— Massachusetts — Youth 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: <a>⊘⊗₀₀. Correct mark:
 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.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. In what grade are you?

O 6th grade

- O 7th grade
- O 8th grade
- O Other/Ungraded

2. How old are you?

- 11 years old or younger
- O 12 years old
- 13 years old
- O 14 years old
- 15 years old
- O 16 years old
- O 17 years old
- 18 years old or older

3. What is your sex?

- Female
- O Male

4. How tall are you without your shoes on?



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



6. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- O Yes
- O No

7. What is your race? (Select one or more responses)

- O American Indian or Alaska Native
- O Asian
- O Black or African American
- O Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- O White

8. During the <u>past 12 months</u>, how would you describe your grades in school?

- O Mostly A's
- O Mostly B's
- O Mostly C's
- O Mostly D's
- O Mostly F's
- O None of these grades
- O Not sure

LIFESTYLE QUESTIONS

9. On an average <u>school day</u>, how many hours do you watch TV?

- I do not watch TV on an average school day
- O Less than 1 hour per day
- 1 hour per day
- O 2 hours per day
- 3 hours per day
- 4 hours per day
- 5 or more hours per day
- 10. On an average <u>school day</u>, 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.)
 - I do not play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work
 - O Less than 1 hour per day
 - O 1 hour per day
 - O 2 hours per day
 - O 3 hours per day
 - O 4 hours per day
 - 5 or more hours per day



- 11. On an average <u>weekend day</u>, how many hours do you watch TV?
 - I do not watch TV on an average weekend day
 - O Less than 1 hour per day
 - 1 hour per day
 - O 2 hours per day
 - O 3 hours per day
 - 4 hours per day
 - 5 or more hours per day
- 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.)
 - O I do not play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work
 - O Less than 1 hour per day
 - O 1 hour per day
 - O 2 hours per day
 - O 3 hours per day
 - O 4 hours per day
 - 5 or more hours per day
- 13. During the <u>past 7 days</u>, on how many days were you physically active for a total of <u>at least 60</u> <u>minutes</u> 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 0 Days
- O 1 Day
- O 2 Days
- O 3 Days
- O 4 Days
- O 5 Days
- O 6 Days
- O 7 Days

14. During the <u>past 7 days</u>, how many days did you exercise or participate in physical activity for <u>at least 20 minutes</u> that made you sweat or breathe hard, such as basketball, soccer, running, swimming laps, fast bicycling, fast dancing, or similar aerobic activities?

O 0 Days	
O 1 Day	
O 2 Days	
🔿 3 Days	
O 4 Days	
O 5 Days	
O 6 Days	
O 7 Davs	

15. Now think about the last <u>5 days you were at</u> <u>school</u>. On how many days did you walk, bike, rollerblade or ride a skateboard to get to school or get home from school?

С)	0	Days
			Day
С)	2	Days
С)	3	Days
С)	4	Days
C)	5	Davs

16. Yesterday, how many times did you eat vegetables?

DEFINITION:

Count all cooked and uncooked vegetables; salads; and boiled, baked and mashed potatoes.

Do NOT count: French fries, potato chips, or lettuce that is on a sandwich or sub.

I did not eat vegetables yesterday

- \bigcirc 1 time
- O 2 times
- 3 or more times
- 17. <u>Yesterday</u>, 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
 - O 2 times

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○ 3 or more times

18. <u>Yesterday</u>, how many cans or glasses of non-diet soda did you drink?

DEFINITION:

A non-diet soda is a soda with sugar in it, such as Coke[®], Pepsi[®], Sprite[®], ginger ale, or root beer.

Count a 20-ounce bottle as 2 glasses.

- O I did not drink any non-diet soda yesterday
- O 1 can or glass
- O 2 cans or glasses
- O 3 or more cans or glasses

 <u>Yesterday</u>, how many cans or glasses of sugar-sweetened flavored drinks did you have?

DEFINITION:

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Flavored drinks include punch, sports drinks, sweetened ice tea, flavored milk, and other fruit-flavored drinks like Kool Aid[®] and Hawaiian Punch[®].

Do NOT count 100% fruit juice.

Count a 20-ounce bottle as 2 glasses.

- I did not drink any flavored drinks yesterday
- 1 can or glass
- O 2 cans or glasses
- 3 or more cans or glasses
- 20. <u>Yesterday</u>, how many drinks did you have that contained caffeine?

DEFINITION:

Count coffee, tea, sodas, energy drinks such as 5-hour Energy[®], Red Bull[®], Monster[®], or Rockstar[®], or other drinks with caffeine added.

I did not have any drinks containing caffeine yesterday.

- O 1 drink containing caffeine
- O 2 drinks containing caffeine
- O 3 or more drinks containing caffeine

21. On an average <u>school night</u>, how many hours of sleep do you get?

- 4 or less hours
- ◯ 5 hours
- 0 6 hours
- O 7 hours
- O 8 hours
- O 9 hours
- 10 or more hours

QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL

22. During the <u>past 12 months</u>, have you felt you needed to talk to <u>an adult</u> about how you were feeling, how things were going in your life, or problems you might have had?

Yes
No If NO, go to Question 24

- 23. During the past 12 months, did you talk to any of the following people about things like that?
 - a. An adult family memberImage: Constraint of the second seco
 - Some other adult in the community (not in school)
- 24. During the <u>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, or bruising yourself on purpose.)
 - 0 times
 1 or 2 times
 3 to 5 times
 6 to 9 times
 - ① 10 to 19 times
 - O 20 or more times
- 25. During the <u>past 12 months</u>, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for <u>two weeks</u> <u>or more in a row</u> that you stopped doing some usual activities?
 - O Yes O No
- 26. During the <u>past 12 months</u>, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?
 - O Yes O No



- 27. During the <u>past 12 months</u>, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?
 - 0 times If 0 times, go to Question 29
 1 time
 2 or 3 times
 4 or 5 times
 6 or more times
- 28. 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?
 - I did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months
 - Yes
 - O No
- PERSONAL SAFETY
- 29. 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?
 - O Yes
 - No If NO, go to Question 31
 - 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 31
- 30. If you suffered such a blow to your head during sports in the past 12 months, what happened?
 - I stopped playing sports that day, and also got checked by a doctor, nurse or health care provider
 - I stopped playing sports that day, but did NOT get checked by a doctor, nurse or health care provider
 - I continued playing sports that day
- 31. How often do you wear a seatbelt when riding in a car driven by someone else?

- O Never
- O Rarely
- O Sometimes
- O Most of the time
- O Always

- 32. Did any of the following happen to you in the past <u>12 months</u>?
 - a. You were physically hurt by someone in your family



b. You witnessed violence in your family

33. During the <u>past 12 months</u>, how many times have you been bullied at school? (Being bullied includes being repeatedly teased, threatened, hit, kicked, or excluded by another student or group of students.)

- O 0 times
- O 1 time
- O 2 or 3 times
- \bigcirc 4 or 5 times \bigcirc 6 or 7 times
- 0 8 or 9 times
- 0 10 or 11 times
- 12 or more times
- 34. During the <u>past 12 months</u>, have you ever been electronically bullied? (Count being bullied through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites, or texting.)
 - O Yes O No
- 35. Has someone you were dating or going out with done any of the following: monitored your cell phone use, called or texted you multiple times a day to monitor your whereabouts, prevented you from doing things with friends, got angry if you were talking to someone else, or prevented you from going to school?
 - O I have never been on a date or gone out with anyone
 - O Yes, this has happened to me in the last 12 months
 - Yes, this has happened to me, but longer ago than the past 12 months
 - Yes, this has happened to me in the past 12 months and longer ago than that
 - O No, this has not happened to me

36. Have you ever been hurt physically by a c someone you were going out with? (Inclu hurt by being shoved, slapped, hit, kicked	ıde being	9	QUESTIONS ABOUT ALCOHOL
 forced into sexual activity.) I have never been on a date or gone out Yes, this has happened to me in the last Yes, this has happened to me, but longer the past 12 months Yes, this has happened to me in the past and longer ago than that 	t with any t 12 mont er ago tha	lhs an	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.
 No, this has not happened to me 			40. During your life, on how many days have you had at least one drink of alcohol?
37. Did you do any of the following in the pas	st 12 mo YES		 I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips. If you have NEVER had alcohol, go to Question 45
a. Bully or push someone around	Ō	0	1 or 2 days
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	0	0	 3 to 9 days 10 to 19 days 20 to 39 days 40 to 99 days
c. Threaten to hurt, physically hurt, or try to hurt a date or someone you were going out with	0	0	 100 or more days 41. How old were you when you had your first drink of
QUESTIONS ABOU YOUR FAMILY AND PE 38. How would your parent(s) react if they for		You	alcohol other than a few sips? 8 years old or younger 9 or 10 years old 11 or 12 years old 13 or 14 years old 15 or 16 years old 17 years old or older
regularly drank alcohol. Would they be: C Extremely upset Fairly upset A little upset Not upset at all			 42. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol? 0 days
39. Do you think <u>most</u> people your age do th		ing? NO	 1 or 2 days 3 to 5 days 6 to 9 days 10 to 19 days 20 to 29 days
a. Drink alcohol	0	0	◯ All 30 days
b. Smoke cigarettes	0	0	43. During the past 30 days, on how many days did
c. Smoke marijuana	0	0	you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that
d. Use other illegal drugs	0	0	is, within a couple of hours?
e. Bully, threaten, or push around other kids	0	0	 1 day 2 days 3 to 5 days 6 to 9 days

○ 20 or more days

44. There are many different ways to get beer, wine coolers, wine, or liquor. Which of the following are ways you get alcohol?

YES NO
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- 45. In the <u>past 30 days</u>, did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?
 - O Yes
 - O No
- 46. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row?
 - O No risk
 - O Slight risk
 - Moderate risk
 - O Great risk

DRUG QUESTIONS

The next 3 questions ask about marijuana use. Marijuana also is called grass, pot, weed or reefer. It includes blunts and cigars filled with marijuana.

47. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?

- I have never tried marijuana If NEVER tried marijuana, go to Question 49
- O 8 years old or younger
- O 9 or 10 years old
- O 11 or 12 years old
- 13 or 14 years old
 15 or 16 years old
- 0 17 years old or older





49. In the <u>past 30 days</u>, did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been using marijuana?

Ο	Yes
Ο	No

The next 2 questions ask about using inhalants. This includes sniffing glue, breathing the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaling any paints or sprays to get high.

50. How old were you when you first used inhalants?

O 9 or younger
O 10
O 11
O 12
O 13
O 14
0 15
0 16
Ó 17
18 or older

51. In the past 30 days, have you used inhalants?

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0	No

52. In your <u>lifetime</u>, have you used heroin (also called smack, junk, or China White)?



53. In the past 30 days, have you used heroin (also called smack, junk, or China White)?



54. In your lifetime, have you ever used any form of 62. In your lifetime, have you ever taken prescription drugs cocaine, including powder, crack or freebase? that weren't your own? O Yes O Yes O No - If NO, go to Question 56 55. In the past 30 days, have you used any form of 63. In your lifetime, which of the following prescription cocaine, including powder, crack or freebase? drugs have you taken that weren't your own? O Yes a. Narcotics (such as Methadone, YES NO O No Opium, Morphine, Codeine, OxyContin, Percodan, Demerol, Percocet, Ultram and Vicodin) 56. In your lifetime, have you ever taken amphetamines or methamphetamines (such as speed, uppers, dexies, b. Ritalin or Adderall bennies, crystal, crank, or ice)? c. Steroids (body building hormones O Yes \bigcirc in form of pills or shots) No — If NO, go to Question 58 d. Other prescription drugs \cap С 57. In the past 30 days, have you taken amphetamines or methamphetamines (such as speed, uppers, dexies, 64. In the past 30 days, have you taken prescription drugs bennies, crystal, crank, or ice)? that weren't your own? O Yes O Yes O No O No - If NO, go to Question 66 58. In your lifetime, have you ever used ecstasy (MDMA, also called "E" or "X")? 65. In the past 30 days, which of the following prescription drugs have you taken that weren't your own? O Yes No — If NO, go to Question 60 a. Narcotics (such as Methadone, YES NO Opium, Morphine, Codeine, OxyContin, Percodan, Demerol, Percocet, Ultram and Vicodin) 59. In the past 30 days, have you used ecstasy (MDMA, also called "E" or "X")? b. Ritalin or Adderall O Yes c. Steroids (body building hormones O No in form of pills or shots) d. Other prescription drugs С 60. In your lifetime, have you ever taken over-the-counter medication to get high? O Yes 66. In your lifetime, how many times have you used a No — If NO, go to Question 62 needle to inject any illegal drug into your body? O 0 times O 1 time 61. In the past 30 days, have you taken over-the-counter O 2 or more times medication to get high? O Yes O No

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67. How easy or difficult would it be for you to get each of the following?

	VERY EASY	FAIRLY		DIFFICULT		
a. Beer, wine, or other alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	0

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68. How much do you think people risk harming themselves if they occasionally use:

		SLIGHT RISK		
a. Marijuana	0	0	0	0
b. Narcotics (such as Methadone, Opium, Morphine, Codeine, OxyContin, Percodan, Demerol, Percocet, Ultram and Vicodin from prescriptions that aren't their own)	0	0	0	0
c. Ritalin or Adderall (from prescriptions that aren't their own)	0	0	0	0
d. Tranquilizers (such as Valium, Xanax, Klonopin, Ativan and Librium from prescriptions that aren't their own)	0	0	0	0
 Inhalants (sniffing glue, breathing the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaling any paints or sprays to get high) 	0	0	0	0
f. Heroin	0	0	0	0

The next questions ask about gambling activities.

69. During the past 12 months, how many times have you done any of the following for money or anything of value?

		1-5 TIMES	6-10 TIMES	MORE THAN
a. Played lottery or scratch tickets	0	0	0	0
b. Gambled at a casino	0	0	0	0
c. Engaged in one of these activities:	0	0	0	0

Betting on sporting events, games of personal skill (pool, bowling, dominoes or darts), dice games, horse or other animal races, video poker or other gambling machines;

Playing cards or bingo for money or prizes;

Gambling on the internet.

QUESTIONS ABOUT TOBACCO

70. Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?
Yes

- 71. About how many cigarettes have you smoked in your entire life? O 1 or more puffs but never a whole cigarette O 1 cigarette O 2 to 5 cigarettes 6 to 15 cigarettes (about ½ pack total) O 16 to 25 cigarettes (about 1 pack total) O 26 to 99 cigarettes (more than 1 pack, but less than 5 packs) 100 or more cigarettes (5 or more packs) 72. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes? O 0 days 1 or 2 days O 3 to 5 days O 6 to 9 days O 10 to 19 days O 20 to 29 days O All 30 days 73. Do you think that you will try a cigarette soon? O I have already tried smoking cigarettes O Yes O No 74. Do you think that you will smoke a cigarette at any time during the next year? O Definitely yes O Probably yes O Probably not O Definitely not 75. If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it? O Definitely yes O Probably yes O Probably not O Definitely not

- 76. Does anyone who lives with you now smoke cigarettes?
 - O Yes
- 77. During the <u>past 7 days</u>, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?
 - 0 days
 1 or 2 days
 3 or 4 days
 5 or 6 days
 7 days
- 78. Have you ever used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip, such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits or Copenhagen?



- 79. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
 - 0 days
 1 or 2 days
 3 to 5 days
 6 to 9 days
 10 to 19 days
 20 to 29 days
 All 30 days
- 80. Have you ever tried smoking cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars, even one or two puffs?

- 81. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, 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
 20 to 29 days
 All 30 days

QUESTIONS ABOUT ADVERTISING

82. In the <u>past 30 days</u>, have you seen or heard any ads or promotions <u>for</u> alcohol on TV, the Internet, the radio, or in newspapers or magazines?

O Yes

83. In the <u>past 30 days</u>, have you seen or heard any <u>anti-alcohol and/or anti-drug</u> messages on TV, the Internet, the radio, or in newspapers or magazines?

O Yes O No

HEALTH QUESTIONS

84. Would you say that in general your health is:

- O Excellent
- O Very good
- O Good
- O Fair
- O Poor

85. Do you have any physical disabilities or long-term health problems?

"LONG-TERM" REFERS TO DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE LASTED OR ARE EXPECTED TO LAST 6 MONTHS OR MORE

Yes
No
Not sure

- 86. Do you have any long-term emotional problems or learning disabilities?
 - O Yes
 - O No
 - O Not sure
- 87. Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse or other health care professional that you have diabetes?
 - O Yes
 - Õ No
 - O Not sure

88. How would you describe your weight?

- O Very underweight
- O Slightly underweight
- O About the right weight
- O Slightly overweight
- O Very overweight

89.

During the <u>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		
 a. Increase your intake of fruits and vegetables 	0	0		
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	0		
 Fast (that is going 24 hours or more without eating) 	0	0		
 g. Vomit or throw up on purpose after eating 	0	0		
h. Take diet pills without a doctor's permission	0	0		
i. Take laxatives	0	0		
In the past 12 months, have you been examined by a dentist or dental hygienis	st?			

Ŏ No

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91. In the past 12 months, have you had a cavity in any tooth?

0	Yes	
0	No	
Ο	Not	sure

92. In the <u>past 12 months</u>, have you received dental care from a dental hygienist or dentist while at school (in the school building)?

\mathcal{I}	Yes
С	No

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. Please put this completed survey in the box located at the front of the class.

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