

2017 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			
QN7: Percentage of students who rarely or never wore a helmet when rollerblading or skateboarding (among students who used rollerblades or rode a skateboard)	71.6 (64.0-78.1)	578	-	23			
QN8: Percentage of students who rarely or never wore a seat belt (when riding in a car)	4.8 (3.6-6.4)	1,245	4.3 (2.0-9.1)	86			●
QN9: Percentage of students who ever rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol (in a car)	14.6 (11.3-18.7)	1,236	31.1 (22.0-42.1)	86		●	
QN10: Percentage of students who ever carried a weapon (such as a gun, knife, or club)	21.5 (18.6-24.7)	1,228	23.8 (15.0-35.5)	85			●
QN11: Percentage of students who were ever in a physical fight	41.0 (36.0-46.3)	1,240	44.2 (30.8-58.4)	86			●
QN12: Percentage of students who were ever bullied on school property	34.9 (31.3-38.6)	1,234	55.9 (46.8-64.7)	83		●	

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QN13: Percentage of students who were ever electronically bullied (counting being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media)	15.9 (13.5-18.7)	1,245	33.0 (19.8-49.6)	86		●	
QN14: Percentage of students who ever seriously thought about killing themselves	22.6 (20.0-25.4)	1,230	60.3 (45.5-73.4)	84		●	
QN15: Percentage of students who ever made a plan about how they would kill themselves	12.5 (10.4-15.0)	1,233	52.2 (39.8-64.4)	84		●	
QN16: Percentage of students who ever tried to kill themselves	8.2 (6.7-10.0)	1,234	33.7 (24.0-44.9)	84		●	

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QN17: Percentage of students who ever tried cigarette smoking (even one or two puffs)	9.1 (6.9-12.1)	1,183	19.6 (8.6-38.6)	80			●
QN18: Percentage of students who tried cigarette smoking for the first time before age 11 years (even one or two puffs)	4.1 (2.9-5.9)	1,187	9.5 (3.8-21.7)	81			●
QN19: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	1.7 (1.1-2.8)	1,220	2.3 (0.5-10.2)	84			●
QNFRCIG: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes frequently (on 20 or more days during the 30 days before the survey)	0.4 (0.1-1.7)	1,220	0.8 (0.1-6.5)	84			●
QNDAYCIG: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes daily (on all 30 days during the 30 days before the survey)	0.4 (0.1-1.7)	1,220	0.8 (0.1-6.5)	84			●
QN20: Percentage of students who smoked more than 10 cigarettes per day (on the days they smoked during the 30 days before the survey, among students who currently smoked cigarettes)	-	17	-	2			

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QN21: Percentage of students who ever used an electronic vapor product (including e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, and hookah pens [such as blu, NJOY, Vuse, MarkTen, Logic, Vapin Plus, eGo, and Halo])	21.5 (15.9-28.4)	1,213	33.3 (22.1-46.7)	84		●	
QN22: Percentage of students who currently used an electronic vapor product (including e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, and hookah pens [such as blu, NJOY, Vuse, MarkTen, Logic, Vapin Plus, eGo, and Halo], on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	9.2 (6.2-13.5)	1,211	15.2 (8.4-26.0)	84			●
QN24: Percentage of students who currently used smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, snus, or dissolvable tobacco products [such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, Copenhagen, Camel Snus, Marlboro Snus, General Snus, Ariva, Stonewall, or Camel Orbs], not counting any electronic vapor products, on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	2.7 (1.7-4.2)	1,241	7.3 (2.7-18.4)	85			●
QN25: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigars (cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars, on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	2.6 (1.7-4.0)	1,239	0.8 (0.1-6.4)	85			●

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QNTB2: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes or cigars (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	3.2 (2.3-4.6)	1,222	2.3 (0.5-10.3)	83			●
QNTB3: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes or cigars or used smokeless tobacco (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	4.5 (3.3-6.2)	1,226	7.6 (2.9-18.7)	82			●
QNTB4: Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes or cigars or used smokeless tobacco or electronic vapor products (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	11.5 (8.3-15.9)	1,210	18.1 (10.2-30.1)	82			●

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN26: Percentage of students who ever drank alcohol (other than a few sips)	27.1 (21.7-33.3)	1,144	38.8 (27.5-51.5)	80			●
QN27: Percentage of students who drank alcohol for the first time before age 11 years (other than a few sips)	12.6 (10.1-15.5)	1,135	18.3 (7.9-37.0)	79			●
QN28: Percentage of students who ever used marijuana	10.4 (7.3-14.6)	1,193	19.1 (9.0-36.2)	82			●
QN29: Percentage of students who tried marijuana for the first time before age 11 years	2.0 (1.1-3.5)	1,192	4.3 (1.3-13.8)	81			●
QN30: Percentage of students who ever used cocaine (any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase)	3.1 (2.1-4.5)	1,237	3.8 (1.4-10.0)	85			●
QN31: Percentage of students who ever used inhalants (sniffed glue, breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high)	6.2 (5.2-7.4)	1,236	14.6 (7.5-26.5)	85			●

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN32: Percentage of students who ever took steroids without a doctor's prescription (pills or shots)	2.2 (1.2-4.1)	1,235	2.3 (0.5-10.1)	84			●
QN33: Percentage of students who ever took prescription pain medicine without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told them to use it (counting drugs such as codeine, Vicodin, Oxycontin, hydrocodone, and Percocet)	4.6 (3.2-6.5)	1,238	6.0 (2.2-15.5)	85			●

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Sexual Behaviors

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN34: Percentage of students who ever had sexual intercourse	6.9 (4.8-9.8)	1,131	7.3 (2.7-17.9)	78			●
QN35: Percentage of students who had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 11 years	2.1 (1.3-3.3)	1,131	3.0 (0.7-11.6)	79			●
QN36: Percentage of students who ever had sexual intercourse with three or more persons	1.2 (0.7-2.0)	1,130	1.6 (0.2-11.9)	78			●
QN37: Percentage of students who did not use a condom during last sexual intercourse (among students who ever had sexual intercourse)	43.3 (28.4-59.5)	70	-	6			

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Dietary Behaviors

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN38: Percentage of students who described themselves as slightly or very overweight	30.8 (26.8-35.1)	1,208	46.6 (36.5-56.9)	84		●	
QN39: Percentage of students who were not trying to lose weight	45.3 (41.3-49.3)	1,216	36.2 (24.3-50.1)	84			●
QN40: Percentage of students who did not eat breakfast (during the 7 days before the survey)	8.4 (6.7-10.6)	1,219	11.9 (4.3-28.6)	84			●
QNBK7DAY: Percentage of students who did not eat breakfast on all 7 days (during the 7 days before the survey)	51.0 (47.1-54.8)	1,219	61.7 (47.4-74.3)	84			●

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN41: Percentage of students who were not physically active at least 60 minutes per day on 5 or more days (in 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)	39.0 (33.7-44.6)	1,201	54.2 (39.0-68.5)	83		●	
QNPA0DAY: Percentage of students who did not participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 1 day (in 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)	10.4 (8.0-13.3)	1,201	13.3 (7.6-22.0)	83			●
QNPA7DAY: Percentage of students who were not physically active at least 60 minutes per day on all 7 days (in 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)	65.7 (62.1-69.2)	1,201	73.2 (60.6-83.0)	83			●
QN42: Percentage of students who watched television 3 or more hours per day (on an average school day)	25.5 (21.1-30.4)	1,195	21.5 (10.5-38.9)	85			●
QN43: Percentage of students who played video or computer games or used a computer 3 or more hours per day (counting time spent on things such as Xbox, PlayStation, an iPad or other tablet, a smartphone, texting, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media, for something that was not school work, on an average school day)	47.3 (41.6-53.0)	1,208	57.2 (43.4-69.9)	85			●

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QN44: Percentage of students who did not attend physical education (PE) classes on 1 or more days (in an average week when they were in school)	2.0 (1.1-3.4)	1,198	0.7 (0.1-5.7)	83			●
QNDLYPE: Percentage of students who did not attend physical education classes on all 5 days (in an average week when they were in school)	25.0 (14.3-40.0)	1,198	25.6 (11.6-47.4)	83			●
QN45: Percentage of students who did not play on at least one sports team (counting any teams run by their school or community groups, during the past 12 months before the survey)	45.7 (39.4-52.2)	1,194	63.5 (52.5-73.3)	85		●	
QN46: Percentage of students who had a concussion from playing a sport or being physically active (one or more times during the 12 months before the survey)	19.1 (15.7-23.0)	1,202	26.5 (19.6-34.7)	85		●	
QN48: Percentage of students who did not get 8 or more hours of sleep (on an average school night)	45.2 (40.3-50.0)	1,185	63.5 (51.8-73.9)	80		●	

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
Health Risk Behavior							
QN47: Percentage of students who had ever been told by a doctor or nurse that they had asthma	14.8 (12.4-17.5)	1,170	24.4 (15.8-35.7)	80			●
QN49: Percentage of students who described their grades in school as mostly C's, D's, or F's (during the 12 months before the survey)	39.5 (31.1-48.6)	1,157	52.8 (41.3-64.0)	81		●	

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QN51: Percentage of students who are transgender	0.2 (0.1-0.7)	1,243	10.5 (5.8-18.2)	84		●	
QN53: Percentage of students who were injured in a physical fight (one or more times during the 12 months before the survey; injuries had to be treated by a doctor or nurse)	13.1 (9.9-17.1)	1,240	14.1 (8.0-23.7)	87			●
QN54: Percentage of students who have stolen or deliberately damaged someone's property on school property one or more times (such as their car, clothing, or books, during the 12 months before the survey)	18.8 (15.8-22.1)	1,229	18.7 (10.0-32.3)	85			●
QN55: Percentage of students who have been a member of a gang (during the 12 months before the survey)	4.4 (2.9-6.5)	1,237	5.3 (1.7-15.4)	87			●
QN56: 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)	3.0 (1.8-5.1)	1,240	9.6 (4.4-19.5)	87			●
QN57: Percentage of students who have been the victim of teasing or name calling because of their race or ethnic background (during the 12 months before the survey)	20.5 (17.5-24.0)	1,246	33.4 (26.0-41.7)	86		●	

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QN58: 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)	28.5 (25.9-31.2)	1,238	40.7 (29.2-53.4)	86			●
QN59: 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)	9.3 (7.3-11.9)	1,243	42.2 (36.7-47.9)	87		●	
QN60: Percentage of students who electronically bullied someone (counting bullying through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media, during the 12 months before the survey)	8.7 (6.1-12.2)	1,238	5.8 (2.4-13.4)	87			●
QN61: Percentage of students who have ever texted, e-mailed, or posted electronically a revealing or sexual photo of themselves	4.2 (2.7-6.3)	1,231	16.1 (8.1-29.5)	87		●	
QN62: Percentage of students who have ever received a text or an e-mail with a revealing or sexual photo of someone	23.6 (18.9-29.1)	1,235	42.8 (33.0-53.2)	87		●	
QN63: 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)	18.5 (15.7-21.8)	1,235	46.2 (31.9-61.1)	85		●	

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QN64: Percentage of students who smoked cigarettes on school property (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	2.2 (1.1-4.2)	1,236	2.2 (0.5-10.0)	86			●
QN65: Percentage of students who have ever used methamphetamines (also called speed, crystal, crank, or ice)	1.2 (0.8-1.9)	1,234	3.1 (0.8-11.0)	86			●
QN66: Percentage of students who have ever used ecstasy (also called MDMA)	1.0 (0.5-2.0)	1,218	2.1 (0.5-8.5)	84			●
QN67: Percentage of students who have ever taken over-the-counter drugs to get high	2.7 (1.6-4.7)	1,236	4.1 (1.3-11.8)	84			●
QN68: Percentage of students who have ever attended school under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs (such as marijuana or cocaine)	5.9 (4.3-8.1)	1,231	11.3 (4.9-24.0)	84			●
QN71: Percentage of students who had oral sex	4.6 (3.4-6.3)	1,181	7.6 (3.3-16.3)	79			●

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QN72: Percentage of students who had anal sex	2.5 (1.7-3.6)	1,186	6.5 (3.0-13.6)	80			●
QN73: Percentage of students who went without eating for 24 hours or more to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight (also called fasting, during the 30 days before the survey)	11.6 (9.3-14.4)	1,212	32.3 (24.4-41.3)	85		●	
QN74: Percentage of students who took some diet pills, powders, or liquids without a doctor's advice to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight (during the 30 days before the survey)	2.6 (1.7-4.0)	1,219	4.8 (1.6-13.4)	84			●
QN75: Percentage of students who vomited or took laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight (during the 30 days before the survey)	2.9 (2.1-4.1)	1,194	8.9 (4.8-16.0)	83		●	
QN77: Percentage of students who have not had or are not sure if they have had sex education in school	50.4 (39.9-60.8)	1,194	47.4 (36.2-58.9)	83			●
QN78: Percentage of students who have not been taught in school or are not sure if they have been taught in school about how to use a condom to prevent pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) (including HIV)	60.7 (49.2-71.1)	1,204	59.2 (37.5-77.8)	85			●

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QN79: Percentage of students who have not been taught in school or are not sure if they have been taught in school about how to use birth control methods or where to get birth control	83.5 (76.3-88.8)	1,195	78.2 (62.1-88.7)	85			●
QN80: Percentage of students who have not ever talked with or are not sure if they have talked with their parents or other adults in their family about how to say no to having sex	69.9 (67.3-72.4)	1,185	55.3 (41.9-68.1)	85	●		
QN81: Percentage of students who have never had or were not sure if they have ever had the HPV vaccine, a vaccine to prevent human papillomavirus or HPV infection (also called the cervical cancer vaccine, HPV shot, or GARDASIL)	86.0 (82.3-88.9)	1,177	74.5 (59.5-85.3)	84			●
QN82: 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)	77.0 (73.5-80.1)	1,073	83.2 (67.9-92.0)	76			●
QN83: Percentage of students who have not ever been taught or are not sure if they have ever been taught in school about where they could get sexual health services (such as birth control, condoms, or HIV or other sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing or treatment)	78.6 (71.6-84.2)	1,179	79.2 (64.9-88.6)	83			●

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	% 95% CI*	N	% 95% CI	N			
QN84: Percentage of students who did not have a teacher or other adult in their school help them find a place where they could get tested for HIV or other sexual transmitted diseases (STDs) (among students who needed to find a place for HIV or other STD testing during the 12 months before the survey)	88.4 (83.9-91.8)	564	-	28			
QN85: Percentage of students who have not used a guide or list of places to find sexual health services (such as birth control, condoms, or HIV or other sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing or treatment, during the 12 months before the survey)	96.9 (95.3-98.0)	1,152	97.1 (87.3-99.4)	81			●
QN86: Percentage of students who usually slept in the home of a friend, family member, or other person because they had to leave their home or their parent or guardian cannot afford housing (during the 30 days before the survey)	2.0 (1.3-3.0)	1,183	3.1 (1.0-9.3)	82			●
QN87: 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	36.1 (32.5-39.9)	1,164	42.7 (29.9-56.6)	78			●

*Confidence interval.

[†]Based on t-test analyses, p<0.05.

- = Fewer than 30 students in the denominator (subgroup).

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QN88: Percentage of students who strongly disagree, disagree, or are not sure that they feel like they belong at their school	30.3 (26.3-34.6)	1,177	59.0 (47.5-69.6)	82		●	
QN89: Percentage of students who sometimes, rarely, or never feel safe and secure at school	34.0 (29.4-38.9)	1,172	41.3 (31.2-52.3)	82			●
QN90: Percentage of students who strongly disagree, disagree, or are not sure that their teachers really care about them and give them a lot of encouragement	36.2 (31.7-41.0)	1,171	43.9 (32.3-56.2)	82			●

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