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.

Incorrect marks: $\bigotimes \bigotimes \bigcirc \bigcirc$

- 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:

Correct mark: ●

You must use a number 2 pencil.

- Arrows (\longrightarrow) 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
- Other/Ungraded

2. How old are you?

- 11 years old or younger
- 12 years old
- 13 years old
- 14 years old
- 0 15 years old
- 0 16 years old

- 0 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
- Black or African American
- O Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- 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
- Not sure

WORK AND LIFESTYLE QUESTIONS

9. In the <u>past 12 months</u>, 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).

 \bigcirc Yes \bigcirc No \longrightarrow If NO, go to Question 11

- 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.)
 - Restaurant (such as fast food, pizza place, coffee shop, or ice cream shop)
 - Grocery store or supermarket
 - Other retail store or places where things are sold (such as a clothing store, gas station, pharmacy or pet store)
 - Health care facility (such as nursing home, hospital, clinic, or doctor's office)
 - Recreation or entertainment place (such as a golf course, camp, sports center, amusement park, or movie theater)
 - Construction site
 - Landscaping company
 - Other (Please specify:
- 11. 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 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
- 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 physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time.)
 - 0 days
 - 1 day
 - 2 days
 - 3 days
 - 4 days
 - 5 days
 - 6 days
 - 7 days

- 13. During the <u>past 7 days</u>, on how many days did you exercise or participate in physical activity for <u>at</u> <u>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 days
 - 1 day
 - 2 days
 - O 3 days
 - 4 days
 - 5 days
 - 6 days
 - 7 days
- 14. <u>Yesterday</u>, 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
- 2 times
- 3 or more times
- 15. <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
 - \bigcirc 1 time
 - 2 times
 - 3 or more times
- 16. On an average <u>school night</u>, how many hours of sleep do you get?
 - 4 or less hours
 - 5 hours
 - O 6 hours
 - 7 hours
 - O 8 hours
 - 9 hours
 - 10 or more hours
- **QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL**
- 17. During the <u>past 12 months</u>, have you felt you needed to talk to someone about how you were feeling, how things were going in your life, or problems you might have had?

 \bigcirc Yes \bigcirc No \longrightarrow If NO, go to Question 19

			overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or
	Yes	No	nurse?
			 I did not attempt suicide during the past 12 month Yes
a. An adult family member			○ No
 b. A school psychologist, school counselor, or school nurse 			PERSONAL SAFETY
c. A teacher or some other adult at school not mentioned in part b			24. During the <u>past 12 months</u> , did you suffer a blow or jolt to your head while playing with a sports team (either during a game or during practice)
d. A psychologist, therapist, counselor, doctor, or nurse (not in school)			which caused you to get "knocked out", have memory problems, double or blurry vision, headaches or "pressure" in the head, or nausea or vomiting?
 Some other adult in the community (not in school) 			\bigcirc Yes \bigcirc No \longrightarrow If NO, go to Question 26
f. A friend or non-adult family member (sibling, cousin, etc.)			 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 26
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- 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.)
 - 0 times
 - 1 time
 - 2 or 3 times
 - 4 or 5 times
 - 6 or 7 times
 - 8 or 9 times
 - 10 or 11 times
 - 0 12 or more times
- 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.)

 - O No
- 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 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
- 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.)
 - 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

- 32. Did <u>you</u> do any of the following in the <u>past 12</u> <u>months</u>?
- Yes No **a.** Bully or push someone around 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 c. Threaten to hurt, physically hurt, or try to hurt a date or someone you were going out with QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY **AND PEERS** 33. How would your parent(s) react if they found out you regularly drank alcohol? Would they be: Extremely upset ○ Fairly upset A little upset Not upset at all 34. Do you think most people your age do the following? Yes No a. Drink alcohol b. Use vape products (including JUUL, Puff Bar, Fruyt Stik, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, hookah pens, etc.) c. Use marijuana d. Use other illegal drugs e. Bully, threaten, or push around other kids

QUESTIONS ABOUT ALCOHOL

The next 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.

35. During your life, on how many days have you had at least one drink of alcohol?

○ I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips \rightarrow If you have NEVER had alcohol, go to Question 40

1 or 2 days

- 3 to 9 days
- \bigcirc 10 or more days
- **36.** How old were you when you had your first drink of 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
 - \bigcirc 15 or 16 years old
 - 17 years old or older
- 37. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, have you had a drink of alcohol?
 - Yes
 - O No
- 38. During the past 30 days, have you had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?
 - Yes
 - O No

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

	Yes	No
		•
a. I buy it from a supermarket or a convenience store		
b. I buy it from a liquor store or package store		
c. I buy it from bars or clubs or restaurants		
d. I have someone else buy it for me		
e. I get it through my friends		
f. I get it at home		
g. I get it at parties		

- 40. During the past 30 days, did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?
 - Yes O No
- 41. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they have five or more drinks in a row?
 - O No risk O Slight risk
 - O Moderate risk
 - Great risk

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.

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

- \bigcirc I have never tried marijuana \longrightarrow If you have NEVER tried marijuana, go to QUESTION 46
- 8 years old or younger
- 9 or 10 years old
- 11 or 12 years old
- 13 or 14 years old
- \bigcirc 15 or 16 years old
- 17 years old or older
- 43. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, how many times did you use marijuana?
 - 0 times
 - 1 or 2 times
 - 3 to 9 times
 - 10 to 19 times
 - O 20 to 39 times
 - 40 or more times
- 44. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, how did you get the marijuana that you used? (Choose all that apply)
 - I did not use marijuana in the past 30 days
 - I bought it from a store
 - I bought it from someone else
 - I got it at home with permission from a parent or family member over the age of 21
 - I took it from home without permission from a parent or family member over the age of 21
 - I took it from some other place without permission
 - I got it from friends
 - I got it at parties
 - I got it some other way

45. During <u>the past 30 days</u>, how did you use marijuana? (Choose all that apply)

- 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
- O Ate it (in brownies, cakes, cookies, candy)
- O Drank it (tea, cola, alcohol)
- Vaped it (in an e-cigarette, vape pen, vaporizer)
- Used it some other way

- 46. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, did you ever ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been using marijuana?
 - ⊖ Yes
 - O No
- 47. During the <u>past year</u>, have your parent(s) or guardian(s) talked to you about the potential negative consequences of using marijuana?
 - Yes, a number of times
 - \bigcirc Yes, once
 - 🔘 No
 - I don't remember
- 48. Does anyone who lives with you now use marijuana?
 - YesNoI don't know
- 49. During your <u>lifetime</u>, 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)?

 \bigcirc Yes \bigcirc No \longrightarrow If NO, go to Question 51

- 50. During the past 30 days, have you used inhalants?
 - YesNo
- 51. During your <u>lifetime</u>, have you used heroin (also called smack, "H", horse, brown sugar, dragon, junk, or China White)?

 \bigcirc Yes \bigcirc No \longrightarrow If NO, go to Question 53

- 52. During the past 30 days, have you used heroin?
 - YesNo
- 53. During your <u>lifetime</u>, have you ever used any form of cocaine (also called blow, "C", candy, rock, powder, crack or freebase)?

 \bigcirc Yes \bigcirc No \longrightarrow If NO, go to Question 55

 54. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, have you of cocaine? Yes No 55. During your <u>lifetime</u>, have you ever amphetamines or methamphetamin speed, uppers, dexies, bennies, methamphetamines, methamphetamines, methamphetamines, methamphetamines, methamphetamines, methamphetamines, methamphetamines, dexies, bennies, methamphetamines, methampheta	taken nes (also called	 60. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, have you taken prescription drugs that weren't your own? Yes No → If NO, go to Question 62 61. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, which of the following prescription drugs have you taken that weren't your own? 			
Crank, or ice)?			Yes No		
 56. During your <u>lifetime</u>, have you eve (MDMA, also called "E", or "X", "X" "lover's speed", "happy pill", or "M 	۲C", "Adam", ً	a. Narcotics (such as Methadone, Opium, Morphine, Codeine, OxyContin, Percodan, Demerol, Percocet, Ultram and Vicodin)			
 Yes No 57. During your <u>lifetime</u>, have you ever over-the-counter medication (such 		 b. Ritalin (also called vitamin R, R-ball, diet coke, skittles) or Adderall (also called addys, uppers, beans) 			
	dextromorphan, also called DXM, DM, dres, robo,				
○ Yes○ No		d. Other prescription drugs			
 58. During your <u>lifetime</u>, have you ever prescription drugs that weren't you ○ Yes ○ No → If NO, go to Question 6 	ır own?	62. During your <u>lifetime</u> , how many tir used a needle to inject any illegal body?			
 59. During your <u>lifetime</u>, which of the forescription drugs have you taken your own? 	-	 0 times 1 time 2 or more times 			
	Yes No				
 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) 					
c. Steroids (body building hormones in the form of pills or shots)					
d. Other prescription drugs					

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

	VERY EASY	FAIRLY EASY	FAIRLY DIFFICULT	VERY DIFFICULT	IMPOSSIBLE	DON'T KNOW
a. Beer, wine or other alcohol						
 b. Marijuana (also called dope, grass, hashish, herb, joint, pot, weed, or reefer) 						

64. How much do you think people risk harming themselves if they <u>occasionally</u> use:

	NO RISK	SLIGHT RISK	MODERATE RISK	GREAT RISK
			•	-
a. Conventional tobacco (including cigarettes, cigars, chew, dip, snus, pipe tobacco, etc.)				
 b. Vape products (including JUUL, Puff Bar, Fruyt Stik, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, hookah pens, etc.) 				
c. Marijuana (also called dope, grass, hashish, herb, joint, pot, weed, or reefer)				
d. Narcotics (such as Methadone, Opium, Morphine, Codeine, OxyContin, Percodan, Demerol, Percocet, Ultram and Vicodin) from prescriptions that aren't their own				
e. Ritalin (also called vitamin R, R-ball, diet coke, skittles) or Adderall (also called addys, uppers, beans) from prescriptions that aren't their own				
f. Inhalants (sniffing glue, breathing the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaling any paints or sprays to get high)				
g. Heroin (also called smack, "H", horse, brown sugar, dragon, junk, or China White)				

The next questions ask about gambling activities.

 puffs?

○ Yes O No

65. During the past 12 months how many times have you done any of the following for money or

	0 TIMES	1-5 TIMES	6-10 TIMES	MORE THA
a. Played lottery or scratch tickets	0	0	0	0
b. Gambled at a casino				
c. Participated in fantasy sports				
Betting on sporting events, games of personal skill (pool bowling, dominoes or darts), dice games, horse or other races, video poker or other gambling machines; Playing cards or bingo for money or prizes;				
Gambling on the internet.	69. During the pag	st 30 days, on	how many	v days did
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Gambling on the internet. QUESTIONS ABOUT TOBACCO 66. Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs? Yes	you use a vap 0 days 1 or 2 days 3 to 9 days 10 to 29 da All 30 days 70. Which of the f vape products (Choose all th	e product? If 0 days If 0 days ollowing best you have use	, go to Que describes ed in the <u>pa</u>	estion 71 the types o ast 30 days

- 71. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, what flavor(s) did the tobacco product(s) (including vape products, cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco) you used contain? (Choose all that apply)
 - I did not use any tobacco products during the past 30 days
 - Fruit, alcohol, or candy flavors (e.g. cherry, vanilla, citrus, peach, piña colada, bubble gum, blue mist, fizzy pop, etc.)
 - O Mint, menthol, or wintergreen flavors
 - Clove or spice
 - Other flavor not listed here
 - Not sure
 - No flavors
- 72. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, how did you get your tobacco products (this includes cigarettes, cigars, smokeless, and electronic vapor products)? (Choose all that apply)
 - I did not use any tobacco products during the past 30 days
 - I bought them in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station
 - I bought them from a vape shop or vapor store
 - I bought them from another state
 - \bigcirc I gave someone else money to buy them for me
 - I got them from friend(s) / I used a friend's
 - I got them from a family member
 - I got them online
 - I got them some other way
- 73. Does anyone who lives with you <u>currently</u> use tobacco (including vape products, cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco)?
 - ⊖ Yes
 - O No
 - I don't know

QUESTIONS ABOUT ADVERTISING

- 74. During 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
 - O No
- 75. During 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

QUESTIONS ABOUT ORAL HEALTH

- 76. When was the last time you saw a dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning, or other dental work?
 - During the past 12 months
 - Between 12 and 24 months ago
 - \bigcirc More than 24 months ago
 - \bigcirc Never
 - Not sure
- 77. During the <u>past 12 months</u>, have you had a cavity in any tooth?
 - Yes
 - O No
 - O Not sure

OTHER HEALTH-RELATED QUESTIONS

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

DEFINITION:

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

Yes
100

- O No
- Not sure
- 79. Do you have any long-term emotional problems or learning disabilities?
 - ⊖ Yes
 - ◯ No
 - O Not sure
- 80. When you are outside for more than one hour on a sunny day, how often do you wear sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher?
 - O Never
 - Rarely
 - Sometimes
 - Most of the time
 - Always
- 81. During the past <u>7 days</u>, on how many days did you do volunteer work, community service, or help people outside of your home without getting paid?
 - 0 days1 or 2 days

10

- 3 or 4 days
- 5 or more days

82. During the past <u>7 days</u>, on how many days did you take part in organized activities (including sports teams, school clubs, music, art or dance lessons, church groups, or other supervised activities)?

- ◯ 0 days
- \bigcirc 1 or 2 days
- \bigcirc 3 or 4 days
- 5 or more days
- 83. During the past <u>7 days</u>, on how many days did you sit down to dinner with your family?
 - 0 days
 - \bigcirc 1 or 2 days
 - 3 or 4 days
 - 5 or more days
- 84. During the <u>past 30 days</u>, how often did you go to
 bed hungry because there was not enough food in your home?
 - O Never
 - Rarely
 - Sometimes
 - O Most of the time
 - Always
- 85. How safe from crime do you consider your neighborhood to be?
 - O Extremely safe
 - ◯ Safe
 - Unsafe
 - O Extremely unsafe

- 86. During the <u>past 12 months</u>, where did you usually sleep at night? (Choose ONE. If more than one place, choose the one where you slept most often.)
 - In my parent's or guardian's home
 - With friends, family, or other people because we lost our home or cannot afford housing
 - In a shelter or emergency housing
 - In a hotel / motel, car, park, campground, or other public place
 - In a foster home or residential placement
 - \bigcirc I move from place to place
 - Somewhere else

To what extent do the following statements apply to you? There are no right or wrong answers.

87. I feel safe when I am with my family/caregiver(s)

- O Not at all
- A little
- Somewhat
- O Quite a bit
- \bigcirc A lot

88. I feel that I belong at my school

- Not at all
- A little
- Somewhat
- Quite a bit
- A lot