

2005-2007 NEVADA YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

State Comparative Data (in percentages)

Behavior	State 2005 YRBS		State 2007 YRBS	
	Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School
Have lived in Nevada less than 3 years	14.1	12.3	14.6	12.5
Have gone to school in district where they now attend school less than 3 years	27.5	20.6	27.9	20.1
Describe their grades in school as C or above during the past 12 months	78.9	84.8	78.4	85.7
Missed classes or school without permission on 1 or more of the past 30 days	*	*	24.6	39.1
Performed organized community service as a non-paid volunteer during past 30 days	*	*	18.4	27.7
Participated in the DARE program at one or more grade levels	83.9	**	85.2	**
Thought about dropping out of school during the past 12 months	26.8***	31.5***	12.3	15.7
Will complete or probably will complete a post high school program	66.0	77.7	70.0	80.1
Parents or other adults they live with know where they are only sometimes, rarely, or never when they are away from home	13.1	17.1	15.8	19.4
Worked at least 5 hrs/wk at a paying job during the school year	**	26.2	**	19.8
Rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car	10.5	12.2	9.9	10.3
Rarely or never wear a helmet when riding a bicycle	61.5	**	63.1	**
Rarely or never wear a helmet when rollerblading or riding a skateboard	42.7	**	44.8	**
Usual method of getting to/from school is walking or riding a bicycle	24.7	**	23.2	**
Rode in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol in past 30 days ("ever rode" for middle school in 2007)	20.4	26.4	30.3	23.4
Drove a car or other vehicle when they had been drinking alcohol in past 30 days	7.2	10.4	**	8.7
Feel safe and secure in their neighborhood only sometimes, rarely, or never	26.5	16.7	27.2	17.9
Feel safe and secure at school only sometimes, rarely, or never	32.4	26.2	30.7	26.5
Did not go to school on one or more of past 30 days because they felt unsafe at school or on the way to or from school	11.2	9.4	9.3	7.0
Feel accepted at school only sometimes, rarely, or never	32.1	25.5	31.7	25.7
Were the victim of a verbal slur re: race or ethnic background in past 30 days	27.7	20.7	23.2	22.4

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Ever belonged to a street gang	13.9	12.6	9.8	10.3
Believe there is gang activity at their school	31.5	41.5	32.5	41.8
Were in a physical fight in the past 12 months ("ever" in middle school in 2007)	40.4	34.5	51.4	31.6
Ever were in a physical fight in which they were hurt and had to be treated by a doctor or nurse	*	**	6.0	**
Were in a physical fight on school property in the past 12 months ("ever" in middle school in 2007)	21.3	14.2	30.3	11.3
Carried a weapon on 1 or more of the past 30 days ("ever carried" in middle school in 2007)	14.3	18.4	29.8	14.5
Carried a weapon on school property on 1 or more of the past 30 days ("ever carried" for middle school in 2007)	5.8	6.8	8.3	4.7
Were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property in past 12 months	8.3	8.1	**	7.8
Were hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by boyfriend/girlfriend in past 12 months	9.8	10.7	7.2	9.4
Ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they didn't want to	**	9.5	**	7.6
Felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 or more weeks in a row in the past 12 months that they stopped doing some usual activities	29.3	27.8	**	26.1
Seriously considered attempting suicide in the past 12 months	17.5	16.1	22.3	14.3
Made a plan about how they would attempt suicide in the past 12 months	**	15.0	15.1	14.2
Actually attempted suicide in the past 12 months	12.5	8.7	10.1	8.9
Of those who attempted suicide in past 12 months, attempts resulted in injury, poisoning, or overdose requiring treatment by doctor or nurse	**	40.9	**	37.3
Ever tried cigarette smoking	29.0	52.0	25.6	44.7
Smoked first whole cigarette before age 13	14.4	16.1	11.2	12.6
Smoked on one or more of the past 30 days	9.7	18.3	7.0	13.6
Of those who reported current smoking, smoked more than 10 cigarettes per day in past 30 days	**	11.8	**	9.1
Of current cigarette smokers under 18, bought cigarettes in store or gas station in past 30 days	7.7	13.2	5.4	10.1
Ever smoked daily	*	*	3.8	**
Percentage of students who were not asked to show proof of age when they bought or tried to buy cigarettes in the past 30 days	71.6	45.5	**	48.3
Smoked cigarettes on school property in past 30 days	4.1	6.8	**	5.0
Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on one or more of the past 30 days	3.4	5.9	4.0	4.5
Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on school property on one or more of the past 30 days	**	3.6	**	2.7
Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars in past 30 days	*	*	7.6	**
Ever had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	48.3	74.1	38.5	71.6

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Had first drink of alcohol before age 13	34.0	31.1	31.1	24.6
Drank alcohol on one or more of past 30 days	**	41.4	**	37.0
Had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row in past 30 days	13.9	24.8	**	21.1
Drank alcohol on school property during past 30 days	5.3	6.8	**	4.4
Among current alcohol users, bought alcohol in a store or gas station in past 30 days	**	**	**	4.3
Ever used marijuana	**	39.3	13.2	35.3
Used marijuana for the first time before age 13	10.0	12.3	9.4	8.4
Used marijuana in the past 30 days	8.3	17.3	**	15.5
Used marijuana on school property in the past 30 days	3.4	5.7	**	3.6
Ever used any form of cocaine	6.0	11.1	4.2	7.8
Used any form of cocaine during past 30 days	**	5.4	**	2.4
Ever sniffed glue, breathed contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled paints/sprays to get high	**	15.3	10.6	12.9
Sniffed glue, breathed contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled paints/sprays to get high in past 30 days	11.1	6.3	**	4.3
Ever used steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription	**	5.5	2.7	3.8
Ever used methamphetamines (speed, crystal, crank, ice)	5.5	11.7	3.5	6.3
Ever used other illegal drugs (heroin, hallucinogens, depressants, tranquilizers)	5.2	12.5	**	10.0
Ever used over-the-counter drugs to get high	7.0	14.1	3.4	10.1
Ever used a needle to inject any illegal drug	2.8	3.9	**	2.0
Were offered, sold, or given illegal drug on school property during past 12 months	19.7	32.6	**	28.8
Gambled (betting on cards, games of personal skills, or sports teams; buying lottery tickets; or gambling in a casino) in the past 12 months	31.4	41.2	23.3	33.8
Think parents/guardians would approve or not care if they attended a party where alcohol was available	**	18.6	**	15.5
Think parents/guardians would approve or not care if they smoked marijuana	7.9	9.2	**	6.6
Believe it is important or very important for schools to address today's problems (drug abuse, AIDS/HIV, violence, teen pregnancy, abuse, and suicide)	86.9	83.6	86.3	86.8
Ever had sexual intercourse	**	44.1	**	42.8
Had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13	**	7.7	**	5.6
Have had sexual intercourse with 4 or more partners during their lifetime	**	15.2	**	13.1
Have had sexual intercourse in past 3 months	**	30.8	**	30.5
Of those who are sexually active, drank alcohol or used drugs before the last time they had sex	**	22.8	**	21.5
Of those who are sexually active, used condom or partner used a condom the last time they had sex	**	62.4	**	69.1

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Of those who are sexually active, used withdrawal or no method at all to prevent pregnancy the last time they had sex	**	21.6	**	19.3
Ever been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant	**	5.4	**	4.2
Ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school	54.8	85.1	50.5	82.3
Believe they are slightly or very overweight	25.1	30.0	23.2	28.6
Are trying to lose weight	46.9	48.6	43.3	45.0
Exercised to lose weight in the past 30 days	**	65.3	**	63.8
Ate less food, fewer calories, or foods low in fat to lose weight in the past 30 days	**	41.0	**	37.7
Went without eating for 24 hours or more to lose weight in the past 30 days	**	11.8	**	11.1
Used diet pills, powders, or liquids without a doctor's advice to lose weight in the past 30 days	**	8.6	**	6.6
Vomited or took laxatives to lose weight in the past 30 days	**	7.6	**	5.0
Drank 100% fruit juice one or more times per day during the past 7 days	*	*	**	27.8
Ate fruit one or more times per day during the past 7 days	35.9	**	**	26.0
Ate green salad one or more times per day during the past 7 days	**	9.8	**	10.8
Ate potatoes (not counting french fries, fried potatoes, or potato chips) one or more times per day during the past 7 days	*	*	**	6.8
Ate carrots one or more times per day during the past 7 days	*	*	**	4.8
Ate other vegetables one or more times per day during the past 7 days	*	*	**	17.3
Drank can, bottle, or glass of non-diet soda or pop one or more times per day during the past 7 days	*	*	**	23.5
Drank 3 or more glasses per day of milk during the past 7 days	20.5	16.6	**	14.4
Were physically active for a total of 60 minutes per day on 3 or more of the past 7 days	*	*	74.7	68.5
Watched TV 3 or more hours per day on an average school day	*	*	42.7	35.1
Played video or computer games or used a computer for non-school work 3 or more hours per day on an average school day	*	*	28.5	24.0
Attended P.E. class daily in average school week	*	*	51.3	**
Played on one or more sports teams during the past 12 months	*	*	57.9	**
Saw a doctor or nurse for an injury that happened while exercising or playing sports in past 30 days	*	*	**	15.7

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