

# **2022 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey**

**Highlands County Data Tables**



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

	Highlands County		Florida Statewide	
	N	%	N	%
<b>Sex</b>				
Female	410	51.0	22,957	48.3
Male	391	48.6	23,857	50.1
<b>Race/Ethnic group</b>				
African American	102	12.7	10,187	21.4
American Indian	7	0.9	422	0.9
Asian	14	1.7	785	1.7
Hispanic/Latino	212	26.4	10,291	21.6
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0	63	0.1
Other/Multiple	204	25.4	6,956	14.6
White, non-Hispanic	263	32.7	18,419	38.7
<b>Parent/Guardian in the Military</b>				
No	695	86.4	41,174	86.6
Yes	106	13.2	5,980	12.6
<b>Age</b>				
11	42	5.2	2,576	5.4
12	121	15.0	6,243	13.1
13	152	18.9	6,872	14.4
14	139	17.3	7,136	15.0
15	120	14.9	7,278	15.3
16	118	14.7	6,918	14.5
17	75	9.3	6,616	13.9
18	32	4.0	3,403	7.2
<b>Grade</b>				
6th	127	15.8	6,626	13.9
7th	151	18.8	6,817	14.3
8th	153	19.0	7,021	14.8
9th	120	14.9	7,193	15.1
10th	127	15.8	7,025	14.8
11th	62	7.7	6,557	13.8
12th	64	8.0	6,333	13.3
<b>Middle School</b>	431	53.6	20,463	43.0
<b>High School</b>	373	46.4	27,109	57.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,572</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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 Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various drugs in their lifetimes, 2022**

	Highlands 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	16.9	33.0	26.5	25.3	16.9	33.2	25.8	21.0	38.5	34.5	27.5	22.1	38.2	31.0
Blacking Out	--	9.7	8.0	11.5	--	11.0	--	--	11.0	12.7	9.5	--	11.1	--
Cigarettes	5.5	11.2	7.4	9.9	4.9	11.7	8.6	5.0	8.6	7.2	7.0	5.0	8.3	7.1
Vaping Nicotine	16.6	31.1	26.6	22.5	16.8	31.1	24.5	13.1	25.5	23.8	16.7	13.6	25.8	20.2
Vaping Marijuana	6.6	17.7	14.1	11.3	6.9	16.7	12.7	6.1	18.4	15.1	11.4	6.4	18.7	13.2
Marijuana or Hashish	7.4	20.7	16.9	12.7	7.5	19.8	14.7	6.6	22.9	18.1	14.0	7.2	22.7	16.0
Synthetic Marijuana	--	1.2	1.6	0.8	--	0.7	--	--	2.5	2.8	2.2	--	2.5	--
Inhalants	5.3	4.4	4.6	5.0	5.4	4.7	4.8	7.1	4.6	6.6	4.6	6.8	4.9	5.7
Club Drugs	0.1	1.4	0.3	1.3	0.1	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.3	1.0
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.0	2.3	0.8	1.8	0.0	2.4	1.3	1.0	3.8	2.6	2.5	1.0	3.7	2.6
Methamphetamine	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.3	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.3	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.9
Heroin	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Prescription Depressants	0.3	4.0	2.8	1.8	0.3	4.4	2.3	1.5	3.1	2.8	1.9	1.6	3.1	2.4
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.7	3.3	3.5	2.6	2.6	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.6	3.3	2.2	3.0	2.7	2.8
Prescription Amphetamines	2.1	3.2	4.1	1.3	1.9	3.6	2.7	1.9	3.4	3.2	2.3	2.0	3.4	2.8
Over-the-Counter Drugs	0.9	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.5	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.5	3.1	2.8
Needle to Inject Illegal Drugs	--	1.3	0.5	2.1	--	0.7	--	--	0.6	0.4	0.7	--	0.6	--
Any illicit drug	15.4	26.6	22.9	20.3	15.5	26.4	21.6	16.7	29.3	27.3	20.5	17.0	29.4	23.9
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	9.8	10.2	9.7	10.3	9.5	10.7	10.0	12.0	12.5	14.0	10.4	11.9	12.6	12.3
Alcohol only	7.9	14.0	10.8	11.8	8.5	14.3	11.3	11.7	16.2	14.8	13.8	12.4	16.0	14.3
Alcohol or any illicit drug	23.1	40.9	33.7	32.3	23.9	41.0	32.9	28.2	45.3	42.0	34.0	29.2	45.1	38.0
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	6.1	7.8	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.8	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 Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various drugs in the past 30 days, 2022**

	Highlands 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	5.7	14.9	12.5	9.1	5.2	14.0	10.8	6.7	15.5	13.3	10.3	7.1	15.1	11.8
Binge Drinking	2.8	6.0	4.4	4.7	2.6	6.0	4.5	3.0	7.5	6.1	5.1	3.0	7.2	5.6
Cigarettes	0.8	2.1	1.1	1.9	0.8	2.4	1.5	0.8	1.4	1.0	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.2
Vaping Nicotine	7.9	14.9	13.3	10.0	7.3	16.0	11.7	5.5	12.7	11.9	7.5	5.9	12.7	9.7
Vaping Marijuana	3.7	7.6	6.4	5.4	3.2	7.3	5.9	2.9	9.7	7.7	5.9	3.1	9.8	6.8
Marijuana or Hashish	4.1	8.2	7.6	5.2	3.3	7.4	6.3	3.0	12.2	9.1	7.4	3.4	11.8	8.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	0.4	0.7	0.0	--	0.2	--	--	0.8	1.0	0.7	--	0.9	--
Inhalants	2.5	1.6	2.9	1.1	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.2	2.2	1.0	1.6
Club Drugs	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.6
Methamphetamine	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Heroin	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Prescription Depressants	0.0	1.3	1.1	0.4	0.0	1.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.7
Prescription Pain Relievers	0.8	1.1	1.6	0.3	0.8	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.0
Prescription Amphetamines	0.4	1.3	1.7	0.1	0.4	1.6	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.9
Over-the-Counter Drugs	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0
Any illicit drug	8.1	12.0	12.5	8.0	7.3	11.2	10.2	7.8	15.7	14.0	10.7	8.1	15.5	12.3
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	4.2	4.8	5.7	3.2	3.6	5.6	4.5	5.0	4.4	5.2	4.0	5.0	4.4	4.7
Alcohol only	2.7	9.3	6.3	6.4	2.8	9.8	6.3	4.2	8.0	7.2	5.6	4.4	7.8	6.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	10.8	21.5	18.8	14.7	10.0	21.2	16.7	11.9	23.5	21.0	16.1	12.4	23.2	18.5
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	5.1	6.8	6.3	5.7	4.8	7.4	6.0	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 Highlands 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	33.9	62.7	49.5	27.3	51.4	40.2	23.8	52.7	40.0	20.7	39.8	31.6	16.9	38.2	28.9	16.9	33.0	25.8
Blacking Out	--	--	--	--	16.5	--	--	19.8	--	--	16.8	--	--	8.8	--	--	9.7	--
Cigarettes	20.7	39.4	30.8	14.9	27.6	21.8	12.8	22.4	18.2	9.2	19.5	15.0	9.3	10.3	9.8	5.5	11.2	8.6
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15.0	34.1	25.9	16.6	31.1	24.5
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.0	16.5	12.0	6.6	17.7	12.7
Vaporizer / E-Cigarette	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.9	34.4	24.8	17.4	35.0	27.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
Marijuana or Hashish	9.4	30.8	21.0	10.6	25.5	18.6	9.2	25.6	18.3	7.7	25.1	17.5	6.9	25.2	17.2	7.4	20.7	14.7
Synthetic Marijuana	--	14.6	--	--	10.2	--	--	6.5	--	--	3.6	--	--	2.0	--	--	1.2	--
Inhalants	11.6	7.9	9.6	7.4	4.5	5.9	6.4	4.7	5.5	5.7	4.8	5.2	7.7	3.8	5.5	5.3	4.4	4.8
Club Drugs	0.9	4.8	3.0	1.1	2.0	1.6	1.3	3.6	2.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.1	1.4	0.8
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.4	4.6	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.1	3.7	3.0	1.0	1.9	1.5	1.6	2.2	1.9	0.0	2.3	1.3
Methamphetamine	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.3	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2
Cocaine or Crack	0.4	3.7	2.2	0.7	2.8	1.9	1.1	2.6	1.9	0.7	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	1.4	0.9
Heroin	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.3
Prescription Depressants	1.9	7.2	4.8	2.6	5.3	4.0	2.3	7.8	5.4	2.5	7.8	5.5	3.1	5.2	4.3	0.3	4.0	2.3
Prescription Pain Relievers	5.4	8.8	7.2	1.5	7.4	4.7	3.6	5.3	4.5	1.8	5.7	4.0	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.3	3.0
Prescription Amphetamines	1.1	3.1	2.2	1.0	3.6	2.4	1.6	2.3	2.0	1.1	4.5	3.0	1.5	2.6	2.1	2.1	3.2	2.7
Over-the-Counter Drugs	3.4	8.5	6.1	3.3	7.5	5.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	2.2	4.8	3.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	0.9	0.8	0.8
Needle to Inject Drugs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.9	--	--	1.9	--	--	0.7	--	--	1.3	--
Any illicit drug	20.8	36.8	29.5	17.4	32.7	25.7	16.5	31.0	24.6	13.2	29.3	22.3	15.9	33.7	25.8	15.4	26.6	21.6
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	17.3	20.2	18.8	13.1	18.1	15.8	12.8	18.1	15.8	9.1	15.6	12.8	11.8	13.3	12.6	9.8	10.2	10.0
Alcohol only	19.1	28.2	24.0	15.6	23.9	20.1	13.0	26.7	20.7	11.6	16.1	14.2	8.5	14.5	11.9	7.9	14.0	11.3
Alcohol or any illicit drug	40.1	64.9	53.5	33.1	56.6	45.7	29.2	57.7	45.1	24.5	44.8	36.0	24.3	48.6	37.9	23.1	40.9	32.9
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	6.3	2.5	4.2	5.9	5.2	5.6	6.3	5.2	5.7	4.2	5.3	4.8	7.7	11.1	9.6	6.1	7.8	7.0

Note: The first 19 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. 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 5. Past-30-day trend in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use for Highlands 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	15.4	40.8	29.1	8.5	25.6	17.7	10.0	25.1	18.5	6.3	21.2	14.8	7.9	16.5	12.8	5.7	14.9	10.8
Binge Drinking	6.5	22.8	15.3	3.8	12.0	8.2	3.0	13.1	8.6	3.3	11.1	7.8	4.5	7.5	6.1	2.8	6.0	4.5
Cigarettes	5.9	15.9	11.3	2.3	8.9	5.9	2.0	5.7	4.1	1.1	4.1	2.8	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	2.1	1.5
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.5	19.5	14.3	7.9	14.9	11.7
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.9	5.5	3.9	3.7	7.6	5.9
Vaporizer / E-Cigarette	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.5	12.9	9.6	7.0	18.6	13.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
Marijuana or Hashish	5.4	15.6	11.0	5.1	17.1	11.5	4.1	14.0	9.5	3.4	16.2	10.6	2.9	10.0	6.9	4.1	8.2	6.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	5.8	--	--	1.2	--	--	1.6	--	--	1.7	--	--	1.3	--	--	0.4	--
Inhalants	3.4	2.4	2.9	1.9	1.6	1.7	2.6	1.7	2.1	2.5	1.8	2.1	2.6	0.3	1.3	2.5	1.6	2.0
Club Drugs	0.4	2.0	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.1
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.9	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.6	0.8	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.5
Methamphetamine	0.2	1.1	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.2
Cocaine or Crack	0.9	2.5	1.7	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.5	1.8	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1
Heroin	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3
Prescription Depressants	1.0	2.7	1.9	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.3	3.9	2.7	0.8	2.3	1.6	1.4	2.2	1.9	0.0	1.3	0.7
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.2	2.9	2.6	0.9	3.3	2.2	2.6	1.2	1.8	0.6	2.2	1.5	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.0
Prescription Amphetamines	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.2	1.3	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.3	0.9
Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.9	3.7	2.9	0.2	3.7	2.1	1.1	2.0	1.6	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.5	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.3	0.1
Any illicit drug	10.2	21.1	16.1	7.0	22.0	15.0	8.2	17.5	13.4	6.8	18.3	13.3	7.9	14.6	11.6	8.1	12.0	10.2
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	7.1	10.5	9.0	3.7	8.0	6.0	6.8	8.9	8.0	4.3	6.9	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.4	4.2	4.8	4.5
Alcohol only	9.7	21.6	16.1	5.8	12.8	9.6	5.8	14.7	10.8	3.6	10.2	7.4	4.8	9.8	7.6	2.7	9.3	6.3
Alcohol or any illicit drug	19.6	43.6	32.6	12.5	34.2	24.2	13.7	31.9	23.9	10.3	27.5	20.1	12.5	25.1	19.6	10.8	21.5	16.7
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	4.4	3.0	3.6	4.0	8.9	6.7	4.1	6.8	5.6	4.0	7.0	5.7	4.7	8.9	7.1	5.1	6.8	6.0

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

	Highlands 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
<b>Early ATOD use</b>														
More than a sip of alcohol	--	15.2	15.6	14.9	--	17.4	--	--	14.1	15.5	12.6	--	14.0	--
Drinking at least once a month	--	1.2	1.0	1.3	--	1.4	--	--	2.2	2.3	2.1	--	2.2	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	5.8	3.7	7.9	--	5.9	--	--	4.9	4.9	4.9	--	4.9	--
Smoke marijuana	--	6.7	6.4	7.0	--	7.4	--	--	6.5	7.2	5.8	--	6.7	--
<b>Great risk of harm</b>														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	47.7	37.8	44.1	40.4	48.5	36.3	42.2	47.8	44.5	47.8	44.0	47.7	44.8	45.9
5+ drinks once or twice a week	59.5	50.1	53.1	55.3	60.6	47.6	54.3	59.7	54.2	58.3	54.8	59.8	54.3	56.6
1+ packs of cigarettes per day	67.6	65.8	65.4	67.6	68.2	64.1	66.6	64.8	66.4	66.3	65.1	65.4	66.1	65.7
Vaping nicotine	51.5	35.8	40.7	45.0	50.8	34.1	42.8	49.1	39.5	42.8	44.5	48.7	39.3	43.6
Vaping marijuana	54.7	35.0	42.5	45.2	54.3	32.1	43.8	51.9	34.3	41.0	42.6	50.7	34.4	41.8
Marijuana once or twice a week	48.0	26.4	35.9	36.4	48.5	23.6	36.2	46.5	25.2	33.9	34.8	45.0	25.4	34.3
Try marijuana once or twice	38.1	18.7	26.6	28.4	38.3	16.5	27.4	32.1	17.0	22.3	24.6	30.8	17.3	23.5
Use prescription drugs	68.3	63.4	66.6	64.5	67.6	62.8	65.6	67.0	68.4	69.3	66.5	67.5	67.9	67.8
<b>Think it would be wrong to...</b>														
Smoke cigarettes	94.9	92.1	93.9	92.8	94.3	93.0	93.4	96.4	91.6	93.2	94.1	96.1	92.2	93.6
Drink alcohol regularly	90.4	76.5	83.2	82.7	90.6	76.3	82.8	89.6	73.5	78.6	82.0	88.6	74.1	80.4
Smoke marijuana	91.6	72.9	81.4	81.5	91.5	73.8	81.3	91.2	68.7	77.0	79.7	90.1	69.0	78.3
Vape nicotine	89.1	79.9	82.2	86.1	88.7	81.1	84.1	90.7	80.6	82.4	87.5	90.2	81.0	84.9
Vape marijuana	92.6	77.2	84.3	84.3	92.6	76.7	84.1	92.4	76.2	81.3	84.9	91.6	76.4	83.1
Use other illicit drugs	96.7	95.6	98.2	94.0	96.4	96.3	96.1	97.9	95.1	96.4	96.1	97.7	95.2	96.3
<b>Friends think it would be wrong to...</b>														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	91.6	86.3	90.7	87.2	92.5	84.9	88.7	91.4	85.3	87.9	88.0	90.9	85.2	87.9
Smoke tobacco	94.0	89.9	93.3	90.2	94.7	89.0	91.7	94.5	89.5	91.5	91.9	94.1	89.6	91.7
Smoke marijuana	89.5	75.2	82.3	80.9	90.7	75.4	81.7	89.7	68.4	76.0	79.1	88.5	68.3	77.6
Vape nicotine	86.9	75.5	77.5	83.9	88.1	74.9	80.6	87.4	75.6	77.6	83.8	86.4	75.6	80.7
Vape marijuana	89.3	78.4	83.1	83.7	90.6	76.8	83.3	90.2	73.6	78.7	82.8	89.2	73.5	80.8
Use prescription drugs	93.4	94.3	94.1	93.7	93.9	93.3	93.9	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 Highlands 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
<b>Early ATOD use</b>																		
Try alcohol	--	28.0	--	--	17.9	--	--	21.1	--	--	16.9	--	--	14.6	--	--	15.2	--
Drink monthly	--	8.1	--	--	2.5	--	--	3.4	--	--	3.8	--	--	2.8	--	--	1.2	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	23.5	--	--	14.0	--	--	12.1	--	--	12.1	--	--	5.5	--	--	5.8	--
Smoke marijuana	--	14.4	--	--	11.9	--	--	11.2	--	--	10.0	--	--	7.0	--	--	6.7	--
<b>Great risk of harm</b>																		
Daily alcohol use	47.8	29.7	38.0	45.1	38.8	41.7	45.8	40.0	42.5	44.4	38.8	41.3	48.9	42.5	45.3	47.7	37.8	42.2
5+ drinks daily	--	--	--	57.6	49.6	53.3	54.5	51.1	52.6	57.1	53.3	54.9	58.2	54.2	56.0	59.5	50.1	54.3
Daily cigarette use	70.2	62.2	65.9	61.1	66.1	63.8	59.0	62.1	60.7	62.8	63.9	63.4	64.5	67.1	65.9	67.6	65.8	66.6
Vaping nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	48.5	41.3	44.5	51.5	35.8	42.8
Vaping marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	51.6	37.9	43.9	54.7	35.0	43.8
Marijuana weekly*	--	--	--	50.1	33.8	41.2	50.5	23.8	35.7	50.2	29.2	38.2	45.8	25.9	34.6	48.0	26.4	36.2
Try marijuana	37.7	25.1	30.9	33.3	22.9	27.7	35.6	18.1	25.8	36.2	21.4	27.7	37.9	21.9	28.9	38.1	18.7	27.4
Prescription drugs	--	67.1	67.1	72.4	72.7	72.6	67.3	62.9	64.9	66.8	65.3	65.9	63.1	69.0	66.4	68.3	63.4	65.6
<b>Think it wrong</b>																		
Smoke cigarettes	91.3	73.0	81.3	93.0	82.7	87.4	95.0	85.1	89.5	96.3	86.2	90.6	96.9	94.1	95.3	94.9	92.1	93.4
Drink regularly	87.9	57.3	71.2	90.3	69.0	78.7	90.4	65.8	76.6	89.6	69.2	78.1	89.9	76.9	82.7	90.4	76.5	82.8
Smoke marijuana	91.5	69.4	79.5	89.0	70.6	79.0	88.5	66.6	76.2	92.0	66.0	77.4	91.4	71.6	80.4	91.6	72.9	81.3
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	91.4	77.6	83.8	89.1	79.9	84.1
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	93.6	82.4	87.4	92.6	77.2	84.1
Other illicit drugs	97.4	94.5	95.8	97.4	95.1	96.2	97.8	96.2	96.9	97.9	93.1	95.2	97.5	95.7	96.5	96.7	95.6	96.1
<b>Friends think it wrong</b>																		
Daily alcohol use	--	--	--	89.5	73.6	80.9	89.1	77.8	82.7	91.5	77.6	83.6	91.4	83.5	87.0	91.6	86.3	88.7
Smoke tobacco	--	--	--	92.3	80.1	85.7	93.3	83.1	87.5	94.4	83.8	88.4	94.3	90.5	92.2	94.0	89.9	91.7
Smoke marijuana	--	--	--	87.2	69.2	77.5	87.1	67.6	76.2	89.2	65.2	75.6	90.6	71.9	80.2	89.5	75.2	81.7
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	87.3	74.1	80.0	86.9	75.5	80.6
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	91.1	79.0	84.3	89.3	78.4	83.3
Prescription drugs	--	--	--	95.1	93.6	94.3	93.9	89.0	91.1	96.6	89.3	92.5	94.9	94.4	94.6	93.4	94.3	93.9

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, Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022**

	Highlands 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	--	20.4	2.8	38.3	--	20.4	--	--	11.7	9.6	14.7	--	11.7	--
Bought in a restaurant, bar, or club	--	1.8	0.0	3.5	--	1.8	--	--	3.2	3.4	2.9	--	3.2	--
Bought at a public event	--	1.7	0.0	3.5	--	1.7	--	--	0.8	0.7	1.0	--	0.8	--
Someone bought it for me	--	8.8	11.5	6.1	--	8.8	--	--	9.0	8.6	9.5	--	9.0	--
Someone gave it to me	--	37.9	48.5	27.0	--	37.9	--	--	41.5	44.4	37.9	--	41.5	--
Took it from a store	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	1.2	0.9	1.7	--	1.2	--
Took it from a family member	--	5.7	11.2	0.0	--	5.7	--	--	13.5	15.6	10.4	--	13.5	--
Some other way	--	23.8	25.9	21.7	--	23.8	--	--	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, Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022**

	Highlands 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	--	30.7	34.3	26.1	--	30.7	--	--	43.8	45.1	40.9	--	43.8	--
Another person's home	--	41.5	44.6	37.6	--	41.5	--	--	31.0	31.0	31.5	--	31.0	--
Car or other vehicle	--	3.6	6.5	0.0	--	3.6	--	--	1.9	2.0	1.7	--	1.9	--
Restaurant, bar, or club	--	5.6	4.4	7.0	--	5.6	--	--	3.6	3.5	3.9	--	3.6	--
Public place	--	2.5	1.9	3.2	--	2.5	--	--	6.6	6.9	6.5	--	6.6	--
Public event	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	2.4	2.2	2.7	--	2.4	--
School property	--	1.8	0.0	4.0	--	1.8	--	--	0.7	0.4	1.1	--	0.7	--
Some other place	--	14.4	8.3	22.1	--	14.4	--	--	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, Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022**

	Highlands 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	--	37.1	45.7	26.5	--	37.1	--	--	34.2	36.6	31.0	--	34.2	--
2	--	15.6	13.7	18.1	--	15.6	--	--	20.0	22.2	16.3	--	20.0	--
3	--	17.6	20.9	13.6	--	17.6	--	--	15.7	15.6	15.9	--	15.7	--
4	--	10.1	6.2	14.9	--	10.1	--	--	9.7	10.3	8.8	--	9.7	--
5 or more	--	19.5	13.5	26.9	--	19.5	--	--	20.4	15.3	28.0	--	20.4	--

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

**Table 11. Percentages of Highlands 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**

	Highlands 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	1.2	3.0	2.4	1.9	1.3	2.6	2.2	2.8	4.0	4.1	2.8	2.8	4.2	3.5
Smoking marijuana	1.2	8.7	4.4	6.2	1.4	7.7	5.3	3.2	9.9	8.2	6.0	3.4	10.3	7.1
Using another drug to get high	1.7	2.9	1.7	3.0	1.8	2.5	2.3	1.9	2.7	2.8	1.8	2.0	2.8	2.4

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

	Highlands 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	8.3	6.7	4.4	10.6	8.5	5.9	7.5	6.7	5.5	3.9	8.1	6.3	5.8	6.0
Selling drugs	1.1	2.1	1.1	2.1	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.1	2.7	1.6	2.4	1.1	2.8	2.0
Attempting to steal a vehicle	0.5	2.1	0.6	2.1	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.1
Being arrested	2.8	1.3	1.4	2.6	2.8	0.9	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.3	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.7
Taking a handgun to school	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4
Getting suspended	12.1	10.2	7.6	14.5	11.9	10.6	11.1	13.5	9.2	8.8	13.3	12.7	10.0	11.1
Attacking someone with intent to harm	9.9	5.3	5.5	9.3	9.5	4.9	7.4	9.3	4.9	6.2	7.2	8.6	5.3	6.7

**Table 13. Trends in delinquent behaviors for Highlands 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	5.0	8.6	7.0	5.1	8.1	6.7	10.2	8.6	9.3	8.3	5.3	6.6	9.6	3.9	6.4	8.3	6.7	7.5
Selling drugs	3.0	8.2	5.9	2.0	5.0	3.6	1.5	6.1	4.1	0.7	5.5	3.4	1.5	2.3	2.0	1.1	2.1	1.6
Attempting to steal a vehicle	1.2	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.5	2.8	1.2	1.9	0.8	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.6	0.5	2.1	1.4
Being arrested	3.3	6.4	5.0	2.6	5.5	4.1	2.7	3.7	3.3	1.7	3.3	2.6	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.8	1.3	2.0
Taking a handgun to school	0.7	1.9	1.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.5
Getting suspended	9.7	12.5	11.2	8.3	10.5	9.5	7.0	9.2	8.2	7.6	9.6	8.7	15.9	10.1	12.6	12.1	10.2	11.1
Attacking someone with intent to harm	8.6	9.6	9.2	5.7	7.1	6.4	8.5	6.9	7.6	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.9	3.7	4.7	9.9	5.3	7.4

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

	Highlands 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
<b>Symptoms of Depression</b>														
Sometimes I think that life is not worth it	29.9	28.5	37.9	19.9	29.7	29.2	29.1	33.0	33.5	43.0	23.2	33.5	34.0	33.3
At times I think I am no good at all	43.5	39.7	50.5	32.3	43.3	40.0	41.4	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	28.3	31.1	38.4	21.2	27.6	31.7	29.8	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?	44.5	45.3	56.4	33.1	44.8	45.9	44.9	46.9	47.7	58.4	36.0	46.8	48.1	47.3
<b>Suicide</b>														
Thought about committing suicide in the past 12 months	29.2	31.4	38.5	22.1	30.7	29.2	30.4	35.5	34.2	44.2	24.9	35.9	34.7	34.8
Attempted suicide in the past 12 months	7.8	8.9	12.5	4.2	8.6	7.7	8.4	10.4	8.1	12.9	5.1	10.1	8.5	9.1

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

	Highlands 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>
Skipped school because of bullying	9.3	9.6	13.6	5.5	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.6	8.3	12.7	4.8	9.3	8.7	8.9
Was ever kicked or shoved	39.6	23.7	32.6	28.9	40.2	22.3	30.8	43.6	26.2	34.5	32.5	42.4	26.2	33.7
Was ever taunted or teased	61.9	52.3	61.5	51.7	63.5	50.6	56.7	66.1	52.5	63.4	53.1	65.5	52.5	58.3
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	23.7	26.9	33.5	17.8	24.9	25.7	25.5	30.3	29.9	37.5	22.5	30.6	30.0	30.1
Ever physically bullied others	18.4	13.4	14.9	16.4	19.1	13.5	15.6	21.6	12.6	14.9	17.8	20.7	13.0	16.4
Ever verbally bullied others	34.9	28.9	30.9	32.0	35.0	29.9	31.6	34.5	25.6	27.9	30.8	34.1	25.7	29.4
Ever cyber bullied others	11.6	14.3	14.5	11.6	12.3	14.7	13.1	13.5	12.4	13.6	12.1	13.6	12.4	12.8

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

	Highlands 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	--	17.8	24.3	10.6	--	15.9	--	--	17.1	23.0	10.7	--	17.4	--
Physical abuse	--	10.8	12.5	9.1	--	10.6	--	--	10.7	12.6	8.3	--	10.8	--
Sexual abuse	--	7.5	11.5	3.3	--	7.7	--	--	6.6	10.2	2.7	--	7.0	--
Parents separated or divorced	--	45.2	53.1	36.5	--	42.8	--	--	39.4	42.9	35.9	--	39.8	--
Physical abuse in household	--	8.5	10.2	6.7	--	7.1	--	--	8.5	11.1	5.6	--	8.7	--
Substance abuse in household	--	28.1	37.5	17.8	--	27.9	--	--	24.9	27.9	21.6	--	25.5	--
Mental illness in household	--	31.2	47.2	14.0	--	30.4	--	--	32.9	41.0	24.0	--	33.6	--
Incarcerated household member	--	26.1	28.9	23.0	--	26.4	--	--	23.3	25.6	20.7	--	23.7	--
Emotional neglect	--	33.6	39.5	27.2	--	30.0	--	--	31.2	39.3	22.7	--	31.9	--
Physical neglect	--	8.7	11.4	5.8	--	9.0	--	--	6.7	8.1	5.2	--	6.7	--

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

	Highlands 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	--	31.8	26.2	37.9	--	34.8	--	--	32.8	26.0	40.0	--	32.0	--
1 ACE	--	19.4	16.7	22.3	--	18.2	--	--	20.6	19.7	21.7	--	20.7	--
2 ACEs	--	14.8	14.4	15.3	--	13.6	--	--	14.6	14.8	14.4	--	14.7	--
3 ACEs	--	9.6	7.2	12.3	--	10.7	--	--	10.6	11.6	9.4	--	10.4	--
4 ACEs	--	9.2	12.7	5.2	--	8.0	--	--	7.4	9.0	5.9	--	7.7	--
5 ACEs	--	4.5	5.4	3.6	--	4.6	--	--	5.6	7.5	3.6	--	5.7	--
6 ACEs	--	3.3	5.3	1.1	--	3.1	--	--	3.6	4.6	2.4	--	3.7	--
7 ACEs	--	4.6	7.0	1.9	--	4.1	--	--	2.3	3.1	1.4	--	2.4	--
8 ACEs	--	1.5	2.7	0.2	--	1.4	--	--	1.5	2.3	0.5	--	1.5	--
9 ACEs	--	0.6	1.2	0.0	--	0.8	--	--	0.7	1.0	0.4	--	0.8	--
10 ACEs	--	0.7	1.1	0.2	--	0.6	--	--	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 Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with statements indicating impulsiveness or a lack of self-control, 2022**

	Highlands 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	28.4	30.8	33.6	25.7	29.1	30.1	29.7	33.6	32.5	35.7	30.2	33.3	33.1	32.9
I'm more concerned with the short run	23.1	24.9	26.0	22.2	22.1	27.0	24.1	30.2	25.3	30.2	24.5	29.7	26.0	27.3
Getting in trouble is exciting	25.6	30.9	28.3	28.6	25.1	31.6	28.4	28.8	29.0	30.4	27.3	29.2	29.5	28.9
Excitement is more important than security	23.1	25.5	24.8	24.0	22.8	27.1	24.4	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	34.6	29.8	34.9	29.1	33.3	31.5	31.9	34.6	27.9	35.2	26.1	33.7	28.9	30.7
I get upset when I have a disagreement with someone	45.3	39.9	50.7	34.1	42.7	44.6	42.4	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 Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who reported participation in extracurricular activities, 2022**

	Highlands 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	43.1	44.0	40.9	46.0	43.3	46.1	43.6	36.6	36.4	33.8	39.5	36.4	37.0	36.4
Organized Sports Outside of School	41.2	22.2	30.6	31.0	40.0	22.8	30.7	39.8	23.8	28.2	33.5	38.7	24.0	30.7
School Band	14.8	7.5	9.3	12.3	14.0	7.7	10.8	14.6	7.7	10.7	10.6	13.9	7.7	10.6
School Club(s)	20.4	29.3	29.3	21.6	21.0	28.9	25.3	20.6	30.2	33.0	19.4	21.2	30.1	26.1
Community Club(s)	10.6	13.6	16.5	8.2	10.2	12.7	12.2	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 Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022**

	Highlands 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
<b><i>Riding in a vehicle</i></b>														
Alcohol	--	13.8	13.5	14.1	--	13.8	--	--	13.5	16.0	11.2	--	13.6	--
Marijuana	--	17.2	19.5	15.0	--	19.0	--	--	17.8	20.6	15.1	--	17.9	--
<b><i>Driving a vehicle</i></b>														
Alcohol	--	3.4	1.3	5.6	--	4.4	--	--	3.3	3.2	3.4	--	3.2	--
Marijuana	--	4.7	3.4	6.0	--	5.1	--	--	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 Highlands 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>
<b><i>Riding in a vehicle</i></b>																		
Alcohol	--	30.7	--	--	21.2	--	--	18.2	--	--	13.2	--	--	18.4	--	--	13.8	--
Marijuana	--	24.5	--	--	19.9	--	--	21.7	--	--	21.8	--	--	18.1	--	--	17.2	--
<b><i>Driving a vehicle</i></b>																		
Alcohol	--	12.4	--	--	7.4	--	--	6.7	--	--	5.6	--	--	6.1	--	--	3.4	--
Marijuana	--	9.2	--	--	10.2	--	--	8.7	--	--	8.6	--	--	7.4	--	--	4.7	--

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

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

	Highlands 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
<b><i>Did a parent or other adult in the home lose their job or have hours reduced during the COVID-19 pandemic?</i></b>														
Yes	64.5	63.4	59.3	68.8	63.4	66.5	63.9	63.6	62.9	60.3	66.4	63.4	63.1	63.2
No	22.6	30.0	30.4	22.6	22.7	28.3	26.6	25.1	30.0	30.5	25.1	25.4	29.8	27.9
No adult had a job	12.8	6.5	10.3	8.6	13.9	5.2	9.4	11.4	7.0	9.2	8.5	11.1	7.0	8.9
<b><i>How has your emotional health (level of stress, anxiety, and depression) changed during the COVID-19 pandemic?</i></b>														
A lot better	20.8	17.0	13.2	24.6	19.9	18.7	18.8	19.5	16.5	13.2	22.4	18.8	16.7	17.8
A little better	11.6	8.9	13.0	7.3	10.5	10.9	10.2	10.2	10.7	10.3	10.6	10.1	10.7	10.5
About the same	36.6	37.1	29.7	44.2	36.2	35.9	36.9	31.1	29.0	23.6	36.6	31.2	28.6	29.9
A little worse	18.8	19.0	23.0	14.5	20.4	17.4	18.9	22.5	24.8	28.4	19.4	22.8	24.7	23.8
A lot worse	12.3	17.9	21.1	9.4	13.0	17.1	15.3	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 Highlands County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2022**

Domain	Scale	Highlands 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>
<b>Family</b>	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	58	53	53	55	59	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	53	46	46	49	54	55
<b>School</b>	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	50	63	51	60	57	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	46	61	45	56	53	58
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	Religiosity	40	50	36	46	56	62
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>58</b>

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 Highlands County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2022**

Domain	Scale	Highlands 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>
<b>Community</b>	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	39	31	41	29	42	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	30	15	33	15	45	45
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	24	37	25	30	25	42
<b>Family</b>	Poor Family Management	47	35	47	34	44	45
	Family Conflict	37	32	43	34	42	37
<b>School</b>	Poor Academic Performance	46	53	48	48	45	48
	Lack of Commitment to School	71	68	73	68	47	46
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	43	39	52	39	40	46
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	27	26	33	29	39	45
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	18	12	21	13	41	46
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>

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 Highlands County, 2012 to 2022**

Domain	Scale	Highlands County					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
<b>Family</b>	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	57	60	58	58	56	58
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	51	56	54	50	51	53
<b>School</b>	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	58	54	56	55	45	50
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	55	58	57	55	45	46
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	Religiosity	58	58	51	51	48	40
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>

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 Highlands County, 2012 to 2022**

Domain	Scale	Highlands County					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
<b>Community</b>	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	39	40	37	37	42	39
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	43	36	36	30	29	30
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	30	28	29	24	26	24
<b>Family</b>	Poor Family Management	42	38	43	41	45	47
	Family Conflict	35	35	39	38	37	37
<b>School</b>	Poor Academic Performance	41	45	46	43	51	46
	Lack of Commitment to School	46	47	51	56	66	71
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	45	34	38	40	39	43
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	34	32	32	30	28	27
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	33	24	26	26	23	18
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>

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 Highlands County, 2012 to 2022**

Domain	Scale	Highlands County					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
<b>Family</b>	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	55	60	61	58	56	53
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	55	56	55	50	51	46
<b>School</b>	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	59	66	62	67	65	63
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	58	66	61	64	59	61
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	Religiosity	68	63	61	58	58	50
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>

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 Highlands County, 2012 to 2022**

Domain	Scale	Highlands County					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
<b>Community</b>	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	35	28	33	26	24	31
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	35	28	30	25	14	15
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	43	43	44	33	26	37
<b>Family</b>	Poor Family Management	41	36	39	38	32	35
	Family Conflict	36	27	33	35	32	32
<b>School</b>	Poor Academic Performance	49	45	47	54	52	53
	Lack of Commitment to School	42	50	51	57	59	68
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	39	31	33	34	34	39
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	43	34	35	36	27	26
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	37	22	28	23	14	12
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>

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.