# MassachusettsYouth Health Survey



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#### Before you begin, there are a few important things you need to know.

- Your answers are completely **anonymous**. There are no markings anywhere on the questionnaire that allows you to be identified. Please do not place your name or any other personal information on the questionnaire. Your answers will be combined with other answers for statistical analysis.
- The purpose of the survey is to gather information from school students in Massachusetts about health topics such as the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, in and out of school activities, diet and exercise and coping with stress. This information will be used to better understand the concerns and health practices of current students.
- It is important that you answer each question as honestly and accurately as you can.
- If there is any question that you would prefer not to answer, please just skip that question and go on to the next question.
- Your participation is, of course, voluntary. If you find the survey upsetting, you may stop answering the questions.
- Answer each question by filling in the circles like this: Incorrect marks: 

  You must use a number 2 pencil.
- Arrows ( ) will direct you to answer follow-up questions or to skip over certain questions.
- When you are finished with the survey, simply place it in the box located at the front of the class.
- Your participation is greatly appreciated, as this is one of the only ways for students like yourself to anonymously report on health issues that may concern you.

## Thank you for your time and cooperation.

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. In what grade are you?  Of 6th grade  7th grade  8th grade  Other/Ungraded
2. How old are you?  11 years old or younger  12 years old  13 years old  14 years old  15 years old  16 years old  17 years old
18 years old or older  3. What is your sex?  Female  Male
Female

	HEIGHT			
Write your height in the shaded blank boxes. Fill in the matching circles below each number.	3 4 5 6 7	0 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (1)		

5. How much do you weigh without your shoes on?

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Write your weight in	WEIGHT IN POUNDS				
the shaded blank boxes. Fill in the matching circles below each number.					

о.	Are you hispanic or Latino?
	○ Yes
	○ No
7.	What is your race? (Select one or more responses)
	American Indian or Alaska Native
	Asian
	<u> </u>
	O Black or African American
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
	( ) White
8.	<b>During the past 12 months, how would you describe</b>
	your grades in school?
	○ Mostly A's
	Mostly B's
	Mostly C's
	Mostly D's
	○ Mostly F's
	None of these grades
	O Not sure

#### **LIFESTYLE QUESTIONS**

9.	watch TV?
	OI do not watch TV on an average school day
	C Less than 1 hour per day
	1 hour per day
	2 hours per day
	○ 3 hours per day
	4 hours per day
	∫ 5 or more hours per day

10. On an average school day, how many hours do you play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work? (Count time spent on things such as Xbox, Playstation, an iPod, an iPad or other tablet, a smartphone, YouTube, Facebook or other social networking tools, and the Internet.)

other social networking tools, and the internet.
OI do not play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work
Cless than 1 hour per day
1 hour per day
2 hours per day
3 hours per day
○ 4 hours per day
○ 5 or more hours per day

<ul> <li>11. On an average weekend day, how many hours do you watch TV?</li> <li>I do not watch TV on an average weekend day</li> <li>Less than 1 hour per day</li> <li>1 hour per day</li> <li>2 hours per day</li> <li>3 hours per day</li> <li>4 hours per day</li> </ul>	14. During the last 7 days, how many days did you exercise or participate in physical activity for at least 20 minutes that made you sweat or breathe hard, such as basketball, soccer, running, swimming laps, fast bicycling, fast dancing or similar aerobic activities?    O Days		
12. On an average weekend day, how many hours do you play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work? (Count time spent on things such as Xbox, PlayStation, an iPod, an iPad or other tablet, a smartphone, YouTube, Facebook or other social networking tools, and the Internet.)	1 Day 2 Days 3 Days 4 Days 5 Days 6 Days 7 Days		
<ul> <li>I do not play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work</li> <li>Less than 1 hour per day</li> <li>1 hour per day</li> <li>2 hours per day</li> <li>3 hours per day</li> <li>4 hours per day</li> <li>5 or more hours per day</li> </ul> 13. During the past 7 days, on how many days were	rollerblade or ride a skateboard to get to school or get home from school?  O Days 1 Day 2 Days 3 Days 4 Days 5 Days		
you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? (Add up all the time you spent in any kind of physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time.)  O Days  1 Day	<ul> <li>16. Yesterday, how many times did you eat vegetables?</li> <li>DEFINITION: Count all cooked and uncooked vegetables; salads; and boiled, baked and mashed potatoes.</li> <li>Do NOT count: French fries, potato chips, or lettuce that is on a sandwich or sub.</li> </ul>		
<ul><li>○ 2 Days</li><li>○ 3 Days</li><li>○ 4 Days</li><li>○ 5 Days</li><li>○ 6 Days</li><li>○ 7 Days</li></ul>	<ul><li>☐ I did not eat vegetables yesterday</li><li>☐ 1 time</li><li>☐ 2 times</li><li>☐ 3 or more times</li></ul>		
	17. Yesterday, how many times did you eat fruit or drink 100% fruit juice?  I did not eat fruit or drink 100% fruit juice yesterday  1 time  2 times  3 or more times		

18. <u>Yesterday</u> , how many cans or glasses of non-diet soda did you drink?				22. <u>During the past 12 months</u> , how many times did you hurt or injure yourself <u>on purpose</u> without wanting to die? (For example, by cutting, burning)
	DEFINITION:  A non-diet soda is a soda with sugar in it, such Coke®, Pepsi®, Sprite®, ginger ale, or root beer.  Count a 20-ounce bottle as 2 glasses.  I did not drink any non-diet soda yesterday  1 can or glass  2 cans or glasses  3 or more cans or glasses	as		or bruising yourself on purpose.)  0 times 1 or 2 times 3 to 5 times 6 to 9 times 10 to 19 times 20 or more times
19.	Yesterday, how many cans or glasses of sugar-sweetened flavored drinks did you ha	ve?		23. During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?
	<b>DEFINITION:</b> Flavored drinks include punch, sports drinks, sweetened ice tea, flavored milk, and other fruitdrinks like Kool Aid <sup>®</sup> and Hawaiian Punch <sup>®</sup> .	-flavoı	red	<ul><li>✓ Yes</li><li>✓ No</li></ul>
	Do <b>NOT</b> count 100% fruit juice.			24. During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?
	Count a 20-ounce bottle as 2 glasses.			○ Yes ○ No
	<ul><li>○ I did not drink any flavored drinks yesterday</li><li>○ 1 can or glass</li><li>○ 2 cans or glasses</li></ul>	/		
	QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW YOU	U FI	EL	25. During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?  O times If 0 times, go to Question 27  1 time 2 to 3 times 4 to 5 times 6 or more times
20.	<u>During the past 12 months</u> , have you felt you to talk to <u>an adult</u> about how you were feeling			
	things were going in your life, or problems y have had?  Yes No If NO, go to Question 22	ou m	ight	26. If you attempted suicide during the past 12 months, did any attempt result in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse?  Yes No
21.	During the past 12 months, did you talk to a following people about things like that?	ny of	<u>the</u>	○ I did not attempt suicide
		YES	NO	
	a. An adult family member	0	$\bigcirc$	
	<b>b.</b> A school psychologist, school counselor, or school nurse	0	0	
	<ul> <li>Some other adult at school not mentioned in part b</li> </ul>	0	0	
	<ul> <li>d. A psychologist, therapist, counselor, doctor or nurse (not in school)</li> </ul>	0	$\circ$	

e. Some other adult in the community

(not in school)

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## PERSONAL SAFETY

27. During the past 12 months, did you suffer a blow or jolt to your head while playing with a sports team (either during a game or during practice) which caused you to get "knocked out", have memory problems, double or blurry vision, headaches or "pressure" in the head, or nausea or vomiting?  Yes  No  If NO, go to Question 29  I did not play on a sports team during the past 12 months  If you did NOT play on a sports team, go to Question 29	repeatedly teased, threatened, hit, kicked, or excluded by another student or group of students.)  O times  1 time  2 or 3 times  4 or 5 times  6 or 7 times  8 or 9 times  10 or 11 times  12 or more times
<ul> <li>28. If you suffered such a blow to your head during sports in the last 12 months, what happened?</li> <li>I stopped playing sports that day, and also got checked by a doctor, nurse or health care provider</li> <li>I stopped playing sports that day, but did NOT get checked by a doctor, nurse or health care provider</li> <li>I continued playing sports that day</li> </ul>	32. During the past 12 months, have you ever been electronically bullied? (Include being bullied through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, or texting.)  Yes No
29. How often do you wear a seatbelt when riding in a car driven by someone else?  Never Rarely Sometimes Most of the time Always	<ul> <li>33. Have you ever been hurt physically by a date or someone you were going out with? (Include being hurt by being shoved, slapped, hit or kicked.)  <ul> <li>I have never been on a date or gone out with anyone</li> <li>Yes, this has happened to me in the last 12 months</li> <li>Yes, this has happened to me, but longer ago than the past 12 months</li> <li>Yes, this has happened to me in the past 12 months and longer ago than that</li> <li>No, this has not happened to me</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>30. Did any of the following happen to you in the past 12 months?</li> <li>a. You were physically hurt by someone in your family</li> <li>b. You witnessed violence in your family</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a. Bully or push someone around</li> <li>b. Use texting, e-mail, or social networking sites to make fun of, threaten, or insult another kid, or try to hurt another kid's reputation</li> <li>c. Threaten to hurt, physically hurt, or try to hurt a date or someone you were going out with</li> </ul>

31. During the past 12 months, how many times have you

been bullied at school? (Being bullied includes being

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#### QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY AND PEERS

	How would your parent(s) react if they for regularly drank alcohol? Would they be:  Extremely Upset Fairly Upset A Little Upset Not Upset at All	The next 7 questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, hard lemonade, hard cider, and liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, or whiskey. For these questions, drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.  37. During your life, on how many days have you had at least one drink of alcohol?  0 days 1 or 2 days		
6.	Do you think most people your age do the	ne follo	_	<ul><li>○ 3 to 9 days</li><li>○ 10 to 19 days</li><li>○ 20 to 39 days</li></ul>
	a. Drink alcohol	Ŏ	O	○ 40 to 99 days ○ 100 or more days
	b. Smoke cigarettes	0	0	100 of more days
	c. Smoke marijuana	0	0	20. Have ald wave vary when you had your first drink a
	d. Use other illegal drugs	0	0	38. How old were you when you had your first drink or alcohol other than a few sips?
	e. Bully, threaten, or push around other kids	0	0	<ul> <li>○ I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips → If you have NEVER had alcohol, go to Question 42</li> <li>○ 8 years old or younger</li> <li>○ 9 or 10 years old</li> <li>○ 11 or 12 years old</li> <li>○ 13 or 14 years old</li> <li>○ 15 or 16 years old</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>39. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol? <ul> <li>0 days</li> <li>1 or 2 days</li> <li>3 to 5 days</li> <li>6 to 9 days</li> <li>10 to 19 days</li> <li>20 to 29 days</li> <li>All 30 days</li> </ul> </li> <li>40. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours? <ul> <li>0 days</li> <li>1 day</li> <li>2 days</li> <li>3 to 5 days</li> <li>6 to 9 days</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**QUESTIONS ABOUT ALCOHOL** 

○ 10 to 19 days○ 20 or more days

41.	There are many different ways to get be coolers, wine, or liquor. Which of the fol			45. In the <u>past 30 days</u> , have you used marijuana?  ○ Yes
	how you get alcohol?	YES	NO	○ No
	a. I buy it from a supermarket or a convenience store	0	O	
	<b>b.</b> I buy it from a liquor store or package store	0	0	46. In the <u>past 30 days,</u> did you ever ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been
	c. I buy it from bars or clubs or restaurants	0	0	smoking marijuana?
	d. I have someone else buy it for me	0	0	○ No
	e. I get it through my friends	0	0	
	f. I get it at home	0	0	47. The next 2 questions ask about using inhalants. This includes sniffing glue, breathing the
	g. I get it at parties	0	0	contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaling any paints or sprays to get high.
				How old were you when you first used inhalants?
42.	During the past 30 days, did you ride in vehicle driven by someone who had bee alcohol?			○ I have never used inhalants → If NEVER used inhalants, go to Question 49
	Yes  No			<ul><li>○ 9 or younger</li><li>○ 10</li></ul>
				○11 ○12
43.	3. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they have five or more drinks in a row?  No risk		<ul><li>○ 13</li><li>○ 14</li><li>○ 15</li><li>○ 16</li><li>○ 17</li><li>○ 18 or older</li></ul>	
	<ul><li>○ Slight risk</li><li>○ Moderate risk</li><li>○ Great risk</li></ul>			O 16 of older
				48. In the <u>past 30 days</u> , have you used inhalants?  ○ Yes ○ No
	DRUG QUESTIONS			
Mai	next 3 questions ask about marijuana rijuana also is called grass, pot, weed o cludes blunts and cigars filled with ma	r reefe		49. In your <u>lifetime</u> , have you used heroin (also called smack, junk, or China White)?
44.	How old were you when you tried marijuthe first time?	uana fo	r	○ No ►► If NO, go to Question 51
	I have never tried marijuana — If N tried marijuana, go to Question 46	IEVER		
	<ul> <li>8 years old or younger</li> <li>9 or 10 years old</li> <li>11 or 12 years old</li> <li>13 or 14 years old</li> <li>15 or 16 years old</li> <li>17 years old or older</li> </ul>			50. In the <u>past 30 days</u> , have you used heroin (also called smack, junk, or China White)?  Yes No

51.	In your lifetime, have you used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack or freebase?  Yes No If NO, go to Question 53	t (	n your <u>lifetime</u> , have you ever taken po hat weren't your own? Yes No If NO, go to Question 63	<sup>·</sup> escripti	on drugs
	In the past 30 days, have you used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack or freebase?  Yes No  In your lifetime, have you ever taken amphetamines or methamphetamines (such as speed, uppers, dexies, bennies, crystal, crank, or ice)?  Yes No  If NO, go to Question 55		n your lifetime, which of the following drugs have you taken that weren't you  a. Narcotics (such as Methadone, Opium, Morphine, Codeine, Oxycontin, Percodan, Demerol, Percocet, Ultram and Vicodin)  b. Ritalin or Adderall  c. Steroids (body building hormones in form of pills or shots)		
54.	In the past 30 days, have you taken amphetamines or methamphetamines (such as speed, uppers, dexies,		d. Other prescription drugs	0	0
	bennies, crystal, crank, or ice)?  Yes No	t (	n the <u>past 30 days</u> , have you taken pre hat weren't your own?  Yes  No If NO, go to Question 63	escriptio	n drugs
55.	In your lifetime, have you ever used ecstasy (MDMA, also called "E" or "X")?  Yes  No If NO, go to Question 57		n the <u>past 30 days</u> , which of the follow drugs have you taken that weren't you a. Narcotics (such as Methadone, Opium, Morphine, Codeine, Oxycontin, Percodan, Demerol,		
• 56.	In the past 30 days, have you used ecstasy (MDMA,		Percocet, Ultram and Vicodin)  b. Ritalin or Adderall	0	0
	also called "E" or "X")?  Yes  No		c. Steroids (body building hormones in form of pills or shots)  d. Other prescription drugs.	0	0
57.	In your <u>lifetime</u> , have you ever taken over-the-counter medication to get high?  Yes  No If NO, go to Question 59		d. Other prescription drugs	O	O
58.	In the past 30 days, have you taken over-the-counter medication to get high?  Yes No				_
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Playing cards for money;

Gambling on the internet

Playing bingo for money or prizes;

			VERY EASY	FAIRLY EASY	FAIRLY DIFFICULT	VERY DIFFICULT	IMPOSSIBLE	DON'T KNOW
	a.	Beer, wine, or other alcohol	$\circ$	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
	b.	Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	0
64.	How	much do you think people risk	harming them	selves if they <u>c</u>	occasionally us	se:		
					NO RISK	SLIGHT RISK	MODERATE RISK	GREAT RISK
	a.	Marijuana			$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
	b.	Narcotics (such as Methadone, C Oxycontin, Percodan, Demerol, F from prescriptions that aren't the	Percocet, Ultra	0	0	0	0	
	c.	Ritalin or Adderall (from prescrip	tions that aren	't their own)	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
	d.	Tranquilizers (such as Valium, Xa Librium from prescriptions that a			0	0	0	$\circ$
	e.	Inhalants (sniffing glue, breathing spray cans, or inhaling any paint	the contents	of aerosol	0	0	0	0
	f.	Heroin			$\circ$	0	0	0
		t question asks about gambling		you done any	of the following 0 TIMES	g for money o 1–5 TIMES	or anything of vor 6–10 TIMES	alue? MORE THAN 10 TIMES
	a.	Played lottery or scratch tickets			0	0	0	0
	b.	Gambled at a casino			0	0	0	0
	c.	Engaged in any of these activitie Betting on sporting events; Betting on games of personal skil Betting on dice games, (such as Betting on horse or other animal Betting on video poker or other of	l (pool, bowling craps); races;		○ darts);	0	0	0

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# QUESTIONS ABOUT TOBACCO

			○ Yes
66.	Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even		○No
	one or two puffs?		
	○ Yes		
	○ No If NO, go to Question 69		
		73.	During the past 12 months, have you participated in
			any community activities to discourage people your
			age from using cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff,
67.	About how many cigarettes have you smoked		dip or cigars?
	in your entire life?		Yes
	1 or more puffs but never a whole cigarette		○ No
	1 cigarette		
	2 to 5 cigarettes		
	○ 6 to 15 cigarettes (about 1/2 pack total)		
	16 to 25 cigarettes (about 1 pack total)	74.	During the past 7 days, on how many days were
	26 to 99 cigarettes (more than 1 pack, but		you in the same room with someone who was
	less than 5 packs)		smoking cigarettes?
	100 or more cigarettes (5 or more packs)		0 days
			1 or 2 days
			3 or 4 days
			5 or 6 days
68.	During the past 30 days, on how many days did		○ 7 days
	you smoke cigarettes?		
	0 days		
	1 or 2 days	75	During the past 7 days, on how many days did you ride
	3 to 5 days 6 to 9 days	75.	During the <u>past 7 days</u> , on how many days did you ride in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes?
	0 to 9 days		0 days
	20 to 29 days		1 or 2 days
	All 30 days		3 or 4 days
	C All 50 days		5 or 6 days
			7 days
			O r days
69.	Do you think that you will try a cigarette soon?		
00.	I have already tried smoking cigarettes		
	Yes	76.	Have you ever used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip,
	○ No		such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal
			Bandits or Copenhagen?
			○ Yes
			○ No If No, go to Question 78
70.	Do you think that you will smoke a cigarette at any		70
	time during the next year?		
	O Definitely yes		
	O Probably yes	77.	During the past 30 days, on how many days did
	O Probably not		you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
	O Definitely not		0 days
			1 or 2 days
			3 to 5 days
			○ 6 to 9 days
71.	If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette,		○ 10 to 19 days
	would you smoke it?		20 to 29 days
	O Definitely yes		All 30 days
	O Probably yes		
	O Probably not		
	O Definitely not		

72. Does anyone who lives with you now smoke

cigarettes?

78. Have you ever tried smoking cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars, even one or two puffs?  Yes  No Pli No, go to Question 80	<b>DEFINITION:</b> "LONG-TERM" REFERS TO DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE LASTED OR ARE EXPECTED TO LAST <b>6 MONTHS OR MORE</b> .			
79. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?  0 days 1 or 2 days 3 to 5 days 6 to 9 days 10 to 19 days	83. Do you have any physical disabilities or long-term health problems?  Yes  No  Not Sure			
○ 20 to 29 days ○ All 30 days	learning disabilities?  Yes  No  Not Sure			
80. In the past 30 days, have you seen or heard any ads or promotions for alcohol on TV, the Internet, the radio, or in newspapers or magazines?  Yes No	85. Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse or other health care professional that you have asthma?  Yes  No If NO, go to Question 87  Not sure If NOT SURE, go to Question 87			
81. In the past 30 days, have you seen or heard any anti-alcohol and/or anti-drug messages on TV, the Internet, the radio, or in newspapers or magazines?  Yes No	86. Do you still have asthma?  Yes  No  Not Sure			
HEALTH QUESTIONS	87. Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse or other health care professional that you have diabetes?  Yes No Not sure			
82. Would you say that in general your health is:  Excellent Very good Good Fair Poor	88. Does either your mother or father have diabetes?  Yes  No  Not sure			

89.	How would you describe your weight?  Very underweight Slightly underweight About the right weight Slightly overweight Very overweight										
90.	90. <u>During the past 30 days</u> , have you done any of the following things <u>at least once</u> to lose or maintain your weight?  YES NO										
	Increase your intake of fruits and vegetables	O	O								
	<b>b.</b> Reduce the number of calories you eat	0	0								
	c. Cut out between meal snacking	0	0								
	d. Decrease your fat intake	0	0								
	e. Exercise	0	$\circ$								
	<ul> <li>f. Fast (that is going 24 hours or more without eating)</li> </ul>	0	0								
	<ul> <li>g. Vomit or throw up on purpose after eating</li> </ul>	0	0								
	0	0									
doctor's permission  i. Take laxatives											
91.	In the past 12 months, have you been examined by a dentist or dental hygienis Yes No Not sure	st?									
92.	In the past 12 months, have you had a coin any tooth?  Yes  No  Not sure	eavity									
93.	In the past 12 months, have you receive care from a dental hygienist or dentist v school (in the school building)?  Yes  No		al								

### THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

Please put this completed survey in the box located at the front of the class.

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