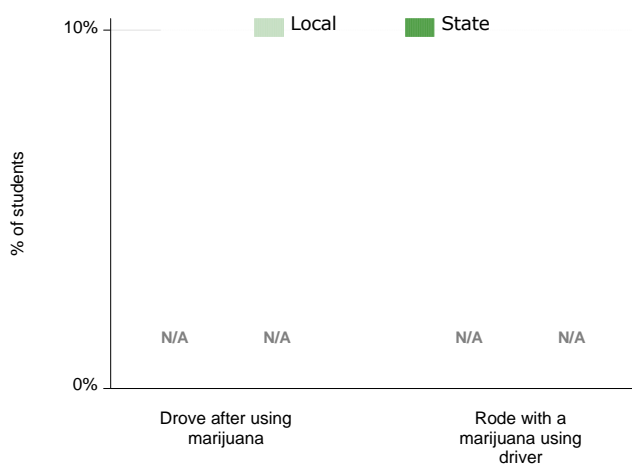
Level of Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use  
Grade 6, 2021



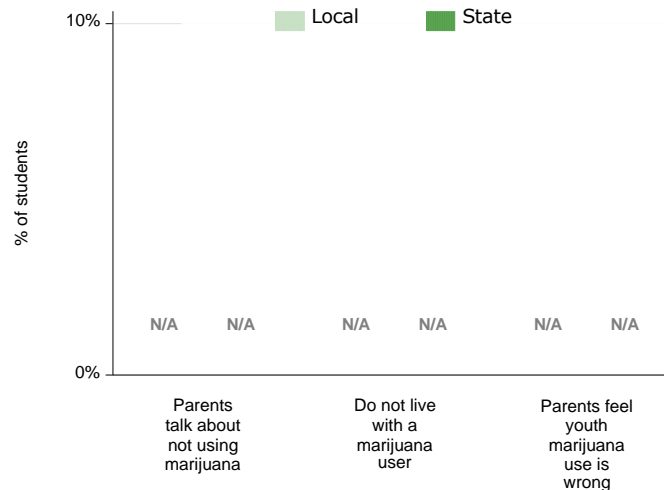
Type of Marijuana Use among Those Who Used It  
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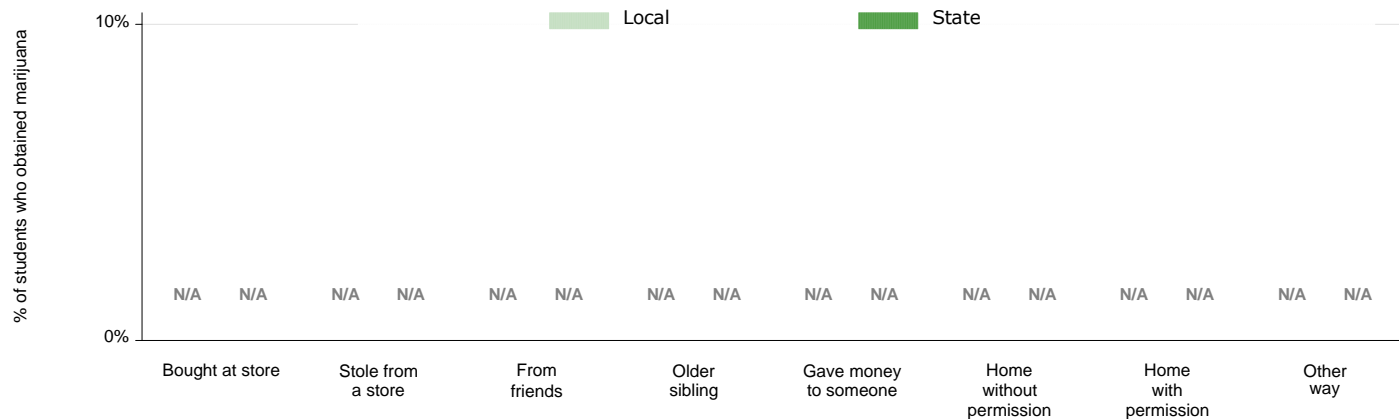
Marijuana Use and Driving/Riding  
Grade 6, 2021



Family Environment, Grade 6, 2021



Where Do Youth Get Marijuana? Grade 6, 2021



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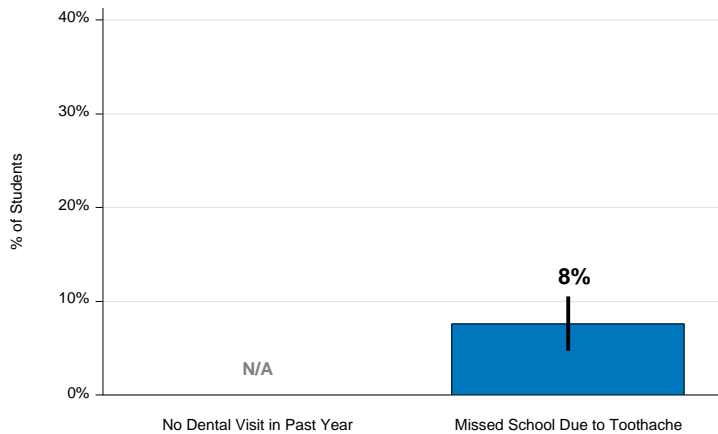
### Background:

- Dental decay affects 53% of Third Graders in Washington.
- The bacteria that causes tooth decay is a chronic condition that typically lasts into adulthood with greater costs and consequences for health and well-being.
- Dental disease is linked to broader health problems, including cardiovascular disease, stroke and diabetes mellitus.
- In the U.S., over 51 million school hours are missed each year by children due to dental related illness.

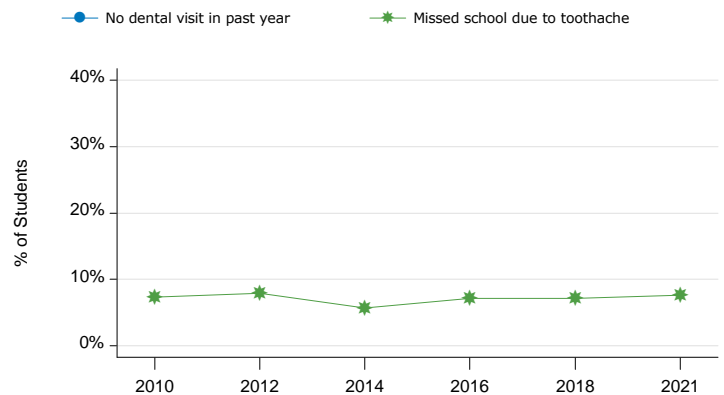
### For More Information:

- Visit the Washington State Oral Health Program Website at: [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov).

**Oral Health  
Grade 6, 2021**

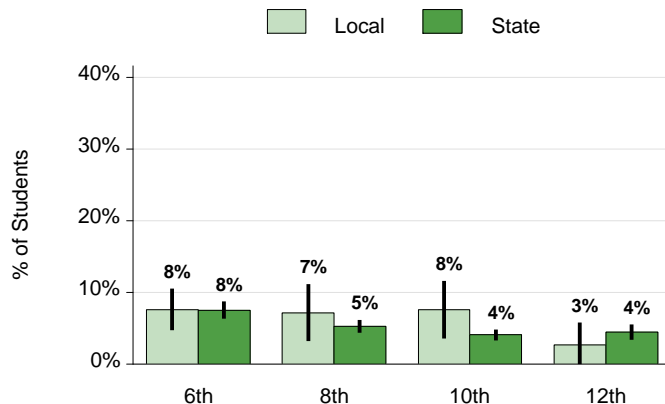


**Oral Health 2010-2021  
Grade 6**



Prevalence	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
No dental visit in past year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missed school due to toothache	7% ±3	8% ±3	6% ±2	7% ±3	7% ±3	8% ±3

**Missed School due to Toothache  
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	8% ±3	7% ±4	8% ±4	3% ±3
State	8% ±1	5% ±1	4% ±1	4% ±1

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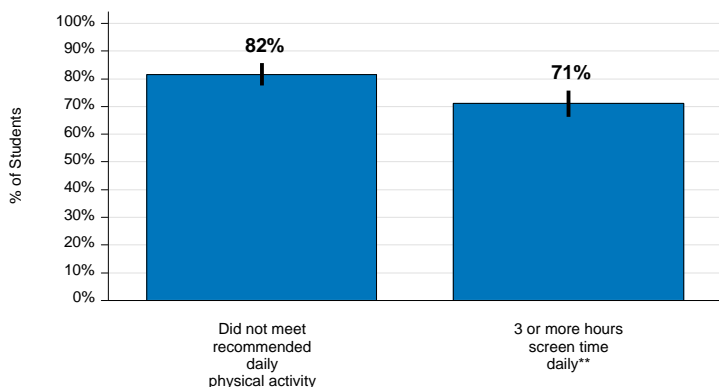
### Background:

- Regular physical activity reduces rates of obesity and serious diseases, helps people maintain a healthy body weight and improves quality of life.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that children and adolescents participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily, and muscle strengthening exercises 3 days a week.
- Increased time spent in recreational screen time, such as watching TV, playing video games, using a computer for fun, or cell phone usage, means less time for students to be physically active.
- Many social and environmental factors influence the decision to be active. Successful strategies to promote physical activity include educating individuals and developing policies in schools and communities to create environments that support being physically active.

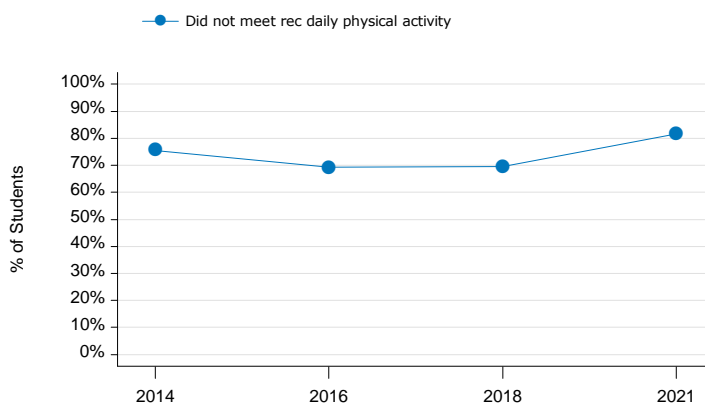
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- Visit the Washington State Healthy Eating Active Living Program website: [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov).
- Visit the National Physical Activity Plan: [www.physicalactivityplan.org](http://www.physicalactivityplan.org).
- Visit CDC Physical activity guidelines: [www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/children.html](http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/children.html).
- Note: DOH advocates using the CDC recommendations of 'at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily.'

**Physical Activity  
Grade 6, 2021**

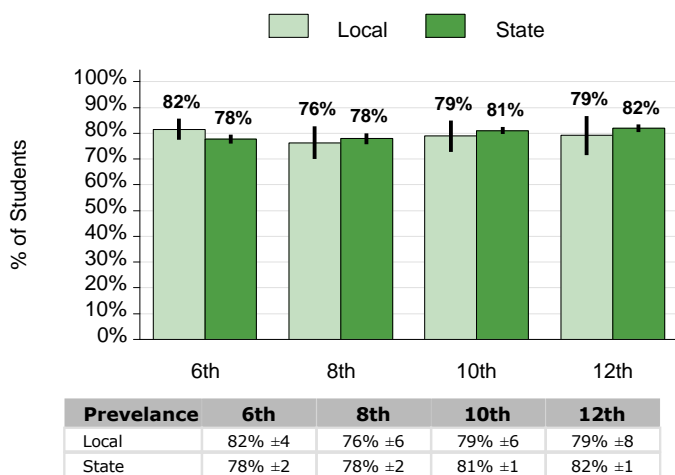


**Physical Activity 2014-2021, Grade 6**

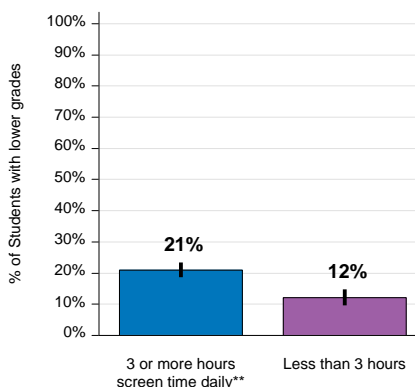


*In 2021, 82% of 6th graders in our school district did not meet the recommendations for 60 minutes of physical activity 7 days a week.*

**Did Not Meet Recommendations for Physical Activity  
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**



**Statewide Relationship between  
Lower Grades and  
3 or More Hours of Screen Time Daily\*\*  
Grade 6, 2021**



*Statewide, more 6th graders who spend 3 or more hours of screen time daily report lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to youth who spend less than 3 hours.*

\*\*In 2018, the definition of screen time was expanded to include more examples than in previous years. However, school work-related screen time is not included.

Prevalence is displayed with 95% confidence intervals (as ± or black bar |)

\*indicates a significant change from the previous year or a significant difference between state and local results, p<0.05

Washington HYS results generated at [AskHYS.net](http://AskHYS.net) on 03-15-2022

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### Background:

- Prescription drug misuse is when someone takes a medication that was prescribed for someone else or takes their own prescription in a way not intended by a doctor---like to stay awake, or "to get high".
- Prescription drugs that affect the brain, including opioid pain killers, stimulants, and depressants, may cause physical dependence that can turn into addiction.
- Most teens get prescription drugs they misuse and use from friends and relatives, sometimes without the person knowing.
- Prescription drug misuse has become an important health issue, particularly the danger of misusing prescription pain medications. Each year, there continues to be more overdose deaths than deaths from motor vehicle crashes (CDC National Center for Health Statistics).

### What can parents or caregivers do to prevent teen prescription misuse?

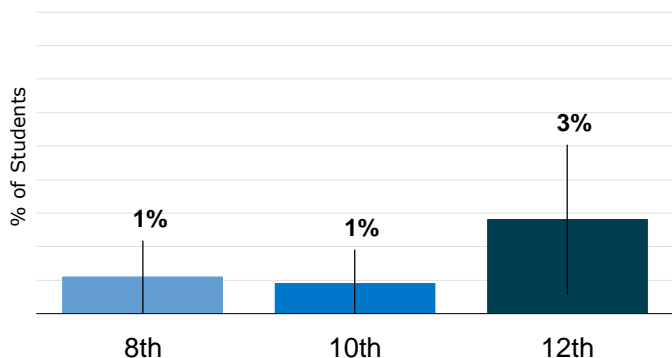
- Talk to your children about what you do to stay healthy, and, if you use medications, why they are safe for your personal use and not for them.
- Talk to your teen about the dangers of prescription drug misuse. Learn more at [www.medicineabuseproject.org](http://www.medicineabuseproject.org).
- Keep the most commonly misused prescription drugs (painkillers, sedatives and stimulants) in a lock box.
- Take steps to safeguard the most commonly misused prescription drugs (painkillers, sedatives, and stimulants) in your home: monitor their use, keep them in a lock box, and properly dispose of unused or expired medications.

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#### **Student Misuse of Painkillers (in last 30 days)**

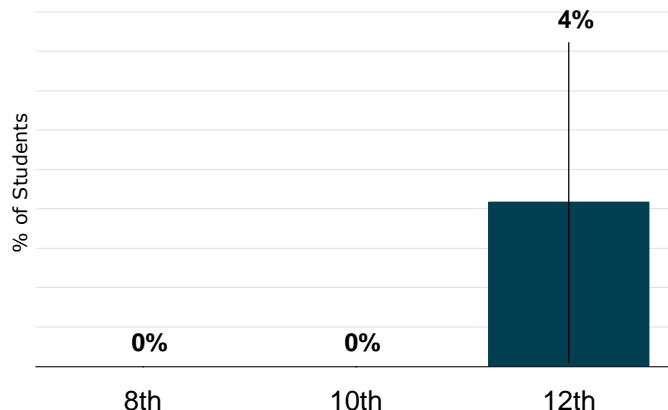
Students who report using painkillers\* to get high at least once in the past month



\*painkillers like Vicodin, OxyContin (sometimes called Oxy or OC) or Percocet (sometimes called Percs)

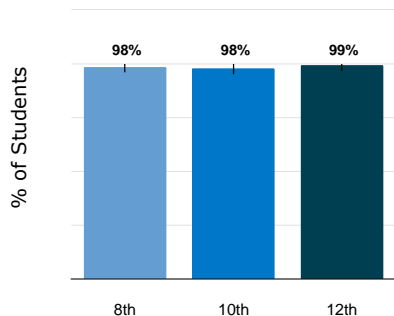
#### **Students Misuse of Someone Else's Prescription (in last 30 days)**

Students who report using prescription drugs not prescribed to them in the past month

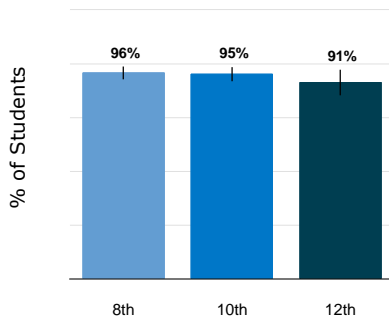


### **When students are asked about the use of prescription drugs that are not prescribed for them... their perceptions are:**

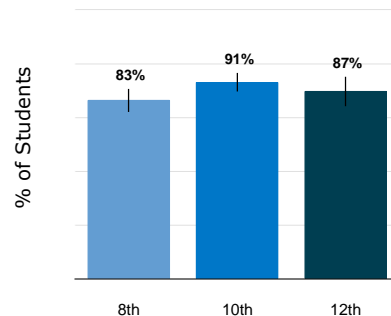
My parents would think it was wrong if I used prescription drugs not prescribed for me



My friends would think it was wrong if I used prescription drugs not prescribed for me



I risk harming myself if I use prescription drugs that are not prescribed for me



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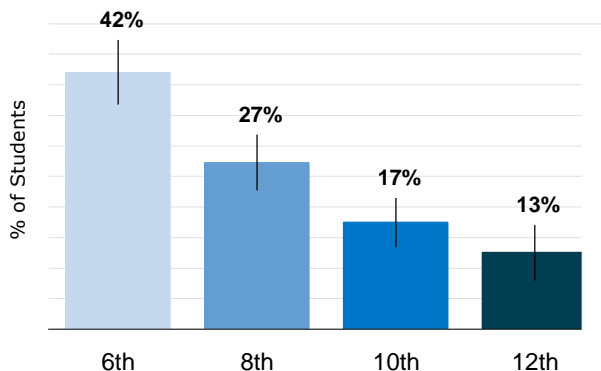
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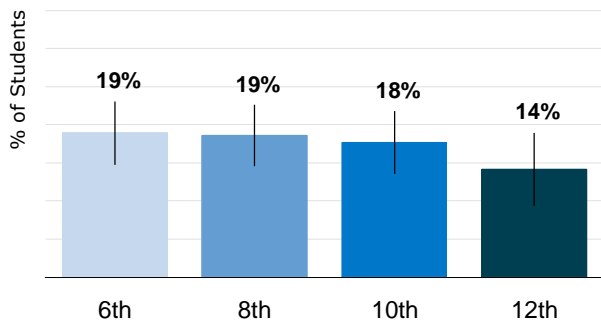
### ***Bullied at school\*...***

Students who report they were bullied at school in the past month



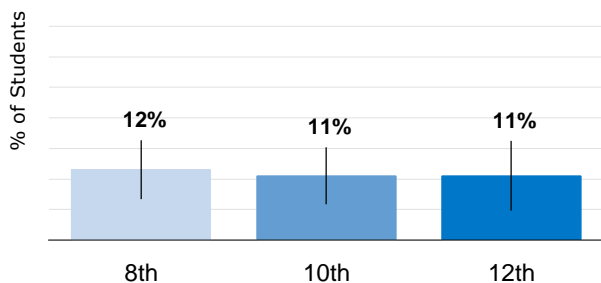
### ***Not feeling safe...***

Students who report they did not feel safe at school



### ***Missing school due to safety...***

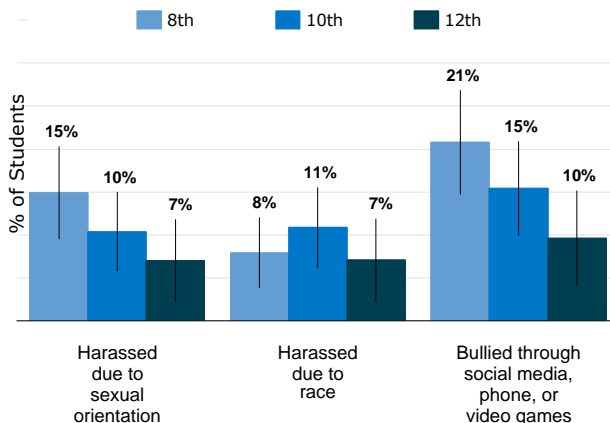
Students who report not going to school because they did not feel safe



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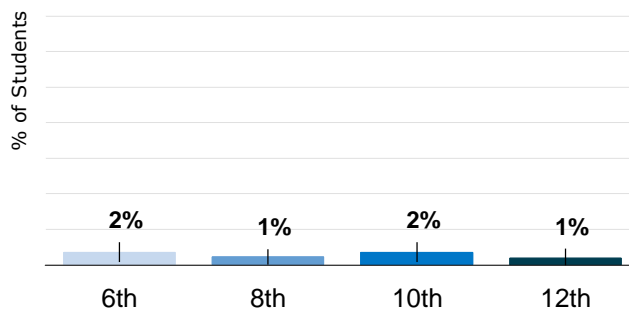
### ***Harassment...***

Students who report being harassed or bullied at school due to their perceived sexual orientation or race or by a computer or cell phone in the past month



### ***Weapon carrying...***

Students who report they carried a weapon on school property in the past month



### ***For more information about bullying prevention and school safety, visit:***

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's School Safety Center: [www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter](http://www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter)

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Prevalence is displayed with 95% confidence intervals (as black bars |). "U" indicates data is unavailable, because of too few surveys completed, questions not asked, or other reasons.

# Longview School District

## Healthy Youth Survey

### COMMERCIAL TOBACCO PRODUCT USE

# Fact Sheet



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Grade: 6

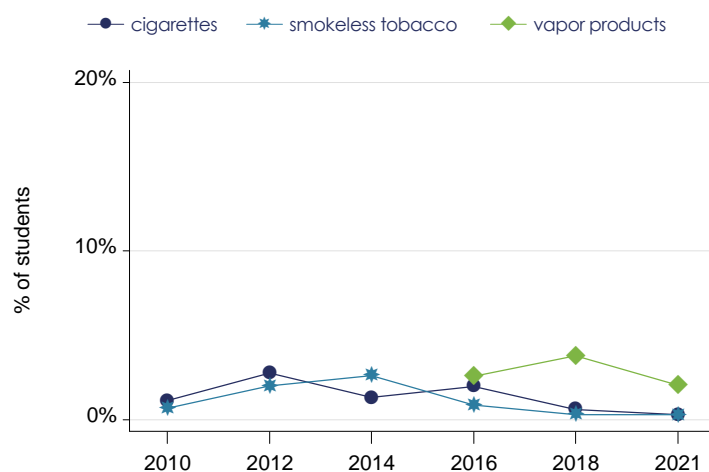
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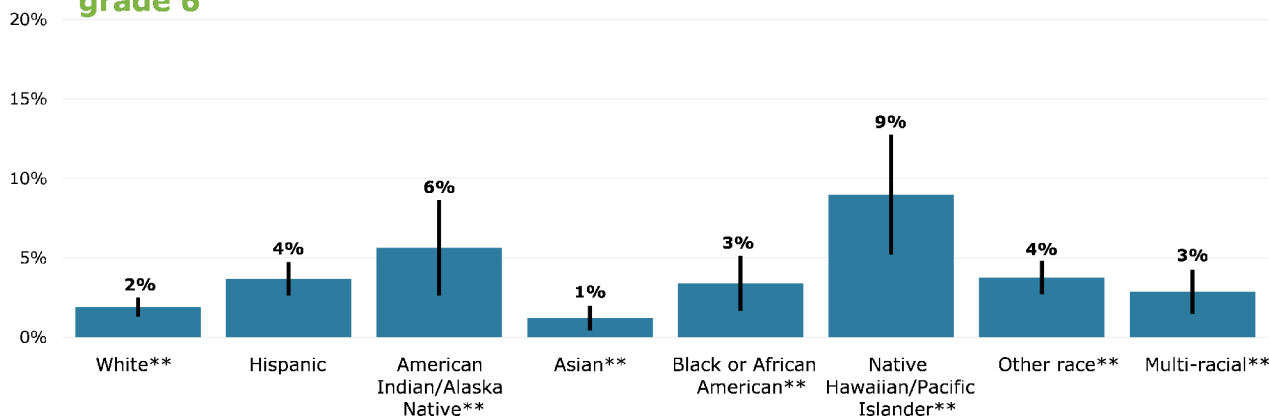
#### BACKGROUND

- Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death and disease in Washington.
- Preventing youth initiation of tobacco and other nicotine use is critical to stem the tide of tobacco-related mortality, morbidity, and economic costs.
- Youth and young adults under age 18 are far more likely to start using tobacco than adults; nearly 9 out of 10 adults who smoke started by age 18.
- 104,000 Washington youth alive today will ultimately die prematurely from smoking.
- The emergence of vapor products (also called electronic cigarettes) has raised serious concern. Nicotine use can adversely affect brain development.
- The effects of nicotine exposure during youth and young adulthood can be long-lasting and can include lower impulse control and mood disorders. The nicotine in vapor products can prime young brains for tobacco use and addiction to other drugs.

#### Current (past 30-day) use trends, grade 6



#### Statewide current [past 30 day] vapor product use and race/ethnicity, grade 6



\*\*Non-Hispanic

Among 6th grade students, vaping varies by race and ethnicity. The highest rate of vaping is reported among Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander students and the lowest is among Non-Hispanic Asian and Black or African American students. However, rates for some of these race/ethnicity sub-groups can vary widely.

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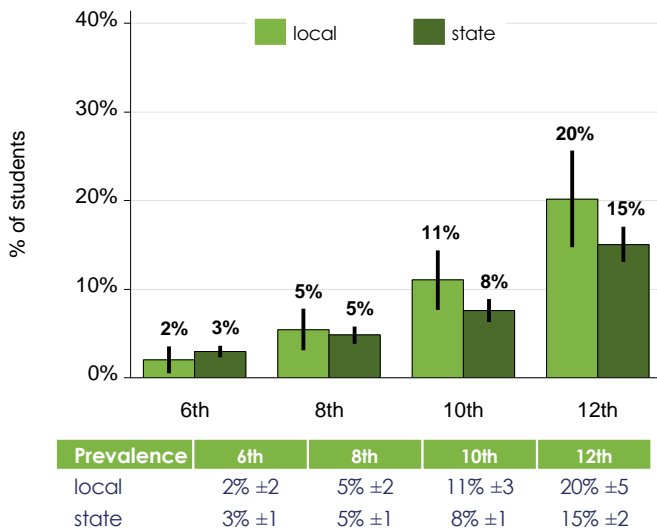
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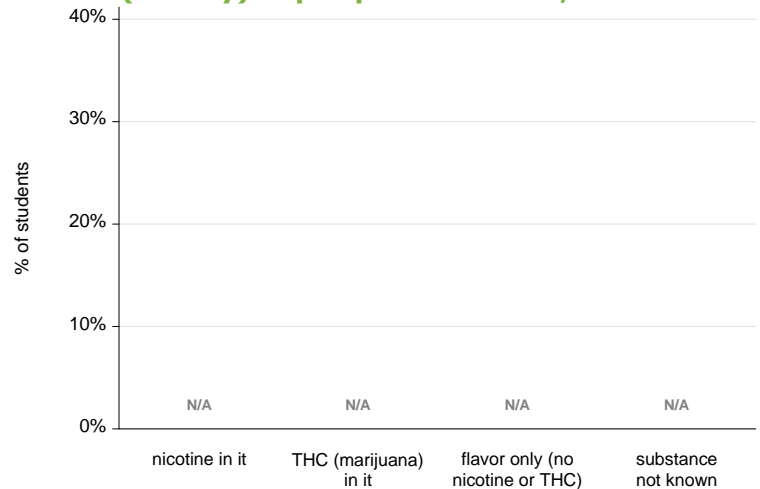
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- Vapor products are the most common nicotine product used by youth.
- Youth and young adults under age 18 are far more likely to start tobacco use than adults: 4 out of 5 smokers started during adolescence. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, there is a strong association between the use of e-cigarettes, cigarettes, and the use of other burned tobacco products by young people.
- The minimum age of purchase for tobacco and vapor products is 21, but youth can get these products from their older friends and classmates.
- In 2016, Washington State passed a Vapor Products law, establishing a statewide licensing system and important protections to reduce illegal youth access to vapor products. This law applies to any vapor product, whether or not it contains nicotine.

### Current (past 30-day) vapor product use compared to the state, all grades

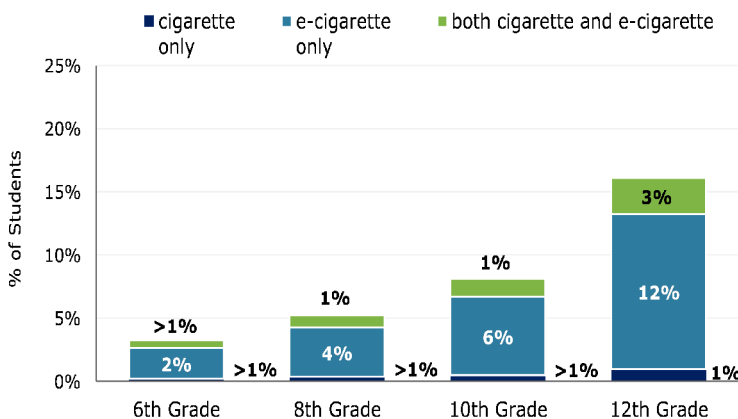


### Reported substance "vaped" among current (30-day) vapor product users, Grade 6

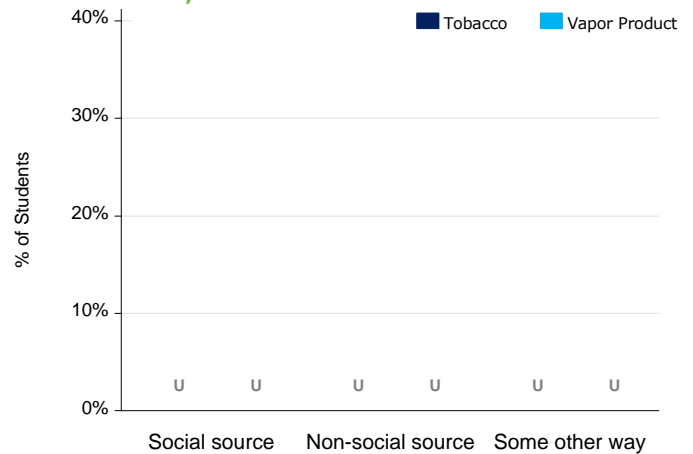


\*Students can select more than one type of substance

### Statewide prevalence of past 30 day e-cigarette, cigarette, and use of both among youth by grade



### Source of tobacco and vapor products among those who use them, Grade 6



\*\*Social sources include: giving money to someone, "bumming", from a person 18 or older, and taking from a store or family. Non-social sources include buying from a store, the internet, or a vending machine.

### MORE INFORMATION...

- Through key partnerships, the Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program addresses youth access to tobacco and the growth in the use of electronic cigarettes and vapor products in Washington State. Find out more here: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Tobacco>
- For help quitting vaping, teens can text VAPEFREEWA to 88709 to sign up for This is Quitting, a program from Truth Initiative. For help quitting any commercial tobacco use, teens can download an app at <https://doh.wa.gov/quit> or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW to receive support from a Quit Coach. All services are free and confidential.
- For 24-hour help with mental health, substance abuse, and problem gambling, call 1-866-789-1511 or visit <http://www.warecoveryhelpline.org>.

## Unintentional Injury for Longview School District

Year: 2021

Grade: 6

Sex: All

Number of Students Surveyed: 368

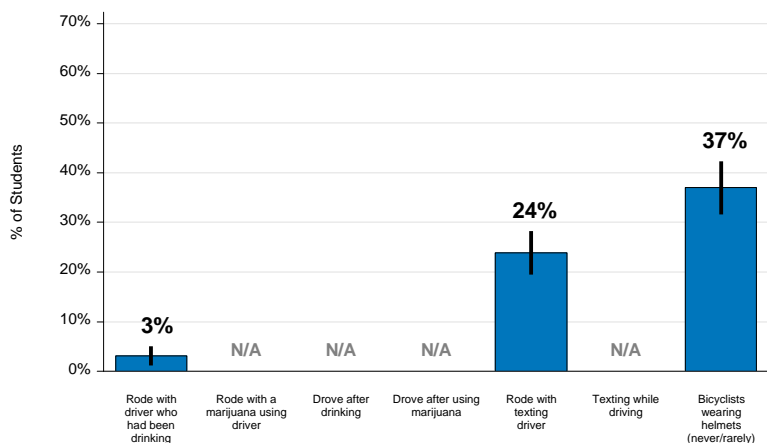
### Background:

- Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death among youth. Motor vehicle crashes are the most common cause.
- Unintentional injuries are caused by behaviors such as drinking and driving, riding with a drinking driver, riding a bike or motorcycle without a helmet, or not wearing a life jacket.
- Most unintentional injuries can be prevented. Alcohol and other substances impair one's judgment and may contribute to injuries and even death.

### For More Information:

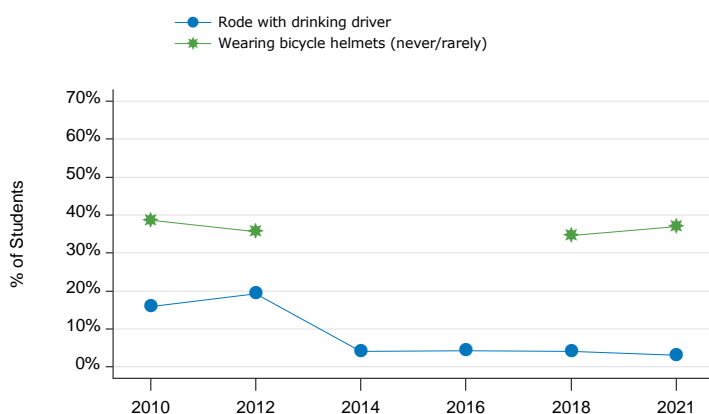
- Visit the Washington State Injury and Violence Prevention Website at: [www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/InjuryViolenceandPoisoning](http://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/InjuryViolenceandPoisoning).

Unintentional Injury  
Grade 6, 2021



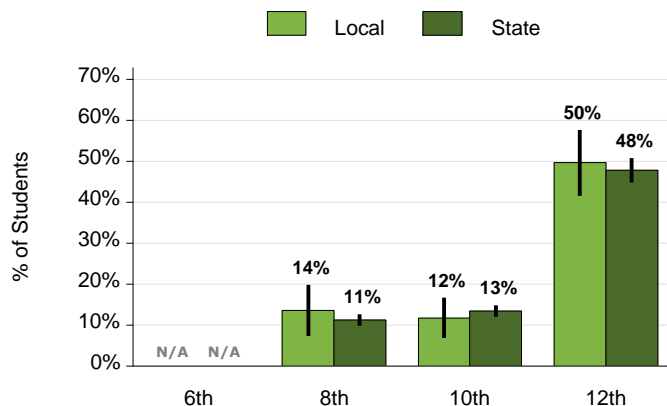
In 2021, 3% of 6th graders in our school district rode with a drinking driver.

Unintentional Injury 2010-2021  
Grade 6



Prevalence	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
Rode with driver who had been drinking	16% ±4*	19% ±4	4% ±2*	4% ±2	4% ±2	3% ±2
Wearing bicycle helmets (never/rarely)	39% ±5	36% ±5	N/S	N/S	35% ±5	37% ±5

Texting While Driving, among Those Who Drove  
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
local	N/A	14% ±6	12% ±5	50% ±8
state	N/A	11% ±1	13% ±1	48% ±3



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Number of Students Surveyed: 368

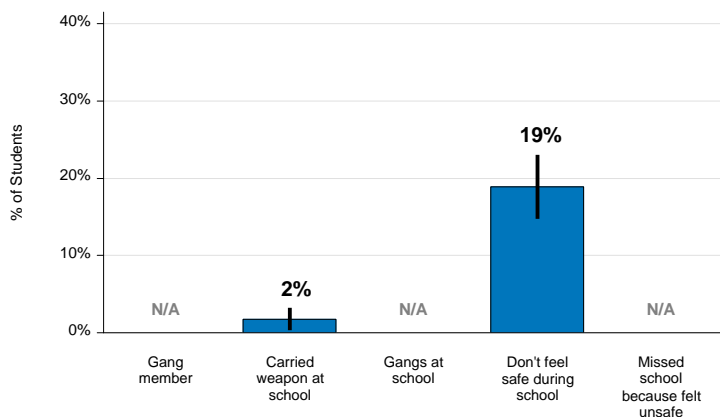
### Background:

- Feeling safe is vital for a positive school climate and learning environment. RCW 28A.320.125 requires all public school districts and public schools to have current school safety plans and procedures in place.

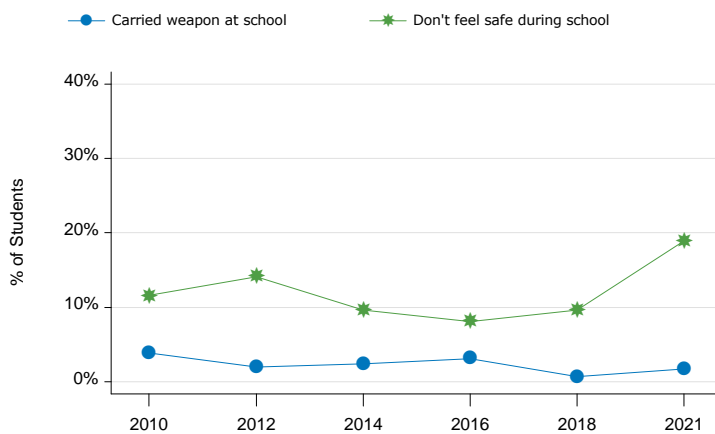
### For More Information:

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) School Safety Center: <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/health-safety/school-safety-center>
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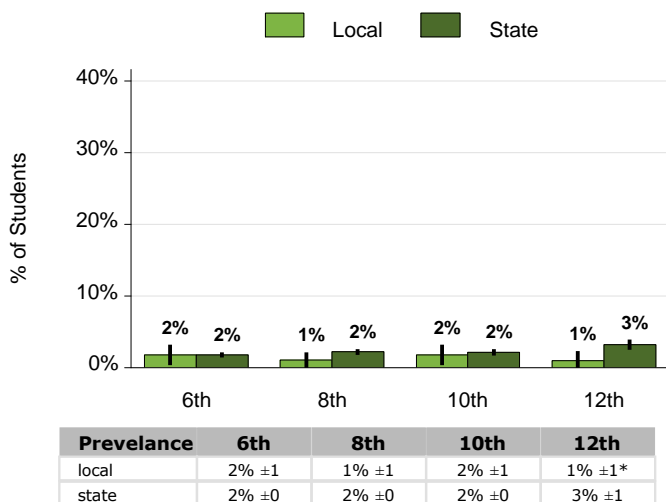
**Violent Behavior and School Safety  
Grade 6, 2021**



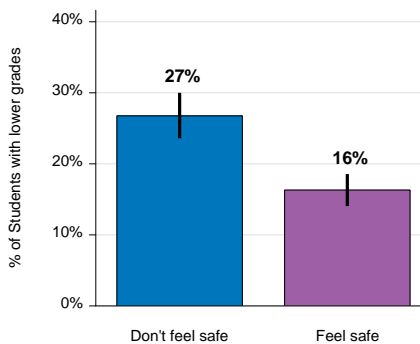
**Violent Behavior and School Safety 2010-2021, Grade 6**



**Carried a Weapon at School  
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**



**Statewide Relationship between  
Lower Grades and  
Not Feeling Safe at School  
Grade 6, 2021**

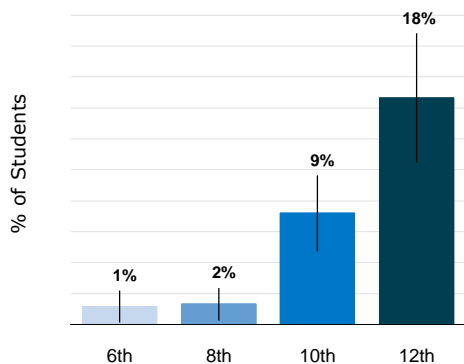


*Statewide, more 6th graders who don't feel safe during school report lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who feel safe.*

### Are OUR youth using alcohol?

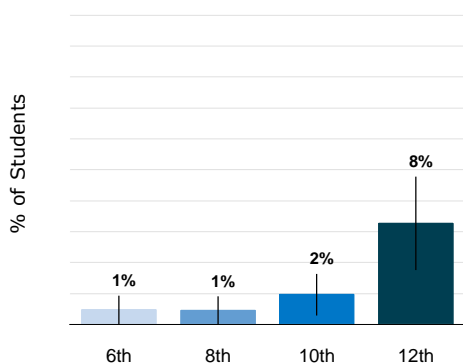
#### Current Drinking

Students who report drinking at least once in the past month



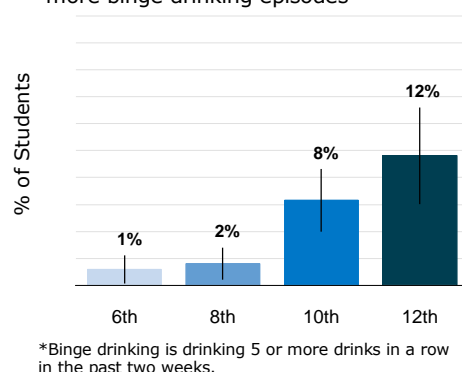
#### Experimental Drinking

Students who report drinking on 1-2 days in the past month, but no binge drinking



#### Problem or Heavy Drinking

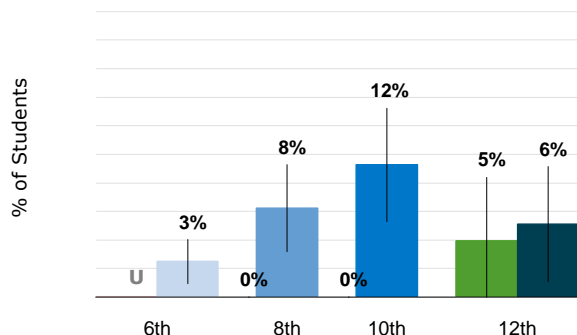
Students who report drinking 3 or more days in the past month and/or one or more binge drinking episodes\*



#### In a Vehicle

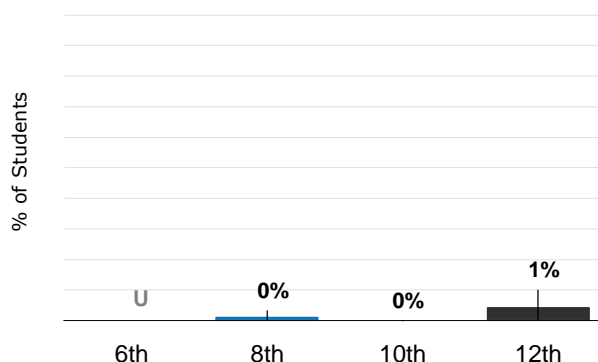
Students who report drinking and driving OR riding with a driver who had been drinking

■ Drove after drinking ■ Rode with drinking driver

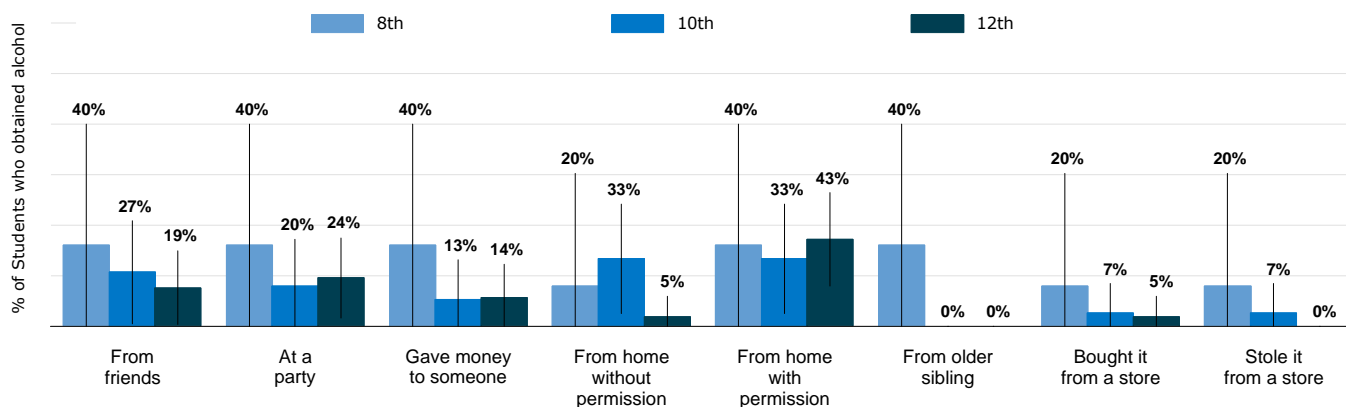


#### On school property

Students who report drinking on school property in the past month



### Where Do Youth Get Alcohol?



The percentages in this chart are based on all students who reported getting alcohol in the past 30 days, regardless whether they reported drinking in the past 30 days. Students could select multiple sources.

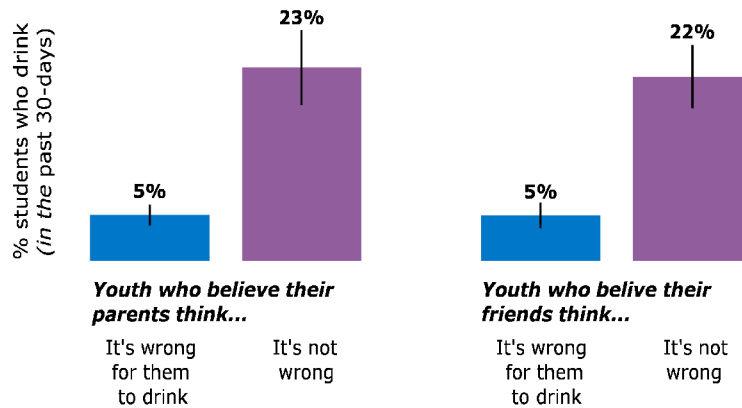
The data in these charts are based on the Healthy Youth Survey conducted in fall 2021. In Longview School District, 368 6th graders, 403 8th graders, 352 10th graders and 220 12th graders completed the survey.

For more results from the 2021 Healthy Youth Survey, please visit [www.AskHYS.net](http://www.AskHYS.net)

## Parents and friends have influence!

**Youth are less likely to drink if they believe their parents or their friends disapprove of youth drinking.**

Percent of 10th Graders who Drink Alcohol (Statewide)

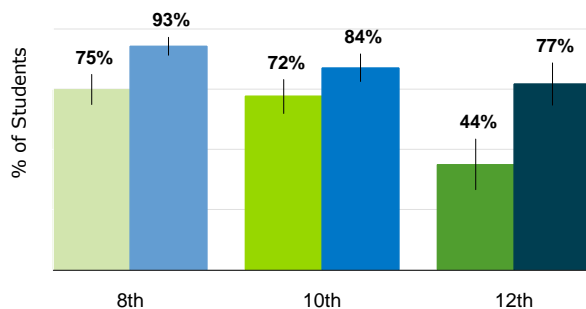


**What does this chart say?**

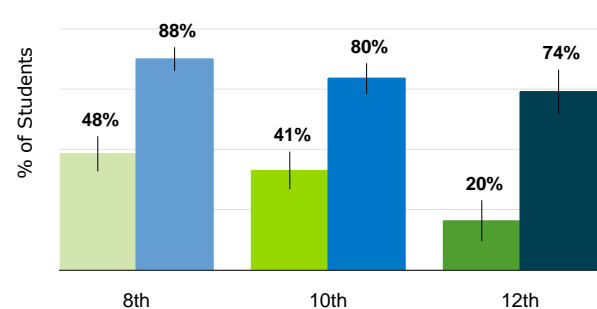
- Only 5% of youth drink alcohol if their parents think it's wrong, while 23% drink if their parents don't think it's wrong
- Only 5% of youth drink alcohol if their friends think it's wrong, while 22% drink if their friends don't think it's wrong.

**Youth in Longview School District reported that they believe...**

■ Parents would catch me if I had been drinking  
■ Parents think youth drinking is wrong



■ Police would catch me if I had been drinking  
■ Friends think that youth drinking is wrong



## Take action to reduce youth alcohol use!

**Community Members - help reduce youth drinking by making it difficult for them to get alcohol.**

The percent of Longview School District youth who think that it would be easy to get alcohol increases as they get older, from 10% in 6th Grade to 48% in 12th Grade.

**Parents - talk to your kids about the dangers of drinking alcohol.**

The percent of Longview School District youth who said their parents **didn't** talk to them about the dangers of alcohol increases as they get older, from 25% in 8th Grade to 41% in 12th Grade.

**Help youth make healthy choices**

**Start the conversation**

**Continue the conversation**

**Visit us at: [www.StartTalkingNow.org](http://www.StartTalkingNow.org)**



## FACT SHEET

# Migratory Students of Longview School District

Year: 2021

Grade: 6

Sex: All

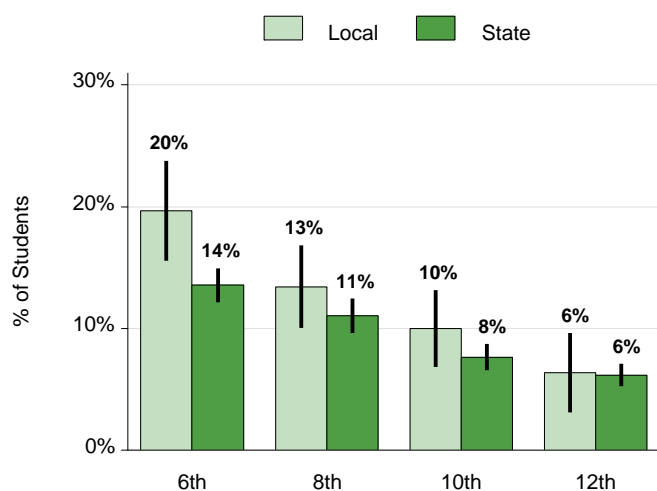
Number of Students Surveyed: 368

### Background

The purpose of this report is to provide stakeholders a comparative overview of the health status, behaviors, and access to healthcare coverage between self-identified migratory students of Washington State, as defined by Title I. Part C Migrant Education Program (MEP), and their non-migratory student counterparts.

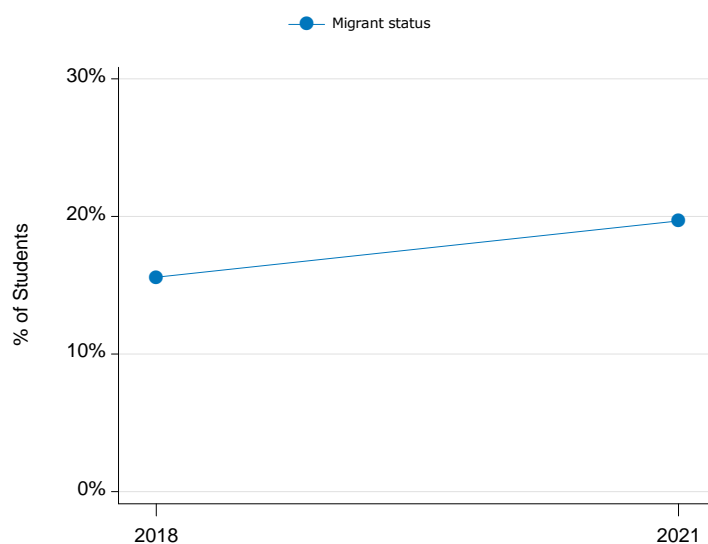
The HYS data suggests that there are significantly higher health disparities among Migratory students compared to non-Migratory Washington students. Although Migratory students have access to state and federal funded healthcare coverage, there are evident gaps in accessing healthcare services that may be contributing to greater disparities overall. Other contributing factors such as higher rates of mobility due to the pursuit of temporary or seasonal agricultural work, fear of seeking services, along with other socioeconomic barriers, also impact migrant student's full academic engagement such as attendance, academic participation, and graduation.

**Migrant Status  
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**



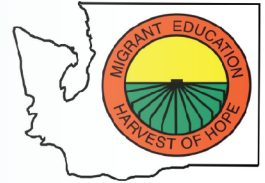
Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	20% ±4	13% ±3	10% ±3	6% ±3
State	14% ±1	11% ±1	8% ±1	6% ±1

**Migrant Status 2018-2021, Grade 6**

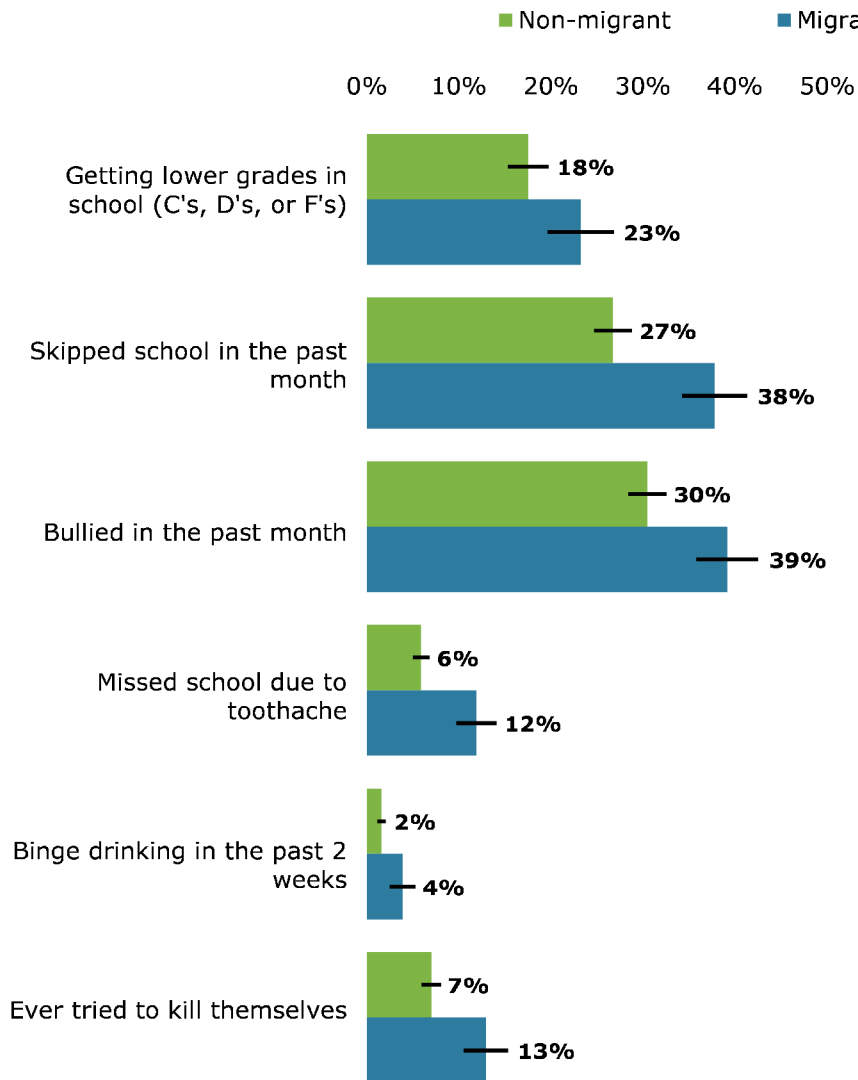


Prevalence	2018	2021
Migrant status	16% ±5	20% ±4

\* Students self-identified as having moved independently or with family in the past 3 years to another school district or city for temporary or seasonal work in agriculture, dairy, or fishing.



### Statewide Relationships between Migrant Status, Grade 6



For 6<sup>th</sup> grade **migrant** students statewide, are:

- More likely to report getting lower grades in school (mostly C's, D's, or F's)
- More likely to have skipped or "cut" school in the past month
- More likely to have been bullied in the past month
- More likely to have missed school due to a toothache in the past year
- More likely to report binge drinking in the past 2 weeks
- More likely to have ever tried to kill themselves

Compared to those with **non-migrant** students.

### For More Information:

- Visit the Washington State Migrant Education Program Website:  
<https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/access-opportunity-education/migrant-and-multilingual-education/migrant-education-program>.
- The OSPI suicide prevention page: [www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter/YouthSuicide/SuicidePrevention.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter/YouthSuicide/SuicidePrevention.aspx).
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-TALK(8255) or [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

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# Measuring Hope in Longview School District

Year: 2021

Grade: 6

Sex: All

Number of Students Surveyed: 368

### Background

Hope is the belief that the future can be better than the past and you play a role in making it so.

Hope is made up of goals, pathways, and agency.

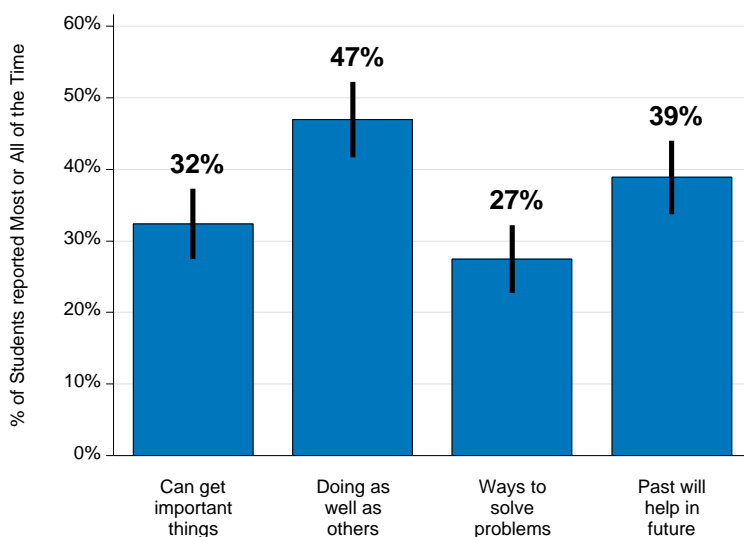
Four questions from the **Children's Hope Scale** were asked on the survey.

- Two questions about **pathways**; figuring out how to get from point A to point B to reach a goal.
- Two questions about **agency/willpower**; self-efficacy & motivation to use multiple ways to reach a goal.

Adding up the results from the four questions provides overall hope scores.

- No to very low hope
- Slightly hopeful
- Moderately hopeful
- Highly hopeful

**Hope Scale Component  
Questions Grade 6, 2021**



### Pathway Questions:

- I can think of many ways to get the things in life that are most important to me.
- When I have a problem, I can come up with lots of ways to solve it.

Pathways thinking is a child's belief in their capacity to find multiple ways to reach their goals.

### Agency Questions:

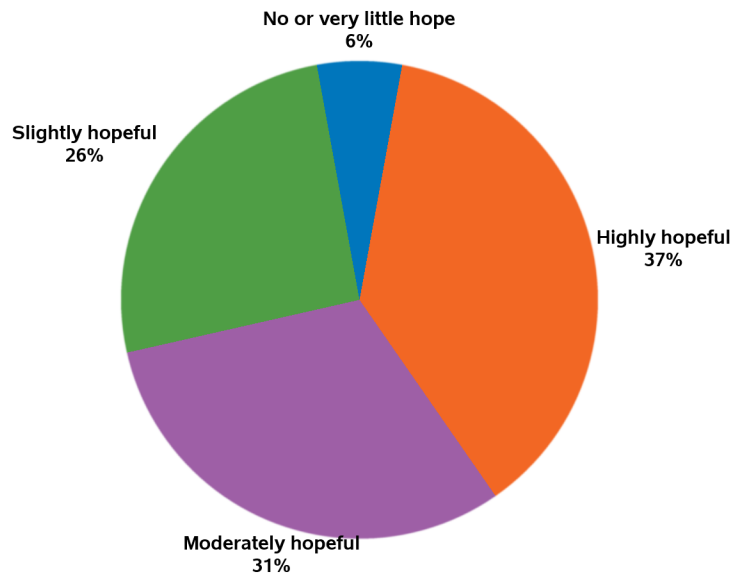
- I am doing just as well as other kids my age.
- I think the things I have done in the past will help me in the future.

Agency thinking is a child's self-efficacy and motivation to use multiple ways to reach their goal.

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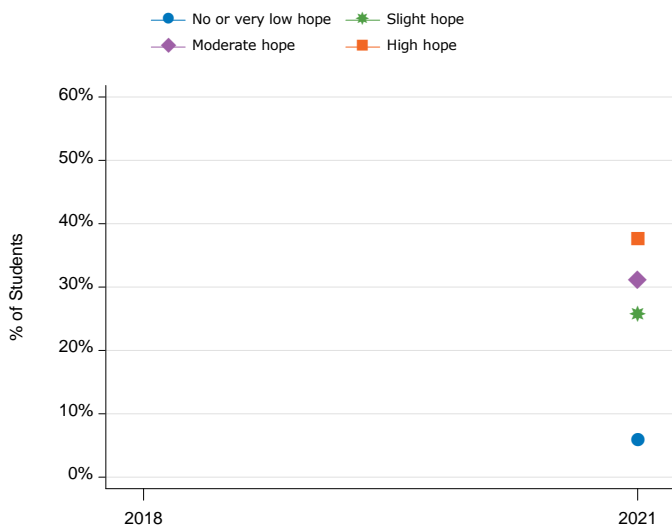
## Measuring Hope

### Levels of Hope Grade 6, 2021



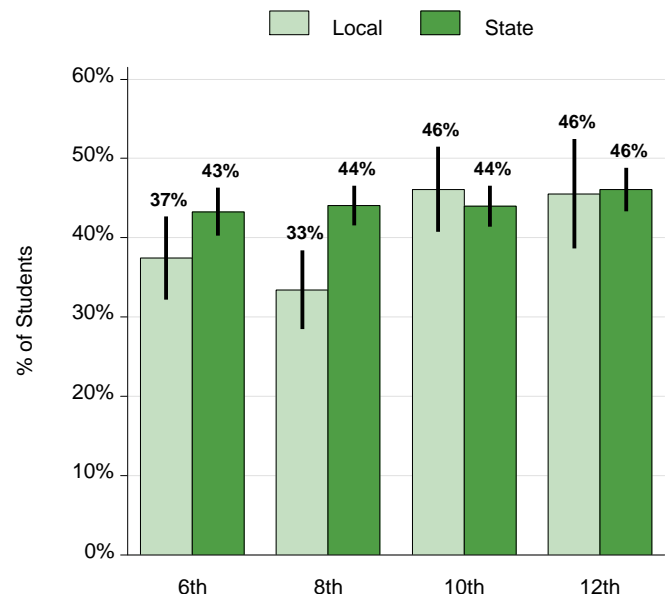
**Research** has shown that hope can be taught and is connected to academic achievements, well-being and positive life outcomes.

### Levels of Hope 2018-2021, Grade 6



Prevalence	2018	2021
No or very low hope	N/A	6% ±3
Slight hope	N/A	26% ±5
Moderate hope	N/A	31% ±5
High hope	N/A	37% ±5

### High Hope, All Grades, 2021

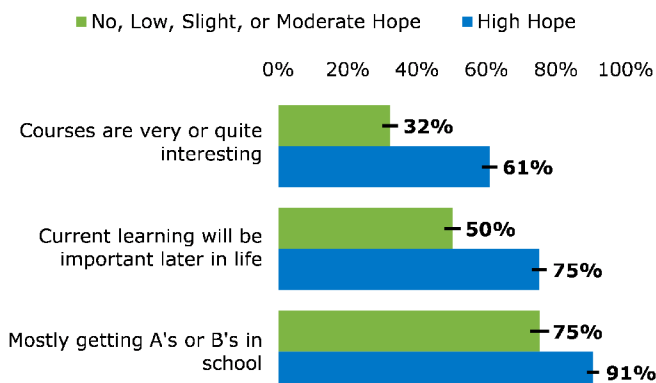


Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	37% ±5	33% ±5	46% ±5	46% ±7
State	43% ±3	44% ±2	44% ±3	46% ±3

# FACT SHEET

## Measuring Hope

### Statewide Relationships between High Hope, Grade 6



For 6<sup>th</sup> graders statewide, those with **high levels of hope** are:

- More likely to find courses more interesting and helpful for their future
- More likely to think the things they are learning in school will be important later in life
- More likely to report having a person at schools that could help them if needed
- More likely to report getting high grades (A's or B's)

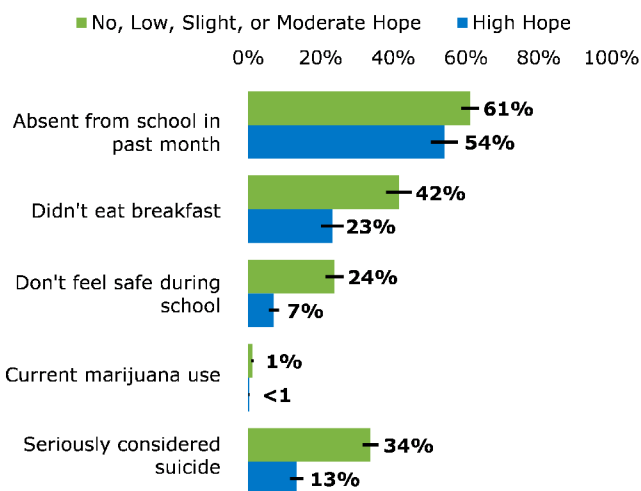
Compared to those with **lower levels of hope**.

For 6<sup>th</sup> graders statewide, those with **high levels of hope** are:

- Less likely to be absent from school in the past month
- Less likely to not have eaten breakfast
- Less likely to not feel safe during school
- Less likely to use marijuana in the past 30 days
- Less likely to have ever seriously thought about killing themselves

Compared to those with **lower levels of hope**.

### Statewide Relationships between High Hope, Grade 6



## For More Information

- Hope Research Center-<https://www.ou.edu/tulsa/hope>

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Grade: 6

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Number of Students Surveyed: 368

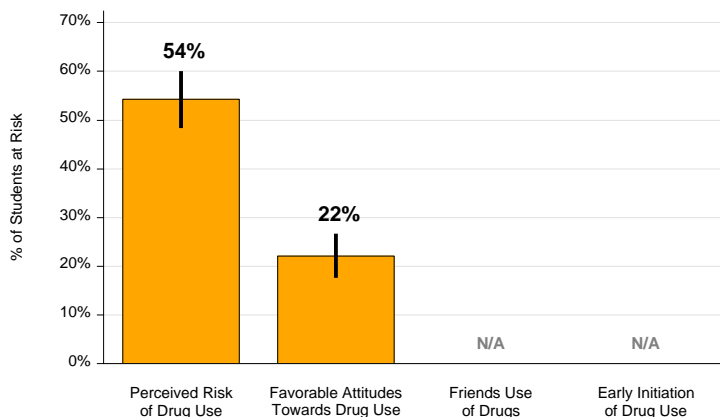
### Background:

- Researchers at the University of Washington (UW) developed a public health model for the prevention of youth substance use and misuse. They identified risk factors that predict youth substance use, and protective factors that can protect youth from the effects of those risks. Prevention strategies are designed to lower risk and increase protection.
- Each “factor” in the HYS is measured with two or more questions to include multiple dimensions of the risk or protective factor. The charts and tables below refer to the “percent of students at risk,” which is defined as the percent of students whose scores were above a risk cutpoint determined by UW researchers. We also report some of the individual questions.
- Risk factors in the **peer and individual domain** include attitudes youth have about substance use as well as the behaviors of their friends.

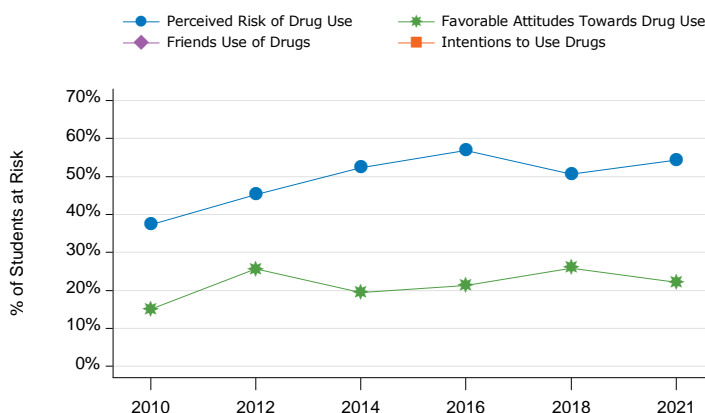
### For More Information:

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- For free guides on preventing alcohol and other drug use, visit the ADAI Clearinghouse <http://adaiclearinghouse.net> or call (206) 221-8325.
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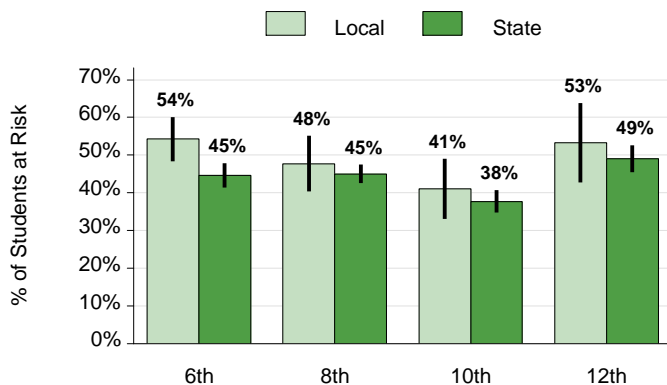
**Peer-Individual Risk Factors  
Grade 6, 2021**



**Peer-Individual Risk Factor 2010-2021  
Grade 6**



**Risk Factor: Perceived Risk of Drug Use  
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	54% ±6*	48% ±7	41% ±8	53% ±11
State	45% ±3	45% ±2	38% ±3	49% ±4

Prevalence	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
Perceived Risk of Drug Use	37% ±5	45% ±5*	52% ±6	57% ±6	51% ±7	54% ±6
Favorable Attitudes Towards Drug Use	15% ±4*	26% ±4*	19% ±4*	21% ±4	26% ±6	22% ±5
Friends Use of Drugs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Intentions to Use Drugs	N/A	N/A	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S

*In 2021, 22% of 6th graders in our school district were at risk for favorable attitudes towards drugs.*

*From 2018 to 2021, there has been no change in the perceived risk of drug use among 6th graders in our school district.*

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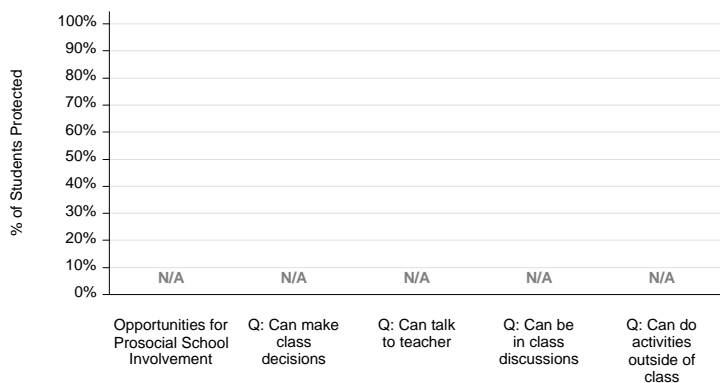
### Background:

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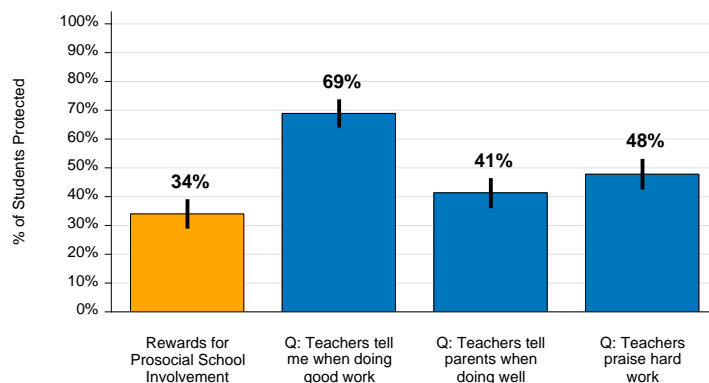
### For More Information:

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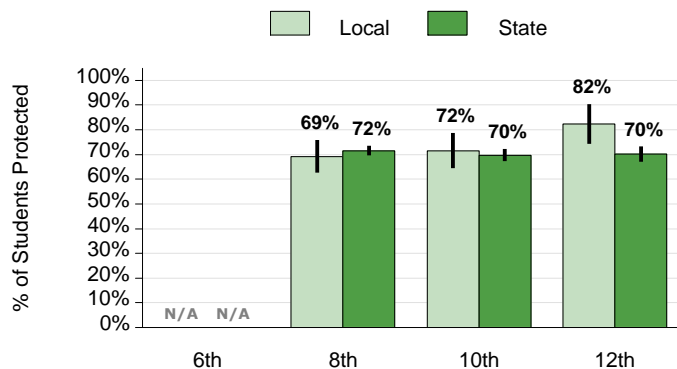
### Protective Factor: Opportunities for Prosocial School Involvement with Component Questions (Q:) Grade 6, 2021



### Protective Factor: Rewards for Prosocial School Involvement with Component Questions (Q:) Grade 6, 2021

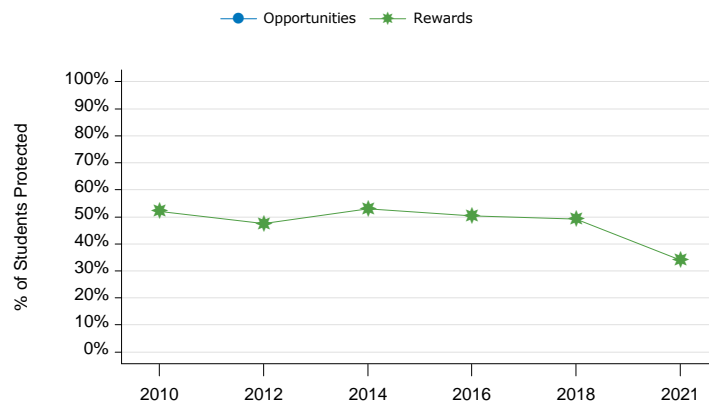


### Protective Factor: Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/A	69% ± 7	72% ± 7	82% ± 8
State	N/A	72% ± 2	70% ± 2	70% ± 3

### School Protective Factor 2010-2021, Grade 6



Prevalence	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
Opportunities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rewards	52% ± 5	47% ± 5	53% ± 5	50% ± 5	49% ± 5	34% ± 5*

Prevalence is displayed with 95% confidence intervals (as ± or black bar )

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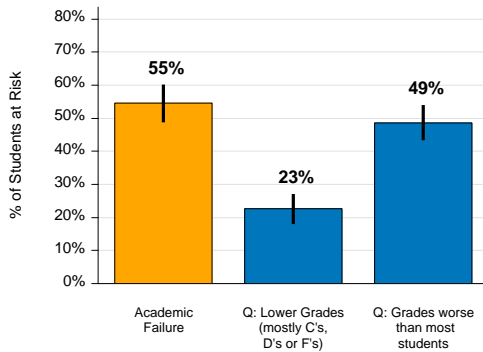
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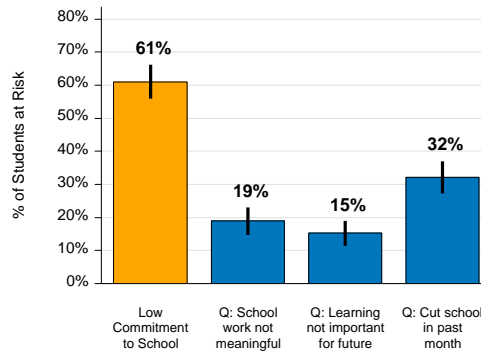
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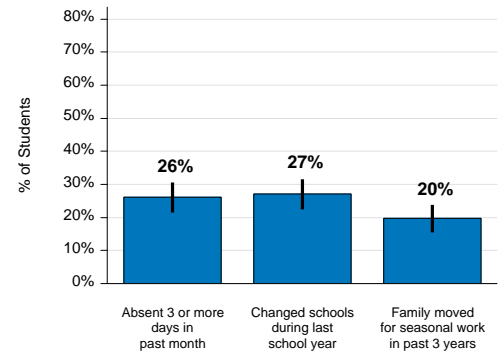
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Grade 6, 2021**



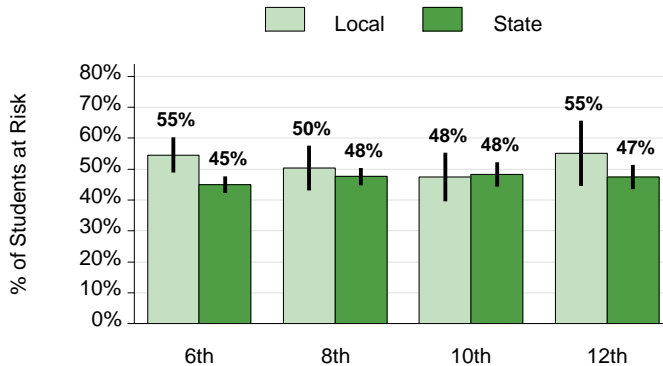
**Risk Factor: Low Commitment to School  
with Component Questions (Q:)  
Grade 6, 2021**



**School Attendance and Transition  
Grade 6, 2021**

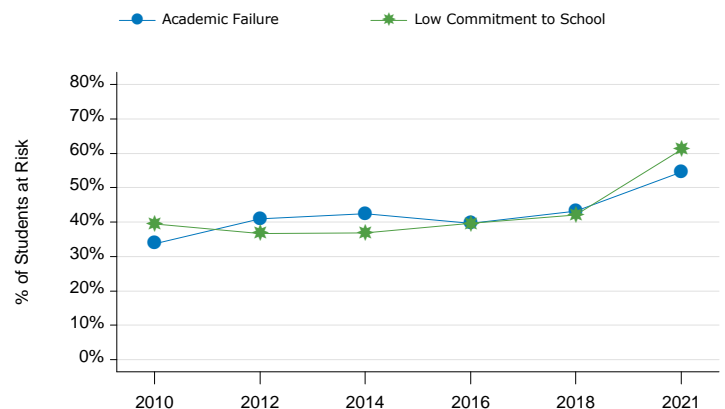


**Academic Failure (RF)  
All Grades, 2021**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	55% ±6	50% ±7	48% ±8	55% ±11
State	45% ±3	48% ±3	48% ±4	47% ±4

**School Risk Factor 2010-2021, Grade 6**



Prevalence	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
Academic Failure	34% ±4	41% ±5*	42% ±6	40% ±5	43% ±5	55% ±6*
Low Commitment to School	39% ±4	37% ±5	37% ±5	40% ±5	42% ±5	61% ±5*

Prevalence is displayed with 95% confidence intervals (as ± or black bar )

\*indicates a significant change from the previous year or a significant difference between state and local results, p<0.05

Washington HYS results generated at [AskHYS.net](http://AskHYS.net) on 03-20-2022

**Missing codes:** S = result suppressed due to insufficient reporting from students of schools; N/G = grade not available; N/S = question was not surveyed this year; N/A = question was not asked of this grade.

## FACT SHEET

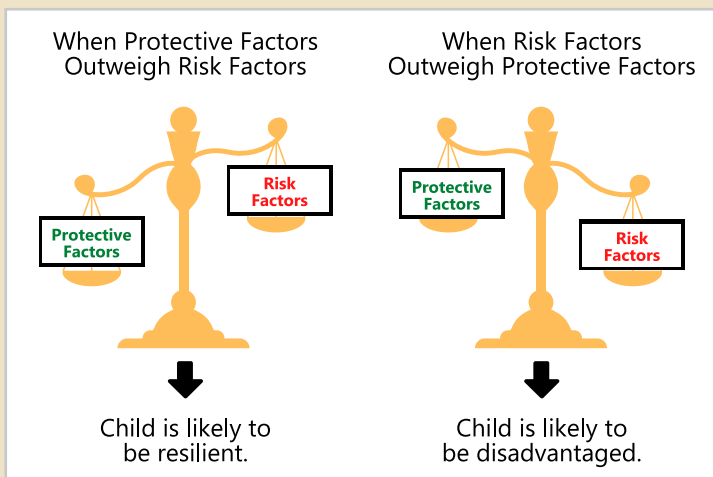
# Risk and Protective Factors on the Healthy Youth Survey

Researchers at the University of Washington (UW) developed a public health model for the prevention of youth substance use and other behaviors, by identifying risk and protective factors.<sup>1</sup>

- **Risk Factor** - something that may attribute to a problem.
- **Protective Factor** - something that helps to prevent a problem.

Taking a close look at youth risk and protective factors can help providers select appropriate programming and interventions.

Effective prevention focuses on reducing risk factors and strengthening protective factors. Comprehensive prevention efforts aim to ensure that protective factors outweigh risk factors at the individual, peer, family, school and community level.



<b>Peer-Individual Risk Factors</b>	<b>Substance Use</b>	<b>Delinquency</b>	<b>Teen Pregnancy</b>	<b>School Dropout</b>	<b>Violence</b>	<b>Depression &amp; Anxiety</b>
Friends Who Use Drugs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Favorable Attitudes Towards Drug Use	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Early Initiation of Drug Use	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Perceived Risk of Drug Use	✓	✓				
<b>Family Risk Factors</b>						
Poor Family Management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parental Favorable Attitude Towards Drug Use	✓	✓			✓	
<b>School Risk Factors</b>						
Academic Failure	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Low Commitment to School	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Community Risk Factors</b>						
Perceived Availability of Drugs	✓				✓	
Perceived Availability of Handguns		✓			✓	
Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	✓	✓			✓	
Low Neighborhood Attachment	✓	✓			✓	

✓ = Risk Factor associated with increased likelihood of health risk behavior.

<b>Family, School, and Community Protective Factors</b>	<b>Substance Use</b>	<b>Delinquency</b>	<b>Risky Sexual Behavior</b>	<b>School Dropout</b>	<b>Violence</b>	<b>Depression &amp; Anxiety</b>
Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	✓	✓				
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	✓	✓			✓	✓

✓ = Protective Factor has a positive influence against the health risk behavior

- Each Risk and Protective factor in the Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) is measured with two or more survey questions to include multiple dimensions of the factor.
- The Fact Sheets on Risk and Protective factors for the Healthy Youth Survey (<https://www.askhys.net/FactSheets>), refer to the “percent of students at risk,” which is defined as the percent of students whose risk scores were above a certain number as determined by UW researchers.
- Data shows that youth who are not doing well academically, or who don’t believe that school is important, are likely to feel less connected and committed to school.<sup>2</sup>
- Data also shows that these same youth are likely to be those who are trying drugs or experiencing depression.<sup>3</sup>
- Researchers have identified best practice, evidence and research- based programs that can decrease risk factors and promote healthy family bonding, family management, strong social supports and positive school cultures. <sup>4</sup>

Providing youth with multiple opportunities to learn and grow while teaching them life skills, recognizing them for who they are, teaching and promoting positive relationships in all aspects of their life, and setting clear standards can help encourage them to achieve healthy behaviors.<sup>5</sup>

## For More Information:

- Resources for parents on how to connect with their youth: <https://starttalkingnow.org/>
- Resources for schools: <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/health-safety/mental-social-behavioral-health>
- Resources about mental health; National Alliance on Mental Health: <https://www.nami.org/Home>
- To find out about prevention coalitions in your area and how to get involved, go to: [https://www.theathenaforum.org/community\\_prevention\\_and\\_wellness\\_initiative\\_cpwi](https://www.theathenaforum.org/community_prevention_and_wellness_initiative_cpwi)

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5. (<https://www.communitiesthatcare.net/prevention-science/>)

These are the risk and protective factor questions that were asked on the 2021 survey (<https://www.askhys.net/Survey>).

## Risk Factors

### Peer-Individual Risk Factors

#### Friends Use Drugs

A peer-individual risk factor scale composed of four HYS questions.

- Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many of your best friends have:
  - Smoked cigarettes?
  - Tried beer, wine, or hard liquor when their parent(s) didn't know about it?
  - Used marijuana?
  - Used LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or other illegal drugs?

#### Favorable Attitudes Towards Drug Use

A peer-individual risk factor scale composed of four HYS questions.

- How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to:
  - Drink beer, wine, or hard liquor regularly?
  - Smoke cigarettes?
  - Smoke marijuana?
  - Use LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or another illegal drug?

#### Perceived Risk of Drug Use

A peer-individual risk factor scale composed of four HYS questions.

- How much do you think people risk harming themselves if they:
  - Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?
  - Try marijuana once or twice?
  - Smoke marijuana regularly (at least once or twice a week)?
  - Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?

#### Early Initiation of Drug Use

A peer-individual risk factor scale composed of three HYS questions.

- How old were you the first time you:
  - Used marijuana?
  - Smoked a cigarette, even just a puff?
  - Had more than a sip or two of beer, wine, or hard liquor?

## Family Risk Factors

### Poor Family Management

A family protective scale composed of eight HYS questions.

- My parent(s) ask if I've gotten my homework done.
- Would your parent(s) know if you did not come home on time?
- When I am not at home, one of my parent(s) knows where I am and who I am with.
- The rules in my family are clear.
- My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use.
- In you drank some beer, wine, or liquor without your parent(s)'s permission, would you be caught by them?
- If you carried a handgun without your parent(s)'s permission, would you be caught by them?
- If you skipped school, would you be caught by your parent(s)'s?

### Parental Attitudes Favorable Towards Drug Use

A family risk factor scale composed of three HYS questions.

- How wrong do your parent(s) feel it would be for you to:
  - Drink beer, wine, or hard liquor regularly (at least once or twice a month)?
  - Smoke cigarettes?
  - Use marijuana?

## School Risk Factors

### Academic Failure

A school risk factor scale composed of two HYS questions.

- Putting them all together, what were your grades like last year?
- Are your school grades better than the grades of most students in your class?

### Low Commitment to School

A school risk factor scale composed of seven HYS questions.

- How often do you feel the schoolwork you are assigned is meaningful and important?
- How interesting are most of your courses to you?
- How important do you think the things you are learning in school are going to be for you later in life?
- Think back over the past year in school. How often did you: Enjoy school?
- Think back over the past year in school. How often did you: Dislike school?
- Think back over the past year in school. How often did you: Try to do your best work in school?
- During the LAST 4 WEEKS, how many whole days of school have you missed because you skipped or "cut"?



## Community Risk Factors

### Perceived Availability of Drugs

A community risk factor scale composed of four HYS questions.

- If you wanted to get some beer, wine, or hard liquor, how easy would it be for you to get some?
- If you wanted to get some cigarettes, how easy would it be for you to get some?
- If you wanted to get some marijuana, how easy would it be for you to get some?
- If you wanted to get a drug like cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines, how easy would it be for you to get some?

### Perceived Availability of Handguns

- If you wanted to get a handgun, how easy would it be for you to get one?

### Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use

A community risk factor scale composed of six HYS questions.

- How wrong would most adults in your neighborhood think it was for kids your age:
  - To use marijuana?
  - To drink alcohol?
  - To smoke cigarettes?
- If a kid drank some beer, wine, or hard liquor in your neighborhood or community, would they be caught by the police?
- If a kid carried a handgun in your neighborhood would they be caught by the police?
- If a kid used marijuana in your neighborhood or community, would they be caught by the police?

### Low Neighborhood Attachment

A community risk factor scale composed of three HYS questions:

- I'd like to get out of my neighborhood or community.
- If I had to move, I would miss the neighborhood or community I now live in.
- I like my neighborhood / community.

## Protective Factors

### Family Protective Factors

#### Opportunities for Prosocial Family Involvement

A family protective scale composed of three HYS questions.

- If I had a personal problem, I could ask parent(s) for help.
- My parent(s) give me lots of chances to do fun things with them.
- My parent(s) ask me what I think before most family decisions affecting me are made.

#### Rewards for Prosocial Family Involvement

A family protective scale composed of four HYS questions only asked to 6th graders on Form C ([https://www.askhys.net/Docs/HYS%202021%20Form%20C%20e-survey%20\\_Final.pdf](https://www.askhys.net/Docs/HYS%202021%20Form%20C%20e-survey%20_Final.pdf)).

- My parent(s) notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it.
- How often do your parent(s) tell you they're proud of you for something you've done?
- Do you enjoy spending time with your mom(s)?
- Do you enjoy spending time with your dad(s)?

## School Protective Factors

### Opportunities for Prosocial School Involvement

A school protective factor scale composed of five HYS questions:

- In my school, students have lots of chances to help decide things like class activities and rules.
- There are lots of chances for students in my school to talk with a teacher one-on-one.
- Teachers ask me to work on special classroom projects.
- There are lots of chances for students in my school to get involved in sports, clubs, and other school activities outside of class.
- I have lots of chances to be part of class discussions or activities.

### Rewards for Prosocial School Involvement

A school protective factor scale composed of four HYS questions:

- My teacher(s) notices when I am doing a good job and lets me know about it.
- The school lets my parent(s) know when I have done something well.
- I feel safe at my school.
- My teachers praise me when I work hard in school.

## Community- Protective Factors

### Opportunities for Prosocial Community Involvement

A community protective factor scale that includes four HYS questions.

- There are adults in my neighborhood or community I could talk to about something important.
- Which of the following activities for people your age are available in your neighborhood or community?
  - Sports teams and recreation
  - Scouts, Camp Fire, 4-H Clubs, or other service clubs
  - Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, or other activity clubs

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- My neighbors notice when I am doing a good job and let me know.
- There are people in my neighborhood or community who encourage me to do my best.
- There are people in my neighborhood or community who are proud of me when I do something well.