

2024 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Hernando County Data Tables

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

	Hernando County		Florida Statewide	
	N	%	N	%
Sex				
Female	448	46.3	21,747	48.6
Male	503	52.0	22,711	50.7
Race/Ethnic group				
African American	74	7.7	9,493	21.2
American Indian	26	2.7	426	1.0
Asian	18	1.9	653	1.5
Hispanic/Latino	173	17.9	10,394	23.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3	0.3	41	0.1
Other/Multiple	233	24.1	7,299	16.3
White, non-Hispanic	428	44.3	16,109	36.0
Parent/Guardian in the Military				
No	835	86.3	38,723	86.5
Yes	112	11.6	5,679	12.7
Age				
11	52	5.4	2,499	5.6
12	133	13.8	5,938	13.3
13	183	18.9	6,288	14.0
14	173	17.9	6,501	14.5
15	122	12.6	6,784	15.2
16	136	14.1	6,743	15.1
17	113	11.7	6,358	14.2
18	42	4.3	3,252	7.3
Grade				
6th	118	12.2	6,126	13.7
7th	164	17.0	6,468	14.5
8th	228	23.6	6,341	14.2
9th	102	10.5	6,696	15.0
10th	141	14.6	6,738	15.1
11th	127	13.1	6,266	14.0
12th	87	9.0	6,121	13.7
Middle School	510	52.7	18,934	42.3
High School	457	47.3	25,821	57.7
Total	967	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 Hernando County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in their lifetimes, 2024

	Hernando 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	20.3	39.0	36.4	25.8	20.4	38.2	31.0	19.3	32.5	30.5	23.5	19.8	32.4	26.9
Blacking Out	--	10.8	13.2	8.4	--	11.6	--	--	9.1	10.3	8.0	--	9.2	--
Cigarettes	6.2	10.2	9.3	7.6	7.6	8.4	8.5	4.4	7.7	6.4	6.2	4.3	7.9	6.3
Vaping Nicotine	10.6	23.9	25.4	11.4	11.4	24.1	18.4	10.9	20.1	20.2	12.4	11.3	20.4	16.2
Vaping Marijuana	7.8	20.2	19.8	10.5	8.3	19.9	15.0	5.5	16.3	14.4	9.2	5.9	16.5	11.7
Marijuana or Hashish	8.9	22.8	23.1	11.3	9.6	22.0	17.0	5.9	18.6	15.3	11.2	6.3	18.8	13.2
Synthetic Marijuana	--	1.5	1.7	1.0	--	1.3	--	--	1.9	2.4	1.5	--	1.9	--
Inhalants	8.2	3.7	6.8	4.6	8.1	3.0	5.6	6.9	3.5	5.5	4.3	6.5	3.7	4.9
Club Drugs	0.2	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.2	1.8	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.6
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.9	4.2	5.1	1.2	1.7	5.1	3.2	1.0	3.0	2.3	2.1	1.0	3.1	2.2
Methamphetamine	0.3	0.9	1.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Heroin	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Prescription Depressants	2.1	2.5	4.1	0.8	1.9	2.9	2.3	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.5
Prescription Pain Relievers	0.9	1.4	2.3	0.2	0.8	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.7
Prescription Amphetamines	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.2	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.4	1.5	2.1	1.8
Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.8	1.4	2.7	0.7	2.1	1.4	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.9
Needle to Inject Illegal Drugs	--	0.4	0.3	0.5	--	0.5	--	--	0.6	0.5	0.6	--	0.6	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	12.5	14.8	10.1	--	11.9	--	--	8.7	9.3	8.2	--	8.9	--
Kratom	--	1.7	1.7	1.8	--	1.8	--	--	1.1	1.2	1.1	--	1.1	--
Any illicit drug	16.1	27.3	29.4	16.1	16.5	27.0	22.5	15.1	24.0	23.3	17.2	15.1	24.4	20.2
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	10.7	10.4	14.2	7.1	10.7	11.0	10.5	10.5	9.4	11.0	8.7	10.1	9.7	9.9
Alcohol only	12.2	16.5	12.6	16.4	11.3	16.4	14.7	11.5	14.9	14.2	12.8	11.7	14.7	13.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	28.1	43.2	41.6	32.2	27.8	42.7	36.9	26.4	38.7	37.3	29.8	26.7	38.9	33.5
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	7.8	4.0	5.5	5.6	7.5	4.1	5.6	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 Hernando County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in the past 30 days, 2024

	Hernando 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	6.8	15.1	13.2	9.9	6.9	14.4	11.6	6.2	13.1	11.8	8.6	6.3	13.0	10.2
Binge Drinking	3.2	4.0	3.3	3.8	3.0	3.2	3.6	2.4	5.9	4.8	4.1	2.4	5.9	4.4
Cigarettes	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.1	2.0	1.5	0.7	1.4	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.1
Vaping Nicotine	4.7	11.8	13.7	4.4	5.7	10.4	8.9	3.7	8.7	8.4	4.9	3.9	8.9	6.6
Vaping Marijuana	3.5	10.4	9.9	5.4	3.7	10.5	7.6	2.2	7.8	6.3	4.7	2.4	8.0	5.5
Marijuana or Hashish	4.3	11.1	11.7	5.2	4.6	10.3	8.3	2.4	9.1	7.1	5.6	2.7	9.1	6.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	0.6	0.9	0.4	--	0.6	--	--	0.7	0.8	0.6	--	0.7	--
Inhalants	3.1	1.5	2.8	1.6	3.0	0.7	2.1	2.5	0.9	1.9	1.2	2.3	1.0	1.6
Club Drugs	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5
Methamphetamine	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.2	1.0	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	1.0	0.2	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.0	0.2	1.2	0.0	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6
Prescription Amphetamines	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Over-the-Counter Drugs	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Any illicit drug	8.1	13.6	15.6	7.4	8.3	13.3	11.3	6.6	12.0	11.2	8.3	6.7	12.1	9.7
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	4.9	2.8	5.2	2.4	4.6	2.4	3.7	4.4	3.1	4.1	3.2	4.2	3.3	3.7
Alcohol only	4.0	10.1	7.2	7.8	4.1	9.1	7.5	4.1	7.4	6.9	5.2	4.1	7.4	6.0
Alcohol or any illicit drug	11.8	22.9	21.8	15.0	12.3	21.4	18.2	10.6	19.3	17.9	13.4	10.7	19.4	15.6
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	4.9	8.1	8.9	5.0	5.5	7.0	6.8	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 Hernando 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	23.9	62.4	45.7	23.8	55.8	42.4	21.6	45.7	35.5	25.1	49.2	38.7	24.1	42.2	34.4	20.3	39.0	31.0
Blacking Out	--	18.8	--	--	18.4	--	--	16.7	--	--	16.8	--	--	12.7	--	--	10.8	--
Cigarettes	11.7	30.7	22.5	12.2	21.4	17.5	8.2	20.4	15.2	5.9	15.4	11.3	7.3	11.8	9.9	6.2	10.2	8.5
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.3	34.6	25.9	14.6	26.4	21.4	10.6	23.9	18.4
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.1	26.9	18.0	8.8	20.9	15.9	7.8	20.2	15.0
Marijuana or Hashish	6.8	38.1	24.6	8.8	38.0	25.7	8.4	33.1	22.5	7.6	35.7	23.6	10.0	24.8	18.5	8.9	22.8	17.0
Synthetic Marijuana	--	10.8	--	--	3.6	--	--	3.6	--	--	2.2	--	--	3.3	--	--	1.5	--
Inhalants	8.7	5.3	6.8	8.5	4.6	6.3	9.8	4.6	6.9	9.3	4.0	6.3	6.5	4.5	5.4	8.2	3.7	5.6
Club Drugs	0.5	4.0	2.5	1.3	3.3	2.4	0.9	1.7	1.3	0.7	3.6	2.4	0.3	1.9	1.2	0.2	1.4	0.9
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.7	5.9	3.7	2.2	7.0	5.0	1.1	7.5	4.8	0.5	6.2	3.7	1.0	4.5	3.0	1.9	4.2	3.2
Methamphetamine	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.6
Cocaine or Crack	1.3	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.9	1.7	0.8	2.2	1.6	0.8	1.7	1.3	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
Heroin	0.6	0.3	0.4	1.3	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.2
Prescription Depressants	1.6	5.8	4.0	3.9	8.9	6.8	4.1	7.4	6.0	0.8	4.8	3.0	1.3	3.0	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.3
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.6	6.4	4.8	3.5	6.2	5.1	4.2	5.3	4.8	1.3	2.1	1.8	3.7	3.1	3.4	0.9	1.4	1.2
Prescription Amphetamines	1.5	1.2	1.3	2.5	4.7	3.7	1.3	3.6	2.6	1.7	2.7	2.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.5
Over-the-Counter Drugs	3.3	4.3	3.9	4.1	6.5	5.5	4.1	5.3	4.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	5.0	4.1	1.8	1.4	1.6
Needle to Inject Drugs	--	--	--	--	1.2	--	--	1.8	--	--	1.0	--	--	0.5	--	--	0.4	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.5	--
Kratom	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.7	--
Any illicit drug	15.8	43.2	31.3	19.1	41.7	32.1	17.9	36.5	28.5	16.2	38.7	28.9	19.4	30.2	25.5	16.1	27.3	22.5
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	12.4	17.9	15.5	15.3	19.2	17.5	14.0	17.6	16.0	12.3	13.5	13.0	11.9	12.1	12.0	10.7	10.4	10.5
Alcohol only	13.6	23.4	19.2	11.3	17.2	14.7	11.9	16.0	14.3	14.3	18.2	16.5	12.2	19.2	16.1	12.2	16.5	14.7
Alcohol or any illicit drug	29.7	66.6	50.5	30.2	59.2	46.9	29.3	52.1	42.4	30.3	56.7	45.2	31.4	48.9	41.4	28.1	43.2	36.9
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	5.6	4.4	4.9	7.2	3.7	5.2	6.6	6.6	6.6	5.0	7.6	6.5	7.5	7.0	7.2	7.8	4.0	5.6

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 Hernando 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	8.0	29.3	20.0	9.4	26.8	19.5	6.6	20.7	14.7	7.3	20.3	14.6	6.2	15.3	11.4	6.8	15.1	11.6
Binge Drinking	3.1	13.1	8.8	3.7	10.4	7.6	2.7	8.1	5.8	2.2	10.1	6.6	3.4	5.4	4.5	3.2	4.0	3.6
Cigarettes	1.9	12.3	7.8	3.3	7.4	5.7	3.0	6.0	4.7	0.8	3.5	2.3	0.8	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.7	1.5
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.5	19.5	13.5	8.3	15.6	12.5	4.7	11.8	8.9
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2	14.2	9.1	3.8	11.3	8.2	3.5	10.4	7.6
Marijuana or Hashish	2.8	19.4	12.2	4.2	21.3	14.1	5.0	18.8	12.8	3.0	20.3	12.9	4.0	11.5	8.4	4.3	11.1	8.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	1.3	--	--	0.9	--	--	1.5	--	--	1.3	--	--	1.3	--	--	0.6	--
Inhalants	4.1	1.5	2.6	2.0	1.1	1.5	3.4	1.5	2.3	3.6	1.2	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.6	3.1	1.5	2.1
Club Drugs	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.4	1.1	0.8	1.5	1.3	1.4	0.3	2.4	1.5	0.1	3.5	2.0	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5
Methamphetamine	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.5
Cocaine or Crack	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prescription Depressants	0.7	1.2	1.0	1.7	2.3	2.1	1.8	3.0	2.5	0.1	2.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.2	0.6
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.2	0.6
Prescription Amphetamines	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.2	1.3	0.1	0.7	0.5	1.0	1.3	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Over-the-Counter Drugs	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.5	2.3	2.3	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.4
Any illicit drug	8.7	22.1	16.3	7.4	23.4	16.6	9.0	22.3	16.6	6.8	23.9	16.5	7.6	13.8	11.1	8.1	13.6	11.3
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	6.8	6.8	6.8	4.9	7.3	6.3	5.6	7.7	6.8	4.8	7.8	6.5	3.2	3.6	3.4	4.9	2.8	3.7
Alcohol only	5.0	15.0	10.7	6.7	11.5	9.5	3.8	9.0	6.8	4.9	6.3	5.7	4.7	10.2	7.9	4.0	10.1	7.5
Alcohol or any illicit drug	13.2	36.8	26.6	13.9	34.5	25.8	12.4	30.3	22.6	11.6	29.8	21.9	11.9	23.7	18.6	11.8	22.9	18.2
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	4.7	7.5	6.3	4.9	8.3	6.9	6.2	9.9	8.3	4.4	9.9	7.5	5.7	8.7	7.4	4.9	8.1	6.8

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 Hernando County and Florida Statewide youth who reported early substance use and perceived risk of harm, 2024

	Hernando 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	--	11.3	15.1	7.0	--	12.1	--	--	13.2	14.3	12.1	--	13.3	--
Drinking at least once a month	--	1.0	1.1	0.9	--	0.6	--	--	2.0	2.3	1.7	--	2.0	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	6.0	7.0	5.2	--	5.7	--	--	4.3	4.7	3.9	--	4.6	--
Smoke marijuana	--	8.3	11.3	4.9	--	7.3	--	--	5.1	5.8	4.4	--	5.1	--
Vape nicotine	--	10.4	14.7	5.2	--	10.7	--	--	8.4	10.7	6.2	--	8.5	--
Vape marijuana	--	7.0	10.8	3.3	--	6.5	--	--	4.3	5.1	3.5	--	4.4	--
Great risk of harm														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	41.4	46.7	45.6	44.0	43.8	46.4	44.4	51.3	48.5	51.8	47.6	51.1	48.4	49.7
5+ drinks once or twice a week	51.9	55.8	56.2	52.7	55.2	55.1	54.1	61.6	57.3	60.8	57.5	61.7	57.3	59.1
1+ packs of cigarettes per day	56.9	65.9	61.6	63.0	59.7	63.4	62.1	64.2	65.0	65.8	63.6	64.6	65.1	64.7
Vaping nicotine	41.9	43.3	40.3	45.3	43.9	43.2	42.7	54.6	47.1	49.5	51.1	54.2	47.0	50.3
Vaping marijuana	47.8	39.7	41.3	45.6	49.2	40.1	43.2	56.2	42.5	48.0	48.6	55.5	42.3	48.2
Marijuana once or twice a week	38.5	28.3	29.7	36.0	38.6	28.0	32.7	48.7	31.9	38.9	39.2	47.6	32.1	39.0
Try marijuana once or twice	25.2	20.6	21.3	24.2	25.4	20.0	22.5	34.8	22.9	27.3	28.6	33.9	23.0	27.9
Use prescription drugs	64.6	71.7	69.6	68.2	66.6	70.6	68.7	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 Hernando 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	--	23.8	--	--	21.4	--	--	23.5	--	--	16.9	--	--	16.3	--	--	11.3	--
Drink monthly	--	4.6	--	--	4.3	--	--	4.0	--	--	1.3	--	--	3.4	--	--	1.0	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	15.9	--	--	11.3	--	--	12.8	--	--	6.4	--	--	8.4	--	--	6.0	--
Smoke marijuana	--	14.0	--	--	13.4	--	--	16.1	--	--	12.0	--	--	10.7	--	--	8.3	--
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.9	--	--	11.4	--	--	10.4	--
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.5	--	--	7.2	--	--	7.0	--
Great risk of harm																		
Daily alcohol use	41.4	35.6	38.1	43.6	36.8	39.7	44.0	35.0	38.9	47.1	38.9	42.5	46.5	40.7	43.2	41.4	46.7	44.4
5+ drinks daily	57.3	49.7	52.9	56.2	45.3	49.9	58.7	50.1	53.8	63.2	52.2	57.0	56.0	56.0	56.0	51.9	55.8	54.1
Daily cigarette use	67.6	69.2	68.5	70.2	61.0	64.8	68.4	61.8	64.7	62.9	63.5	63.2	64.4	61.0	62.4	56.9	65.9	62.1
Vaping nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	47.6	36.6	41.4	43.4	35.6	38.9	41.9	43.3	42.7
Vaping marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	49.6	31.9	39.6	47.2	30.1	37.3	47.8	39.7	43.2
Marijuana weekly	51.9	23.1	35.4	52.0	18.4	32.5	41.0	18.7	28.3	44.2	19.4	30.2	41.0	20.0	29.0	38.5	28.3	32.7
Try marijuana	33.7	15.0	23.0	32.8	11.6	20.5	26.8	13.9	19.5	26.2	12.9	18.7	25.8	14.0	19.0	25.2	20.6	22.5
Prescription drugs	74.4	75.2	74.9	75.6	69.9	72.3	71.4	64.6	67.5	73.3	67.6	70.1	67.9	69.2	68.6	64.6	71.7	68.7

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 Hernando County and Florida Statewide youth who reported personal disapproval, peer disapproval, and parent disapproval of substance use, 2024

	Hernando 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	94.4	92.1	92.1	94.2	94.5	92.7	93.1	97.0	92.7	94.3	94.8	96.8	93.1	94.5
Drink alcohol regularly	85.2	75.4	77.4	81.5	85.4	75.7	79.5	91.4	78.3	82.6	85.0	90.8	78.5	83.8
Smoke marijuana	90.4	74.9	80.0	82.6	89.6	75.7	81.5	93.7	79.0	84.6	85.8	93.2	79.1	85.2
Vape nicotine	92.9	85.1	84.9	91.7	93.4	84.8	88.4	93.8	87.2	88.3	91.6	93.4	87.5	90.0
Vape marijuana	91.7	80.4	84.1	86.0	90.6	82.2	85.2	94.7	83.7	87.2	89.4	94.1	84.0	88.3
Use other illicit drugs	96.3	96.9	97.0	96.2	95.8	97.3	96.6	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	88.5	87.6	89.1	87.4	89.9	87.3	88.0	93.5	88.7	91.3	90.2	93.2	88.7	90.7
Smoke tobacco	93.6	90.6	91.7	92.1	93.6	91.1	91.9	95.6	91.4	93.2	93.1	95.5	91.2	93.1
Smoke marijuana	88.3	70.7	76.6	79.8	87.1	73.8	78.3	92.9	77.6	83.5	84.7	92.3	77.3	84.1
Vape nicotine	87.8	81.4	80.7	87.7	88.0	82.0	84.2	91.5	83.5	84.7	89.0	91.2	83.4	86.9
Vape marijuana	88.4	76.3	79.7	83.4	87.8	76.7	81.5	93.2	81.1	84.8	87.5	92.6	80.9	86.2
Use prescription drugs	93.7	95.6	96.6	93.0	94.2	96.6	94.7	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	94.9	96.9	95.6	97.8	94.9	96.0	97.8	95.8	96.8	96.5	97.8	95.9	96.7
Smoke cigarettes	98.1	96.9	98.2	97.2	98.1	96.8	97.4	98.9	98.3	98.5	98.6	98.9	98.4	98.6
Smoke marijuana	96.4	86.4	91.1	90.7	96.6	84.6	90.6	97.4	92.0	94.0	94.6	97.5	92.0	94.3
Use prescription drugs	98.3	98.3	98.7	98.3	98.1	98.5	98.3	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 Hernando 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
<i>Think it wrong</i>																		
Smoke cigarettes	92.8	83.1	87.3	94.7	85.4	89.3	93.6	86.5	89.6	95.9	88.7	91.8	94.5	88.5	91.0	94.4	92.1	93.1
Drink regularly	88.2	61.9	73.3	87.5	62.5	72.8	87.9	66.1	75.6	88.9	70.3	78.3	89.8	71.3	79.1	85.2	75.4	79.5
Smoke marijuana	89.4	61.9	73.8	88.3	58.8	70.9	86.7	54.9	68.6	89.9	62.8	74.5	87.3	61.7	72.5	90.4	74.9	81.5
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	87.2	76.8	81.3	87.2	74.4	79.8	92.9	85.1	88.4
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90.9	68.9	78.3	89.3	69.3	77.7	91.7	80.4	85.2
Other illicit drugs	97.6	90.8	93.8	97.0	93.7	95.0	98.0	91.6	94.3	98.2	92.8	95.1	97.7	92.5	94.7	96.3	96.9	96.6
<i>Friends think it wrong</i>																		
Daily alcohol use	88.5	69.8	77.8	92.0	76.3	82.8	87.9	78.6	82.6	90.5	77.9	83.4	88.9	83.0	85.5	88.5	87.6	88.0
Smoke tobacco	91.7	78.2	84.0	93.5	81.6	86.6	93.1	84.9	88.5	91.9	87.1	89.2	89.1	86.7	87.7	93.6	90.6	91.9
Smoke marijuana	85.2	57.5	69.4	88.4	54.1	68.3	83.6	51.2	65.1	86.5	58.7	70.7	86.4	61.8	72.3	88.3	70.7	78.3
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	86.1	67.8	75.7	80.8	69.2	74.1	87.8	81.4	84.2
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	87.6	64.9	74.8	86.5	67.3	75.4	88.4	76.3	81.5
Use Prescription drugs	95.9	93.8	94.7	95.4	93.7	94.4	94.6	91.9	93.0	94.9	92.0	93.3	94.2	93.2	93.6	93.7	95.6	94.7
<i>Parents think it wrong</i>																		
Daily alcohol use	97.7	91.1	93.9	97.0	93.2	94.9	96.9	90.5	93.1	97.0	92.2	94.3	96.2	94.0	95.0	97.5	94.9	96.0
Smoke tobacco	97.6	93.5	95.3	98.0	96.1	96.9	98.0	97.4	97.6	99.9	96.0	97.7	98.4	97.1	97.7	98.1	96.9	97.4
Smoke marijuana	96.5	87.1	91.2	97.5	82.4	88.9	94.8	81.6	87.1	97.5	78.0	86.4	92.2	88.4	90.0	96.4	86.4	90.6
Use prescription drugs	98.2	96.7	97.3	96.9	98.3	97.7	97.7	99.0	98.5	97.9	97.7	97.8	94.9	98.1	96.7	98.3	98.3	98.3

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

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

	Hernando 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	--	4.3	4.8	3.7	--	4.3	--	--	13.4	10.1	17.7	--	13.4	--
Bought in a restaurant, bar, or club	--	3.3	4.0	2.5	--	3.3	--	--	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	--	2.8	5.4	0.0	--	2.8	--	--	7.1	7.0	7.3	--	7.1	--
Someone gave it to me	--	35.8	29.7	42.1	--	35.8	--	--	41.1	43.9	37.3	--	41.1	--
Took it from a store	--	3.0	2.7	3.3	--	3.0	--	--	2.1	1.3	3.1	--	2.1	--
Took it from a family member	--	13.6	17.8	9.1	--	13.6	--	--	12.8	15.2	9.5	--	12.8	--
Some other way	--	37.3	35.5	39.2	--	37.3	--	--	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, Hernando County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Hernando 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	--	51.0	52.4	49.1	--	51.0	--	--	43.3	44.6	41.3	--	43.3	--
Another person's home	--	31.1	34.8	26.4	--	31.1	--	--	30.3	31.4	29.0	--	30.3	--
Car or other vehicle	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	2.2	1.6	3.1	--	2.2	--
Restaurant, bar, or club	--	1.3	0.0	2.9	--	1.3	--	--	5.6	5.3	6.1	--	5.6	--
Public place	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	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	--	16.7	12.7	21.5	--	16.7	--	--	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, Hernando County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Hernando 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	--	45.2	42.8	51.3	--	45.2	--	--	33.2	34.8	30.9	--	33.2	--
2	--	18.4	14.2	20.5	--	18.4	--	--	23.0	25.2	20.0	--	23.0	--
3	--	12.9	17.5	8.6	--	12.9	--	--	17.8	17.8	17.6	--	17.8	--
4	--	8.3	16.1	0.0	--	8.3	--	--	7.0	7.0	7.1	--	7.0	--
5 or more	--	15.3	9.4	19.6	--	15.3	--	--	19.0	15.1	24.5	--	19.0	--

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

Table 13. Percentages of Hernando 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

	Hernando 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	2.3	4.2	4.0	2.7	2.8	3.9	3.4	2.6	3.4	3.7	2.4	2.5	3.7	3.1
Smoking marijuana	4.5	11.8	12.2	5.2	5.3	11.4	8.7	3.1	7.9	6.8	5.0	3.2	8.5	5.9
Using another drug to get high	1.0	2.0	2.3	0.6	0.9	2.3	1.6	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.7	2.4	2.1

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

	Hernando 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	7.8	6.4	3.4	10.5	7.1	6.5	7.0	6.6	5.4	3.5	8.2	6.4	5.5	5.9
Selling drugs	0.8	2.6	1.7	2.1	0.8	2.9	1.9	1.0	2.0	1.1	2.0	1.0	2.1	1.6
Attempting to steal a vehicle	0.5	1.8	0.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Being arrested	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.7	0.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.7
Taking a handgun to school	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5
Getting suspended	14.4	10.9	9.1	15.6	13.9	11.1	12.4	16.9	10.9	11.2	15.8	15.8	11.9	13.5
Attacking someone with intent to harm	7.3	3.0	4.9	5.0	7.0	3.4	4.9	8.4	4.3	5.4	6.7	8.0	4.5	6.0

Table 15. Trends in delinquent behaviors for Hernando 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	5.9	4.8	5.3	6.7	5.2	5.9	5.7	7.6	6.8	5.0	6.8	6.0	7.5	6.2	6.7	7.8	6.4	7.0
Selling drugs	2.6	9.5	6.5	2.6	7.2	5.2	1.3	7.2	4.7	0.6	7.7	4.7	1.3	3.6	2.6	0.8	2.6	1.9
Attempting to steal a vehicle	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.4	1.4	0.9	1.1	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.8	1.2
Being arrested	2.7	2.8	2.7	1.1	3.7	2.6	1.5	3.1	2.4	1.3	2.2	1.8	0.9	1.1	1.0	2.0	1.5	1.7
Taking a handgun to school	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.2
Getting suspended	9.8	10.5	10.2	8.3	7.3	7.7	8.5	6.7	7.5	12.6	12.2	12.4	14.4	10.4	12.1	14.4	10.9	12.4
Attacking someone with intent to harm	8.4	6.4	7.2	5.8	8.5	7.3	6.3	6.0	6.1	4.9	6.2	5.6	11.5	5.1	7.9	7.3	3.0	4.9

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

	Hernando 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	35.5	34.3	45.8	24.2	37.2	32.1	34.8	28.8	25.5	35.1	18.9	28.5	26.0	26.9
At times I think I am no good at all	47.5	42.8	54.7	35.8	48.4	41.4	44.8	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	32.6	29.6	39.8	22.3	33.2	28.1	30.9	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?	48.5	46.1	59.8	34.7	49.5	45.2	47.1	42.6	39.3	50.7	30.9	42.0	39.6	40.7
<i>Suicide (past 12 months)</i>														
Seriously considered attempting suicide	19.3	16.7	26.4	9.2	18.6	16.9	17.8	14.8	12.4	17.8	8.9	14.7	12.8	13.4
Made a suicide plan	14.1	14.9	21.8	7.3	14.3	15.4	14.5	12.3	9.8	14.2	7.5	12.2	10.2	10.9
Attempted suicide one or more times	9.6	6.7	12.8	3.2	9.0	6.9	7.9	9.3	5.8	10.1	4.4	8.8	6.3	7.3
Suicide attempt that required medical care	2.3	1.8	3.9	0.3	1.9	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.4	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.7

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

	Hernando 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	14.8	9.7	17.7	6.2	14.5	8.9	11.9	10.0	8.6	13.7	4.7	9.6	8.9	9.2
Was ever kicked or shoved	50.9	30.5	38.5	39.4	48.5	30.1	39.1	46.6	27.4	36.6	34.3	45.0	27.6	35.5
Was ever taunted or teased	71.1	53.3	64.1	57.3	71.6	50.0	60.8	67.9	51.7	64.0	53.2	66.7	51.9	58.5
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	31.3	30.7	40.8	21.1	32.0	28.2	31.0	29.6	28.6	36.7	21.6	29.4	29.0	29.0
Ever physically bullied others	23.7	13.9	16.0	19.9	22.4	13.5	18.0	24.1	12.6	15.9	18.9	22.9	13.2	17.5
Ever verbally bullied others	42.3	25.7	33.6	32.0	41.7	23.8	32.7	37.4	26.2	30.0	31.8	36.3	26.7	30.9
Ever cyber bullied others	12.6	12.5	14.0	10.6	13.8	10.6	12.5	14.6	12.5	14.6	12.2	14.4	12.8	13.4

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

	Hernando 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	--	16.9	22.2	12.0	--	16.5	--	--	13.3	17.8	8.8	--	13.6	--
Physical abuse	--	8.5	8.0	9.3	--	8.0	--	--	8.9	10.6	7.2	--	9.1	--
Sexual abuse	--	5.2	8.6	2.1	--	5.8	--	--	4.9	7.5	2.3	--	5.2	--
Parents separated or divorced	--	44.8	46.7	42.4	--	43.6	--	--	38.7	41.5	36.0	--	39.2	--
Physical abuse in household	--	11.5	13.0	10.3	--	12.2	--	--	6.9	8.6	5.2	--	7.1	--
Substance abuse in household	--	26.8	32.4	21.1	--	27.8	--	--	22.8	26.3	19.3	--	23.5	--
Mental illness in household	--	37.7	50.9	25.3	--	36.5	--	--	27.7	35.0	20.4	--	28.2	--
Incarcerated household member	--	29.9	33.6	26.7	--	29.7	--	--	21.7	23.2	20.2	--	22.1	--
Emotional neglect	--	27.4	34.0	21.7	--	27.8	--	--	25.1	30.4	19.7	--	25.5	--
Physical neglect	--	7.4	10.5	4.5	--	7.3	--	--	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 Hernando County and Florida Statewide high school youth, 2024

	Hernando 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	--	33.2	27.3	39.5	--	33.2	--	--	37.9	31.9	43.9	--	37.9	--
1 ACE	--	18.3	17.6	18.0	--	18.3	--	--	20.6	20.2	21.1	--	20.6	--
2 ACEs	--	15.4	14.9	15.8	--	15.4	--	--	13.4	13.9	13.0	--	13.4	--
3 ACEs	--	9.1	8.9	9.0	--	9.1	--	--	10.0	11.2	8.9	--	10.0	--
4 ACEs	--	8.8	10.8	7.1	--	8.8	--	--	7.0	8.4	5.5	--	7.0	--
5 ACEs	--	4.6	5.3	4.0	--	4.6	--	--	4.4	5.4	3.4	--	4.4	--
6 ACEs	--	3.3	5.2	1.6	--	3.3	--	--	2.8	3.6	2.0	--	2.8	--
7 ACEs	--	2.7	3.7	1.7	--	2.7	--	--	1.9	2.7	1.1	--	1.9	--
8 ACEs	--	3.6	4.4	2.9	--	3.6	--	--	1.1	1.5	0.6	--	1.1	--
9 ACEs	--	0.9	1.9	0.0	--	0.9	--	--	0.5	0.8	0.3	--	0.5	--
10 ACEs	--	0.2	0.0	0.4	--	0.2	--	--	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 Hernando County and Florida Statewide youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with statements indicating impulsiveness or a lack of self-control, 2024

	Hernando 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	32.0	26.9	30.2	27.5	31.2	25.9	29.1	30.7	28.0	31.4	27.0	30.4	28.0	29.2
I'm more concerned with the short run	28.4	24.5	29.4	22.6	28.2	23.6	26.2	27.7	23.1	27.2	22.9	27.4	23.2	25.1
Getting in trouble is exciting	29.3	20.5	23.9	23.7	26.7	22.9	24.3	26.9	25.3	26.7	25.2	26.6	25.7	26.0
Excitement is more important than security	30.2	25.4	25.7	28.9	29.5	24.4	27.4	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	28.7	23.5	30.5	20.8	28.2	22.9	25.7	28.4	21.1	27.3	21.1	27.3	21.4	24.2
I get upset when I have a disagreement with someone	51.8	39.0	54.4	34.6	52.2	38.6	44.5	47.0	34.8	48.8	31.2	46.1	34.9	39.9

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

	Hernando 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	35.3	29.7	31.0	33.5	34.2	30.4	32.1	38.2	38.2	35.6	40.9	38.4	38.4	38.2
Organized Sports Outside of School	34.5	16.9	24.0	25.1	33.7	17.5	24.3	43.6	25.7	29.5	37.0	42.0	25.9	33.3
School Band	14.3	5.0	8.0	10.2	13.7	4.2	9.0	16.7	8.1	11.7	11.7	15.8	8.1	11.7
School Club(s)	16.1	19.1	22.1	13.7	17.1	17.9	17.8	22.3	33.2	35.8	21.6	23.1	32.8	28.6
Community Club(s)	6.5	8.6	8.4	7.0	7.6	8.8	7.7	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 Hernando County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Hernando 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	--	11.3	14.0	8.6	--	10.8	--	--	12.4	14.1	10.7	--	12.5	--
Marijuana	--	19.2	23.2	14.7	--	19.2	--	--	14.8	16.7	13.0	--	14.8	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>														
Alcohol	--	3.4	2.6	4.4	--	2.1	--	--	2.4	2.1	2.8	--	2.3	--
Marijuana	--	6.0	8.6	3.6	--	5.7	--	--	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 Hernando 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	--	16.9	--	--	15.4	--	--	13.1	--	--	15.3	--	--	12.1	--	--	11.3	--
Marijuana	--	23.9	--	--	23.6	--	--	23.4	--	--	23.2	--	--	18.9	--	--	19.2	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>																		
Alcohol	--	5.7	--	--	4.6	--	--	4.4	--	--	5.5	--	--	3.1	--	--	3.4	--
Marijuana	--	11.1	--	--	11.7	--	--	11.7	--	--	12.0	--	--	7.1	--	--	6.0	--

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

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

Domain	Scale	Hernando 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	54	55	55	58	59	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	44	48	49	52	54	55
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	52	54	49	62	57	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	41	50	45	57	53	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	27	40	43	54	56	62
Average Prevalence Rate		44	49	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 Hernando County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2024

Domain	Scale	Hernando 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	33	40	25	42	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	36	12	30	13	45	45
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	32	34	24	29	25	42
Family	Poor Family Management	49	39	47	35	44	45
	Family Conflict	45	33	40	30	42	37
School	Poor Academic Performance	43	44	45	45	45	48
	Lack of Commitment to School	82	73	76	68	47	46
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	62	45	54	38	40	46
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	39	26	27	22	39	45
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	25	13	19	11	41	46
Average Prevalence Rate		46	35	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 Hernando County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Hernando County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	55	68	57	57	51	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	50	60	49	46	39	44
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	56	52	51	51	47	52
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	55	53	41	41	36	41
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	36	41	31	29	25	27
Average Prevalence Rate		50	55	46	45	40	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 27. Risk factor prevalence rate trends among middle school students for Hernando County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Hernando County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	42	39	40	39	42	46
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	43	36	41	35	40	36
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	29	27	27	26	27	32
Family	Poor Family Management	37	33	40	39	51	49
	Family Conflict	42	38	42	43	50	45
School	Poor Academic Performance	41	44	43	43	47	43
	Lack of Commitment to School	54	55	64	70	80	82
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	38	36	46	50	59	62
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	33	34	36	36	39	39
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	25	25	26	25	29	25
Average Prevalence Rate		38	37	41	41	46	46

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

Table 28. Protective factor prevalence rate trends among high school students for Hernando County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Hernando County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	57	54	61	57	48	55
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	50	52	53	49	46	48
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	50	58	58	56	48	54
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	59	56	54	49	44	50
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	48	44	39	40	34	40
Average Prevalence Rate		53	53	53	50	44	49

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

Domain	Scale	Hernando County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	39	35	38	37	35	33
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	37	34	29	27	17	12
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	52	43	38	35	33	34
Family	Poor Family Management	37	40	39	41	34	39
	Family Conflict	40	38	38	35	40	33
School	Poor Academic Performance	40	42	45	42	49	44
	Lack of Commitment to School	59	58	67	68	76	73
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	41	39	40	38	46	45
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	40	38	40	36	35	26
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	30	25	26	18	17	13
Average Prevalence Rate		42	39	40	38	38	35

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.