

2024 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Saint Lucie County Data Tables

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

	Saint Lucie County		Florida Statewide	
	N	%	N	%
Sex				
Female	402	47.2	21,747	48.6
Male	447	52.5	22,711	50.7
Race/Ethnic group				
African American	269	31.6	9,493	21.2
American Indian	12	1.4	426	1.0
Asian	15	1.8	653	1.5
Hispanic/Latino	192	22.5	10,394	23.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2	0.2	41	0.1
Other/Multiple	246	28.9	7,299	16.3
White, non-Hispanic	113	13.3	16,109	36.0
Parent/Guardian in the Military				
No	713	83.7	38,723	86.5
Yes	136	16.0	5,679	12.7
Age				
11	72	8.5	2,499	5.6
12	177	20.8	5,938	13.3
13	143	16.8	6,288	14.0
14	192	22.5	6,501	14.5
15	163	19.1	6,784	15.2
16	66	7.7	6,743	15.1
17	24	2.8	6,358	14.2
18	9	1.1	3,252	7.3
Grade				
6th	180	21.1	6,126	13.7
7th	182	21.4	6,468	14.5
8th	115	13.5	6,341	14.2
9th	281	33.0	6,696	15.0
10th	43	5.0	6,738	15.1
11th	35	4.1	6,266	14.0
12th	16	1.9	6,121	13.7
Middle School	477	56.0	18,934	42.3
High School	375	44.0	25,821	57.7
Total	852	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 Saint Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in their lifetimes, 2024

	Saint 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	19.3	19.0	24.4	14.3	19.6	19.2	19.1	19.3	32.5	30.5	23.5	19.8	32.4	26.9
Blacking Out	--	4.5	4.9	4.1	--	4.8	--	--	9.1	10.3	8.0	--	9.2	--
Cigarettes	3.9	5.7	4.4	5.6	3.7	6.9	5.0	4.4	7.7	6.4	6.2	4.3	7.9	6.3
Vaping Nicotine	10.3	10.6	14.8	6.4	8.8	13.2	10.5	10.9	20.1	20.2	12.4	11.3	20.4	16.2
Vaping Marijuana	6.4	6.7	9.4	3.9	6.3	7.2	6.6	5.5	16.3	14.4	9.2	5.9	16.5	11.7
Marijuana or Hashish	5.0	6.6	8.9	3.3	5.0	7.5	6.0	5.9	18.6	15.3	11.2	6.3	18.8	13.2
Synthetic Marijuana	--	2.3	4.4	0.2	--	3.2	--	--	1.9	2.4	1.5	--	1.9	--
Inhalants	8.7	2.6	6.3	3.9	6.3	3.5	5.1	6.9	3.5	5.5	4.3	6.5	3.7	4.9
Club Drugs	0.3	1.4	1.9	0.1	0.7	1.4	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.6
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.2	1.5	2.1	0.8	1.1	1.9	1.4	1.0	3.0	2.3	2.1	1.0	3.1	2.2
Methamphetamine	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.1	1.1	1.3	0.2	0.1	1.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Heroin	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Prescription Depressants	1.6	1.7	2.4	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.5
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.0	0.6	1.2	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.8	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.7
Prescription Amphetamines	0.9	1.3	1.4	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.4	1.5	2.1	1.8
Over-the-Counter Drugs	0.5	2.8	3.0	0.8	0.4	4.1	1.9	1.7	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.9
Needle to Inject Illegal Drugs	--	1.3	1.0	1.7	--	1.2	--	--	0.6	0.5	0.6	--	0.6	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	3.4	4.4	2.3	--	3.5	--	--	8.7	9.3	8.2	--	8.9	--
Kratom	--	0.4	0.8	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	1.1	1.2	1.1	--	1.1	--
Any illicit drug	15.5	10.7	16.3	9.2	13.7	11.5	12.6	15.1	24.0	23.3	17.2	15.1	24.4	20.2
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	11.3	5.9	10.0	6.2	9.3	6.5	8.0	10.5	9.4	11.0	8.7	10.1	9.7	9.9
Alcohol only	12.0	10.6	13.0	9.6	11.8	10.8	11.2	11.5	14.9	14.2	12.8	11.7	14.7	13.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	27.2	20.9	29.2	18.2	25.1	21.9	23.4	26.4	38.7	37.3	29.8	26.7	38.9	33.5
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	8.5	2.3	5.1	4.4	6.0	3.1	4.7	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 Saint Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various substances in the past 30 days, 2024

	Saint 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	5.7	5.0	7.0	3.8	5.3	5.5	5.3	6.2	13.1	11.8	8.6	6.3	13.0	10.2
Binge Drinking	1.7	4.4	4.5	2.2	1.8	5.6	3.3	2.4	5.9	4.8	4.1	2.4	5.9	4.4
Cigarettes	0.9	1.4	0.6	1.7	1.0	1.6	1.2	0.7	1.4	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.1
Vaping Nicotine	3.1	5.1	5.9	2.8	2.8	6.6	4.3	3.7	8.7	8.4	4.9	3.9	8.9	6.6
Vaping Marijuana	4.7	3.9	5.5	3.0	3.9	4.8	4.2	2.2	7.8	6.3	4.7	2.4	8.0	5.5
Marijuana or Hashish	3.5	6.2	7.7	2.7	3.2	8.0	5.1	2.4	9.1	7.1	5.6	2.7	9.1	6.3
Synthetic Marijuana	--	1.3	2.2	0.2	--	1.6	--	--	0.7	0.8	0.6	--	0.7	--
Inhalants	3.9	1.1	1.8	2.6	2.7	1.6	2.2	2.5	0.9	1.9	1.2	2.3	1.0	1.6
Club Drugs	0.0	0.9	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.5	1.5	1.9	0.4	0.6	1.9	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5
Methamphetamine	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Heroin	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Prescription Depressants	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Prescription Pain Relievers	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6
Prescription Amphetamines	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Over-the-Counter Drugs	0.1	2.3	2.5	0.5	0.1	3.4	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Any illicit drug	8.1	7.9	10.3	5.9	6.8	10.0	8.0	6.6	12.0	11.2	8.3	6.7	12.1	9.7
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	5.2	4.4	5.8	3.8	4.1	5.8	4.7	4.4	3.1	4.1	3.2	4.2	3.3	3.7
Alcohol only	4.0	1.6	3.2	1.9	3.5	1.2	2.5	4.1	7.4	6.9	5.2	4.1	7.4	6.0
Alcohol or any illicit drug	11.7	9.3	13.3	7.5	10.0	11.0	10.3	10.6	19.3	17.9	13.4	10.7	19.4	15.6
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	6.1	4.5	6.6	3.9	4.8	5.9	5.2	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 Saint Lucie 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	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	19.3	19.0	19.1
Blacking Out	--	20.0	--	--	11.3	--	--	7.3	--	--	11.6	--	--	2.2	--	--	4.5	--
Cigarettes	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	3.9	5.7	5.0
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.9	24.0	18.3	10.1	12.7	11.8	10.3	10.6	10.5
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.2	13.1	10.0	5.9	7.4	6.8	6.4	6.7	6.6
Marijuana or Hashish	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	5.0	6.6	6.0
Synthetic Marijuana	--	5.7	--	--	4.5	--	--	1.7	--	--	0.0	--	--	0.9	--	--	2.3	--
Inhalants	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	8.7	2.6	5.1
Club Drugs	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	0.3	1.4	0.9
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	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	1.2	1.5	1.4
Methamphetamine	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	0.8	0.0	0.3
Cocaine or Crack	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	0.1	1.1	0.7
Heroin	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	0.0	0.1	0.1
Prescription Depressants	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	1.6	1.7	1.7
Prescription Pain Relievers	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	1.0	0.6	0.8
Prescription Amphetamines	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	0.9	1.3	1.1
Over-the-Counter Drugs	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	0.5	2.8	1.9
Needle to Inject Drugs	--	--	--	--	1.3	--	--	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--	0.4	--	--	1.3	--
Delta-8 or Delta-10 THC	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.4	--
Kratom	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.4	--
Any illicit drug	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	15.5	10.7	12.6
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	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	11.3	5.9	8.0
Alcohol only	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	12.0	10.6	11.2
Alcohol or any illicit drug	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	27.2	20.9	23.4
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	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	8.5	2.3	4.7

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 Saint Lucie 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	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	5.7	5.0	5.3
Binge Drinking	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	1.7	4.4	3.3
Cigarettes	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	0.9	1.4	1.2
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.1	17.2	13.1	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.1	5.1	4.3
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.7	3.7	3.3	2.2	5.1	4.0	4.7	3.9	4.2
Marijuana or Hashish	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	3.5	6.2	5.1
Synthetic Marijuana	--	0.7	--	--	0.7	--	--	0.8	--	--	0.0	--	--	0.2	--	--	1.3	--
Inhalants	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	3.9	1.1	2.2
Club Drugs	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	0.0	0.9	0.6
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	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	0.5	1.5	1.1
Methamphetamine	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	0.5	0.1	0.3
Cocaine or Crack	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	0.0	0.1	0.1
Heroin	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	0.0	0.3	0.2
Prescription Depressants	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	0.2	0.2	0.2
Prescription Pain Relievers	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	0.1	0.2	0.1
Prescription Amphetamines	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	0.4	0.0	0.2
Over-the-Counter Drugs	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	0.1	2.3	1.4
Any illicit drug	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	8.1	7.9	8.0
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	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	5.2	4.4	4.7
Alcohol only	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	4.0	1.6	2.5
Alcohol or any illicit drug	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	11.7	9.3	10.3
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	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	6.1	4.5	5.2

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

	Saint 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 substance use														
More than a sip of alcohol	--	15.6	19.5	11.8	--	15.6	--	--	13.2	14.3	12.1	--	13.3	--
Drinking at least once a month	--	3.7	6.4	1.2	--	5.0	--	--	2.0	2.3	1.7	--	2.0	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	3.2	3.8	2.7	--	2.8	--	--	4.3	4.7	3.9	--	4.6	--
Smoke marijuana	--	3.9	6.6	1.3	--	3.2	--	--	5.1	5.8	4.4	--	5.1	--
Vape nicotine	--	5.6	9.2	2.1	--	5.3	--	--	8.4	10.7	6.2	--	8.5	--
Vape marijuana	--	5.5	9.2	1.9	--	4.8	--	--	4.3	5.1	3.5	--	4.4	--
Great risk of harm														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	50.8	47.2	51.8	46.0	50.2	46.7	48.7	51.3	48.5	51.8	47.6	51.1	48.4	49.7
5+ drinks once or twice a week	56.3	53.4	55.9	52.9	56.4	51.2	54.5	61.6	57.3	60.8	57.5	61.7	57.3	59.1
1+ packs of cigarettes per day	63.3	55.5	62.1	55.8	61.8	55.0	58.6	64.2	65.0	65.8	63.6	64.6	65.1	64.7
Vaping nicotine	51.1	45.8	46.3	49.8	50.0	44.6	47.9	54.6	47.1	49.5	51.1	54.2	47.0	50.3
Vaping marijuana	49.6	45.9	44.9	50.1	49.3	44.2	47.4	56.2	42.5	48.0	48.6	55.5	42.3	48.2
Marijuana once or twice a week	45.2	38.3	39.2	43.1	44.5	36.6	41.0	48.7	31.9	38.9	39.2	47.6	32.1	39.0
Try marijuana once or twice	33.2	34.0	32.3	35.3	33.5	34.2	33.7	34.8	22.9	27.3	28.6	33.9	23.0	27.9
Use prescription drugs	62.7	57.1	61.1	58.2	61.1	57.0	59.4	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 Saint Lucie 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	--	28.1	--	--	18.7	--	--	17.2	--	--	17.5	--	--	9.0	--	--	15.6	--
Drink monthly	--	4.9	--	--	2.7	--	--	2.2	--	--	0.1	--	--	1.0	--	--	3.7	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	19.5	--	--	10.1	--	--	8.5	--	--	1.7	--	--	1.1	--	--	3.2	--
Smoke marijuana	--	15.6	--	--	8.8	--	--	10.8	--	--	6.8	--	--	2.2	--	--	3.9	--
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.8	--	--	1.9	--	--	5.6	--
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.4	--	--	1.3	--	--	5.5	--
Great risk of harm																		
Daily alcohol use	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	50.8	47.2	48.7
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	56.3	53.4	54.5
Daily cigarette use	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	63.3	55.5	58.6
Vaping nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	42.9	31.9	36.3	42.4	37.0	39.1	51.1	45.8	47.9
Vaping marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	47.0	28.2	35.8	44.5	32.0	36.9	49.6	45.9	47.4
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	45.2	38.3	41.0
Try marijuana	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	33.2	34.0	33.7
Prescription drugs	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	62.7	57.1	59.4

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 8. Percentages of Saint Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth who reported personal disapproval, peer disapproval, and parent disapproval of substance use, 2024

	Saint 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>Think it would be wrong to...</i>														
Smoke cigarettes	97.1	97.2	95.5	98.7	96.7	97.7	97.1	97.0	92.7	94.3	94.8	96.8	93.1	94.5
Drink alcohol regularly	88.9	90.2	85.8	93.2	89.9	89.0	89.7	91.4	78.3	82.6	85.0	90.8	78.5	83.8
Smoke marijuana	91.4	91.8	88.9	94.2	92.4	90.3	91.6	93.7	79.0	84.6	85.8	93.2	79.1	85.2
Vape nicotine	93.0	93.3	89.6	96.4	92.4	94.0	93.2	93.8	87.2	88.3	91.6	93.4	87.5	90.0
Vape marijuana	94.0	94.0	91.7	96.2	94.6	93.0	94.0	94.7	83.7	87.2	89.4	94.1	84.0	88.3
Use other illicit drugs	97.8	97.8	98.8	96.8	97.1	98.7	97.8	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	92.2	90.9	91.0	91.8	92.3	89.8	91.4	93.5	88.7	91.3	90.2	93.2	88.7	90.7
Smoke tobacco	93.2	95.1	93.6	94.9	94.0	94.7	94.3	95.6	91.4	93.2	93.1	95.5	91.2	93.1
Smoke marijuana	92.5	90.0	89.9	91.9	92.6	88.5	91.0	92.9	77.6	83.5	84.7	92.3	77.3	84.1
Vape nicotine	92.2	91.2	89.6	93.5	92.1	90.8	91.6	91.5	83.5	84.7	89.0	91.2	83.4	86.9
Vape marijuana	93.9	91.0	89.8	94.2	93.7	89.8	92.1	93.2	81.1	84.8	87.5	92.6	80.9	86.2
Use prescription drugs	94.1	96.3	96.0	95.1	94.4	96.6	95.4	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	98.5	97.0	97.2	97.9	98.2	97.0	97.6	97.8	95.8	96.8	96.5	97.8	95.9	96.7
Smoke cigarettes	98.3	98.0	97.9	98.4	97.5	99.3	98.1	98.9	98.3	98.5	98.6	98.9	98.4	98.6
Smoke marijuana	97.0	95.3	94.3	97.5	96.7	95.2	96.0	97.4	92.0	94.0	94.6	97.5	92.0	94.3
Use prescription drugs	97.6	98.9	99.1	97.7	97.8	99.4	98.4	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 Saint Lucie 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	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	97.1	97.2	97.1
Drink regularly	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	88.9	90.2	89.7
Smoke marijuana	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	91.4	91.8	91.6
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	88.1	74.7	80.1	92.1	89.5	90.5	93.0	93.3	93.2
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90.5	73.3	80.3	91.6	86.1	88.3	94.0	94.0	94.0
Other illicit drugs	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	97.8	97.8	97.8
<i>Friends think it wrong</i>																		
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	92.2	90.9	91.4
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	93.2	95.1	94.3
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	92.5	90.0	91.0
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	84.7	62.2	71.4	87.6	87.4	87.5	92.2	91.2	91.6
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	87.2	67.5	75.6	88.4	82.5	84.9	93.9	91.0	92.1
Use 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	94.1	96.3	95.4
<i>Parents think it wrong</i>																		
Daily alcohol use	96.0	92.0	93.7	96.4	96.2	96.3	96.9	95.1	95.8	97.1	97.8	97.5	95.2	96.4	95.9	98.5	97.0	97.6
Smoke tobacco	99.1	93.1	95.6	99.0	95.8	97.2	98.1	97.9	98.0	98.1	99.5	99.0	96.9	98.9	98.1	98.3	98.0	98.1
Smoke marijuana	96.2	83.6	89.0	96.5	88.4	91.8	96.1	87.5	90.9	95.2	94.7	94.9	94.7	91.6	92.8	97.0	95.3	96.0
Use prescription drugs	97.0	96.7	96.8	98.4	97.7	98.0	97.8	97.0	97.3	96.5	99.9	98.5	96.6	98.8	97.9	97.6	98.9	98.4

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

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

	Saint 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	--	6.9	0.0	20.0	--	6.9	--	--	13.4	10.1	17.7	--	13.4	--
Bought in a restaurant, bar, or club	--	5.6	8.6	0.0	--	5.6	--	--	3.2	3.5	2.8	--	3.2	--
Bought at a public event	--	6.4	0.0	18.7	--	6.4	--	--	1.2	0.6	1.9	--	1.2	--
Someone bought it for me	--	2.3	0.0	6.6	--	2.3	--	--	7.1	7.0	7.3	--	7.1	--
Someone gave it to me	--	10.3	9.4	12.1	--	10.3	--	--	41.1	43.9	37.3	--	41.1	--
Took it from a store	--	12.9	0.0	37.4	--	12.9	--	--	2.1	1.3	3.1	--	2.1	--
Took it from a family member	--	22.6	34.5	0.0	--	22.6	--	--	12.8	15.2	9.5	--	12.8	--
Some other way	--	32.9	47.5	5.2	--	32.9	--	--	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, Saint Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Saint 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	--	45.2	54.7	10.4	--	45.2	--	--	43.3	44.6	41.3	--	43.3	--
Another person's home	--	20.2	22.5	11.7	--	20.2	--	--	30.3	31.4	29.0	--	30.3	--
Car or other vehicle	--	3.9	0.0	18.1	--	3.9	--	--	2.2	1.6	3.1	--	2.2	--
Restaurant, bar, or club	--	3.2	0.0	15.0	--	3.2	--	--	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	--	2.7	3.5	0.0	--	2.7	--	--	2.9	2.6	3.4	--	2.9	--
School property	--	6.1	0.0	28.2	--	6.1	--	--	1.5	0.9	2.3	--	1.5	--
Some other place	--	18.7	19.3	16.6	--	18.7	--	--	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, Saint Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Saint 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	34.2	18.0	--	29.3	--	--	33.2	34.8	30.9	--	33.2	--
2	--	14.0	10.7	21.4	--	14.0	--	--	23.0	25.2	20.0	--	23.0	--
3	--	25.9	21.8	35.2	--	25.9	--	--	17.8	17.8	17.6	--	17.8	--
4	--	3.7	0.0	12.1	--	3.7	--	--	7.0	7.0	7.1	--	7.0	--
5 or more	--	27.1	33.3	13.3	--	27.1	--	--	19.0	15.1	24.5	--	19.0	--

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

Table 13. Percentages of Saint 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, 2024

	Saint 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	2.5	2.4	4.4	0.6	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.6	3.4	3.7	2.4	2.5	3.7	3.1
Smoking marijuana	4.0	3.4	4.9	2.4	4.0	3.3	3.6	3.1	7.9	6.8	5.0	3.2	8.5	5.9
Using another drug to get high	5.3	1.5	3.9	2.2	3.8	2.0	3.0	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.7	2.4	2.1

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

	Saint 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	9.4	2.1	2.9	7.0	7.5	1.7	5.0	6.6	5.4	3.5	8.2	6.4	5.5	5.9
Selling drugs	1.9	1.9	2.4	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.0	2.0	1.1	2.0	1.0	2.1	1.6
Attempting to steal a vehicle	1.4	2.0	2.3	1.3	1.3	2.5	1.8	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Being arrested	1.8	2.7	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.9	2.4	1.7	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.7
Taking a handgun to school	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5
Getting suspended	17.1	13.0	12.2	17.0	15.8	13.5	14.6	16.9	10.9	11.2	15.8	15.8	11.9	13.5
Attacking someone with intent to harm	10.0	6.9	10.6	5.8	11.1	4.4	8.1	8.4	4.3	5.4	6.7	8.0	4.5	6.0

Table 15. Trends in delinquent behaviors for Saint Lucie 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	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	9.4	2.1	5.0
Selling drugs	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	1.9	1.9	1.9
Attempting to steal a vehicle	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	1.4	2.0	1.8
Being arrested	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	1.8	2.7	2.4
Taking a handgun to school	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	0.3	0.4	0.4
Getting suspended	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	17.1	13.0	14.6
Attacking someone with intent to harm	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	10.0	6.9	8.1

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

	Saint 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	35.3	20.9	35.1	18.3	28.9	24.1	26.7	28.8	25.5	35.1	18.9	28.5	26.0	26.9
At times I think I am no good at all	40.1	23.0	38.7	21.2	32.5	26.4	29.9	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	30.8	16.2	28.4	16.3	26.0	16.5	22.1	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?	40.2	28.4	41.4	25.1	35.5	30.3	33.2	42.6	39.3	50.7	30.9	42.0	39.6	40.7
Suicide (past 12 months)														
Seriously considered attempting suicide	15.2	10.9	18.6	7.0	13.1	12.3	12.6	14.8	12.4	17.8	8.9	14.7	12.8	13.4
Made a suicide plan	8.7	9.0	13.2	4.5	7.6	11.1	8.9	12.3	9.8	14.2	7.5	12.2	10.2	10.9
Attempted suicide one or more times	9.3	7.1	9.9	6.2	7.3	9.2	8.0	9.3	5.8	10.1	4.4	8.8	6.3	7.3
Suicide attempt that required medical care	3.0	2.7	3.7	2.0	2.5	3.4	2.8	2.1	1.4	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.7

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

	Saint 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
Skipped school because of bullying	7.7	5.7	9.9	3.4	7.5	5.1	6.5	10.0	8.6	13.7	4.7	9.6	8.9	9.2
Was ever kicked or shoved	47.9	31.6	39.6	36.8	40.3	35.9	38.2	46.6	27.4	36.6	34.3	45.0	27.6	35.5
Was ever taunted or teased	68.9	50.8	62.5	54.1	64.5	49.9	58.2	67.9	51.7	64.0	53.2	66.7	51.9	58.5
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	25.7	27.5	35.1	19.1	24.3	30.7	26.8	29.6	28.6	36.7	21.6	29.4	29.0	29.0
Ever physically bullied others	27.0	19.3	23.7	21.5	23.5	21.3	22.5	24.1	12.6	15.9	18.9	22.9	13.2	17.5
Ever verbally bullied others	45.7	27.8	33.9	35.8	40.3	28.2	35.1	37.4	26.2	30.0	31.8	36.3	26.7	30.9
Ever cyber bullied others	13.4	12.5	13.9	12.1	12.8	13.4	12.9	14.6	12.5	14.6	12.2	14.4	12.8	13.4

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

	Saint 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	--	7.1	9.4	4.7	--	9.4	--	--	13.3	17.8	8.8	--	13.6	--
Physical abuse	--	7.2	10.7	3.6	--	7.7	--	--	8.9	10.6	7.2	--	9.1	--
Sexual abuse	--	4.6	8.9	0.2	--	4.9	--	--	4.9	7.5	2.3	--	5.2	--
Parents separated or divorced	--	33.9	44.7	22.8	--	34.9	--	--	38.7	41.5	36.0	--	39.2	--
Physical abuse in household	--	4.2	7.2	1.2	--	4.1	--	--	6.9	8.6	5.2	--	7.1	--
Substance abuse in household	--	13.7	21.2	5.9	--	14.7	--	--	22.8	26.3	19.3	--	23.5	--
Mental illness in household	--	16.9	24.0	9.6	--	16.0	--	--	27.7	35.0	20.4	--	28.2	--
Incarcerated household member	--	13.3	19.9	6.5	--	13.6	--	--	21.7	23.2	20.2	--	22.1	--
Emotional neglect	--	20.1	24.7	15.5	--	22.8	--	--	25.1	30.4	19.7	--	25.5	--
Physical neglect	--	7.3	9.6	4.9	--	8.6	--	--	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 Saint Lucie County and Florida Statewide high school youth, 2024

	Saint 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	--	48.5	36.5	60.6	--	48.5	--	--	37.9	31.9	43.9	--	37.9	--
1 ACE	--	25.3	27.3	23.5	--	25.3	--	--	20.6	20.2	21.1	--	20.6	--
2 ACEs	--	8.8	9.6	8.0	--	8.8	--	--	13.4	13.9	13.0	--	13.4	--
3 ACEs	--	6.1	8.8	3.4	--	6.1	--	--	10.0	11.2	8.9	--	10.0	--
4 ACEs	--	4.4	7.2	1.6	--	4.4	--	--	7.0	8.4	5.5	--	7.0	--
5 ACEs	--	1.9	3.0	0.7	--	1.9	--	--	4.4	5.4	3.4	--	4.4	--
6 ACEs	--	1.8	2.1	1.5	--	1.8	--	--	2.8	3.6	2.0	--	2.8	--
7 ACEs	--	1.0	1.4	0.6	--	1.0	--	--	1.9	2.7	1.1	--	1.9	--
8 ACEs	--	0.2	0.4	0.0	--	0.2	--	--	1.1	1.5	0.6	--	1.1	--
9 ACEs	--	1.1	1.9	0.2	--	1.1	--	--	0.5	0.8	0.3	--	0.5	--
10 ACEs	--	1.0	1.9	0.0	--	1.0	--	--	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 Saint Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with statements indicating impulsiveness or a lack of self-control, 2024

	Saint 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	24.7	27.8	28.0	25.1	25.6	28.2	26.6	30.7	28.0	31.4	27.0	30.4	28.0	29.2
I'm more concerned with the short run	28.0	23.8	25.4	25.5	26.1	24.3	25.5	27.7	23.1	27.2	22.9	27.4	23.2	25.1
Getting in trouble is exciting	24.9	19.2	24.9	18.4	22.8	20.1	21.5	26.9	25.3	26.7	25.2	26.6	25.7	26.0
Excitement is more important than security	24.6	19.7	23.5	20.0	22.8	20.6	21.6	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	23.4	24.4	26.6	21.7	22.3	26.9	24.0	28.4	21.1	27.3	21.1	27.3	21.4	24.2
I get upset when I have a disagreement with someone	43.6	26.7	40.0	26.9	39.0	26.8	33.4	47.0	34.8	48.8	31.2	46.1	34.9	39.9

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

	Saint 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	44.1	44.6	42.8	46.0	44.4	43.9	44.4	38.2	38.2	35.6	40.9	38.4	38.4	38.2
Organized Sports Outside of School	40.2	29.8	31.2	37.0	35.4	32.4	34.0	43.6	25.7	29.5	37.0	42.0	25.9	33.3
School Band	8.7	8.9	9.6	8.1	9.2	8.2	8.8	16.7	8.1	11.7	11.7	15.8	8.1	11.7
School Club(s)	16.4	12.5	15.9	11.9	16.2	10.7	14.1	22.3	33.2	35.8	21.6	23.1	32.8	28.6
Community Club(s)	8.5	6.9	9.8	5.4	7.8	7.4	7.5	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 Saint Lucie County and Florida Statewide youth, 2024

	Saint 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	--	9.5	14.4	4.9	--	10.2	--	--	12.4	14.1	10.7	--	12.5	--
Marijuana	--	10.4	15.6	5.6	--	11.4	--	--	14.8	16.7	13.0	--	14.8	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>														
Alcohol	--	1.0	0.7	1.4	--	1.5	--	--	2.4	2.1	2.8	--	2.3	--
Marijuana	--	1.6	1.8	1.4	--	1.8	--	--	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 Saint Lucie 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	--	19.5	--	--	16.2	--	--	11.4	--	--	8.0	--	--	6.5	--	--	9.5	--
Marijuana	--	29.6	--	--	20.4	--	--	20.4	--	--	12.4	--	--	12.0	--	--	10.4	--
<i>Driving a vehicle</i>																		
Alcohol	--	7.1	--	--	3.9	--	--	3.5	--	--	2.2	--	--	0.6	--	--	1.0	--
Marijuana	--	11.9	--	--	9.1	--	--	9.6	--	--	2.9	--	--	1.8	--	--	1.6	--

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

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

Domain	Scale	Saint 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	52	58	55	58	59	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	47	57	49	52	54	55
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	41	63	49	62	57	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	40	67	45	57	53	58
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	39	38	43	54	56	62
Average Prevalence Rate		44	57	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 Saint Lucie County, Florida Statewide youth, and the national normative database, 2024

Domain	Scale	Saint 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	42	15	40	25	42	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	30	11	30	13	45	45
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	26	21	24	29	25	42
Family	Poor Family Management	55	49	47	35	44	45
	Family Conflict	43	19	40	30	42	37
School	Poor Academic Performance	45	44	45	45	45	48
	Lack of Commitment to School	82	67	76	68	47	46
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	56	31	54	38	40	46
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	27	18	27	22	39	45
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	18	9	19	11	41	46
Average Prevalence Rate		42	28	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 Saint Lucie County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Saint Lucie County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	55	60	54	54	49	52
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	46	55	47	52	40	47
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	47	46	45	45	44	41
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	41	48	39	37	43	40
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	44	48	42	38	34	39
Average Prevalence Rate		46	50	45	45	42	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 Saint Lucie County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Saint Lucie County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	40	40	38	50	46	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	43	40	37	29	27	30
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	24	25	23	13	19	26
Family	Poor Family Management	43	45	45	50	51	55
	Family Conflict	44	41	46	42	41	43
School	Poor Academic Performance	46	44	45	38	48	45
	Lack of Commitment to School	54	57	65	72	76	82
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	47	46	45	51	53	56
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	40	35	36	39	34	27
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	30	26	26	21	22	18
Average Prevalence Rate		41	40	41	40	42	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 28. Protective factor prevalence rate trends among high school students for Saint Lucie County, 2014 to 2024

Domain	Scale	Saint Lucie County					
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	54	56	58	57	46	58
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	51	56	51	55	38	57
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	57	55	62	51	60	63
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	54	56	46	46	52	67
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	47	58	56	64	45	38
Average Prevalence Rate		52	58	55	55	48	57

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 Saint Lucie County, 2014 to 2024

Domain		Scale	Saint Lucie County					
			2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
Community	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use		35	31	28	35	30	15
	Perceived Availability of Drugs		31	20	21	37	9	11
	Perceived Availability of Handguns		39	32	36	29	22	21
Family	Poor Family Management		42	41	38	28	45	49
	Family Conflict		37	36	35	43	28	19
School	Poor Academic Performance		47	46	43	39	50	44
	Lack of Commitment to School		54	56	58	65	61	67
Peer and Individual	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior		40	38	33	41	38	31
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use		43	32	28	25	16	18
	Early Initiation of Drug Use		35	18	18	8	6	9
Average Prevalence Rate			40	35	34	35	31	28

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.