

2022 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

St. Lucie County Data Tables

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

	St. Lucie County		Florida Statewide	
	N	%	N	%
Sex				
Female	443	42.2	22,957	48.3
Male	575	54.7	23,857	50.1
Race/Ethnic group				
African American	290	27.6	10,187	21.4
American Indian	16	1.5	422	0.9
Asian	17	1.6	785	1.7
Hispanic/Latino	283	26.9	10,291	21.6
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3	0.3	63	0.1
Other/Multiple	243	23.1	6,956	14.6
White, non-Hispanic	192	18.3	18,419	38.7
Parent/Guardian in the Military				
No	899	85.5	41,174	86.6
Yes	133	12.7	5,980	12.6
Age				
11	69	6.6	2,576	5.4
12	182	17.3	6,243	13.1
13	202	19.2	6,872	14.4
14	251	23.9	7,136	15.0
15	249	23.7	7,278	15.3
16	59	5.6	6,918	14.5
17	21	2.0	6,616	13.9
18	5	0.5	3,403	7.2
Grade				
6th	184	17.5	6,626	13.9
7th	234	22.3	6,817	14.3
8th	182	17.3	7,021	14.8
9th	368	35.0	7,193	15.1
10th	58	5.5	7,025	14.8
11th	21	2.0	6,557	13.8
12th	4	0.4	6,333	13.3
Middle School	600	57.1	20,463	43.0
High School	451	42.9	27,109	57.0
Total	1,051	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 St. Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various drugs in their lifetimes, 2022

	St. Lucie 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	18.5	14.0	20.1	12.1	19.6	11.7	15.8	21.0	38.5	34.5	27.5	22.1	38.2	31.0
Blacking Out	--	2.2	4.5	0.5	--	2.1	--	--	11.0	12.7	9.5	--	11.1	--
Cigarettes	4.9	2.5	4.3	2.4	4.9	2.7	3.4	5.0	8.6	7.2	7.0	5.0	8.3	7.1
Vaping Nicotine	10.1	12.7	20.8	4.7	9.6	8.7	11.8	13.1	25.5	23.8	16.7	13.6	25.8	20.2
Vaping Marijuana	5.9	7.4	12.2	2.6	5.6	7.6	6.8	6.1	18.4	15.1	11.4	6.4	18.7	13.2
Marijuana or Hashish	5.1	9.2	12.8	3.3	5.9	8.9	7.6	6.6	22.9	18.1	14.0	7.2	22.7	16.0
Synthetic Marijuana	--	0.9	1.8	0.2	--	0.8	--	--	2.5	2.8	2.2	--	2.5	--
Inhalants	6.4	2.3	5.3	2.7	6.6	2.2	3.9	7.1	4.6	6.6	4.6	6.8	4.9	5.7
Club Drugs	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.3	1.0
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.1	2.5	4.0	0.3	1.2	2.8	1.9	1.0	3.8	2.6	2.5	1.0	3.7	2.6
Methamphetamine	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	1.1	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.9
Heroin	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Prescription Depressants	1.7	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.7	0.4	1.0	1.5	3.1	2.8	1.9	1.6	3.1	2.4
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.9	0.7	2.2	1.1	2.8	0.6	1.6	3.0	2.6	3.3	2.2	3.0	2.7	2.8
Prescription Amphetamines	0.9	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.9	3.4	3.2	2.3	2.0	3.4	2.8
Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.5	0.8	1.1	0.7	1.6	0.8	1.0	2.5	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.5	3.1	2.8
Needle to Inject Illegal Drugs	--	0.4	0.5	0.2	--	0.4	--	--	0.6	0.4	0.7	--	0.6	--
Any illicit drug	13.6	11.5	19.0	7.0	13.7	11.4	12.3	16.7	29.3	27.3	20.5	17.0	29.4	23.9
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	10.2	5.3	11.1	4.2	10.2	5.5	7.2	12.0	12.5	14.0	10.4	11.9	12.6	12.3
Alcohol only	11.2	7.8	9.4	8.7	12.1	4.6	9.1	11.7	16.2	14.8	13.8	12.4	16.0	14.3
Alcohol or any illicit drug	24.5	18.8	28.2	15.3	25.5	15.7	21.1	28.2	45.3	42.0	34.0	29.2	45.1	38.0
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	6.1	5.1	8.2	3.3	6.1	4.3	5.5	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 St. Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various drugs in the past 30 days, 2022

	St. Lucie 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	6.6	5.6	8.4	3.6	7.2	5.9	6.0	6.7	15.5	13.3	10.3	7.1	15.1	11.8
Binge Drinking	4.2	4.5	7.2	2.3	4.1	5.4	4.4	3.0	7.5	6.1	5.1	3.0	7.2	5.6
Cigarettes	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.9	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.4	1.0	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.2
Vaping Nicotine	4.0	3.9	6.4	2.0	4.3	4.4	4.0	5.5	12.7	11.9	7.5	5.9	12.7	9.7
Vaping Marijuana	2.2	5.1	6.8	1.8	2.3	4.6	4.0	2.9	9.7	7.7	5.9	3.1	9.8	6.8
Marijuana or Hashish	2.1	7.3	9.2	2.2	2.4	7.2	5.3	3.0	12.2	9.1	7.4	3.4	11.8	8.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	0.2	0.4	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	0.8	1.0	0.7	--	0.9	--
Inhalants	1.7	0.3	0.7	0.8	1.6	0.3	0.8	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.2	2.2	1.0	1.6
Club Drugs	0.7	0.0	0.3	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	1.0	0.6	1.4	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.6
Methamphetamine	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	1.3	0.3	1.4	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Heroin	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Prescription Depressants	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.7
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.2	0.7	1.5	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.0
Prescription Amphetamines	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.9
Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.3	0.6	1.1	0.4	1.3	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0
Any illicit drug	7.3	8.0	11.9	4.4	6.8	8.2	7.8	7.8	15.7	14.0	10.7	8.1	15.5	12.3
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	5.5	1.1	3.4	2.3	4.8	1.2	2.9	5.0	4.4	5.2	4.0	5.0	4.4	4.7
Alcohol only	3.8	1.5	2.3	2.1	4.3	1.2	2.4	4.2	8.0	7.2	5.6	4.4	7.8	6.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	10.8	9.1	14.2	6.1	10.7	8.9	9.8	11.9	23.5	21.0	16.1	12.4	23.2	18.5
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	4.3	3.8	6.0	2.6	3.7	3.3	4.0	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 St. Lucie 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	35.3	59.9	49.5	29.9	62.4	48.4	26.2	44.5	37.0	22.7	45.7	36.3	19.6	44.4	34.4	18.5	14.0	15.8
Blacking Out	--	--	--	--	20.0	20.0	--	11.3	11.3	--	7.3	7.3	--	11.6	--	--	2.2	--
Cigarettes	12.6	27.5	21.1	12.3	32.1	23.5	9.6	17.4	14.1	7.1	14.1	11.2	6.0	3.6	4.6	4.9	2.5	3.4
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.9	24.0	18.3	10.1	12.7	11.8
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.2	13.1	10.0	5.9	7.4	6.8
Vaporizer / E-Cigarette	--	--	--	--	--	--	17.4	28.4	23.8	15.7	30.8	24.6	--	--	--	--	--	--
Marijuana or Hashish	10.2	31.7	22.7	11.8	39.2	27.3	7.3	29.1	19.9	7.9	28.3	19.9	6.1	12.8	10.1	5.1	9.2	7.6
Synthetic Marijuana	--	9.4	9.4	--	5.7	5.7	--	4.5	4.5	--	1.7	1.7	--	0.0	--	--	0.9	--
Inhalants	11.7	6.0	8.3	8.0	5.4	6.5	7.1	7.8	7.5	8.0	3.6	5.4	5.1	2.3	3.4	6.4	2.3	3.9
Club Drugs	1.2	5.6	3.8	0.9	5.8	3.7	0.9	3.4	2.4	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.6
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.7	5.0	3.6	0.8	5.0	3.2	1.1	4.0	2.8	0.5	3.3	2.2	0.9	0.5	0.6	1.1	2.5	1.9
Methamphetamine	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.6
Cocaine or Crack	0.5	3.7	2.4	0.3	3.5	2.1	1.3	2.4	1.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.0	0.5	1.1	0.1	0.5
Heroin	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2
Prescription Depressants	2.0	4.5	3.5	1.8	6.2	4.3	1.5	4.8	3.4	1.9	2.8	2.4	2.8	1.3	1.9	1.7	0.6	1.0
Prescription Pain Relievers	4.5	8.8	7.0	2.6	10.1	6.9	3.9	7.6	6.0	2.4	2.0	2.2	2.2	0.8	1.4	2.9	0.7	1.6
Prescription Amphetamines	1.0	3.1	2.2	0.6	4.7	3.0	0.9	3.6	2.5	0.7	2.2	1.6	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
Over-the-Counter Drugs	4.6	5.8	5.3	3.1	7.1	5.4	3.3	4.7	4.1	1.6	3.0	2.4	1.7	3.3	2.7	1.5	0.8	1.0
Needle to Inject Drugs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.3	1.3	--	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	0.4	--
Any illicit drug	23.1	39.5	32.6	20.6	44.2	34.0	16.7	37.5	28.8	18.6	32.3	26.6	15.1	20.8	18.5	13.6	11.5	12.3
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	17.9	21.1	19.7	12.6	19.4	16.5	12.9	19.9	17.0	12.9	10.6	11.5	10.9	6.5	8.3	10.2	5.3	7.2
Alcohol only	19.3	25.6	23.0	15.8	21.3	18.9	14.5	14.6	14.6	11.2	21.3	17.2	10.0	27.4	20.4	11.2	7.8	9.1
Alcohol or any illicit drug	42.0	64.9	55.2	36.1	65.4	52.8	30.9	52.2	43.3	29.8	53.3	43.6	24.7	47.9	38.4	24.5	18.8	21.1
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	7.3	5.4	6.2	6.3	3.2	4.5	5.7	7.8	7.0	7.4	7.8	7.7	4.1	3.5	3.7	6.1	5.1	5.5

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 St. Lucie 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	15.5	31.8	24.9	12.5	29.1	22.0	11.0	18.3	15.3	7.6	15.2	12.2	7.4	24.3	17.5	6.6	5.6	6.0
Binge Drinking	6.3	11.5	9.3	4.8	12.3	9.1	3.7	6.5	5.3	2.9	7.5	5.7	2.5	5.8	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.4
Cigarettes	2.8	6.9	5.2	2.3	9.1	6.2	1.2	5.0	3.4	1.2	2.4	1.9	2.6	1.2	1.8	1.0	0.6	0.7
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.1	17.2	13.1	4.0	3.9	4.0
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.7	3.7	3.3	2.2	5.1	4.0
Vaporizer / E-Cigarette	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.8	9.4	7.9	5.1	14.6	10.7	--	--	--	--	--	--
Marijuana or Hashish	5.2	16.7	11.9	6.3	20.5	14.4	4.1	17.0	11.5	3.5	17.8	11.9	3.8	7.8	6.2	2.1	7.3	5.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	2.9	2.9	--	0.7	0.7	--	0.7	0.7	--	0.8	0.8	--	0.0	--	--	0.2	--
Inhalants	5.9	1.1	3.1	2.8	0.3	1.4	2.7	1.8	2.2	3.2	1.6	2.2	1.1	0.4	0.7	1.7	0.3	0.8
Club Drugs	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.2	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.3
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.6	0.8
Methamphetamine	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.3
Cocaine or Crack	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1	1.3	0.3	0.7
Heroin	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1
Prescription Depressants	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.4	2.0	1.3	0.3	1.7	1.1	0.3	0.9	0.6	2.0	0.0	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.5
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.6	2.2	1.9	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.4	3.1	2.4	1.4	0.2	0.7	1.8	0.0	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.9
Prescription Amphetamines	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.4
Over-the-Counter Drugs	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.2	2.0	1.6	2.1	1.1	1.5	0.8	1.9	1.4	1.7	0.5	1.0	1.3	0.6	0.9
Any illicit drug	13.6	20.6	17.7	10.0	23.7	17.8	8.5	19.8	15.0	8.5	19.8	15.2	7.4	10.1	8.9	7.3	8.0	7.8
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	10.6	7.4	8.7	5.1	6.5	5.9	5.7	7.7	6.9	5.7	5.0	5.3	3.8	1.1	2.2	5.5	1.1	2.9
Alcohol only	8.6	18.5	14.4	9.0	12.8	11.2	6.1	8.9	7.7	4.0	7.2	5.9	4.7	20.6	14.0	3.8	1.5	2.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	22.0	38.4	31.4	18.7	35.9	28.5	14.6	27.7	22.2	12.5	26.4	20.7	11.9	28.7	21.8	10.8	9.1	9.8
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	7.0	7.2	7.1	6.3	7.1	6.8	4.0	10.0	7.5	4.7	11.6	8.8	3.5	4.8	4.2	4.3	3.8	4.0

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

	St. Lucie 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	--	9.0	15.8	4.2	--	7.8	--	--	14.1	15.5	12.6	--	14.0	--
Drinking at least once a month	--	1.0	1.6	0.4	--	1.0	--	--	2.2	2.3	2.1	--	2.2	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	1.1	1.1	1.1	--	1.0	--	--	4.9	4.9	4.9	--	4.9	--
Smoke marijuana	--	2.2	2.0	2.3	--	1.9	--	--	6.5	7.2	5.8	--	6.7	--
Great risk of harm														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	42.6	46.8	46.0	43.9	42.9	45.7	45.1	47.8	44.5	47.8	44.0	47.7	44.8	45.9
5+ drinks once or twice a week	55.0	51.0	56.1	50.8	55.5	53.3	52.6	59.7	54.2	58.3	54.8	59.8	54.3	56.6
1+ packs of cigarettes per day	58.4	57.4	58.7	56.7	59.1	57.2	57.8	64.8	66.4	66.3	65.1	65.4	66.1	65.7
Vaping nicotine	42.4	37.0	39.8	37.7	42.1	37.4	39.1	49.1	39.5	42.8	44.5	48.7	39.3	43.6
Vaping marijuana	44.5	32.0	42.0	33.4	44.1	35.9	36.9	51.9	34.3	41.0	42.6	50.7	34.4	41.8
Marijuana once or twice a week	38.2	21.2	31.3	25.6	37.0	23.7	28.0	46.5	25.2	33.9	34.8	45.0	25.4	34.3
Try marijuana once or twice	27.6	16.6	19.5	22.4	26.1	19.0	20.9	32.1	17.0	22.3	24.6	30.8	17.3	23.5
Use prescription drugs	59.0	61.5	63.7	57.7	59.4	62.7	60.5	67.0	68.4	69.3	66.5	67.5	67.9	67.8
Think it would be wrong to...														
Smoke cigarettes	96.4	97.6	96.5	98.0	96.0	97.6	97.1	96.4	91.6	93.2	94.1	96.1	92.2	93.6
Drink alcohol regularly	90.8	92.3	89.4	93.6	90.3	91.7	91.7	89.6	73.5	78.6	82.0	88.6	74.1	80.4
Smoke marijuana	90.4	80.4	85.5	85.1	89.0	82.5	84.4	91.2	68.7	77.0	79.7	90.1	69.0	78.3
Vape nicotine	92.1	89.5	84.4	95.7	91.1	88.5	90.5	90.7	80.6	82.4	87.5	90.2	81.0	84.9
Vape marijuana	91.6	86.1	84.2	92.0	90.9	88.8	88.3	92.4	76.2	81.3	84.9	91.6	76.4	83.1
Use other illicit drugs	97.3	98.6	97.9	98.4	97.2	98.6	98.1	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	89.6	93.8	89.0	94.8	89.5	93.2	92.1	91.4	85.3	87.9	88.0	90.9	85.2	87.9
Smoke tobacco	92.5	94.4	89.8	97.0	92.6	95.8	93.7	94.5	89.5	91.5	91.9	94.1	89.6	91.7
Smoke marijuana	88.4	78.7	76.0	89.3	87.5	82.3	82.5	89.7	68.4	76.0	79.1	88.5	68.3	77.6
Vape nicotine	87.6	87.4	80.0	93.6	87.3	87.9	87.5	87.4	75.6	77.6	83.8	86.4	75.6	80.7
Vape marijuana	88.4	82.5	79.2	91.0	88.0	86.5	84.9	90.2	73.6	78.7	82.8	89.2	73.5	80.8
Use prescription drugs	94.0	96.3	93.2	97.2	93.9	98.2	95.4	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 St. Lucie 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	--	28.8	28.8	--	28.1	28.1	--	18.7	18.7	--	17.2	--	--	17.5	--	--	9.0	--
Drink monthly	--	4.3	4.3	--	4.9	4.9	--	2.7	2.7	--	2.2	--	--	0.1	--	--	1.0	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	17.6	17.6	--	19.5	19.5	--	10.1	10.1	--	8.5	--	--	1.7	--	--	1.1	--
Smoke marijuana	--	11.2	11.2	--	15.6	15.6	--	8.8	8.8	--	10.8	--	--	6.8	--	--	2.2	--
Great risk of harm																		
Daily alcohol use	43.0	36.9	39.5	40.9	38.7	39.7	44.7	38.2	41.0	51.4	45.1	47.7	45.8	41.5	43.2	42.6	46.8	45.1
5+ drinks daily	--	--	--	53.7	49.9	51.6	57.5	53.7	55.3	63.8	57.3	60.0	57.0	54.4	55.4	55.0	51.0	52.6
Daily cigarette use	64.7	66.7	65.8	63.4	74.8	69.9	67.9	65.5	66.5	68.0	74.4	71.7	55.5	61.0	58.8	58.4	57.4	57.8
Vaping nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	42.9	31.9	36.3	42.4	37.0	39.1
Vaping marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	47.0	28.2	35.8	44.5	32.0	36.9
Marijuana weekly*	--	--	--	42.5	19.7	29.5	45.5	23.3	32.6	44.8	21.6	31.1	41.8	21.9	29.9	38.2	21.2	28.0
Try marijuana	31.0	19.4	24.3	29.3	14.1	20.7	32.7	14.5	22.0	29.9	15.9	21.7	31.6	9.9	18.6	27.6	16.6	20.9
Prescription drugs	--	69.5	69.5	67.3	72.3	70.1	70.9	65.4	67.7	70.2	74.1	72.5	63.7	84.7	76.4	59.0	61.5	60.5
Think it wrong																		
Smoke cigarettes	90.1	81.2	85.0	93.3	84.3	88.1	94.6	87.4	90.4	95.5	92.2	93.5	94.9	92.0	93.2	96.4	97.6	97.1
Drink regularly	80.7	62.0	70.0	85.9	59.5	70.8	87.3	68.3	76.2	89.3	72.8	79.6	86.7	78.0	81.5	90.8	92.3	91.7
Smoke marijuana	86.0	65.4	74.2	87.0	57.4	70.1	87.2	64.2	73.7	86.4	61.5	71.7	84.3	65.3	73.0	90.4	80.4	84.4
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	88.1	74.7	80.1	92.1	89.5	90.5
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90.5	73.3	80.3	91.6	86.1	88.3
Other illicit drugs	96.0	95.0	95.4	97.0	93.5	95.0	97.2	93.6	95.1	96.3	96.7	96.6	95.2	98.7	97.2	97.3	98.6	98.1
Friends think it wrong																		
Daily alcohol use	--	--	--	88.6	75.5	81.2	89.2	84.5	86.4	90.8	87.0	88.6	88.8	89.6	89.3	89.6	93.8	92.1
Smoke tobacco	--	--	--	93.8	82.5	87.4	94.1	87.8	90.4	94.7	91.7	92.9	92.3	94.9	93.8	92.5	94.4	93.7
Smoke marijuana	--	--	--	83.5	53.6	66.5	86.1	63.0	72.6	84.2	60.8	70.4	84.4	63.5	72.0	88.4	78.7	82.5
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	84.7	62.2	71.4	87.6	87.4	87.5
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	87.2	67.5	75.6	88.4	82.5	84.9
Prescription drugs	--	--	--	94.8	91.5	92.9	95.7	92.8	94.0	93.4	95.4	94.6	92.3	93.4	93.0	94.0	96.3	95.4

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, St. Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022

	St. Lucie 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	--	0.7	0.0	2.0	--	0.7	--	--	11.7	9.6	14.7	--	11.7	--
Bought in a restaurant, bar, or club	--	9.2	4.5	17.7	--	9.2	--	--	3.2	3.4	2.9	--	3.2	--
Bought at a public event	--	0.8	0.0	2.2	--	0.8	--	--	0.8	0.7	1.0	--	0.8	--
Someone bought it for me	--	1.8	0.0	0.0	--	1.8	--	--	9.0	8.6	9.5	--	9.0	--
Someone gave it to me	--	5.6	6.3	5.0	--	5.6	--	--	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	--	29.4	31.1	26.5	--	29.4	--	--	13.5	15.6	10.4	--	13.5	--
Some other way	--	52.4	58.2	46.6	--	52.4	--	--	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, St. Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022

	St. Lucie 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	--	37.6	29.2	43.6	--	37.6	--	--	43.8	45.1	40.9	--	43.8	--
Another person's home	--	29.5	50.6	13.4	--	29.5	--	--	31.0	31.0	31.5	--	31.0	--
Car or other vehicle	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	1.9	2.0	1.7	--	1.9	--
Restaurant, bar, or club	--	4.1	3.3	5.3	--	4.1	--	--	3.6	3.5	3.9	--	3.6	--
Public place	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	6.6	6.9	6.5	--	6.6	--
Public event	--	19.9	0.0	35.1	--	19.9	--	--	2.4	2.2	2.7	--	2.4	--
School property	--	1.8	4.0	0.0	--	1.8	--	--	0.7	0.4	1.1	--	0.7	--
Some other place	--	7.1	12.8	2.6	--	7.1	--	--	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, St. Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022

	St. Lucie 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	--	29.3	15.1	66.2	--	29.3	--	--	34.2	36.6	31.0	--	34.2	--
2	--	24.6	24.0	23.4	--	24.6	--	--	20.0	22.2	16.3	--	20.0	--
3	--	5.4	7.6	0.0	--	5.4	--	--	15.7	15.6	15.9	--	15.7	--
4	--	3.0	1.5	7.0	--	3.0	--	--	9.7	10.3	8.8	--	9.7	--
5 or more	--	37.8	51.8	3.5	--	37.8	--	--	20.4	15.3	28.0	--	20.4	--

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

Table 11. Percentages of St. Lucie 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

	St. Lucie 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	3.0	1.5	2.5	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.0	2.8	4.0	4.1	2.8	2.8	4.2	3.5
Smoking marijuana	4.0	8.2	8.4	5.4	3.8	8.7	6.7	3.2	9.9	8.2	6.0	3.4	10.3	7.1
Using another drug to get high	2.2	3.0	4.5	1.2	2.0	3.8	2.7	1.9	2.7	2.8	1.8	2.0	2.8	2.4

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

	St. Lucie 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	4.7	3.3	1.4	5.4	4.5	3.9	3.8	6.7	5.5	3.9	8.1	6.3	5.8	6.0
Selling drugs	1.9	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.1	2.7	1.6	2.4	1.1	2.8	2.0
Attempting to steal a vehicle	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.1
Being arrested	3.1	0.6	0.7	1.8	2.7	0.9	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.3	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.7
Taking a handgun to school	0.7	0.8	0.2	1.1	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4
Getting suspended	16.2	11.9	13.9	13.0	15.4	11.9	13.5	13.5	9.2	8.8	13.3	12.7	10.0	11.1
Attacking someone with intent to harm	8.8	4.4	4.4	6.8	8.6	5.0	6.0	9.3	4.9	6.2	7.2	8.6	5.3	6.7

Table 13. Trends in delinquent behaviors for St. Lucie 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	3.9	4.8	4.4	5.9	8.6	7.4	7.1	5.5	6.1	4.5	4.8	4.7	2.3	5.0	3.9	4.7	3.3	3.8
Selling drugs	2.8	8.2	6.0	2.2	6.1	4.5	1.0	6.5	4.2	1.6	4.9	3.6	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.3	1.5
Attempting to steal a vehicle	2.8	2.2	2.5	1.1	2.7	2.0	1.3	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.1	0.6	1.3	1.2	1.3
Being arrested	2.8	5.2	4.2	2.3	3.9	3.2	2.4	2.7	2.6	1.9	3.0	2.5	1.6	0.5	0.9	3.1	0.6	1.5
Taking a handgun to school	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.4	2.4	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.8
Getting suspended	14.2	13.0	13.5	17.6	10.0	13.2	10.8	7.5	8.9	10.7	8.7	9.5	15.9	8.5	11.4	16.2	11.9	13.5
Attacking someone with intent to harm	11.5	10.6	11.0	9.7	7.8	8.6	7.5	6.0	6.6	7.8	4.8	6.0	9.6	5.3	7.0	8.8	4.4	6.0

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

	St. Lucie 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	31.5	45.1	20.8	33.7	29.4	32.4	33.0	33.5	43.0	23.2	33.5	34.0	33.3
At times I think I am no good at all	46.7	37.2	53.5	29.7	45.2	36.9	41.0	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	31.3	31.5	42.3	22.9	30.9	27.0	31.4	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?	45.7	41.6	56.8	30.9	43.8	40.3	43.2	46.9	47.7	58.4	36.0	46.8	48.1	47.3
Suicide														
Thought about committing suicide in the past 12 months	32.9	33.9	46.9	22.5	32.7	29.2	33.5	35.5	34.2	44.2	24.9	35.9	34.7	34.8
Attempted suicide in the past 12 months	13.4	4.3	12.8	3.6	12.1	3.7	7.9	10.4	8.1	12.9	5.1	10.1	8.5	9.1

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

	St. Lucie 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	9.6	8.1	11.6	4.8	8.5	9.8	8.7	9.6	8.3	12.7	4.8	9.3	8.7	8.9
Was ever kicked or shoved	41.1	15.6	32.3	21.2	39.5	17.7	26.1	43.6	26.2	34.5	32.5	42.4	26.2	33.7
Was ever taunted or teased	60.1	50.8	59.4	49.0	60.1	47.8	54.5	66.1	52.5	63.4	53.1	65.5	52.5	58.3
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	28.5	30.6	41.6	19.0	28.7	25.7	29.7	30.3	29.9	37.5	22.5	30.6	30.0	30.1
Ever physically bullied others	25.6	9.4	15.8	15.4	24.8	10.3	15.9	21.6	12.6	14.9	17.8	20.7	13.0	16.4
Ever verbally bullied others	34.6	22.5	28.7	26.2	33.6	21.0	27.4	34.5	25.6	27.9	30.8	34.1	25.7	29.4
Ever cyber bullied others	15.3	9.6	13.5	10.6	14.9	11.1	12.0	13.5	12.4	13.6	12.1	13.6	12.4	12.8

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

	St. Lucie 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	--	17.5	22.5	11.5	--	18.1	--	--	17.1	23.0	10.7	--	17.4	--
Physical abuse	--	15.3	21.6	11.0	--	11.2	--	--	10.7	12.6	8.3	--	10.8	--
Sexual abuse	--	4.1	9.1	0.5	--	4.6	--	--	6.6	10.2	2.7	--	7.0	--
Parents separated or divorced	--	40.9	44.3	36.9	--	40.8	--	--	39.4	42.9	35.9	--	39.8	--
Physical abuse in household	--	7.4	9.8	5.6	--	6.3	--	--	8.5	11.1	5.6	--	8.7	--
Substance abuse in household	--	12.6	17.8	6.0	--	12.0	--	--	24.9	27.9	21.6	--	25.5	--
Mental illness in household	--	27.8	43.7	13.6	--	25.2	--	--	32.9	41.0	24.0	--	33.6	--
Incarcerated household member	--	26.3	39.3	14.4	--	20.2	--	--	23.3	25.6	20.7	--	23.7	--
Emotional neglect	--	34.4	50.5	21.0	--	32.7	--	--	31.2	39.3	22.7	--	31.9	--
Physical neglect	--	4.4	8.0	1.9	--	4.6	--	--	6.7	8.1	5.2	--	6.7	--

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

	St. Lucie 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	--	36.0	24.1	45.4	--	36.2	--	--	32.8	26.0	40.0	--	32.0	--
1 ACE	--	21.9	18.9	25.2	--	22.6	--	--	20.6	19.7	21.7	--	20.7	--
2 ACEs	--	13.9	10.2	17.3	--	16.1	--	--	14.6	14.8	14.4	--	14.7	--
3 ACEs	--	5.8	10.7	2.2	--	6.6	--	--	10.6	11.6	9.4	--	10.4	--
4 ACEs	--	7.7	14.8	2.6	--	8.3	--	--	7.4	9.0	5.9	--	7.7	--
5 ACEs	--	5.3	11.8	0.6	--	0.6	--	--	5.6	7.5	3.6	--	5.7	--
6 ACEs	--	5.9	2.2	6.0	--	7.3	--	--	3.6	4.6	2.4	--	3.7	--
7 ACEs	--	1.3	2.6	0.3	--	1.3	--	--	2.3	3.1	1.4	--	2.4	--
8 ACEs	--	1.7	3.4	0.2	--	0.2	--	--	1.5	2.3	0.5	--	1.5	--
9 ACEs	--	0.1	0.3	0.0	--	0.2	--	--	0.7	1.0	0.4	--	0.8	--
10 ACEs	--	0.5	1.1	0.1	--	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 St. Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with statements indicating impulsiveness or a lack of self-control, 2022

	St. Lucie 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	34.8	29.6	37.7	27.0	34.6	33.7	31.7	33.6	32.5	35.7	30.2	33.3	33.1	32.9
I'm more concerned with the short run	31.5	21.8	35.4	17.9	30.8	22.2	25.7	30.2	25.3	30.2	24.5	29.7	26.0	27.3
Getting in trouble is exciting	26.3	18.1	30.7	14.0	26.3	15.0	21.3	28.8	29.0	30.4	27.3	29.2	29.5	28.9
Excitement is more important than security	24.1	20.7	24.7	20.0	24.1	21.5	22.1	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	34.9	28.4	39.5	24.0	33.5	25.9	31.0	34.6	27.9	35.2	26.1	33.7	28.9	30.7
I get upset when I have a disagreement with someone	43.8	28.2	43.5	25.2	42.1	33.3	34.3	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 St. Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth who reported participation in extracurricular activities, 2022

	St. Lucie 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	42.7	34.2	32.7	42.4	42.4	34.1	37.7	36.6	36.4	33.8	39.5	36.4	37.0	36.4
Organized Sports Outside of School	30.5	19.2	19.1	28.1	29.0	22.2	23.8	39.8	23.8	28.2	33.5	38.7	24.0	30.7
School Band	6.2	1.3	2.7	4.0	5.8	1.6	3.4	14.6	7.7	10.7	10.6	13.9	7.7	10.6
School Club(s)	8.6	8.5	13.8	4.2	9.6	8.9	8.5	20.6	30.2	33.0	19.4	21.2	30.1	26.1
Community Club(s)	6.2	8.5	9.3	6.4	6.0	10.2	7.6	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 St. Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth, 2022

	St. Lucie 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	--	6.5	9.1	4.7	--	6.9	--	--	13.5	16.0	11.2	--	13.6	--
Marijuana	--	12.0	17.3	8.1	--	8.5	--	--	17.8	20.6	15.1	--	17.9	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>														
Alcohol	--	0.6	0.9	0.4	--	0.6	--	--	3.3	3.2	3.4	--	3.2	--
Marijuana	--	1.8	3.8	0.1	--	0.6	--	--	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 St. Lucie 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	--	20.2	--	--	19.5	--	--	16.2	--	--	11.4	--	--	8.0	--	--	6.5	--
Marijuana	--	26.1	--	--	29.6	--	--	20.4	--	--	20.4	--	--	12.4	--	--	12.0	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>																		
Alcohol	--	4.3	--	--	7.1	--	--	3.9	--	--	3.5	--	--	2.2	--	--	0.6	--
Marijuana	--	10.7	--	--	11.9	--	--	9.1	--	--	9.6	--	--	2.9	--	--	1.8	--

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

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

	St. Lucie 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	66.9	69.7	66.8	71.2	68.6	68.8	68.6	63.6	62.9	60.3	66.4	63.4	63.1	63.2
No	23.2	23.4	25.8	20.0	22.1	23.4	23.3	25.1	30.0	30.5	25.1	25.4	29.8	27.9
No adult had a job	9.9	7.0	7.4	8.8	9.3	7.9	8.1	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	25.3	24.3	17.0	30.7	24.8	26.4	24.7	19.5	16.5	13.2	22.4	18.8	16.7	17.8
A little better	11.0	8.5	8.9	10.4	10.7	6.1	9.5	10.2	10.7	10.3	10.6	10.1	10.7	10.5
About the same	28.9	25.3	20.3	32.1	29.4	28.9	26.7	31.1	29.0	23.6	36.6	31.2	28.6	29.9
A little worse	20.9	20.9	31.5	13.3	20.7	15.2	20.9	22.5	24.8	28.4	19.4	22.8	24.7	23.8
A lot worse	14.0	21.0	22.3	13.5	14.4	23.5	18.3	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 St. Lucie County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2022

Domain	Scale	St. Lucie 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	49	46	53	55	59	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	40	38	46	49	54	55
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	44	60	51	60	57	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	43	52	45	56	53	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	34	45	36	46	56	62
Average Prevalence Rate		42	48	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 St. Lucie County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2022

Domain	Scale	St. Lucie 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	46	30	41	29	42	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	27	9	33	15	45	45
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	19	22	25	30	25	42
Family	Poor Family Management	51	45	47	34	44	45
	Family Conflict	41	28	43	34	42	37
School	Poor Academic Performance	48	50	48	48	45	48
	Lack of Commitment to School	76	61	73	68	47	46
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	53	38	52	39	40	46
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	34	16	33	29	39	45
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	22	6	21	13	41	46
Average Prevalence Rate		42	31	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 St. Lucie County, 2012 to 2022

Domain	Scale	St. Lucie County					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	48	55	60	54	54	49
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	47	46	55	47	52	40
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	39	47	46	45	45	44
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	46	41	48	39	37	43
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	49	44	48	42	38	34
Average Prevalence Rate		46	46	50	45	45	42

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 St. Lucie County, 2012 to 2022

Domain	Scale	St. Lucie County					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	42	40	40	38	50	46
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	45	43	40	37	29	27
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	25	24	25	23	13	19
Family	Poor Family Management	49	43	45	45	50	51
	Family Conflict	44	44	41	46	42	41
School	Poor Academic Performance	47	46	44	45	38	48
	Lack of Commitment to School	54	54	57	65	72	76
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	49	47	46	45	51	53
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	41	40	35	36	39	34
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	36	30	26	26	21	22
Average Prevalence Rate		43	41	40	41	40	42

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 St. Lucie County, 2012 to 2022

Domain	Scale	St. Lucie County					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	57	54	56	58	57	46
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	54	51	56	51	55	38
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	59	57	55	62	51	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	56	54	56	46	46	52
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	58	47	58	56	64	45
Average Prevalence Rate		57	52	58	55	55	48

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 St. Lucie County, 2012 to 2022

Domain		Scale	St. Lucie County					
			2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use		38	35	31	28	35	30
	Perceived Availability of Drugs		30	31	20	21	37	9
	Perceived Availability of Handguns		38	39	32	36	29	22
Family	Poor Family Management		43	42	41	38	28	45
	Family Conflict		41	37	36	35	43	28
School	Poor Academic Performance		43	47	46	43	39	50
	Lack of Commitment to School		47	54	56	58	65	61
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior		41	40	38	33	41	38
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use		38	43	32	28	25	16
	Early Initiation of Drug Use		29	35	18	18	8	6
Average Prevalence Rate			39	40	35	34	35	31

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.