

2015 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY RESULTS

Los Angeles Middle School Survey Risk Behaviors and Sexual Identity Report

Unintentional Injuries/Violence

Health Risk Behavior	Heterosexual		Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual		Heterosexual More Likely Than Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual [†]	Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual More Likely Than Heterosexual [†]	No Difference [†]
	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN6: Percentage of students who never or rarely wore a bicycle helmet (among students who had ridden a bicycle)	70.3 (64.2-75.7)	664	70.7 (60.2-79.3)	47			●
QN7: Percentage of students who never or rarely wore a helmet when rollerblading or skateboarding (among students who used rollerblades or rode a skateboard)	81.8 (76.2-86.2)	514	90.5 (70.7-97.4)	43			●
QN8: Percentage of students who never or rarely wore a seat belt (when riding in a car)	4.4 (3.1-6.3)	1,037	8.5 (4.2-16.2)	78			●
QN9: Percentage of students who rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol (in a car)	17.7 (14.2-21.9)	1,026	22.4 (12.0-37.9)	78			●
QN10: Percentage of students who carried a weapon (such as a gun, knife, or club)	17.1 (14.5-20.2)	1,028	28.5 (18.5-41.1)	77			●
QN11: Percentage of students who were in a physical fight	40.1 (37.3-43.0)	1,026	55.7 (38.1-71.9)	77			●

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QN12: Percentage of students who were injured in a physical fight (injuries had to be treated by a doctor or nurse)	5.9 (4.1-8.3)	1,028	7.8 (2.6-21.0)	77			●
QN13: Percentage of students who were bullied on school property	31.6 (28.9-34.5)	1,039	51.1 (37.9-64.2)	79		●	
QN14: Percentage of students who were electronically bullied (including through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, web sites, or texting)	15.7 (13.0-18.7)	1,037	29.8 (20.0-41.9)	78		●	
QN15: Percentage of students who seriously thought about killing themselves	20.6 (17.8-23.6)	1,020	45.9 (30.4-62.2)	75		●	
QN16: Percentage of students who made a plan about how they would kill themselves	13.0 (11.1-15.1)	1,030	36.3 (24.8-49.5)	78		●	
QN17: Percentage of students who tried to kill themselves	7.2 (5.9-8.7)	1,026	29.5 (16.8-46.3)	78		●	

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QN18: Percentage of students who ever tried cigarette smoking (even one or two puffs)	12.7 (10.8-14.8)	998	26.6 (18.1-37.3)	76		●	
QN19: Percentage of students who smoked a whole cigarette before age 11 years (for the first time)	2.5 (1.5-4.3)	994	4.6 (1.3-14.9)	75			●
QN20: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	2.6 (1.8-3.8)	979	8.2 (3.3-18.9)	73			●
QNFRCIG: Percentage of students who currently frequently smoked cigarettes (on 20 or more days during the 30 days before the survey)	0.5 (0.2-1.3)	979	4.9 (1.4-16.0)	73			●
QNDAYCIG: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes daily (on all 30 days during the 30 days before the survey)	0.4 (0.1-1.3)	979	4.9 (1.4-16.0)	73			●
QN21: Percentage of students who smoked more than 10 cigarettes per day (during the 30 days before the survey, among students who currently smoked cigarettes on the days they smoked)	-	23	-	5			

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QN22: Percentage of students who usually obtained their own cigarettes by buying them in a store or gas station (during the 30 days before the survey, among the students who currently smoked cigarettes)	-	22	-	5			
QN23: Percentage of students who currently used smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	2.6 (1.5-4.4)	1,030	6.2 (2.3-15.6)	78			●
QN24: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigars (cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	4.3 (3.0-6.3)	1,030	14.1 (6.8-27.0)	79		●	
QN25: Percentage of students who ever used electronic vapor products (e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, and hookah pens such as blu, NJOY, or Starbuzz)	27.2 (23.7-31.0)	997	42.4 (32.2-53.3)	77		●	
QN26: Percentage of students who currently used electronic vapor products (e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, and hookah pens such as blu, NJOY, or Starbuzz on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	14.0 (12.1-16.0)	994	21.6 (13.1-33.5)	77			●

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QNTOB4: Percentage of students who currently used tobacco (current cigarette, smokeless tobacco, cigar, or electronic vapor product use on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	16.7 (14.3-19.4)	971	29.4 (22.4-37.5)	76		●	
QNTOB3: Percentage of students who currently used cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	6.0 (4.1-8.6)	989	17.9 (9.6-30.9)	76		●	
QNTOB2: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes or cigars (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	5.2 (3.5-7.7)	987	15.9 (8.0-29.2)	76		●	

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Alcohol/Other Drug Use

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN27: Percentage of students who ever drank alcohol (other than a few sips)	24.1 (20.8-27.7)	964	45.9 (34.1-58.3)	68		●	
QN28: Percentage of students who drank alcohol for the first time before age 11 years (other than a few sips)	10.7 (8.8-13.0)	949	16.1 (9.0-26.9)	69			●
QN29: Percentage of students who ever used marijuana (during their life)	12.2 (9.8-15.1)	997	33.4 (20.7-49.0)	66		●	
QN30: Percentage of students who tried marijuana before age 11 years (for the first time)	3.1 (2.0-4.6)	1,002	9.4 (3.6-22.2)	69			●
QN31: Percentage of students who ever used any form of cocaine (such as powder, crack, or freebase during their life)	2.8 (1.8-4.4)	1,035	16.6 (8.6-29.8)	75		●	
QN32: Percentage of students who ever used inhalants (sniffed glue, breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high during their life)	6.7 (5.3-8.4)	1,030	20.3 (11.8-32.8)	77		●	

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN33: Percentage of students who ever took steroids without a doctor's prescription (pills or shots during their life)	2.3 (1.4-3.7)	1,035	11.4 (5.1-23.4)	77		●	
QN34: Percentage of students who ever took prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription (such as Oxycontin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax, during their life)	3.1 (2.1-4.7)	1,033	8.1 (3.4-18.2)	77			●

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Sexual Behaviors

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN35: Percentage of students who ever had sexual intercourse	6.7 (5.0-8.9)	951	18.9 (12.3-28.1)	62		●	
QN36: Percentage of students who had sexual intercourse before age 11 years (for the first time)	2.1 (1.4-3.2)	948	3.4 (0.9-11.5)	62			●
QN37: Percentage of students who had sexual intercourse with three or more persons (during their life)	1.8 (1.0-3.4)	945	7.1 (2.6-17.6)	62			●
QN38: Percentage of students who did not use a condom (during last sexual intercourse among students who ever had sexual intercourse)	49.3 (34.0-64.8)	60	-	12			

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Dietary Behaviors

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN39: Percentage of students who described themselves as slightly or very overweight	27.8 (24.6-31.3)	1,026	34.2 (23.1-47.5)	79			●
QN40: Percentage of students who were not trying to lose weight	48.8 (45.6-52.1)	1,023	48.5 (38.3-58.8)	78			●
QN41: Percentage of students who did not eat breakfast (during the 7 days before the survey)	9.6 (7.6-12.1)	1,018	18.4 (12.6-26.0)	78		●	
QNBK7DAY: Percentage of students who did not eat breakfast on all 7 days (during the 7 days before the survey)	50.2 (46.0-54.5)	1,018	66.4 (54.3-76.6)	78		●	

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Physical Activity

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN42: Percentage of students who were not physically active at least 60 minutes per day on 5 or more days (doing any kind of physical activity that increased their heart rate and made them breathe hard some of the time during the 7 days before the survey)	39.8 (32.9-47.1)	997	50.2 (35.1-65.4)	78			●
QNPA0DAY: Percentage of students who did not participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 1 day (doing any kind of physical activity that increased their heart rate and made them breathe hard some of the time during the 7 days before the survey)	9.7 (7.2-13.0)	997	17.3 (8.4-32.4)	78			●
QNPA7DAY: Percentage of students who were not physically active at least 60 minutes per day on all 7 days (doing any kind of physical activity that increased their heart rate and made them breathe hard some of the time during the 7 days before the survey)	64.6 (59.3-69.6)	997	75.1 (62.0-84.8)	78			●
QN43: Percentage of students who watched television 3 or more hours per day (on an average school day)	32.6 (29.1-36.3)	996	26.6 (17.0-39.0)	77			●
QN44: Percentage of students who played video or computer games or used a computer 3 or more hours per day (for something that was not school work on an average school day)	45.0 (40.6-49.5)	1,002	51.3 (34.4-67.9)	77			●

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN45: Percentage of students who did not attend physical education classes on 1 or more days (in an average week when they were in school)	4.0 (3.0-5.3)	987	0.3 (0.0-3.0)	76	●		
QNDLYPE: Percentage of students who did not attend physical education classes on all 5 days (in an average week when they were in school)	26.2 (13.2-45.5)	987	32.6 (16.9-53.5)	76			●
QN46: Percentage of students who did not play on at least one sports team (run by their school or community groups during the past 12 months)	43.9 (38.9-48.9)	988	60.0 (40.8-76.5)	72			●
QN48: Percentage of students who did not have 8 or more hours of sleep (on an average school night)	39.8 (36.2-43.5)	980	64.9 (52.6-75.5)	77		●	

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Other

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN47: Percentage of students who had ever been told by a doctor or nurse that they had asthma	19.0 (16.4-21.9)	965	13.0 (7.2-22.4)	72			●

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN50: Percentage of students who reported that their property had been stolen or deliberately damaged on school property one or more times (such as their car, clothing, or books, during the 12 months before the survey)	32.9 (29.6-36.3)	1,040	51.3 (41.8-60.8)	79		●	
QN51: Percentage of students who have been a member of a gang (during the 12 months before the survey)	4.8 (3.4-6.6)	1,036	7.6 (2.8-18.9)	79			●
QN52: Percentage of students who have been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to (during the 12 months before the survey)	2.0 (1.3-3.2)	1,023	7.6 (4.2-13.5)	77		●	
QN53: Percentage of students who have been the victim of teasing or name calling because of their weight, size, or physical appearance (during the 12 months before the survey)	31.3 (27.3-35.7)	1,032	47.3 (34.2-60.7)	78		●	
QN54: Percentage of students who have been the victim of teasing or name calling because someone thought they were gay, lesbian, or bisexual (during the 12 months before the survey)	10.0 (8.0-12.4)	1,026	36.1 (22.1-52.9)	79		●	

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QN55: Percentage of students who did something to purposely hurt themselves without wanting to die (such as cutting or burning themselves on purpose one or more times during the 12 months before the survey)	21.5 (18.8-24.4)	1,030	38.2 (24.8-53.5)	78		●	
QN56: Percentage of students who ever smoked cigarettes daily (at least one cigarette every day for 30 days)	3.8 (2.6-5.4)	1,026	6.3 (2.1-17.3)	77			●
QN57: Percentage of students who have ever used methamphetamines (also called speed, crystal, crank, or ice)	2.1 (1.3-3.3)	1,019	8.8 (3.0-23.6)	77			●
QN58: Percentage of students who have ever used ecstasy (also called MDMA)	2.0 (1.1-3.5)	1,032	3.8 (1.1-12.5)	75			●
QN59: Percentage of students who have ever taken over-the-counter drugs to get high	3.2 (2.2-4.8)	1,031	9.2 (4.1-19.4)	75			●
QN60: Percentage of students who have ever attended school under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs (such as marijuana or cocaine)	7.7 (5.9-10.0)	1,030	17.2 (9.0-30.5)	77			●

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QN61: Percentage of students who have had oral sex	8.7 (7.0-10.8)	1,020	18.6 (11.4-28.9)	74		●	
QN64: Percentage of students who have ever gone without eating for 24 hours or more to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight (also called fasting)	16.5 (14.2-19.1)	1,020	26.6 (15.5-41.7)	73			●
QN65: Percentage of students who have ever taken any diet pills, powders, or liquids without a doctor's advice to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight	3.7 (2.7-4.9)	1,017	15.6 (8.2-27.8)	76		●	
QN66: Percentage of students who have ever vomited or taken laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight	5.0 (3.7-6.6)	1,000	22.4 (15.3-31.6)	72		●	
QN67: Percentage of students who have not been taught or are not sure if they have been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school	48.8 (37.3-60.4)	989	49.0 (38.7-59.3)	72			●
QN68: Percentage of students who have not had or are not sure if they have had sex education in school	46.2 (37.8-54.8)	994	48.7 (38.3-59.3)	74			●

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QN69: Percentage of students who have not been taught in school or are not sure if they have been taught in school about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)	41.4 (30.4-53.2)	987	39.7 (28.8-51.9)	75			●
QN70: Percentage of students who have not been taught or are not sure if they have ever been taught in school about birth control methods	64.4 (53.6-73.8)	998	57.2 (43.7-69.7)	75			●
QN71: Percentage of students who have not been taught in school or are not sure if they have ever been taught in school about the benefits of not having sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)	51.4 (40.2-62.5)	991	43.6 (33.0-54.8)	75			●
QN72: Percentage of students who reported their parents or other adults in their family have not ever talked with them about what they expect them to do or not to do when it comes to sex or who were not sure if their parents or other adults had ever talked with them	56.9 (51.4-62.3)	985	46.6 (35.3-58.2)	74			●
QN73: Percentage of students who reported their doctor or nurse had not discussed ways to prevent pregnancy, AIDS, or other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) or they were not sure if they had (during their last check-up, among students who have had a check-up)	76.1 (71.2-80.4)	834	62.6 (49.8-73.8)	63	●		

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QN74: Percentage of students who never had the HPV vaccine or were not sure if they ever had the HPV vaccine, a vaccine to prevent human papillomavirus or HPV infection (also called the cervical cancer vaccine, HPV shot, or GARDASIL)	83.4 (78.9-87.0)	965	83.3 (70.3-91.3)	74			●
QN75: Percentage of students who reported there is not at least one teacher or other adult in their school that they can talk to if they have a problem or who were not sure if there is at least one teacher or other adult in their school that they can talk to if they have a problem	41.9 (37.5-46.5)	972	58.0 (42.9-71.7)	71		●	
QN76: Percentage of students who sometimes, rarely, or never feel safe and secure at school	37.0 (30.5-44.1)	960	65.8 (48.8-79.6)	74		●	

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