

2024 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Hardee County Data Tables

Table 1. Major demographic characteristics of surveyed Hardee County and Florida Statewide, 2024

	Hardee County		Florida Statewide	
	N	%	N	%
Sex				
Female	278	50.0	21,747	48.6
Male	274	49.3	22,711	50.7
Race/Ethnic group				
African American	29	5.2	9,493	21.2
American Indian	7	1.3	426	1.0
Asian	4	0.7	653	1.5
Hispanic/Latino	307	55.2	10,394	23.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2	0.4	41	0.1
Other/Multiple	101	18.2	7,299	16.3
White, non-Hispanic	105	18.9	16,109	36.0
Parent/Guardian in the Military				
No	490	88.1	38,723	86.5
Yes	64	11.5	5,679	12.7
Age				
11	30	5.4	2,499	5.6
12	90	16.2	5,938	13.3
13	92	16.5	6,288	14.0
14	53	9.5	6,501	14.5
15	48	8.6	6,784	15.2
16	94	16.9	6,743	15.1
17	94	16.9	6,358	14.2
18	43	7.7	3,252	7.3
Grade				
6th	112	20.1	6,126	13.7
7th	84	15.1	6,468	14.5
8th	90	16.2	6,341	14.2
9th	10	1.8	6,696	15.0
10th	80	14.4	6,738	15.1
11th	110	19.8	6,266	14.0
12th	70	12.6	6,121	13.7
Middle School	286	51.4	18,934	42.3
High School	270	48.6	25,821	57.7
Total	556	100.0	44,755	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 substances in their lifetimes, 2024

	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	20.5	29.2	26.6	24.1	20.5	26.7	25.3	19.3	32.5	30.5	23.5	19.8	32.4	26.9
Blacking Out	--	8.9	6.7	10.4	--	6.9	--	--	9.1	10.3	8.0	--	9.2	--
Cigarettes	8.5	11.3	7.5	11.9	7.6	8.6	10.1	4.4	7.7	6.4	6.2	4.3	7.9	6.3
Vaping Nicotine	19.3	26.9	21.4	25.0	20.2	24.8	23.5	10.9	20.1	20.2	12.4	11.3	20.4	16.2
Vaping Marijuana	10.9	18.3	12.9	16.7	11.0	15.5	15.0	5.5	16.3	14.4	9.2	5.9	16.5	11.7
Marijuana or Hashish	8.9	20.6	13.9	16.6	9.0	17.1	15.4	5.9	18.6	15.3	11.2	6.3	18.8	13.2
Synthetic Marijuana	--	1.5	0.0	3.0	--	1.2	--	--	1.9	2.4	1.5	--	1.9	--
Inhalants	6.6	5.1	6.0	5.6	6.6	5.1	5.7	6.9	3.5	5.5	4.3	6.5	3.7	4.9
Club Drugs	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.6
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	3.1	3.8	2.2	4.3	3.4	3.9	3.5	1.0	3.0	2.3	2.1	1.0	3.1	2.2
Methamphetamine	1.1	0.5	0.0	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.7	0.9	0.0	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Prescription Depressants	1.8	2.1	1.1	2.4	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.5
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.5	1.6	2.6	1.1	2.7	1.4	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.7
Prescription Amphetamines	1.2	3.3	1.4	3.3	1.3	3.0	2.4	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.4	1.5	2.1	1.8
Over-the-Counter Drugs	4.7	2.0	2.6	3.8	5.1	1.4	3.2	1.7	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.9
Needle to Inject Illegal Drugs	--	0.6	0.0	1.3	--	0.8	--	--	0.6	0.5	0.6	--	0.6	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	9.3	6.1	11.6	--	9.1	--	--	8.7	9.3	8.2	--	8.9	--
Kratom	--	1.3	0.8	1.7	--	1.1	--	--	1.1	1.2	1.1	--	1.1	--
Any illicit drug	19.6	26.0	21.4	24.7	19.9	23.6	23.2	15.1	24.0	23.3	17.2	15.1	24.4	20.2
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	13.8	10.8	10.6	13.3	14.5	10.7	12.1	10.5	9.4	11.0	8.7	10.1	9.7	9.9
Alcohol only	9.1	11.2	11.0	9.7	9.0	10.2	10.2	11.5	14.9	14.2	12.8	11.7	14.7	13.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	28.7	37.0	32.3	34.3	28.9	33.5	33.3	26.4	38.7	37.3	29.8	26.7	38.9	33.5
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	8.2	7.7	5.7	10.1	8.4	6.9	7.9	7.2	6.5	7.0	6.6	7.0	6.7	6.8

Note: The first 20 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 substances in the past 30 days, 2024

	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	11.0	13.8	11.4	13.4	10.7	13.3	12.5	6.2	13.1	11.8	8.6	6.3	13.0	10.2
Binge Drinking	5.6	9.2	7.7	7.6	5.8	7.5	7.6	2.4	5.9	4.8	4.1	2.4	5.9	4.4
Cigarettes	1.8	1.9	0.3	3.2	1.9	1.0	1.8	0.7	1.4	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.1
Vaping Nicotine	9.2	11.8	8.5	12.8	9.7	10.7	10.6	3.7	8.7	8.4	4.9	3.9	8.9	6.6
Vaping Marijuana	5.9	9.2	4.0	10.8	6.1	7.5	7.7	2.2	7.8	6.3	4.7	2.4	8.0	5.5
Marijuana or Hashish	5.6	8.5	4.7	9.2	5.8	7.7	7.2	2.4	9.1	7.1	5.6	2.7	9.1	6.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	0.9	0.0	1.9	--	1.2	--	--	0.7	0.8	0.6	--	0.7	--
Inhalants	2.6	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.8	0.8	1.7	2.5	0.9	1.9	1.2	2.3	1.0	1.6
Club Drugs	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5
Methamphetamine	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Prescription Depressants	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Prescription Pain Relievers	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6
Prescription Amphetamines	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Over-the-Counter Drugs	0.9	0.5	0.0	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Any illicit drug	10.0	11.2	6.7	14.1	10.5	9.5	10.7	6.6	12.0	11.2	8.3	6.7	12.1	9.7
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	3.8	2.8	1.7	4.3	4.2	2.5	3.3	4.4	3.1	4.1	3.2	4.2	3.3	3.7
Alcohol only	5.3	7.4	8.6	4.6	4.5	8.8	6.5	4.1	7.4	6.9	5.2	4.1	7.4	6.0
Alcohol or any illicit drug	15.2	18.9	15.2	19.0	14.9	18.1	17.2	10.6	19.3	17.9	13.4	10.7	19.4	15.6
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	4.2	5.4	4.0	5.8	4.2	5.0	4.9	4.5	6.4	6.2	4.9	4.5	6.6	5.6

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 substance use for Hardee County, 2014 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	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	27.4	--	--	25.0	44.9	36.0	26.9	44.1	31.1	29.3	49.2	40.2	25.8	--	--	20.5	29.2	25.3
Blacking Out	--	--	--	--	12.8	--	--	13.5	--	--	17.6	--	--	--	--	--	8.9	--
Cigarettes	15.6	--	--	12.0	25.6	19.3	8.4	16.1	10.2	9.5	19.0	14.6	7.8	--	--	8.5	11.3	10.1
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17.7	36.8	28.2	18.9	--	--	19.3	26.9	23.5
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.1	24.6	18.1	6.5	--	--	10.9	18.3	15.0
Marijuana or Hashish	13.1	--	--	7.8	26.9	18.2	7.4	21.2	10.7	10.3	27.3	19.6	7.6	--	--	8.9	20.6	15.4
Synthetic Marijuana	--	--	--	--	12.1	--	--	5.5	--	--	6.2	--	--	--	--	--	1.5	--
Inhalants	8.0	--	--	6.3	6.6	6.5	5.6	4.4	5.3	7.5	3.8	5.5	9.2	--	--	6.6	5.1	5.7
Club Drugs	1.2	--	--	1.0	3.7	2.5	0.2	2.0	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.6	0.8	--	--	1.0	0.9	0.9
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.1	--	--	2.0	3.4	2.8	1.4	4.8	2.2	0.5	2.1	1.4	1.4	--	--	3.1	3.8	3.5
Methamphetamine	1.6	--	--	1.2	2.6	2.0	0.8	2.0	1.1	0.7	1.5	1.2	1.8	--	--	1.1	0.5	0.8
Cocaine or Crack	2.7	--	--	1.8	3.6	2.8	0.4	3.1	1.0	1.2	4.3	2.9	0.5	--	--	0.7	0.9	0.8
Heroin	1.0	--	--	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.3	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prescription Depressants	3.2	--	--	2.3	6.6	4.6	3.2	7.9	4.3	2.3	4.3	3.4	1.5	--	--	1.8	2.1	2.0
Prescription Pain Relievers	3.7	--	--	4.1	7.3	5.8	1.7	3.9	2.2	2.4	3.9	3.2	4.8	--	--	2.5	1.6	2.0
Prescription Amphetamines	1.1	--	--	1.5	3.4	2.6	0.4	1.6	0.7	0.6	1.6	1.2	1.4	--	--	1.2	3.3	2.4
Over-the-Counter Drugs	4.5	--	--	4.3	5.7	5.1	1.0	5.2	2.0	3.5	6.3	5.0	2.7	--	--	4.7	2.0	3.2
Needle to Inject Drugs	--	--	--	--	2.5	--	--	1.8	--	--	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	0.6	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.3	--
Kratom	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.3	--
Any illicit drug	21.1	--	--	17.2	31.1	24.8	14.5	26.1	17.2	19.9	35.3	28.3	18.8	--	--	19.6	26.0	23.2
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	13.7	--	--	13.1	17.2	15.4	10.2	17.6	12.0	11.7	16.0	14.0	14.4	--	--	13.8	10.8	12.1
Alcohol only	12.6	--	--	13.5	20.2	17.2	18.0	20.3	18.6	15.5	21.3	18.6	14.7	--	--	9.1	11.2	10.2
Alcohol or any illicit drug	33.9	--	--	30.2	51.2	41.6	32.4	45.9	35.6	35.2	56.3	46.7	33.0	--	--	28.7	37.0	33.3
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	6.4	--	--	5.7	6.5	6.1	5.4	1.8	4.5	5.9	7.3	6.7	7.0	--	--	8.2	7.7	7.9

Note: The first 20 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 2024, the wording of the prescription pain reliver use items was changed to include drug names that are prescribed more frequently. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 5. Past-30-day trends in substance use for Hardee County, 2014 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	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	13.0	--	--	11.8	22.4	17.6	10.9	18.7	12.8	11.2	23.3	17.8	8.9	--	--	11.0	13.8	12.5
Binge Drinking	8.1	--	--	6.0	9.8	8.1	6.0	8.9	6.7	6.5	12.9	10.0	4.9	--	--	5.6	9.2	7.6
Cigarettes	5.0	--	--	1.8	7.4	4.8	0.9	3.3	1.5	1.4	2.2	1.9	0.9	--	--	1.8	1.9	1.8
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.4	18.6	14.0	8.0	--	--	9.2	11.8	10.6
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.9	10.5	8.0	3.5	--	--	5.9	9.2	7.7
Marijuana or Hashish	7.4	--	--	2.9	11.8	7.7	3.0	9.3	4.5	5.1	12.4	9.1	4.1	--	--	5.6	8.5	7.2
Synthetic Marijuana	--	--	--	--	2.4	--	--	2.8	--	--	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	0.9	--
Inhalants	4.0	--	--	1.7	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.0	1.7	2.3	0.2	1.2	3.9	--	--	2.6	1.0	1.7
Club Drugs	0.4	--	--	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.3	--	--	0.4	0.5	0.5
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.0	--	--	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.0	3.8	1.7	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.0	--	--	0.0	0.4	0.2
Methamphetamine	1.1	--	--	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	--	--	0.4	0.5	0.5
Cocaine or Crack	0.9	--	--	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.6	0.0	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.9	--	--	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.2	0.6	0.0	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prescription Depressants	0.8	--	--	0.3	2.4	1.5	1.4	3.2	1.9	0.4	1.8	1.2	0.9	--	--	0.0	0.4	0.2
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.7	--	--	3.3	2.2	2.7	0.2	2.1	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8	2.9	--	--	0.6	0.7	0.7
Prescription Amphetamines	1.3	--	--	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.4	1.0	--	--	0.3	0.6	0.5
Over-the-Counter Drugs	2.5	--	--	2.1	2.7	2.4	1.2	2.1	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.9	--	--	0.9	0.5	0.7
Any illicit drug	13.4	--	--	9.4	16.6	13.3	6.3	10.7	7.3	9.9	17.2	13.9	10.5	--	--	10.0	11.2	10.7
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	8.0	--	--	7.5	8.5	8.1	4.6	5.8	4.9	4.3	5.7	5.1	6.4	--	--	3.8	2.8	3.3
Alcohol only	6.6	--	--	8.4	13.3	11.1	6.9	10.6	7.8	6.6	12.8	10.0	5.6	--	--	5.3	7.4	6.5
Alcohol or any illicit drug	19.7	--	--	17.7	29.5	24.2	13.3	20.6	15.1	16.3	30.1	23.8	15.9	--	--	15.2	18.9	17.2
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	7.0	--	--	6.4	7.5	7.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	5.3	7.2	6.3	6.9	--	--	4.2	5.4	4.9

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. In 2024, the wording of the prescription pain reliver use items was changed to include drug names that are prescribed more frequently. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 6. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported early substance use and perceived risk of harm, 2024

	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 substance use														
More than a sip of alcohol	--	14.4	16.1	12.7	--	15.8	--	--	13.2	14.3	12.1	--	13.3	--
Drinking at least once a month	--	2.5	1.8	3.1	--	3.1	--	--	2.0	2.3	1.7	--	2.0	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	5.2	2.4	7.9	--	4.4	--	--	4.3	4.7	3.9	--	4.6	--
Smoke marijuana	--	6.4	5.9	6.9	--	6.6	--	--	5.1	5.8	4.4	--	5.1	--
Vape nicotine	--	11.2	11.8	10.6	--	12.3	--	--	8.4	10.7	6.2	--	8.5	--
Vape marijuana	--	4.1	3.7	4.5	--	4.3	--	--	4.3	5.1	3.5	--	4.4	--
Great risk of harm														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	49.3	49.9	51.2	48.4	50.1	50.2	49.6	51.3	48.5	51.8	47.6	51.1	48.4	49.7
5+ drinks once or twice a week	60.4	58.1	61.8	56.9	62.2	57.9	59.2	61.6	57.3	60.8	57.5	61.7	57.3	59.1
1+ packs of cigarettes per day	64.6	66.8	67.3	64.6	64.9	66.9	65.8	64.2	65.0	65.8	63.6	64.6	65.1	64.7
Vaping nicotine	48.9	46.9	49.1	46.6	48.2	47.7	47.8	54.6	47.1	49.5	51.1	54.2	47.0	50.3
Vaping marijuana	52.9	45.6	51.8	46.1	53.3	45.8	48.9	56.2	42.5	48.0	48.6	55.5	42.3	48.2
Marijuana once or twice a week	51.6	37.4	46.6	41.6	52.8	36.6	43.7	48.7	31.9	38.9	39.2	47.6	32.1	39.0
Try marijuana once or twice	37.6	28.8	33.5	32.5	37.5	27.7	32.8	34.8	22.9	27.3	28.6	33.9	23.0	27.9
Use prescription drugs	68.4	72.3	74.0	67.7	68.7	71.9	70.6	67.0	67.7	69.3	65.6	67.3	67.7	67.4

Note: Early substance 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 substance use and perceived risk of harm for Hardee County, 2014 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	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 substance use																		
Try alcohol	--	--	--	--	21.0	--	--	24.9	--	--	17.7	--	--	--	--	--	14.4	--
Drink monthly	--	--	--	--	6.0	--	--	3.4	--	--	5.7	--	--	--	--	--	2.5	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	--	--	--	15.1	--	--	12.4	--	--	8.7	--	--	--	--	--	5.2	--
Smoke marijuana	--	--	--	--	14.6	--	--	10.8	--	--	10.8	--	--	--	--	--	6.4	--
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.0	--	--	--	--	--	11.2	--
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.3	--	--	--	--	--	4.1	--
Great risk of harm																		
Daily alcohol use	44.0	--	--	42.8	34.7	38.4	43.9	35.3	41.9	47.6	38.5	42.6	49.4	--	--	49.3	49.9	49.6
5+ drinks daily	52.9	--	--	53.4	47.7	50.3	57.1	49.7	55.3	59.3	48.8	53.5	58.0	--	--	60.4	58.1	59.2
Daily cigarette use	62.9	--	--	63.7	53.5	58.2	68.9	64.2	67.8	65.6	60.5	62.8	72.0	--	--	64.6	66.8	65.8
Vaping nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	54.2	34.5	43.4	50.1	--	--	48.9	46.9	47.8
Vaping marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	58.5	34.0	45.1	55.5	--	--	52.9	45.6	48.9
Marijuana weekly	50.6	--	--	51.9	27.5	38.7	49.7	33.3	45.9	51.2	22.4	35.4	55.7	--	--	51.6	37.4	43.7
Try marijuana	40.5	--	--	40.5	24.2	31.7	41.4	23.4	37.1	37.6	15.2	25.3	39.8	--	--	37.6	28.8	32.8
Prescription drugs	70.0	--	--	69.5	61.7	65.3	64.7	63.7	64.5	69.9	69.4	69.6	71.6	--	--	68.4	72.3	70.6

Note: Early substance 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 8. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported personal disapproval, peer disapproval, and parent disapproval of substance use, 2024

	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>Think it would be wrong to...</i>														
Smoke cigarettes	93.8	91.9	94.1	91.4	94.3	92.6	92.8	97.0	92.7	94.3	94.8	96.8	93.1	94.5
Drink alcohol regularly	87.3	80.5	83.1	84.0	87.5	83.2	83.5	91.4	78.3	82.6	85.0	90.8	78.5	83.8
Smoke marijuana	92.8	82.2	88.0	86.1	92.5	85.0	86.9	93.7	79.0	84.6	85.8	93.2	79.1	85.2
Vape nicotine	90.1	86.9	88.8	88.1	89.2	89.3	88.3	93.8	87.2	88.3	91.6	93.4	87.5	90.0
Vape marijuana	92.9	84.7	90.1	86.9	92.2	86.4	88.3	94.7	83.7	87.2	89.4	94.1	84.0	88.3
Use other illicit drugs	95.9	95.7	97.4	94.7	95.5	95.9	95.8	98.2	96.9	97.8	97.1	98.2	96.9	97.4
<i>Friends think it would be wrong to...</i>														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	89.9	88.5	90.9	87.8	91.2	88.7	89.1	93.5	88.7	91.3	90.2	93.2	88.7	90.7
Smoke tobacco	94.5	91.4	95.1	91.0	95.0	91.9	92.8	95.6	91.4	93.2	93.1	95.5	91.2	93.1
Smoke marijuana	91.1	80.9	87.9	83.4	92.5	81.1	85.4	92.9	77.6	83.5	84.7	92.3	77.3	84.1
Vape nicotine	87.3	83.0	86.6	83.6	86.9	84.0	84.9	91.5	83.5	84.7	89.0	91.2	83.4	86.9
Vape marijuana	91.8	81.4	88.0	84.4	91.7	82.9	86.0	93.2	81.1	84.8	87.5	92.6	80.9	86.2
Use prescription drugs	94.7	94.5	96.8	92.5	94.2	94.2	94.6	96.6	95.1	96.0	95.5	96.6	94.7	95.7
<i>Parents think it would be wrong to...</i>														
Daily alcohol use	97.5	94.4	95.1	96.6	97.7	94.3	95.8	97.8	95.8	96.8	96.5	97.8	95.9	96.7
Smoke cigarettes	100.0	98.0	98.9	98.9	100.0	98.2	98.9	98.9	98.3	98.5	98.6	98.9	98.4	98.6
Smoke marijuana	98.4	93.8	96.5	95.1	98.7	94.3	95.8	97.4	92.0	94.0	94.6	97.5	92.0	94.3
Use prescription drugs	96.5	98.6	97.2	98.1	96.2	98.4	97.7	98.4	97.9	97.9	98.3	98.5	97.8	98.1

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

Table 9. Trends in personal disapproval, peer disapproval, and parent disapproval of substance use for Hardee County, 2014 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	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
Think it wrong																		
Smoke cigarettes	91.3	--	--	94.2	81.4	87.2	94.2	91.3	93.5	95.4	86.3	90.5	97.4	--	--	93.8	91.9	92.8
Drink regularly	82.9	--	--	84.5	63.8	73.2	85.9	75.9	83.5	87.7	70.1	78.1	89.0	--	--	87.3	80.5	83.5
Smoke marijuana	85.1	--	--	89.9	68.6	78.3	91.2	77.3	88.0	91.4	66.6	77.8	91.2	--	--	92.8	82.2	86.9
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90.3	73.5	81.2	87.2	--	--	90.1	86.9	88.3
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90.7	75.6	82.5	93.0	--	--	92.9	84.7	88.3
Other illicit drugs	94.9	--	--	96.6	92.2	94.2	95.6	96.1	95.7	97.0	93.0	94.8	98.0	--	--	95.9	95.7	95.8
Friends think it wrong																		
Daily alcohol use	82.2	--	--	88.1	75.9	81.5	87.3	80.1	85.5	87.9	72.0	79.3	89.7	--	--	89.9	88.5	89.1
Smoke tobacco	90.8	--	--	92.5	85.8	88.8	92.1	89.1	91.4	92.4	83.9	87.8	94.2	--	--	94.5	91.4	92.8
Smoke marijuana	82.8	--	--	86.8	65.7	75.4	88.9	76.1	85.8	88.0	63.7	74.9	89.4	--	--	91.1	80.9	85.4
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	84.8	66.4	74.8	84.5	--	--	87.3	83.0	84.9
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	88.3	67.7	77.2	90.0	--	--	91.8	81.4	86.0
Use Prescription drugs	93.0	--	--	94.9	90.1	92.3	93.4	91.8	93.1	94.7	88.2	91.2	95.5	--	--	94.7	94.5	94.6
Parents think it wrong																		
Daily alcohol use	95.7	--	--	96.7	94.6	95.6	96.1	93.1	95.4	96.4	94.0	95.1	95.0	--	--	97.5	94.4	95.8
Smoke tobacco	97.4	--	--	98.4	96.6	97.4	98.8	100.0	99.1	98.8	96.1	97.3	98.9	--	--	100.0	98.0	98.9
Smoke marijuana	96.3	--	--	96.4	93.4	94.8	98.2	97.0	97.9	98.1	91.7	94.5	98.2	--	--	98.4	93.8	95.8
Use prescription drugs	97.8	--	--	95.6	96.7	96.2	97.4	99.1	97.8	98.3	98.6	98.4	98.9	--	--	96.5	98.6	97.7

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

Table 10. Among high school drinkers, usual source of alcohol within the past 30 days, Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	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	--	16.7	8.1	25.0	--	16.7	--	--	13.4	10.1	17.7	--	13.4	--
Bought in a restaurant, bar, or club	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	3.2	3.5	2.8	--	3.2	--
Bought at a public event	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	1.2	0.6	1.9	--	1.2	--
Someone bought it for me	--	16.1	29.4	0.0	--	16.1	--	--	7.1	7.0	7.3	--	7.1	--
Someone gave it to me	--	52.0	57.3	50.3	--	52.0	--	--	41.1	43.9	37.3	--	41.1	--
Took it from a store	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	2.1	1.3	3.1	--	2.1	--
Took it from a family member	--	5.0	5.2	5.2	--	5.0	--	--	12.8	15.2	9.5	--	12.8	--
Some other way	--	10.1	0.0	19.5	--	10.1	--	--	19.2	18.4	20.2	--	19.2	--

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

Table 11. Among high school drinkers, usual drinking location within the past 30 days, Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	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	57.4	27.1	--	43.8	--	--	43.3	44.6	41.3	--	43.3	--
Another person's home	--	30.2	24.2	34.0	--	30.2	--	--	30.3	31.4	29.0	--	30.3	--
Car or other vehicle	--	2.7	0.0	6.7	--	2.7	--	--	2.2	1.6	3.1	--	2.2	--
Restaurant, bar, or club	--	2.0	3.6	0.0	--	2.0	--	--	5.6	5.3	6.1	--	5.6	--
Public place	--	2.7	4.6	0.0	--	2.7	--	--	5.2	5.4	5.0	--	5.2	--
Public event	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	2.9	2.6	3.4	--	2.9	--
School property	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	1.5	0.9	2.3	--	1.5	--
Some other place	--	18.6	10.2	32.2	--	18.6	--	--	9.0	8.3	9.9	--	9.0	--

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

Table 12. 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, 2024

	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	--	29.3	28.3	33.0	--	29.3	--	--	33.2	34.8	30.9	--	33.2	--
2	--	21.8	37.6	0.0	--	21.8	--	--	23.0	25.2	20.0	--	23.0	--
3	--	9.8	9.0	11.9	--	9.8	--	--	17.8	17.8	17.6	--	17.8	--
4	--	4.0	0.0	10.4	--	4.0	--	--	7.0	7.0	7.1	--	7.0	--
5 or more	--	35.0	25.0	44.7	--	35.0	--	--	19.0	15.1	24.5	--	19.0	--

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

Table 13. 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, 2024

	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	5.8	4.2	3.3	6.5	5.0	4.5	4.9	2.6	3.4	3.7	2.4	2.5	3.7	3.1
Smoking marijuana	5.5	10.4	6.2	9.9	5.7	8.7	8.3	3.1	7.9	6.8	5.0	3.2	8.5	5.9
Using another drug to get high	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.8	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.7	2.4	2.1

Table 14. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported engaging in delinquent behavior within the past 12 months, 2024

	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	7.3	7.4	5.0	9.7	8.0	7.0	7.4	6.6	5.4	3.5	8.2	6.4	5.5	5.9
Selling drugs	2.6	3.7	0.3	5.9	2.8	2.8	3.2	1.0	2.0	1.1	2.0	1.0	2.1	1.6
Attempting to steal a vehicle	1.3	2.3	0.7	3.0	1.4	1.9	1.9	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Being arrested	2.8	3.4	2.8	3.5	2.7	4.2	3.1	1.7	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.7
Taking a handgun to school	0.8	1.1	0.0	1.9	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5
Getting suspended	17.5	8.5	8.9	15.7	15.9	10.8	12.5	16.9	10.9	11.2	15.8	15.8	11.9	13.5
Attacking someone with intent to harm	10.4	6.0	3.8	11.9	11.4	5.3	7.9	8.4	4.3	5.4	6.7	8.0	4.5	6.0

Table 15. Trends in delinquent behaviors for Hardee County, 2014 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	<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	5.2	--	--	9.3	8.8	9.0	5.8	8.7	6.5	8.4	10.0	9.3	8.8	--	--	7.3	7.4	7.4
Selling drugs	2.0	--	--	2.1	8.0	5.3	1.6	6.3	2.8	2.3	7.1	5.0	0.8	--	--	2.6	3.7	3.2
Attempting to steal a vehicle	0.9	--	--	0.6	2.8	1.8	2.0	3.1	2.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.3	--	--	1.3	2.3	1.9
Being arrested	1.8	--	--	1.4	3.3	2.4	4.4	5.2	4.6	2.2	3.4	2.9	2.3	--	--	2.8	3.4	3.1
Taking a handgun to school	0.3	--	--	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.4	2.3	1.5	0.5	--	--	0.8	1.1	1.0
Getting suspended	10.3	--	--	11.9	5.4	8.4	8.1	10.7	8.7	12.6	5.1	8.4	14.8	--	--	17.5	8.5	12.5
Attacking someone with intent to harm	6.7	--	--	5.7	5.7	5.7	7.5	2.7	6.3	5.0	4.6	4.8	9.6	--	--	10.4	6.0	7.9

Table 16. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported symptoms of depression, or suicidal ideation and behavior in the past 12 months, 2024

	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>Symptoms of Depression</i>														
Sometimes I think that life is not worth it	33.1	24.3	39.7	17.2	33.7	25.5	28.1	28.8	25.5	35.1	18.9	28.5	26.0	26.9
At times I think I am no good at all	42.7	32.2	47.7	26.5	44.6	31.0	36.8	42.2	37.1	48.5	30.2	41.8	37.2	39.3
All in all, I am inclined to think that I am a failure	35.0	27.4	38.7	22.9	35.5	27.4	30.8	29.6	25.1	33.4	20.7	29.3	25.3	27.0
In the past year, have you felt depressed or sad MOST days, even if you felt OK sometimes?	46.6	38.8	55.3	30.4	47.9	39.1	42.2	42.6	39.3	50.7	30.9	42.0	39.6	40.7
<i>Suicide (past 12 months)</i>														
Seriously considered attempting suicide	17.1	10.2	19.4	7.3	16.9	11.5	13.3	14.8	12.4	17.8	8.9	14.7	12.8	13.4
Made a suicide plan	15.0	9.0	16.9	6.5	15.3	9.2	11.6	12.3	9.8	14.2	7.5	12.2	10.2	10.9
Attempted suicide one or more times	10.7	5.2	9.8	5.8	10.7	6.0	7.7	9.3	5.8	10.1	4.4	8.8	6.3	7.3
Suicide attempt that required medical care	2.9	0.6	1.7	1.5	3.1	0.7	1.6	2.1	1.4	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.7

Table 17. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported involvement in bullying behavior, 2024

	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	9.2	6.2	11.5	3.5	9.6	5.5	7.5	10.0	8.6	13.7	4.7	9.6	8.9	9.2
Was ever kicked or shoved	43.6	23.8	33.5	31.4	43.7	25.7	32.6	46.6	27.4	36.6	34.3	45.0	27.6	35.5
Was ever taunted or teased	63.2	50.3	60.3	51.7	64.6	50.6	56.0	67.9	51.7	64.0	53.2	66.7	51.9	58.5
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	25.4	26.3	33.1	18.8	27.1	24.4	25.9	29.6	28.6	36.7	21.6	29.4	29.0	29.0
Ever physically bullied others	23.5	11.1	11.5	21.1	24.7	11.6	16.5	24.1	12.6	15.9	18.9	22.9	13.2	17.5
Ever verbally bullied others	33.5	30.2	30.1	32.7	33.2	31.2	31.6	37.4	26.2	30.0	31.8	36.3	26.7	30.9
Ever cyber bullied others	17.0	11.6	17.1	10.9	17.5	11.7	14.0	14.6	12.5	14.6	12.2	14.4	12.8	13.4

Table 18. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide high school youth who reported adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), 2024

	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	--	12.3	15.1	8.8	--	12.4	--	--	13.3	17.8	8.8	--	13.6	--
Physical abuse	--	6.4	5.8	7.1	--	6.9	--	--	8.9	10.6	7.2	--	9.1	--
Sexual abuse	--	4.2	6.8	1.7	--	4.1	--	--	4.9	7.5	2.3	--	5.2	--
Parents separated or divorced	--	39.8	44.5	35.5	--	41.7	--	--	38.7	41.5	36.0	--	39.2	--
Physical abuse in household	--	9.2	10.0	7.7	--	8.6	--	--	6.9	8.6	5.2	--	7.1	--
Substance abuse in household	--	34.0	39.6	27.9	--	35.0	--	--	22.8	26.3	19.3	--	23.5	--
Mental illness in household	--	28.9	39.3	18.2	--	29.9	--	--	27.7	35.0	20.4	--	28.2	--
Incarcerated household member	--	34.5	35.4	33.1	--	34.4	--	--	21.7	23.2	20.2	--	22.1	--
Emotional neglect	--	27.9	33.4	22.0	--	30.2	--	--	25.1	30.4	19.7	--	25.5	--
Physical neglect	--	8.2	8.7	7.9	--	8.9	--	--	6.2	7.2	5.3	--	6.4	--

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

Table 19. Number of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) reported by Hardee County and Florida Statewide high school youth, 2024

	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	--	35.0	26.7	43.4	--	35.0	--	--	37.9	31.9	43.9	--	37.9	--
1 ACE	--	19.5	21.1	18.2	--	19.5	--	--	20.6	20.2	21.1	--	20.6	--
2 ACEs	--	10.4	10.7	10.2	--	10.4	--	--	13.4	13.9	13.0	--	13.4	--
3 ACEs	--	8.8	8.1	9.5	--	8.8	--	--	10.0	11.2	8.9	--	10.0	--
4 ACEs	--	11.3	16.5	6.2	--	11.3	--	--	7.0	8.4	5.5	--	7.0	--
5 ACEs	--	5.8	6.4	5.2	--	5.8	--	--	4.4	5.4	3.4	--	4.4	--
6 ACEs	--	5.5	5.6	4.6	--	5.5	--	--	2.8	3.6	2.0	--	2.8	--
7 ACEs	--	1.8	2.8	0.9	--	1.8	--	--	1.9	2.7	1.1	--	1.9	--
8 ACEs	--	0.8	1.1	0.6	--	0.8	--	--	1.1	1.5	0.6	--	1.1	--
9 ACEs	--	1.0	1.0	1.1	--	1.0	--	--	0.5	0.8	0.3	--	0.5	--
10 ACEs	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	0.3	0.3	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%. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 20. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with statements indicating impulsiveness or a lack of self-control, 2024

	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	27.7	22.4	27.2	21.4	27.9	22.4	24.7	30.7	28.0	31.4	27.0	30.4	28.0	29.2
I'm more concerned with the short run	33.0	24.0	32.2	23.8	33.2	23.3	28.0	27.7	23.1	27.2	22.9	27.4	23.2	25.1
Getting in trouble is exciting	28.8	28.0	28.4	27.5	30.0	26.8	28.4	26.9	25.3	26.7	25.2	26.6	25.7	26.0
Excitement is more important than security	24.5	22.7	21.8	25.0	27.0	20.5	23.5	26.5	23.4	23.6	25.8	26.0	23.8	24.7
People better stay away from me when I'm really angry	21.7	21.9	26.4	17.4	22.9	19.4	21.8	28.4	21.1	27.3	21.1	27.3	21.4	24.2
I get upset when I have a disagreement with someone	48.3	41.6	55.1	34.6	49.1	42.7	44.6	47.0	34.8	48.8	31.2	46.1	34.9	39.9

Table 21. Percentages of Hardee County and Florida Statewide youth who reported participation in extracurricular activities, 2024

	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	37.3	34.6	33.7	37.6	36.5	36.9	35.8	38.2	38.2	35.6	40.9	38.4	38.4	38.2
Organized Sports Outside of School	41.4	24.7	27.9	36.3	42.7	25.3	32.0	43.6	25.7	29.5	37.0	42.0	25.9	33.3
School Band	23.5	8.7	16.2	14.0	24.8	8.1	15.2	16.7	8.1	11.7	11.7	15.8	8.1	11.7
School Club(s)	18.7	34.3	35.0	20.4	19.3	34.2	27.4	22.3	33.2	35.8	21.6	23.1	32.8	28.6
Community Club(s)	7.8	14.7	16.7	7.3	7.5	13.0	11.7	9.1	12.8	13.6	9.0	9.1	12.6	11.2

Table 22. 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, 2024

	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	--	16.4	16.5	15.8	--	15.7	--	--	12.4	14.1	10.7	--	12.5	--
Marijuana	--	19.3	20.0	18.2	--	16.3	--	--	14.8	16.7	13.0	--	14.8	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>														
Alcohol	--	4.6	5.7	3.6	--	5.2	--	--	2.4	2.1	2.8	--	2.3	--
Marijuana	--	5.0	1.8	7.4	--	4.7	--	--	4.4	4.5	4.3	--	4.3	--

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

Table 23. 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 to 2024

	2014			2016			2018			2020			2022			2024		
	<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	--	--	--	--	17.3	--	--	19.1	--	--	17.6	--	--	--	--	--	16.4	--
Marijuana	--	--	--	--	17.3	--	--	13.4	--	--	15.3	--	--	--	--	--	19.3	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>																		
Alcohol	--	--	--	--	7.6	--	--	5.1	--	--	5.7	--	--	--	--	--	4.6	--
Marijuana	--	--	--	--	8.9	--	--	5.4	--	--	6.9	--	--	--	--	--	5.0	--

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

Table 24. Protective factor prevalence rates for Hardee County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2024

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	50	53	55	58	59	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	40	46	49	52	54	55
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	51	60	49	62	57	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	43	58	45	57	53	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	57	71	43	54	56	62
Average Prevalence Rate		48	58	48	57	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 25. Risk factor prevalence rates for Hardee County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2024

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	41	26	40	25	42	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	32	15	30	13	45	45
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	27	34	24	29	25	42
Family	Poor Family Management	52	31	47	35	44	45
	Family Conflict	37	37	40	30	42	37
School	Poor Academic Performance	60	46	45	45	45	48
	Lack of Commitment to School	76	70	76	68	47	46
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	53	37	54	38	40	46
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	34	16	27	22	39	45
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	23	13	19	11	41	46
Average Prevalence Rate		44	33	40	32	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 26. Protective factor prevalence rate trends among middle school students for Hardee County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Hardee County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	57	55	56	56	46	50
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	45	50	44	49	35	40
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	41	35	45	55	51	51
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	43	42	38	39	40	43
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	61	57	54	53	54	57
Average Prevalence Rate		49	48	47	50	45	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 27. Risk factor prevalence rate trends among middle school students for Hardee County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Hardee County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	46	50	45	48	45	41
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	38	39	35	38	40	32
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	31	30	32	30	35	27
Family	Poor Family Management	49	48	44	43	53	52
	Family Conflict	38	34	38	41	45	37
School	Poor Academic Performance	46	48	54	59	57	60
	Lack of Commitment to School	55	60	72	67	75	76
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	45	41	43	46	50	53
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	39	40	37	35	33	34
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	29	29	29	29	28	23
Average Prevalence Rate		42	42	43	44	46	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 28. Protective factor prevalence rate trends among high school students for Hardee County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Hardee County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	--	51	62	52	--	53
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	--	46	46	47	--	46
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	--	57	50	50	--	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	--	54	45	46	--	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	--	70	50	69	--	71
Average Prevalence Rate		--	56	51	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. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 29. Risk factor prevalence rate trends among high school students for Hardee County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Hardee County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	--	30	35	31	--	26
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	--	25	33	23	--	15
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	--	41	29	40	--	34
Family	Poor Family Management	--	42	46	36	--	31
	Family Conflict	--	28	24	33	--	37
School	Poor Academic Performance	--	51	57	46	--	46
	Lack of Commitment to School	--	59	69	63	--	70
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	--	31	35	34	--	37
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	--	36	43	34	--	16
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	--	26	25	22	--	13
Average Prevalence Rate		--	37	40	36	--	33

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