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: O O 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	6. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
BACKGROUND INFORMATION	○ Yes
1. In what grade are you?	○ No
○ 6 th grade	
7 th grade	
8th grade	7. What is your race? (Select one or more responses)
Other/Ungraded	American Indian or Alaska Native
	Asian
2. How old are you?	Black or African American
11 years old or younger	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
12 years old	White
13 years old	
14 years old	
15 years old	8. During the past 12 months, how would you describe
16 years old	your grades in school?
17 years old	
18 years old or older	Mostly A's
3. What is your sex?	
○ Female	Mostly C's Mostly D's
○ Male	Mostly D's Mostly F's
O Wide	None of these grades
4. How tall are you without your shoop on?	Not sure
4. How tall are you without your shoes on?	
HEIGHT	
Write your height in FEET INCHES	
the shaded blank boxes.	
Fill in the matching	WORK AND LIFESTYLE QUESTIONS
circles below each	WORK AND LIFEST TEE GOESTIONS
number.	
	In the past 12 months, did you work at a job for pay?Do NOT count chores, babysitting, or yard work (such
	as raking leaves, shoveling snow, or mowing grass).
(S) (S)	O No. — If NO. 110 to 120 Occasion 11
	○ No If NO, go to Question 11
8 9	
	10. Where did you most recently work?
	(Choose ONE. If you work in more than one place,
	choose the place you work the most hours.)
5. How much do you weigh without your shoes on?	Restaurant (such as fast food, pizza place, coffee
or flow muon do you worgh manout your onoco on	shop, or ice cream shop)
WEIGHT IN	Grocery store or supermarket
Write your weight in POUNDS	Other retail store or places where things are sold
the shaded blank boxes.	(such as a clothing store, gas station, pharmacy, or
Fill in the matching	pet store)
circles below each 0 0 0	Health care facility (such as a nursing home,
number. ① ① ①	hospital, clinic, or doctor's office)
2 2 2	Recreation or entertainment place (such as a golf
3 3 3	course, camp, sports center, amusement park, or
4 4	movie theater)
(5) (5) (6) (6) (7)	Construction site
6 6 7 7	Landscaping company Other (Please specify:)
8 8	Other (Flease specify)

 11. On an average school day, how many hours do you play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not schoolwork? (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 schoolwork Less than 1 hour per day 1 to 2 hours per day 3 or more hours per day 	16. On an average school night, how many hours of sleep do you get? 4 or less hours 5 hours 6 hours 7 hours 8 hours 9 hours 10 or more hours
12. During the <u>past 7 days</u> , on how many days were you physically active for a total of <u>at least 60 minutes</u> per day? (Add up all the time you spent in any kind of	17. During the past 12 months, have you felt you needed
physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time.)	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?
0 days1 day2 days3 days4 days	Yes No If NO, go to Question 19
5 days 6 days	18. During the past 12 months, did you talk to any of the following people about things like that? YES NO
7 days 13. During the past 7 days, how many days did-you	a. An adult lamily member
exercise or participate in physical activity for at least 20 minutes that made you sweat or breathe	b. Alschool psychologist, school counselor, or school nurse
hard, such as basketball, soccer, running, swimming laps, fast bicycling, fast dancing, or similar aerobic	d. Teacher or some other adult at school not mentioned in part b
activities? O days	d. A psychologist, therapist, counselor, doctor, or nurse (not in school)
O 1 day O 2 days O 3 days	e. Some other adult in the community (not in school)
○ 4 days○ 5 days	19. During the past 12 months, how many times did you hurt or injure yourself on purpose without wanting to die?
○ 6 days○ 7 days	(For example, by cutting, burning, or bruising yourself on purpose.)
14. Yesterday, how many times did you eat vegetables?	0 times
DEFINITION: Count all cooked and uncooked vegetables; salads;	1 time 2 or 3 times
and boiled, baked and mashed potatoes.	4 or 5 times6 or more times
Do NOT count: French fries, potato chips, or lettuce that is on a sandwich or sub.	20. During the <u>past 12 months</u> , did you ever feel so sad or
I did not eat vegetables yesterday	hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?
1 time 2 times	○ Yes
3 or more times	○ No
15. <u>Yesterday</u> , how many times did you eat fruit or drink 100% fruit juice?	21. During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously
○ I did not eat fruit or drink 100% fruit juice yesterday○ 1 time	consider attempting suicide? Yes
2 times3 or more times	○ No

22. During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide? O times If 0 times, go to Question 24 O 1 time	28. 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.)
2 or 3 times 4 or 5 times 6 or more times 23. If you attempted suicide during the past 12 months, did any attempt result in an injury, poisoning, or	 0 times 1 time 2 or 3 times 4 or 5 times 6 or 7 times
overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse? I did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months Yes	8 or 9 times10 or 11 times12 or more times
PERSONAL SAFETY	29. During the <u>past 12 months</u> , have you ever been electronically bullied? (Include being bullied through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, texting, or online gaming.)
24. 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	○ Yes ○ No
Yes No If NO, go to Question 26 I did not play on a sports team during the past 12 months If you did NO play an a sports team, go to Question 26	30. 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? I have never been on a date or gone out with anyone Yes, this has happened to me in the past 12 months Yes, this has happened to me, but longer ago than
 25. 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 	the past 12 months Yes, this has happened to me in the past 12 months and longer ago than that No, this has not happened to me
 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. Have you ever been hurt physically by a date or someone you were going out with? (Include being hurt by being shoved, slapped, hit, kicked, or forced into sexual activity.)
26. How often do you wear a seatbelt when riding in a car driven by someone else? Never Rarely Sometimes Most of the time Always	 I have never been on a date or gone out with anyone Yes, this has happened to me in the past 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 No, this has not happened to me
27. Did any of the following happen to you in the past 12 months?	32. Did you do any of the following in the past 12 months? a. Bully or push someone around
a. You were physically hurt by someone in your family	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
b. You witnessed violence in your family	c. Threaten to hurt, physically hurt, or try

going out with

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY AND PEERS

						O Yes			
33.	How would your parent(s) react if they found regularly drank alcohol? Would they be:	d out	you			○ No			
	Extremely upsetFairly upsetA little upsetNot upset at all				38.	During the past 30 days, have of alcohol in a row, that is, wi			
34.	Do you think most people your age do the fo		ing?			O 140			
	a. Drink alcohol	0	0		39.	There are many different way wine, or liquor. Which of the f	_		
	b. Use electronic vapor products (including JUUL, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, hookah pens, etc.)	0	0			a. I buy it from a supermarket	_	S N	0
	c. Use marijuana	0	0			b. I buy it from a liquor store package store	or O)
	d. Use other illegal drugs	0	0			c. I buy it from bars or clubs restaurants	or O)
	e. Bully, threaten, or push around other kids	0	8	$\overline{}$		d I have someone else buy it	for me)
				7/		e. I get it through my friends	0)
	QUESTIONS ABOUT ALCO	HO	$\int \int$			f. I get it at home	0)
ind ha Fo dr	the next questions ask about drinking alcohological descriptions ask about drinking alcohological descriptions and liquor such as rum, gip, vodker these questions, drinking alcohol does not inking a few sips of wine for religious purpole. During your life, on how many days have yo least one drink of alcohol?	ard le a, or v ot inc oses.	monad whiske lude		40.	g. I get it at parties During the past 30 days, did y vehicle driven by someone w alcohol? Yes No			
	I have never had a drink of alcohol other the few sips. If you have NEVER had alcohol, go to Question 40 1 or 2 days 3 to 9 days 10 or more days				41.	How much do you think peop (physically or in other ways) is drinks in a row? No risk Slight risk Moderate risk Great risk			
36.	How old were you when you had your first calcohol other than a few sips?	lrink (of						
	 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 								

37. During the past 30 days, have you had a drink

of alcohol?

DRUG QUESTIONS

The next questions are about marijuana use. Marijuana is also called dope, grass, hashish, herb, joint, pot, weed or reefer. It includes blunts and cigars filled with marijuana.

with marijuana.	
 42. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time? I have never tried marijuana If NEVER tried marijuana, go to Question 46 8 years old or younger 9 or 10 years old 11 or 12 years old 	47. During the past year, have your parent(s) or guardian(s) talked to you about the potential negative consequences of using marijuana? Yes, a number of times Yes, once No I don't remember
13 or 14 years old 15 or 16 years old 17 years old or older	48. Does anyone who lives with you now use marijuana?
43. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana? O times O 1 or 2 times O 3 to 9 times O 10 to 19 times O 20 to 39 times O 40 or more times	Yes No I don't know 19. Duking your lifetime, have you used inhalants to get high? (Using inhalants includes sniffing glue, breathing the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaling any paints or sprays.) Yes
44. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get marijuana that you used? (Choose ONE. If you got it from more than one place, choose the one where you got it most often.)	O No If NO, go to Question 51
 I did not use marijuana in the past 30 days I bought it from a store I bought if from someone else I got it at home with permission from a parent or family member over the age of 21 	50. During the <u>past 30 days</u> , have you used inhalants? Yes No
 I took it at home without permission from a parent or family member over the age of 21 I took it at some other place without permission I got it from friends I got it at parties I got it some other way 	51. During your <u>lifetime</u> , have you used heroin (also called smack, "H", horse, brown sugar, dragon, junk, or China White)? O Yes No No No, go to Question 53
 45. During the past 30 days, how did you usually use marijuana? (Choose ONE. If you used it more than one way, choose the way you used it most often.) I did not use marijuana in the past 30 days Smoked it in a cigar or blunt wrap Smoked it in a joint, pipe, bong, or dab Ate it (in brownies, cakes, cookies, candy) Drank it (tea, cola, alcohol) Vaped it (in an e-cigarette, vape pen, vaporizer) Used it some other way 	52. During the past 30 days, have you used heroin? Yes No

46. During the past 30 days, did you ever ride in a car or

other vehicle driven by someone who had been

using marijuana?

O Yes

O No

cocaine (also called blow, "C", candy, rock, powder,	drugs have you taken that weren't your own?
crack, or freebase)?	YES NO
○ Yes○ No If NO, go to Question 55	a. Narcotics (such as Methadone, Opium, Morphine, Codeine, OxyContin, Percodan, Demerol, Percocet, Ultram and Vicodin)
	b. Ritalin (also called vitamin R, R-ball, diet coke, skittles) or Adderall (also called addys, uppers, beans)
54. During the <u>past 30 days</u> , have you used any form of cocaine? (Yes	c. Steroids (body building hormones in form of pills or shots)
○ No	d. Other prescription drugs
 55. During your <u>lifetime</u>, have you ever taken amphetamines or methamphetamines (also called speed, uppers, dexies, bennies, meth, crystal, crank, or ice)? Yes No No No No The control of the control of	60. During the past 30 days, have you taken prescription drugs that weren't your own? Yes NO, go to Question 62 61. During the past 30 days, which of the following prescription drugs have you taken that weren't your own? a. Narcotics (such as Methadone, Opium, Morphine, Codeine, OxyContin,
Yes No	Percodan, Demerol, Percocet, Ultram and Vicodin) b. Ritalin (also called vitamin R, R-ball,
	diet coke, skittles) or Adderall (also called addys, uppers, beans)
57. During your <u>lifetime</u> , have you ever taken over-the	c. Steroids (body building hormones in form of pills or shots)
counter medication (such as dextromorphan, also called DXM, DM, dres, robo, rojo, tussin, triple C) to get high?	d. Other prescription drugs
Yes No	62. During your lifetime, how many times have you used a needle to inject any illegal drug into your body? O times 1 time 2 or more times

59. During your lifetime, which of the following prescription

53. During your lifetime, have you ever used any form of

Not sure

I don't know

learning disabilities?	down to dinner with your family?
○ Yes	0 days
○ No	1 or 2 days
O Not sure	3 or 4 days
	○ 5 or more days
80. How would you describe your weight?	
Very underweight	87. During the past 30 days, how often did you go to bed
Slightly underweight	hungry because there was not enough food in
About the right weight	your home?
○ Slightly overweight	,
○ Very overweight	Never
	Rarely
81. During the past 30 days, have you done any of the	O Sometimes
following things to lose weight: Increase your intake	Most of the time
of fruits and vegetables, reduce the number of	Always
calories you eat, cut out between meal snacking,	
decrease your fat intake, or exercise?	88. How safe from crime do you consider your
○ Yes	neighborhood to be?
○ No	Extremely safe
	○ Safe
CO. Device the cost CO days become days and of the	Unsafe
82. During the <u>past 30 days</u> , have you done any of the following things at least once to lose weight: fast	Extremely unsafe
(that is going 24 hours or more without eating),	
vomit or throw up on purpose after eating, take	89. Have you ever witnessed someone being physically
diet pills without a doctor's permission, or	harmed in your neighborhood (for example, with a
take laxatives?	gun, knife or other weapon, or in a physical fight)?
○ Yes	Yes
O No	○ No
83. When you are outside for more than one hour on a	90. During the past 30 days, where did you usually sleep at
sunny day, how often do you wear sunscreen with an	night? (Choose ONE. If more than one place, choose
SPF of 15 or higher?	the one where you slept most often.)
○ Never	O In my parent's or guardian's home
Rarely	○ With friends, family, or other people because we lost
○ Sometimes	our home or cannot afford housing
Most of the time	In a shelter or emergency housing
	In a hotel / motel, car, park, campground, or other
	public place In a foster home or residential placement
84. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you do	I move from place to place
volunteer work, community service, or help people	Somewhere else
outside of your home without getting paid?	
○ 0 days	O4 Position the month of the City
1 or 2 days	91. During the past 12 months, where did you usually sleep
3 or 4 days	at night? (Choose ONE. If more than one place, choose the one where you slept most often.)
○ 5 or more days	
	In my parent's or guardian's homeWith friends, family, or other people because we lost
85. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you take	our home or cannot afford housing
part in organized activities (including sports teams,	In a shelter or emergency housing
school clubs, music, art or dance lessons, church	In a hotel / motel, car, park, campground, or other
groups, or other supervised activities)?	public place
○ 0 days	In a foster home or residential placement
1 or 2 days	I move from place to place
3 or 4 days	O Somewhere else
○ 5 or more days	I and the second

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

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

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