

Clark County Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) 2025

2025 County-Wide Middle School Results

Introduction

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a survey that monitors health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability among 7th-8th grade students. Topics include behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence, sexual behaviors, alcohol and drug use, tobacco use, dietary behaviors, physical activity, and the prevalence of obesity.

Methods

A census was conducted on youth risk behavior with 2,240 students across 14 middle schools in Clark County. The overall response rate was 74.1%, which is considered a representative portion of the student population.

Participating Schools	
Catholic Central Jr. High School	Northwestern Jr. High School
Global Impact STEM Academy MS	Roosevelt Middle School
Greenon Jr. Senior High School	Schaefer Middle School
Hayward Middle School	Shawnee Middle School
Kenton Ridge Middle School	Southeastern Jr. High School
Nightingale Montessori Middle School	Springfield City Online MS
Northeastern Middle School	Tecumseh Middle School

All incomplete or invalid responses were removed. Survey answers that were logically inconsistent with one another were also removed. Demographic variables including age, sex, race, and ethnicity were reported. The percentage (%) and 95% confidence interval were also reported for each question. Additionally, each response was analyzed by sex and race.

Data analysis was completed in collaboration with the Clark County Health Department by Alperen Korkmaz, PhD, Senior Statistical Consultant, Wright State University's Statistical Consulting Center under the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (RSP).

Key Findings

Safety

- 58.2% of students rarely or never wore a helmet while riding a bicycle.

Violence

- 38.6% of students have been involved in a physical fight.
 - 65.3% of those students were male.

Bullying

- 43.9% of students have been bullied on school property.
- 27.2% of students have been electronically bullied.
 - 60.9% of those students were female.

Suicide

- 17.8% of students have seriously considered suicide.
 - 65.0% of those students were female.

Tobacco

- 4.6% of students have tried smoking cigarettes.
- 11.5% of students have tried an electronic vapor product.

Alcohol

- 14.5% of students have had at least one drink of alcohol.

Marijuana

- 6.1% of students have used marijuana at least once in their life.

Drugs

- 7.2% of students have taken non-prescribed pain medication or misused it at least once in their life.

Sexual Behavior

- 3.3% of students have had sexual intercourse.

Body Weight

- 30.4% self-described as slightly or very overweight.

Physical Activity

- 19.5% of students got a concussion from playing a sport or being active in the past 12 months.

Other Topics

- 19.9% of students reported that their mental health was not good at least most of the time in the past 30 days.
 - 68.9% of those students were female.
- 17.8% of students have gambled in the past 12 months.
 - 66.6% of those students were male.
- 19.1% of students could get a loaded gun without a parent or other guardian's permission and be ready to fire within 10 minutes.
 - 65.3% of those students were male.

Results

Population Demographics

Categories	Overall %	Female (48.4%)	Male (51.6%)
Age of Students			
10 or younger	0.2%	20.0%	80.0%
11 years	0.9%	38.1%	61.9%
12 years	33.4%	54.4%	45.6%
13 years	47.4%	48.8%	51.2%
14 years	17.4%	37.4%	62.6%
15 years	0.4%	44.4%	55.6%
16 or older	0.2%	66.7%	33.3%
Grade			
6th grade	0.8%	35.3%	64.7%
7th grade	51.7%	49.9%	50.1%

Categories	Overall %	Female (48.4%)	Male (51.6%)
8th grade	47.2%	47.0%	53.0%
Ungraded or other	0.4%	37.5%	62.5%
Hispanic or Latino			
Yes	10.4%	-	-
No	89.6%	-	-
Race			
Multi-race	13.0%	49.1%	50.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.9%	22.5%	77.5%
Asian	0.4%	12.5%	87.5%
Black or African American	13.7%	54.2%	45.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	66.7%	33.3%
White	64.3%	47.7%	52.3%
Sex			
Female	48.4%	-	-
Male	51.6%	-	-

Behavior Data

Questions	Overall % (95% CI)	Female (48.4%)	Male (51.6%)
Safety			
Rarely or never wore a helmet when riding a bicycle	58.2% (56.1% - 60.2%)	45.0%	55.0%
Rarely or never wore a helmet when rollerblading or riding a skateboard	29.0% (27.1% - 30.9%)	53.8%	46.2%
Rarely or never wore a seat belt when riding a car driven by someone else	5.1% (4.3% - 6.1%)	40.2%	59.8%
Have rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol	13.1% (11.7% - 14.5%)	57.3%	42.7%
Violence			
Have been involved in a physical fight	38.6% (36.6% - 40.7%)	34.7%	65.3%
Seen someone get physically attacked, beaten, stabbed, or shot in their neighborhood	22.5% (20.9% - 24.3%)	45.0%	55.0%
Have been physically hurt by a parent or other adult in their home at least sometimes in their life	7.2% (6.2% - 8.4%)	59.4%	40.6%
Bullying			
Bullied on school property	43.9% (41.9% - 46.0%)	57.0%	43.0%
Electronically bullied (Facebook, Instagram, texting)	27.2% (25.4% - 29.1%)	60.9%	39.1%
Have been treated badly or unfairly of race or ethnic background	17.5% (15.9% - 19.1%)	57.2%	42.8%
Have been the victim of teasing or name calling because someone thought you were gay, lesbian, or bisexual in the past 12 months	18.9% (17.4% - 20.6%)	58.9%	41.1%
Suicide, Hurting Oneself			
Hurt themselves without wanting to kill themselves at least once in the past 12 months	16.2% (14.7% - 17.8%)	69.2%	30.8%
Seriously thought about killing yourself (suicide)	17.8% (16.2% - 19.4%)	65.0%	35.0%
Made a plan to attempt to kill yourself (suicide)	11.4% (10.2% - 12.8%)	69.0%	31.0%
Attempted to kill yourself (suicide)	6.7% (5.7% - 7.8%)	70.8%	29.2%

Questions	Overall % (95% CI)	Female (48.4%)	Male (51.6%)
Tobacco			
Tried smoking a cigarette	4.6% (3.8% - 5.6%)	46.5%	53.5%
Smoked a cigarette before age 10 years old	1.2% (0.9% - 1.8%)	46.2%	53.8%
Smoked cigarettes at least 1 day in the past 30 days	1.1% (0.7% - 1.6%)	43.5%	56.5%
Smoked cigarettes at least 20 days in the past 30 days	0.3% (0.2% - 0.6%)	0.0%	100.0%
Smoked at least 1 cigarette per day in the past 30 days	0.8% (0.5% - 1.2%)	43.8%	56.2%
Used an electronic vapor product	11.5% (10.2% - 12.9%)	51.6%	48.4%
Smoked an electronic vapor product at least once in the past 30 days	5.2% (4.3% - 6.2%)	48.7%	51.3%
Used electronic vapor products because of feeling anxious, stressed or depressed	2.9% (2.3% - 3.7%)	71.2%	28.8%
Used chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, etc. 1 day or more in the past 30 days	1.4% (1.0% - 2.0%)	50.0%	50.0%
Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on 1 day or more in the past 30 days	1.4% (1.0% - 2.0%)	48.4%	51.6%
Alcohol			
Had least one drink of alcohol	14.5% (13.1% - 16.0%)	49.4%	50.6%
Had their first drink of alcohol before age 10 years old	2.4% (1.9% - 3.1%)	43.1%	56.9%
Have lived with a parent or guardian who was having a problem with alcohol or drug use	16.9% (15.4% - 18.5%)	56.3%	43.7%
Marijuana			
Have used marijuana at least once in their life	6.1% (5.2% - 7.2%)	46.7%	53.3%
Tried marijuana for the first time before age 10 years old	0.7% (0.4% - 1.1%)	35.7%	64.3%
Drugs			
Have taken non-prescribed pain medication or misused it at least once in their life	7.2% (6.2% - 8.3%)	52.9%	47.1%
Have used any form of cocaine at least once in their life	1.2% (0.8% - 1.7%)	44.0%	56.0%

Questions	Overall % (95% CI)	Female (48.4%)	Male (51.6%)
Have sniffed glue, aerosols, paints to get high at least once in their life	3.6% (2.9% - 4.5%)	53.2%	46.8%
Sexual Behavior			
Have had sexual intercourse	3.3% (2.6% - 4.1%)	37.7%	62.3%
First had sexual intercourse before age 10 years old	0.8% (0.5% - 1.3%)	47.1%	52.9%
Had sex with 4 or more people in their life	0.5% (0.3% - 0.9%)	0.0%	100.0%
Used a condom when they last had sex	5.0% (4.1% - 5.9%)	45.5%	54.5%
Body Weight			
Self-describe as slightly or very overweight	30.4% (28.5% - 32.3%)	53.6%	46.4%
Not trying to do anything with their weight	25.0% (23.3% - 26.9%)	53.6%	46.4%
Dietary Behavior			
Did not eat breakfast on at least 1 day in the past 7 days	66.9% (64.9% - 68.8%)	53.3%	46.7%
Physical Activity			
Were active for 60 minutes per day less than 5 days in the past 7 days	43.6% (41.5% - 45.6%)	56.2%	43.8%
Did not go to PE classes at school in an average week	49.7% (47.6% - 51.8%)	52.0%	48.0%
Did not play on any sports teams in the past 12 months	35.4% (33.4% - 37.4%)	47.8%	52.2%
Got a concussion from playing a sport or being active at least once in the past 12 months	19.5% (17.9% - 21.2%)	43.3%	56.7%
Other Health Topics/Miscellaneous			
Mental health was often not good at least most of the time during the past 30 days	19.9% (18.3% - 21.6%)	68.9%	31.1%
Often felt at least most of the time that they were able to talk to an adult about their feelings	47.3% (45.2% - 49.3%)	45.9%	54.1%
Got 4 hours or less of sleep on a school night	8.9% (7.8% - 10.1%)	57.9%	42.1%
Slept somewhere else besides their parent/guardians, family member or friends house in the past 30 days	2.1% (1.6% - 2.8%)	41.3%	58.7%

Questions	Overall % (95% CI)	Female (48.4%)	Male (51.6%)
Did not have a usual place to sleep during the past 30 days	0.3% (0.1% - 0.6%)	20.0%	80.0%
At least sometimes went hungry because there wasn't enough food at home in the last 30 days	16.1% (14.7% - 17.7%)	55.5%	44.5%
Could get a loaded gun without a parent or other adult's permission and be ready to fire within 10 minutes	19.1% (17.5% - 20.8%)	34.7%	65.3%
Have gambled such as gambling on sports team, when playing cards or dice game, on the internet, lottery game or game of skill during the past 12 months	17.8% (16.2% - 19.4%)	33.4%	66.6%
Uses social media at least several times a day	62.4% (60.4% - 64.4%)	50.8%	49.2%
Parents have rules about what they do on the internet	66.6% (64.6% - 68.5%)	52.3%	47.7%
Rarely or never felt safe and secure in their neighborhood	7.8% (6.8% - 9.0%)	45.6%	54.4%

Behavior Data by Race

Questions	Overall %	Native Am. (1.9%)	Asian (0.4%)	Black/AA (13.7%)	Pacific Isl. (0.1%)	White (64.3%)	Multi-Race (13.0%)
Safety							
Rarely or never wore a helmet when riding a bicycle	58.2%	2.4%	0.2%	14.3%	0.2%	62.7%	13.0%
Rarely or never wore a helmet when rollerblading or riding a skateboard	29.0%	1.4%	0.3%	14.6%	0.2%	60.9%	16.5%
Rarely or never wore a seat belt when riding a car driven by someone else	5.1%	0.9%	1.7%	29.6%	0.0%	33.9%	20.0%
Have rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol	13.1%	2.7%	0.7%	13.3%	0.0%	58.7%	16.0%
Violence							
Have been involved in a physical fight	38.6%	2.8%	0.3%	20.3%	0.1%	52.5%	18.0%
Seen someone get physically attacked, beaten, stabbed, or shot in their neighborhood	22.5%	2.6%	0.8%	22.0%	0.2%	50.1%	17.8%
Have been physically hurt by a parent or other adult in their home at least sometimes in their life	7.2%	1.9%	0.6%	23.5%	0.0%	46.9%	18.5%
Bullying							
Bullied on school property	43.9%	1.8%	0.5%	11.3%	0.2%	66.3%	14.7%
Electronically bullied (Facebook, Instagram, texting)	27.2%	1.3%	0.5%	12.3%	0.0%	65.8%	15.6%
Have been treated badly or unfairly of race or ethnic background	17.5%	2.0%	1.0%	24.0%	0.3%	36.8%	23.5%
Have been the victim of teasing or name calling because someone thought you were gay, lesbian, or bisexual in the past 12 months	18.9%	2.4%	0.9%	16.0%	0.0%	59.4%	16.3%
Suicide, Hurting Oneself							
Hurt themselves without wanting to kill themselves at least once in the past 12 months	16.2%	1.4%	0.8%	15.4%	0.0%	60.3%	15.7%
Seriously thought about killing yourself (suicide)	17.8%	2.3%	0.8%	16.1%	0.0%	60.8%	14.8%

Questions	Overall %	Native Am. (1.9%)	Asian (0.4%)	Black/AA (13.7%)	Pacific Isl. (0.1%)	White (64.3%)	Multi-Race (13.0%)
Made a plan to attempt to kill yourself (suicide)	11.4%	2.0%	1.2%	16.0%	0.0%	63.3%	13.3%
Attempted to kill yourself (suicide)	6.7%	2.0%	2.0%	15.4%	0.0%	57.7%	15.4%
Tobacco							
Tried smoking a cigarette	4.6%	5.8%	1.9%	11.5%	0.0%	48.1%	24.0%
Smoked a cigarette before age 10 years old	1.2%	3.6%	3.6%	17.9%	0.0%	53.6%	17.9%
Smoked cigarettes at least 1 day in the past 30 days	1.1%	0.0%	4.2%	8.3%	0.0%	54.2%	25.0%
Smoked cigarettes at least 20 days in the past 30 days	0.3%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	28.6%	57.1%
Smoked at least 1 cigarette per day in the past 30 days	0.8%	5.9%	5.9%	11.8%	0.0%	29.4%	41.2%
Used an electronic vapor product	11.5%	2.7%	0.8%	17.9%	0.0%	55.6%	16.0%
Smoked an electronic vapor product at least once in the past 30 days	5.2%	2.6%	0.9%	15.5%	0.0%	50.9%	19.0%
Used electronic vapor products because of feeling anxious, stressed or depressed	2.9%	6.1%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	51.5%	19.7%
Used chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, etc. 1 day or more in the past 30 days	1.4%	0.0%	3.2%	9.7%	0.0%	51.6%	29.0%
Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on 1 day or more in the past 30 days	1.4%	3.1%	3.1%	15.6%	0.0%	37.5%	25.0%
Alcohol							
Had least one drink of alcohol	14.5%	2.8%	0.6%	12.9%	0.0%	58.2%	18.2%
Had their first drink of alcohol before age 10 years old	2.4%	5.6%	1.9%	16.7%	0.0%	48.1%	22.2%
Have lived with a parent or guardian who was having a problem with alcohol or drug use	16.9%	1.3%	0.8%	11.4%	0.0%	64.3%	16.1%
Marijuana							
Have used marijuana at least once in their life	6.1%	4.4%	1.5%	18.2%	0.0%	48.9%	21.9%
Tried marijuana for the first time before age 10 years old	0.7%	0.0%	6.7%	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	26.7%
Drugs							

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Have taken non-prescribed pain medication or misused it at least once in their life	7.2%	1.9%	1.2%	19.9%	0.0%	54.0%	16.8%
Have used any form of cocaine at least once in their life	1.2%	7.4%	7.4%	11.1%	0.0%	44.4%	25.9%
Have sniffed glue, aerosols, paints to get high at least once in their life	3.6%	3.7%	2.5%	12.3%	0.0%	54.3%	22.2%
Sexual Behavior							
Have had sexual intercourse	3.3%	2.7%	2.7%	12.3%	0.0%	49.3%	24.7%
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Had sex with 4 or more people in their life	0.5%	0.0%	9.1%	9.1%	0.0%	45.5%	36.4%
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Body Weight							
Self-describe as slightly or very overweight	30.4%	1.3%	0.1%	12.9%	0.3%	64.9%	13.7%
Not trying to do anything with their weight	25.0%	2.0%	0.2%	10.9%	0.2%	67.7%	11.1%
Dietary Behavior							
Did not eat breakfast on at least 1 day in the past 7 days	66.9%	1.3%	0.3%	12.9%	0.2%	65.5%	13.3%
Physical Activity							
Were active for 60 minutes per day less than 5 days in the past 7 days	43.6%	2.0%	0.5%	17.5%	0.3%	56.0%	12.7%
Did not go to PE classes at school in an average week	49.7%	1.9%	0.4%	12.3%	0.2%	67.0%	11.7%
Did not play on any sports teams in the past 12 months	35.4%	2.1%	0.5%	15.0%	0.4%	57.1%	13.4%
Got a concussion from playing a sport or being active at least once in the past 12 months	19.5%	2.3%	0.5%	17.2%	0.4%	57.6%	13.8%
Other Health Topics/Miscellaneous							
Mental health was often not good at least most of the time during the past 30 days	19.9%	0.9%	0.4%	10.3%	0.0%	70.9%	12.6%
Often felt at least most of the time that they were able to talk to an adult about their feelings	47.3%	1.8%	0.3%	9.9%	0.1%	69.5%	11.9%

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Get 4 hours or less of sleep on a school night	8.9%	1.0%	2.5%	10.1%	1.0%	62.3%	17.1%
Slept somewhere else besides their parent/guardians, family member or friends house in the past 30 days	2.1%	4.3%	2.1%	23.4%	0.0%	46.8%	17.0%
Did not have a usual place to sleep during the past 30 days	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	50.0%	33.3%
At least sometimes went hungry because there wasn't enough food at home in the last 30 days	16.1%	2.2%	0.3%	21.1%	0.6%	52.1%	13.9%
Could get a loaded gun without a parent or other adult's permission and be ready to fire within 10 minutes	19.1%	3.5%	0.7%	12.4%	0.0%	65.0%	13.8%
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