

Youth Online: High School YRBS

Connecticut 2009 and United States 2009 Results

High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey						
Question	Connecticut 2009	United States 2009	p-value	Connecticut 2009 More Likely Than United States 2009	United States 2009 More Likely Than Connecticut 2009	No Difference
<b>Unintentional Injuries and Violence</b>						
<b>Rarely or never wore a bicycle helmet</b> (among students who had ridden a bicycle during the 12 months before the survey)	—	84.7 (81.2–87.6) 10,486 <sup>†</sup>	~			
<b>Rarely or never wore a seat belt</b> (when riding in a car driven by someone else)	9.4 (8.2–10.7) 2,385	9.7 (8.2–11.4) 16,220	0.75			●
<b>Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol one or more times</b> (in a car or other vehicle during the 30 days before the survey)	26.7 (23.8–29.7) 2,386	28.3 (26.7–29.9) 16,347	0.33			●
<b>Drove when drinking alcohol one or more times</b> (in a car or other vehicle during the 30 days before the survey)	8.7 (6.7–11.2) 2,354	9.7 (8.7–10.8) 16,121	0.39			●
<b>Carried a weapon on school property on at least 1 day</b> (for example, a gun, knife, or club during the 30 days before the survey)	3.9 (3.1–4.9) 2,366	5.6 (5.0–6.3) 16,256	0.00		●	
<b>Did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school on at least 1 day</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	4.9 (4.0–6.0) 2,359	5.0 (4.3–5.7) 16,371	0.90			●
<b>Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property one or more times</b> (for example, a gun, knife, or club during the 12 months before the survey)	7.0 (5.8–8.4) 2,389	7.7 (6.9–8.5) 16,367	0.39			●
<b>In a physical fight on school property one or more times</b> (during the 12 months before the survey)	9.6 (8.1–11.3) 2,358	11.1 (10.0–12.2) 16,089	0.12			●
<b>Bullied on school property</b> (during the 12 months before the survey)	—	19.9 (18.8–21.1) 15,633	~			
<b>Felt sad or hopeless</b> (almost every day for 2 or more weeks in a row so that they stopped doing some usual activities during the 12 months before the survey)	25.0 (22.3–28.0) 2,332	26.1 (24.8–27.5) 16,232	0.47			●
<b>Seriously considered attempting suicide</b> (during the 12 months before the survey)	14.1 (12.3–16.1) 2,373	13.8 (13.1–14.6) 16,220	0.76			●

<b>Made a plan about how they would attempt suicide</b> (during the 12 months before the survey)	11.0 (9.5–12.7) 2,374	10.9 (10.0–11.8) 16,213	0.88			●
<b>Attempted suicide one or more times</b> (during the 12 months before the survey)	7.4 (5.8–9.5) 1,958	6.3 (5.7–7.0) 14,609	0.26			●
<b>Suicide attempt resulted in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse</b> (during the 12 months before the survey)	2.7 (2.0–3.8) 1,949	1.9 (1.6–2.3) 14,514	0.10			●
<b>Carried a weapon on at least 1 day</b> (for example, a gun, knife, or club during the 30 days before the survey)	12.4 (10.7–14.4) 2,372	17.5 (16.1–19.0) 16,110	0.00		●	
<b>Carried a gun on at least 1 day</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	—	5.9 (5.1–6.9) 15,664	~			
<b>In a physical fight one or more times</b> (during the 12 months before the survey)	28.3 (25.8–31.0) 2,324	31.5 (30.1–32.9) 16,130	0.03		●	
<b>Injured in a physical fight one or more times</b> (injuries had to be treated by a doctor or nurse, during the 12 months before the survey)	3.6 (3.0–4.4) 2,362	3.8 (3.3–4.3) 15,749	0.76			●
<b>Hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend</b> (during the 12 months before the survey)	9.9 (8.1–12.1) 2,370	9.8 (8.9–10.8) 16,217	0.92			●
<b>Ever physically forced to have sexual intercourse</b> (when they did not want to)	7.4 (6.1–8.9) 2,367	7.4 (6.7–8.3) 15,735	0.91			●
<b>Tobacco Use</b>						
<b>Ever tried cigarette smoking</b> (even one or two puffs)	—	46.3 (43.7–48.9) 15,888	~			
<b>Smoked a whole cigarette for the first time before age 13 years</b>	—	10.7 (9.6–11.9) 15,739	~			
<b>Smoked cigarettes on at least 1 day</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	17.8 (15.3–20.5) 2,377	19.5 (17.9–21.2) 15,762	0.26			●
<b>Smoked cigarettes on 20 or more days</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	6.2 (4.5–8.4) 2,377	7.3 (6.4–8.3) 15,762	0.28			●
<b>Smoked more than 10 cigarettes per day</b> (among students who currently smoked cigarettes, on the days they smoked during the 30 days before the survey)	—	7.8 (6.6–9.0) 2,940	~			
<b>Smoked cigarettes on school property on at least 1 day</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	—	5.1 (4.5–5.8) 15,851	~			
<b>Ever smoked at least one cigarette every day for 30 days</b>	—	11.2 (10.0–12.6) 15,431	~			
<b>Did not try to quit smoking cigarettes</b> (among students who currently smoked cigarettes, during the 12 months before the survey)	—	49.2 (45.9–52.6) 2,859	~			
<b>Usually obtained their own cigarettes by buying them in a store or gas station</b> (among the students who were aged <18 years and who currently smoked cigarettes, during the 30 days before the survey)	—	14.1 (11.7–17.0) 2,266	~			
<b>Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on at least 1 day</b>	—	8.9 (7.3–10.8)	~			

(during the 30 days before the survey)		16,134				
<b>Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on school property on at least 1 day</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	—	5.5 (4.4–6.8) 15,974	~			
<b>Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least 1 day</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	—	14.0 (12.8–15.4) 15,671	~			
<b>Smoked cigarettes; smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars; or used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on at least 1 day</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	—	26.0 (23.8–28.3) 14,997	~			
<b>Alcohol and Other Drug Use</b>						
<b>Ever had at least one drink of alcohol on at least 1 day</b> (during their life)	—	72.5 (70.6–74.3) 15,953	~			
<b>Drank alcohol for the first time before age 13 years</b> (other than a few sips)	17.6 (15.6–19.7) 2,364	21.1 (19.6–22.6) 16,207	0.01		●	
<b>Had at least one drink of alcohol on at least 1 day</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	43.5 (39.0–48.1) 2,309	41.8 (40.2–43.4) 14,864	0.48			●
<b>Had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row within a couple of hours on at least 1 day</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	24.2 (20.5–28.3) 2,351	24.2 (22.6–25.9) 16,009	0.99			●
<b>Usually obtained the alcohol they drank by someone giving it to them</b> (among students who currently drank alcohol during the 30 days before the survey)	—	42.2 (40.3–44.1) 6,121	~			
<b>Had at least one drink of alcohol on school property on at least 1 day</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	5.0 (4.1–6.1) 2,350	4.5 (3.9–5.1) 16,024	0.35			●
<b>Ever used marijuana one or more times</b> (during their life)	37.6 (34.3–41.1) 2,320	36.8 (34.8–38.8) 16,060	0.66			●
<b>Tried marijuana for the first time before age 13 years</b>	5.8 (4.6–7.3) 2,334	7.5 (6.7–8.3) 16,134	0.03		●	
<b>Used marijuana one or more times</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	21.8 (18.9–25.1) 2,331	20.8 (19.4–22.3) 16,112	0.55			●
<b>Used marijuana on school property one or more times</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	6.2 (4.8–8.0) 2,340	4.6 (4.0–5.4) 16,086	0.07			●
<b>Ever used any form of cocaine one or more times</b> (for example, powder, crack, or freebase, during their life)	5.4 (4.2–6.9) 2,350	6.4 (5.7–7.1) 16,204	0.18			●
<b>Used any form of cocaine one or more times</b> (for example, powder, crack, or freebase, during the 30 days before the survey)	2.5 (1.8–3.5) 2,354	2.8 (2.4–3.2) 15,557	0.58			●
<b>Ever sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high one or more times</b> (during their life)	10.6 (9.3–12.1) 2,366	11.7 (10.6–12.8) 16,293	0.23			●
<b>Ever used heroin one or more times</b> (also called "smack", "junk", or "China white", during their life)	3.2 (2.4–4.3) 2,360	2.5 (2.2–2.9) 15,731	0.13			●
<b>Ever used methamphetamines one or more times</b>	3.3 (2.5–4.4)	4.1 (3.6–4.6)	0.15			●

(also called "speed", "crystal", "crank", or "ice", during their life)	2,370	16,289				
<b>Ever used ecstasy one or more times</b> (also called "MDMA", during their life)	5.0 (3.9–6.4) 2,371	6.7 (5.8–7.6) 15,887	0.03		●	
<b>Ever took steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription one or more times</b> (during their life)	2.7 (2.0–3.7) 2,357	3.3 (2.9–3.8) 16,320	0.22			●
<b>Ever used a needle to inject any illegal drug into their body one or more times</b> (during their life)	2.2 (1.6–3.1) 2,361	2.1 (1.8–2.5) 16,140	0.73			●
<b>Offered, sold, or given an illegal drug by someone on school property</b> (during the 12 months before the survey)	28.9 (26.4–31.6) 2,353	22.7 (20.7–24.9) 16,261	0.00	●		
<b>Sexual Behaviors</b>						
<b>Ever had sexual intercourse</b>	40.5 (36.4–44.8) 2,158	46.0 (42.9–49.2) 15,065	0.03		●	
<b>Had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13 years</b>	4.6 (3.3–6.2) 2,160	5.9 (5.1–6.8) 15,046	0.10			●
<b>Had sexual intercourse with four or more persons</b> (during their life)	10.5 (8.5–12.8) 2,147	13.8 (12.4–15.4) 14,987	0.01		●	
<b>Had sexual intercourse with at least one person</b> (during the 3 months before the survey)	29.6 (26.3–33.1) 2,155	34.2 (31.9–36.5) 15,017	0.03		●	
<b>Drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse</b> (among students who were currently sexually active)	24.8 (20.3–29.9) 589	21.6 (20.0–23.3) 5,548	0.20			●
<b>Did not use a condom during last sexual intercourse</b> (among students who were currently sexually active)	40.6 (35.9–45.6) 571	38.9 (36.9–41.0) 5,454	0.50			●
<b>Did not use birth control pills before last sexual intercourse</b> (to prevent pregnancy, among students who were currently sexually active)	75.9 (70.1–80.8) 576	80.2 (77.5–82.6) 5,360	0.14			●
<b>Were never taught in school about AIDS or HIV infection</b>	—	13.0 (11.7–14.3) 16,109	~			
<b>Did not use Depo-Provera before last sexual intercourse</b> (to prevent pregnancy, among students who were currently sexually active)	97.1 (94.9–98.4) 576	96.9 (96.3–97.4) 5,360	0.82			●
<b>Did not use birth control pills or Depo-Provera before last sexual intercourse</b> (to prevent pregnancy, among students who were currently sexually active)	73.0 (67.6–77.7) 576	77.1 (74.3–79.7) 5,360	0.15			●
<b>Did not use both a condom during last sexual intercourse and birth control pills or Depo-Provera before last sexual intercourse</b> (to prevent pregnancy, among students who were currently sexually active)	92.2 (89.4–94.3) 568	91.1 (89.7–92.4) 5,329	0.44			●
<b>Dietary Behaviors</b>						
<b>Ate fruits and vegetables less than five times per day</b> (100% fruit juices, fruit, green salad, potatoes [excluding French fries, fried potatoes, or potato chips], carrots, or other vegetables, during the 7 days before the survey)	79.0 (76.5–81.4) 2,274	77.7 (76.3–78.9) 16,057	0.31			●

<b>Did not drink 100% fruit juices</b> (during the 7 days before the survey)	17.7 (15.6–20.0) 2,327	19.4 (18.0–20.8) 16,167	0.19			●
<b>Did not eat fruit</b> (during the 7 days before the survey)	12.0 (10.0–14.5) 2,339	11.4 (10.1–12.9) 16,232	0.64			●
<b>Did not eat green salad</b> (during the 7 days before the survey)	32.0 (28.7–35.4) 2,334	36.6 (34.7–38.6) 16,220	0.02		●	
<b>Did not eat potatoes</b> (excluding French fries, fried potatoes, or potato chips, during the 7 days before the survey)	33.6 (30.7–36.5) 2,316	31.2 (29.5–33.1) 16,224	0.17			●
<b>Did not eat carrots</b> (during the 7 days before the survey)	48.2 (45.0–51.3) 2,334	51.8 (49.5–54.2) 16,223	0.06			●
<b>Did not eat other vegetables</b> (excluding green salad, potatoes, or carrots, during the 7 days before the survey)	16.1 (13.9–18.5) 2,328	16.7 (15.3–18.1) 16,215	0.65			●
<b>Drank a can, bottle, or glass of soda or pop at least one time per day</b> (not including diet soda or diet pop, during the 7 days before the survey)	—	29.2 (27.2–31.2) 16,188	~			
<b>Drank less than three glasses per day of milk</b> (during the 7 days before the survey)	—	85.5 (83.1–87.6) 16,174	~			
<b>Ate fruit or drank 100% fruit juices less than two times per day</b> (during the 7 days before the survey)	64.4 (62.0–66.7) 2,317	66.1 (64.4–67.8) 16,141	0.23			●
<b>Ate vegetables less than three times per day</b> (green salad, potatoes [excluding French fries, fried potatoes, or potato chips], carrots, or other vegetables, during the 7 days before the survey)	87.1 (85.6–88.5) 2,296	86.2 (85.2–87.1) 16,160	0.31			●
<b>Overweight</b> (students who were $\geq$ 85th percentile but $<$ 95th percentile for body mass index, by age and sex, based on reference data)	14.5 (13.0–16.2) 2,226	15.8 (14.7–17.0) 15,178	0.18			●
<b>Obese (students who were <math>\geq</math> 95th percentile for body mass index, by age and sex, based on reference data)</b>	10.4 (8.4–12.7) 2,226	12.0 (10.9–13.1) 15,178	0.18			●
<b>Described themselves as slightly or very overweight</b>	26.0 (23.8–28.3) 2,338	27.7 (26.7–28.6) 16,123	0.17			●
<b>Did not exercise to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	38.5 (36.9–40.2) 2,337	38.5 (37.2–39.8) 16,109	0.98			●
<b>Did not eat less food, fewer calories, or low-fat foods to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	60.9 (58.9–62.8) 2,328	60.5 (59.0–61.8) 16,099	0.71			●
<b>Went without eating for 24 hours or more to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)	9.1 (7.8–10.7) 2,337	10.6 (9.7–11.5) 16,115	0.10			●
<b>Took diet pills, powders or liquids to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight</b> (without a doctor's advice, during the 30 days before the survey)	—	5.0 (4.5–5.5) 16,120	~			
<b>Vomited or took laxatives to lose weight or to keep from</b>	—	4.0 (3.5–4.4)	~			

<b>gaining weight</b> (during the 30 days before the survey)		16,100				
<b>Physical Activity</b>						
<b>Physically active at least 60 minutes per day on less than 5 days</b> (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)	54.8 (52.0–57.6) 2,319	63.0 (61.2–64.8) 16,109	0.00		●	
<b>Did not attend physical education classes in an average week</b> (when they were in school)	—	43.6 (36.4–51.1) 15,578	~			
<b>Did not attend physical education classes daily</b> (when they were in school)	—	66.7 (60.7–72.3) 15,578	~			
<b>Did not play on sports teams</b> (run by their school or community groups during the 12 months before the survey)	—	41.7 (38.9–44.5) 15,562	~			
<b>Watched television 3 or more hours per day</b> (on an average school day)	30.2 (26.5–34.2) 2,300	32.8 (30.4–35.3) 16,126	0.25			●
<b>Used computers 3 or more hours per day</b> (played video or computer games or used a computer for something that was not school work on an average school day)	27.9 (25.8–30.0) 2,315	24.9 (22.9–27.0) 16,124	0.04	●		
<b>Physically active at least 60 minutes per day on less than 7 days</b> (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)	75.4 (72.9–77.7) 2,319	81.6 (80.5–82.7) 16,109	0.00		●	
<b>Did not participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity on any day</b> (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)	14.0 (11.7–16.6) 2,319	23.1 (21.5–24.8) 16,109	0.00		●	
<b>Asthma</b>						
<b>Ever told by a doctor or nurse that they had asthma</b>	—	22.0 (20.8–23.1) 16,089	~			
<b>Ever told by a doctor or nurse that they had asthma and still have asthma</b>	—	10.8 (9.9–11.7) 15,998	~			

#### Footnotes

*—' = Data not available
† Percentage, confidence interval, cell size
~ = P-value not available

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