

Monroe County Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

2017 Results

Monroe County Youth Risk Behavior Survey was completed by 1,443 high school students in Monroe County in the spring of 2017 in the School Districts of: Cashton, Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton, Sparta, and Tomah. Arrows show significant increases ↑ or decreases ↓ in student behavior from the previous year greater than 2%.



Among Monroe County High School Students...		2011	2013	2015	2017
ASSETS	Strongly agree or agree that their family loves and gives help and support	83%	79%	78%	75%↓
	Strongly agree or agree teachers really care and give them a lot of encouragement	58%	47%	49%	49%
	Feel like they belong at school	63%	56%	59%	52%↓
	Have at least one adult at school they could talk to if they have a problem	67%	62%	66%	64%
SAFETY	Rarely or never wore a seat belt	12%	11%	7%	6%
	Rode with someone who had been drinking in past 30 days	21%	20%	22%	19%↓
	Drove after drinking alcohol in past 30 days	8%	9%	7%	6%
	Texted or emailed while driving in past 30 days	NA	NA	30%	32%
	Were ever hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend during the past 12 months	8%	11%	7%	7%
	Did not go to school because they felt unsafe	4%	7%	6%	7%
	Sent or posted a sexually explicit photo of themselves	NA	NA	24%	28%↑
MENTAL HEALTH	Felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row	20%	24%	28%	31%↑
	Seriously considered suicide in last 12 months	13%	13%	17%	19%
	Most of the time or always get the kind of help you need when you feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious	NA	NA	16%	14%
	Bullied on school property in past 12 months	23%	29%	33%	32%
	Electronically bullied during the past 12 months	17%	22%	22%	22%
ALCOHOL & DRUGS	Drank alcohol in past 30 days	36%	38%	28%	29%
	Binge drank in past 30 days	20%	23%	17%	19%
	Used marijuana in lifetime	25%	28%	28%	26%
	Used heroin one or more times in lifetime	2%	3%	1%	2%
	Used meth one or more times in past 30 days	NA	NA	NA	2%
	Used prescription drug without a doctor's permission in lifetime	18%	18%	14%	10%↓
	Were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug by someone on school property in the past 12 months	10%	13%	12%	7%↓
TOBACCO	Smoked cigarettes at least once in past 30 days	19%	17%	13%	12%
	Used chewing tobacco at least once in past 30 days	12%	12%	12%	10%
	Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on one or more of the past 30 days	13%	12%	9%	9%
	Used an E-cigarette in past 30 days	NA	NA	12%	8%↓
	Used an electronic vapor product in the past 30 days	NA	NA	NA	15%
HEALTH	Have ever had sex	44%	45%	39%	41%
	Drank one or more pops per day during past week	30%	25%	23%	22%
	Watched TV for 3 or more hours/day	27%	29%	23%	20%↓
	Played video games or used a computer for non-school work 3 or more hours/day	25%	30%	39%	41%
	Physically active 60 or more minutes/day on five or more days/week	52%	54%	51%	53%

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