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Statewide Tables

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2007 MINNESOTA STUDENT SURVEY

Survey Participation

The 2007 Minnesota Student Survey was administered in the spring of 2007 to public school students in Grades 6, 9, and 12 statewide. All public school districts in Minnesota were invited to participate. Of the 338 public operating districts, 309 agreed to participate (91% of public operating school districts).

Student participation was voluntary and surveys were anonymous. Across the state, approximately 81% of public school sixth graders, 76% of public school ninth graders, and 58% of public school twelfth graders participated in the 2007 Minnesota Student Survey. Overall participation across the three grades was approximately 72% of total enrollment.

The majority of schools in the state used an opt-out consent procedure for the survey (meaning that parents could decline to have their children take the survey). A few school districts used an active consent process (meaning parents were required to return a signed permission slip before their children took the survey). Not every student who participated in the survey answered every question.

Items on the Tables

The accompanying set of tables includes the responses for all survey items. Items are ordered within the tables according to meaningful domains; the order items appear on the tables is not necessarily the order they appeared in the survey. A Table of Contents is provided on page iv. The Grade 6 survey version was shorter than the Grade 9-12 version and did not include items appropriate only for older students. Items found on one version of the survey but not the other are identified on the tables.

New Questions and Year-to-Year Comparisons

Some of the 2007 survey instrument questions were changed from the 2004 survey instrument. While many questions stayed the same, there were questions that had updated or improved wording. Some entirely new questions were added and some questions were dropped. New questions and questions with changed wording are noted on each table. Caution must be used when making comparisons over time for any questions in which the wording has changed.

Please note that although these surveys are given repeatedly over time, student populations may change between administrations of the survey.

Validity of Responses

Approximately 3% of the surveys were eliminated from analyses because gender was missing, responses were highly inconsistent, or there was a pattern of likely exaggeration.

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Locating Minnesota Student Survey Items/Domains in the 2007 and 2004 Tables

SURVEY ITEM OR DOMAIN	Table #		SURVEY ITEM OR DOMAIN	Table #	
	2007	2004		2007	2004
Total number of surveys	1	1	Reasons for participating	10	NA
Gender	1	1	Reasons for not participating	10	NA
Age	1	1	Which adults do you live with	11	9
Race/ethnicity	1	1	Talk with father about problems	11	9
Feelings about school	2	2	Talk with mother about problems	11	9
School plans	2	2	Parents care about you	12	10
Truancy/skipping days of school	2	2	Other adult relatives care about you	12	10
Grades received in school	3	3	Friends care about you	12	11
Have or ever had an IEP	3	NA	Teachers/other adults at school care	12	11
Free/reduced-price lunch	3	NA	Church or spiritual leaders care	12	11
Changed schools	3	NA	Other adults in community care	12	11
Students are friendly	4	4	Family alcohol use problems	13	12
Students behave well	4	4	Family drug use problems	13	12
Students threatened students	4	4	Perpetrator of relationship violence	14A	NA
Teachers interested in student	4	4	Victim of relationship violence	14A	NA
Teachers show respect for students	4	4	Victim of relationship sexual assault	14A	NA
Feel safe going to and from school	5	5	Victim of physical abuse at home	14B	13
Feel safe at school	5	5	Witness to physical abuse at home	14B	13
Feel safe in neighborhood	5	NA	Victim of extrafamilial sexual abuse	14B	14
Bathrooms in school are safe	5	5	Victim of intrafamilial sexual abuse	14B	14
Illegal gang activity at school	5	5	Recency of last physical exam	15	15
Alcohol/drug use at school	5	5	Ever told had asthma	15	NA
Sold or given drug at school	6	6	Physical health problem	15	NA
Property stolen/damaged at school	6	6	Mental/emotional health problem	15	NA
Skipped school/felt unsafe	6	6	Ever treated for mental/emotional	15	NA
Threatened/assaulted at school	6	6	Ever treated for alcohol/drug problem	15	15
Sexual harassment at school	6	NA	Perception of current weight	16	16
Victim of bullying	7	NA	Activities to control weight*	16	16
Being a bully	7	NA	Weight status according to BMI	16	NA
Time on homework/study	8A	7A	Strenuous exercise lasting 20 minutes	17	17
Time reading	8A	7B	Physical activity lasting 30 minutes	17	17
Time doing volunteer work	8A	7C	Beverage consumption	18	18
Time working for pay	8A	7C	Servings of fruits/vegetables	18	18
Time watching TV/DVDs/videos	8B	7B	Use of seat belts	19	19
Time playing computer/video games	8B	7B	Information sources/risk behaviors	20	20
Time talking on phone/text messaging	8B	NA	Headaches/stomachaches/sickness	21A	NA
Time online	8B	NA	Irritable/angry	21A	NA
Time hanging out	8B	7C	Many fears/easily scared	21A	NA
Fine arts activities	9A	NA	Trouble concentrating	21A	NA
Private lessons	9A	NA	Restless	21A	NA
Club/community sports teams	9A	NA	Sleep trouble	21A	NA
School sports teams	9A	NA	Impulsive	21A	NA
Hobby/academic clubs	9B	NA	Unhappy/depressed/tearful	21A	NA
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Mentoring programs	9B	NA	Self-inflicted injury	22	NA
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NA Not asked in 2004; new item(s) in 2007

* Question changes in 2007

Locating Minnesota Student Survey Items/Domains in the 2007 and 2004 Tables

SURVEY ITEM OR DOMAIN	Table #	
	2007	2004
Played cards for money	23	24
Bet on games of skill	23	24
Bet on sports teams/horseracing*	23	24
Bought lottery tickets	23	24
Gambled in a casino	23	24
Gambled for money online	23	NA
Running away from home	24	26
Vandalism	24	26
Physical fights	24	26
Shoplifting	24	26
Carrying a gun or other weapon	24	26
Use of any tobacco product past month	25	NA
Frequent use of any tobacco product	25	NA
Frequent binge drinking	25	27
Any alcohol/drug use past year	25	27
Frequency of cigarette use past month	26	28
Quantity of cigarettes past month	26	28
Age of first use of cigarettes	26	NA
Use of smokeless tobacco past month	27	NA
Use of cigars/cigarillos past month	27	NA
Age of first use of cigars/smokeless	27	NA
Sources for obtaining tobacco	28	30
Use of fake ID to purchase tobacco	28	30
Frequency of alcohol use past year	29	31
Frequency of alcohol use past month	29	31
Typical alcohol use quantity	29	31
Binge drinking past 2 weeks	29	31
Age of first alcohol use	30	NA
Sources for obtaining alcohol	31	32
Use of fake ID to purchase alcohol	31	32
Drinking and driving	32	33
Marijuana use past month	33	34
Age of first use of marijuana	33	NA
Use of other drugs past month	33	NA
Age of first use of other drugs	33	NA

SURVEY ITEM OR DOMAIN	Table #	
	2007	2004
Marijuana use past year*	34	34
Inhalant use past year*	34	34
LSD/hallucinogen use past year*	34	36
Heroin use past year*	34	36
Methamphetamine use past year*	35	35
Cocaine/crack use past year*	35	35
MDMA/ecstasy use past year*	35	35
Stimulant use past year	36A	NA
ADHD/ADD drug use past year	36A	NA
Pain reliever use past year	36A	NA
Tranquilizer use past year	36A	NA
Prescription drug use past year	36B	NA
Substance use before/during school	37	38
Talked about dangers of substance use	38	NA
Social disapproval of substance use	38	NA
Perceived risks from substance use	39	NA
Need more substance to get effect	40A	41A
Tried to reduce substance use	40A	41A
Substance use hurt relationships*	40A	41A
All day substance use or effects	40A	41A
Given up activities to use substances*	40A	41A
Use related emotional distress	40A	41A
Use related neglect of responsibilities*	40B	41B
Use related legal problems	40B	41B
Use related violent behavior	40B	41B
Use related memory problems	40B	41B
Substance use greater than intended	40B	41B
Sexual intercourse ever	41A	42A
Number of sexual partners	41A	42A
Pregnant or caused pregnancy	41A	42A
Talk with partner about STD risk	41B	42B
Talk about pregnancy prevention	41B	42B
Frequency of birth control	41B	42B
Frequency of condom use	41B	42B
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Reasons for sexual abstinence*	42	43

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TABLE 1
DEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Total number of surveys		49,081	100%	50,713	100%	36,755	100%
Gender	Male	24,747	50%	25,007	49%	18,234	50%
	Female	24,334	50%	25,706	51%	18,521	50%
Age	11 or younger	17,993	37%	0	0%	0	0%
	12	29,736	61%	0	0%	0	0%
	13	1,151	2%	63	0%	0	0%
	14	16	0%	17,058	34%	0	0%
	15	0	0%	31,814	63%	0	0%
	16	0	0%	1,392	3%	103	0%
	17	0	0%	98	0%	13,423	37%
	18	0	0%	0	0%	22,230	60%
	19-20	0	0%	0	0%	807	2%
	No answer	185	0%	288	1%	192	1%
Race/ethnicity	American Indian	1,059	2%	679	1%	283	1%
	Black or African American	2,718	6%	2,545	5%	1,352	4%
	Hispanic or Latino	2,307	5%	1,857	4%	945	3%
	Asian American or Pacific Islander	2,496	5%	2,602	5%	1,684	5%
	White	33,082	67%	38,012	75%	30,215	82%
	Mixed race (checked more than one race/ethnicity)	3,525	7%	3,481	7%	1,588	4%
	I don't know / no answer	3,894	8%	1,537	3%	688	2%

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TABLE 2
FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL, SCHOOL PLANS, AND TRUANCY
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
How do you feel about going to school?	I like school very much	21%	12%	11%
	I like school quite a bit	36%	34%	34%
	I like school a little	27%	33%	34%
	I don't like school very much	9%	13%	14%
	I hate school	6%	7%	7%
Which of these best describes your school plans? *	I would like to quit school as soon as I can		2%	1%
	I plan to finish high school but won't go to college		6%	5%
	I'd like to go to some kind of trade or vocational school		4%	9%
	I'd like to go to college after high school		61%	55%
	I'd like to go to college and then to graduate school		28%	30%
During the last 30 days, how often have you skipped or cut full days of school?	Never	79%	79%	64%
	Once or twice	15%	15%	25%
	3 to 5 times	4%	4%	7%
	6 to 10 times	1%	1%	2%
	More than 10 times	1%	1%	2%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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TABLE 3
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Mark the two grades you get the most often.	A only	3%	2%	3%
	A and B only	58%	55%	58%
	B only	3%	2%	2%
	B and C only	15%	21%	23%
	C only	2%	2%	1%
	C and D only	4%	8%	7%
	D only	1%	1%	0%
	D and F only	2%	3%	1%
	F only	0%	1%	0%
	Not applicable or no answer	13%	6%	4%
Do you have or have you ever had an IEP (Individualized Education Plan)? *^	Yes		16%	13%
	No		84%	87%
Do you currently get free or reduced-price lunch at school? ^	Yes	29%	23%	17%
	No	71%	77%	83%
Since the beginning of this school year, how many times have you changed schools? ^	0 times	92%	95%	97%
	1 time	4%	3%	2%
	2 times	2%	1%	1%
	3 or more times	2%	1%	1%

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^ New question in 2007.

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TABLE 4
PERCEPTIONS OF SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
How many students in your school are friendly?	All	4%	3%	3%
	Most	54%	54%	57%
	Some	34%	35%	31%
	A few	9%	8%	7%
	None	0%	1%	1%
How many students in your school behave well in the hallways and lunchroom?	All	4%	2%	3%
	Most	34%	38%	43%
	Some	40%	39%	36%
	A few	20%	18%	15%
	None	2%	3%	2%
How many students in your school have made fun of or threatened students of different races or backgrounds?	All	2%	3%	3%
	Most	8%	11%	10%
	Some	16%	24%	26%
	A few	42%	46%	49%
	None	32%	16%	12%
How many of your teachers are interested in you as a person?	All	28%	9%	9%
	Most	32%	29%	37%
	Some	18%	28%	30%
	A few	14%	23%	19%
	None	7%	11%	5%
How many of your teachers show respect for students?	All	57%	30%	24%
	Most	28%	43%	50%
	Some	8%	15%	16%
	A few	6%	9%	8%
	None	1%	3%	2%

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TABLE 5
PERCEPTIONS OF SCHOOL AND NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY
Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
I feel safe going to and from school	Strongly agree	48%	45%	52%
	Agree	46%	49%	43%
	Disagree	5%	4%	3%
	Strongly disagree	1%	2%	1%
I feel safe at school	Strongly agree	51%	38%	46%
	Agree	42%	53%	48%
	Disagree	6%	7%	5%
	Strongly disagree	1%	2%	2%
I feel safe in my neighborhood [^]	Strongly agree	52%	53%	57%
	Agree	38%	41%	38%
	Disagree	7%	5%	3%
	Strongly disagree	2%	2%	1%
Bathrooms in this school are a safe place to be	Strongly agree	32%	29%	39%
	Agree	47%	52%	47%
	Disagree	16%	14%	10%
	Strongly disagree	5%	4%	4%
Illegal gang activity is a problem at this school	Strongly agree	7%	5%	4%
	Agree	10%	14%	10%
	Disagree	29%	47%	42%
	Strongly disagree	54%	34%	44%
Student use of alcohol or drugs is a problem at this school	Strongly agree	7%	19%	21%
	Agree	10%	40%	42%
	Disagree	27%	32%	29%
	Strongly disagree	55%	9%	8%

[^] New question in 2007.

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TABLE 6
VICTIMIZATION AT SCHOOL
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade			
		6th	9th	12th	
		%	%	%	
During the last 12 months, has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug on school property?	Yes	2%	16%	18%	
	No	98%	84%	82%	
During the last 12 months, how many times has someone stolen or deliberately damaged your property on school property?	0 times	62%	66%	73%	
	1 time	19%	19%	17%	
	2 or 3 times	13%	11%	8%	
	4 or 5 times	3%	2%	1%	
	6 or more times	3%	2%	1%	
During the last 30 days, how many days did you not go to school because you felt unsafe at school or going to/from school?	0 days	94%	95%	95%	
	1 day	4%	3%	2%	
	2 or 3 days	2%	1%	1%	
	4 or 5 days	0%	0%	0%	
	6 or more days	0%	1%	1%	
During the last 12 months, which of the following has happened to you on school property? Has a student:	Threatened you?	Yes	25%	22%	15%
		No	75%	78%	85%
	Pushed, shoved, or grabbed you?	Yes	52%	43%	27%
		No	48%	57%	73%
	Kicked, bitten, or hit you?	Yes	36%	25%	13%
		No	64%	75%	87%
	Stabbed you or fired a gun at you?	Yes	1%	2%	2%
		No	99%	98%	98%
	Touched, grabbed, or pinched you in a sexual way? *^	Yes		23%	20%
		No		77%	80%
	Made unwanted sexual comments, jokes, gestures, or looks toward you? *^	Yes		29%	23%
		No		71%	77%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2007.

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**TABLE 7
BULLYING ^**

Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
During the last 30 days, how often has another student or group of students made fun of or teased you in a hurtful way, or excluded you from friends or activities?	Never	45%	60%	73%
	Once or twice	36%	28%	20%
	About once a week	7%	5%	3%
	Several times a week	7%	4%	2%
	Every day	5%	3%	2%
During the last 30 days, how often have you, on your own or as part of a group, made fun of or teased another student in a hurtful way or excluded another student from friends or activities?	Never	55%	50%	63%
	Once or twice	36%	37%	27%
	About once a week	4%	6%	4%
	Several times a week	3%	4%	3%
	Every day	2%	4%	3%

^ New questions in 2007.

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TABLE 8A
USE OF TIME

Minnesota Statewide Data

During the school year, how many hours in a typical week do you spend doing the following?		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Homework or study	0 hours	5%	7%	11%
	1-2 hours	47%	36%	36%
	3-5 hours	26%	29%	28%
	6-10 hours	14%	18%	15%
	11-20 hours	5%	8%	7%
	21 hours or more	3%	3%	3%
Reading for pleasure	0 hours	24%	43%	43%
	1-2 hours	45%	34%	35%
	3-5 hours	16%	12%	13%
	6-10 hours	8%	6%	6%
	11-20 hours	4%	3%	2%
	21 hours or more	3%	2%	1%
Volunteer work or community service	0 hours	70%	67%	59%
	1-2 hours	22%	23%	26%
	3-5 hours	5%	6%	9%
	6-10 hours	2%	2%	3%
	11-20 hours	1%	1%	1%
	21 hours or more	0%	1%	1%
Work for pay (including babysitting for others)	0 hours	44%	44%	24%
	1-2 hours	28%	22%	8%
	3-5 hours	16%	16%	9%
	6-10 hours	7%	10%	14%
	11-20 hours	3%	5%	26%
	21 hours or more	2%	3%	19%

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**TABLE 8B
USE OF TIME**

Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>During the school year, how many hours in a typical week do you spend doing the following?</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Watching TV, DVDs or videos	0 hours	4%	3%	4%
	1-2 hours	29%	20%	21%
	3-5 hours	31%	29%	32%
	6-10 hours	19%	25%	25%
	11-20 hours	10%	13%	12%
	21 hours or more	8%	10%	6%
Playing computer or video games	0 hours	16%	23%	36%
	1-2 hours	36%	28%	27%
	3-5 hours	21%	19%	16%
	6-10 hours	13%	14%	11%
	11-20 hours	7%	9%	6%
	21 hours or more	7%	8%	5%
Talking on the phone or text messaging ^	0 hours	43%	20%	11%
	1-2 hours	34%	32%	32%
	3-5 hours	10%	16%	22%
	6-10 hours	6%	12%	16%
	11-20 hours	3%	9%	9%
	21 hours or more	4%	10%	9%
Online activities (e-mail, instant messaging, blogging, web surfing, etc.) ^	0 hours	38%	18%	16%
	1-2 hours	32%	29%	33%
	3-5 hours	14%	20%	23%
	6-10 hours	8%	15%	15%
	11-20 hours	4%	10%	8%
	21 hours or more	4%	8%	5%
Hanging out	0 hours	9%	6%	4%
	1-2 hours	23%	15%	11%
	3-5 hours	26%	22%	21%
	6-10 hours	19%	23%	27%
	11-20 hours	11%	16%	20%
	21 hours or more	12%	18%	18%

^ New question in 2007.

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TABLE 9A
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES ^

Minnesota Statewide Data

During the school year, how often have you participated in the following?		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Fine arts activities (band, choir, dance, drama, etc.)	Not available in my community	2%	2%	2%
	Never	25%	40%	49%
	A few times a year	7%	9%	10%
	Monthly	2%	2%	2%
	1-2 times per week	24%	4%	3%
	3-4 times per week	24%	10%	6%
	Every day	15%	33%	27%
Private lessons (music, dance, etc.)	Not available in my community	6%	4%	4%
	Never	60%	66%	72%
	A few times a year	5%	7%	7%
	Monthly	3%	3%	3%
	1-2 times per week	20%	14%	10%
	3-4 times per week	4%	3%	2%
	Every day	3%	3%	2%
Club or community sports teams	Not available in my community	4%	3%	3%
	Never	34%	43%	49%
	A few times a year	13%	12%	11%
	Monthly	6%	5%	7%
	1-2 times per week	16%	9%	10%
	3-4 times per week	18%	12%	9%
	Every day	10%	16%	11%
School sports teams	Not available in my community	8%	1%	2%
	Never	50%	36%	46%
	A few times a year	11%	11%	8%
	Monthly	4%	4%	4%
	1-2 times per week	10%	4%	4%
	3-4 times per week	10%	12%	11%
	Every day	7%	32%	26%

^ New questions in 2007.

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TABLE 9B
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES ^

Minnesota Statewide Data

During the school year, how often have you participated in the following?		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Hobby and academic clubs (chess, history, debate, math team, etc.)	Not available in my community	8%	4%	4%
	Never	70%	77%	68%
	A few times a year	7%	6%	7%
	Monthly	3%	3%	6%
	1-2 times per week	8%	5%	8%
	3-4 times per week	2%	2%	3%
	Every day	3%	2%	3%
Community clubs and programs (4-H, Park and Rec, Community Ed., etc.)	Not available in my community	6%	4%	4%
	Never	62%	72%	71%
	A few times a year	12%	10%	9%
	Monthly	7%	6%	7%
	1-2 times per week	6%	4%	6%
	3-4 times per week	3%	2%	2%
	Every day	3%	2%	2%
Mentoring programs	Not available in my community	9%	5%	5%
	Never	78%	82%	75%
	A few times a year	5%	5%	7%
	Monthly	2%	3%	4%
	1-2 times per week	4%	3%	5%
	3-4 times per week	1%	1%	2%
	Every day	1%	1%	2%
Religious activities (religious services, education, youth group, etc.)	Not available in my community	4%	3%	3%
	Never	37%	36%	46%
	A few times a year	10%	10%	14%
	Monthly	8%	10%	10%
	1-2 times per week	34%	35%	21%
	3-4 times per week	4%	5%	4%
	Every day	3%	2%	2%

^ New questions in 2007.

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**TABLE 10
REASONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES ^**

Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
In general, why do you participate in school-based or community-based activities and clubs? (Mark all that apply)	To have fun	82%	82%	83%
	To learn new skills	56%	47%	42%
	My parents or guardians want me to	20%	24%	16%
	My friends participate	38%	46%	42%
	To help me get into college	22%	40%	37%
	Participate for other reasons	21%	21%	16%
In general, why don't you participate in any school-based or community-based activities and clubs? (Mark all that apply)	Activities are not available in my community	4%	3%	4%
	Activities cost too much	18%	19%	17%
	My parents or guardians won't let me	8%	5%	3%
	My friends don't participate	11%	15%	10%
	I'm not interested	54%	57%	53%
	I am too busy with other things	40%	45%	56%
	I didn't make the team/pass the audition, etc.	3%	6%	4%
	I was kicked off or removed	1%	2%	2%
	Don't participate for other reasons	23%	19%	14%

^ New questions in 2007.

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TABLE 11
FAMILY COMPOSITION AND PARENTAL COMMUNICATION
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Which adults do you live with?	Both biological parents	61%	60%	62%
	Both adoptive parents	1%	1%	1%
	Mother and stepfather	5%	6%	5%
	Father and stepmother	1%	1%	1%
	Mother only	14%	16%	16%
	Father only	2%	3%	4%
	Sometimes with mother, sometimes with father	12%	9%	4%
	Other	3%	4%	5%
	No adults or no answer	1%	1%	1%
Can you talk to your father about problems you are having?	Yes, most of the time	39%	34%	36%
	Yes, some of the time	32%	30%	30%
	No, not very often	15%	18%	17%
	No, not at all	6%	9%	8%
	My father is not around	8%	9%	9%
Can you talk to your mother about problems you are having?	Yes, most of the time	63%	49%	51%
	Yes, some of the time	25%	31%	31%
	No, not very often	8%	13%	11%
	No, not at all	3%	5%	4%
	My mother is not around	1%	2%	2%

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TABLE 12
PERCEPTIONS OF FAMILY AND OTHERS CARING
Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>How much do you feel ...</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
... your parents care about you?	Not at all	1%	2%	2%
	A little	1%	3%	3%
	Some	2%	5%	6%
	Quite a bit	5%	12%	14%
	Very much	91%	78%	76%
... other adult relatives care about you?	Not at all	1%	2%	2%
	A little	2%	4%	4%
	Some	4%	9%	11%
	Quite a bit	15%	23%	27%
	Very much	77%	61%	55%
... friends care about you?	Not at all	2%	2%	2%
	A little	8%	6%	6%
	Some	16%	17%	17%
	Quite a bit	35%	36%	38%
	Very much	40%	38%	37%
... teachers/ other adults at school care about you? ^	Not at all	4%	7%	5%
	A little	11%	19%	17%
	Some	20%	33%	35%
	Quite a bit	35%	29%	31%
	Very much	31%	11%	11%
... religious or spiritual leaders care about you? ^	Not at all	13%	17%	20%
	A little	11%	12%	14%
	Some	17%	19%	22%
	Quite a bit	27%	27%	25%
	Very much	33%	25%	19%
... other adults in your community care about you?	Not at all	7%	11%	11%
	A little	14%	19%	20%
	Some	24%	31%	32%
	Quite a bit	31%	27%	26%
	Very much	24%	12%	10%

^ Variations in wording for this item may affect year-to-year comparisons.

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TABLE 13
FAMILY SUBSTANCE ABUSE
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Has alcohol use by any family member repeatedly caused family, health, job, or legal problems?	Yes	12%	16%	17%
	No	88%	84%	83%
Has drug use by any family member repeatedly caused family, health, job, or legal problems?	Yes	9%	11%	11%
	No	91%	89%	89%

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TABLE 14A
PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE *^
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
Have you ever physically or sexually hurt someone you were going out with? (This might include shoving, slapping, hitting or forcing them into sexual activities. This also includes threatening to do these things.)	Yes	3%	4%
	No	97%	96%
Has someone you were going out with ever hit you, hurt you, threatened you or made you feel afraid?	Yes	7%	11%
	No	93%	89%
Has someone you were going out with ever forced you to have sex or do something sexual when you didn't want to?	Yes	6%	9%
	No	94%	91%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New questions in 2007.

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**TABLE 14B
PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Has any adult in your household ever hit you so hard or so often that you had marks or were afraid of that person?	Yes	11%	11%	8%
	No	89%	89%	92%
Has anyone in your family ever hit anyone else in the family so hard or so often that they had marks or were afraid of that person?	Yes	13%	12%	10%
	No	87%	88%	90%
Has any older person outside the family touched you sexually against your wishes or forced you to touch them sexually?	Yes	4%	6%	6%
	No	96%	94%	94%
Has any older/stronger member of your family touched you sexually or had you touch them sexually?	Yes	2%	3%	3%
	No	98%	97%	97%

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TABLE 15
GENERAL HEALTH ISSUES
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
When was the last time you had a physical exam?	Within the last 12 months	55%	46%	43%
	1-2 years ago	22%	41%	39%
	3-4 years ago	5%	7%	11%
	More than 4 years ago	5%	2%	4%
	I have never had a physical exam	12%	4%	3%
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma? ^	Yes	14%	18%	19%
	No	86%	82%	81%
Do you have a physical health condition or problem that has lasted at least 12 months? ^	No	87%	87%	88%
	Yes	13%	13%	12%
Do you have a mental or emotional health problem that has lasted at least 12 months? ^	No	93%	89%	88%
	Yes	7%	11%	12%
Have you ever been treated for a mental or emotional health problem? *^	No		88%	85%
	Yes, during the last year		6%	8%
	Yes, more than a year ago		5%	7%
Have you ever been treated for an alcohol or other drug problem? **^	No		97%	95%
	Yes, during the last year		3%	3%
	Yes, more than a year ago		1%	2%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2007.

^^ New response options in 2007.

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TABLE 16
WEIGHT-RELATED ISSUES
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade			
		6th	9th	12th	
		%	%	%	
At the present time, do you think you are...	Underweight	12%	9%	9%	
	About the right weight	70%	68%	66%	
	Overweight	18%	23%	25%	
During the last 12 months, have you done any of the following to lose or control weight? (Mark all that apply) *A	I am not trying to lose weight or control my weight	Yes		41%	41%
		No		59%	59%
	Fast or skip meals	Yes		18%	19%
		No		82%	81%
	Smoke cigarettes	Yes		4%	7%
		No		96%	93%
	Exercise	Yes		51%	48%
		No		49%	52%
	Use diet pills, speed or other drugs	Yes		3%	5%
		No		97%	95%
	Eat healthier	Yes		42%	43%
		No		58%	57%
	Vomit on purpose after eating	Yes		3%	3%
		No		97%	97%
	Use laxatives	Yes		1%	1%
		No		99%	99%
	Weight status * according to Body Mass Index (BMI) **	Not overweight		78%	78%
		At risk for overweight		13%	12%
Overweight			9%	9%	

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Variations in the number and order of these response options may affect year-to-year comparisons. Two response options are new in 2007.

** Body Mass Index (BMI) is a number calculated from a child's self-reported weight and height. BMI can be used as a screening tool to identify possible weight problems for children and teens. The BMI number is calculated using a standard formula. BMI-for-age percentiles are used to interpret BMI numbers because, unlike adults, BMI is both age-and sex-specific for children and teens. The CDC BMI-for-age growth charts take into account these differences and allow translation of a BMI number into a percentile for a child's sex and age. The CDC growth charts were used to determine weight status according to BMI for participants in the Minnesota Student Survey. New questions in 2007.

Not overweight: Less than the 85th percentile

At risk of overweight: 85th to less than the 95th percentile

Overweight: Equal to or greater than the 95th percentile

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**TABLE 17
EXERCISE**

Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
On how many of the last 7 days did you exercise or play sports that made you sweat or breathe hard for at least 20 minutes?	0 days	11%	11%	17%
	1 day	7%	7%	10%
	2 days	11%	10%	14%
	3 days	13%	12%	13%
	4 days	14%	12%	11%
	5 days	16%	19%	15%
	6 days	8%	10%	8%
	7 days	20%	19%	12%
On how many of the last 7 days were you physically active for a combined total of at least 30 minutes?	0 days	6%	7%	13%
	1 day	8%	6%	9%
	2 days	12%	10%	13%
	3 days	13%	11%	12%
	4 days	14%	11%	11%
	5 days	16%	19%	16%
	6 days	9%	11%	8%
	7 days	23%	26%	18%

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**TABLE 18
NUTRITION**

Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>How many glasses of each of the following did you drink yesterday?</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Milk	0 glasses	15%	19%	23%
	1-2 glasses	49%	49%	51%
	3-4 glasses	26%	23%	20%
	5 or more glasses	10%	9%	6%
100% fruit juice	0 glasses	42%	44%	46%
	1-2 glasses	41%	42%	43%
	3-4 glasses	11%	10%	8%
	5 or more glasses	6%	4%	3%
Fruit juice drinks	0 glasses	46%	52%	59%
	1-2 glasses	40%	36%	32%
	3-4 glasses	10%	8%	6%
	5 or more glasses	5%	4%	2%
Pop or soda	0 glasses	48%	47%	44%
	1-2 glasses	38%	37%	39%
	3-4 glasses	8%	10%	11%
	5 or more glasses	6%	6%	6%
Sports drinks	0 glasses	63%	61%	67%
	1-2 glasses	23%	25%	23%
	3-4 glasses	7%	8%	6%
	5 or more glasses	6%	6%	4%
Water	0 glasses	5%	7%	7%
	1-2 glasses	24%	27%	30%
	3-4 glasses	26%	28%	30%
	5 or more glasses	44%	37%	33%
How many servings of fruits, fruit juices, or vegetables did you eat yesterday?	0 servings	6%	7%	7%
	1 serving	13%	12%	14%
	2 servings	21%	22%	23%
	3 servings	23%	23%	24%
	4 servings	18%	18%	16%
	5 or more servings	20%	18%	16%

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**TABLE 19
SEAT BELT USE**

Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>How often do you wear a seat belt when you ...</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
...ride in a car?	Never	2%	3%	4%
	Sometimes	11%	15%	16%
	Often	21%	25%	20%
	Always	66%	58%	60%
...drive a car? *	I never do this activity		45%	6%
	Never		4%	4%
	Sometimes		5%	10%
	Often		5%	10%
	Always		41%	70%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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TABLE 20
SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON RISK BEHAVIORS
Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>Where have you received most of your information about...</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
...alcohol and other drugs? (Mark all that apply)	Friends or peers	27%	64%	77%
	Parents	62%	56%	47%
	Brothers or sisters	20%	27%	26%
	School/teachers/ counselors	72%	66%	58%
	Clinics/doctors/ nurses	21%	16%	11%
	Religious/ community groups ^	11%	14%	8%
	Internet	10%	20%	21%
	TV/radio/magazines/ newspapers/books	33%	40%	39%
	I do not know much about alcohol or other drugs	8%	5%	4%
...sex? (Mark all that apply)	Friends or peers	29%	65%	76%
	Parents	46%	46%	37%
	Brothers or sisters	14%	19%	15%
	School/teachers/ counselors	41%	56%	51%
	Clinics/doctors/ nurses	11%	15%	15%
	Religious/ community groups ^	5%	13%	9%
	Internet	9%	23%	26%
	TV/radio/magazines/ newspapers/books	21%	36%	40%
	I do not know much about sex	18%	4%	2%

^ New response option in 2007.

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TABLE 21A
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING/DISTRESS ^
Minnesota Statewide Data

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
I get a lot of headaches, stomachaches or sickness.	Agree	19%	18%	16%
	Mostly agree	20%	20%	18%
	Mostly disagree	29%	28%	27%
	Disagree	32%	34%	38%
I am often irritable and angry.	Agree	11%	11%	8%
	Mostly agree	15%	17%	17%
	Mostly disagree	33%	37%	39%
	Disagree	42%	36%	36%
I have many fears and am easily scared.	Agree	10%	7%	5%
	Mostly agree	13%	11%	10%
	Mostly disagree	30%	30%	29%
	Disagree	47%	51%	57%
I often have trouble concentrating.	Agree	14%	17%	14%
	Mostly agree	18%	23%	24%
	Mostly disagree	28%	30%	32%
	Disagree	39%	30%	29%
I am restless and cannot stay still for long.	Agree	17%	17%	13%
	Mostly agree	19%	22%	23%
	Mostly disagree	24%	28%	31%
	Disagree	39%	33%	33%
I often have trouble getting to sleep and staying asleep.	Agree	17%	16%	14%
	Mostly agree	17%	17%	17%
	Mostly disagree	24%	27%	29%
	Disagree	42%	39%	40%
I do things before I think.	Agree	18%	16%	11%
	Mostly agree	25%	27%	23%
	Mostly disagree	32%	35%	38%
	Disagree	25%	23%	28%
I am often unhappy, depressed or tearful.	Agree	8%	8%	6%
	Mostly agree	9%	11%	11%
	Mostly disagree	24%	26%	29%
	Disagree	59%	55%	54%

^ New questions in 2007.

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TABLE 21B
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING/DISTRESS
Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>During the last 30 days ...</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
... have you felt you were under any stress or pressure?	Yes, almost more than I could take	9%	13%	16%
	Yes, quite a bit of pressure	10%	18%	26%
	Yes, more than usual	10%	16%	19%
	Yes, a little	43%	37%	30%
	Not at all	28%	16%	9%
... have you felt sad?	All the time	4%	4%	3%
	Most of the time	8%	10%	8%
	Some of the time	22%	24%	29%
	Little of the time	48%	43%	44%
	None of the time	19%	19%	15%
... have you felt so discouraged or hopeless that you wondered if anything was worthwhile?	Extremely so, to the point that I have just about given up	5%	6%	4%
	Quite a bit	7%	8%	7%
	Some, enough to bother me	11%	13%	14%
	A little bit	27%	23%	24%
	Not at all	51%	49%	50%
... have you felt nervous, worried, or upset?	All the time	4%	4%	4%
	Most of the time	8%	9%	9%
	Some of the time	23%	25%	28%
	Little of the time	45%	43%	44%
	None of the time	20%	17%	15%

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TABLE 22
SELF-INFLICTED INJURY, SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Have you ever hurt yourself on purpose ("cutting", burns, bruises)? ^	No	85%	81%	81%
	Yes, during the last year	10%	13%	8%
	Yes, more than a year ago	4%	6%	10%
Have you ever thought about killing yourself?	No	84%	75%	73%
	Yes, during the last year	11%	17%	14%
	Yes, more than a year ago	5%	8%	13%
Have you ever tried to kill yourself?	No	97%	93%	92%
	Yes, during the last year	2%	4%	3%
	Yes, more than a year ago	1%	3%	5%

^ New question in 2007.

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TABLE 23
GAMBLING BEHAVIOR *
Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>During the last 12 months, how often have you done these activities?</i>		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
Played cards for money	Not at all	67%	59%
	Less than once a month	20%	23%
	About once a month	8%	11%
	About once a week	4%	5%
	Daily	2%	2%
Bet on games of personal skill like pool, golf, or bowling	Not at all	72%	70%
	Less than once a month	16%	17%
	About once a month	7%	8%
	About once a week	4%	4%
	Daily	2%	2%
Bet money on sports teams or horseracing [^]	Not at all	78%	77%
	Less than once a month	13%	13%
	About once a month	6%	6%
	About once a week	3%	2%
	Daily	1%	1%
Bought lottery tickets or scratch offs	Not at all	89%	64%
	Less than once a month	6%	19%
	About once a month	2%	9%
	About once a week	1%	5%
	Daily	1%	2%
Gambled in a casino	Not at all	97%	73%
	Less than once a month	1%	16%
	About once a month	1%	7%
	About once a week	0%	3%
	Daily	1%	1%
Gambled for money online ^{^^}	Not at all	96%	95%
	Less than once a month	1%	2%
	About once a month	1%	1%
	About once a week	1%	1%
	Daily	1%	1%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

[^] Variations in wording for this item may affect year-to-year comparisons.

^{^^} New question in 2007.

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TABLE 24
DESTRUCTIVE AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
During the last 12 months, how often have you run away from home?	Never	92%	90%	92%
	Once or twice	6%	7%	6%
	3 to 5 times	1%	1%	1%
	6 to 10 times	0%	1%	1%
	More than 10 times	0%	1%	1%
During the last 12 months, how often have you damaged or destroyed property at school or somewhere else?	Never	88%	82%	86%
	Once or twice	9%	12%	10%
	3 to 5 times	1%	3%	2%
	6 to 10 times	0%	1%	1%
	More than 10 times	1%	2%	1%
During the last 12 months, how often have you hit or beat up another person?	Never	75%	74%	83%
	Once or twice	19%	18%	12%
	3 to 5 times	3%	4%	2%
	6 to 10 times	1%	1%	1%
	More than 10 times	2%	3%	2%
During the last 12 months, how often have you taken something from a store without paying for it?	Never	93%	80%	77%
	Once or twice	5%	12%	13%
	3 to 5 times	1%	3%	4%
	6 to 10 times	0%	2%	2%
	More than 10 times	1%	3%	4%
On how many of the last 30 days did you carry a gun on school property?	0 days	99%	98%	97%
	1 day	0%	1%	1%
	2 or 3 days	0%	0%	0%
	4 or 5 days	0%	0%	0%
	6 or more days	0%	1%	1%
On how many of the last 30 days did you carry a weapon (other than a gun) on school property?	0 days	97%	93%	93%
	1 day	2%	3%	2%
	2 or 3 days	1%	1%	1%
	4 or 5 days	0%	1%	1%
	6 or more days	0%	2%	3%

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TABLE 25
SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE USE **
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Use of any tobacco products during the past 30 days ^	No	98%	85%	66%
	Yes	2%	15%	34%
Frequent use of any tobacco products during the past 30 days (used tobacco on 20 or more of the past 30 days) ^	No	100%	95%	85%
	Yes	0%	5%	15%
Frequent binge drinking in the past year (typically drank 5 or more drinks at a time and drank on 10 or more occasions during the past year)	No	100%	96%	82%
	Yes	0%	4%	18%
Any alcohol and/or other drug use during the past year (excluding tobacco)	No alcohol or other drug use in the past year	87%	59%	34%
	Used only alcohol in the past year	8%	23%	34%
	Used only marijuana/other drugs in the past year	2%	2%	2%
	Used both alcohol and marijuana/other drugs in the past year	3%	15%	30%

** These are all computed variables based on combinations of responses to two or more survey items.

^ New computed variables in 2007.

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TABLE 26
CIGARETTE USE AND AGE OF FIRST USE
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you smoke a cigarette?	0 days	98%	88%	74%
	1 or 2 days	1%	4%	6%
	3 to 5 days	0%	2%	3%
	6 to 9 days	0%	1%	2%
	10 to 19 days	0%	1%	3%
	20 to 29 days	0%	1%	3%
	All 30 days	0%	2%	8%
During the last 30 days, how frequently have you smoked cigarettes?	Never	98%	89%	76%
	Less than one cigarette per day	1%	5%	10%
	One to five cigarettes per day	0%	4%	8%
	About one-half pack per day	0%	1%	4%
	About one pack per day	0%	0%	2%
	About one and one-half packs per day	0%	0%	0%
	Two packs or more per day	0%	0%	0%
How old were you the first time you smoked part or all of a cigarette? ^	I have never smoked part or all of a cigarette	93%	73%	51%
	10 years old or younger	5%	7%	7%
	11 years old	2%	3%	3%
	12 years old	1%	4%	5%
	13 years old	0%	5%	5%
	14 years old	0%	6%	6%
	15 years old	0%	2%	7%
	16 years old	0%	0%	8%
	17 years old or older	0%	0%	8%

^ New question in 2007.

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TABLE 27
CIGAR AND SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE AND AGE OF FIRST USE ^
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff or dip?	0 days	99%	95%	90%
	1 or 2 days	0%	2%	3%
	3 to 5 days	0%	1%	1%
	6 to 9 days	0%	0%	1%
	10 to 19 days	0%	0%	1%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	1%
	All 30 days	0%	1%	3%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos or little cigars?	0 days	99%	94%	82%
	1 or 2 days	1%	3%	10%
	3 to 5 days	0%	1%	4%
	6 to 9 days	0%	1%	2%
	10 to 19 days	0%	1%	1%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	0%
	All 30 days	0%	1%	1%
How old were you the first time you smoked a cigar or used chewing tobacco?	I have never smoked a cigar or used chewing tobacco	97%	84%	59%
	10 years old or younger	2%	2%	2%
	11 years old	1%	1%	1%
	12 years old	0%	2%	2%
	13 years old	0%	3%	3%
	14 years old	0%	5%	4%
	15 years old	0%	2%	7%
	16 years old	0%	0%	10%
	17 years old or older	0%	0%	12%

^ New questions in 2007.

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TABLE 28
ACCESS TO TOBACCO *
Minnesota Statewide Data

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED TOBACCO IN THE LAST 30 DAYS		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
If you used tobacco, how did you get it in the last 30 days? (Mark all that apply)	Bought it at gas stations or convenience stores	19%	63%
	Bought it at bars or restaurants	2%	4%
	Bought it at grocery, discount, or drug stores	3%	11%
	Bought it at places like bowling alleys, video arcades, or pool halls	3%	2%
	Bought it from vending machines	2%	1%
	Bought it on the Internet	2%	1%
	Got it from friends	60%	46%
	Got it from my parents ^	9%	6%
	Got it from other family members ^	13%	6%
	Got it by getting someone else to buy for me	34%	15%
	Took it from my home	19%	5%
	Took it from a friend's home	12%	3%
	Took it from stores	8%	5%

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO BOUGHT TOBACCO IN THE LAST 30 DAYS		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
If you bought tobacco in the last 30 days, did you use a fake ID?	Yes	10%	5%
	No	90%	95%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New response option in 2007.

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TABLE 29
ALCOHOL USE FREQUENCY AND QUANTITY
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you had alcoholic beverages to drink?	0	90%	62%	36%
	1-2	7%	14%	13%
	3-5	2%	9%	12%
	6-9	1%	6%	10%
	10-19	0%	5%	11%
	20-39	0%	2%	8%
	40+	0%	2%	10%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you drink one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage?	0 days	96%	76%	52%
	1 or 2 days	3%	14%	20%
	3 to 5 days	0%	5%	13%
	6 to 9 days	0%	3%	8%
	10 to 19 days	0%	2%	4%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	1%
	All 30 days	0%	0%	1%
If you drink beer/wine/wine coolers/hard liquor, generally, how much (if any) do you drink at one time?	I don't drink beer/wine/wine coolers/hard liquor	92%	65%	38%
	1 glass, can, or drink	6%	13%	9%
	2 glasses, cans, or drinks	1%	6%	8%
	3 glasses, cans, or drinks	0%	5%	10%
	4 glasses, cans, or drinks	0%	3%	9%
	5 glasses, cans, or drinks	0%	2%	7%
	6 or more glasses, cans, or drinks	0%	5%	18%
Over the last 2 weeks, how many times (if any) have you had five or more drinks in a row? *	Never		87%	70%
	Once		6%	12%
	Twice		3%	9%
	3 - 5 times		2%	7%
	6 or more times		1%	3%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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TABLE 30
AGE OF FIRST ALCOHOL USE ^
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?	I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	83%	52%	26%
	10 years old or younger	11%	9%	6%
	11 years old	4%	4%	2%
	12 years old	2%	7%	4%
	13 years old	0%	12%	7%
	14 years old	0%	13%	11%
	15 years old	0%	3%	16%
	16 years old	0%	0%	16%
	17 years old or older	0%	0%	11%

^ New question in 2007.

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**TABLE 31
ACCESS TO ALCOHOL ***
Minnesota Statewide Data

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS **		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
If you used alcohol, how did you get it in the last 30 days? (Mark all that apply)	Bought it at gas stations or convenience stores ^	3%	3%
	Bought it at bars or restaurants	3%	5%
	Bought it at stores	5%	7%
	Bought it on the Internet	1%	1%
	Got it from friends	58%	68%
	Got it from my parents ^	17%	11%
	Got it from other family members ^	16%	12%
	Got it by getting someone else to buy for me	24%	38%
	Got it at parties	38%	43%
	Took it from my home	27%	13%
	Took it from a friend's home	15%	6%
	Took it from stores	4%	3%

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO BOUGHT ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
If you bought alcohol in the last 30 days, did you use a fake ID?	Yes	7%	7%
	No	93%	93%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

** Percentages are comparable to the 2001 and 2004 survey results. Percentages are based on all recent alcohol users, even if they skipped this question.

^New response option in 2007.

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TABLE 32
DRINKING AND DRIVING *
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
During the last 12 months, how many times have you driven a motor vehicle after using alcohol or other drugs?	0 times or no use	95%	75%
	Once	2%	9%
	Twice	1%	5%
	3 or more times	1%	11%
Do you ever ride with friends after they have been using alcohol or drugs?	No	71%	59%
	Yes, but rarely	15%	27%
	Yes, often	5%	10%
	None of my friends use alcohol or other drugs	9%	3%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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TABLE 33
MARIJUANA AND OTHER DRUG USE AND AGE OF FIRST USE ^
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana or hashish?	0 days	99%	90%	81%
	1 or 2 days	1%	4%	7%
	3 to 5 days	0%	2%	3%
	6 to 9 days	0%	1%	2%
	10 to 19 days	0%	1%	2%
	20 to 29 days	0%	1%	3%
	All 30 days	0%	1%	3%
How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?	I have never tried marijuana	98%	82%	60%
	10 years old or younger	1%	2%	1%
	11 years old	1%	1%	1%
	12 years old	0%	2%	2%
	13 years old	0%	5%	4%
	14 years old	0%	6%	6%
	15 years old	0%	2%	8%
	16 years old	0%	0%	9%
	17 years old or older	0%	0%	7%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use any of these "other drugs"?	0 days	99%	95%	93%
	1 or 2 days	1%	2%	3%
	3 to 5 days	0%	1%	2%
	6 to 9 days	0%	1%	1%
	10 to 19 days	0%	0%	1%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	0%
	All 30 days	0%	0%	0%
How old were you when you tried any of these "other drugs" for the first time?	I have never tried "other drugs"	97%	92%	87%
	10 years old or younger	2%	1%	1%
	11 years old	1%	1%	0%
	12 years old	0%	1%	1%
	13 years old	0%	2%	1%
	14 years old	0%	3%	1%
	15 years old	0%	1%	2%
	16 years old	0%	0%	4%
	17 years old or older	0%	0%	4%

^ New questions in 2007.

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TABLE 34
MARIJUANA, INHALANTS, HALLUCINOGENS AND HEROIN ^
Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
... used marijuana (bud, weed, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil)?	0	98%	85%	70%
	1-2	1%	5%	9%
	3-5	0%	3%	5%
	6-9	0%	2%	3%
	10-19	0%	2%	3%
	20-39	0%	1%	2%
	40+	0%	3%	8%
... sniffed glue, or breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any other gases or sprays in order to get high?	0	97%	96%	97%
	1-2	2%	2%	1%
	3-5	0%	1%	1%
	6-9	0%	0%	0%
	10-19	0%	0%	0%
	20-39	0%	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%	0%
... used LSD ("acid"), PCP (wet sticks or dipped joints), or other psychedelics (like mescaline, mushrooms, peyote)? *	0		97%	95%
	1-2		1%	3%
	3-5		1%	1%
	6-9		0%	1%
	10-19		0%	0%
	20-39		0%	0%
	40+		0%	0%
... used heroin? *	0		99%	99%
	1-2		0%	0%
	3-5		0%	0%
	6-9		0%	0%
	10-19		0%	0%
	20-39		0%	0%
	40+		0%	0%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Variations in wording for these items may affect year-to-year comparisons.

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TABLE 35
METHAMPHETAMINE, COCAINE AND ECSTASY *^
Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...</i>		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
... used methamphetamine (meth, glass, crank, crystal meth, ice) by any method?	0	99%	98%
	1-2	1%	1%
	3-5	0%	0%
	6-9	0%	0%
	10-19	0%	0%
	20-39	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%
... used "crack" (cocaine in chunk or rock form), or cocaine in any other form?	0	98%	95%
	1-2	1%	2%
	3-5	0%	1%
	6-9	0%	1%
	10-19	0%	1%
	20-39	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%
... used MDMA (E, X, "ecstasy"), GHB (G, Liquid E, Liquid X) or Ketamine ("Special K")?	0	98%	96%
	1-2	1%	2%
	3-5	0%	1%
	6-9	0%	1%
	10-19	0%	0%
	20-39	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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TABLE 36A
 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS *^
 Minnesota Statewide Data

During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
... used stimulants like Benzedrine or diet pills that were not prescribed for you by a doctor, or that you took only to get high?	0	97%	97%
	1-2	1%	1%
	3-5	1%	1%
	6-9	0%	0%
	10-19	0%	0%
	20-39	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%
... used your own or someone else's ADHD or ADD drugs like Ritalin (hyper pills) to get high?	0	97%	95%
	1-2	2%	2%
	3-5	1%	1%
	6-9	0%	1%
	10-19	0%	1%
	20-39	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%
... used OxyContin, Percocet, Percodan, Vicodin or other pain relievers that were not prescribed for you by a doctor, or that you took only to get high?	0	96%	93%
	1-2	2%	2%
	3-5	1%	2%
	6-9	1%	1%
	10-19	0%	1%
	20-39	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%
... used tranquilizers (Valium, Xanax, nerve pills) or sedatives or barbituates that were not prescribed for you by a doctor, or that you took only to get high?	0	98%	97%
	1-2	1%	1%
	3-5	0%	1%
	6-9	0%	1%
	10-19	0%	0%
	20-39	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New questions in 2007.

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TABLE 36B
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS *^
Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...</i>		Grade
		6th
		%
... used any prescription drugs that were not prescribed for you by a doctor, or that you took only to get high?	0	99%
	1-2	1%
	3-5	0%
	6-9	0%
	10-19	0%
	20-39	0%
	40+	0%

* 9th-12th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ Variations in wording for this item may affect year-to-year comparisons.

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TABLE 37
SUBSTANCE USE PATTERNS
Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>Do you ever use alcohol or other drugs ...</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
...before school?	Yes	1%	6%	12%
	No	99%	94%	88%
...during school?	Yes	1%	4%	9%
	No	99%	96%	91%
...right after school?	Yes	1%	11%	17%
	No	99%	89%	83%

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TABLE 38
SOCIAL DISAPPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE USE ^
Minnesota Statewide Data

			Grade		
			6th	9th	12th
			%	%	%
During the last 12 months, have you talked with at least one of your parents (or guardians) about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use?	Yes		62%	49%	45%
	No		38%	51%	55%
How do you think your close friends would feel if you...	... smoked one or more packs of cigarettes per day?	They would approve	2%	3%	4%
		They would not care at all	4%	12%	20%
		They would disapprove	10%	20%	27%
		They would strongly disapprove	84%	65%	49%
	... have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?	They would approve	2%	5%	9%
		They would not care at all	4%	19%	32%
		They would disapprove	11%	21%	24%
		They would strongly disapprove	82%	56%	35%
	... smoked marijuana once or twice a week?	They would approve	2%	5%	8%
		They would not care at all	3%	13%	22%
		They would disapprove	7%	15%	20%
		They would strongly disapprove	88%	67%	50%
	... used other drugs once or twice a week?	They would approve	2%	3%	3%
		They would not care at all	3%	8%	10%
		They would disapprove	7%	15%	18%
		They would strongly disapprove	88%	74%	69%

^ New questions in 2007.

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TABLE 39
PERCEIVED RISK OF HARM FROM SUBSTANCE USE ^
Minnesota Statewide Data

			Grade		
			6th	9th	12th
			%	%	%
How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they...	... smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?	No risk	5%	4%	5%
		Slight risk	6%	6%	7%
		Moderate risk	20%	20%	20%
		Great risk	68%	70%	68%
	... have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?	No risk	6%	5%	5%
		Slight risk	11%	13%	19%
		Moderate risk	28%	29%	32%
		Great risk	55%	54%	44%
	... smoke marijuana once or twice a week?	No risk	6%	7%	10%
		Slight risk	5%	11%	18%
		Moderate risk	15%	20%	25%
		Great risk	74%	62%	46%

^ New questions in 2007.

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TABLE 40A
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE *

Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>During the last 12 months ...</i>		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
... have you found that you had to use a lot more alcohol or other drugs than before to get the same effect?	No or no use	93%	86%
	Yes	7%	14%
... have you tried to cut down on your use of alcohol or other drugs but couldn't?	No or no use	94%	93%
	Yes	6%	7%
... have you continued to use alcohol or other drugs even though you knew it was hurting your relationships with friends or family? ^	No or no use	92%	90%
	Yes	8%	10%
... how many times have you spent all or most of the day using alcohol or other drugs, or getting over their effects?	0 times or no use	86%	74%
	Once	7%	10%
	Twice	3%	5%
	3 or more times	4%	10%
... how many times have you given up important social or recreational activities like sports or being with friends or relatives in order to use alcohol or other drugs or to get over their effects? ^	0 times or no use	93%	87%
	Once	3%	6%
	Twice	2%	3%
	3 or more times	2%	3%
... how many times has alcohol or other drug use left you feeling depressed, agitated, paranoid, or unable to concentrate?	0 times or no use	91%	84%
	Once	5%	8%
	Twice	2%	4%
	3 or more times	3%	5%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Variations in wording for this item may affect year-to-year comparisons.

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TABLE 40B
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE *
Minnesota Statewide Data

<i>During the last 12 months ...</i>		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
... how many times have you missed work or school, or neglected other major responsibilities because of alcohol or other drug use? ^	0 times or no use	95%	90%
	Once	2%	5%
	Twice	1%	3%
	3 or more times	1%	3%
... how many times has alcohol or other drug use caused you problems with the law?	0 times or no use	95%	91%
	Once	3%	6%
	Twice	1%	2%
	3 or more times	1%	1%
... how many times have you hit someone or become violent while using alcohol or other drugs?	0 times or no use	95%	92%
	Once	3%	5%
	Twice	1%	2%
	3 or more times	1%	2%
... how many times have you used so much alcohol or other drugs that later you could not remember what you had said or done?	0 times or no use	86%	70%
	Once	7%	13%
	Twice	3%	7%
	3 or more times	4%	10%
... how many times have you used more alcohol or other drugs than you intended to?	0 times or no use	87%	73%
	Once	6%	11%
	Twice	3%	6%
	3 or more times	3%	10%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Variations in wording for this item may affect year-to-year comparisons.

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TABLE 41A
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR *
Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
Have you ever had sexual intercourse ("had sex")? ^	No	81%	51%
	Yes, once or twice	9%	9%
	Yes, 3 times or more	10%	40%
During the last 12 months, with how many different male partners have you had sexual intercourse?	None	90%	71%
	1 person	6%	17%
	2 persons	2%	6%
	3 persons	1%	3%
	4 persons	0%	1%
	5 persons	0%	1%
	6 or more persons	1%	2%
During the last 12 months, with how many different female partners have you had sexual intercourse?	None	89%	76%
	1 person	5%	13%
	2 persons	2%	5%
	3 persons	1%	2%
	4 persons	1%	1%
	5 persons	0%	1%
	6 or more persons	2%	2%
How many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?	0 times	97%	95%
	1 time	1%	3%
	2 or more times	1%	1%
	Not sure	1%	1%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Variations in wording for this item may affect year-to-year comparisons.

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**TABLE 41B
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR *
Minnesota Statewide Data**

SEXUALLY ACTIVE STUDENTS ONLY		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
Have you talked with your partner(s) about protecting yourselves from getting STDs/HIV/AIDS? **	Never	40%	34%
	Not with every partner	15%	15%
	At least once with every partner	45%	50%
Have you talked with partner(s) about preventing pregnancy? **	Never	36%	23%
	Not with every partner	14%	14%
	At least once with every partner	50%	63%
If you have sexual intercourse, how often do you and/or your partner use any birth control method?	Never	34%	14%
	Rarely	9%	5%
	Sometimes	8%	6%
	Usually	11%	12%
	Always	38%	62%
If you have sexual intercourse, how often is a condom used?	Never	12%	13%
	Rarely	7%	11%
	Sometimes	7%	10%
	Usually	14%	19%
	Always	59%	47%
The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?	Yes	71%	63%
	No	29%	37%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

** The results for these questions are comparable to the 2001 and 2004 survey results.

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**TABLE 42
REASONS FOR SEXUAL ABSTINENCE ***

Minnesota Statewide Data

		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
If you do not have sexual intercourse, what factors influence your choice not to? (Mark all that apply)	One or both of my parents would object	61%	47%
	I don't want to have sex	43%	36%
	Most students in my school don't have sex	11%	3%
	My friends don't have sex	35%	19%
	I don't think it's right for a person my age to have sex	59%	35%
	I'm afraid of getting caught	26%	14%
	My religious or spiritual beliefs	35%	38%
	Sex education at school has shown me the advantages of waiting until I'm older	35%	21%
	I don't want to get a sexually transmitted disease	60%	45%
	Fear of pregnancy ^	55%	51%
	My parents have taught me the advantages of waiting until I'm older	37%	28%
	I have chosen to wait until I'm married	40%	38%
	Other reason(s) ^^	38%	41%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Variations in wording for this item may affect year-to-year comparisons.

^^ New response option in 2007.