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Introduction

The Madison County 2007 Teen Assessment Project (TAP) Survey was administered as part of an ongoing process to assess the risk and protective factors, developmental assets and resources present in the lives of children and adolescents in Madison County. The TAP Survey provided a voluntary, confidential, anonymous and structured process for obtaining responses to a wide range of questions from a large number of teens.

Professor Stephen Small, Department of Child and Family Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison developed the TAP Survey in 1988. It has been extensively field tested and refined in the ensuing years. The survey questions cover a variety of topics and have the flexibility to be adjusted to meet local needs.

One thousand two hundred fifty-nine (1,259) teens in Madison County participated in the 2007 TAP Survey. The TAP Survey was administered in nine (9) Madison County school districts and the Alternative School at Madison-Oneida BOCES during the 2006/2007 school year. The survey was administered in middle and high school health classes in eight of the school districts and at the Alternative School. One district also chose to administer the survey to its seventh grade students in addition to students attending health classes. One school district chose to survey students in its seventh grade only.

The 2007 TAP Survey consisted of 140 questions designed to gather data regarding youth behaviors, concerns, and opinions on a wide variety of topics

which, when taken together, paint a picture of what is "typical" among the youth in our community.

The information obtained from the TAP Survey provides a valuable supplement to other countywide assessments by providing the teen perspective on important issues. It is hoped that the data gathered from the TAP Survey will be useful when planning and developing appropriate programs and services to help youth make the increasingly difficult transition into adulthood, and when trying to obtain and prioritize resources to be used for these efforts.

Survey Methodology

The Madison County Youth Bureau, in cooperative with Madison-Oneida BOCES and the chief school officers of the participating schools in Madison County, facilitated the administration of the TAP Survey. District teachers, predominantly health teachers, administered the survey during class time. To standardize the survey administration, teachers followed a protocol that included a standardized script containing survey instructions that were read to the students.

The Department of Development Sociology at Cornell University is the central distribution point for the TAP Survey in New York State. Under the leadership of Professor Thomas A. Hirschl, the department provided technical assistance, electronically scanned the answer sheets and compiled the databases.

Analysis of Survey Results

The 2007 TAP Survey asks questions relating to youth behaviors, concerns, and opinions in nine topic areas relevant to teens. These areas are: Student Worries;

Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug Use; Perceptions of School and Community; Relationships with Parents and other Adults; Relationships with Friends; Mental Health and Perception of Self; Sexual Behaviors and Perceptions; Sexual and Physical Abuse and Violence; and Involvement in Leisure Time Activities. The TAP Survey was designed to obtain data regarding involvement in risky behaviors, as well as the positive influences, developmental assets and supports that young people have in their homes, communities and schools.

Similar versions to the 2007 Madison County TAP Survey were administered to students in middle and high school health classes in Madison County school districts and the Alternative High School at Madison-Oneida BOCES in 2003 and in 1999. Information obtained from the 1999 and 2003 TAP Surveys will be used for comparison purposes.

Each of the TAP Survey topic areas will be briefly summarized in the sections that follow. Where appropriate, meaningful comparisons between sub-groups of respondents, based upon gender, age or grade level will be presented. Comparisons between responses to the 2007 and the 2003 and 1999 TAP Surveys will also be highlighted where meaningful and appropriate. In addition, comparisons of some of the responses of Madison County youth will be made to the responses of students in grades 9 through 12 from throughout the United States who participated in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. A summary of grade level responses to the 2007 TAP Survey can be found in Appendix A of

this report. A summary of the aggregate responses to the 1999, 2003 and the 2007 TAP Surveys can be found in Appendix B. The appendices can be found at the end of this report. For the purpose of this report all responses will be shown as percentages and will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Demographics

The 1,259 valid responses to the TAP Survey represent approximately 23% of the total population of students, grades 7 through 12, in the school districts surveyed. Due to the variability between school districts regarding the grades in which students take middle and high school health classes, the 2007 TAP Survey obtained a cross representation of responses from students in grades 7 through 12. The sample should be sufficient in size to provide reliable and representative results for each grade.

The proportion of females and males in the sample was evenly divided at 50% females, 50% males. The sample population for the 2007 TAP Survey consisted of a larger percentage of younger students than in previous TAP Surveys. Sixty-seven percent of the students in the sample were 14 years old or younger, compared to 52% in the 2003 TAP Survey and 47% in the 1999 TAP Survey. Sixty-six percent of the sample population in 2007 was in 7th or 8th grade (middle school), compared to 46% in 2003 and 45% in 1999. Students in the 7th, 8th and 10th grades made up the largest proportion of students in the sample (Figure 1).

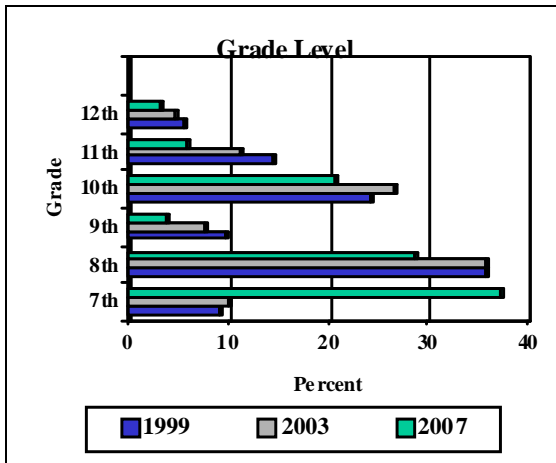


Figure 1.

The significantly larger percentage of younger students participating in the 2007 TAP Survey, particularly students in the 7th grade, may have implications when trying to determine trends based on comparing aggregate responses to questions in 2007 with aggregate responses given in 2003 and 1999. Where appropriate, meaningful comparisons between responses by grade level will be presented.

The majority of the students in the sample (58%) came from two parent households (Figure 2). This is consistent with the responses from the 2003 and 1999 TAP Surveys, where 61% and 57% respectively reported being from two parent households.

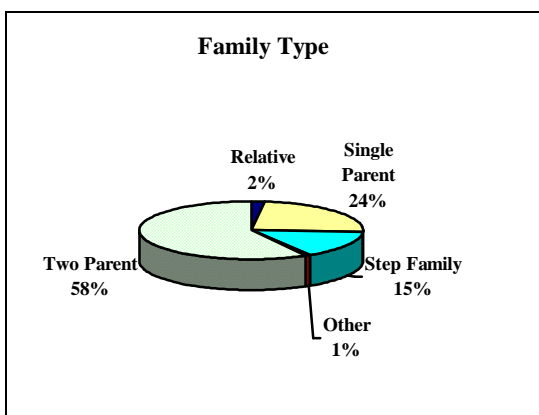


Figure 2.

Student Worries

Students were asked how much they worry about a variety of issues. In general, student responses in this section were consistent with those given on the 2003 TAP Survey and showed no significant variance between grade levels.

Students indicated their greatest level of worry regarding issues related to their parents and family. Survey responders indicated that they worry “A Fair Amount” or “A Lot” about getting along with their parents (59%); about how well their parents get along with each other (55%) and that their family has enough money to get by (50%). One-quarter of the students responded that they worry “A Fair Amount” or “A Lot” that their parent(s) drink or use drugs.

Students also indicated that they worry “A Fair Amount” or “A Lot” about getting good grades (81%) and about how they look (53%). Females reported that they worried about how they look significantly more (65%) than males did (41%).

Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drugs

The TAP Survey asked a variety of questions related to the usage of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other drugs. Questions focused on their availability, frequency of use and age of first use.

About 82% of all students responded that they have never smoked a whole cigarette. This is a significant increase from the 67% that responded that they have never smoked a whole cigarette on the 2003 TAP Survey and 49% that reported this on the 1999 TAP Survey. Almost 89% of responders in grades 7 and 8 reported that they had never smoked

a whole cigarette, compared to 64% of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported that they have never smoked a whole cigarette.

These percentages indicate a reduction in smoking from the 2003 TAP Survey, where 75% of students in grades 7 and 8 and 57% of students in grades 9 through 12 reported that they had never smoked a whole cigarette (Figure 3). Nationally, 58% of students in grades 9 through 12 reported that they had never smoked a whole cigarette on the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

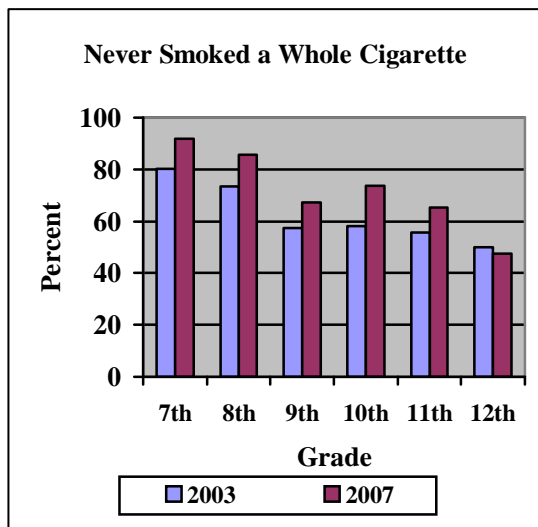


Figure 3

About nine percent of all responders reported that they have smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days. About 5% of students in grades 7 and 8 and 20% of students in grades 9 through 12 reported smoking in the past 30 days. These are decreases from the responses on the 2003 TAP Survey, where 13% of students in grades 7 and 8 and 24% of students in grades 9 through 12 reported smoking in the past 30 days.

The majority of those students who reported that they smoke indicated that they were between 11 and 14 years old

when they smoked their first whole cigarette (Figure 4). This is consistent with the responses from both the 1999 and 2003 TAP Surveys.

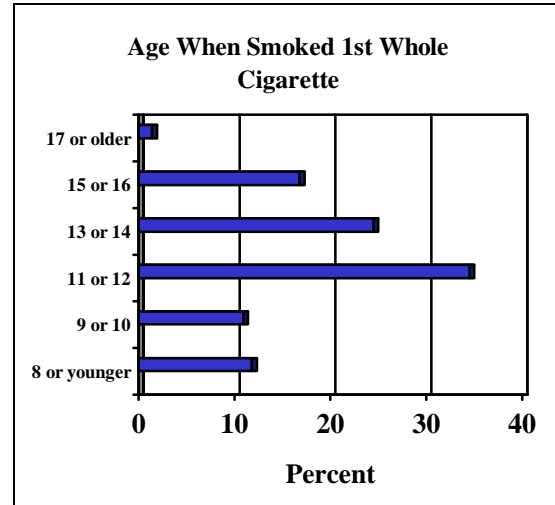


Figure 4.

Alcohol continues to be identified as the drug most frequently used by responders to the TAP Survey. Almost one-third (31%) of all respondents reported drinking alcohol. This percentage appears to show a significant decrease from the 45% that reported drinking alcohol on the 2003 TAP Survey. However, further analysis by grade level responses indicates this percentage is influenced by the low percentage of 7th graders (11%) that responded that they drink alcohol. There does appear to be a decrease in alcohol use at the middle school level. About 18% of students in 7th and 8th grades reported that they drink alcohol on the 2007 TAP Survey compared to 24% of students in grades 7 and 8 that reported that they drink alcohol on the 2003 TAP Survey. The percentage rises dramatically for students in grades 9 through 12, where 58% reported on the 2007 TAP Survey that they drink alcohol. This is comparable to the 59% of students in grades 9 through 12 that reported they drink alcohol on the 2003 TAP Survey, but is significantly lower than the 75% of students in grades 9 through 12 nationally

that reported that they drink alcohol on the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

About 9% of the students reported that they drank alcohol a few times a month, and another 3% reported drinking alcohol more often than that. Twelve percent reported having five or more drinks within a two or three hour period at least once during the past month.

Students reported obtaining alcohol from a variety of sources. Students in grades 7 through 9 reported that, if they drank, they most often got their alcohol either from their parent’s house without them knowing it or from a friend’s house without their parents knowing it. The majority of students in grades 10 through 12 reported that if they drank, they most often got their alcohol from someone of legal age buying it for them or giving it to them.

Of those students that drink, the majority indicated that they were between 11 and 14 years old when they had their first drink of alcohol other than a few sips (Figure 5).

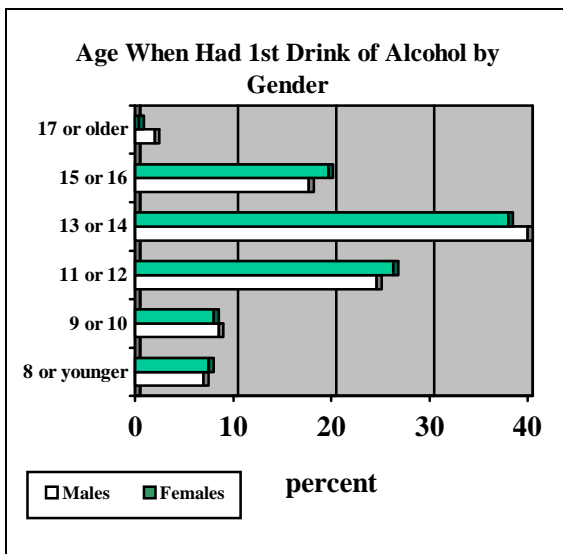


Figure 5.

Nearly 23% of respondents reported that during the past six months they had either driven or ridden in a vehicle when the driver had been drinking alcohol. Equal percentages of males and females reported this behavior. Seven percent of all responders reported doing so three or more times.

About 17% of the students surveyed reported that they have tried marijuana. Again, this appears to show a dramatic decrease in marijuana use from the 28% of students on the 2003 TAP Survey and the 33% on the 1999 TAP Survey that reported that they had tried marijuana. However, further analysis by grade level responses indicates this percentage is influenced by the low percentage of 7th graders (3%) that responded that they have tried marijuana. This percentage rises to 52% for 12th graders. Seven percent of students in grades 7 and 8 reported that they have tried marijuana. This is a decrease from the 2003 TAP Survey where 12% of students in grades 7 and 8 reported that they have tried marijuana. About 40% of students in grades 9 through 12 reported that they have tried marijuana. This is only slightly lower than the 44% of students in grades 9 through 12 that reported that they have tried marijuana on the 2003 TAP Survey, and is consistent with the 39% of students in grades 9 through 12 nationally that reported that they have tried marijuana on the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Of those students that use marijuana, the majority indicated that they were 13 or 14 when they tried marijuana for the first time. About 6% of respondents reported using marijuana a few times a month or more.

About 8% of respondents reported that they had sniffed glue or inhaled aerosol spray cans to get high, about 4% reported trying

cocaine or crack at least once, 3% reported trying steroid pills or shots without a doctor’s prescription, and about 5% reported using some other kind of illegal drug at least once. Contradictory to what was seen with tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana use, students did not report a significant difference between grade levels in their use of substances of these types (Figure 6).

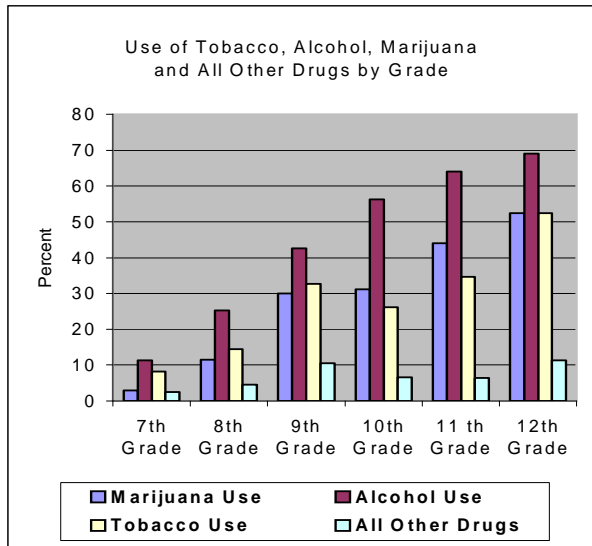


Figure 6.

When asked how easy it was to get alcohol, marijuana or tobacco products, 52% of the responders reported that it would be “Easy” or “Very Easy” to get alcohol. Students in grades 9 through 12 reported this at significantly higher rates (76%) than did responders in grades 7 and 8 (42%). This compares to the 71% of students in grades 9 through 12 and 47% of students in grades 7 and 8 who reported that it would be “Easy” or “Very Easy” to get alcohol on the 2003 TAP Survey.

About 28% reported it would be “Easy” or “Very Easy” to get marijuana, with students in grades 9 through 12 reporting this at almost four times the rate (58%) as

did students in grades 7 and 8 (15%). This compares to the 59% of students in grades 9 through 12 and 21% of students in grades 7 and 8 who reported it would be “Easy” or “Very Easy” to get marijuana on the 2003 TAP Survey.

Forty percent of the responders reported it would be “Easy” or “Very Easy” to get tobacco products. Again students in grades 9 through 12 reported this at a significantly higher rate (68%) than did student in grades 7 and 8 (27%). This compares to the 68% of students in grades 9 through 12 and 37% of students in grades 7 and 8 who reported that it was “Easy” or “Very Easy” to get tobacco products on the 2003 TAP Survey.

Figure 7 below illustrates the grade level responses on the 2007 TAP Survey of those students that reported that it is “Easy” or “Very Easy” to get alcohol, marijuana or tobacco products.

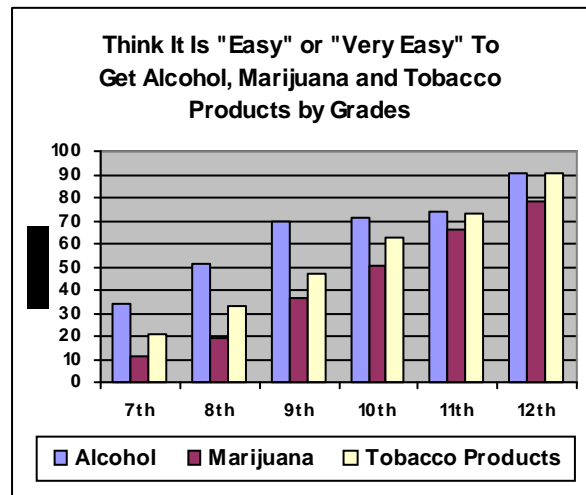


Figure 7.

Students listed concerns about health effects or addiction, and family influence as the two largest factors that influenced their decision to not use or stop using tobacco, alcohol or drugs.

Perceptions of School and Community

Students were presented with a series of statements about their school and community and asked to agree or disagree with the statements.

The majority of the respondents (67%) agree that they enjoy going to school. Eighty-four percent of the students agreed that teachers genuinely care about them and how they do in school, and 83% agreed that teachers treated them with respect. About 90% of the students agreed that they themselves treated teachers with respect. Females agreed with this statement at a higher rate than males.

About 83% of responders agreed that they feel safe in their school. This is an increase from the 76% that agreed that they felt safe in their school on the 2003 TAP Survey. One out of every five respondents reported that they have missed school at least once during the past year because they felt they would be unsafe either at school or on their way to or from school. Females reported this at a higher rate than did males.

Twenty-seven percent of the respondents reported that they have changed schools at least once in the past five years because they moved to a different community or neighborhood.

The 2007 TAP Survey results also indicated that slightly over three-quarters (79%) of the respondents feel safe in their community. About 70% of students agreed that adults in their community care about and value kids their age, and 81% agreed that there are adults in their

community whom they could count on to help them if they had a problem.

About 50% of the students agreed with the statement "In my community, there are fun things for kids my age to do". This is an increase from the 2003 TAP Survey where 44% of the respondents agreed with this statement. Whereas students in grades 8 through 12 generally agreed with this statement at slightly higher rates on the 2007 TAP Survey than on the 2003 TAP Survey, only 58% of 7th graders reported agreeing with this statement on the 2007 TAP Survey. This is a significant decrease from the 86% of 7th graders that agreed with this statement on the 2003 TAP Survey (Figure 8).

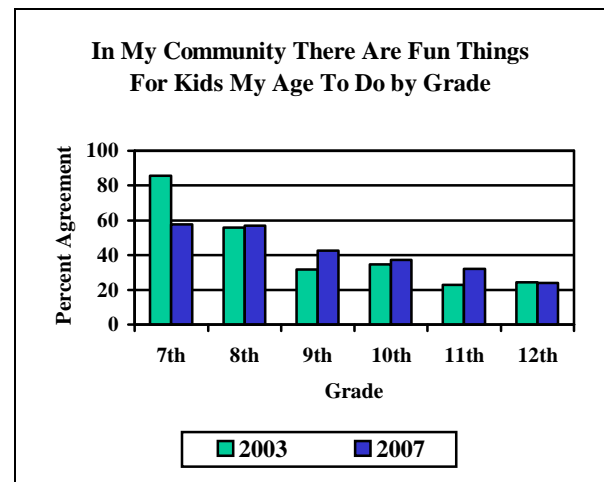


Figure 8.

Relationships with Parents and Other Adults

Recognizing that parents can be the single greatest influence on the social, emotional and physical development of a child, students were asked a number of questions related to their relationship with their parent(s) or the adult(s) they live with most of the time.

The TAP Survey results indicated that, as a whole, students feel safe in their homes and

that they can turn to a parent if they have a serious personal problem and need someone to talk to.

About three-quarters of the students (73%) reported that their parents set clear rules for them to follow "Often" or "Always". This response was fairly consistent across grade levels and between males and females. A majority of all responders (59%) indicated that their parents "Often" or "Always" discipline or punished them when they broke the rules, and another 31% indicated that this occurred "Occasionally".

Most students reported that their parent(s) "Always or "Often" know what they are doing after school (86%), know their friends (82%) and expect them to call if they are not at home (83%).

Over half of the students (56%) reported that their parent(s) have talked to them about the risks of being sexually active in the past year. Female students reported this at a higher rate (62%) than did male students (50%). Almost two-thirds of the students (65%) reported that their parent(s) have talked with them about the risks of smoking, drinking or taking drugs in the past year. Again, female students reported this at a slightly higher rate (68%) than did male students (63%).

Over half of the students (53%) also reported that their parents discussed with them their family's history, faith, and values at least sometimes.

Almost 69% of students reported that their parents discussed with them their job or education plans after high school at least sometimes, with about 43% reporting these discussions as "Often" or

"Very Often". Students in grades 10 through 12 reported these discussions as "Often" or "Very Often" at almost twice the rate (66%) as did students in grades 7 through 9 (36%).

What teens perceive their parents think about certain behaviors can also influence the decisions they make. About 88% of the students agreed that their parents think youth their age should wait to have sexual intercourse; about 90% agreed that their parents think youth their age shouldn't drink alcohol; and 93% agreed that their parents think youth their age shouldn't use tobacco products (Figure 9). These percentages are consistent with student responses on the 2003 TAP Survey.

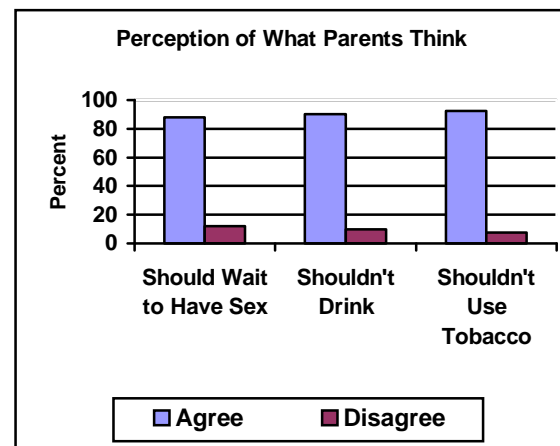


Figure 9.

Almost 30% of the students identified a parent/step-parent as the person they generally talk to when they have a problem. Male students reported this at a slightly higher rate (33%) than did female students (27%).

Sixty percent listed their parents as at least "Some Help" in deterring them from engaging in harmful or illegal activities, with 40% of students feeling that their parents are "Very Helpful". Positive role models were the next most highly rated as

providing at least “Some Help” (58%), followed by after-school and weekend activities (48%).

Relationships with Friends

Peer pressure and the influence of friends can play an important role in adolescent behavior. Research shows that many of the choices that teens make are influenced by their friends and the desire to fit in. Teens that associate with friends that don’t engage in negative, illegal or harmful activities are less likely to engage in those activities themselves than those whose friends do engage in problem behaviors. Over 81% of all respondents agreed that their friends would try to stop them if they wanted to do something foolish or dangerous. Females reported this at a significantly higher rate (91%) than did males (72%).

What teens believe their friends think about certain behaviors can also influence the choices they make. More than 4 out of every 5 students (81%) agreed that their friends feel it is important to get good grades and work hard in school. Females reported this at a higher rate (86%) than did males (76%).

About 60% of all respondents agreed that their friends think that postponing sexual intercourse until after high school is a good idea. Students in 7th and 8th grades were twice as likely to agree as were students in grades 9 through 12. Females also agreed at a significantly higher rate (69%) than did males (51%).

About 82% of all respondents agreed that their friends think that you don’t need to drink or do drugs in order to have a good time. Again, student respondents in the 7th and 8th grades agreed at a significantly

higher rate (89%) than did students in grades 9 through 12 (69%). Female respondents agreed at a slightly higher rate than did males (Figure 10).

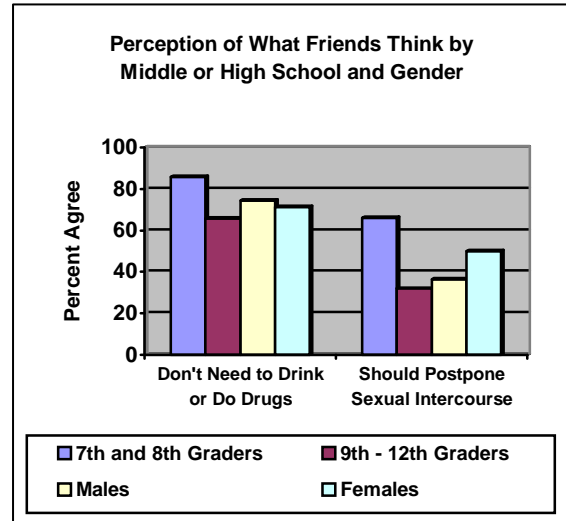


Figure 10.

About 21% of responders agreed that they let friends talk them into doing things they really don’t want to do.

Mental Health and Perceptions of Self

As in the previous two TAP Surveys, mental health issues were represented very narrowly by questions in the survey. Primarily, data gathered measured feelings of loneliness, isolation, and depression among the respondents.

One out of every five students reported that they worry a “Fair Amount” or “A Lot” that no one loves or cares about them. Females reported this at a slightly higher rate than did males.

The 2007 TAP Survey results indicated that most students generally talk to someone when they have a problem. The majority reported that they spoke with either a friend (44%) or a parent (30%). However, some

isolation was also reported, with about 11% of all students responding that they did not talk about problems with anyone. Males were almost twice more likely to feel this way than females.

About one third of the student responders (32%) reported that they had been despondent during the past 6 months (i.e. felt depressed, helpless, hopeless or very sad for a period of 2 weeks or longer). Thirty-six percent of students in grades 9 through 12 reported this. This is a reduction from the responses on the 2003 TAP Survey where 43% of students in grades 9 through 12 reported being despondent during the past 6 months. Thirty percent of students in grades 7 and 8 reported being despondent during the past 6 months on the 2007 TAP Survey compared to 28% in 2003. Females were also considerably more likely to feel this way (38%) than were males (24%).

One means of escape from such feeling is to run away from home in order to avoid situations that may be contributing to these feelings. More than one out of every three students (37%) reported that they had seriously thought about running away from home at least once during the past year. Females reported this at a higher rate than did males. However, only about 2% of all student responders reported that they actually had run away from home at some point during the past year.

A more serious reaction to despondency is the consideration of suicide. About 13% of the students reported that they had seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year. Females reported this at a higher rate (15%) than did males

(9%). About 11% of the responders in grades 7 and 8 reported this. This is a slight decrease from the responses on the 2003 TAP Survey, where 14% of students in grades 7 and 8 reported that they had seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year. About 14% of students in grades 9 through 12 reported that they had seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year. This is a significant decrease from the responses on the 2003 TAP Survey, where about 22% of students in grades 9 through 12 reported this. It is also lower than the 17% of students in grades 9 through 12 nationally that reported that they had seriously considered attempting suicide on the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

About 7% of all responders reported that they had gone as far as to make a plan about how they would attempt suicide during the past year. This is lower than the responses on the 2003 and 1999 TAP Surveys where 12% and 16% respectively reported that they had made a plan about how they would attempt suicide during the past year. Students in grades 7 and 8 and in grades 9 through 12 responded to this question at fairly similar rates (7% and 6% respectively). Their responses were significantly lower than the 13% of students in grades 9 through 12 nationally that reported that they had made a plan about how they would attempt suicide on the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

About 6% of the respondents indicated that they had actually attempted suicide in the past year. This is a slight decrease from the 9% that reported this on the 2003 TAP Survey. Students in grades 7 and 8 and in grades 9 through 12 reported this at equal rates (Figure 11).

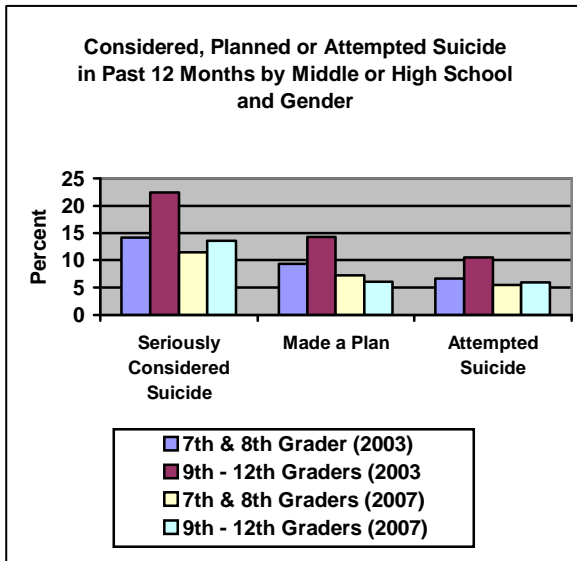


Figure 11.

This percentage is slightly lower than the 8% of students in grades 9 through 12 nationally that reported that they had made a suicide attempt in the past year on the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Sexual Behaviors and Perceptions

Students were asked a series of questions relating to sexual activity and issues surrounding pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, birth control and abstinence.

About 80% of all students reported that they have never had sexual intercourse. About 89% of the respondents in grades 7 and 8 reported this. This compares to the 84% of students in grades 7 and 8 that reported that they have never had sexual intercourse on the 2003 TAP Survey. Fifty-six percent of students in grades 9 through 12 reported that they have never had sexual intercourse. This shows a decrease from the 63% of students in grades 9 through 12 that reported that they have never had sexual intercourse on

the 2003 TAP Survey, but is comparable to the 53% of students in grades 9 through 12 nationally that reported that they have never had sexual intercourse. A higher percentage of males reported that they have had sexual intercourse (22%) than did females (18%). Males reported having their first sexual intercourse at a younger age than did females (Figure 12).

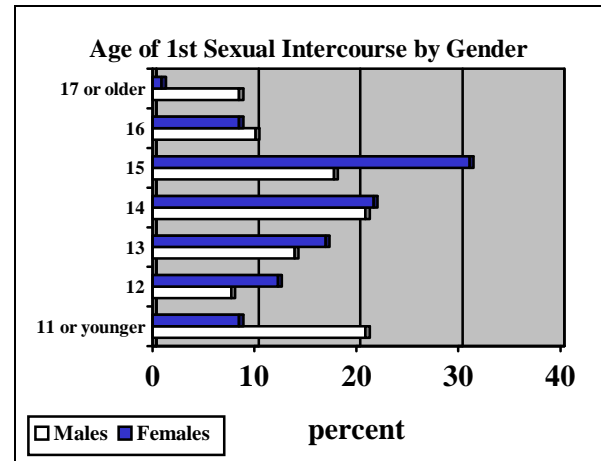


Figure 12.

Among students who reported being sexually active, about 55% report always using birth control, with those students in grades 9 through 12 reporting always using birth control at a significantly higher rate (75%) than students in grades 7 and 8 (48%).

Among students who reported being sexually active, about 36% report at least sometimes drinking or using drugs before they have sexual intercourse. This is consistent with the 35% that reported this on the 2003 TAP Survey and is a decrease from the 47% that reported this on the 1999 TAP survey.

About 3% of the students reported that they were currently abstinent. Abstinence was defined in the TAP Survey as refraining from having sexual intercourse until you are married.

Consistent with the responses on the 2003 and 1999 TAP Surveys, students listed concerns about health risks or pregnancy, and family influence as the two largest factors that influenced their decisions about sexual activity.

Sexual and Physical Abuse and Violence

The TAP Survey asked youth a variety of questions related to sexual and physical harassment, abuse and other acts of violence.

About one out of five students (21%) reported that they had experienced some form of sexual harassment from other youth during the past year, and about 8% reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment from an adult.

Almost 16% of all respondents reported some type of unwanted physical, sexual contact with another teen. This contact is summarized in Figure 13. Females were more than twice more likely to report this unwanted contact than were males.

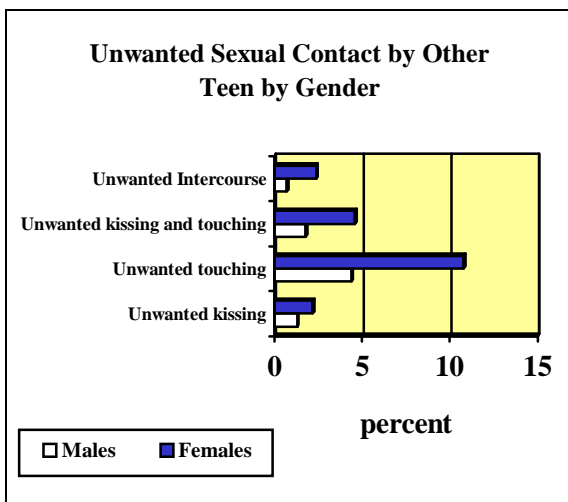


Figure 13.

Almost 7% of all students reported similar unwanted sexual contact with an

adult. The majority of responders told either a parent or a teen friend about the unwanted physical or sexual contact.

About 15% reported that they had done something sexual with another person which that person did not want to do.

About 12% of respondents reported being physically harmed by an adult at home in the past year, while almost 16% of responders reported being physically hurt by another teen during the past year.

About 16% of the students surveyed reported that they feel constantly teased, threatened, or harassed by other youth. Students in grades 7 through 9 reported this at a higher rate (18%) than did students in grades 10 through 12 (13%). Males and females reported this at almost equal rates.

Over one third of respondents (36%) reported that in the past 6 months they have used physical force or threatened people in order to win an argument or get their own way. Males reported this at a higher rate (41%) than did females (32%).

About 4% of the students reported that they had carried a weapon (i.e. knife, club) on school property in the past year with the intent to harm someone or to protect themselves or others. Males were more likely to report this than females. A slightly higher percent (6%) reported that they had carried a weapon in the community in the past year with the intent to harm someone or to protect themselves or others.

Involvement in Leisure Time Activities

The TAP Survey listed a variety of activities that young people might participate in during non-classroom hours and asked

students to indicate how many hours each week they spend on each activity.

Over half of the students (57%) reported staying at home with no parents present two or more hours per week, with 8% reporting that they spend eleven or more hours per week at home with no parents present.

Two-thirds of the students (66%) reported spending two or more hours per week watching TV, playing video or computer games. This is a slight decrease from the 70% of students that reported doing this on the 2003 and 1999 TAP Surveys.

Over half of the students (54%) indicated that they spend two or more hours a week being online (chatting, surfing the net, etc.). This is a slight decrease from the 59% that reported this on the 2003 TAP Survey. Nearly 15% reported that they spend eleven or more hours per week online. Again, this was a slight decrease from the 18% that reported that they spend eleven or more hours per week online on the 2003 TAP Survey.

Forty-eight percent of respondents reported spending two or more hours a week participating in school and community sponsored activities, and 58% reported spending two or more hours per week in organized sports.

About 48% of respondents indicated they spent two or more hours per week doing fun things with their family. This is consistent with the 47% that reported that they spent two or more hours per week doing fun things with their family on the 2003 TAP Survey and is a slight decrease from the 54% that reported this on the 1999 TAP Survey.

Forty-four percent of respondents indicated they spent two or more hours per week doing homework or studying. This is down from the 51% who reported this on the 2003 TAP Survey and the 63% who reported this on the 1999 TAP Survey.

About 33% of all students reported spending at least one hour per week doing volunteer community service. This is a slight increase from the 28% of all students who reported this on both the 2003 and 1999 TAP Surveys.

Conclusions

The 2007 TAP Survey is the third TAP Survey conducted in Madison County. It continues the commitment to obtaining the teen perspective on important issues concerning them and provides the opportunity to compare student responses in 2007 with those from students in 2003 and 1999 to determine changes in behaviors and attitudes and whether trends are starting to emerge.

The results of the 2007 TAP Survey confirm the finding from both the 1999 and 2003 TAP Surveys that the majority of youth in Madison County are **not** engaging in negative, illegal or harmful activities. The majority of all students surveyed reported that they have never smoked a whole cigarette (82%), are not drinking alcohol (69%), have never had sexual intercourse (80%), and have never used marijuana (83%), cocaine (96%) or other drugs (95%). This continues to be an important message for teens and adults alike to hear. The results clearly dispel the belief that “everyone is doing it”. It is important that we continue to reinforce with those teens that have made the decision to not participate in negative or unhealthy behaviors that they are in the majority, not the minority.

One clear trend that has emerged since 1999 has been the increased percentage of students that reported that they have never smoked a whole cigarette. This percentage has risen from about 49% in 1999 to about 82% in 2007. Students in all grades, except 12th, reported this at higher percentages than they did on the 2003 TAP Survey.

Though it is a minority of all students, Madison County still has a sometimes

disturbing number of students that reported participation in some kind of negative, illegal or risky behavior. In general, the students in grades 7 and 8, grades that are typically associated with middle school, are reporting low levels of participation in these types of behaviors. Comparisons between the 2007 TAP Survey responses of 7th and 8th graders to the responses of 7th and 8th graders on the 1999 and 2003 TAP Surveys shows a decrease in participation by these students in such behaviors as cigarette smoking, drinking alcohol, use of illegal drugs and sexual intercourse. The survey results are not quite as encouraging for students in grades 9 through 12, grades typically associated with high school. Students in these grades reported significantly higher rates of participation in activities such as cigarette smoking, drinking alcohol, use of illegal drugs and sexual intercourse than did the students in 7th and 8th grade. It is important to note, however, that participation rates for these behaviors are generally significantly less than the national participation rates for students in grades 9 through 12 reported on the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

The transition from 8th to 9th grade was the point where the most dramatic increase in reported participation in illegal or harmful activities was observed. This would seem to point toward the need to target resources for youth development and prevention programs starting in the middle school grades or earlier, to help deter students from participation in these activities as they grow older. Age appropriate services, programs and opportunities need to continue to be available to students as they move from the middle school grades through high school. By finding this balance, we help to insure that the majority of teens continue to make positive, healthy decisions.

It also continues to be important for community leaders, politicians, educators, and human service providers to find a balance when prioritizing resources for youth. It is important that resources not only be focused on those teens already engaging in at-risk behaviors, but that resources are also available to support those young people who have made the decision not to engage in unhealthy or illegal behaviors.

The results of the 2007 TAP survey also re-confirmed the conclusion from both the 2003 and 1999 TAP surveys that involved parents and families play an important role in helping young people successfully navigate through adolescence.

As in 1999 and 2003, involved parents and families was identified as being the most effective influence deterring youth from engaging in negative, illegal or harmful activities. Following concerns about health risks, family influence was the strongest factor influencing student decisions regarding sexual activity and about not using, or stopping the use of, tobacco, alcohol or drugs. Parents were second only to friends as the people that teens reported talking to when they have a problem.

While it appears that parents are highly effective when they discuss the risk of negative behaviors with their children, and that teens value these discussions, a large percentage of survey responders reported that their parents had never discussed these issues with them. Forty-four percent (44%) of the students surveyed indicated that their parent(s) had never talked to them about the risks of being sexually active and more than one-third (35%) indicated that their

parent(s) had never talked to them about the risks of alcohol and other drug use. An overwhelming majority of students did report, however, that their parent(s) are interested and encourage them in their school work and other activities (96%) and talk with them about their job or education plans after high school (85%).

Just as it is important for parents to be involved in their children's education and future planning, the survey results show that it is also important for parents to engage their children in discussions about other important issues, such as substance abuse, risky sexual behavior and physical abuse.

Better communication and more involvement by parents in the lives of their children is important, but is not the sole solution to ensuring that teens do not become engaged in problem behaviors. Many teens experience difficulties in spite of good parental involvement and communication. The community as a whole, as represented by schools, social service agencies, religious institutions, other community-based groups, friends, neighbors and extended family, also plays an important role. First, in supporting parents and helping them obtain the information they need to become better prepared to address the important issues that their children face. Second, in providing the opportunities and supports for young people to help prepare them to become responsible, productive citizens, and third, in filling the gap when parents fail to provide their children with the necessary guidance. It is also important to acknowledge that young people ultimately are responsible for their own actions, and the community must continue to hold them accountable.

It is hoped that the information contained in this report is found to be informative and

thought provoking. It is intended that the 2007 TAP Survey Report be used as a resource for future program planning and grant writing efforts, as well as to initiate discussions regarding youth issues in our communities and ways to strengthen our communities and families to make a positive difference in the lives of every young person in Madison County.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

**2007 TAP SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE with
PERCENTAGE RESPONSES
BY GRADE**

2007 TEEN ASSESSMENT PROJECT

Appendix A

Choose the one response which most closely describes you, your behavior, opinion or situation.

1.	<i>What is your sex?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	Male	46.7	49.4	50.0	52.9	53.3	54.8
	Female	53.3	50.6	50.0	47.1	46.7	45.2
2.	<i>How old are you?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	11 or younger	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	12	61.5	0.8	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	13	35.1	55.1	4.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
	14	1.7	0.7	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	15	0.2	3.1	26.0	53.3	0.0	0.0
	16	0.2	0.0	12.0	41.2	62.7	4.8
	17	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	34.7	57.1
	18 or older	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.6	38.1
3.	<i>What grade level or status below best describes you?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	7th	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	8th	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	9th	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	10th	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
	11th	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
	12th	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
	other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.	<i>Which of the following special needs apply to you?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	I don't have any special needs	89.8	89.0	78.0	85.6	86.7	78.5
	Learning disability	5.4	6.2	12.0	10.9	9.3	14.3
	Emotional/behavior disability	2.4	2.3	4.0	1.2	2.7	2.4
	Physical disability	0.7	1.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	English as a second language	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0
	More than one of these applies to me	0.6	1.4	4.0	2.3	0.0	4.8

Answer these questions about your living situation. Remember that questions about your parents refer to the adults you live with most of the time.

5.	<i>Who do you live with most of the time?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	Two parents (biological or adoptive)	58.8	58.4	46.0	60.5	48.0	59.5
	A parent and a step-parent	13.6	16.3	18.0	15.6	20.0	21.4
	Father most of the time	4.1	2.5	6.0	3.1	8.0	2.4
	Mother most of the time	13.6	13.2	14.0	13.3	17.3	14.3
	Mother part of the time, father part of the time	6.5	6.7	10.0	5.1	6.7	2.4
	With relatives (aunt, uncle, grandparents, etc.)	3.0	1.7	4.0	1.6	0.0	0.0
	Group home or foster home	0.4	1.2	2.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
	Alone or with friends only	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0

Answer these questions about the adults you live with most of the time.

6. <i>Which of the following describes the highest level of education that was completed by either one of your parents?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No high school	1.9	3.1	0.0	0.4	1.2	0.0
Some high school	5.9	3.6	8.0	8.5	14.7	9.5
High school graduate	16.2	16.6	30.0	13.6	30.7	21.4
Some technical training or college courses	6.8	9.0	6.0	10.1	10.7	9.5
Two-year college graduate	9.6	10.9	10.0	11.7	6.7	11.9
Four-year college graduate	13.5	20.5	16.0	25.7	20.0	19.1
Master's or doctorate degree	12.9	16.6	18.0	18.3	12.0	21.4
I don't know	33.2	19.7	12.0	11.7	4.0	7.2

7. <i>Which statement is true for your family?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
We qualify for free lunch	19.6	16.4	24.5	14.4	16.0	4.8
We qualify for reduced price lunch	8.9	7.9	12.2	4.7	10.7	9.5
We do not qualify for free or reduced price lunch	55.2	63.6	44.9	64.6	60.0	69.0
I do not know if we qualify for free or reduced price lunch	16.3	12.1	18.4	16.3	13.3	16.7

Fill in the circles on your answer sheet that best describe your situation or feelings.

How much do you worry about the following issues?

8. <i>Getting good grades</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Not At All	5.6	2.8	4.1	2.3	1.3	0.0
A Little	15.4	16.6	6.1	12.1	16.0	16.7
Fair Amount	38.0	40.8	51.0	43.2	44.0	42.8
A Lot	41.0	39.8	38.8	42.4	38.7	40.5

9. <i>Not fitting in with the other kids at school</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Not At All	30.7	28.8	31.2	31.5	34.7	35.7
A Little	36.7	28.5	29.2	35.8	33.3	40.5
Fair Amount	20.1	24.9	25.0	22.6	22.7	19.0
A Lot	12.5	17.8	14.6	10.1	9.3	4.8

10. <i>Getting along with your parent(s)</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Not At All	24.6	17.5	14.3	18.3	17.3	14.3
A Little	18.8	23.4	18.4	24.1	13.3	23.8
Fair Amount	24.6	31.0	36.7	30.4	38.7	40.5
A Lot	32.0	28.1	30.6	27.2	30.7	21.4

11. <i>How well your parents get along with each other</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Not At All	25.9	25.5	32.6	28.5	27.0	28.6
A Little	15.2	21.2	18.4	17.6	18.9	28.6
Fair Amount	22.8	26.4	20.4	25.4	31.1	21.4
A Lot	36.1	26.9	28.6	28.5	23.0	21.4

12.	<i>That your parent(s) drink or use drugs</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	Not At All	55.8	55.5	57.1	59.5	55.4	57.1
	A Little	20.1	18.7	20.4	15.2	20.3	16.7
	Fair Amount	9.2	9.1	4.1	11.3	9.5	11.9
	A Lot	14.9	16.7	18.4	14.0	14.8	14.3
13.	<i>That your family has enough money to get by</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	Not At All	32.4	31.4	30.6	39.1	28.4	28.6
	A Little	17.2	17.9	12.2	17.6	20.3	11.9
	Fair Amount	26.1	25.5	32.7	23.4	25.7	33.3
	A Lot	24.3	25.2	24.5	19.9	25.6	26.2
14.	<i>That someone at home will be hurt by another person at home</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	Not At All	69.3	72.2	81.6	75.5	82.4	83.3
	A Little	14.7	12.5	8.2	11.7	6.8	4.8
	Fair Amount	5.4	7.1	4.1	5.1	2.7	4.8
	A Lot	10.6	8.2	6.1	7.7	8.1	7.1
15.	<i>That you are or might be homosexual (lesbian or gay)</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	Not At All	89.6	86.9	87.8	90.2	97.3	95.2
	A Little	3.0	5.7	6.1	3.1	0.0	0.0
	Fair Amount	1.7	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.4	0.0
	A Lot	5.7	5.1	4.1	4.7	1.3	4.8
16.	<i>That you might get AIDS or another sexually transmitted disease</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	Not At All	69.1	71.1	60.0	61.1	66.2	73.8
	A Little	13.9	15.3	20.0	19.8	21.6	11.9
	Fair Amount	7.0	6.2	10.0	7.4	6.8	7.1
	A Lot	10.0	7.4	10.0	11.7	5.4	7.2
17.	<i>Being pressured into having sex</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	Not At All	72.3	72.0	64.0	70.3	77.0	73.8
	A Little	12.4	15.0	16.0	18.8	13.5	14.3
	Fair Amount	6.6	7.3	16.0	6.6	5.4	0.0
	A Lot	8.7	5.7	4.0	4.3	4.1	11.9
18.	<i>That no one loves or cares about you</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	Not At All	60.7	62.2	64.0	63.4	60.8	73.8
	A Little	16.9	17.2	14.0	17.1	23.0	9.5
	Fair Amount	11.1	10.7	12.0	7.4	9.5	4.8
	A Lot	11.3	9.9	10.0	12.1	6.7	11.9
19.	<i>How you look</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	Not At All	21.9	18.6	22.0	19.1	10.8	9.5
	A Little	29.4	24.8	22.0	28.5	27.0	38.1
	Fair Amount	23.4	32.4	30.0	29.7	39.2	26.2
	A Lot	25.3	24.2	26.0	22.7	23.0	26.2
20.	<i>That you may have an eating disorder</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	Not At All	75.1	76.8	76.0	79.3	86.5	83.3
	A Little	13.3	13.3	12.0	11.3	2.7	2.4
	Fair Amount	4.8	6.2	8.0	5.5	6.8	2.4
	A Lot	6.8	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.0	11.9

21. <i>Being pressured into drinking or doing other drugs</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Not At All	69.3	68.2	66.0	62.5	73.9	73.8
A Little	15.8	18.0	22.0	26.6	15.1	19.1
Fair Amount	5.8	7.6	4.0	7.4	5.5	4.8
A Lot	9.1	6.2	8.0	3.5	5.5	2.3

The next three questions ask about tobacco use.

22. <i>How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I have never smoked a whole cigarette	91.8	85.6	67.3	73.8	65.3	47.6
8 years old or younger	1.2	2.8	4.1	2.7	1.4	2.4
9 or 10 years old	1.3	1.8	2.1	1.6	2.7	11.9
11 or 12 years old	4.9	7.3	12.2	5.1	9.3	2.4
13 or 14 years old	0.8	2.5	14.3	9.0	8.0	14.3
15 or 16 years old	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4	13.3	19.0
17 years old or older	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	2.4

23. <i>During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
0 days	97.2	92.7	77.5	88.3	84.0	71.4
1 or 2 days	1.6	1.7	8.2	2.0	5.3	2.4
3 to 5 days	0.0	0.8	0.0	2.3	4.0	2.4
6 to 9 days	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.8	1.4	2.4
10 to 19 days	0.2	1.4	4.1	1.2	0.0	0.0
20 to 29 days	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.7	1.3	4.7
all 30 days	0.4	1.7	10.2	4.7	4.0	16.7

24. <i>Have you ever tried to quit smoking cigarettes?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I have never smoked	92.0	87.1	68.8	83.5	75.7	52.4
I smoke and have never tried to quit smoking	1.1	2.2	8.3	3.2	4.1	11.9
Yes, I quit smoking, and haven't smoked since	5.6	6.2	14.6	7.8	10.8	23.8
Yes, I have quit smoking before, but I started smoking again	1.3	4.5	8.3	5.5	9.4	11.9

The next five questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, 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.

25. <i>If you drink, about how often do you have at least one drink of alcohol?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I don't drink	88.6	71.9	56.3	41.0	29.3	23.8
I did drink, but not anymore	1.3	2.9	6.2	4.7	6.7	4.8
A few times a year	8.6	19.4	27.1	28.9	25.3	23.8
A few times a month	1.1	4.2	8.3	20.7	28.0	30.9
A few times a week	0.2	0.8	2.1	3.1	10.7	14.3
Almost every day	0.2	0.8	0.0	1.6	0.0	2.4

26. <i>If you drink, how old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I have never had a drink of alcohol	84.0	67.9	50.0	35.9	28.0	24.4
8 years old or younger	2.2	3.4	6.2	2.7	2.7	0.0
9 or 10 years old	3.9	3.4	2.1	2.3	0.0	2.4
11 or 12 years old	8.2	11.5	10.4	8.6	8.0	12.2
13 or 14 years old	1.5	13.2	27.1	31.6	33.3	17.1
15 or 16 years old	0.2	0.6	2.1	18.4	26.7	36.6
17 years old or older	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.5	1.3	7.3
27. <i>During the past month, have you had 5 or more alcoholic drinks within a two or three hour period?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	97.4	92.9	83.3	77.6	67.5	54.8
Yes, once	1.5	3.7	6.3	11.8	17.6	23.8
Yes, 2 or 3 times	0.4	1.7	10.4	8.7	9.5	7.1
Yes, 4 or more times	0.7	1.7	0.0	1.9	5.4	14.3
28. <i>If you drink, where do you usually get the alcohol that you drink?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I don't drink alcohol	88.6	74.7	57.4	43.7	36.0	30.9
From my house without parents knowing	2.4	6.8	4.3	5.5	2.7	0.0
From a friend's house, without their parents knowing	1.3	6.0	14.9	5.9	5.3	9.5
Someone of legal age buys it for me or gives it to me	0.4	2.6	6.4	11.0	20.0	31.0
I buy it at a store or bar	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	2.7	0.0
My parents give it to me	2.6	4.8	0.0	7.1	5.3	4.8
My friend's parents give it to me	0.0	0.3	2.1	2.0	4.0	7.1
Some other source	4.7	4.8	14.9	24.0	24.0	16.7
29. <i>During the past 6 months, have you driven or ridden in a car, truck, boat, motorcycle, ATV, or snowmobile, when the driver had been drinking alcohol?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	79.6	77.1	70.8	76.6	77.3	71.4
Yes, once or twice	13.8	15.5	22.9	15.6	14.7	19.1
Yes, 3 to 6 times	3.4	3.7	2.1	3.9	5.3	7.1
Yes, 7 or more times	3.2	3.7	4.2	3.9	2.7	2.4

The next two questions ask about marijuana use.

30. <i>If you use marijuana, about how often do you smoke it?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I don't use marijuana	97.2	92.7	73.5	73.4	68.0	59.5
I did use marijuana, but not anymore	1.9	2.0	8.2	9.0	8.0	11.9
A few times a year	0.0	1.7	6.1	5.9	5.4	9.5
A few times a month	0.5	1.1	6.1	5.5	5.3	7.1
A few times a week	0.2	0.6	4.1	2.7	5.3	4.8
Almost every day	0.2	1.9	2.0	3.5	8.0	7.2

31. <i>If you have tried marijuana, how old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I have never tried marijuana	96.8	88.5	70.0	68.8	56.0	47.6
8 years old or younger	0.4	1.9	2.0	1.6	0.0	0.0
9 or 10 years old	0.2	0.6	2.0	1.2	0.0	0.0
11 or 12 years old	2.2	4.8	8.0	3.5	12.0	4.8
13 or 14 years old	0.4	4.2	14.0	13.3	14.7	23.8
15 or 16 years old	0.0	0.0	2.0	11.3	17.3	19.0
17 years old or older	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.3	0.0	4.8

There are various influences in your life which help you make decisions. Below is a list of possible influences that may help you make decisions about not using or stopping the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. To answer questions 32 and 33, mark on the answer sheet which are the two strongest influences for you.

32. <i>Which influence is the strongest in your decision-making about not using or stopping use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Concern about health effects or addiction	48.0	40.4	38.3	33.7	34.3	47.5
Family influence	23.1	20.9	29.8	25.1	26.0	25.0
Friends' influence	6.1	8.7	8.5	9.0	12.3	10.0
Concern about effects on school, athletic or work performance	12.0	16.0	8.5	18.0	17.8	12.5
Church or religious beliefs	2.0	3.2	4.3	5.5	0.0	0.0
Laws, fears of getting caught	5.5	7.3	4.3	6.3	9.6	5.0
Counseling or treatment	0.7	0.6	2.1	1.2	0.0	0.0
Influence of substance abuse education in schools	1.3	2.0	2.1	0.4	0.0	0.0
Special school assemblies on substance abuse	1.3	0.9	2.1	0.8	0.0	0.0

33. <i>Which influence is the second strongest in your decision-making about not using or stopping use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Concern about health effects or addiction	25.1	21.5	19.2	15.7	18.9	15.4
Family influence	22.9	24.7	17.0	25.2	31.1	23.1
Friends' influence	12.6	11.9	12.8	14.2	17.6	10.3
Concern about effects on school, athletic or work performance	17.8	19.8	25.5	19.7	16.2	20.5
Church or religious beliefs	5.3	2.1	2.1	3.1	1.4	0.0
Laws, fears of getting caught	10.6	9.3	12.8	18.1	10.8	15.4
Counseling or treatment	2.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0
Influence of substance abuse education in schools	2.4	3.2	2.1	2.4	2.7	10.3
Special school assemblies on substance abuse	1.3	4.9	8.5	1.6	0.0	5.0

Please indicate how often you use each of the following substances.

34. <i>Cocaine, including powder or crack</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never Used	98.7	96.9	90.0	95.3	94.6	76.2
Did Use, but stopped	0.5	1.1	2.0	2.3	1.4	16.7
A Few Times a Year	0.2	0.8	2.0	1.6	0.0	2.4
A Few Times a Month	0.2	0.3	2.0	0.4	2.7	4.7
A Few Times a Week	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
About Every Day	0.2	0.6	4.0	0.0	1.3	0.0

35. <i>Inhalants (sniffed glue, aerosol spray cans, etc.)</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never Used	94.5	90.4	90.0	92.6	92.0	92.9
Did Use, but stopped	3.0	4.8	0.0	2.7	4.0	7.1
A Few Times a Year	1.1	3.1	2.0	2.7	1.4	0.0
A Few Times a Month	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.4	1.3	0.0
A Few Times a Week	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0
About Every Day	0.4	0.8	8.0	0.8	1.3	0.0
36. <i>Steroids without a doctor's prescription (pill form or by injection)</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never Used	98.5	98.6	94.0	95.3	97.3	95.2
Did Use, but stopped	0.9	0.3	2.0	0.8	0.0	2.4
A Few Times a Year	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.4	0.0
A Few Times a Month	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.8	1.3	0.0
A Few Times a Week	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	2.4
About Every Day	0.4	0.0	4.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
37. <i>Other illegal drugs (like Ecstasy, LSD, PCP, speed, etc.)</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never Used	98.3	96.3	84.0	90.6	90.7	90.5
Did Use, but stopped	0.9	1.7	0.0	3.9	4.0	4.8
A Few Times a Year	0.4	0.3	10.0	1.6	1.3	0.0
A Few Times a Month	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.5	2.7	2.4
A Few Times a Week	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.2	0.0	2.3
About Every Day	0.4	0.3	6.0	1.2	1.3	0.0
38. <i>How often during this (2006 – 2007) school year have you been high on alcohol, marijuana, or any other illegal drug while at school during school hours?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
0 times	96.5	90.7	75.5	76.2	80.0	69.1
1 or 2 times	1.4	5.4	12.3	9.8	8.0	7.1
3 to 9 times	1.3	2.0	4.1	5.9	2.7	4.8
10 to 19 times	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.3	4.0	7.1
20 to 39 times	0.0	0.8	2.0	2.3	1.3	0.0
40 or more times	0.2	1.1	6.1	3.5	4.0	11.9
How easy would it be for you to get each of the following?						
39. <i>Beer, wine, or hard liquor</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Very Easy	16.4	24.0	34.7	40.0	37.8	47.6
Easy	17.2	27.1	34.7	31.4	36.5	42.9
Difficult	11.8	16.7	8.2	12.6	13.5	7.1
Very Difficult	23.8	16.1	8.1	2.7	2.7	2.4
I Don't Know	30.8	16.1	14.3	13.3	9.5	0.0
40. <i>Marijuana (pot, weed)</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Very Easy	7.2	10.5	26.5	27.3	37.8	42.9
Easy	3.7	8.3	10.2	22.9	28.4	35.7
Difficult	3.7	9.7	2.1	14.2	6.8	7.1
Very Difficult	46.0	45.3	26.5	15.8	8.1	4.8
I Don't Know	39.4	26.2	34.7	19.8	18.9	9.5

41. <i>Tobacco products</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Very Easy	12.7	18.4	32.6	40.5	43.2	71.4
Easy	8.6	14.7	14.3	22.2	29.7	19.0
Difficult	9.0	16.7	10.2	10.1	9.5	4.8
Very Difficult	35.7	29.4	14.3	10.9	4.1	2.4
I Don't Know	34.0	20.8	28.6	16.3	13.5	2.4

Please read each statement carefully and decide whether you agree or disagree. Fill in the circles on the answer sheet that best describe your feelings.

42. <i>I enjoy going to school.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	13.3	19.9	12.3	10.9	4.0	16.7
Agree	54.1	51.7	46.9	53.1	57.3	45.2
Disagree	20.1	20.5	20.4	24.7	28.0	26.2
Strongly Disagree	12.5	7.9	20.4	11.3	10.7	11.9

43. <i>Rules in my school are the same for everyone and are enforced fairly.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	22.3	22.3	12.2	10.2	2.7	2.4
Agree	45.5	45.9	38.8	38.6	36.0	42.8
Disagree	20.8	21.4	34.7	30.5	38.7	23.8
Strongly Disagree	11.4	10.4	14.3	20.7	22.6	31.0

44. <i>I feel safe in my school.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	29.7	34.1	18.4	22.0	18.7	26.2
Agree	51.4	52.9	55.1	61.9	61.3	61.9
Disagree	11.7	9.9	20.4	11.0	17.3	4.8
Strongly Disagree	7.2	3.1	6.1	5.1	2.7	7.1

45. <i>My teachers generally care about me and how well I do in school</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	33.5	36.0	28.6	27.0	20.0	30.9
Agree	49.6	48.5	46.9	60.5	64.0	52.4
Disagree	11.9	11.0	16.3	9.8	14.7	11.9
Strongly Disagree	5.0	4.5	8.2	2.7	1.3	4.8

46. <i>Teachers in my school treat me with respect</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	29.3	32.8	34.7	25.4	16.4	35.7
Agree	54.7	49.2	46.9	59.0	68.5	47.6
Disagree	11.3	13.5	12.3	11.7	13.7	11.9
Strongly Disagree	4.7	4.5	6.1	3.9	1.4	4.8

47. <i>I treat teachers in my school with respect</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	42.6	40.8	33.3	36.2	26.7	52.4
Agree	46.1	50.7	52.1	53.7	65.3	42.8
Disagree	8.0	5.4	12.5	6.2	6.7	2.4
Strongly Disagree	3.3	3.1	2.1	3.9	1.3	2.4

48. <i>What grades do you usually get in school?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
90 – 100	40.9	38.5	41.7	27.6	23.0	28.5
80 – 89	36.5	29.3	18.8	42.0	44.6	42.9
70 – 79	16.7	22.2	31.2	23.7	18.9	23.8
65 – 69	4.4	5.4	2.1	5.8	10.8	4.8
Below 65	1.5	4.6	6.2	0.9	2.7	0.0
49. <i>Which do you think you will likely do after you finish high school?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Go to a vocational/technical school or 2 year college	6.5	5.6	8.2	9.3	13.3	19.0
Go to a 4 year college/university	60.2	66.9	57.1	72.0	53.3	61.9
Go to work full-time	2.4	2.8	4.1	3.5	6.7	7.2
Join the military	5.7	7.0	6.2	5.1	10.7	0.0
Get married and be supported by my husband/wife	1.3	1.1	2.0	0.8	0.0	2.4
Go on public assistance (welfare)	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
Don't know yet	22.2	14.9	22.4	8.6	16.0	7.1
Don't plan to finish high school	1.3	1.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.4
50. <i>How often in the past year have you missed school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Once	15.4	13.5	28.6	9.7	12.0	19.0
Several Times	3.3	2.8	2.0	2.7	0.0	2.4
Many Times	3.3	2.5	4.1	1.2	1.3	4.8
Never	78.0	81.2	65.3	86.4	86.7	73.8

Please read each statement carefully and decide whether you agree or disagree. Fill in the circles on the answer sheet that best describe your feelings.

51. <i>In my community, there are fun things for kids my age to do.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	15.5	12.1	10.2	4.7	4.0	2.4
Agree	42.1	45.1	32.7	32.4	28.0	21.4
Disagree	25.8	28.2	34.7	36.3	41.3	47.6
Strongly Disagree	16.6	14.6	22.4	26.6	26.7	28.6
52. <i>In my community, there are opportunities for kids my age to earn money or find a job.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	9.4	10.7	8.2	12.1	14.7	7.1
Agree	39.2	47.7	46.9	63.0	53.3	71.4
Disagree	34.4	26.4	28.6	17.9	14.7	16.7
Strongly Disagree	17.0	15.2	16.3	7.0	17.3	4.8
53. <i>I feel safe in my community.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	18.6	19.8	12.3	22.3	18.7	21.4
Agree	56.5	58.4	67.3	62.9	66.7	69.0
Disagree	15.7	15.6	16.3	9.7	12.0	4.8
Strongly Disagree	9.2	6.2	4.1	5.1	2.6	4.8

54. <i>Adults in my community care about and value kids my age.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	19.2	18.4	16.3	9.9	5.5	4.8
Agree	55.6	51.6	44.9	56.9	54.8	54.8
Disagree	19.5	19.5	32.7	25.3	31.5	28.6
Strongly Disagree	5.7	10.5	6.1	7.9	8.2	11.8
55. <i>If I had a problem, there are adults in my community who I could count on to help me.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	38.2	33.7	24.5	23.0	25.3	28.6
Agree	44.5	47.8	55.1	57.9	53.3	50.0
Disagree	11.8	9.8	12.2	12.1	20.0	14.3
Strongly Disagree	5.5	8.7	8.2	7.0	1.4	7.1

Please indicate whether or not your school or community offers specific help to teenagers for each of these concerns. You don't need to have used or sought help for these, but **it is important that you base your answers on specific groups, programs or agencies that you know provide help for each of these issues.**

56. <i>Pregnancy/birth control/abstinence counseling</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No Help Offered	15.9	13.9	6.2	8.3	8.0	4.8
No Help Offered, but Help is Needed	3.5	4.0	2.1	3.6	6.7	0.0
Help Offered	24.7	31.5	37.5	47.0	49.3	59.5
Don't Know	55.9	50.6	54.2	41.1	36.0	35.7
57. <i>Sexual/physical abuse</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No Help Offered	13.8	13.3	16.7	6.7	6.7	7.1
No Help Offered, but Help is Needed	3.9	4.0	0.0	4.4	5.3	2.4
Help Offered	32.5	36.0	29.2	42.1	46.7	47.6
Don't Know	49.8	46.7	54.1	46.8	41.3	42.9
58. <i>Alcohol/drug abuse</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No Help Offered	13.8	10.2	12.5	7.1	6.7	4.7
No Help Offered, but Help is Needed	4.4	4.8	4.2	4.8	5.3	4.8
Help Offered	34.9	42.1	35.4	46.2	57.3	64.3
Don't Know	46.9	42.9	47.9	41.9	30.7	26.2
59. <i>Depression or thoughts of suicide</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No Help Offered	15.3	11.4	12.5	7.5	9.3	7.1
No Help Offered, but Help is Needed	6.9	4.9	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.8
Help Offered	29.9	37.3	45.8	48.2	44.0	59.5
Don't Know	47.9	46.4	37.5	40.7	42.7	28.6

Please read each statement and decide if you agree or disagree. Fill in the numbered circles on your answer sheet that represent how you feel.

60. <i>I feel safe in my home</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	67.2	64.9	65.3	68.5	64.0	71.4
Agree	26.9	30.3	26.5	24.0	30.7	23.8
Disagree	3.7	2.8	8.2	4.7	2.7	4.8
Strongly Disagree	2.2	2.0	0.0	2.8	2.6	0.0

61. *I can turn to my parent(s) if I have a serious personal problem and need someone to talk to.*

	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	53.6	47.3	42.9	44.7	46.7	43.9
Agree	31.2	33.4	34.7	37.3	36.0	24.4
Disagree	9.9	13.9	12.2	10.2	10.7	17.1
Strongly Disagree	5.3	5.4	10.2	7.8	6.6	14.6

From your point of view, indicate how much the following are true for you. If you do not live with your mother or father, answer about the male or female adult you live with.

My parent(s)...

62....*set clear rules for me to follow*

	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	2.9	3.7	6.1	6.3	2.7	9.8
Occasionally	21.5	23.2	24.5	24.2	21.3	34.1
Often	31.3	32.8	32.7	35.3	48.0	22.0
Always	44.3	40.3	36.7	34.2	28.0	34.1

63....*discipline or punish me when I break the rules*

	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	7.3	10.1	12.2	10.7	16.0	22.0
Occasionally	29.0	31.3	36.7	32.0	30.7	29.3
Often	35.0	29.0	18.4	35.6	29.3	21.9
Always	28.7	29.6	32.7	21.7	24.0	26.8

64....*expect me to call if I am not at home*

	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	5.1	5.4	8.2	1.2	5.3	4.9
Occasionally	10.6	11.6	24.5	11.9	13.3	21.9
Often	19.7	21.0	18.4	21.8	32.0	19.5
Always	64.6	62.0	48.9	65.1	49.4	53.7

65....*know my friends*

	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	2.6	3.1	6.1	3.2	1.4	7.3
Occasionally	14.8	11.3	22.4	15.9	16.2	17.1
Often	28.2	33.3	24.6	34.9	37.8	39.0
Always	54.4	52.3	46.9	46.0	44.6	36.6

66....*usually know what I am doing after school*

	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	3.2	3.4	6.2	3.6	1.3	14.6
Occasionally	9.5	7.3	16.3	13.0	16.0	14.6
Often	24.8	28.0	36.7	33.6	42.7	34.1
Always	62.5	61.3	40.8	49.8	40.0	36.7

67....*ask me where I'm going when I go out*

	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	3.6	3.7	0.0	2.4	0.0	7.3
Occasionally	5.3	4.5	12.2	8.8	6.7	12.2
Often	14.9	14.1	12.3	15.9	22.6	17.1
Always	76.2	77.7	75.5	72.9	70.7	63.4

68....*care about and encourage me in my interests and activities*

	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	4.7	5.4	6.1	6.3	0.0	12.2
Occasionally	9.1	10.5	12.2	10.3	17.3	7.3
Often	24.1	19.2	20.5	21.3	33.3	26.8
Always	62.1	64.9	61.2	62.1	49.4	53.7

69. <i>are interested and encourage me in my school work</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	2.7	4.8	6.1	4.0	1.4	7.3
Occasionally	6.7	6.3	10.2	8.8	13.5	12.2
Often	16.3	18.7	20.4	23.1	33.8	22.0
Always	74.3	70.2	63.3	64.1	51.3	58.5

How often in the past year have you had a talk with at least one parent or adult you live with about each of the following?

70. <i>Risks of smoking, drinking, or taking drugs</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	36.3	37.2	41.3	27.9	30.7	29.3
Rarely	24.5	18.2	19.6	21.7	24.0	21.9
Sometimes	25.3	27.8	19.5	32.3	28.0	17.1
Often	7.7	11.7	8.7	13.8	10.7	21.9
Very Often	6.2	5.1	10.9	4.3	6.6	9.8

71. <i>The risks of being sexually active (AIDS, HIV, STDs, pregnancy, birth controls, etc.)</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	51.3	44.8	45.7	35.8	30.7	34.1
Rarely	20.4	24.1	15.2	24.4	28.0	29.3
Sometimes	17.7	16.4	23.9	23.3	22.7	22.0
Often	7.5	9.9	8.7	12.6	13.3	4.9
Very Often	3.1	4.8	6.5	3.9	5.3	9.7

72. <i>About your family's history, faith and/or values</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	24.9	22.0	28.3	25.0	24.0	36.6
Rarely	22.7	20.3	19.6	27.0	20.0	24.4
Sometimes	28.4	31.7	15.2	23.4	37.3	24.4
Often	15.2	16.0	15.2	16.7	13.3	7.3
Very Often	8.8	10.0	21.7	7.9	5.4	7.3

73. <i>About my job or education plans after high school</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	19.7	14.4	23.9	7.9	6.8	0.0
Rarely	21.2	16.4	23.9	10.7	6.7	12.2
Sometimes	26.9	29.5	15.2	21.0	23.0	4.6
Often	17.0	24.7	13.1	33.4	37.8	29.3
Very Often	15.2	15.0	23.9	27.0	25.7	43.9

For the next three questions, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. Answer these questions about the adults you live with most of the time.

74. <i>My parents think youth my age should wait to have sexual intercourse.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	69.9	65.7	43.1	35.7	24.3	32.5
Agree	22.1	26.6	43.2	48.0	50.0	37.5
Disagree	3.3	3.7	6.8	11.9	16.2	17.5
Strongly Disagree	4.7	4.0	6.9	4.4	9.5	12.5

75. <i>My parents think youth my age shouldn't drink alcohol.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	75.8	70.9	50.0	38.2	29.3	32.5
Agree	17.3	23.1	38.6	45.4	52.0	55.0
Disagree	2.4	2.9	9.1	12.0	12.0	7.5
Strongly Disagree	4.5	3.1	2.3	4.4	6.7	5.0
76. <i>My parents think youth my age shouldn't use tobacco products.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	81.5	79.2	65.9	57.5	38.7	48.8
Agree	12.9	16.0	15.9	34.6	45.3	39.0
Disagree	1.1	1.4	9.1	3.2	9.3	7.3
Strongly Disagree	4.5	3.4	9.1	4.7	6.7	4.9
77. <i>How many times in the past five years have you had to change schools because you moved to a different community or neighborhood?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
None	68.7	72.7	73.9	77.9	81.3	80.5
Once	15.0	16.2	13.1	11.1	13.3	12.2
Twice	5.1	4.0	4.3	4.3	2.7	0.0
Three times	4.5	2.8	6.5	4.7	2.7	2.4
Four times	2.5	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
Five times or more	4.2	3.7	2.2	1.6	0.0	4.9

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

78. <i>I can turn to my friends if I have a serious personal problem and need someone to talk with.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	42.4	45.5	46.7	43.9	41.1	43.9
Agree	40.4	41.5	35.5	43.9	49.3	41.5
Disagree	11.4	7.9	11.1	7.1	8.2	12.2
Strongly Disagree	5.8	5.1	6.7	5.1	1.4	2.4
79. <i>If I wanted to do something foolish or dangerous, my friends would try to stop me for my own good.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	49.9	40.3	39.1	27.4	20.8	43.9
Agree	36.6	41.1	37.0	49.6	52.8	41.5
Disagree	8.3	13.4	15.2	19.0	23.6	9.8
Strongly Disagree	5.2	5.2	8.7	4.0	2.8	4.8
80. <i>My friends think postponing sexual intercourse until after high school is a good idea.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	40.8	28.3	26.1	11.6	2.8	4.9
Agree	39.4	35.3	21.7	26.4	22.2	24.4
Disagree	13.5	22.8	39.1	39.6	41.7	36.6
Strongly Disagree	6.3	13.6	13.1	22.4	33.3	34.1
81. <i>My friends feel it is important to get good grades and work hard in school.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	36.1	27.7	31.1	22.6	15.3	26.8
Agree	48.5	52.6	51.1	57.1	52.8	53.7
Disagree	11.6	15.1	15.6	16.3	26.4	14.6
Strongly Disagree	3.8	4.6	2.2	4.0	5.5	4.9

82. <i>My friends think you don't need to drink or do drugs in order to have a good time.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	58.9	53.3	39.1	25.9	17.8	29.3
Agree	32.6	33.6	30.4	45.8	46.6	29.3
Disagree	4.7	7.1	23.9	22.3	27.4	29.3
Strongly Disagree	3.8	6.0	6.6	6.0	8.2	12.1
83. <i>My friends and I talk about going to college or getting a job after high school.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	29.0	31.3	35.6	23.9	24.7	52.5
Agree	41.3	40.3	33.3	56.2	58.9	40.0
Disagree	20.1	19.5	17.8	15.1	13.7	5.0
Strongly Disagree	9.6	8.9	13.3	4.8	2.7	2.5
84. <i>My friends feel it is important to help others and contribute to our community.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	18.2	15.6	28.9	10.4	2.8	14.6
Agree	46.8	43.6	35.6	42.2	44.4	31.7
Disagree	25.6	28.9	26.7	37.8	34.7	36.6
Strongly Disagree	9.4	11.9	8.8	9.6	18.1	17.1
85. <i>I let my friends talk me into doing things I really don't want to do.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Strongly Agree	9.5	8.1	17.8	5.6	2.8	0.0
Agree	8.8	13.6	11.1	17.3	18.0	12.5
Disagree	33.7	36.1	42.2	41.8	50.0	47.5
Strongly Disagree	48.0	42.2	28.9	35.3	29.2	40.0

Fill in the responses on your answer sheet that best describe your situation or feelings.

86. <i>Who do you generally talk to when you have a problem?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
A friend	39.2	43.8	44.4	50.4	54.3	55.0
An adult friend	2.8	4.3	0.0	4.0	8.6	5.0
A parent/step-parent	38.7	29.5	26.7	20.8	18.6	17.5
A brother/sister	5.8	6.6	8.9	10.0	12.8	5.0
An adult relative (not a parent or step-parent)	2.3	2.3	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0
A school staff person (teacher, guidance counselor, etc.)	0.9	1.4	0.0	1.6	1.4	2.5
A counselor or religious leader	0.0	0.3	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
An adult leader (e.g. 4-H, church youth group, scouts, coach, etc.)	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
No one, because I can't or don't want to	9.5	9.5	17.8	8.8	4.3	15.0
No one, because I have no one to talk to	0.6	2.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0
87. <i>During the past year, have you seriously thought about running away from home?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	63.0	61.5	58.7	66.1	64.8	72.5
Yes, once	20.8	21.0	13.0	16.7	18.3	10.0
Yes, more than once	14.1	14.1	19.6	15.1	15.5	12.5
I did run away	2.1	2.3	6.5	1.6	1.4	2.5
I did not live at home during the last year	0.0	1.1	2.2	0.5	0.0	2.5

88. <i>During the past 6 months, have you felt depressed, helpless, hopeless or very sad for a period of 2 weeks or longer?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	71.2	68.6	59.1	66.5	66.2	62.5
Yes	28.8	31.4	40.9	33.5	33.8	37.5

Sometimes people feel so depressed and hopeless about the future that they may consider attempting suicide, that is, taking some action to end their own life. The next six questions ask about suicide.

89. <i>During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	89.5	87.7	84.1	83.9	87.5	90.0
Yes	10.5	12.3	15.9	16.1	12.5	10.0

90. <i>During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	94.0	91.3	90.9	92.7	94.4	97.4
Yes	6.0	8.7	9.1	7.3	5.6	2.6

91. <i>During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
0 times	95.6	93.4	90.9	93.2	94.4	97.4
1 time	3.2	2.9	4.5	4.8	2.8	2.6
2 or 3 times	0.9	2.0	2.3	1.2	2.8	0.0
4 or 5 times	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0
6 or more times	0.0	1.1	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0

92. <i>If you attempted suicide during the past 12 months, did any attempt result in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months	88.6	88.7	81.8	88.0	90.3	97.4
Yes	2.1	3.2	0.0	3.3	5.5	2.6
No	9.3	8.1	18.2	8.7	4.2	0.0

93. <i>If you have had thoughts about committing suicide, what was the main reason you had these thoughts the last time?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I do not have these thoughts	83.4	77.5	68.2	72.7	83.1	80.0
Because of a failed relationship	3.0	4.6	2.3	2.9	1.4	0.0
I had problems with my parents or home life	7.3	7.5	2.3	5.7	2.8	5.0
Because of pressure to perform at school (grades, tests, homework, etc.)	0.5	1.4	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
I felt too much pressure about something in my life (like school, sports, or work)	2.1	2.9	6.8	4.9	2.8	5.0
I had been verbally abused or harassed by someone	0.5	0.6	0.0	1.6	1.4	0.0
I had been physically or sexually abused	0.2	1.2	2.3	0.8	1.4	5.0
Because I have a drug or alcohol addiction problem	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0
I had feelings of alone-ness or isolation	0.7	2.6	4.5	4.9	4.2	5.0
Because of some other reason	2.3	1.4	13.6	4.5	1.5	0.0

94. <i>If you have had thoughts about committing suicide, what do you usually do in response to those thoughts?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I do not have these thoughts	85.0	77.0	70.5	73.5	80.3	77.5
I do nothing when I have these thoughts	4.2	5.5	11.4	3.7	1.4	7.5
I try to solve my own problems but I don't talk to anyone	3.7	6.1	4.5	6.9	4.2	0.0
I withdraw from people and activities	1.9	3.2	4.5	4.6	7.0	10.0
I drink or use other drugs	0.0	1.5	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0
I talk to a parent or other caring adult	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.8	4.3	2.5
I talk to a teen friend	3.5	3.8	6.8	7.3	2.8	2.5
I seek professional help	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
I call an appropriate hotline	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
I make a plan for how I would do it	0.8	2.0	2.3	0.8	0.0	0.0

The next set of questions asks about sexual activity.

95. <i>If you have ever had sexual intercourse, how old were you the first time?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
never had sexual intercourse	93.7	84.6	67.4	67.7	47.2	40.0
11 or under	2.6	4.6	4.7	2.0	1.4	2.5
12	1.9	2.6	2.3	1.3	1.5	2.5
13	1.4	3.8	9.3	1.6	8.3	7.5
14	0.0	3.8	11.6	8.2	8.3	15.0
15	0.2	0.3	4.7	14.3	19.4	7.5
16	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	12.5	10.0
17 or older	0.2	0.3	0.0	1.2	1.4	15.0

96. <i>If you have ever had sexual intercourse, why did you decide to have sexual intercourse the first time?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I have never had sexual intercourse	93.7	84.6	67.4	69.5	46.5	40.0
I didn't decide, it just happened	1.6	4.7	11.6	5.3	15.5	12.5
I didn't decide, someone forced me	0.7	0.6	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.5
I was curious to see what it was like	2.1	4.1	7.0	6.6	12.7	20.0
I was in love with the person	1.6	5.5	7.0	11.1	19.7	17.5
I wasn't in control, due to the use of alcohol or drugs	0.0	0.0	2.3	1.6	0.0	2.5
Other	0.3	0.5	2.3	3.0	2.8	5.0

For the purpose of this survey, abstinence is refraining from having sexual intercourse until you are married.

97. <i>If you are currently sexually active, how often is some form of birth control, such as condoms, birth control pills, or diaphragms, used to prevent pregnancy?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I have never had sexual intercourse	93.4	83.5	65.1	69.1	45.8	40.0
I am currently abstinent	1.6	3.5	0.0	4.5	9.7	2.5
Never	2.3	4.6	9.3	1.3	0.0	7.5
Sometimes	1.2	0.9	9.3	5.8	6.9	7.5
Always	1.5	7.5	16.3	19.3	37.6	42.5

98. <i>If you are sexually active, how often is a condom used for protection against sexually transmitted disease?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I have never had sexual intercourse	93.3	84.5	62.8	70.5	45.8	37.5
I am currently abstinent	1.6	2.9	0.0	3.8	6.9	7.5
Never	2.1	2.6	11.6	1.7	1.4	17.5
Sometimes	0.9	0.7	7.0	3.4	12.5	15.0
Always	2.1	9.3	18.6	20.6	33.4	22.5

99. <i>If you are sexually active, do you drink or use drugs before you have intercourse?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
I have never had sexual intercourse	93.8	86.5	65.1	70.4	46.5	40.0
Never use before intercourse	5.2	9.1	20.9	18.3	36.6	22.5
Sometimes use before intercourse	1.0	3.2	14.0	9.2	16.9	32.5
Always or almost always use before intercourse	0.0	1.2	0.0	2.1	0.0	5.0

There are various influences in your life which help you make decisions. Below is a list of possible influences that may help you make the right decisions for you about your sexual activity. To answer questions 100 and 101, mark on the answer sheet which are the two strongest influences for you.

100. <i>Which influence above is the strongest in your decision-making about sexual activity?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Concern about health risks or pregnancy	38.7	34.4	35.0	43.8	30.4	35.1
Family influence	18.9	17.1	17.5	11.5	14.5	10.8
Friends' influence	4.3	6.7	10.0	6.8	7.2	10.8
Concern about risks to your future plans for career or education	6.1	6.7	7.5	7.7	11.6	10.8
Church or religious beliefs	2.9	4.5	0.0	7.2	1.5	0.0
Influence of sex education/health class/family life education in school	3.9	3.9	2.5	0.0	4.3	5.5
A service, program, activity or club in the community	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0
I am not/have not been in love with anyone	3.6	3.0	0.0	6.0	11.6	13.5
Don't need it/not interested in it now	15.0	12.0	10.0	7.7	2.9	0.0
Other	6.3	11.7	17.5	9.3	14.5	13.5

101. <i>Which influence above is the second strongest in your decision-making about sexual activity?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Concern about health risks or pregnancy	21.4	15.4	10.0	19.3	21.7	15.8
Family influence	22.7	20.2	12.5	22.3	24.6	18.4
Friends' influence	11.6	11.7	15.0	7.2	11.6	10.5
Concern about risks to your future plans for career or education	11.1	12.7	10.0	20.2	14.5	18.4
Church or religious beliefs	2.2	4.5	2.5	1.7	4.3	0.0
Influence of sex education/health class/family life education in school	4.4	6.3	2.5	6.7	4.4	5.3
A service, program, activity or club in the community	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
I am not/have not been in love with anyone	5.7	5.4	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.6
Don't need it/not interested in it now	13.8	8.4	12.5	6.7	1.5	7.9
Other	7.1	15.4	32.5	13.4	14.5	21.1

Sexual harassment is unwanted sexual attention such as sexual comments, jokes, graffiti, blocking or cornering.

102. <i>How often in the past year have you experienced some form of sexual harassment from other youth?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	87.0	79.6	75.0	71.0	72.8	47.4
Once	7.4	9.9	15.0	16.8	8.6	23.7
2 or 3 times	3.2	4.8	2.5	5.9	8.6	23.7
4 times or more	2.4	5.7	7.5	6.3	10.0	5.2
103. <i>How often in the past year have you experienced some form of sexual harassment from an adult?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	95.4	91.3	92.5	90.0	92.9	71.1
Once	2.2	4.5	2.5	5.0	4.3	18.4
2 or 3 times	1.5	3.0	5.0	4.2	1.4	10.5
4 times or more	0.9	1.2	0.0	0.8	1.4	0.0
104. <i>Has another youth ever done something sexual to you that you didn't want?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	87.8	83.8	92.2	80.7	84.6	73.0
Yes, unwanted kissing	2.4	1.8	2.6	0.8	1.4	0.0
Yes, unwanted touching	5.9	8.4	2.6	10.5	5.6	13.5
Yes, unwanted kissing and touching	2.2	4.5	0.0	4.2	2.8	2.7
Yes, unwanted sexual intercourse	1.2	1.2	2.6	2.1	1.4	5.4
Yes, other	0.5	0.3	0.0	1.7	4.2	5.4
105. <i>What was the relationship of this teen to you the last time this happened?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
It has never happened	84.8	79.1	79.5	76.8	78.9	64.9
A date, boyfriend or girlfriend	5.2	7.6	7.7	5.9	8.5	5.4
A close or casual friend	6.4	7.9	5.1	10.1	4.2	21.6
A stranger	0.9	2.1	2.6	3.0	1.4	0.0
A teen relative	1.5	0.9	0.0	1.7	1.4	2.7
An ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend	1.2	2.4	5.1	2.5	5.6	5.4
106. <i>Has an adult ever done something sexual to you that you didn't want?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	95.8	92.8	92.3	92.4	91.6	81.1
Yes, unwanted kissing	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.4	2.8	0.0
Yes, unwanted touching	1.0	2.4	5.1	4.2	1.4	10.8
Yes, unwanted kissing and touching	0.5	1.5	0.0	1.4	2.8	2.7
Yes, unwanted sexual intercourse	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.8	1.4	2.7
Yes, other	0.7	1.2	2.6	0.8	0.0	2.7
107. <i>What was the relationship of this adult to you the last time this happened?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
It has never happened	95.3	92.2	89.7	94.5	91.6	83.3
A stranger	1.0	1.2	2.6	0.8	2.8	0.0
An adult friend or leader	1.7	1.8	0.0	1.3	2.8	2.8
An adult I knew but did not consider a friend or leader	1.0	2.1	5.1	1.7	1.4	11.1
An adult relative	0.7	2.1	2.6	1.3	1.4	2.8
An adult boyfriend or girlfriend	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0

108. <i>Have you ever told anyone that you were physically hurt or received unwanted sexual activity?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
It has never happened	90.3	86.0	89.6	85.1	80.3	69.4
Yes, I told a parent	3.5	3.7	2.6	3.8	8.5	5.6
Yes, I told a school staff person	0.5	0.3	0.0	1.3	0.0	2.8
Yes, I told a doctor, social worker or religious leader	0.7	0.3	2.6	0.4	1.4	2.8
Yes, I told an adult friend or youth group leader	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.4	0.0	0.0
Yes, I told a teen friend, but no adults	2.5	5.2	0.0	4.7	5.6	13.9
No, I never told anyone when it happened	2.5	4.5	2.6	4.3	4.2	5.5
109. <i>What happened as a result of telling someone about the physical or sexual activity described above?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
It has never happened to me	90.2	85.0	89.4	85.5	80.0	69.4
I told someone, action was taken, and it stopped	3.2	3.1	0.0	5.3	8.6	8.3
I told someone, action was taken, and it continued	1.2	1.5	0.0	1.3	0.0	2.8
I told someone, no action was taken, and it stopped	2.5	4.6	5.3	3.5	4.3	11.1
I told someone, no action was taken, and it continued	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.5	2.9	2.8
I never told anyone	2.7	5.5	5.3	3.9	4.2	5.6
110. <i>Have you ever done something sexual with another person that they didn't want?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Yes	17.7	14.7	18.4	13.7	15.9	2.8
No	82.3	85.3	81.6	86.3	84.1	97.2

The next set of questions asks about your personal experiences with violence and abuse.

111. <i>In the past year, have you been physically hurt by an adult at home (i.e., beat up, hit with an object, kicked, etc.)?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	88.7	88.3	83.3	88.2	88.6	94.4
Yes, once	6.0	6.7	5.6	6.6	7.1	2.8
Yes, more than once	5.3	5.0	11.1	5.2	4.3	2.8
112. <i>In the past year, have you been physically hurt by another teen?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	85.2	84.2	69.5	86.3	85.7	75.0
Yes, once	7.3	9.6	19.4	6.2	11.4	8.3
Yes, more than once	7.5	6.2	11.1	7.5	2.9	16.7
113. <i>In the past year, have you been slapped, hit or kicked by a boyfriend/girlfriend?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	90.2	89.8	83.3	86.4	84.3	91.7
Yes, once	5.8	6.8	5.6	7.0	7.1	0.0
Yes, more than once	4.0	3.4	11.1	6.6	8.6	8.3

114. <i>Do you feel constantly teased, threatened or harassed by other youth?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
No	83.8	81.5	80.6	85.3	87.0	88.6
Yes	16.2	18.5	19.4	14.7	13.0	11.4
115. <i>How often in the past 6 months have you used physical force or threatened people in order to win an argument or get your own way?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	68.3	60.3	45.7	64.0	65.7	56.8
Rarely	22.1	27.6	31.4	23.3	22.9	16.2
Occasionally	6.6	8.7	14.3	9.6	8.6	10.8
Often	2.0	0.9	5.7	1.8	2.8	8.1
Very often	1.0	2.5	2.9	1.3	0.0	8.1
116. <i>In the past year, have you ever carried a weapon, such as a knife or club, on school property with the intent to harm someone or to protect yourself or others?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	97.2	94.4	100.0	94.7	95.7	97.1
Yes, once only	1.0	3.1	0.0	1.8	1.4	0.0
Yes, more than once	1.8	2.5	0.0	3.5	2.9	2.9
117. <i>In the past year, have you ever carried a gun on school property with the intent to harm someone or to protect yourself or others?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	97.7	97.8	100.0	97.4	100.0	97.2
Yes, once only	1.3	0.6	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
Yes, more than once	1.0	1.6	0.0	1.3	0.0	2.8
118. <i>In the past year, have you ever carried a weapon, such as a knife or club, in the community with the intent to harm someone or to protect yourself or others?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	95.3	92.1	91.2	92.5	98.6	97.2
Yes, once only	2.9	2.5	0.0	3.5	0.0	2.8
Yes, more than once	1.8	5.4	8.8	4.0	1.4	0.0
119. <i>In the past year, have you ever carried a gun in the community with the intent to harm someone or to protect yourself or others?</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Never	96.6	95.6	97.1	96.5	98.6	100.0
Yes, once only	2.1	1.3	2.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Yes, more than once	1.3	3.1	0.0	2.6	1.4	0.0

On average, you probably have a total of about 60 non-classroom hours of free time to pursue other activities each week.

Here are some things teens do after school and on weekends. How many hours each week do you spend...

120. ...staying at home with no adults present	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
None	14.7	7.6	6.2	7.7	10.4	8.6
About 1 Hour	38.7	36.5	33.3	21.3	19.5	28.6
2-10 Hours	41.9	46.7	54.5	61.1	56.7	51.4
11-20 Hours	2.9	5.7	3.0	6.3	10.4	5.7
More Than 20 Hrs.	1.8	3.5	3.0	3.6	3.0	5.7

121.	<i>...watching TV, playing video or computer games</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	None	4.2	4.2	0.0	5.7	1.4	11.1
	About 1 Hour	37.1	27.6	43.8	22.5	21.7	19.5
	2-10 Hours	47.5	53.3	40.6	55.1	63.8	47.2
	11-20 Hours	5.9	9.2	9.4	13.2	5.8	19.4
	More Than 20 Hrs.	5.3	5.7	6.2	3.5	7.3	2.8
122.	<i>...doing homework or studying</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	None	10.7	8.9	15.6	7.6	14.7	16.7
	About 1 Hour	56.4	44.1	56.3	33.3	36.8	36.1
	2-10 Hours	29.7	41.9	28.1	49.3	47.1	33.3
	11-20 Hours	2.1	3.2	0.0	7.1	1.4	11.1
	More Than 20 Hrs.	1.1	1.9	0.0	2.7	0.0	2.8
123.	<i>...reading for pleasure</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	None	39.1	40.3	54.8	50.9	63.2	38.9
	About 1 Hour	41.8	37.1	32.3	20.5	20.6	19.4
	2-10 Hours	16.2	18.7	6.5	23.7	16.2	30.5
	11-20 Hours	2.4	2.3	3.2	3.6	0.0	5.6
	More Than 20 Hrs.	0.5	1.6	3.2	1.3	0.0	5.6
124.	<i>...talking to friends on the telephone</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	None	23.2	18.6	25.8	17.9	8.8	20.0
	About 1 Hour	48.5	39.9	32.3	38.8	39.7	34.3
	2-10 Hours	23.2	31.8	29.0	30.8	44.1	34.3
	11-20 Hours	4.6	6.8	12.9	9.4	4.4	11.4
	More Than 20 Hrs.	0.5	2.9	0.0	3.1	3.0	0.0
125.	<i>...being online (chatting, surfing, etc.)</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	None	28.4	15.3	13.8	13.4	10.3	17.1
	About 1 Hour	29.5	26.8	38.0	19.6	33.8	17.1
	2-10 Hours	29.7	44.7	31.0	46.0	47.1	51.5
	11-20 Hours	10.0	8.0	10.3	13.8	7.4	11.4
	More Than 20 Hrs.	2.4	5.2	6.9	7.2	1.4	2.9
126.	<i>...dating a boyfriend/girlfriend or hanging out with friends</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	None	18.5	12.9	23.3	11.2	5.9	2.9
	About 1 Hour	20.7	12.5	6.7	9.9	16.2	0.0
	2-10 Hours	39.4	47.9	33.3	48.0	38.2	45.7
	11-20 Hours	13.0	16.7	16.7	18.4	19.1	37.1
	More Than 20 Hrs.	8.4	10.0	20.0	12.5	20.6	14.3
127.	<i>...participating in school and community sponsored activities including clubs, dances, etc.</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
	None	33.9	23.5	32.1	22.0	24.6	32.4
	About 1 Hour	25.1	25.8	35.7	23.3	30.4	11.8
	2-10 Hours	35.5	44.5	21.4	39.5	34.8	38.2
	11-20 Hours	3.8	3.9	7.2	10.3	8.7	11.8
	More Than 20 Hrs.	1.7	2.3	3.6	4.9	1.5	5.8

128. ... <i>participating in organized sports (school or community sponsored teams or contests)</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
None	31.5	21.5	13.8	20.5	33.3	47.1
About 1 Hour	19.2	14.1	24.2	10.7	10.1	17.6
2-10 Hours	37.5	45.5	37.9	37.5	42.0	20.6
11-20 Hours	8.5	12.2	10.3	21.4	11.6	8.8
More Than 20 Hrs.	3.3	6.7	13.8	9.9	3.0	5.9
129. ... <i>exercising for fun and fitness</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
None	20.8	12.1	20.7	15.8	27.5	17.6
About 1 Hour	45.0	44.3	44.8	28.1	30.4	47.1
2-10 Hours	27.9	33.9	24.1	39.8	36.2	29.4
11-20 Hours	4.1	7.5	6.9	13.1	5.9	5.9
More Than 20 Hrs.	2.2	2.2	3.5	3.2	0.0	0.0
130. ... <i>doing fun things with your parent(s) or family</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
None	16.8	12.4	20.7	13.6	14.7	29.4
About 1 Hour	39.4	38.2	31.1	33.5	35.3	35.3
2-10 Hours	36.9	39.5	37.9	48.9	45.6	29.4
11-20 Hours	5.6	7.5	3.4	3.2	2.9	5.9
More Than 20 Hrs.	1.3	2.4	6.9	0.8	1.5	0.0
131. ... <i>attending religious services, education, prayer or activities</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
None	49.0	48.0	58.6	53.0	60.9	58.8
About 1 Hour	30.4	31.3	20.7	26.5	21.7	26.5
2-10 Hours	19.2	18.8	13.8	17.8	17.4	14.7
11-20 Hours	0.6	1.3	6.9	1.4	0.0	0.0
More Than 20 Hrs.	0.8	0.6	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
132. ... <i>working at a job for pay</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
None	71.2	67.3	62.1	54.4	50.7	44.2
About 1 Hour	16.5	13.9	13.8	12.4	9.0	2.9
2-10 Hours	9.5	15.2	17.2	21.2	20.9	17.6
11-20 Hours	2.0	1.9	3.5	8.3	14.9	23.5
More Than 20 Hrs.	0.8	1.7	3.4	3.7	4.5	11.8
133. ... <i>helping with family business or farm, or doing household chores</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
None	26.1	21.9	31.0	16.5	20.6	26.5
About 1 Hour	50.9	46.4	31.0	44.0	41.2	44.2
2-10 Hours	18.2	26.2	27.6	33.9	33.8	23.5
11-20 Hours	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.9
More Than 20 Hrs.	1.4	1.9	6.9	2.3	1.5	2.9
134. ... <i>doing volunteer community service</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
None	74.8	68.0	58.6	55.3	69.6	61.8
About 1 Hour	16.5	22.1	34.5	24.4	15.9	17.6
2-10 Hours	6.5	7.3	3.4	16.6	14.5	11.8
11-20 Hours	1.1	1.0	3.5	2.8	0.0	5.9
More Than 20 Hrs.	1.1	1.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	2.9

Fill in the circles on your answer sheet that best describes your situation or feelings.

How helpful do you think each of these things are in keeping you from engaging in negative, illegal or harmful activities?

135. <i>Counselor/social worker you can talk with</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Very Helpful	22.4	15.0	10.3	15.6	12.9	5.6
Some Help	19.7	24.5	17.3	24.1	30.0	27.8
Helpful	21.7	24.1	17.3	20.8	22.9	8.3
Minimal Help	13.1	12.9	10.3	12.2	7.1	19.4
No Help	23.1	23.5	44.8	27.3	27.1	38.9
136. <i>Involved family/parents</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Very Helpful	47.3	40.5	37.9	33.8	41.4	22.2
Some Help	18.9	19.2	13.8	22.1	20.0	16.7
Helpful	19.8	26.5	27.6	30.0	31.4	25.0
Minimal Help	6.0	4.9	10.3	7.5	2.9	30.5
No Help	8.0	8.9	10.4	6.6	4.3	5.6
137. <i>After school and weekend activities at school or in the community</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Very Helpful	28.9	26.6	24.1	26.4	14.3	16.7
Some Help	22.0	23.5	24.1	18.9	30.0	22.2
Helpful	21.4	22.2	20.7	28.3	24.3	16.7
Minimal Help	9.5	9.0	13.8	11.8	20.0	16.7
No Help	18.2	18.7	17.3	14.6	11.4	27.7
138. <i>School programs concerning drug and alcohol prevention awareness (in-class instructions, assemblies)</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Very Helpful	27.1	23.2	13.8	14.2	10.0	5.6
Some Help	21.2	18.9	17.2	24.5	27.1	27.8
Helpful	17.4	25.6	17.2	23.6	17.2	19.4
Minimal Help	12.8	12.3	17.2	20.8	24.3	25.0
No Help	21.5	20.0	34.6	16.9	21.4	22.2
139. <i>Opportunities to perform volunteer work</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Very Helpful	21.7	18.4	20.7	13.8	11.4	14.3
Some Help	25.1	21.9	10.3	18.1	17.2	17.1
Helpful	17.9	20.8	17.2	23.8	25.7	20.0
Minimal Help	11.0	18.0	27.6	21.4	14.3	20.0
No Help	24.3	20.9	24.2	22.9	31.4	28.6
140. <i>Positive role models</i>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Very Helpful	44.7	35.6	34.6	33.7	34.3	29.4
Some Help	17.8	18.3	23.1	19.8	31.3	32.4
Helpful	20.7	27.3	23.1	25.2	19.4	11.8
Minimal Help	7.1	7.6	7.7	9.9	7.5	17.6
No Help	9.7	11.2	11.5	11.4	7.5	8.8

Appendix B

**TAP SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE and RESPONSES
BY PERCENTAGES**

(1999, 2003 and 2007)

2007 TEEN ASSESSMENT PROJECT

Appendix B

Choose the one response which most closely describes you, your behavior, opinion or situation.

1.	<i>What is your sex?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Male	46.1	50.4	49.9
	Female	53.9	49.6	50.1
2.	<i>How old are you?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	11 or younger	0.0	2.0	.6
	12	3.4	6.6	23.5
	13	20.7	25.1	29.0
	14	22.9	18.5	14.1
	15	15.1	18.2	12.9
	16	21.8	18.9	13.1
	17	13.0	7.8	5.2
	18 or older	3.1	2.9	1.6
3.	<i>What grade level or status below best describes you?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	7th	9.2	10.2	37.3
	8th	35.7	35.7	28.7
	9th	9.9	7.7	4.0
	10th	24.3	26.6	20.6
	11th	14.6	11.2	6.0
	12th	5.6	4.9	3.4
	other	.7	3.7	0.0
4.	<i>Which of the following special needs apply to you?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	I don't have any special needs	85.7	82.1	87.4
	Learning disability	8.9	9.1	7.6
	Emotional/behavior disability	2.0	3.4	2.3
	Physical disability	.7	1.3	.6
	English as a second language	1.4	.8	.7
	More than one of these applies to me	1.3	3.3	1.4

Answer these questions about your living situation. Remember that questions about your parents refer to the adults you live with most of the time.

5.	<i>Who do you live with most of the time?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Two parents (biological or adoptive)	57.0	61.0	57.8
	A parent and a step-parent	14.9	15.4	15.5
	Father most of the time	4.7	4.5	3.8
	Mother most of the time	16.4	11.9	13.6
	Mother part of the time, father part of the time	3.8	4.1	6.4
	With relatives (aunt, uncle, grandparents, etc.)	2.3	2.1	2.1
	Group home or foster home	-	.4	.6
	Alone or with friends only	.9	.6	.2

Answer these questions about the adults you live with most of the time.

6.	<i>Which of the following describes the highest level of education that was completed by either one of your parents?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	No high school	.2	1.6	1.8
	Some high school	7.6	7.5	6.6
	High school graduate	22.7	19.3	17.3
	Some technical training or college courses	12.8	8.7	8.4
	Two-year college graduate	10.3	11.6	10.4
	Four-year college graduate	17.5	17.8	18.6
	Master's or doctorate degree	14.2	14.7	15.5
	I don't know	14.7	18.8	21.4
7.	<i>Which statement is true for your family?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	We qualify for free lunch	16.7	12.8	16.9
	We qualify for reduced price lunch	8.4	8.2	8.0
	We do not qualify for free or reduced price lunch	58.2	63.6	60.1
	I do not know if we qualify for free or reduced price lunch	16.7	15.4	15.0

Fill in the circles on your answer sheet that best describe your situation or feelings.

How much do you worry about the following issues?

8.	<i>Getting good grades</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	4.9	4.3	3.8
	A Little	14.4	15.7	15.0
	Fair Amount	41.8	40.2	40.8
	A Lot	38.9	39.8	40.4
9.	<i>Not fitting in with the other kids at school</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	41.1	29.4	30.8
	A Little	30.6	33.5	33.8
	Fair Amount	16.6	24.3	22.3
	A Lot	11.7	12.8	13.1
10.	<i>Getting along with your parent(s)</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	20.7	19.4	20.2
	A Little	22.5	21.6	21.2
	Fair Amount	30.1	33.5	29.2
	A Lot	26.7	25.5	29.4
11.	<i>How well your parents get along with each other</i>	1999	2003	2007
	Not At All	43.9	27.2	26.9
	A Little	23.9	19.4	18.1
	Fair Amount	14.1	25.2	24.7
	A Lot	18.1	28.2	30.3

12.	<i>That your parent(s) drink or use drugs</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	71.3	55.7	56.7
	A Little	13.1	19.7	18.6
	Fair Amount	7.7	9.9	9.5
	A Lot	7.9	14.7	15.2
13.	<i>That your family has enough money to get by</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	45.4	31.5	33.0
	A Little	23.9	20.8	17.3
	Fair Amount	16.7	25.6	25.8
	A Lot	14.0	22.1	23.9
14.	<i>That someone at home will be hurt by another person at home</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	77.3	74.9	72.9
	A Little	13.0	12.6	12.2
	Fair Amount	4.7	5.1	5.9
	A Lot	5.0	7.4	9.0
15.	<i>That you are or might be homosexual (lesbian or gay)</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	90.5	88.1	89.5
	A Little	4.1	4.6	3.6
	Fair Amount	1.1	1.9	1.8
	A Lot	4.3	5.4	5.1
16.	<i>That you might get AIDS or another sexually transmitted disease</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	40.6	59.1	67.7
	A Little	26.6	18.8	16.1
	Fair Amount	15.4	9.9	7.1
	A Lot	17.4	12.2	9.1
17.	<i>Being pressured into having sex</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	57.3	69.0	71.8
	A Little	24.0	17.0	14.7
	Fair Amount	10.2	8.1	6.8
	A Lot	8.5	5.9	6.7
18.	<i>That no one loves or cares about you</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	59.2	62.6	62.3
	A Little	22.1	17.2	17.1
	Fair Amount	9.2	8.9	9.9
	A Lot	9.5	11.3	10.7
19.	<i>How you look</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	13.5	18.5	19.6
	A Little	26.8	28.4	27.8
	Fair Amount	30.4	32.1	28.4
	A Lot	29.3	21.0	24.2
20.	<i>That you may have an eating disorder</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	77.3	73.4	77.6
	A Little	13.3	13.9	11.7
	Fair Amount	4.5	6.9	5.5
	A Lot	4.9	5.8	5.2

21.	<i>Being pressured into drinking or doing other drugs</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Not At All	57.1	61.4	67.7
	A Little	27.3	23.2	19.0
	Fair Amount	11.3	8.3	6.7
	A Lot	4.3	7.1	6.6

The next three questions ask about tobacco use.

22.	<i>How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	I have never smoked a whole cigarette	48.6	66.7	81.9
	8 years old or younger	2.1	3.6	2.2
	9 or 10 years old	7.4	6.2	2.1
	11 or 12 years old	19.8	9.2	6.2
	13 or 14 years old	16.7	9.4	4.3
	15 or 16 years old	4.5	4.4	3.1
	17 years old or older	.9	.5	.2
23.	<i>During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	0 days	-	82.6	91.4
	1 or 2 days	-	3.8	2.2
	3 to 5 days	-	2.5	1.0
	6 to 9 days	-	1.4	.9
	10 to 19 days	-	1.9	1.0
	20 to 29 days	-	1.9	.6
	all 30 days	-	5.9	2.9
24.	<i>Have you ever tried to quit smoking cigarettes?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	I have never smoked	58.8	73.5	85.6
	I smoke and have never tried to quit smoking	8.4	5.3	2.6
	Yes, I quit smoking, and haven't smoked since	32.8	11.9	7.5
	Yes, I have quit smoking before, but I started smoking again	-	9.3	4.3

The next five questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, 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.

25.	<i>If you drink, about how often do you have at least one drink of alcohol?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	I don't drink	44.1	52.6	66.8
	I did drink, but not anymore	4.5	3.2	3.0
	A few times a year	26.8	26.2	17.9
	A few times a month	18.7	12.5	9.2
	A few times a week	5.2	4.3	2.3
	Almost every day	.7	1.2	.8
26.	<i>If you drink, how old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	I have never had a drink of alcohol	41.0	47.6	62.6
	8 years old or younger	5.7	5.3	3.0
	9 or 10 years old	4.8	5.3	3.0
	11 or 12 years old	13.3	10.4	9.6
	13 or 14 years old	21.9	21.3	14.4
	15 or 16 years old	12.4	9.8	6.9
	17 years old or older	.9	.3	.5

27.	<i>During the past month, have you had 5 or more alcoholic drinks within a two or three hour period?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	No	-	84.0	88.0
	Yes, once	-	6.8	6.2
	Yes, 2 or 3 times	-	6.1	3.8
	Yes, 4 or more times	-	3.1	2.0
28.	<i>If you drink, where do you usually get the alcohol that you drink?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	I don't drink alcohol	47.8	55.5	68.8
	From my house without parents knowing	6.2	6.0	4.3
	From a friend's house, without their parents knowing	4.3	7.4	4.6
	Someone of legal age buys it for me or gives it to me	19.1	10.5	5.7
	I buy it at a store or bar	.5	.5	.3
	My parents give it to me	7.1	8.4	4.3
	My friend's parents give it to me	3.6	1.6	1.2
	Some other source	11.4	10.1	10.8
29.	<i>During the past 6 months, have you driven or ridden in a car, truck, boat, motorcycle, ATV, or snowmobile, when the driver had been drinking alcohol?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	No	73.5	76.0	77.4
	Yes, once or twice	16.2	14.5	15.4
	Yes, 3 to 6 times	4.5	4.4	3.8
	Yes, 7 or more times	5.8	5.1	3.4

The next two questions ask about marijuana use.

30.	<i>If you use marijuana, about how often do you smoke it?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	I don't use marijuana	68.5	76.7	86.7
	I did use marijuana, but not anymore	13.3	6.4	4.3
	A few times a year	4.5	4.0	2.9
	A few times a month	5.4	4.6	2.4
	A few times a week	4.7	4.8	1.5
	Almost every day	3.6	3.5	2.2
31.	<i>If you have tried marijuana, how old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	I have never tried marijuana	67.0	71.5	83.1
	8 years old or younger	0.0	.9	1.2
	9 or 10 years old	1.3	1.4	.8
	11 or 12 years old	7.4	5.9	4.1
	13 or 14 years old	14.4	12.6	6.4
	15 or 16 years old	7.9	7.3	4.1
	17 years old or older	2.0	.4	.3

There are various influences in your life which help you make decisions. Below is a list of possible influences that may help you make decisions about not using or stopping the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. To answer questions 32 and 33, mark on the answer sheet which are the two strongest influences for you.

32. Which influence below is the strongest in your decision-making about not using or stopping use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs?	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Concern about health effects or addiction	44.8	36.9	41.7
Family influence	20.1	25.0	23.2
Friends' influence	8.8	8.5	8.3
Concern about effects on school, athletic or work performance	12.5	15.4	14.6
Church or religious beliefs	2.5	2.9	3.0
Laws, fears of getting caught	8.7	8.6	6.3
Counseling or treatment	.5	.8	.7
Influence of substance abuse education in schools	1.2	.8	1.2
Special school assemblies on substance abuse	.9	1.1	1.0

33. Which influence below is the second strongest in your decision-making about not using or stopping use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs?	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Concern about health effects or addiction	18.9	21.7	21.1
Family influence	25.1	25.5	24.2
Friends' influence	13.8	13.9	13.1
Concern about effects on school, athletic or work performance	20.2	17.7	19.0
Church or religious beliefs	3.2	3.0	3.3
Laws, fears of getting caught	13.3	11.6	12.1
Counseling or treatment	1.6	1.5	1.6
Influence of substance abuse education in schools	2.3	2.6	2.9
Special school assemblies on substance abuse	1.6	2.5	2.7

Please indicate how often you use each of the following substances.

34. Cocaine, including powder or crack	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never Used	95.0	96.1	95.9
Did Use, but stopped	2.7	2.1	1.7
A Few Times a Year	.7	1.0	1.0
A Few Times a Month	.7	.5	.6
A Few Times a Week	.2	0.0	.2
About Every Day	.7	.3	.6

35. Inhalants (sniffed glue, aerosol spray cans, etc.)	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never Used	87.0	91.0	92.2
Did Use, but stopped	9.4	4.4	3.7
A Few Times a Year	2.5	3.2	2.0
A Few Times a Month	.7	.7	.7
A Few Times a Week	.4	.2	.4
About Every Day	0.0	.5	1.0

36. <i>Steroids without a doctor's prescription (pill form or by injection)</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never Used	97.1	97.5	97.4
Did Use, but stopped	1.6	1.5	.8
A Few Times a Year	.5	.2	.5
A Few Times a Month	.4	.3	.3
A Few Times a Week	0.0	.3	.5
About Every Day	.4	.2	.5
37. <i>Other illegal drugs (like Ecstasy, LSD, PCP, speed, etc.)</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never Used	88.3	89.1	94.6
Did Use, but stopped	5.2	4.3	2.1
A Few Times a Year	3.4	3.4	1.2
A Few Times a Month	2.2	1.7	.7
A Few Times a Week	.7	1.1	.6
About Every Day	.2	.4	.8
38. <i>How often during this (2006 – 2007) school year have you been high on alcohol, marijuana, or any other illegal drug while at school during school hours?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
0 times	79.6	81.5	87.5
1 or 2 times	8.1	7.0	5.3
3 to 9 times	5.6	5.3	2.7
10 to 19 times	1.8	2.4	1.4
20 to 39 times	1.8	1.3	1.0
40 or more times	3.1	2.5	2.1
How easy would it be for you to get each of the following?			
39. <i>Beer, wine, or hard liquor</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Very Easy	-	29.7	26.6
Easy	-	28.8	25.7
Not So Easy	-	11.6	-
Difficult	-	5.1	13.0
Very Difficult	-	9.1	14.6
I Don't Know	-	15.7	20.1
40. <i>Marijuana (pot, weed)</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Very Easy	-	22.7	16.3
Easy	-	19.2	12.1
Not So Easy	-	7.6	-
Difficult	-	4.1	7.9
Very Difficult	-	20.7	34.7
I Don't Know	-	25.7	29.0
41. <i>Tobacco products</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Very Easy	-	32.5	25.0
Easy	-	19.1	15.0
Not So Easy	-	8.5	-
Difficult	-	6.5	11.3
Very Difficult	-	14.5	24.7
I Don't Know	-	18.9	24.0

Please read each statement carefully and decide whether you agree or disagree. Fill in the circles on the answer sheet that best describe your feelings.

42. <i>I enjoy going to school.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	10.4	12.7	14.2
Agree	54.8	46.9	52.4
Disagree	23.5	25.2	22.0
Strongly Disagree	11.3	15.2	11.4
43. <i>Rules in my school are the same for everyone and are enforced fairly.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	15.6	14.7	17.5
Agree	32.6	37.4	43.0
Disagree	30.8	29.1	24.7
Strongly Disagree	21.0	18.8	14.8
44. <i>I feel safe in my school.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	28.6	19.7	28.0
Agree	54.1	55.9	54.8
Disagree	12.1	18.0	11.8
Strongly Disagree	5.2	6.4	5.4
45. <i>My teachers generally care about me and how well I do in school</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	-	23.8	31.7
Agree	-	52.1	52.2
Disagree	-	15.8	11.6
Strongly Disagree	-	8.3	4.5
46. <i>Teachers in my school treat me with respect</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	23.0	22.5	28.9
Agree	52.4	55.4	54.2
Disagree	16.9	15.6	12.3
Strongly Disagree	7.7	6.5	4.6
47. <i>I treat teachers in my school with respect</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	30.0	30.8	39.6
Agree	61.3	55.5	50.2
Disagree	5.8	9.5	6.8
Strongly Disagree	2.9	4.2	3.4
48. <i>What grades do you usually get in school?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
90 – 100	25.1	31.3	35.9
80 – 89	37.4	37.4	35.6
70 – 79	28.0	22.6	20.6
65 – 69	7.9	6.1	5.3
Below 65	1.6	2.6	2.6

49. Which do you think you will likely do after you finish high school?	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Go to a vocational/technical school or 2 year college	14.1	12.0	7.7
Go to a 4 year college/university	59.6	60.0	63.6
Go to work full-time	4.3	4.1	3.4
Join the military	4.7	6.7	6.2
Get married and be supported by my husband/wife	2.0	.9	1.2
Go on public assistance (welfare)	0.0	.4	.3
Don't know yet	14.6	15.3	16.4
Don't plan to finish high school	.7	.6	1.2

50. How often in the past year have you missed school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Once	6.7	15.0	14.0
Several Times	10.4	3.6	2.8
Many Times	.7	1.7	2.8
Never	82.2	79.7	80.4

Please read each statement carefully and decide whether you agree or disagree. Fill in the circles on the answer sheet that best describe your feelings.

51. In my community, there are fun things for kids my age to do.	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	12.9	9.4	10.8
Agree	23.9	34.6	38.9
Disagree	32.7	32.8	30.5
Strongly Disagree	30.5	23.2	19.8

52. In my community, there are opportunities for kids my age to earn money or find a job.	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	-	10.4	10.5
Agree	-	54.6	48.8
Disagree	-	23.0	26.6
Strongly Disagree	-	12.0	14.1

53. I feel safe in my community.	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	29.0	17.9	19.5
Agree	55.0	60.7	59.5
Disagree	10.6	15.5	14.0
Strongly Disagree	5.4	5.9	7.0

54. Adults in my community care about and value kids my age.	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	-	9.5	15.6
Agree	-	51.5	54.1
Disagree	-	28.7	22.2
Strongly Disagree	-	10.3	8.1

55. <i>If I had a problem, there are adults in my community who I could count on to help me.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	41.9	24.8	31.8
Agree	36.9	50.3	49.5
Disagree	13.7	15.2	11.9
Strongly Disagree	7.5	9.7	6.8

Please indicate whether or not your school or community offers specific help to teenagers for each of these concerns. You don't need to have used or sought help for these, but **it is important that you base your answers on specific groups, programs or agencies that you know provide help for each of these issues.**

56. <i>Pregnancy/birth control/abstinence counseling</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No Help Offered	-	10.5	12.7
No Help Offered, but Help is Needed	-	5.5	3.7
Help Offered	-	37.0	34.4
Don't Know	-	47.0	49.2

57. <i>Sexual/physical abuse</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No Help Offered	-	9.3	11.8
No Help Offered, but Help is Needed	-	3.8	4.0
Help Offered	-	40.8	36.6
Don't Know	-	46.1	47.6

58. <i>Alcohol/drug abuse</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No Help Offered	-	8.0	10.7
No Help Offered, but Help is Needed	-	5.3	4.7
Help Offered	-	50.1	41.6
Don't Know	-	36.6	43.0

59. <i>Depression or thoughts of suicide</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No Help Offered	-	9.4	11.8
No Help Offered, but Help is Needed	-	7.3	5.3
Help Offered	-	39.7	38.4
Don't Know	-	43.6	44.5

Please read each statement and decide if you agree or disagree. Fill in the numbered circles on your answer sheet that represent how you feel.

60. <i>I feel safe in my home</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	57.7	63.3	66.3
Agree	38.0	31.7	27.7
Disagree	2.5	3.7	3.8
Strongly Disagree	1.8	1.3	2.2

61. <i>I can turn to my parent(s) if I have a serious personal problem and need someone to talk to.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	-	39.9	48.7
Agree	-	39.0	33.3
Disagree	-	12.8	11.5
Strongly Disagree	-	8.3	6.5

From your point of view, indicate how much the following are true for you. If you do not live with your mother or father, answer about the male or female adult you live with.

My parent(s)...

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
62. ...set clear rules for me to follow.			
Never	7.9	3.6	4.2
Occasionally	28.9	28.1	23.3
Often	32.9	32.7	33.1
Always	30.3	35.6	39.4
63. ...discipline or punish me when I break the rules.	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	16.9	12.4	10.2
Occasionally	37.1	35.5	30.9
Often	27.1	27.4	31.8
Always	18.9	24.7	27.1
64. ...expect me to call if I am not at home.	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	5.9	4.7	4.7
Occasionally	18.3	14.5	12.4
Often	20.9	20.0	21.1
Always	54.9	60.8	61.8
65. ...know my friends.	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	4.1	3.6	3.2
Occasionally	9.7	15.4	14.6
Often	41.2	36.2	31.8
Always	45.0	44.8	50.4
66. ...usually know what I am doing after school.	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	4.5	5.2	4.0
Occasionally	15.3	11.6	10.5
Often	29.6	29.2	29.4
Always	50.6	54.0	56.1
67. ...ask me where I'm going when I go out.	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	-	4.0	3.3
Occasionally	-	8.2	6.6
Often	-	16.1	15.4
Always	-	71.7	74.7
68. ...care about and encourage me in my interests and activities.	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	-	5.8	5.3
Occasionally	-	13.1	10.5
Often	-	24.1	22.6
Always	-	57.0	61.6
69. ...are interested and encourage me in my school work.	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	-	5.3	4.0
Occasionally	-	10.8	7.7
Often	-	23.7	20.0
Always	-	60.2	68.3

How often in the past year have you had a talk with at least one parent or adult you live with about each of the following?

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
70. <i>Risks of smoking, drinking, or taking drugs</i>			
Never	29.4	31.7	34.8
Rarely	-	23.8	21.5
Sometimes	35.8	27.4	27.1
Often	21.6	12.4	10.8
Very Often	13.2	4.7	5.8
71. <i>The risks of being sexually active (AIDS, HIV, STDs, pregnancy, birth controls, etc.)</i>			
Never	41.0	41.1	44.2
Rarely	-	24.5	22.9
Sometimes	33.5	20.1	19.0
Often	14.8	10.1	9.6
Very Often	10.7	4.2	4.3
72. <i>About your family's history, faith and/or values</i>			
Never	26.8	24.5	24.8
Rarely	-	21.2	22.6
Sometimes	34.5	28.4	28.1
Often	25.1	17.4	15.3
Very Often	13.6	8.5	9.2
73. <i>About my job or education plans after high school</i>			
Never	9.2	12.9	14.6
Rarely	-	14.3	16.6
Sometimes	29.1	26.1	25.4
Often	31.0	27.2	23.9
Very Often	30.7	19.5	19.5

For the next three questions, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Answer these questions about the adults you live with most of the time.

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
74. <i>My parents think youth my age should wait to have sexual intercourse.</i>			
Strongly Agree	-	47.7	56.3
Agree	-	41.1	31.7
Disagree	-	6.6	6.8
Strongly Disagree	-	4.6	5.2
75. <i>My parents think youth my age shouldn't drink alcohol.</i>			
Strongly Agree	-	47.1	61.2
Agree	-	40.3	28.9
Disagree	-	9.0	5.6
Strongly Disagree	-	3.6	4.3
76. <i>My parents think youth my age shouldn't use tobacco products.</i>			
Strongly Agree	-	57.4	71.3
Agree	-	33.8	21.3
Disagree	-	4.9	2.8
Strongly Disagree	-	3.9	4.6

77. <i>How many times in the past five years have you had to change schools because you moved to a different community or neighborhood?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	-	74.5	73.2
Once	-	14.1	14.2
Twice	-	5.2	4.3
Three times	-	2.8	3.9
Four times	-	1.6	1.1
Five times or more	-	1.8	3.3

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

78. <i>I can turn to my friends if I have a serious personal problem and need someone to talk with.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	-	40.7	43.6
Agree	-	40.4	41.8
Disagree	-	13.4	9.4
Strongly Disagree	-	5.5	5.2

79. <i>If I wanted to do something foolish or dangerous, my friends would try to stop me for my own good.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	-	35.7	39.9
Agree	-	45.4	41.4
Disagree	-	13.7	13.6
Strongly Disagree	-	5.2	5.1

80. <i>My friends think postponing sexual intercourse until after high school is a good idea.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	-	17.1	26.7
Agree	-	31.0	33.2
Disagree	-	34.3	25.2
Strongly Disagree	-	17.6	14.9

81. <i>My friends feel it is important to get good grades and work hard in school.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	-	22.8	29.0
Agree	-	54.5	52.0
Disagree	-	17.8	14.6
Strongly Disagree	-	4.9	4.4

82. <i>My friends think you don't need to drink or do drugs in order to have a good time.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	-	32.3	46.0
Agree	-	43.1	36.1
Disagree	-	17.3	12.1
Strongly Disagree	-	7.3	5.8

83. <i>My friends and I talk about going to college or getting a job after high school.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	-	25.2	29.2
Agree	-	49.9	44.8
Disagree	-	16.9	17.9
Strongly Disagree	-	8.0	8.1

84. <i>My friends feel it is important to help others and contribute to our community.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	-	12.0	15.2
Agree	-	39.3	43.4
Disagree	-	34.8	30.2
Strongly Disagree	-	13.9	11.2
85. <i>I let my friends talk me into doing things I really don't want to do.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Strongly Agree	6.1	4.8	8.0
Agree	17.2	11.7	12.7
Disagree	31.9	42.9	37.7
Strongly Disagree	44.8	40.6	41.6

Fill in the responses on your answer sheet that best describe your situation or feelings.

86. <i>Who do you generally talk to when you have a problem?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
A friend	53.9	44.7	44.4
An adult friend	2.5	4.7	3.8
A parent/step-parent	19.3	25.0	29.9
A brother/sister	6.7	8.3	7.5
An adult relative (not a parent or step-parent)	1.8	2.2	2.1
A school staff person (teacher, guidance counselor, etc.)	.9	1.5	1.3
A counselor or religious leader	1.1	.9	.1
An adult leader (e.g. 4-H, church youth group, scouts, coach, etc.)	.2	.2	.2
No one, because I can't or don't want to	11.8	10.8	9.7
No one, because I have no one to talk to	1.8	1.7	1.0
87. <i>During the past year, have you seriously thought about running away from home?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No	56.9	62.3	63.3
Yes, once	19.9	18.4	19.2
Yes, more than once	16.9	15.6	14.7
I did run away	6.1	3.3	2.2
I did not live at home during the last year	.2	.4	.6
88. <i>During the past 6 months, have you felt depressed, helpless, hopeless or very sad for a period of 2 weeks or longer?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No	57.2	65.3	68.4
Yes	42.8	34.7	31.6

Sometimes people feel so depressed and hopeless about the future that they may consider attempting suicide, that is, taking some action to end their own life. The next six questions ask about suicide.

89. <i>During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No	78.3	81.0	87.4
Yes	21.7	19.0	12.6

90. <i>During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?</i>			
	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No	84.1	87.8	92.7
Yes	15.9	12.2	7.3
91. <i>During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?</i>			
	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
0 times	-	90.7	94.1
1 time	-	4.5	3.4
2 or 3 times	-	2.8	1.5
4 or 5 times	-	1.1	.6
6 or more times	-	.9	.4
92. <i>If you attempted suicide during the past 12 months, did any attempt result in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse?</i>			
	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
I did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months	-	86.9	88.6
Yes	-	3.2	2.9
No	-	9.9	8.5
93. <i>If you have had thoughts about committing suicide, what was the main reason you had these thoughts the last time?</i>			
	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
I do not have these thoughts	-	73.6	78.5
Because of a failed relationship	-	3.5	3.3
I had problems with my parents or home life	-	7.5	6.4
Because of pressure to perform at school (grades, tests, homework, etc.)	-	2.8	1.0
I felt too much pressure about something in my life (like school, sports, or work)	-	2.3	3.3
I had been verbally abused or harassed by someone	-	1.1	.8
I had been physically or sexually abused	-	.9	.9
Because I have a drug or alcohol addiction problem	-	.1	.2
I had feelings of alone-ness or isolation	-	3.0	2.7
Because of some other reason	-	5.2	2.9
94. <i>If you have had thoughts about committing suicide, what do you usually do in response to those thoughts?</i>			
	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
I do not have these thoughts	69.5	73.8	79.0
I do nothing when I have these thoughts	8.0	5.8	4.6
I try to solve my own problems but I don't talk to anyone	9.8	4.9	5.1
I withdraw from people and activities	3.2	2.8	3.5
I drink or use other drugs	1.8	2.6	1.1
I talk to a parent or other caring adult	1.4	1.7	.9
I talk to a teen friend	4.7	4.9	4.4
I seek professional help	-	.4	.2
I call an appropriate hotline	-	0.0	0.0
I make a plan for how I would do it	1.6	3.1	1.2

The next set of questions asks about sexual activity.

95. <i>If you have ever had sexual intercourse, how old were you the first time?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
never had sexual intercourse	65.5	72.8	79.7
11 or under	3.4	3.1	3.1
12	4.5	3.4	2.0
13	6.9	5.3	3.2
14	7.3	4.3	4.2
15	6.1	5.7	4.9
16	4.5	3.8	1.9
17 or older	1.8	1.6	1.0
96. <i>If you have ever had sexual intercourse, why did you decide to have sexual intercourse the first time?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
I have never had sexual intercourse	65.6	73.4	80.1
I didn't decide, it just happened	10.0	7.4	4.9
I didn't decide, someone forced me	.9	2.1	1.3
I was curious to see what it was like	8.4	5.4	5.2
I was in love with the person	9.8	7.9	6.7
I wasn't in control, due to the use of alcohol or drugs	2.3	.8	.5
Other	3.0	3.0	1.3

For the purpose of this survey, abstinence is refraining from having sexual intercourse until you are married.

97. <i>If you are currently sexually active, how often is some form of birth control, such as condoms, birth control pills, or diaphragms, used to prevent pregnancy?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
I have never had sexual intercourse	66.2	72.7	79.4
I am currently abstinent	-	6.3	3.3
Never	6.2	2.1	3.2
Rarely	-	1.4	-
Sometimes	4.1	2.2	2.9
Usually	-	2.7	-
Always	23.5	12.6	11.2
98. <i>If you are sexually active, how often is a condom used for protection against sexually transmitted disease?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
I have never had sexual intercourse	66.1	72.9	79.7
I am currently abstinent	-	5.6	2.9
Never	3.9	2.7	3.2
Rarely	-	2.3	-
Sometimes	8.0	2.4	2.8
Usually	-	2.9	-
Always	22.0	11.2	11.4
99. <i>If you are sexually active, do you drink or use drugs before you have intercourse?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
I have never had sexual intercourse	66.2	73.9	80.7
Never use before intercourse	18.0	16.4	12.4
Sometimes use before intercourse	14.2	8.8	6.0
Always or almost always use before intercourse	1.6	.9	.9

There are various influences in your life which help you make decisions. Below is a list of possible influences that may help you make the right decisions for you about your sexual activity. To answer questions 100 and 101, mark on the answer sheet which are the two strongest influences for you.

100. Which influence above is the **strongest** in your decision-making about sexual activity?

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Concern about health risks or pregnancy	35.1	33.4	37.5
Family influence	8.8	14.8	16.4
Friends' influence	8.1	9.0	6.3
Concern about risks to your future plans for career or education	13.9	10.3	7.1
Church or religious beliefs	3.8	4.4	3.9
Influence of sex education/health class/ family life education in school	1.4	2.8	3.1
A service, program, activity or club in the community	0.0	.1	.2
I am not/have not been in love with anyone	5.5	4.2	4.5
Don't need it/not interested in it now	10.9	9.0	11.1
Other	12.5	12.0	9.9

101. Which influence above is the **second** strongest in your decision-making about sexual activity?

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Concern about health risks or pregnancy	18.0	19.5	18.6
Family influence	16.6	20.2	21.3
Friends' influence	8.8	8.8	11.0
Concern about risks to your future plans for career or education	20.0	16.1	13.8
Church or religious beliefs	3.9	2.8	2.8
Influence of sex education/health class/ family life education in school	4.6	5.7	5.4
A service, program, activity or club in the community	.5	.8	0.0
I am not/have not been in love with anyone	5.1	5.3	4.5
Don't need it/not interested in it now	8.5	7.9	9.6
Other	14.0	12.9	13.0

Sexual harassment is unwanted sexual attention such as sexual comments, jokes, graffiti, blocking or cornering.

102. How often in the past year have you experienced some form of sexual harassment from other **youth**?

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	-	72.8	78.7
Once	-	9.8	11.1
2 or 3 times	-	9.1	5.3
4 times or more	-	8.3	4.9

103. How often in the past year have you experienced some form of sexual harassment from an **adult**?

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	-	89.3	91.8
Once	-	5.6	4.2
2 or 3 times	-	3.1	2.9
4 times or more	-	2.0	1.1

104.	<i>Has another youth ever done something sexual to you that you didn't want?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	No	80.3	80.8	84.4
	Yes, unwanted kissing	3.0	2.4	1.8
	Yes, unwanted touching	7.6	9.4	7.7
	Yes, unwanted kissing and touching	5.9	3.6	3.3
	Yes, unwanted sexual intercourse	1.6	2.7	1.7
	Yes, other	1.6	1.1	1.1
105.	<i>What was the relationship of this teen to you the last time this happened?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	It has never happened	72.3	75.9	79.9
	A date, boyfriend or girlfriend	10.3	6.9	6.4
	A close or casual friend	11.4	11.4	8.1
	A stranger	1.6	2.2	1.9
	A teen relative	1.4	1.1	1.3
	An ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend	3.0	2.5	2.4
106.	<i>Has an adult ever done something sexual to you that you didn't want?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	No	92.4	91.2	93.0
	Yes, unwanted kissing	.7	1.4	1.2
	Yes, unwanted touching	3.4	3.3	2.7
	Yes, unwanted kissing and touching	2.1	1.7	1.2
	Yes, unwanted sexual intercourse	1.4	1.4	.9
	Yes, other	0.0	1.0	1.0
107.	<i>What was the relationship of this adult to you the last time this happened?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	It has never happened	90.8	90.5	93.1
	A stranger	.9	1.3	1.2
	An adult friend or leader	2.5	2.5	1.7
	An adult I knew but did not consider a friend or leader	1.5	2.4	2.0
	An adult relative	3.2	2.5	1.6
	An adult boyfriend or girlfriend	1.1	.8	.4
108.	<i>Have you ever told anyone that you were physically hurt or received unwanted sexual activity?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
	It has never happened	81.0	83.9	86.4
	Yes, I told a parent	5.6	4.5	4.0
	Yes, I told a school staff person	0.0	1.1	.6
	Yes, I told a doctor, social worker or religious leader	.9	1.3	.8
	Yes, I told an adult friend or youth group leader	.5	.6	.2
	Yes, I told a teen friend, but no adults	5.8	4.4	4.3
	No, I never told anyone when it happened	6.2	4.2	3.7

109. <i>What happened as a result of telling someone about the physical or sexual activity described above?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
It has never happened to me	80.0	83.2	86.1
I told someone, action was taken, and it stopped	6.3	5.5	4.0
I told someone, action was taken, and it continued	.7	1.1	1.4
I told someone, no action was taken, and it stopped	-	5.3	3.9
I told someone, no action was taken, and it continued	7.0	1.2	.5
I never told anyone	6.0	3.7	4.1
110. <i>Have you ever done something sexual with another person that they didn't want?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Yes	5.6	14.6	15.4
No	94.4	85.4	84.6
The next set of questions asks about your personal experiences with violence and abuse.			
111. <i>In the past year, have you been physically hurt by an adult at home (i.e., beat up, hit with an object, kicked, etc.)?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No	-	87.6	88.3
Yes, once	-	7.0	6.4
Yes, more than once	-	5.4	5.3
112. <i>In the past year, have you been physically hurt by another teen?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No	73.7	81.4	84.1
Yes, once	12.6	9.2	8.5
Yes, more than once	13.7	9.4	7.4
113. <i>In the past year, have you been slapped, hit or kicked by a boyfriend/girlfriend?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No	71.5	87.6	88.7
Yes, once	13.3	6.0	6.3
Yes, more than once	15.2	6.4	5.0
114. <i>Do you feel constantly teased, threatened or harassed by other youth?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
No	-	80.9	83.7
Yes	-	19.1	16.3
115. <i>How often in the past 6 months have you used physical force or threatened people in order to win an argument or get your own way?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	-	63.7	63.6
Rarely	-	23.5	24.3
Occasionally	-	7.9	8.3
Often	-	2.6	2.0
Very often	-	2.3	1.8
116. <i>In the past year, have you ever carried a weapon, such as a knife or club, on school property with the intent to harm someone or to protect yourself or others?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	-	94.8	95.8
Yes, once only	-	2.6	1.8
Yes, more than once	-	2.6	2.4

117. <i>In the past year, have you ever carried a gun on school property with the intent to harm someone or to protect yourself or others?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	-	98.0	97.8
Yes, once only	-	1.1	.9
Yes, more than once	-	.9	1.3
118. <i>In the past year, have you ever carried a weapon, such as a knife or club, in the community with the intent to harm someone or to protect yourself or others?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	-	91.8	93.9
Yes, once only	-	3.0	2.7
Yes, more than once	-	5.2	3.4
119. <i>In the past year, have you ever carried a gun in the community with the intent to harm someone or to protect yourself or others?</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Never	-	96.4	96.6
Yes, once only	-	1.5	1.4
Yes, more than once	-	2.1	2.0

On average, you probably have a total of about 60 non-classroom hours of free time to pursue other activities each week.

Here are some things teens do after school and on weekends. How many hours each week do you spend...

120.... <i>staying at home with no adults present</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	8.5	9.7	10.2
About 1 Hour	20.8	26.9	32.6
2-10 Hours	55.4	52.4	49.0
11-20 Hours	10.1	6.6	5.2
More Than 20 Hrs.	5.2	4.4	3.0
121.... <i>watching TV, playing video or computer games</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	4.9	5.9	4.4
About 1 Hour	25.3	23.9	29.6
2-10 Hours	50.3	55.3	51.5
11-20 Hours	14.3	9.2	9.1
More Than 20 Hrs.	5.2	5.7	5.4
122.... <i>doing homework or studying.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	6.5	12.1	10.4
About 1 Hour	30.1	36.6	45.6
2-10 Hours	51.8	43.2	38.7
11-20 Hours	9.2	7.1	3.7
More Than 20 Hrs.	2.4	1.0	1.6
123.... <i>reading for pleasure.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	29.4	46.2	44.2
About 1 Hour	40.0	28.3	33.2
2-10 Hours	26.1	21.0	18.8
11-20 Hours	2.4	3.1	2.6
More Than 20 Hrs.	2.1	1.4	1.2

124. ... <i>talking to friends on the telephone</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	-	24.1	19.8
About 1 Hour	-	37.8	42.1
2-10 Hours	-	29.8	29.3
11-20 Hours	-	5.4	6.8
More Than 20 Hrs.	-	2.9	2.0
125.... <i>being online (chatting, surfing, etc.)</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	-	17.4	19.3
About 1 Hour	-	23.5	26.5
2-10 Hours	-	40.9	39.5
11-20 Hours	-	12.5	10.4
More Than 20 Hrs.	-	5.7	4.3
126.... <i>dating a boyfriend/girlfriend or hanging out with friends.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	11.3	15.3	14.1
About 1 Hour	11.3	11.8	14.5
2-10 Hours	49.4	42.8	43.4
11-20 Hours	15.6	15.9	16.7
More Than 20 Hrs.	12.4	14.2	11.3
127.... <i>participating in school and community sponsored activities, including clubs, dances, etc.</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	32.8	33.8	27.4
About 1 Hour	21.6	22.2	25.0
2-10 Hours	37.2	35.2	38.8
11-20 Hours	6.3	6.5	6.0
More Than 20 Hrs.	2.1	2.3	2.8
128.... <i>participating in organized sports (school or community sponsored teams or contests)</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	36.7	33.8	26.3
About 1 Hour	11.1	12.0	15.2
2-10 Hours	34.4	35.1	39.5
11-20 Hours	14.5	13.9	12.8
More Than 20 Hrs.	3.3	5.2	6.2
129.... <i>exercising for fun and fitness</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	17.7	21.8	17.4
About 1 Hour	30.7	33.8	40.1
2-10 Hours	40.4	35.8	32.8
11-20 Hours	7.2	6.0	7.5
More Than 20 Hrs.	4.0	2.6	2.2
130.... <i>doing fun things with your parent(s) or family</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	16.5	19.5	15.1
About 1 Hour	29.1	33.5	37.2
2-10 Hours	42.3	41.4	40.6
11-20 Hours	7.9	4.2	5.4
More Than 20 Hrs.	4.2	1.4	1.7

131. ...attending religious services, education, prayer or activities	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	56.4	55.3	51.0
About 1 Hour	24.7	27.9	28.7
2-10 Hours	16.5	14.6	18.4
11-20 Hours	1.1	1.3	1.1
More Than 20 Hrs.	1.3	.9	.8
132....working at a job for pay	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	47.9	58.2	63.7
About 1 Hour	10.7	10.9	13.9
2-10 Hours	24.5	19.6	15.1
11-20 Hours	10.8	7.5	4.9
More Than 20 Hrs.	6.1	3.8	2.4
133....helping with family business or farm, or doing household chores	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	14.5	25.6	22.5
About 1 Hour	36.9	42.8	46.7
2-10 Hours	39.9	26.1	25.5
11-20 Hours	6.6	4.3	3.3
More Than 20 Hrs.	2.1	1.2	2.0
134....doing volunteer community service	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
None	71.7	71.6	67.1
About 1 Hour	17.2	19.6	20.3
2-10 Hours	9.3	6.3	9.5
11-20 Hours	1.3	1.8	1.8
More Than 20 Hrs.	.5	.7	1.3

Fill in the circles on your answer sheet that best describes your situation or feelings.

How helpful do you think each of these things are in keeping you from engaging in negative, illegal or harmful activities?

135. Counselor/social worker you can talk with	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Very Helpful	22.5	15.5	16.9
Some Help	50.5	19.3	23.0
Helpful	-	21.3	21.7
Minimal Help	-	14.5	12.6
No Help	27.0	29.4	25.8
136. Involved family/parents	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Very Helpful	50.9	33.2	40.5
Some Help	32.9	20.8	19.6
Helpful	-	27.8	25.4
Minimal Help	-	9.9	6.7
No Help	16.2	8.3	7.8

137. <i>After school and weekend activities at school or in the community</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Very Helpful	31.9	22.2	25.9
Some Help	46.5	21.6	22.5
Helpful	-	23.6	23.2
Minimal Help	-	13.7	11.0
No Help	21.6	18.9	17.4
138. <i>School programs concerning drug and alcohol prevention awareness (in-class instructions, assemblies)</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Very Helpful	-	15.3	20.5
Some Help	-	20.0	21.8
Helpful	-	20.8	21.2
Minimal Help	-	17.7	15.7
No Help	-	26.2	20.8
139. <i>Opportunities to perform volunteer work</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Very Helpful	20.0	12.7	17.8
Some Help	46.3	19.4	21.5
Helpful	-	19.2	20.4
Minimal Help	-	19.6	16.4
No Help	33.7	29.1	23.9
140. <i>Positive role models</i>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>
Very Helpful	40.0	31.2	38.1
Some Help	42.4	20.6	19.8
Helpful	-	23.2	23.3
Minimal Help	-	10.8	8.4
No Help	17.6	14.2	10.4