

The Policy of Youthful Behaviors:
Ninth to Twelfth grade behaviors that may label juveniles a sex offender under today's laws!

Youth Behaviors, 9th to 12th Grades	2003 YRBSS Survey Results				Averages of All YRBSS Surveys		
Sexual behavior survey questions:	Female	Male	Total	No. Of Youths †	Female	Male	No. of Surveys
Ever had sexual intercourse:	45.3%	48.0%	46.7%	7.754M	48.1%	52.1%	7*
Sexually active within 3-months of survey:	34.6%	33.8%	34.3%	5.695M	36.7%	35.2%	7*
Of students who had sexual intercourse within 3-months of survey, the percentage who drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse:	21.0%	29.8%	25.4%	4.217M	18.4%	29.6%	7*
Had 4 or more sex partners during lifetime:	11.2%	17.5%	14.4%	2.391M	13.3%	19.7%**	7*
Had first sexual intercourse before age 13:	4.2%	10.4%	7.4%	1.228M	4.5%	11.7%	7*
Had been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant one or more times:	4.9%	3.5%	4.2%	.697M	7.0%	4.8%***	7*
Forced to have sexual intercourse:	11.9%	6.1%	9.0%	1.494M	11.1%	5.6%	01, 03
Drug and Alcohol survey questions:
Had one drink of alcohol on one or more days during lifetime:	44.9%	43.8%	44.9%	.	79.3%	79.5%	7*
Used marijuana one or more times during lifetime:	37.6%	42.7%	40.2%	.	37.1%	43.7%	7*
Used ecstasy (also called MDMA):	11.6%	10.4%	11.1%	.			03
Used any form of cocaine, powder, crack, freebase one or more times during lifetime:	7.7%	9.5%	8.7%	.	6.5%	8.7%	7*
Sniffed glue, breathed spray cans, or inhaled paints or sprays to get high one or more times during lifetime:	3.4%	4.3%	3.9%	.	14.7%	16.3%	95, 97, 99, 01, 03
Used heroin one or more times during lifetime:	2.0%	4.3%	3.3%	.	1.93%	3.9%	99, 01, 03
Used methamphetamines one or more times during lifetime:	6.8%	8.3%	7.6%	.	8.1%	9.6%	99, 01, 03
Students who had at least one drink of alcohol ON SCHOOL PROPERTY on one or more of the past 30 days:	4.2%	6.0%	5.2%	.	4.1%	6.5%	93, 95, 97, 99, 01, 03
Students who used marijuana ON SCHOOL PROPERTY one or more times during the past 30 days:	3.7%	7.6%	5.8%	.	4.1%	9.1%	93, 95, 97, 99, 01, 03
Students who were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug ON SCHOOL PROPERTY during past 12 months:	25.0%	31.9%	28.7%	.	23.7%	34.3%	93, 95, 97, 99, 01, 03

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) developed the **Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)** to monitor six categories of priority health-risk behaviors among youth. Of the six categories two are relevant to our chart, sexual behaviors and alcohol (and other drug) use. The six risk behaviors contribute markedly to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. YRBSS includes a national school-based survey conducted by CDC as well as state, territorial, and local school-based surveys conducted by education and health agencies. In these surveys, conducted biennially since 1991, representative samples of students in grades 9-12 are drawn. In 2003, a total of 15,214 students completed the national survey and 32 states and 20 school districts also obtained data representative of their jurisdiction. See the [Survey Participation Map](#) for an explanation of the weighted and unweighted state results. [2003 Survey questions and data](#). (Scroll down to United States High School Survey [Code book]). [2003 CDC Press Release](#) and [YRBSS Methodology](#). [The next survey 2005, Survey Questions](#).

†: **No. of Youths**, equating the 2003 Survey percentages (ex: 46.7% weighted) to the national [U.S Census School Enrollment, 9-12th Grades](#) (2004), shows approximate number of youths (ex: 7.754 Million) exhibiting that behavior.

*: Surveys are biennially: 1991, 93, 95, 97, 99, 01, 03. However, not every question was asked in each survey, hence the "Surveys" column.

**: Down from 23.4 (1991) to 17.5 (2003)

***: Down from 5.3 (1991) to 3.5 (2003)

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