

2022 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Hardee County Data Tables

Table 1. Major demographic characteristics of surveyed Hardee County and Florida Statewide, 2022

	Hardee County		Florida Statewide	
	N	%	N	%
Sex				
Female	144	47.8	22,957	48.3
Male	155	51.5	23,857	50.1
Race/Ethnic group				
African American	15	5.0	10,187	21.4
American Indian	2	0.7	422	0.9
Asian	3	1.0	785	1.7
Hispanic/Latino	146	48.5	10,291	21.6
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	0.3	63	0.1
Other/Multiple	78	25.9	6,956	14.6
White, non-Hispanic	51	16.9	18,419	38.7
Parent/Guardian in the Military				
No	269	89.4	41,174	86.6
Yes	31	10.3	5,980	12.6
Age				
11	27	9.0	2,576	5.4
12	98	32.6	6,243	13.1
13	97	32.2	6,872	14.4
14	60	19.9	7,136	15.0
15	17	5.6	7,278	15.3
16	1	0.3	6,918	14.5
17	0	0.0	6,616	13.9
18	0	0.0	3,403	7.2
Grade				
6th	115	38.2	6,626	13.9
7th	108	35.9	6,817	14.3
8th	78	25.9	7,021	14.8
9th	0	0.0	7,193	15.1
10th	0	0.0	7,025	14.8
11th	0	0.0	6,557	13.8
12th	0	0.0	6,333	13.3
Middle School	301	100.0	20,463	43.0
High School	0	0.0	27,109	57.0
Total	301	100.0	47,572	100.0

Note: Some categories do not sum to 100% of the total due to missing values (e.g., not all survey questions were answered) or categories with very few responses were omitted. In addition, rounding can produce totals that do not equal 100%. “N” represents the number of valid cases. In this table, county data are unweighted while statewide data are weighted.

Table 2. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various drugs in their lifetimes, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
Alcohol	25.8	--	24.2	26.5	26.7	--	--	21.0	38.5	34.5	27.5	22.1	38.2	31.0
Blacking Out	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.0	12.7	9.5	--	11.1	--
Cigarettes	7.8	--	7.8	7.8	7.3	--	--	5.0	8.6	7.2	7.0	5.0	8.3	7.1
Vaping Nicotine	18.9	--	23.8	14.5	18.4	--	--	13.1	25.5	23.8	16.7	13.6	25.8	20.2
Vaping Marijuana	6.5	--	7.7	5.6	6.7	--	--	6.1	18.4	15.1	11.4	6.4	18.7	13.2
Marijuana or Hashish	7.6	--	7.7	7.1	7.2	--	--	6.6	22.9	18.1	14.0	7.2	22.7	16.0
Synthetic Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5	2.8	2.2	--	2.5	--
Inhalants	9.2	--	11.9	7.1	9.2	--	--	7.1	4.6	6.6	4.6	6.8	4.9	5.7
Club Drugs	0.8	--	0.6	1.0	0.9	--	--	0.5	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.3	1.0
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.4	--	0.0	1.6	1.5	--	--	1.0	3.8	2.6	2.5	1.0	3.7	2.6
Methamphetamine	1.8	--	1.3	2.2	2.0	--	--	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.5	--	0.6	0.4	0.5	--	--	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.9
Heroin	0.3	--	0.6	0.0	0.3	--	--	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Prescription Depressants	1.5	--	3.2	0.0	1.6	--	--	1.5	3.1	2.8	1.9	1.6	3.1	2.4
Prescription Pain Relievers	4.8	--	6.3	2.5	4.4	--	--	3.0	2.6	3.3	2.2	3.0	2.7	2.8
Prescription Amphetamines	1.4	--	1.8	1.2	1.6	--	--	1.9	3.4	3.2	2.3	2.0	3.4	2.8
Over-the-Counter Drugs	2.7	--	4.7	0.9	2.1	--	--	2.5	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.5	3.1	2.8
Needle to Inject Illegal Drugs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.6	0.4	0.7	--	0.6	--
Any illicit drug	18.8	--	20.7	16.0	18.7	--	--	16.7	29.3	27.3	20.5	17.0	29.4	23.9
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	14.4	--	16.3	11.9	14.9	--	--	12.0	12.5	14.0	10.4	11.9	12.6	12.3
Alcohol only	14.7	--	14.2	15.4	15.8	--	--	11.7	16.2	14.8	13.8	12.4	16.0	14.3
Alcohol or any illicit drug	33.0	--	34.3	30.9	33.8	--	--	28.2	45.3	42.0	34.0	29.2	45.1	38.0
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	7.0	--	10.1	4.1	7.0	--	--	7.5	7.1	7.7	6.8	7.4	7.2	7.2

Note: The first 18 data rows show results for alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. For "Blacking Out," respondents were asked on how many occasions in their lifetime they woke up after a night of drinking and did not remember the things they did or the places they went. Ecstasy, Rohypnol, GHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 3. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various drugs in the past 30 days, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
Alcohol	8.9	--	11.6	6.7	7.7	--	--	6.7	15.5	13.3	10.3	7.1	15.1	11.8
Binge Drinking	4.9	--	6.7	2.5	4.2	--	--	3.0	7.5	6.1	5.1	3.0	7.2	5.6
Cigarettes	0.9	--	1.2	0.7	0.6	--	--	0.8	1.4	1.0	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.2
Vaping Nicotine	8.0	--	10.4	6.0	6.9	--	--	5.5	12.7	11.9	7.5	5.9	12.7	9.7
Vaping Marijuana	3.5	--	3.7	3.3	3.4	--	--	2.9	9.7	7.7	5.9	3.1	9.8	6.8
Marijuana or Hashish	4.1	--	5.4	3.1	4.1	--	--	3.0	12.2	9.1	7.4	3.4	11.8	8.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.8	1.0	0.7	--	0.9	--
Inhalants	3.9	--	5.3	2.7	3.4	--	--	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.2	2.2	1.0	1.6
Club Drugs	0.3	--	0.6	0.0	0.3	--	--	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.0	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	--	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.6
Methamphetamine	0.3	--	0.6	0.0	0.3	--	--	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.0	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	--	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Heroin	0.0	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	--	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Prescription Depressants	0.9	--	1.9	0.0	1.0	--	--	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.7
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.9	--	4.1	0.9	2.4	--	--	1.1	0.9	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.0
Prescription Amphetamines	1.0	--	1.3	0.7	1.1	--	--	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.9
Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.9	--	4.1	0.0	1.2	--	--	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0
Any illicit drug	10.5	--	13.0	7.5	10.3	--	--	7.8	15.7	14.0	10.7	8.1	15.5	12.3
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	6.4	--	8.5	3.6	6.1	--	--	5.0	4.4	5.2	4.0	5.0	4.4	4.7
Alcohol only	5.6	--	5.1	6.2	5.3	--	--	4.2	8.0	7.2	5.6	4.4	7.8	6.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	15.9	--	17.9	13.5	15.4	--	--	11.9	23.5	21.0	16.1	12.4	23.2	18.5
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	6.9	--	5.9	6.8	7.5	--	--	5.3	8.2	7.9	6.0	5.4	8.2	6.9

Note: The first 17 data rows show results for alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. Binge drinking is defined as having had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row in the past two weeks. Ecstasy, Rohypnol, GHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 4. Lifetime trend in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use for Hardee County, 2012 to 2022

	2012			2014			2016			2018			2020			2022		
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
Alcohol	33.2	59.3	47.2	27.4	0.0	27.4	25.0	44.9	36.0	26.9	44.1	31.1	29.3	49.2	40.2	25.8	--	--
Blacking Out	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	12.8	--	--	13.5	--	--	17.6	--	--	--	--
Cigarettes	20.7	39.4	30.7	15.6	0.0	15.6	12.0	25.6	19.3	8.4	16.1	10.2	9.5	19.0	14.6	7.8	--	--
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17.7	36.8	28.2	18.9	--	--
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.1	24.6	18.1	6.5	--	--
Vaporizer / E-Cigarette	--	--	--	--	--	--	24.2	43.3	34.5	14.8	42.3	21.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
Marijuana or Hashish	14.5	36.5	26.5	13.1	0.0	13.1	7.8	26.9	18.2	7.4	21.2	10.7	10.3	27.3	19.6	7.6	--	--
Synthetic Marijuana	--	10.4	--	--	0.0	--	--	12.1	--	--	5.5	--	--	6.2	--	--	--	--
Inhalants	9.3	2.7	5.7	8.0	0.0	8.0	6.3	6.6	6.5	5.6	4.4	5.3	7.5	3.8	5.5	9.2	--	--
Club Drugs	2.2	4.4	3.4	1.2	0.0	1.2	1.0	3.7	2.5	0.2	2.0	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.6	0.8	--	--
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	2.7	6.3	4.7	1.1	0.0	1.1	2.0	3.4	2.8	1.4	4.8	2.2	0.5	2.1	1.4	1.4	--	--
Methamphetamine	2.2	5.4	3.9	1.6	0.0	1.6	1.2	2.6	2.0	0.8	2.0	1.1	0.7	1.5	1.2	1.8	--	--
Cocaine or Crack	2.2	10.1	6.5	2.7	0.0	2.7	1.8	3.6	2.8	0.4	3.1	1.0	1.2	4.3	2.9	0.5	--	--
Heroin	1.1	0.0	0.5	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.3	--	--
Prescription Depressants	1.9	3.8	2.9	3.2	0.0	3.2	2.3	6.6	4.6	3.2	7.9	4.3	2.3	4.3	3.4	1.5	--	--
Prescription Pain Relievers	4.4	8.9	6.9	3.7	0.0	3.7	4.1	7.3	5.8	1.7	3.9	2.2	2.4	3.9	3.2	4.8	--	--
Prescription Amphetamines	1.8	3.1	2.5	1.1	0.0	1.1	1.5	3.4	2.6	0.4	1.6	0.7	0.6	1.6	1.2	1.4	--	--
Over-the-Counter Drugs	6.9	15.1	11.3	4.5	0.0	4.5	4.3	5.7	5.1	1.0	5.2	2.0	3.5	6.3	5.0	2.7	--	--
Needle to Inject Drugs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5	--	--	1.8	--	--	1.5	--	--	--	--
Any illicit drug	24.7	43.7	35.0	21.1	0.0	21.1	17.2	31.1	24.8	14.5	26.1	17.2	19.9	35.3	28.3	18.8	--	--
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	18.3	29.1	24.2	13.7	0.0	13.7	13.1	17.2	15.4	10.2	17.6	12.0	11.7	16.0	14.0	14.4	--	--
Alcohol only	15.0	23.8	19.8	12.6	0.0	12.6	13.5	20.2	17.2	18.0	20.3	18.6	15.5	21.3	18.6	14.7	--	--
Alcohol or any illicit drug	39.7	66.8	54.3	33.9	0.0	33.9	30.2	51.2	41.6	32.4	45.9	35.6	35.2	56.3	46.7	33.0	--	--
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	7.1	6.4	6.7	6.4	0.0	6.4	5.7	6.5	6.1	5.4	1.8	4.5	5.9	7.3	6.7	7.0	--	--

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Table 5. Past-30-day trend in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use for Hardee County, 2012 to 2022

	2012			2014			2016			2018			2020			2022		
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
Alcohol	15.7	36.9	27.2	13.0	0.0	13.0	11.8	22.4	17.6	10.9	18.7	12.8	11.2	23.3	17.8	8.9	--	--
Binge Drinking	10.0	22.0	16.5	8.1	0.0	8.1	6.0	9.8	8.1	6.0	8.9	6.7	6.5	12.9	10.0	4.9	--	--
Cigarettes	5.4	24.2	15.5	5.0	0.0	5.0	1.8	7.4	4.8	0.9	3.3	1.5	1.4	2.2	1.9	0.9	--	--
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.4	18.6	14.0	8.0	--	--
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.9	10.5	8.0	3.5	--	--
Vaporizer / E-Cigarette	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.2	16.3	13.5	4.4	16.1	7.2	--	--	--	--	--	--
Marijuana or Hashish	7.2	16.2	12.2	7.4	0.0	7.4	2.9	11.8	7.7	3.0	9.3	4.5	5.1	12.4	9.1	4.1	--	--
Synthetic Marijuana	--	6.1	--	--	0.0	--	--	2.4	--	--	2.8	--	--	1.8	--	--	--	--
Inhalants	3.7	0.9	2.2	4.0	0.0	4.0	1.7	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.0	1.7	2.3	0.2	1.2	3.9	--	--
Club Drugs	0.3	3.8	2.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.3	--	--
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.3	5.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.0	3.8	1.7	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.0	--	--
Methamphetamine	0.6	5.3	3.2	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	--	--
Cocaine or Crack	0.6	5.0	3.0	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.6	0.0	--	--
Heroin	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.2	0.6	0.0	--	--
Prescription Depressants	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.3	2.4	1.5	1.4	3.2	1.9	0.4	1.8	1.2	0.9	--	--
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.7	0.2	0.9	2.7	0.0	2.7	3.3	2.2	2.7	0.2	2.1	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8	2.9	--	--
Prescription Amphetamines	0.8	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.0	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.4	1.0	--	--
Over-the-Counter Drugs	3.0	12.6	8.3	2.5	0.0	2.5	2.1	2.7	2.4	1.2	2.1	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.9	--	--
Any illicit drug	12.4	22.1	17.7	13.4	0.0	13.4	9.4	16.6	13.3	6.3	10.7	7.3	9.9	17.2	13.9	10.5	--	--
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	8.2	18.6	13.9	8.0	0.0	8.0	7.5	8.5	8.1	4.6	5.8	4.9	4.3	5.7	5.1	6.4	--	--
Alcohol only	7.9	25.2	17.4	6.6	0.0	6.6	8.4	13.3	11.1	6.9	10.6	7.8	6.6	12.8	10.0	5.6	--	--
Alcohol or any illicit drug	20.4	47.2	34.9	19.7	0.0	19.7	17.7	29.5	24.2	13.3	20.6	15.1	16.3	30.1	23.8	15.9	--	--
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	4.7	10.7	8.0	7.0	0.0	7.0	6.4	7.5	7.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	5.3	7.2	6.3	6.9	--	--

Note: The first 18 data rows show results for alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. Binge drinking is defined as having had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row in the past two weeks. Ecstasy, Rohypnol, GHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. In 2020, the vaping/e-cigarette item was replaced with separate questions about vaping nicotine and vaping marijuana. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 6. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported early ATOD use, perceived risk of harm, personal disapproval, and peer disapproval, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
Early ATOD use														
More than a sip of alcohol	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.1	15.5	12.6	--	14.0	--
Drinking at least once a month	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2	2.3	2.1	--	2.2	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.9	4.9	4.9	--	4.9	--
Smoke marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.5	7.2	5.8	--	6.7	--
Great risk of harm														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	49.4	--	52.5	46.5	49.0	--	--	47.8	44.5	47.8	44.0	47.7	44.8	45.9
5+ drinks once or twice a week	58.0	--	57.3	58.0	59.2	--	--	59.7	54.2	58.3	54.8	59.8	54.3	56.6
1+ packs of cigarettes per day	72.0	--	76.9	67.9	71.8	--	--	64.8	66.4	66.3	65.1	65.4	66.1	65.7
Vaping nicotine	50.1	--	47.0	52.4	48.8	--	--	49.1	39.5	42.8	44.5	48.7	39.3	43.6
Vaping marijuana	55.5	--	55.4	55.3	55.5	--	--	51.9	34.3	41.0	42.6	50.7	34.4	41.8
Marijuana once or twice a week	55.7	--	53.0	57.6	54.2	--	--	46.5	25.2	33.9	34.8	45.0	25.4	34.3
Try marijuana once or twice	39.8	--	35.2	43.3	38.1	--	--	32.1	17.0	22.3	24.6	30.8	17.3	23.5
Use prescription drugs	71.6	--	72.6	70.4	72.4	--	--	67.0	68.4	69.3	66.5	67.5	67.9	67.8
Think it would be wrong to...														
Smoke cigarettes	97.4	--	97.8	97.0	97.5	--	--	96.4	91.6	93.2	94.1	96.1	92.2	93.6
Drink alcohol regularly	89.0	--	86.0	91.5	90.2	--	--	89.6	73.5	78.6	82.0	88.6	74.1	80.4
Smoke marijuana	91.2	--	88.7	93.2	92.1	--	--	91.2	68.7	77.0	79.7	90.1	69.0	78.3
Vape nicotine	87.2	--	79.2	93.9	87.7	--	--	90.7	80.6	82.4	87.5	90.2	81.0	84.9
Vape marijuana	93.0	--	91.4	94.3	93.2	--	--	92.4	76.2	81.3	84.9	91.6	76.4	83.1
Use other illicit drugs	98.0	--	98.0	97.9	98.2	--	--	97.9	95.1	96.4	96.1	97.7	95.2	96.3
Friends think it would be wrong to...														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	89.7	--	86.2	92.5	89.9	--	--	91.4	85.3	87.9	88.0	90.9	85.2	87.9
Smoke tobacco	94.2	--	93.6	94.6	94.0	--	--	94.5	89.5	91.5	91.9	94.1	89.6	91.7
Smoke marijuana	89.4	--	87.7	91.6	90.1	--	--	89.7	68.4	76.0	79.1	88.5	68.3	77.6
Vape nicotine	84.5	--	75.7	92.6	84.2	--	--	87.4	75.6	77.6	83.8	86.4	75.6	80.7
Vape marijuana	90.0	--	88.2	91.5	89.5	--	--	90.2	73.6	78.7	82.8	89.2	73.5	80.8
Use prescription drugs	95.5	--	96.1	94.9	95.0	--	--	95.1	93.7	94.5	94.2	94.9	93.6	94.3

Note: Early ATOD use is defined as the percentage of high school students who started using at age 13 or younger. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 7. Trends in early ATOD use and attitudes toward substance use for Hardee County, 2012 to 2022

	2012			2014			2016			2018			2020			2022		
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
Early ATOD use																		
Try alcohol	--	33.1	--	--	0.0	--	--	21.0	--	--	24.9	--	--	17.7	--	--	--	--
Drink monthly	--	14.4	--	--	0.0	--	--	6.0	--	--	3.4	--	--	5.7	--	--	--	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	34.2	--	--	0.0	--	--	15.1	--	--	12.4	--	--	8.7	--	--	--	--
Smoke marijuana	--	7.8	--	--	0.0	--	--	14.6	--	--	10.8	--	--	10.8	--	--	--	--
Great risk of harm																	--	--
Daily alcohol use	46.1	38.3	41.9	44.0	0.0	44.0	42.8	34.7	38.4	43.9	35.3	41.9	47.6	38.5	42.6	49.4	--	--
5+ drinks daily	--	--	--	52.9	0.0	52.9	53.4	47.7	50.3	57.1	49.7	55.3	59.3	48.8	53.5	58.0	--	--
Daily cigarette use	57.7	73.3	66.1	62.9	0.0	62.9	63.7	53.5	58.2	68.9	64.2	67.8	65.6	60.5	62.8	72.0	--	--
Vaping nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	54.2	34.5	43.4	50.1	--	--
Vaping marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	58.5	34.0	45.1	55.5	--	--
Marijuana weekly*	--	--	--	50.6	0.0	50.6	51.9	27.5	38.7	49.7	33.3	45.9	51.2	22.4	35.4	55.7	--	--
Try marijuana	40.2	29.9	34.6	40.5	0.0	40.5	40.5	24.2	31.7	41.4	23.4	37.1	37.6	15.2	25.3	39.8	--	--
Prescription drugs	--	82.2	82.2	70.0	0.0	70.0	69.5	61.7	65.3	64.7	63.7	64.5	69.9	69.4	69.6	71.6	--	--
Think it wrong																		
Smoke cigarettes	90.7	76.3	83.0	91.3	0.0	91.3	94.2	81.4	87.2	94.2	91.3	93.5	95.4	86.3	90.5	97.4	--	--
Drink regularly	81.7	63.8	72.1	82.9	0.0	82.9	84.5	63.8	73.2	85.9	75.9	83.5	87.7	70.1	78.1	89.0	--	--
Smoke marijuana	86.1	83.2	84.5	85.1	0.0	85.1	89.9	68.6	78.3	91.2	77.3	88.0	91.4	66.6	77.8	91.2	--	--
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90.3	73.5	81.2	87.2	--	--
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90.7	75.6	82.5	93.0	--	--
Other illicit drugs	96.0	97.6	96.8	94.9	0.0	94.9	96.6	92.2	94.2	95.6	96.1	95.7	97.0	93.0	94.8	98.0	--	--
Friends think it wrong																		
Daily alcohol use	--	--	--	82.2	0.0	82.2	88.1	75.9	81.5	87.3	80.1	85.5	87.9	72.0	79.3	89.7	--	--
Smoke tobacco	--	--	--	90.8	0.0	90.8	92.5	85.8	88.8	92.1	89.1	91.4	92.4	83.9	87.8	94.2	--	--
Smoke marijuana	--	--	--	82.8	0.0	82.8	86.8	65.7	75.4	88.9	76.1	85.8	88.0	63.7	74.9	89.4	--	--
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	84.8	66.4	74.8	84.5	--	--
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	88.3	67.7	77.2	90.0	--	--
Prescription drugs	--	--	--	93.0	0.0	93.0	94.9	90.1	92.3	93.4	91.8	93.1	94.7	88.2	91.2	95.5	--	--

Note: Early ATOD use is defined as the percentage of high school students who started using at age 13 or younger. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

* In 2014, the description of marijuana use in the risk of harm question was changed from "regularly" to "once or twice a week." For these items, care should be exercised when comparing 2014 data to previous years.

Table 8. Among high school drinkers, usual source of alcohol within the past 30 days, Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bought in a store	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.7	9.6	14.7	--	11.7	--
Bought in a restaurant, bar, or club	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.2	3.4	2.9	--	3.2	--
Bought at a public event	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.8	0.7	1.0	--	0.8	--
Someone bought it for me	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.0	8.6	9.5	--	9.0	--
Someone gave it to me	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	41.5	44.4	37.9	--	41.5	--
Took it from a store	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.2	0.9	1.7	--	1.2	--
Took it from a family member	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13.5	15.6	10.4	--	13.5	--
Some other way	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19.1	16.9	21.9	--	19.1	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 9. Among high school drinkers, usual drinking location within the past 30 days, Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
My home	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	43.8	45.1	40.9	--	43.8	--
Another person's home	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	31.0	31.0	31.5	--	31.0	--
Car or other vehicle	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.9	2.0	1.7	--	1.9	--
Restaurant, bar, or club	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.6	3.5	3.9	--	3.6	--
Public place	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.6	6.9	6.5	--	6.6	--
Public event	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.4	2.2	2.7	--	2.4	--
School property	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.7	0.4	1.1	--	0.7	--
Some other place	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.9	8.8	11.7	--	9.9	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 10. Among high school drinkers, number of drinks usually consumed per day, on the days students drank in the past 30 days, Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34.2	36.6	31.0	--	34.2	--
2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20.0	22.2	16.3	--	20.0	--
3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15.7	15.6	15.9	--	15.7	--
4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.7	10.3	8.8	--	9.7	--
5 or more	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20.4	15.3	28.0	--	20.4	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 11. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, or using another drug to get high before or during school in the past 12 months, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Drinking alcohol	3.8	--	2.2	3.3	9.2	--	--	2.8	4.0	4.1	2.8	2.8	4.2	3.5
Smoking marijuana	3.6	--	2.9	3.5	4.4	--	--	3.2	9.9	8.2	6.0	3.4	10.3	7.1
Using another drug to get high	2.4	--	0.5	1.8	9.2	--	--	1.9	2.7	2.8	1.8	2.0	2.8	2.4

Table 12. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported engaging in delinquent behavior within the past 12 months, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Carrying a handgun	8.8	--	9.9	7.9	9.3	--	--	6.7	5.5	3.9	8.1	6.3	5.8	6.0
Selling drugs	0.8	--	1.3	0.4	0.9	--	--	1.1	2.7	1.6	2.4	1.1	2.8	2.0
Attempting to steal a vehicle	0.3	--	0.6	0.0	0.3	--	--	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.1
Being arrested	2.3	--	2.9	1.9	1.4	--	--	1.7	1.7	1.3	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.7
Taking a handgun to school	0.5	--	0.0	0.9	0.5	--	--	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4
Getting suspended	14.8	--	11.5	17.8	11.5	--	--	13.5	9.2	8.8	13.3	12.7	10.0	11.1
Attacking someone with intent to harm	9.6	--	12.2	7.3	8.3	--	--	9.3	4.9	6.2	7.2	8.6	5.3	6.7

Table 13. Trends in delinquent behaviors for Hardee County, 2012 to 2022

	2012			2014			2016			2018			2020			2022		
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>
Carrying a handgun	5.7	4.1	4.8	5.2	0.0	5.2	9.3	8.8	9.0	5.8	8.7	6.5	8.4	10.0	9.3	8.8	--	--
Selling drugs	3.8	9.5	6.8	2.0	0.0	2.0	2.1	8.0	5.3	1.6	6.3	2.8	2.3	7.1	5.0	0.8	--	--
Attempting to steal a vehicle	1.3	1.2	1.3	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.6	2.8	1.8	2.0	3.1	2.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.3	--	--
Being arrested	4.3	1.4	2.7	1.8	0.0	1.8	1.4	3.3	2.4	4.4	5.2	4.6	2.2	3.4	2.9	2.3	--	--
Taking a handgun to school	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.4	2.3	1.5	0.5	--	--
Getting suspended	11.2	4.2	7.4	10.3	0.0	10.3	11.9	5.4	8.4	8.1	10.7	8.7	12.6	5.1	8.4	14.8	--	--
Attacking someone with intent to harm	6.2	7.6	6.9	6.7	0.0	6.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	7.5	2.7	6.3	5.0	4.6	4.8	9.6	--	--

Table 14. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported symptoms of depression, or suicidal ideation and behavior, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
Symptoms of Depression														
Sometimes I think that life is not worth it	33.6	--	49.1	19.6	33.5	--	--	33.0	33.5	43.0	23.2	33.5	34.0	33.3
At times I think I am no good at all	48.8	--	63.3	36.0	51.8	--	--	47.3	45.2	57.5	34.5	47.5	45.5	46.1
All in all, I am inclined to think that I am a failure	36.9	--	50.3	24.7	38.2	--	--	31.7	30.0	38.6	22.4	31.7	30.4	30.7
In the past year, have you felt depressed or sad MOST days, even if you felt OK sometimes?	53.0	--	68.2	39.4	53.6	--	--	46.9	47.7	58.4	36.0	46.8	48.1	47.3
Suicide														
Thought about committing suicide in the past 12 months	31.6	--	45.9	19.3	32.3	--	--	35.5	34.2	44.2	24.9	35.9	34.7	34.8
Attempted suicide in the past 12 months	10.4	--	15.0	6.6	11.4	--	--	10.4	8.1	12.9	5.1	10.1	8.5	9.1

Table 15. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported involvement in bullying behavior, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
Skipped school because of bullying	9.0	--	11.2	6.9	9.4	--	--	9.6	8.3	12.7	4.8	9.3	8.7	8.9
Was ever kicked or shoved	39.9	--	48.1	32.3	42.6	--	--	43.6	26.2	34.5	32.5	42.4	26.2	33.7
Was ever taunted or teased	60.7	--	74.1	49.1	61.9	--	--	66.1	52.5	63.4	53.1	65.5	52.5	58.3
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	27.8	--	33.0	22.5	28.2	--	--	30.3	29.9	37.5	22.5	30.6	30.0	30.1
Ever physically bullied others	23.0	--	28.2	19.1	24.3	--	--	21.6	12.6	14.9	17.8	20.7	13.0	16.4
Ever verbally bullied others	38.6	--	43.4	34.8	40.7	--	--	34.5	25.6	27.9	30.8	34.1	25.7	29.4
Ever cyber bullied others	16.5	--	21.7	12.4	16.9	--	--	13.5	12.4	13.6	12.1	13.6	12.4	12.8

Table 16. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide high school youth who reported adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
Emotional abuse	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17.1	23.0	10.7	--	17.4	--
Physical abuse	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.7	12.6	8.3	--	10.8	--
Sexual abuse	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.6	10.2	2.7	--	7.0	--
Parents separated or divorced	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	39.4	42.9	35.9	--	39.8	--
Physical abuse in household	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.5	11.1	5.6	--	8.7	--
Substance abuse in household	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24.9	27.9	21.6	--	25.5	--
Mental illness in household	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32.9	41.0	24.0	--	33.6	--
Incarcerated household member	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23.3	25.6	20.7	--	23.7	--
Emotional neglect	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	31.2	39.3	22.7	--	31.9	--
Physical neglect	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.7	8.1	5.2	--	6.7	--

Table 17. Number of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) reported by Hardee County and Florida Statewide high school youth, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
No ACEs reported	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32.8	26.0	40.0	--	32.0	--
1 ACE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20.6	19.7	21.7	--	20.7	--
2 ACEs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.6	14.8	14.4	--	14.7	--
3 ACEs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.6	11.6	9.4	--	10.4	--
4 ACEs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.4	9.0	5.9	--	7.7	--
5 ACEs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.6	7.5	3.6	--	5.7	--
6 ACEs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.6	4.6	2.4	--	3.7	--
7 ACEs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.3	3.1	1.4	--	2.4	--
8 ACEs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.5	2.3	0.5	--	1.5	--
9 ACEs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.7	1.0	0.4	--	0.8	--
10 ACEs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.3	0.4	0.2	--	0.3	--

Note: Each respondent receives an ACEs score, which is the number of adverse childhood experiences he or she reported. This table shows the frequency distribution of the ACEs score across the sample. Percentages total to 100% down each column. Rounding can produce totals that do not equal 100%.

Table 18. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with statements indicating impulsiveness or a lack of self-control, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
I often do what brings me pleasure now	31.3	--	32.0	31.1	32.2	--	--	33.6	32.5	35.7	30.2	33.3	33.1	32.9
I'm more concerned with the short run	28.6	--	38.0	21.1	30.0	--	--	30.2	25.3	30.2	24.5	29.7	26.0	27.3
Getting in trouble is exciting	35.2	--	38.7	31.3	35.6	--	--	28.8	29.0	30.4	27.3	29.2	29.5	28.9
Excitement is more important than security	30.5	--	28.3	31.3	31.6	--	--	26.8	25.8	26.3	26.1	26.8	26.4	26.2
People better stay away from me when I'm really angry	35.7	--	41.9	29.6	37.2	--	--	34.6	27.9	35.2	26.1	33.7	28.9	30.7
I get upset when I have a disagreement with someone	45.9	--	51.7	40.1	48.3	--	--	49.0	38.3	51.6	33.9	48.3	39.2	42.9

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 19. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported participation in extracurricular activities, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
School Sports	38.6	--	33.3	43.2	37.6	--	--	36.6	36.4	33.8	39.5	36.4	37.0	36.4
Organized Sports Outside of School	44.9	--	44.9	45.5	44.8	--	--	39.8	23.8	28.2	33.5	38.7	24.0	30.7
School Band	22.1	--	27.7	17.3	23.3	--	--	14.6	7.7	10.7	10.6	13.9	7.7	10.6
School Club(s)	16.6	--	21.3	12.9	18.2	--	--	20.6	30.2	33.0	19.4	21.2	30.1	26.1
Community Club(s)	8.7	--	12.6	5.6	9.1	--	--	8.7	12.0	13.5	7.9	8.7	11.9	10.6

Table 20. Percentages of high school students who reported *riding in* a vehicle within the past 30 days driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol or using marijuana, or *driving* a vehicle within the past 30 days after drinking alcohol or using marijuana, among Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
<i>Riding in a vehicle</i>														
Alcohol	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13.5	16.0	11.2	--	13.6	--
Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17.8	20.6	15.1	--	17.9	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>		--	--	--		--								
Alcohol	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.3	3.2	3.4	--	3.2	--
Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.4	6.7	6.1	--	6.3	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 21. Trends for high school students *riding in* a vehicle within the past 30 days driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol or using marijuana, or *driving* a vehicle within the past 30 days after drinking alcohol or using marijuana, for Hardee County, 2014 and 2022

	2012			2014			2016			2018			2020			2022		
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Riding in a vehicle</i>																		
Alcohol	--	23.6	--	--	0.0	--	--	17.3	--	--	19.1	--	--	17.6	--	--	--	--
Marijuana	--	17.9	--	--	0.0	--	--	17.3	--	--	13.4	--	--	15.3	--	--	--	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>																		
Alcohol	--	10.2	--	--	0.0	--	--	7.6	--	--	5.1	--	--	5.7	--	--	--	--
Marijuana	--	9.7	--	--	0.0	--	--	8.9	--	--	5.4	--	--	6.9	--	--	--	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 22. Family job loss and student emotional health during the COVID-19 pandemic among Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022

	Hardee County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
<i>Did a parent or other adult in the home lose their job or have hours reduced during the COVID-19 pandemic?</i>														
Yes	63.8	--	65.8	62.8	64.4	--	--	63.6	62.9	60.3	66.4	63.4	63.1	63.2
No	20.8	--	19.8	20.9	21.0	--	--	25.1	30.0	30.5	25.1	25.4	29.8	27.9
No adult had a job	15.4	--	14.4	16.3	14.6	--	--	11.4	7.0	9.2	8.5	11.1	7.0	8.9
<i>How has your emotional health (level of stress, anxiety, and depression) changed during the COVID-19 pandemic?</i>		--				--	--							
A lot better	21.7	--	14.0	28.6	20.3	--	--	19.5	16.5	13.2	22.4	18.8	16.7	17.8
A little better	12.8	--	10.2	15.1	13.4	--	--	10.2	10.7	10.3	10.6	10.1	10.7	10.5
About the same	30.6	--	20.0	40.2	31.8	--	--	31.1	29.0	23.6	36.6	31.2	28.6	29.9
A little worse	19.7	--	31.1	9.9	19.3	--	--	22.5	24.8	28.4	19.4	22.8	24.7	23.8
A lot worse	15.3	--	24.7	6.2	15.2	--	--	16.7	19.0	24.6	11.0	17.2	19.3	18.0

Note: Percentages total to 100% down each column for each survey question. Rounding can produce totals that do not equal 100%.

Table 23. Protective factor prevalence rates for Hardee County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2022

Domain	Scale	Hardee County		Florida Statewide		National Norms	
		<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	46	--	53	55	59	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	35	--	46	49	54	55
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	51	--	51	60	57	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	40	--	45	56	53	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	54	--	36	46	56	62
Average Prevalence Rate		45	--	46	53	53	58

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

Table 24. Risk factor prevalence rates for Hardee County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2022

Domain	Scale	Hardee County		Florida Statewide		National Norms	
		<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	45	--	41	29	42	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	40	--	33	15	45	45
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	35	--	25	30	25	42
Family	Poor Family Management	53	--	47	34	44	45
	Family Conflict	45	--	43	34	42	37
School	Poor Academic Performance	57	--	48	48	45	48
	Lack of Commitment to School	75	--	73	68	47	46
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	50	--	52	39	40	46
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	33	--	33	29	39	45
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	28	--	21	13	41	46
Average Prevalence Rate		46	--	42	34	41	44

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

Table 25. Protective factor prevalence rate trends among middle school students for Hardee County, 2012 to 2022

Domain	Scale	Hardee County					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	54	57	55	56	56	46
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	49	45	50	44	49	35
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	40	41	35	45	55	51
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	53	43	42	38	39	40
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	56	61	57	54	53	54
Average Prevalence Rate		50	49	48	47	50	45

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

Table 26. Risk factor prevalence rate trends among middle school students for Hardee County, 2012 to 2022

Domain	Scale	Hardee County					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	40	46	50	45	48	45
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	42	38	39	35	38	40
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	28	31	30	32	30	35
Family	Poor Family Management	49	49	48	44	43	53
	Family Conflict	35	38	34	38	41	45
School	Poor Academic Performance	48	46	48	54	59	57
	Lack of Commitment to School	47	55	60	72	67	75
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	42	45	41	43	46	50
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	40	39	40	37	35	33
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	36	29	29	29	29	28
Average Prevalence Rate		41	42	42	43	44	46

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

Table 27. Protective factor prevalence rate trends among high school students for Hardee County, 2012 to 2022

Domain	Scale	Hardee County					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	58	0	51	62	52	--
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	47	0	46	46	47	--
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	39	0	57	50	50	--
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	61	0	54	45	46	--
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	66	0	70	50	69	--
Average Prevalence Rate		54	0	56	51	53	--

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

Table 28. Risk factor prevalence rate trends among high school students for Hardee County, 2012 to 2022

Domain	Scale	Hardee County					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	39	0	30	35	31	--
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	29	0	25	33	23	--
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	40	0	41	29	40	--
Family	Poor Family Management	33	0	42	46	36	--
	Family Conflict	23	0	28	24	33	--
School	Poor Academic Performance	55	0	51	57	46	--
	Lack of Commitment to School	49	0	59	69	63	--
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	36	0	31	35	34	--
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	34	0	36	43	34	--
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	45	0	26	25	22	--
Average Prevalence Rate		38	0	37	40	36	--

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.