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## In Appreciation

The Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) Interagency Team is indebted to the students, parents, teachers, district assessment coordinators, school and district administrators, principals, and superintendents across the state that agreed to participate in and supported the MSS when it was administered in the first half of 2022. These data are made available as a result of their interest and time, and we are grateful for their efforts.

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## Survey Participation

The 2022 Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) was administered in the first half of 2022 to students in grades five, eight, nine, and eleven statewide. The survey was voluntary at all levels; districts, schools, parents, and students could all choose to opt out. Most public school districts (70%) chose to participate. Across the state, approximately 56% of fifth graders, 56% of eighth graders, 51% of ninth graders, and 41% of eleventh graders participated in the 2022 MSS. Overall participation across the four grades was approximately 51% of total enrollment.

Results from regular public schools, charter schools, and online schools are included in these tables. Results from nonpublic schools, alternative learning centers, and juvenile correctional facilities are released separately.

All schools and districts that participated in the survey followed federal laws regarding parental notification as required by the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). PPRA requires that schools that participate in the survey notify parents of the survey administration, provide parents the opportunity to review the survey instrument, and allow parents to opt their child out of participating (Juvenile Correctional Facilities are exempt from this requirement).

## Mode of Administration

In 2022, all levels of the MSS were administered online. Only Juvenile Correctional Facilities could choose to administer the MSS on paper.

## Items on the Tables

The tables in this report include the responses for all survey items. Items are ordered within the tables by an overarching subject area; the order that items appear on the tables is not necessarily the order that they appeared on the survey.

The table of contents is provided on pages v-vi. The grade five survey version was shorter than the grade eight survey version, which in turn was shorter than the grade nine and eleven version. The grade five and grade eight versions did not include items appropriate only for older students. Items found on some versions of the survey but not on others are identified on the tables.

## Gender Breakdowns in Reports

This report comes in two formats: by grade and grade-and-gender. Fifth grade surveys asked “are you a boy or girl” while all other grades were asked about their sex assigned at birth (as on original birth certificate). The grade-and-gender breakdowns are available when counts for sex assigned at birth are at least 25 male and 25 female respondents in each grade level cell.

## **New Questions and Year-to-Year Comparisons**

While most MSS survey questions stayed the same as previous administrations, other questions were updated with changes to the question or response options. Some entirely new questions were added, and some questions were dropped. New questions are noted on each table. Caution must be used when making comparisons over time for any questions in which the wording has changed.

Please note that although these surveys are given repeatedly over time, the student populations change between administrations of the survey.

## **Validity of Responses**

Caution was taken to identify invalid responses and remove them from the survey results. Surveys were removed when responses were highly inconsistent, when there was a pattern of likely exaggeration, when the survey was completed outside of school hours (this did not apply to online students), or when the survey was clearly a test of the online system. In addition, surveys were removed when only the background section of the survey was answered. In total, approximately 3% of cases were removed from the 2022 survey data.

## **Online Access to MSS Data**

Data from the 2022 MSS are available on the Minnesota Department of Education's [Data Reports and Analytics, MSS Report's page](#). This web report provides access to all state, county and district-level data and provides options for filtering the data in multiple ways.

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**TABLE 1A  
DEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION  
Gay or Lesbian**

|  |   | Grade |      |       |      |      |      |
|--|---|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|
|  |   | 8th   |      | 9th   |      | 11th |      |
|  |   | N     | %    | N     | %    | N    | %    |
| <b>Total number of surveys</b>                             |   | 921   | 100% | 1,006 | 100% | 768  | 100% |
| <b>What is your biological sex?^</b>                       | <b>Male</b>   | 238   | 26%  | 255   | 25%  | 270  | 35%  |
|  | <b>Female</b>   | 674   | 73%  | 742   | 74%  | 496  | 65%  |
|  | <b>No answer</b>                                      | 9     | 1%   | 9     | 1%   | 2    | 0%   |
| <b>Age^^</b>   | <b>12 years old</b>                                   | 3     | 0%   | 0     | 0%   | 0    | 0%   |
|  | <b>13 years old</b>                                   | 372   | 40%  | 2     | 0%   | 0    | 0%   |
|  | <b>14 years old</b>                                   | 531   | 58%  | 442   | 44%  | 0    | 0%   |
|  | <b>15 years old</b>                                   | 15    | 2%   | 550   | 55%  | 1    | 0%   |
|  | <b>16 years old</b>                                   | 0     | 0%   | 11    | 1%   | 317  | 41%  |
|  | <b>17 years old</b>                                   | 0     | 0%   | 0     | 0%   | 442  | 58%  |
|  | <b>18 years old</b>                                   | 0     | 0%   | 0     | 0%   | 7    | 1%   |
|  | <b>19-20 years old</b>                                | 0     | 0%   | 0     | 0%   | 1    | 0%   |
| <b>How do you describe yourself? (Mark ALL that apply)</b> | <b>American Indian or Alaskan Native only</b>         | 15    | 2%   | 8     | 1%   | 7    | 1%   |
|  | <b>Asian or Asian American only</b>                   | 51    | 6%   | 54    | 5%   | 49   | 6%   |
|  | <b>Black, African or African American only</b>        | 54    | 6%   | 53    | 5%   | 43   | 6%   |
|  | <b>Hispanic or Latino/a only</b>                      | 31    | 3%   | 64    | 6%   | 38   | 5%   |
|  | <b>Middle Eastern / North African only^^^</b>         | 2     | 0%   | 2     | 0%   | 1    | 0%   |
|  | <b>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only</b> | 4     | 0%   | 1     | 0%   | 1    | 0%   |
|  | <b>White only</b>                                     | 607   | 66%  | 672   | 67%  | 506  | 66%  |
|  | <b>Multiple Races (checked more than one)</b>         | 148   | 16%  | 143   | 14%  | 121  | 16%  |
|  | <b>No answer</b>                                      | 9     | 1%   | 9     | 1%   | 2    | 0%   |

^ 5th grade surveys asked "Are you male or female?"

^^ Students who selected "9 years old or younger" or "21 years old or older" were excluded from this report.

^^^ New response option in 2022.



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**TABLE 1B**  
**DEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION**  
*Gay or Lesbian*

|   |  | Grade |    |     |    |      |    |
|---|--|-------|----|-----|----|------|----|
|   |  | 8th   |    | 9th |    | 11th |    |
|   |  | N     | %  | N   | %  | N    | %  |
| If you are American Indian or Alaskan Native, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)             | Anishinaabe/Ojibwe                       | 31    | 3% | 21  | 2% | 17   | 2% |
|   | Dakota/Lakota                            | 16    | 2% | 10  | 1% | 10   | 1% |
|   | Other tribal affiliation                 | 20    | 2% | 18  | 2% | 14   | 2% |
| If you are Asian or Asian American, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)                       | Bangladeshi <sup>^</sup>                 | 1     | 0% | 1   | 0% | 2    | 0% |
|   | Burmese                                  | 2     | 0% | 0   | 0% | 1    | 0% |
|   | Chinese                                  | 16    | 2% | 14  | 1% | 21   | 3% |
|   | Filipino                                 | 11    | 1% | 11  | 1% | 8    | 1% |
|   | Hmong                                    | 17    | 2% | 16  | 2% | 13   | 2% |
|   | Indian                                   | 11    | 1% | 6   | 1% | 8    | 1% |
|   | Karen                                    | 2     | 0% | 0   | 0% | 2    | 0% |
|   | Korean                                   | 17    | 2% | 9   | 1% | 6    | 1% |
|   | Lao                                      | 10    | 1% | 8   | 1% | 14   | 2% |
|   | Nepali <sup>^</sup>                      | 2     | 0% | 0   | 0% | 0    | 0% |
|   | Pakistani <sup>^</sup>                   | 3     | 0% | 2   | 0% | 2    | 0% |
|   | Vietnamese                               | 11    | 1% | 11  | 1% | 11   | 1% |
|   | Other Asian                              | 22    | 2% | 17  | 2% | 12   | 2% |
| If you are Black, African or African American, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)            | African American                         | 64    | 7% | 52  | 5% | 59   | 8% |
|   | Ethiopian – Oromo                        | 3     | 0% | 5   | 0% | 0    | 0% |
|   | Ethiopian – other                        | 3     | 0% | 5   | 0% | 0    | 0% |
|   | Liberian                                 | 9     | 1% | 4   | 0% | 4    | 1% |
|   | Nigerian                                 | 11    | 1% | 7   | 1% | 5    | 1% |
|   | Somali                                   | 6     | 1% | 5   | 0% | 9    | 1% |
|   | Other Black, African or African American | 26    | 3% | 28  | 3% | 23   | 3% |
| If you are Hispanic or Latino/Latina, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply)                     | Colombian                                | 3     | 0% | 3   | 0% | 4    | 1% |
|   | Ecuadoran                                | 2     | 0% | 5   | 0% | 3    | 0% |
|   | Guatemalan                               | 10    | 1% | 8   | 1% | 4    | 1% |
|   | Mexican                                  | 46    | 5% | 90  | 9% | 62   | 8% |
|   | Puerto Rican                             | 10    | 1% | 6   | 1% | 8    | 1% |
|   | Salvadoran                               | 8     | 1% | 3   | 0% | 6    | 1% |
|   | Spanish/Spanish-American                 | 14    | 2% | 18  | 2% | 17   | 2% |
|   | Other Hispanic or Latino/Latina          | 11    | 1% | 20  | 2% | 11   | 1% |
| If you are Middle Eastern or North African, which group best describes you? (Mark ALL that apply) <sup>^^</sup> | Egyptian                                 | 2     | 0% | 2   | 0% | 2    | 0% |
|   | Iranian                                  | 2     | 0% | 0   | 0% | 0    | 0% |
|   | Iraqi                                    | 2     | 0% | 3   | 0% | 0    | 0% |
|   | Lebanese                                 | 3     | 0% | 3   | 0% | 1    | 0% |
|   | Palestinian                              | 3     | 0% | 1   | 0% | 1    | 0% |
|   | Other Middle Eastern or North African    | 5     | 1% | 9   | 1% | 1    | 0% |

<sup>^</sup> New response option in 2022.

<sup>^^</sup> New question in 2022.

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**TABLE 2**  
**GENDER EXPRESSION; SEXUAL ORIENTATION; GENDER IDENTITY\***  
**Gay or Lesbian**

|   |  | Grade     |             |           |             |           |             |
|---|--|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|   |  | 8th       |             | 9th       |             | 11th      |             |
|   |  | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% |
| <b>A person's appearance, style, dress, or the way they walk or talk may affect how people describe them. How do you think other people at school would describe you?</b> | Very or mostly feminine  | 13%       | 12%         | 9%        | 12%         | 7%        | 13%         |
|   | Somewhat feminine  | 21%       | 27%         | 17%       | 30%         | 19%       | 29%         |
|   | Equally feminine and masculine   | 31%       | 38%         | 33%       | 33%         | 30%       | 25%         |
|   | Somewhat masculine   | 25%       | 14%         | 28%       | 17%         | 36%       | 20%         |
|   | Very or mostly masculine   | 10%       | 9%          | 13%       | 9%          | 9%        | 12%         |
| <b>How do you describe your sexual orientation?^</b>  | Straight (heterosexual)^   | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | Asexual^^  | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | Bisexual   | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | Gay or Lesbian   | 100%      | 100%        | 100%      | 100%        | 100%      | 100%        |
|   | Questioning/Not sure   | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | Pansexual  | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | Queer  | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | I don't describe myself in any of these ways   | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | I am not sure what this question means   | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   |  |           |             |           |             |           |             |
| <b>What is your gender identity? (Mark ALL that apply)^^^</b>   | Agender  | 3%        | 4%          | 2%        | 3%          | 2%        | 4%          |
|   | Boy/man (cisgender, which means your gender identity matches your sex assigned at birth)             | 71%       | 0%          | 76%       | 1%          | 80%       | 0%          |
|   | Boy/man (transgender, which means your gender identity does not match your sex assigned at birth)    | 1%        | 12%         | 2%        | 11%         | 2%        | 11%         |
|   | Genderfluid, gender non-conforming, or genderqueer   | 7%        | 18%         | 6%        | 17%         | 5%        | 12%         |
|   | Girl/woman (cisgender, which means your gender identity matches your sex assigned at birth)          | 2%        | 47%         | 1%        | 51%         | 0%        | 63%         |
|   | Girl/woman (transgender, which means your gender identity does not match your sex assigned at birth) | 2%        | 1%          | 4%        | 1%          | 7%        | 1%          |
|   | Nonbinary  | 9%        | 23%         | 9%        | 23%         | 10%       | 21%         |
|   | Two spirit   | 4%        | 1%          | 2%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          |
|   | Questioning/unsure   | 10%       | 16%         | 10%       | 16%         | 7%        | 11%         |
|   | Identity not listed  | 6%        | 4%          | 3%        | 4%          | 2%        | 3%          |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in question wording from 2019.

^^ Change in response option wording from 2019.

^^^ New response option in 2022.

^^^^ New question in 2022.

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**TABLE 3**  
**SCHOOL PLANS; ACADEMIC ADVISING; IEP; ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**  
**Gay or Lesbian**

|  |  | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|--|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |  | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |  | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |  | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>What is the MAIN thing you plan to do RIGHT AFTER high school?*</b>   | <b>I don't plan to graduate from high school</b>       | 3%    | 1%     | 2%   | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|  | <b>Get my GED</b>                                      | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|  | <b>Go to a two-year community or technical college</b> | 7%    | 6%     | 7%   | 10%    | 15%  | 14%    |
|  | <b>Go to a four-year college or university</b>         | 50%   | 60%    | 55%  | 59%    | 59%  | 62%    |
|  | <b>Get a license or certificate in a career field</b>  | 5%    | 6%     | 6%   | 4%     | 5%   | 2%     |
|  | <b>Attend an apprenticeship program</b>                | 0%    | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|  | <b>Join the military</b>                               | 3%    | 3%     | 2%   | 2%     | 1%   | 3%     |
|  | <b>Work at a job</b>                                   | 20%   | 12%    | 15%  | 11%    | 10%  | 10%    |
|  | <b>Other</b>   | 11%   | 9%     | 12%  | 10%    | 7%   | 5%     |
| <b>Has an adult in your school helped you think about education options for after high school (college or other training program)?**</b>                                     | <b>Yes</b>   |       |        | 58%  | 56%    | 73%  | 70%    |
|  | <b>No</b>  |       |        | 42%  | 44%    | 27%  | 30%    |
| <b>Has an adult in your school helped you find career-focused field experiences (job shadowing, work-based learning, service learning, career camps, apprenticeships)?**</b> | <b>Yes</b>   |       |        | 40%  | 34%    | 43%  | 38%    |
|  | <b>No</b>  |       |        | 60%  | 66%    | 57%  | 62%    |
| <b>Do you receive special education services as part of an IEP (individual education plan)?</b>  | <b>Yes</b>   | 22%   | 11%    | 14%  | 9%     | 16%  | 12%    |
|  | <b>No</b>  | 57%   | 65%    | 67%  | 70%    | 72%  | 79%    |
|  | <b>Not sure</b>  | 21%   | 24%    | 19%  | 21%    | 12%  | 9%     |
| <b>How would you describe your grades this school year?</b>  | <b>Mostly A's</b>                                      | 37%   | 47%    | 37%  | 47%    | 45%  | 43%    |
|  | <b>Mostly B's</b>                                      | 35%   | 28%    | 34%  | 29%    | 26%  | 35%    |
|  | <b>Mostly C's</b>                                      | 16%   | 14%    | 15%  | 13%    | 18%  | 12%    |
|  | <b>Mostly D's</b>                                      | 3%    | 3%     | 8%   | 7%     | 8%   | 5%     |
|  | <b>Mostly F's</b>                                      | 3%    | 4%     | 4%   | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     |
|  | <b>Mostly Incompletes</b>                              | 5%    | 3%     | 2%   | 2%     | 1%   | 2%     |
|  | <b>None of these letter grades</b>                     | 2%    | 0%     | 2%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

\*\*5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 4**  
**TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL\*<sup>^</sup>**  
*Gay or Lesbian*

|  |  | Grade |        |
|--|--|-------|--------|
|  |  | 8th   |        |
|  |  | Male  | Female |
|  |  | %     | %      |
| On a typical school day, how do you travel to school? (Mark ALL that apply)        | Walk   | 15%   | 12%    |
|  | Bike   | 5%    | 4%     |
|  | School bus   | 61%   | 62%    |
|  | Family vehicle (riding with others from your family) | 54%   | 59%    |
|  | Carpools (riding with children from other families)  | 4%    | 5%     |
|  | Transit (city bus, light rail, etc.)                 | 0%    | 0%     |
|  | Other (skateboard, scooter, inline skates, etc)      | 3%    | 2%     |
| On a typical school day, how do you travel home from school? (Mark ALL that apply) | Walk   | 22%   | 18%    |
|  | Bike   | 7%    | 5%     |
|  | School bus   | 63%   | 68%    |
|  | Family vehicle (riding with others from your family) | 51%   | 51%    |
|  | Carpools (riding with children from other families)  | 8%    | 5%     |
|  | Transit (city bus, light rail, etc.)                 | 1%    | 0%     |
|  | Other (skateboard, scooter, inline skates, etc)      | 4%    | 1%     |

\* 9th and 11th grade surveys did not ask these questions.

<sup>^</sup> Both questions in this table were new in 2022.

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**TABLE 5  
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
Gay or Lesbian**

|  |   | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|---|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |   | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |   | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |   | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| During the last 30 days, how many times did you miss a full day of school? (Do not include school-sponsored activities like field trips, sports, academic or music events)                         | None  | 35%   | 33%    | 45%  | 34%    | 42%  | 35%    |
|  | Once or twice   | 38%   | 35%    | 29%  | 38%    | 31%  | 38%    |
|  | 3 to 5 times  | 16%   | 19%    | 16%  | 18%    | 17%  | 18%    |
|  | 6 to 9 times  | 5%    | 9%     | 4%   | 6%     | 6%   | 4%     |
|  | 10 or more times  | 6%    | 4%     | 6%   | 5%     | 3%   | 5%     |
| During the last 30 days, how many times did you miss part of a day of school such as coming late, leaving early or missing class time during the day? (Do not include school-sponsored activities) | None  | 37%   | 31%    | 39%  | 30%    | 41%  | 32%    |
|  | Once or twice   | 41%   | 42%    | 37%  | 40%    | 34%  | 35%    |
|  | 3 to 5 times  | 16%   | 16%    | 10%  | 19%    | 16%  | 19%    |
|  | 6 to 9 times  | 3%    | 7%     | 6%   | 5%     | 4%   | 7%     |
|  | 10 or more times  | 3%    | 4%     | 8%   | 6%     | 5%   | 7%     |
| AMONG THOSE WHO MISSED PART OF OR A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL: What are the reasons you missed a full or part of a day of school in the last 30 days? (Mark ALL that apply)                               | Felt sick <sup>^</sup>  | 59%   | 58%    | 50%  | 60%    | 50%  | 55%    |
|  | Had or exposed to COVID-19 <sup>^^</sup>                            | 23%   | 21%    | 20%  | 21%    | 19%  | 18%    |
|  | Medical, dental or other health-related appointment                 | 37%   | 49%    | 34%  | 46%    | 36%  | 45%    |
|  | Vacation or trip  | 13%   | 11%    | 17%  | 13%    | 16%  | 9%     |
|  | Felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed or angry                 | 21%   | 34%    | 29%  | 41%    | 25%  | 49%    |
|  | Didn't get enough sleep   | 23%   | 22%    | 27%  | 27%    | 28%  | 31%    |
|  | Didn't feel safe at school  | 9%    | 8%     | 8%   | 8%     | 7%   | 7%     |
|  | Missed your ride or didn't have a way to get to school              | 14%   | 13%    | 11%  | 13%    | 11%  | 10%    |
|  | Had to work (for pay or to help with a family business or chores)   | 2%    | 1%     | 3%   | 2%     | 2%   | 3%     |
|  | Had to take care of or help a family member, sibling or friend      | 4%    | 6%     | 6%   | 5%     | 10%  | 5%     |
|  | Behind in schoolwork or not prepared for a test or class assignment | 4%    | 6%     | 10%  | 9%     | 13%  | 21%    |
|  | Bored with or not interested in school                              | 8%    | 14%    | 18%  | 13%    | 17%  | 21%    |
|  | Suspended from school   | 2%    | 2%     | 3%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
| Other reason   | 18%   | 16%   | 17%    | 16%  | 17%    | 15%  |        |

<sup>^</sup> Change in response option wording from 2019.

<sup>^^</sup> New response option in 2022.

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**TABLE 6  
DISCIPLINE; FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL**

*Gay or Lesbian*

|  |                         | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|-------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                         | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                         | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |                         | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>During the last 30 days, how many times did you get sent out of the classroom for discipline?</b> | <b>None</b>             | 82%   | 93%    | 92%  | 95%    | 97%  | 97%    |
|  | <b>Once or twice</b>    | 14%   | 4%     | 5%   | 4%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|  | <b>3 to 5 times</b>     | 2%    | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | <b>6 to 9 times</b>     | 1%    | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|  | <b>10 or more times</b> | 1%    | 0%     | 2%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
| <b>How often do you care about doing well in school?</b>   | <b>All of the time</b>  | 33%   | 35%    | 30%  | 37%    | 35%  | 35%    |
|  | <b>Most of the time</b> | 42%   | 41%    | 40%  | 41%    | 42%  | 44%    |
|  | <b>Some of the time</b> | 21%   | 22%    | 24%  | 20%    | 20%  | 18%    |
|  | <b>None of the time</b> | 3%    | 3%     | 5%   | 2%     | 3%   | 3%     |
| <b>How often do you go to class unprepared?</b>  | <b>All of the time</b>  | 4%    | 2%     | 2%   | 3%     | 2%   | 3%     |
|  | <b>Most of the time</b> | 15%   | 9%     | 12%  | 9%     | 13%  | 8%     |
|  | <b>Some of the time</b> | 56%   | 50%    | 52%  | 52%    | 50%  | 57%    |
|  | <b>None of the time</b> | 25%   | 38%    | 34%  | 36%    | 35%  | 32%    |
| <b>How often do you pay attention in class?</b>  | <b>All of the time</b>  | 12%   | 12%    | 10%  | 12%    | 14%  | 6%     |
|  | <b>Most of the time</b> | 59%   | 60%    | 67%  | 61%    | 65%  | 65%    |
|  | <b>Some of the time</b> | 28%   | 26%    | 21%  | 25%    | 19%  | 26%    |
|  | <b>None of the time</b> | 1%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     |

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**TABLE 7  
FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL  
Gay or Lesbian**

| How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? |                   | Grade     |             |           |             |           |             |
|--|-------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|  |                   | 8th       |             | 9th       |             | 11th      |             |
|  |                   | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% |
| If something interests me, I try to learn more about it.                 | Strongly agree    | 41%       | 42%         | 39%       | 44%         | 54%       | 52%         |
|  | Agree             | 55%       | 56%         | 60%       | 54%         | 44%       | 45%         |
|  | Disagree          | 4%        | 2%          | 1%        | 2%          | 2%        | 2%          |
|  | Strongly disagree | 1%        | 0%          | 1%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          |
| I think things I learn at school are useful.                             | Strongly agree    | 12%       | 6%          | 7%        | 4%          | 7%        | 2%          |
|  | Agree             | 58%       | 59%         | 53%       | 57%         | 58%       | 55%         |
|  | Disagree          | 26%       | 30%         | 29%       | 33%         | 25%       | 36%         |
|  | Strongly disagree | 4%        | 4%          | 11%       | 6%          | 10%       | 8%          |
| Being a student is one of the most important parts of who I am.          | Strongly agree    | 10%       | 8%          | 11%       | 5%          | 10%       | 7%          |
|  | Agree             | 36%       | 27%         | 29%       | 30%         | 32%       | 28%         |
|  | Disagree          | 40%       | 46%         | 37%       | 47%         | 38%       | 42%         |
|  | Strongly disagree | 14%       | 19%         | 22%       | 18%         | 20%       | 22%         |
| Overall, adults at my school treat students fairly.                      | Strongly agree    | 17%       | 11%         | 13%       | 8%          | 19%       | 7%          |
|  | Agree             | 50%       | 56%         | 57%       | 60%         | 63%       | 59%         |
|  | Disagree          | 21%       | 24%         | 24%       | 27%         | 14%       | 24%         |
|  | Strongly disagree | 11%       | 9%          | 7%        | 6%          | 5%        | 9%          |
| Adults at my school listen to the students.                              | Strongly agree    | 10%       | 8%          | 9%        | 5%          | 11%       | 5%          |
|  | Agree             | 56%       | 54%         | 61%       | 56%         | 63%       | 50%         |
|  | Disagree          | 25%       | 30%         | 22%       | 33%         | 21%       | 38%         |
|  | Strongly disagree | 8%        | 7%          | 8%        | 6%          | 5%        | 7%          |
| The school rules are fair.   | Strongly agree    | 8%        | 8%          | 11%       | 5%          | 10%       | 5%          |
|  | Agree             | 57%       | 53%         | 57%       | 63%         | 63%       | 54%         |
|  | Disagree          | 24%       | 32%         | 27%       | 27%         | 23%       | 34%         |
|  | Strongly disagree | 11%       | 7%          | 4%        | 5%          | 4%        | 7%          |
| At my school, teachers care about students.                              | Strongly agree    | 23%       | 15%         | 20%       | 12%         | 25%       | 12%         |
|  | Agree             | 60%       | 67%         | 68%       | 69%         | 63%       | 70%         |
|  | Disagree          | 14%       | 14%         | 8%        | 16%         | 10%       | 15%         |
|  | Strongly disagree | 3%        | 3%          | 4%        | 3%          | 2%        | 3%          |
| Most teachers at my school are interested in me as a person.             | Strongly agree    | 11%       | 7%          | 13%       | 8%          | 20%       | 9%          |
|  | Agree             | 55%       | 48%         | 49%       | 44%         | 50%       | 45%         |
|  | Disagree          | 28%       | 36%         | 29%       | 39%         | 26%       | 37%         |
|  | Strongly disagree | 7%        | 9%          | 10%       | 9%          | 4%        | 9%          |

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**TABLE 8A  
PRESENCE OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE/POLICE OFFICER\*  
Gay or Lesbian**

|  |                   | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|-------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                   | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                   | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |                   | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| Is there a police officer or School Resource Officer (SRO) at your school?   | Yes               | 66%   | 61%    | 70%  | 69%    | 74%  | 72%    |
|  | No                | 10%   | 11%    | 6%   | 5%     | 11%  | 9%     |
|  | I don't know      | 24%   | 29%    | 23%  | 25%    | 15%  | 19%    |
| IF POLICE OFFICER OR SRO AT SCHOOL: If I knew about something unsafe or illegal at my school, I would tell the SRO or police officer.            | Strongly agree    | 30%   | 20%    | 16%  | 18%    | 18%  | 12%    |
|  | Agree             | 42%   | 43%    | 43%  | 43%    | 37%  | 37%    |
|  | Disagree          | 20%   | 30%    | 28%  | 31%    | 31%  | 40%    |
|  | Strongly disagree | 8%    | 6%     | 12%  | 8%     | 14%  | 12%    |
| IF POLICE OFFICER OR SRO AT SCHOOL: I would feel comfortable going to my school's police officer or SRO if I was having problems or needed help. | Strongly agree    | 18%   | 11%    | 12%  | 10%    | 11%  | 7%     |
|  | Agree             | 37%   | 30%    | 38%  | 27%    | 34%  | 26%    |
|  | Disagree          | 31%   | 40%    | 38%  | 42%    | 34%  | 41%    |
|  | Strongly disagree | 13%   | 18%    | 12%  | 21%    | 21%  | 26%    |
| IF POLICE OFFICER OR SRO AT SCHOOL: I think it is a good idea to have an SRO or police officer at our school.                                    | Strongly agree    | 42%   | 29%    | 34%  | 26%    | 27%  | 20%    |
|  | Agree             | 48%   | 58%    | 55%  | 60%    | 53%  | 50%    |
|  | Disagree          | 5%    | 10%    | 7%   | 11%    | 13%  | 20%    |
|  | Strongly disagree | 5%    | 3%     | 3%   | 3%     | 7%   | 10%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.



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**TABLE 8B  
COMFORT GOING TO POLICE OFFICER\*<sup>^</sup>  
*Gay or Lesbian***

|  |                          | Grade |        |
|--|--------------------------|-------|--------|
|  |                          | 8th   |        |
|  |                          | Male  | Female |
|  |                          | %     | %      |
| <b>I would feel comfortable going to the police if I was having problems or needed help.</b> | <b>Strongly agree</b>    | 22%   | 10%    |
|  | <b>Agree</b>             | 37%   | 34%    |
|  | <b>Disagree</b>          | 32%   | 38%    |
|  | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | 9%    | 19%    |

\* 9th and 11th grade surveys did not ask this question.

<sup>^</sup> New question in 2022.

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**TABLE 9  
PERCEPTIONS OF SAFETY**

*Gay or Lesbian*

| <i>How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?</i> |                          | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|--------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                          | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                          | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                          | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>I feel safe going to and from school.</b>                                    | <b>Strongly agree</b>    | 29%   | 26%    | 28%  | 20%    | 38%  | 23%    |
|   | <b>Agree</b>             | 57%   | 60%    | 59%  | 67%    | 53%  | 68%    |
|   | <b>Disagree</b>          | 10%   | 12%    | 11%  | 11%    | 7%   | 7%     |
|   | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | 3%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 2%   | 3%     |
| <b>I feel safe at school.</b>   | <b>Strongly agree</b>    | 15%   | 14%    | 18%  | 10%    | 20%  | 11%    |
|   | <b>Agree</b>             | 54%   | 56%    | 60%  | 60%    | 59%  | 57%    |
|   | <b>Disagree</b>          | 23%   | 25%    | 18%  | 27%    | 16%  | 27%    |
|   | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | 8%    | 5%     | 4%   | 4%     | 5%   | 5%     |
| <b>I feel safe in my neighborhood.</b>  | <b>Strongly agree</b>    | 42%   | 33%    | 45%  | 28%    | 44%  | 30%    |
|   | <b>Agree</b>             | 48%   | 59%    | 47%  | 62%    | 47%  | 64%    |
|   | <b>Disagree</b>          | 7%    | 6%     | 7%   | 7%     | 7%   | 4%     |
|   | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | 3%    | 2%     | 1%   | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     |
| <b>I feel safe at home.</b>   | <b>Strongly agree</b>    | 57%   | 45%    | 53%  | 41%    | 56%  | 46%    |
|   | <b>Agree</b>             | 40%   | 46%    | 41%  | 50%    | 37%  | 44%    |
|   | <b>Disagree</b>          | 3%    | 8%     | 3%   | 8%     | 6%   | 8%     |
|   | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | 1%    | 2%     | 3%   | 1%     | 2%   | 2%     |

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**TABLE 10A  
AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION  
Gay or Lesbian**

| <i>During a typical week, how often do you go to the following places after school?</i> |                    | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|--------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                    | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                    | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                    | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>I stay at my school or go to another school</b>                                      | <b>0 days</b>      | 62%   | 70%    | 53%  | 52%    | 49%  | 50%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>       | 10%   | 9%     | 10%  | 13%    | 9%   | 13%    |
|   | <b>2 days</b>      | 8%    | 6%     | 10%  | 9%     | 7%   | 10%    |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b> | 6%    | 6%     | 7%   | 8%     | 12%  | 11%    |
|   | <b>5 days</b>      | 14%   | 9%     | 21%  | 18%    | 23%  | 16%    |
| <b>My home or another home such as a friend's, relative's or neighbor's</b>             | <b>0 days</b>      | 18%   | 19%    | 12%  | 10%    | 13%  | 10%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>       | 11%   | 10%    | 9%   | 7%     | 9%   | 9%     |
|   | <b>2 days</b>      | 6%    | 6%     | 9%   | 9%     | 11%  | 8%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b> | 12%   | 11%    | 9%   | 16%    | 10%  | 17%    |
|   | <b>5 days</b>      | 54%   | 54%    | 60%  | 57%    | 58%  | 56%    |
| <b>A rec, community or other youth center</b>   | <b>0 days</b>      | 88%   | 89%    | 87%  | 90%    | 94%  | 92%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>       | 4%    | 6%     | 6%   | 4%     | 2%   | 3%     |
|   | <b>2 days</b>      | 5%    | 3%     | 2%   | 3%     | 2%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b> | 0%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 1%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>5 days</b>      | 2%    | 0%     | 3%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
| <b>A park or other outdoor space</b>  | <b>0 days</b>      | 63%   | 62%    | 67%  | 62%    | 73%  | 73%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>       | 17%   | 18%    | 13%  | 20%    | 12%  | 13%    |
|   | <b>2 days</b>      | 12%   | 11%    | 11%  | 11%    | 10%  | 8%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b> | 5%    | 7%     | 5%   | 5%     | 3%   | 4%     |
|   | <b>5 days</b>      | 3%    | 3%     | 4%   | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     |
| <b>A library</b>  | <b>0 days</b>      | 83%   | 85%    | 85%  | 87%    | 89%  | 85%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>       | 12%   | 10%    | 9%   | 8%     | 7%   | 10%    |
|   | <b>2 days</b>      | 2%    | 3%     | 4%   | 4%     | 1%   | 3%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b> | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>5 days</b>      | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     | 2%   | 2%     |
| <b>A church, synagogue, mosque, or other spiritual/religious place</b>                  | <b>0 days</b>      | 78%   | 87%    | 87%  | 87%    | 93%  | 92%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>       | 18%   | 10%    | 7%   | 10%    | 5%   | 6%     |
|   | <b>2 days</b>      | 3%    | 2%     | 4%   | 2%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b> | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>5 days</b>      | 1%    | 0%     | 2%   | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     |

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**TABLE 10B  
AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION\***

*Gay or Lesbian*

|  |               | Grade |        |
|--|---------------|-------|--------|
|  |               | 8th   |        |
|  |               | Male  | Female |
|  |               | %     | %      |
| <b>During a typical week, how often are you home alone or somewhere unsupervised after school?</b> | <b>0 days</b> | 39%   | 30%    |
|  | <b>1 day</b>  | 24%   | 21%    |
|  | <b>2 days</b> | 15%   | 16%    |
|  | <b>3 days</b> | 8%    | 11%    |
|  | <b>4 days</b> | 5%    | 8%     |
|  | <b>5 days</b> | 9%    | 13%    |

\*9th and 11th grade surveys did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 11A**  
**BEING BULLIED FOR SPECIFIC REASONS**  
*Gay or Lesbian*

| <i>During the last 30 days, how often have other students harassed or bullied you for any of the following reasons?</i> |                             | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                             | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                             | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                             | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>Your race, ethnicity or national origin</b>  | <b>Never</b>                | 78%   | 83%    | 84%  | 88%    | 90%  | 89%    |
|   | <b>Once or twice</b>        | 10%   | 12%    | 12%  | 8%     | 5%   | 8%     |
|   | <b>About once a week</b>    | 4%    | 2%     | 2%   | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>Several times a week</b> | 1%    | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     | 2%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>Every day</b>            | 6%    | 1%     | 2%   | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     |
| <b>Your religion</b>  | <b>Never</b>                | 84%   | 89%    | 93%  | 89%    | 95%  | 93%    |
|   | <b>Once or twice</b>        | 8%    | 8%     | 6%   | 8%     | 2%   | 5%     |
|   | <b>About once a week</b>    | 2%    | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>Several times a week</b> | 2%    | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>Every day</b>            | 3%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     |
| <b>Your sex or gender (being male, female, transgender, genderqueer, genderfluid)^</b>                                  | <b>Never</b>                | 64%   | 53%    | 73%  | 58%    | 80%  | 68%    |
|   | <b>Once or twice</b>        | 13%   | 23%    | 15%  | 23%    | 13%  | 19%    |
|   | <b>About once a week</b>    | 4%    | 10%    | 3%   | 9%     | 4%   | 7%     |
|   | <b>Several times a week</b> | 9%    | 8%     | 7%   | 6%     | 2%   | 3%     |
|   | <b>Every day</b>            | 9%    | 5%     | 2%   | 4%     | 1%   | 3%     |
| <b>Your gender expression (your style, dress, or the way you walk or talk)*</b>   | <b>Never</b>                | 45%   | 46%    | 54%  | 51%    | 59%  | 63%    |
|   | <b>Once or twice</b>        | 24%   | 25%    | 28%  | 28%    | 26%  | 23%    |
|   | <b>About once a week</b>    | 9%    | 11%    | 9%   | 10%    | 7%   | 6%     |
|   | <b>Several times a week</b> | 13%   | 10%    | 7%   | 8%     | 5%   | 3%     |
|   | <b>Every day</b>            | 10%   | 9%     | 2%   | 3%     | 3%   | 5%     |

\* 5th grade surveys did not ask this question.

^ Change in question wording from 2019; 5th grade survey item was worded "Your gender (being male or female)".

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**TABLE 11B  
BEING BULLIED FOR SPECIFIC REASONS**

***Gay or Lesbian***

| <i>During the last 30 days, how often have other students harassed or bullied you for any of the following reasons?</i> |                      | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|----------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                      | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                      | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                      | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>Because you are bisexual, gay, lesbian, asexual, pansexual, queer, or because someone thought you were*</b>          | Never                | 35%   | 38%    | 40%  | 44%    | 49%  | 55%    |
|   | Once or twice        | 27%   | 28%    | 30%  | 28%    | 29%  | 25%    |
|   | About once a week    | 8%    | 13%    | 13%  | 11%    | 8%   | 9%     |
|   | Several times a week | 16%   | 13%    | 10%  | 9%     | 10%  | 6%     |
|   | Every day            | 15%   | 9%     | 7%   | 7%     | 5%   | 5%     |
| <b>A physical or mental disability</b>  | Never                | 75%   | 74%    | 87%  | 77%    | 88%  | 83%    |
|   | Once or twice        | 13%   | 14%    | 7%   | 14%    | 7%   | 9%     |
|   | About once a week    | 4%    | 6%     | 2%   | 5%     | 2%   | 4%     |
|   | Several times a week | 4%    | 4%     | 2%   | 2%     | 3%   | 2%     |
|   | Every day            | 4%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     |
| <b>Your size or weight</b>  | Never                | 62%   | 67%    | 68%  | 67%    | 79%  | 79%    |
|   | Once or twice        | 22%   | 19%    | 20%  | 21%    | 13%  | 15%    |
|   | About once a week    | 9%    | 7%     | 5%   | 6%     | 4%   | 3%     |
|   | Several times a week | 4%    | 5%     | 5%   | 3%     | 3%   | 2%     |
|   | Every day            | 3%    | 2%     | 2%   | 3%     | 2%   | 2%     |
| <b>Your physical appearance</b>   | Never                | 50%   | 51%    | 59%  | 56%    | 70%  | 71%    |
|   | Once or twice        | 27%   | 30%    | 27%  | 28%    | 21%  | 20%    |
|   | About once a week    | 11%   | 9%     | 9%   | 8%     | 5%   | 4%     |
|   | Several times a week | 4%    | 6%     | 4%   | 5%     | 2%   | 3%     |
|   | Every day            | 8%    | 4%     | 2%   | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     |

\* 5th grade surveys did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 12A  
BEING CYBERBULLIED  
Gay or Lesbian**

|   |                             | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                             | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                             | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                             | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>During the last 30 days, how often have you been cyberbullied? (Count being bullied through texting, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok or other social media)^</b> | <b>Never</b>                | 68%   | 73%    | 75%  | 74%    | 83%  | 83%    |
|   | <b>Once or twice</b>        | 19%   | 19%    | 16%  | 18%    | 12%  | 12%    |
|   | <b>About once a week</b>    | 5%    | 3%     | 5%   | 5%     | 2%   | 3%     |
|   | <b>Several times a week</b> | 3%    | 3%     | 1%   | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>Every day</b>            | 6%    | 2%     | 2%   | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     |

^ Change in question wording from 2019.

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**TABLE 12B  
BEING BULLIED OR HARASSED AT SCHOOL  
Gay or Lesbian**

| During the last 30 days, on how many days have other students at school...      |                      | Grade     |             |           |             |           |             |
|---|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|   |                      | 8th       |             | 9th       |             | 11th      |             |
|   |                      | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% |
| ...pushed, shoved, slapped, hit or kicked you when they weren't kidding around? | Never                | 66%       | 78%         | 81%       | 84%         | 88%       | 91%         |
|   | Once or twice        | 20%       | 15%         | 15%       | 12%         | 8%        | 6%          |
|   | About once a week    | 4%        | 4%          | 4%        | 2%          | 2%        | 1%          |
|   | Several times a week | 3%        | 2%          | 0%        | 1%          | 0%        | 1%          |
|   | Every day            | 6%        | 2%          | 0%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          |
| ...threatened to beat you up?   | Never                | 67%       | 78%         | 79%       | 83%         | 89%       | 89%         |
|   | Once or twice        | 19%       | 16%         | 15%       | 13%         | 7%        | 8%          |
|   | About once a week    | 6%        | 4%          | 5%        | 2%          | 2%        | 1%          |
|   | Several times a week | 3%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          | 2%        | 1%          |
|   | Every day            | 5%        | 1%          | 0%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          |
| ...spread mean rumors or lies about you?  | Never                | 55%       | 65%         | 70%       | 67%         | 76%       | 71%         |
|   | Once or twice        | 22%       | 24%         | 19%       | 25%         | 17%       | 21%         |
|   | About once a week    | 13%       | 4%          | 7%        | 5%          | 4%        | 3%          |
|   | Several times a week | 3%        | 3%          | 3%        | 2%          | 3%        | 3%          |
|   | Every day            | 7%        | 4%          | 1%        | 1%          | 0%        | 2%          |
| ...made sexual jokes, comments or gestures towards you?*                        | Never                | 47%       | 54%         | 60%       | 53%         | 68%       | 64%         |
|   | Once or twice        | 22%       | 27%         | 18%       | 28%         | 14%       | 21%         |
|   | About once a week    | 8%        | 8%          | 10%       | 10%         | 8%        | 7%          |
|   | Several times a week | 11%       | 6%          | 6%        | 6%          | 6%        | 6%          |
|   | Every day            | 13%       | 6%          | 6%        | 3%          | 4%        | 3%          |
| ...excluded you from friends, other students or activities?                     | Never                | 57%       | 55%         | 67%       | 58%         | 72%       | 69%         |
|   | Once or twice        | 23%       | 24%         | 23%       | 26%         | 18%       | 19%         |
|   | About once a week    | 7%        | 9%          | 4%        | 8%          | 5%        | 4%          |
|   | Several times a week | 6%        | 7%          | 3%        | 6%          | 3%        | 4%          |
|   | Every day            | 8%        | 4%          | 2%        | 3%          | 2%        | 5%          |
| Bullied once or more in the last 30 days^                                       | No                   | 24%       | 28%         | 38%       | 32%         | 50%       | 43%         |
|   | Yes                  | 76%       | 72%         | 62%       | 68%         | 50%       | 57%         |
| Bullied weekly or more in the last 30 days^                                     | No                   | 53%       | 67%         | 67%       | 68%         | 75%       | 75%         |
|   | Yes                  | 47%       | 33%         | 33%       | 32%         | 25%       | 25%         |
| Bullied daily in the last 30 days^  | No                   | 79%       | 88%         | 93%       | 94%         | 94%       | 93%         |
|   | Yes                  | 21%       | 12%         | 7%        | 6%          | 6%        | 7%          |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ These are computed variables based on combinations of responses to the first five questions on this table.



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**TABLE 13**  
**BULLYING OR HARASSING OTHER STUDENTS AT SCHOOL**  
**Gay or Lesbian**

| <i>During the last 30 days, how many times at school have YOU...</i>               |                      | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|----------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                      | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                      | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |                      | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| ...pushed, shoved, slapped, hit or kicked someone when you weren't kidding around? | Never                | 78%   | 87%    | 92%  | 92%    | 94%  | 95%    |
|  | Once or twice        | 17%   | 10%    | 5%   | 6%     | 4%   | 4%     |
|  | About once a week    | 2%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|  | Several times a week | 2%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | Every day            | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     |
| ...threatened to beat someone up?  | Never                | 83%   | 84%    | 89%  | 86%    | 92%  | 90%    |
|  | Once or twice        | 14%   | 13%    | 7%   | 11%    | 5%   | 8%     |
|  | About once a week    | 1%    | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|  | Several times a week | 0%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|  | Every day            | 2%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
| ...spread mean rumors or lies about someone else?                                  | Never                | 87%   | 91%    | 88%  | 92%    | 87%  | 95%    |
|  | Once or twice        | 11%   | 7%     | 8%   | 6%     | 9%   | 3%     |
|  | About once a week    | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|  | Several times a week | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|  | Every day            | 0%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     |
| ...made sexual jokes, comments or gestures towards someone else?*                  | Never                | 80%   | 89%    | 87%  | 87%    | 84%  | 91%    |
|  | Once or twice        | 9%    | 8%     | 5%   | 8%     | 7%   | 5%     |
|  | About once a week    | 3%    | 1%     | 3%   | 2%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|  | Several times a week | 3%    | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     | 4%   | 1%     |
|  | Every day            | 4%    | 1%     | 3%   | 1%     | 4%   | 2%     |
| ...excluded someone from friends, other students or activities?                    | Never                | 83%   | 87%    | 84%  | 86%    | 84%  | 90%    |
|  | Once or twice        | 14%   | 12%    | 12%  | 11%    | 12%  | 8%     |
|  | About once a week    | 2%    | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|  | Several times a week | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|  | Every day            | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 14A  
AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS  
Gay or Lesbian**

|   |   | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|---|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |   | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |   | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |   | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>Does your school or community offer a variety of programs for people your age to participate in outside of the regular school day?</b> | <b>Yes</b>  | 65%   | 63%    | 71%  | 67%    | 71%  | 69%    |
|   | <b>No</b>   | 6%    | 5%     | 6%   | 5%     | 4%   | 5%     |
|   | <b>I don't know what programs are available in my community</b> | 28%   | 32%    | 23%  | 28%    | 24%  | 26%    |

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### TABLE 14B ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

*Gay or Lesbian*

| <i>During a typical week, how often do you participate in the following activities outside of the regular school day?</i> |                       | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|-----------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                       | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                       | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                       | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>Sports teams, such as park and rec teams, school teams, in-house teams or traveling teams</b>                          | <b>0 days</b>         | 72%   | 70%    | 78%  | 67%    | 76%  | 69%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>          | 5%    | 5%     | 3%   | 4%     | 5%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>2 days</b>         | 5%    | 8%     | 2%   | 6%     | 2%   | 8%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b>    | 8%    | 10%    | 7%   | 10%    | 6%   | 8%     |
|   | <b>5 or more days</b> | 10%   | 8%     | 10%  | 13%    | 11%  | 13%    |
| <b>School sponsored activities or clubs that are not sports, such as drama, music, chess or science club</b>              | <b>0 days</b>         | 63%   | 69%    | 63%  | 60%    | 57%  | 56%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>          | 9%    | 11%    | 13%  | 18%    | 11%  | 14%    |
|   | <b>2 days</b>         | 14%   | 8%     | 6%   | 8%     | 10%  | 11%    |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b>    | 9%    | 7%     | 12%  | 8%     | 11%  | 9%     |
|   | <b>5 or more days</b> | 5%    | 4%     | 6%   | 6%     | 12%  | 9%     |
| <b>Tutoring, homework help or academic programs</b>   | <b>0 days</b>         | 87%   | 91%    | 88%  | 90%    | 84%  | 86%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>          | 4%    | 5%     | 6%   | 5%     | 8%   | 9%     |
|   | <b>2 days</b>         | 5%    | 3%     | 5%   | 3%     | 4%   | 3%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b>    | 3%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>5 or more days</b> | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
| <b>Leadership activities such as student government, youth councils or committees</b>                                     | <b>0 days</b>         | 89%   | 92%    | 91%  | 94%    | 79%  | 82%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>          | 5%    | 5%     | 4%   | 4%     | 11%  | 12%    |
|   | <b>2 days</b>         | 3%    | 2%     | 3%   | 1%     | 7%   | 4%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b>    | 1%    | 1%     | 2%   | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>5 or more days</b> | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     |

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**TABLE 14C  
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**

***Gay or Lesbian***

| <i>During a typical week, how often do you participate in the following activities outside of the regular school day?</i> |                       | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|-----------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                       | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                       | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                       | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>Artistic activities, such as music, dance, drawing, photography, or pottery</b>  | <b>0 days</b>         | 59%   | 46%    | 59%  | 45%    | 56%  | 44%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>          | 9%    | 12%    | 11%  | 12%    | 8%   | 13%    |
|   | <b>2 days</b>         | 11%   | 11%    | 11%  | 10%    | 13%  | 13%    |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b>    | 8%    | 13%    | 9%   | 14%    | 8%   | 12%    |
|   | <b>5 or more days</b> | 13%   | 18%    | 10%  | 19%    | 15%  | 18%    |
| <b>Cultural heritage programs<sup>^</sup></b>   | <b>0 days</b>         | 90%   | 96%    | 95%  | 95%    | 95%  | 96%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>          | 3%    | 3%     | 3%   | 3%     | 2%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>2 days</b>         | 3%    | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b>    | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>5 or more days</b> | 3%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
| <b>Physical activity lessons, such as tennis or karate</b>  | <b>0 days</b>         | 78%   | 80%    | 88%  | 79%    | 86%  | 82%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>          | 6%    | 6%     | 3%   | 5%     | 5%   | 4%     |
|   | <b>2 days</b>         | 5%    | 6%     | 3%   | 6%     | 3%   | 5%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b>    | 5%    | 5%     | 2%   | 6%     | 2%   | 4%     |
|   | <b>5 or more days</b> | 6%    | 3%     | 3%   | 5%     | 3%   | 4%     |
| <b>Other community clubs and programs such as 4-H, Scouts, Y-clubs or Community Ed</b>                                    | <b>0 days</b>         | 92%   | 93%    | 92%  | 94%    | 90%  | 95%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>          | 3%    | 4%     | 5%   | 4%     | 6%   | 3%     |
|   | <b>2 days</b>         | 3%    | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b>    | 1%    | 1%     | 3%   | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>5 or more days</b> | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 2%   | 1%     |
| <b>Religious activities such as religious services, education or youth group</b>  | <b>0 days</b>         | 77%   | 87%    | 83%  | 87%    | 92%  | 91%    |
|   | <b>1 day</b>          | 18%   | 11%    | 13%  | 11%    | 5%   | 6%     |
|   | <b>2 days</b>         | 2%    | 2%     | 3%   | 2%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>3 to 4 days</b>    | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>5 or more days</b> | 2%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     |

<sup>^</sup> New question in 2022.

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**TABLE 15**  
**REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING IN ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES\*^**  
**Gay or Lesbian**

|  |   | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|---|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |   | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |   | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |   | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>IF NO PARTICIPATION: What are the reasons you don't participate in any activities, programs or clubs outside of the regular school day? (Mark ALL that apply)</b> | I do not know what is available in my community.            | 20%   | 23%    | 33%  | 24%    | 18%  | 26%    |
|  | Activities are not available in my community.               | 5%    | 4%     | 0%   | 3%     | 5%   | 4%     |
|  | Activities cost too much.                                   | 9%    | 19%    | 5%   | 17%    | 10%  | 18%    |
|  | My parents (or guardians) won't let me.                     | 5%    | 8%     | 7%   | 11%    | 5%   | 6%     |
|  | My friends are not there.                                   | 25%   | 37%    | 37%  | 36%    | 31%  | 27%    |
|  | I am not interested.  | 85%   | 90%    | 82%  | 79%    | 75%  | 74%    |
|  | I am too busy with other things, such as a job or homework. | 31%   | 37%    | 38%  | 45%    | 57%  | 64%    |
|  | I don't have a way to get there or home.                    | 20%   | 17%    | 13%  | 28%    | 25%  | 20%    |
|  | I have to take care of other family members.                | 9%    | 11%    | 5%   | 6%     | 10%  | 12%    |
|  | It is not a safe place.                                     | 5%    | 2%     | 7%   | 3%     | 5%   | 4%     |
|  | Other   | 15%   | 17%    | 13%  | 20%    | 16%  | 16%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask this question

^ New question in 2022.

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**TABLE 16**  
**QUALITY OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES<sup>^</sup>**  
**Gay or Lesbian**

| <i>When you spend time doing activities outside of the regular school day, how often do you...</i> |                 | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|-----------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                 | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                 | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |                 | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| ...feel safe?  | Rarely or never | 6%    | 3%     | 3%   | 2%     | 4%   | 3%     |
|  | Sometimes       | 12%   | 17%    | 10%  | 18%    | 8%   | 10%    |
|  | Often           | 36%   | 42%    | 46%  | 45%    | 38%  | 46%    |
|  | Very often      | 46%   | 38%    | 41%  | 36%    | 50%  | 41%    |
| ...learn skills like teamwork or leadership?   | Rarely or never | 16%   | 20%    | 17%  | 18%    | 11%  | 16%    |
|  | Sometimes       | 31%   | 39%    | 34%  | 38%    | 33%  | 29%    |
|  | Often           | 34%   | 29%    | 32%  | 30%    | 35%  | 37%    |
|  | Very often      | 19%   | 12%    | 17%  | 13%    | 20%  | 18%    |
| ...develop trusting relationships with peers your age?   | Rarely or never | 16%   | 22%    | 13%  | 16%    | 11%  | 14%    |
|  | Sometimes       | 32%   | 36%    | 29%  | 38%    | 27%  | 33%    |
|  | Often           | 27%   | 27%    | 38%  | 28%    | 39%  | 33%    |
|  | Very often      | 25%   | 15%    | 21%  | 18%    | 24%  | 20%    |
| ...develop trusting relationships with adults?   | Rarely or never | 19%   | 31%    | 24%  | 26%    | 18%  | 21%    |
|  | Sometimes       | 36%   | 40%    | 36%  | 47%    | 35%  | 45%    |
|  | Often           | 28%   | 20%    | 27%  | 20%    | 35%  | 23%    |
|  | Very often      | 17%   | 9%     | 13%  | 7%     | 11%  | 12%    |
| ...help make decisions?  | Rarely or never | 17%   | 15%    | 15%  | 16%    | 13%  | 11%    |
|  | Sometimes       | 40%   | 44%    | 37%  | 44%    | 37%  | 37%    |
|  | Often           | 29%   | 28%    | 36%  | 30%    | 30%  | 34%    |
|  | Very often      | 13%   | 13%    | 12%  | 10%    | 20%  | 18%    |
| ...do something that gives you joy and energy?   | Rarely or never | 9%    | 9%     | 10%  | 7%     | 4%   | 5%     |
|  | Sometimes       | 23%   | 28%    | 20%  | 27%    | 31%  | 29%    |
|  | Often           | 34%   | 34%    | 33%  | 40%    | 34%  | 39%    |
|  | Very often      | 33%   | 28%    | 37%  | 27%    | 31%  | 27%    |
| ...learn skills that you can use in a future job?  | Rarely or never | 17%   | 21%    | 23%  | 20%    | 16%  | 17%    |
|  | Sometimes       | 38%   | 44%    | 40%  | 45%    | 38%  | 39%    |
|  | Often           | 30%   | 22%    | 22%  | 22%    | 26%  | 27%    |
|  | Very often      | 16%   | 12%    | 15%  | 12%    | 21%  | 16%    |

<sup>^</sup> These items are a subscale of the Constructive Use of Time Scale from the Developmental Assets Profile (DAP) (Search Institute, Minneapolis, MN).

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**TABLE 17  
LIVING SITUATIONS**

*Gay or Lesbian*

|   |  | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|--|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |  | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |  | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |  | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| Have you ever been in foster care? (Mark ALL that apply)  | No   | 95%   | 97%    | 94%  | 96%    | 96%  | 96%    |
|   | Yes, during the last year  | 2%    | 0%     | 2%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|   | Yes, more than a year ago  | 3%    | 3%     | 4%   | 3%     | 3%   | 3%     |
| During the past 12 months, have you stayed in a shelter, somewhere not intended as a place to live, or someone else's home because you had no other place to stay? (Mark ALL that apply)* | No   | 94%   | 96%    | 95%  | 96%    | 98%  | 97%    |
|   | Yes, I was with my parents or adult family member                  | 6%    | 3%     | 4%   | 3%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | Yes, I was on my own without any adult family members              | 0%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
| Have any of your parents or guardians ever been in jail or prison? (Mark ALL that apply)*   | None of my parents or guardians has ever been in jail or prison    | 79%   | 79%    | 79%  | 79%    | 84%  | 80%    |
|   | Yes, I have a parent or guardian in jail or prison right now       | 3%    | 2%     | 3%   | 1%     | 2%   | 2%     |
|   | Yes, I have had a parent or guardian in jail or prison in the past | 20%   | 20%    | 20%  | 21%    | 15%  | 19%    |
| IF YOU HAVE OR HAVE HAD PARENT OR GUARDIAN IN JAIL OR PRISON: Did you live with a parent or guardian at the time they went to jail or prison?*  | Yes  | 55%   | 42%    | 60%  | 48%    | 39%  | 40%    |
|   | No   | 45%   | 58%    | 40%  | 52%    | 61%  | 60%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 18  
COMMUNICATION WITH ADULTS**

*Gay or Lesbian*

|   |  | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|--|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |  | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |  | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |  | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>Which of these adults can you talk to about problems you are having? (Mark ALL that apply)</b> | <b>Parent or guardian</b>  | 66%   | 61%    | 66%  | 58%    | 69%  | 62%    |
|   | <b>Adult at school</b>   | 36%   | 29%    | 37%  | 27%    | 39%  | 31%    |
|   | <b>Some other adult</b>  | 23%   | 24%    | 32%  | 31%    | 33%  | 39%    |
|   | <b>I don't have any adults that I can talk to about problems I am having</b> | 20%   | 24%    | 20%  | 24%    | 16%  | 17%    |



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**TABLE 19**  
**PERCEPTIONS OF FAMILY AND OTHERS CARING**  
*Gay or Lesbian*

|  |                    | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|--------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                    | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                    | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| <i>How much do you feel ...</i>                    |                    | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>...your parents care about you?</b>             | <b>Not at all</b>  | 3%    | 3%     | 2%   | 3%     | 1%   | 2%     |
|  | <b>A little</b>    | 6%    | 8%     | 4%   | 10%    | 4%   | 8%     |
|  | <b>Some</b>        | 13%   | 19%    | 16%  | 19%    | 15%  | 19%    |
|  | <b>Quite a bit</b> | 27%   | 30%    | 34%  | 32%    | 34%  | 32%    |
|  | <b>Very much</b>   | 51%   | 40%    | 45%  | 38%    | 45%  | 40%    |
| <b>...other adult relatives care about you?</b>    | <b>Not at all</b>  | 4%    | 6%     | 3%   | 6%     | 4%   | 5%     |
|  | <b>A little</b>    | 6%    | 16%    | 12%  | 16%    | 10%  | 14%    |
|  | <b>Some</b>        | 25%   | 25%    | 21%  | 30%    | 28%  | 30%    |
|  | <b>Quite a bit</b> | 39%   | 33%    | 40%  | 33%    | 35%  | 32%    |
|  | <b>Very much</b>   | 26%   | 20%    | 24%  | 16%    | 23%  | 18%    |
| <b>...friends care about you?</b>                  | <b>Not at all</b>  | 4%    | 3%     | 2%   | 3%     | 1%   | 3%     |
|  | <b>A little</b>    | 11%   | 9%     | 9%   | 9%     | 3%   | 9%     |
|  | <b>Some</b>        | 17%   | 23%    | 18%  | 18%    | 23%  | 20%    |
|  | <b>Quite a bit</b> | 40%   | 36%    | 30%  | 37%    | 40%  | 34%    |
|  | <b>Very much</b>   | 29%   | 29%    | 41%  | 33%    | 34%  | 35%    |
| <b>...teachers at school care about you?^</b>      | <b>Not at all</b>  | 7%    | 11%    | 7%   | 9%     | 5%   | 7%     |
|  | <b>A little</b>    | 21%   | 27%    | 18%  | 28%    | 14%  | 26%    |
|  | <b>Some</b>        | 35%   | 38%    | 37%  | 40%    | 39%  | 41%    |
|  | <b>Quite a bit</b> | 29%   | 19%    | 30%  | 18%    | 32%  | 22%    |
|  | <b>Very much</b>   | 9%    | 5%     | 8%   | 5%     | 11%  | 4%     |
| <b>...other adults at school care about you?^</b>  | <b>Not at all</b>  | 18%   | 19%    | 15%  | 22%    | 14%  | 24%    |
|  | <b>A little</b>    | 22%   | 34%    | 29%  | 33%    | 22%  | 31%    |
|  | <b>Some</b>        | 38%   | 31%    | 32%  | 30%    | 37%  | 34%    |
|  | <b>Quite a bit</b> | 16%   | 12%    | 18%  | 11%    | 23%  | 8%     |
|  | <b>Very much</b>   | 7%    | 4%     | 6%   | 3%     | 5%   | 3%     |
| <b>...adults in your community care about you?</b> | <b>Not at all</b>  | 17%   | 26%    | 20%  | 29%    | 20%  | 29%    |
|  | <b>A little</b>    | 27%   | 33%    | 27%  | 30%    | 24%  | 31%    |
|  | <b>Some</b>        | 36%   | 27%    | 32%  | 29%    | 35%  | 27%    |
|  | <b>Quite a bit</b> | 14%   | 12%    | 16%  | 10%    | 16%  | 10%    |
|  | <b>Very much</b>   | 6%    | 3%     | 5%   | 3%     | 6%   | 3%     |

^ New question in 2022.

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**TABLE 20  
ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES\*  
Gay or Lesbian**

|  |              | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|--------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |              | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |              | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |              | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| Do you live with anyone who drinks too much alcohol?   | Yes          | 13%   | 15%    | 16%  | 19%    | 13%  | 16%    |
|  | No           | 87%   | 85%    | 84%  | 81%    | 87%  | 84%    |
| Do you live with anyone who uses illegal drugs or abuses prescription drugs?   | Yes          | 7%    | 8%     | 7%   | 8%     | 7%   | 8%     |
|  | No           | 93%   | 92%    | 93%  | 92%    | 93%  | 92%    |
| Do you live with anyone who is depressed or has any other mental health issues?  | Yes          | 40%   | 57%    | 48%  | 58%    | 45%  | 67%    |
|  | No           | 60%   | 43%    | 52%  | 42%    | 55%  | 33%    |
| Does a parent or other adult in your home regularly swear at you, insult you or put you down?  | Yes          | 24%   | 28%    | 22%  | 28%    | 21%  | 27%    |
|  | No           | 76%   | 72%    | 78%  | 72%    | 79%  | 73%    |
| Has a parent or other adult in your home ever hit, beat, kicked or physically hurt you in any way?   | Yes          | 21%   | 18%    | 23%  | 19%    | 21%  | 20%    |
|  | No           | 79%   | 82%    | 77%  | 81%    | 79%  | 80%    |
| Have your parents or other adults in your home ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched or beat each other up?   | Yes          | 11%   | 12%    | 10%  | 13%    | 10%  | 13%    |
|  | No           | 89%   | 88%    | 90%  | 87%    | 90%  | 87%    |
| Has anyone who was not a relative/family member ever pressured, tricked, or forced you to do something sexual or done something sexual to you against your wishes? | Yes          | 9%    | 20%    | 11%  | 17%    | 14%  | 19%    |
|  | No           | 91%   | 80%    | 89%  | 83%    | 86%  | 81%    |
| Has any relative/family member ever pressured, tricked, or forced you to do something sexual or done something sexual to you?                                      | Yes          | 3%    | 10%    | 3%   | 7%     | 5%   | 11%    |
|  | No           | 97%   | 90%    | 97%  | 93%    | 95%  | 89%    |
| Have you ever traded sex or sexual activity to receive money, food, drugs, alcohol, a place to stay, or anything else?***  | Yes          |       |        | 6%   | 3%     | 5%   | 3%     |
|  | No           |       |        | 94%  | 97%    | 95%  | 97%    |
| ACEs Score-short^  | None         | 33%   | 25%    | 29%  | 25%    | 34%  | 19%    |
|  | One          | 30%   | 30%    | 31%  | 27%    | 28%  | 33%    |
|  | Two          | 16%   | 17%    | 17%  | 16%    | 17%  | 18%    |
|  | Three        | 12%   | 12%    | 10%  | 14%    | 8%   | 13%    |
|  | Four or more | 9%    | 16%    | 12%  | 17%    | 13%  | 17%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

\*\* 8th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ An adverse childhood experience (ACE) describes a traumatic experience in a person's life occurring before age 18. The ACEs Score-short is a measure of cumulative exposure to adverse childhood conditions, and combines the responses to all but the last question in this table plus the responses to the first question about parental incarceration (See Table 17).

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**TABLE 21**  
**RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE\***  
*Gay or Lesbian*

|  |     | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|-----|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |     | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |     | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |     | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| Have you been in a casual or serious relationship where your partner ever physically hurt you on purpose?  | Yes | 12%   | 8%     | 6%   | 8%     | 6%   | 8%     |
|  | No  | 88%   | 92%    | 94%  | 92%    | 94%  | 92%    |
| Have you been in a casual or serious relationship where your partner ever verbally hurt or controlled you?   | Yes | 23%   | 22%    | 16%  | 22%    | 16%  | 22%    |
|  | No  | 77%   | 78%    | 84%  | 78%    | 84%  | 78%    |
| Have you been in a casual or serious relationship where your partner ever pressured, tricked, or forced you to do something sexual, or did something sexual to you against your wishes? ** | Yes |       |        | 14%  | 16%    | 11%  | 21%    |
|  | No  |       |        | 86%  | 84%    | 89%  | 79%    |
| Have YOU ever pressured, tricked, or forced someone to do something sexual, or have YOU done something sexual to someone against their wishes? ** ^  | Yes |       |        | 3%   | 1%     | 2%   | 2%     |
|  | No  |       |        | 97%  | 99%    | 98%  | 98%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

\*\* 8th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ The response option "not sure" was not included in 2022.

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TABLE 22  
PHYSICAL HEALTH

*Gay or Lesbian*

|   |                       | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|-----------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                       | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                       | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                       | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| How would you describe your health in general?  | Excellent             | 10%   | 8%     | 9%   | 7%     | 13%  | 8%     |
|   | Very good             | 29%   | 25%    | 31%  | 23%    | 30%  | 25%    |
|   | Good                  | 37%   | 37%    | 36%  | 42%    | 33%  | 42%    |
|   | Fair                  | 19%   | 23%    | 19%  | 22%    | 18%  | 20%    |
|   | Poor                  | 5%    | 7%     | 6%   | 6%     | 5%   | 6%     |
| Do you have any physical disabilities, or long-term health problems (such as asthma, cancer, diabetes, epilepsy or something else)? Long-term means lasting 6 months or more. | Yes                   | 25%   | 18%    | 21%  | 24%    | 19%  | 24%    |
|   | No                    | 75%   | 82%    | 79%  | 76%    | 81%  | 76%    |
| Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have diabetes?   | Yes                   | 3%    | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | No                    | 97%   | 99%    | 98%  | 99%    | 98%  | 99%    |
| Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have pre-diabetes?   | Yes                   | 4%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     |
|   | No                    | 96%   | 98%    | 98%  | 98%    | 98%  | 98%    |
| Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?   | Yes                   | 19%   | 16%    | 21%  | 20%    | 20%  | 21%    |
|   | No                    | 81%   | 84%    | 79%  | 80%    | 80%  | 79%    |
| Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have an allergy that requires you to carry an epi-pen?   | Yes                   | 3%    | 4%     | 7%   | 3%     | 4%   | 8%     |
|   | No                    | 97%   | 96%    | 93%  | 97%    | 96%  | 92%    |
| Weight status* according to Body Mass Index (BMI)**   | Normal or underweight | 62%   | 70%    | 61%  | 68%    | 67%  | 69%    |
|   | Overweight            | 19%   | 15%    | 16%  | 17%    | 11%  | 16%    |
|   | Obese                 | 19%   | 14%    | 23%  | 15%    | 22%  | 15%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

\*\* Body Mass Index (BMI) is a number calculated from a child's self-reported weight and height. BMI is calculated using a standard formula. BMI-for-age percentiles are used to interpret BMI numbers for children and teens. CDC BMI-for-age growth charts were used to determine weight status according to BMI for participants in the Minnesota Student Survey.

Not overweight: Less than the 85th percentile  
Overweight: 85th to less than the 95th percentile  
Obese: Equal to or greater than the 95th percentile

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**TABLE 23  
MENTAL HEALTH  
Gay or Lesbian**

|  |  | Grade  |          |        |          |        |          |
|--|--|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
|  |  | 8th    |          | 9th    |          | 11th   |          |
|  |  | Male % | Female % | Male % | Female % | Male % | Female % |
| <b>Do you have any long-term mental health, behavioral or emotional problems? Long-term means lasting 6 months or more.*</b>                   | <b>Yes</b>   | 53%    | 68%      | 50%    | 70%      | 45%    | 79%      |
|  | <b>No</b>  | 47%    | 32%      | 50%    | 30%      | 55%    | 21%      |
| <b>Have you ever been treated for a mental health, emotional or behavioral problem? (Mark ALL that apply)</b>                                  | <b>No</b>  | 55%    | 48%      | 59%    | 47%      | 57%    | 32%      |
|  | <b>Yes, during the last year</b>                           | 31%    | 39%      | 24%    | 44%      | 28%    | 54%      |
|  | <b>Yes, more than a year ago</b>                           | 23%    | 22%      | 23%    | 23%      | 21%    | 32%      |
| <b>Have you ever been treated for an alcohol or drug problem? (Mark ALL that apply)*</b>   | <b>No</b>  | 94%    | 97%      | 97%    | 98%      | 98%    | 95%      |
|  | <b>Yes, during the last year</b>                           | 4%     | 2%       | 2%     | 1%       | 1%     | 3%       |
|  | <b>Yes, more than a year ago</b>                           | 2%     | 0%       | 1%     | 1%       | 2%     | 2%       |
| <b>When you are feeling upset, stressed or having problems, how comfortable are you talking to a counselor or social worker at school?***^</b> | <b>Very comfortable</b>                                    | 11%    | 6%       |        |          |        |          |
|  | <b>Somewhat comfortable</b>                                | 42%    | 37%      |        |          |        |          |
|  | <b>Not at all comfortable</b>                              | 45%    | 56%      |        |          |        |          |
|  | <b>There is no counselor or social worker at my school</b> | 1%     | 0%       |        |          |        |          |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

\*\* 9th and 11th grade surveys did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2022.

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**TABLE 24  
ORAL HEALTH  
Gay or Lesbian**

|  |   | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|---|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |   | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |   | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |   | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>When was the last time you saw a dentist for a check-up, exam or teeth cleaning or other dental work?</b> | <b>During the last year</b>                                       | 74%   | 77%    | 74%  | 75%    | 72%  | 76%    |
|  | <b>Between 1 and 2 years ago</b>                                  | 12%   | 14%    | 14%  | 14%    | 13%  | 14%    |
|  | <b>More than 2 years ago</b>                                      | 8%    | 7%     | 9%   | 9%     | 13%  | 10%    |
|  | <b>Never</b>  | 6%    | 2%     | 3%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
| <b>Have you had any of the following dental problems during the past 12 months? (Mark ALL that apply)</b>    | <b>Toothaches or pain</b>   | 24%   | 25%    | 29%  | 24%    | 25%  | 33%    |
|  | <b>Decayed teeth or cavities</b>                                  | 17%   | 13%    | 17%  | 16%    | 16%  | 19%    |
|  | <b>Swollen, painful or bleeding gums</b>                          | 13%   | 10%    | 15%  | 9%     | 9%   | 13%    |
|  | <b>Could not eat certain foods because of a dental problem</b>    | 9%    | 7%     | 8%   | 8%     | 5%   | 11%    |
|  | <b>Missed one or more school days because of a dental problem</b> | 8%    | 6%     | 6%   | 7%     | 6%   | 7%     |
|  | <b>I have not had any of these dental health problems</b>         | 56%   | 63%    | 58%  | 63%    | 63%  | 54%    |
| <b>IF ONE OR MORE DENTAL PROBLEMS: Have you had this dental problem treated by a dentist?</b>                | <b>Yes</b>  | 57%   | 57%    | 63%  | 64%    | 68%  | 53%    |
|  | <b>No, but I will see a dentist</b>                               | 30%   | 37%    | 28%  | 26%    | 28%  | 40%    |
|  | <b>No, I am not able to get dental treatment</b>                  | 12%   | 6%     | 9%   | 10%    | 4%   | 7%     |

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**TABLE 25**  
**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; SLEEP; EATING MEALS**  
*Gay or Lesbian*

|  |  | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|--|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |  | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |  | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |  | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>During the last 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of AT LEAST 60 MINUTES PER DAY?</b> | <b>0 days</b>  | 17%   | 16%    | 15%  | 16%    | 26%  | 23%    |
|  | <b>1 day</b>   | 10%   | 11%    | 10%  | 14%    | 12%  | 11%    |
|  | <b>2 days</b>  | 13%   | 15%    | 16%  | 14%    | 15%  | 14%    |
|  | <b>3 days</b>  | 16%   | 18%    | 11%  | 14%    | 20%  | 17%    |
|  | <b>4 days</b>  | 14%   | 12%    | 15%  | 13%    | 8%   | 11%    |
|  | <b>5 days</b>  | 10%   | 12%    | 16%  | 14%    | 8%   | 12%    |
|  | <b>6 days</b>  | 8%    | 6%     | 6%   | 7%     | 7%   | 6%     |
|  | <b>7 days</b>  | 13%   | 9%     | 10%  | 7%     | 5%   | 6%     |
| <b>During a typical school night, how many hours of sleep do you get?</b>  | <b>4 hours or less</b>   | 14%   | 13%    | 11%  | 13%    | 9%   | 9%     |
|  | <b>5 hours</b>   | 12%   | 15%    | 22%  | 17%    | 15%  | 20%    |
|  | <b>6 hours</b>   | 18%   | 20%    | 20%  | 23%    | 30%  | 30%    |
|  | <b>7 hours</b>   | 24%   | 23%    | 25%  | 24%    | 33%  | 26%    |
|  | <b>8 hours</b>   | 20%   | 18%    | 16%  | 17%    | 13%  | 11%    |
|  | <b>9 hours</b>   | 9%    | 9%     | 4%   | 3%     | 0%   | 2%     |
|  | <b>10 or more hours</b>  | 3%    | 2%     | 1%   | 3%     | 0%   | 1%     |
| <b>During the last 30 days, have you had to skip meals because your family did not have enough money to buy food?</b>  | <b>Yes</b>   | 7%    | 3%     | 5%   | 5%     | 5%   | 4%     |
|  | <b>No</b>  | 93%   | 97%    | 95%  | 95%    | 95%  | 96%    |
| <b>During a typical school week, where do you usually get your lunch? (Mark ALL that apply)</b>                        | <b>I usually don't eat lunch.</b>  | 11%   | 24%    | 17%  | 25%    | 13%  | 20%    |
|  | <b>Regular school lunch from the cafeteria</b>                               | 69%   | 59%    | 64%  | 54%    | 59%  | 51%    |
|  | <b>The a la carte line (buy individual items)</b>                            | 10%   | 7%     | 13%  | 12%    | 10%  | 11%    |
|  | <b>School store or vending machine</b>                                       | 3%    | 1%     | 6%   | 6%     | 5%   | 5%     |
|  | <b>Fast food restaurant, gas station or somewhere else outside of school</b> | 5%    | 3%     | 7%   | 3%     | 14%  | 10%    |
|  | <b>I bring lunch from home.</b>  | 20%   | 24%    | 20%  | 24%    | 27%  | 31%    |

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**TABLE 26A**  
**FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION\***  
*Gay or Lesbian*

|   |                                 | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|---------------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                                 | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                                 | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| <i>During the last 7 days, how many times did you...?</i>   |                                 | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| ...drink 100% fruit juices such as orange, apple or grape juice? (Do not count punch, Kool-Aid, sports drinks or other fruit-flavored drinks) | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 34%   | 35%    | 32%  | 34%    | 37%  | 39%    |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 40%   | 42%    | 35%  | 40%    | 36%  | 42%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 9%    | 12%    | 17%  | 12%    | 11%  | 9%     |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 8%    | 6%     | 6%   | 8%     | 7%   | 5%     |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 2%    | 3%     | 5%   | 3%     | 4%   | 3%     |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 2%    | 1%     | 3%   | 2%     | 2%   | 0%     |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 5%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 4%   | 1%     |
| ...eat fruit? (Do not count fruit juice)  | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 8%    | 9%     | 12%  | 8%     | 10%  | 11%    |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 31%   | 30%    | 31%  | 33%    | 29%  | 30%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 21%   | 21%    | 24%  | 23%    | 22%  | 20%    |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 12%   | 14%    | 9%   | 15%    | 13%  | 16%    |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 18%   | 16%    | 12%  | 13%    | 15%  | 16%    |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 6%    | 4%     | 8%   | 5%     | 5%   | 4%     |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 5%    | 6%     | 5%   | 4%     | 6%   | 2%     |
| ...eat green salad, potatoes, carrots or other vegetables? (Do not count French fries, fried potatoes, or potato chips)                       | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 13%   | 11%    | 15%  | 12%    | 18%  | 9%     |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 29%   | 31%    | 29%  | 29%    | 26%  | 32%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 18%   | 20%    | 24%  | 25%    | 21%  | 22%    |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 16%   | 16%    | 12%  | 16%    | 18%  | 19%    |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 12%   | 13%    | 14%  | 12%    | 11%  | 12%    |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 4%    | 4%     | 4%   | 4%     | 4%   | 3%     |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 7%    | 4%     | 3%   | 2%     | 2%   | 3%     |
| ...eat from a fast food restaurant, including carry-out or delivery?  | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 23%   | 25%    | 19%  | 20%    | 17%  | 19%    |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 59%   | 64%    | 65%  | 70%    | 64%  | 67%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 10%   | 7%     | 9%   | 7%     | 13%  | 9%     |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 6%    | 3%     | 4%   | 2%     | 5%   | 3%     |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 0%    | 0%     | 2%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 2%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     |
| Servings of fruits, fruit juice and vegetables per day during the last 7 days <sup>^</sup>  | Less than five                  | 86%   | 86%    | 86%  | 89%    | 86%  | 92%    |
|   | Five or more                    | 14%   | 14%    | 14%  | 11%    | 14%  | 8%     |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

<sup>^</sup> This is a computed variable based on combinations of responses to the first three questions on this table.



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TABLE 26B  
MILK AND WATER CONSUMPTION\*

Gay or Lesbian

|   |                                 | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|---------------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                                 | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                                 | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                                 | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>During the last 7 days, how many times did you drink...?</b><br>... a glass of milk? (Count the milk you drank in a cup, from a carton, or with cereal)^ | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 22%   | 31%    | 28%  | 36%    | 27%  | 47%    |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 20%   | 25%    | 17%  | 24%    | 29%  | 22%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 21%   | 14%    | 19%  | 16%    | 13%  | 11%    |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 16%   | 12%    | 14%  | 10%    | 14%  | 11%    |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 7%    | 9%     | 13%  | 8%     | 10%  | 5%     |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 8%    | 4%     | 5%   | 2%     | 5%   | 1%     |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 7%    | 5%     | 4%   | 3%     | 3%   | 2%     |
| <b>...a glass or drink of tap water from a drinking fountain, faucet or sink?</b><br>^^   | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 17%   | 18%    | 18%  | 14%    | 16%  | 16%    |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 14%   | 13%    | 14%  | 17%    | 18%  | 13%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 10%   | 11%    | 16%  | 11%    | 10%  | 6%     |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 9%    | 8%     | 10%  | 8%     | 9%   | 11%    |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 12%   | 15%    | 12%  | 13%    | 10%  | 12%    |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 13%   | 12%    | 12%  | 12%    | 13%  | 14%    |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 25%   | 23%    | 19%  | 24%    | 24%  | 28%    |
| <b>... a bottle of water (plain water that is not flavored or carbonated)?^^</b>  | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 20%   | 21%    | 19%  | 19%    | 23%  | 25%    |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 15%   | 21%    | 21%  | 19%    | 22%  | 19%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 14%   | 12%    | 12%  | 12%    | 11%  | 11%    |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 6%    | 11%    | 11%  | 13%    | 13%  | 14%    |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 14%   | 9%     | 14%  | 11%    | 9%   | 11%    |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 12%   | 8%     | 6%   | 9%     | 8%   | 8%     |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 20%   | 18%    | 17%  | 17%    | 13%  | 13%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in question wording from 2019.

^^ New question in 2022.

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**TABLE 26C  
SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION\*  
Gay or Lesbian**

|   |                                 | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|---------------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                                 | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                                 | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| <i>During the last 7 days, how many times did you drink...</i>  |                                 | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| ... a can, bottle or glass of pop or soda, such as Coke, Pepsi or Sprite (Do not count diet pop or diet soda) ^?  | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 28%   | 35%    | 30%  | 33%    | 25%  | 39%    |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 43%   | 40%    | 44%  | 44%    | 41%  | 36%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 12%   | 10%    | 12%  | 12%    | 16%  | 10%    |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 7%    | 7%     | 5%   | 6%     | 8%   | 9%     |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 6%    | 3%     | 6%   | 2%     | 6%   | 5%     |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 2%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 3%    | 2%     | 1%   | 2%     | 2%   | 1%     |
| ... a can, bottle or glass of a sports drink, such as Gatorade or Powerade? (Do not count low-calorie sports drinks such as Propel or G2)^  | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 66%   | 71%    | 58%  | 67%    | 59%  | 70%    |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 17%   | 18%    | 26%  | 21%    | 27%  | 22%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 7%    | 4%     | 10%  | 6%     | 7%   | 5%     |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 6%    | 4%     | 3%   | 4%     | 4%   | 1%     |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 0%    | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 2%    | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 2%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
| ... a can, bottle or glass of an energy drink, such as Rockstar, Red Bull, Monster or Full Throttle?  | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 74%   | 71%    | 72%  | 67%    | 67%  | 60%    |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 14%   | 19%    | 14%  | 20%    | 21%  | 23%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 5%    | 4%     | 5%   | 7%     | 5%   | 6%     |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 2%    | 3%     | 5%   | 4%     | 4%   | 6%     |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 1%    | 1%     | 2%   | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 1%    | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 3%    | 2%     | 2%   | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     |
| ... a can, bottle or glass of coffee or tea that had sugar, syrups or honey added to it? (Count coffee/ tea you added a sweetener to/ already had sweetener, e.g. Arizona Iced Tea/Frappuccinos. Don't count artificial sweeteners e.g. Splenda/diet drinks)^ | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 49%   | 50%    | 45%  | 48%    | 49%  | 42%    |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 32%   | 32%    | 32%  | 33%    | 25%  | 37%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 8%    | 8%     | 11%  | 9%     | 12%  | 9%     |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 5%    | 6%     | 10%  | 7%     | 8%   | 9%     |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 2%    | 3%     | 3%   | 2%     | 4%   | 2%     |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 2%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 2%    | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
| ... a can, bottle or glass of sweetened fruit drinks, such as Kool-Aid, Capri Sun or lemonade?  | I did NOT eat or drink this     | 50%   | 53%    | 45%  | 53%    | 51%  | 60%    |
|   | 1 to 3 times in the last 7 days | 34%   | 33%    | 41%  | 36%    | 33%  | 29%    |
|   | 4 to 6 times in the last 7 days | 9%    | 7%     | 7%   | 6%     | 7%   | 6%     |
|   | 1 time per day                  | 2%    | 4%     | 5%   | 3%     | 5%   | 3%     |
|   | 2 times per day                 | 3%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 3%   | 1%     |
|   | 3 times per day                 | 0%    | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | 4 or more times per day         | 1%    | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in question wording from 2019.

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**TABLE 27  
VEHICLE SAFETY  
Gay or Lesbian**

|   |  | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|--|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |  | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |  | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |  | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>When driving a car, truck or SUV, how often do you handle your phone to do things like send or read text messages, take pictures, use social media, stream videos, or videochat?*</b> <sup>^</sup> | <b>I don't drive a car, truck or SUV</b>                           |       |        | 77%  | 77%    | 31%  | 30%    |
|   | <b>I never do this</b>   |       |        | 16%  | 18%    | 28%  | 30%    |
|   | <b>Rarely</b>  |       |        | 3%   | 4%     | 22%  | 23%    |
|   | <b>Sometimes</b>   |       |        | 1%   | 1%     | 10%  | 13%    |
|   | <b>Often</b>   |       |        | 1%   | 0%     | 5%   | 3%     |
|   | <b>Always</b>  |       |        | 2%   | 0%     | 2%   | 1%     |
| <b>How often do you wear a seat belt when you are driving or riding in a car, truck or SUV?</b> <sup>^^</sup>   | <b>I don't drive or ride in a car, truck or SUV</b> <sup>^^^</sup> | 1%    | 0%     | 8%   | 7%     | 7%   | 3%     |
|   | <b>I never do this</b>   | 3%    | 1%     | 2%   | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>Rarely</b>  | 3%    | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>Sometimes</b>   | 6%    | 6%     | 6%   | 3%     | 4%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>Often</b>   | 14%   | 16%    | 14%  | 17%    | 6%   | 9%     |
|   | <b>Always</b>  | 73%   | 75%    | 69%  | 72%    | 80%  | 83%    |

\* 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask this question.

<sup>^</sup> New question in 2022.

<sup>^^</sup> On the 5th and 8th grade surveys, this question was worded "How often do you wear a seat belt when you are riding in a car, truck or SUV?"

<sup>^^^</sup> On the 5th and 8th grade surveys, this response option is worded, "I don't ride in a car, truck or SUV."

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TABLE 28A  
SELF DESCRIPTION<sup>^</sup>

*Gay or Lesbian*

| <i>In general, how does each of the following statements describe you?</i> |                            | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|----------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                            | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                            | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |                            | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| I feel in control of my life and future. <sup>^^</sup>                     | Not at all or rarely       | 13%   | 20%    | 13%  | 22%    | 15%  | 17%    |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 47%   | 45%    | 41%  | 48%    | 40%  | 57%    |
|  | Very or often              | 31%   | 27%    | 31%  | 25%    | 30%  | 20%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 9%    | 8%     | 15%  | 5%     | 16%  | 5%     |
| I feel good about myself.  | Not at all or rarely       | 25%   | 32%    | 19%  | 30%    | 19%  | 23%    |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 43%   | 46%    | 42%  | 50%    | 41%  | 52%    |
|  | Very or often              | 22%   | 15%    | 27%  | 16%    | 30%  | 22%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 10%   | 6%     | 11%  | 5%     | 11%  | 3%     |
| I feel good about my future.   | Not at all or rarely       | 19%   | 24%    | 19%  | 26%    | 14%  | 23%    |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 37%   | 42%    | 40%  | 44%    | 44%  | 48%    |
|  | Very or often              | 30%   | 25%    | 29%  | 24%    | 29%  | 23%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 14%   | 9%     | 12%  | 7%     | 13%  | 7%     |
| I deal with disappointment without getting too upset.                      | Not at all or rarely       | 20%   | 28%    | 18%  | 26%    | 9%   | 23%    |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 38%   | 41%    | 36%  | 42%    | 35%  | 44%    |
|  | Very or often              | 30%   | 24%    | 35%  | 25%    | 37%  | 26%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 13%   | 8%     | 11%  | 7%     | 19%  | 7%     |
| I find good ways to deal with things that are hard in my life.             | Not at all or rarely       | 18%   | 31%    | 20%  | 29%    | 11%  | 19%    |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 46%   | 48%    | 44%  | 47%    | 46%  | 57%    |
|  | Very or often              | 28%   | 16%    | 30%  | 21%    | 29%  | 19%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 8%    | 5%     | 7%   | 4%     | 14%  | 4%     |
| I am thinking about what my purpose is in life. <sup>^^^</sup>             | Not at all or rarely       | 12%   | 14%    | 8%   | 11%    | 9%   | 9%     |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 29%   | 30%    | 29%  | 29%    | 23%  | 23%    |
|  | Very or often              | 27%   | 32%    | 34%  | 31%    | 38%  | 33%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 32%   | 25%    | 30%  | 28%    | 31%  | 35%    |

<sup>^</sup> These items are adapted from the Developmental Assets Profile (DAP) under a license agreement with Search Institute, Minneapolis, MN.

<sup>^^</sup> On the 5th grade survey, this item was worded "I can shape and influence what happens in my life and future."

<sup>^^^</sup> On the 5th grade survey, this item was worded "I think about what I want to do in my life when I grow up."

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**TABLE 28B  
SELF DESCRIPTION<sup>^</sup>**

***Gay or Lesbian***

| <i>In general, how does each of the following statements describe you?</i> |                            | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|----------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                            | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                            | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |                            | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| I say no to things that are dangerous or unhealthy.                        | Not at all or rarely       | 11%   | 10%    | 8%   | 8%     | 8%   | 11%    |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 21%   | 23%    | 28%  | 25%    | 29%  | 31%    |
|  | Very or often              | 27%   | 29%    | 33%  | 33%    | 32%  | 32%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 40%   | 38%    | 30%  | 35%    | 31%  | 27%    |
| I build friendships with other people.                                     | Not at all or rarely       | 11%   | 14%    | 11%  | 15%    | 10%  | 9%     |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 34%   | 43%    | 36%  | 42%    | 29%  | 40%    |
|  | Very or often              | 34%   | 32%    | 34%  | 31%    | 37%  | 35%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 20%   | 10%    | 20%  | 13%    | 24%  | 15%    |
| I express my feelings in proper ways.                                      | Not at all or rarely       | 21%   | 31%    | 19%  | 26%    | 14%  | 20%    |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 44%   | 42%    | 48%  | 49%    | 43%  | 48%    |
|  | Very or often              | 28%   | 22%    | 26%  | 20%    | 35%  | 27%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 7%    | 6%     | 7%   | 5%     | 8%   | 4%     |
| I plan ahead and make good choices.  | Not at all or rarely       | 14%   | 14%    | 12%  | 12%    | 10%  | 10%    |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 45%   | 43%    | 42%  | 46%    | 42%  | 48%    |
|  | Very or often              | 33%   | 33%    | 33%  | 34%    | 36%  | 33%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 8%    | 10%    | 12%  | 8%     | 11%  | 9%     |
| I stay away from bad influences.   | Not at all or rarely       | 11%   | 11%    | 12%  | 10%    | 10%  | 11%    |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 28%   | 24%    | 28%  | 29%    | 28%  | 28%    |
|  | Very or often              | 33%   | 37%    | 35%  | 36%    | 35%  | 36%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 28%   | 28%    | 25%  | 26%    | 27%  | 25%    |
| I resolve conflicts without anyone getting hurt.                           | Not at all or rarely       | 9%    | 6%     | 6%   | 7%     | 4%   | 5%     |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 30%   | 31%    | 31%  | 30%    | 27%  | 24%    |
|  | Very or often              | 39%   | 42%    | 37%  | 40%    | 36%  | 44%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 22%   | 21%    | 25%  | 23%    | 33%  | 27%    |

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**TABLE 28C  
SELF DESCRIPTION<sup>^</sup>**

***Gay or Lesbian***

| <i>In general, how does each of the following statements describe you?</i> |                            | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|----------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                            | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                            | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |                            | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| I accept people who are different from me.                                 | Not at all or rarely       | 2%    | 0%     | 2%   | 1%     | 2%   | 0%     |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 7%    | 2%     | 3%   | 3%     | 3%   | 3%     |
|  | Very or often              | 22%   | 22%    | 28%  | 25%    | 26%  | 24%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 69%   | 75%    | 67%  | 71%    | 69%  | 73%    |
| I am sensitive to the needs and feelings of others.                        | Not at all or rarely       | 7%    | 6%     | 7%   | 6%     | 7%   | 5%     |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 24%   | 25%    | 24%  | 25%    | 19%  | 19%    |
|  | Very or often              | 42%   | 35%    | 40%  | 34%    | 41%  | 38%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 27%   | 34%    | 29%  | 34%    | 33%  | 38%    |
| I feel valued and appreciated by others.                                   | Not at all or rarely       | 15%   | 20%    | 14%  | 17%    | 7%   | 15%    |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 36%   | 48%    | 36%  | 52%    | 41%  | 49%    |
|  | Very or often              | 36%   | 24%    | 36%  | 25%    | 39%  | 29%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 12%   | 8%     | 14%  | 6%     | 14%  | 6%     |
| I am included in family tasks and decisions.                               | Not at all or rarely       | 10%   | 11%    | 9%   | 12%    | 9%   | 11%    |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 33%   | 36%    | 36%  | 39%    | 33%  | 39%    |
|  | Very or often              | 36%   | 35%    | 38%  | 33%    | 41%  | 35%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 22%   | 18%    | 16%  | 16%    | 18%  | 15%    |
| I am given useful roles and responsibilities.                              | Not at all or rarely       | 10%   | 9%     | 12%  | 11%    | 9%   | 7%     |
|  | Somewhat or sometimes      | 32%   | 39%    | 35%  | 40%    | 31%  | 41%    |
|  | Very or often              | 40%   | 37%    | 40%  | 37%    | 41%  | 37%    |
|  | Extremely or almost always | 19%   | 16%    | 13%  | 13%    | 19%  | 15%    |

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**TABLE 29A**  
**EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND DISTRESS\***  
*Gay or Lesbian*

|   |                         | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|-------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                         | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                         | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| <i>Over the last two weeks, how often have you been bothered by...?</i> |                         | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| ...little interest or pleasure in doing things?                         | Not at all              | 28%   | 17%    | 26%  | 16%    | 22%  | 15%    |
|   | Several days            | 37%   | 39%    | 38%  | 39%    | 45%  | 38%    |
|   | More than half the days | 20%   | 23%    | 17%  | 23%    | 17%  | 23%    |
|   | Nearly every day        | 16%   | 20%    | 20%  | 22%    | 16%  | 24%    |
| ...feeling down, depressed or hopeless?                                 | Not at all              | 29%   | 19%    | 28%  | 19%    | 32%  | 15%    |
|   | Several days            | 34%   | 34%    | 34%  | 33%    | 35%  | 32%    |
|   | More than half the days | 14%   | 18%    | 18%  | 22%    | 19%  | 25%    |
|   | Nearly every day        | 22%   | 29%    | 19%  | 26%    | 14%  | 28%    |
| ...feeling nervous, anxious or on edge?                                 | Not at all              | 20%   | 10%    | 20%  | 8%     | 16%  | 7%     |
|   | Several days            | 32%   | 27%    | 34%  | 30%    | 34%  | 28%    |
|   | More than half the days | 23%   | 20%    | 22%  | 23%    | 25%  | 22%    |
|   | Nearly every day        | 25%   | 43%    | 23%  | 39%    | 25%  | 44%    |
| ...not being able to stop or control worrying?                          | Not at all              | 34%   | 18%    | 34%  | 18%    | 28%  | 16%    |
|   | Several days            | 29%   | 27%    | 33%  | 31%    | 33%  | 31%    |
|   | More than half the days | 18%   | 21%    | 16%  | 21%    | 18%  | 18%    |
|   | Nearly every day        | 19%   | 33%    | 17%  | 30%    | 21%  | 36%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 30**  
**SELF-INFLICTED INJURY; SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR\***  
**Gay or Lesbian**

|  |                           | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|---------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                           | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                           | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |                           | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| During the last 12 months, how many times did you do something to purposely hurt or injure yourself without wanting to die, such as cutting, burning, or bruising yourself on purpose? | 0 times                   | 56%   | 38%    | 59%  | 36%    | 70%  | 43%    |
|  | 1 or 2 times              | 18%   | 13%    | 13%  | 14%    | 15%  | 16%    |
|  | 3 to 5 times              | 10%   | 13%    | 12%  | 11%    | 4%   | 10%    |
|  | 6 to 9 times              | 4%    | 10%    | 4%   | 12%    | 4%   | 11%    |
|  | 10 to 19 times            | 3%    | 7%     | 4%   | 10%    | 3%   | 6%     |
|  | 20 or more times          | 8%    | 18%    | 9%   | 17%    | 3%   | 15%    |
| Have you ever seriously considered attempting suicide? (Mark ALL that apply)   | No                        | 50%   | 41%    | 55%  | 43%    | 59%  | 34%    |
|  | Yes, during the last year | 30%   | 43%    | 27%  | 38%    | 22%  | 39%    |
|  | Yes, more than a year ago | 29%   | 32%    | 24%  | 33%    | 26%  | 44%    |
| Have you ever actually attempted suicide? (Mark ALL that apply)  | No                        | 85%   | 75%    | 83%  | 79%    | 85%  | 71%    |
|  | Yes, during the last year | 7%    | 15%    | 9%   | 11%    | 6%   | 10%    |
|  | Yes, more than a year ago | 9%    | 15%    | 10%  | 14%    | 11%  | 22%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.



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**TABLE 31  
PROBLEMATIC AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR\*  
Gay or Lesbian**

| <i>During the last 12 months, how often have you...</i>       |                         | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|-------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                         | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                         | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                         | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>...run away from home?</b>                                 | <b>Never</b>            | 85%   | 90%    | 86%  | 92%    | 91%  | 91%    |
|   | <b>Once or twice</b>    | 12%   | 8%     | 11%  | 7%     | 6%   | 7%     |
|   | <b>3 to 5 times</b>     | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>6 to 9 times</b>     | 0%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 2%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>10 or more times</b> | 2%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
| <b>...damaged or destroyed property?</b>                      | <b>Never</b>            | 69%   | 77%    | 69%  | 79%    | 83%  | 82%    |
|   | <b>Once or twice</b>    | 25%   | 16%    | 25%  | 16%    | 12%  | 15%    |
|   | <b>3 to 5 times</b>     | 2%    | 6%     | 4%   | 3%     | 3%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>6 to 9 times</b>     | 2%    | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>10 or more times</b> | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
| <b>...hit or beat up another person?</b>                      | <b>Never</b>            | 74%   | 81%    | 85%  | 85%    | 90%  | 89%    |
|   | <b>Once or twice</b>    | 21%   | 13%    | 13%  | 12%    | 7%   | 9%     |
|   | <b>3 to 5 times</b>     | 3%    | 4%     | 1%   | 2%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>6 to 9 times</b>     | 1%    | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>10 or more times</b> | 2%    | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     |
| <b>...taken something from a store without paying for it?</b> | <b>Never</b>            | 81%   | 82%    | 78%  | 77%    | 78%  | 77%    |
|   | <b>Once or twice</b>    | 12%   | 12%    | 14%  | 14%    | 11%  | 14%    |
|   | <b>3 to 5 times</b>     | 4%    | 3%     | 3%   | 4%     | 7%   | 3%     |
|   | <b>6 to 9 times</b>     | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>10 or more times</b> | 3%    | 2%     | 4%   | 3%     | 3%   | 3%     |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 32A  
GAMBLING BEHAVIOR\*  
Gay or Lesbian**

|  |                        | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                        | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                        | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| <i>During the last 12 months, how often have you done the following gambling/betting activities?</i>     |                        | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>Bet on informal games of personal skill such as playing cards, video games, pool, golf, etc.</b><br>^ | Not at all             | 74%   | 79%    | 76%  | 80%    | 85%  | 88%    |
|  | Less than once a month | 14%   | 13%    | 14%  | 12%    | 7%   | 7%     |
|  | About once a month     | 4%    | 4%     | 4%   | 5%     | 5%   | 3%     |
|  | About once a week      | 3%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|  | 2 to 6 times a week    | 2%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|  | Daily                  | 3%    | 1%     | 2%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
| <b>Bet on formal sports events or games including esports^</b>   | Not at all             | 92%   | 95%    | 92%  | 95%    | 96%  | 97%    |
|  | Less than once a month | 5%    | 3%     | 4%   | 3%     | 2%   | 2%     |
|  | About once a month     | 1%    | 1%     | 2%   | 2%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|  | About once a week      | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 2 to 6 times a week    | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | Daily                  | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
| <b>Bought lottery tickets or scratch offs</b>  | Not at all             | 89%   | 92%    | 92%  | 94%    | 94%  | 97%    |
|  | Less than once a month | 6%    | 5%     | 4%   | 4%     | 3%   | 2%     |
|  | About once a month     | 3%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|  | About once a week      | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 2 to 6 times a week    | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | Daily                  | 0%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
| <b>Gambled in a casino</b>   | Not at all             | 98%   | 99%    | 96%  | 100%   | 98%  | 99%    |
|  | Less than once a month | 0%    | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | About once a month     | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | About once a week      | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|  | 2 to 6 times a week    | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | Daily                  | 0%    | 0%     | 2%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
| <b>Gambled for money online including loot boxes^^</b>   | Not at all             | 92%   | 98%    | 90%  | 96%    | 93%  | 96%    |
|  | Less than once a month | 5%    | 1%     | 3%   | 2%     | 2%   | 3%     |
|  | About once a month     | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|  | About once a week      | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     | 2%   | 0%     |
|  | 2 to 6 times a week    | 0%    | 0%     | 2%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | Daily                  | 0%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2022.

^^ Change in question wording from 2019.

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**TABLE 32B  
GAMBLING BEHAVIOR\***

*Gay or Lesbian*

| <b>INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ANY GAMBLING ACTIVITIES DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS: During the last 12 months, how often have you...</b> |                     | <b>Grade</b> |               |             |               |             |               |
|---|---------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
|   |                     | <b>8th</b>   |               | <b>9th</b>  |               | <b>11th</b> |               |
|   |                     | <b>Male</b>  | <b>Female</b> | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> |
|   |                     | <b>%</b>     | <b>%</b>      | <b>%</b>    | <b>%</b>      | <b>%</b>    | <b>%</b>      |
| <b>...hidden your gambling/betting from your parents, other family members or teachers?</b>   | <b>Never</b>        | 88%          | 95%           | 80%         | 89%           | 80%         | 94%           |
|   | <b>Sometimes</b>    | 11%          | 2%            | 12%         | 6%            | 8%          | 3%            |
|   | <b>Many times</b>   | 1%           | 2%            | 5%          | 2%            | 6%          | 1%            |
|   | <b>All the time</b> | 0%           | 1%            | 3%          | 4%            | 6%          | 3%            |
| <b>...felt that you might have a problem with gambling/betting?</b>   | <b>Never</b>        | 93%          | 94%           | 86%         | 91%           | 78%         | 92%           |
|   | <b>Sometimes</b>    | 4%           | 3%            | 6%          | 7%            | 16%         | 4%            |
|   | <b>Many times</b>   | 3%           | 2%            | 3%          | 2%            | 2%          | 4%            |
|   | <b>All the time</b> | 0%           | 1%            | 5%          | 0%            | 4%          | 0%            |
| <b>...skipped hanging out with friends who do not gamble/bet to hang out with friends who do gamble/bet?</b>  | <b>Never</b>        | 96%          | 97%           | 95%         | 99%           | 90%         | 96%           |
|   | <b>Sometimes</b>    | 1%           | 1%            | 3%          | 0%            | 4%          | 3%            |
|   | <b>Many times</b>   | 1%           | 1%            | 0%          | 1%            | 6%          | 1%            |
|   | <b>All the time</b> | 1%           | 1%            | 2%          | 0%            | 0%          | 0%            |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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TABLE 33  
SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE USE\*\*^

Gay or Lesbian

|  |  | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|--|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |  | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |  | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |  | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| Use of conventional tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco) during the past 30 days   | No   | 93%   | 96%    | 95%  | 95%    | 94%  | 92%    |
|  | Yes  | 7%    | 4%     | 5%   | 5%     | 6%   | 8%     |
| Use of any tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and hookah, during the past 30 days  | No   | 88%   | 89%    | 86%  | 86%    | 85%  | 81%    |
|  | Yes  | 12%   | 11%    | 14%  | 14%    | 15%  | 19%    |
| Frequent binge drinking in the past year (typically drank 5 or more drinks at a time and drank on 10 or more occasions during the past year) | No   | 99%   | 100%   | 99%  | 100%   | 97%  | 98%    |
|  | Yes  | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 3%   | 2%     |
| Any alcohol and/or other drug use during the past year (excluding tobacco)   | No alcohol or marijuana or other drug use in the past year     | 67%   | 68%    | 60%  | 65%    | 54%  | 54%    |
|  | Used only alcohol in the past year                             | 9%    | 8%     | 14%  | 10%    | 18%  | 14%    |
|  | Used alcohol and marijuana in past year, but not other drugs   | 2%    | 2%     | 3%   | 3%     | 10%  | 9%     |
|  | Used marijuana or other drugs but not alcohol in the past year | 14%   | 15%    | 13%  | 11%    | 8%   | 10%    |
|  | Used alcohol and marijuana or other drugs in the past year     | 9%    | 8%     | 10%  | 11%    | 11%  | 13%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ These are all computed variables based on combinations of responses to two or more survey items.

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**TABLE 35A  
TOBACCO USE\*  
Gay or Lesbian**

|  |               | Grade     |             |           |             |           |             |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|  |               | 8th       |             | 9th       |             | 11th      |             |
|  |               | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% |
| <i>During the last 30 days, on how many days did you ...</i>   |               |           |             |           |             |           |             |
| ...smoke a cigarette?  | 0 days        | 95%       | 97%         | 95%       | 96%         | 95%       | 93%         |
|  | 1 to 2 days   | 2%        | 2%          | 3%        | 2%          | 3%        | 4%          |
|  | 3 to 9 days   | 1%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          | 0%        | 2%          |
|  | 10 to 19 days | 1%        | 1%          | 0%        | 1%          | 0%        | 1%          |
|  | 20 to 29 days | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|  | All 30 days   | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
| ...smoke cigars, cigarillos or little cigars?  | 0 days        | 97%       | 99%         | 99%       | 98%         | 98%       | 98%         |
|  | 1 to 2 days   | 3%        | 0%          | 0%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          |
|  | 3 to 9 days   | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 1%          |
|  | 10 to 19 days | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|  | 20 to 29 days | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|  | All 30 days   | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
| ...use chewing tobacco, snuff or dip?  | 0 days        | 99%       | 100%        | 98%       | 99%         | 99%       | 99%         |
|  | 1 to 2 days   | 0%        | 0%          | 1%        | 1%          | 1%        | 0%          |
|  | 3 to 9 days   | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|  | 10 to 19 days | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|  | 20 to 29 days | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|  | All 30 days   | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
| ...vape or use an e-cigarette that contains nicotine, such as JUUL, VUSE, NJOY, Puff Bar, Blu, or Bidi Stick?^ | 0 days        | 91%       | 90%         | 86%       | 88%         | 86%       | 83%         |
|  | 1 to 2 days   | 4%        | 4%          | 4%        | 4%          | 5%        | 4%          |
|  | 3 to 9 days   | 1%        | 3%          | 4%        | 3%          | 1%        | 3%          |
|  | 10 to 19 days | 2%        | 1%          | 2%        | 2%          | 1%        | 3%          |
|  | 20 to 29 days | 1%        | 0%          | 2%        | 1%          | 2%        | 1%          |
|  | All 30 days   | 2%        | 1%          | 2%        | 3%          | 4%        | 6%          |
| ...use a hookah or a waterpipe to smoke tobacco?   | 0 days        | 98%       | 100%        | 98%       | 99%         | 99%       | 98%         |
|  | 1 to 2 days   | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 1%          |
|  | 3 to 9 days   | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|  | 10 to 19 days | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|  | 20 to 29 days | 0%        | 0%          | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|  | All 30 days   | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Change in question wording from 2019.

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**TABLE 35B  
FLAVORED TOBACCO USE\*\***

*Gay or Lesbian*

|  |                                  | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|----------------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                                  | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                                  | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |                                  | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>IF VAPED IN PAST 30 DAYS: Which flavors of e-cigarettes (or e-juice) have you used in the past 30 days? (Mark ALL that apply)</b> | Tobacco-flavored                 | 18%   | 4%     | 4%   | 1%     | 3%   | 14%    |
|  | Menthol or mint                  | 18%   | 20%    | 27%  | 33%    | 19%  | 46%    |
|  | Clove or spice                   | 6%    | 0%     | 4%   | 4%     | 0%   | 4%     |
|  | Fruit                            | 65%   | 61%    | 73%  | 72%    | 75%  | 81%    |
|  | Chocolate                        | 0%    | 2%     | 0%   | 5%     | 6%   | 6%     |
|  | An alcoholic drink               | 6%    | 4%     | 4%   | 7%     | 0%   | 8%     |
|  | A non-alcoholic drink            | 12%   | 11%    | 12%  | 8%     | 3%   | 21%    |
|  | Candy, desserts, or other sweets | 35%   | 28%    | 38%  | 47%    | 25%  | 42%    |
|  | Some other flavor                | 29%   | 22%    | 23%  | 28%    | 13%  | 28%    |
|  | No flavor (unflavored)           | 18%   | 7%     | 0%   | 7%     | 9%   | 7%     |
| <b>IF VAPED IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student used a flavored e-cigarette in the past 30 days^^</b>   | No                               | 11%   | 17%    | 7%   | 9%     | 9%   | 11%    |
|  | Yes                              | 89%   | 83%    | 93%  | 91%    | 91%  | 89%    |
| <b>IF SMOKED CIGARETTE IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student smoked a flavored (i.e., menthol) cigarette in the past 30 days</b>                  | No                               | 73%   | 71%    | 64%  | 61%    | 64%  | 72%    |
|  | Yes                              | 27%   | 29%    | 36%  | 39%    | 36%  | 28%    |
| <b>IF SMOKED CIGAR IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student smoked a flavored cigar in the past 30 days</b>  | No                               | 71%   | 75%    | 67%  | 82%    | 60%  | 44%    |
|  | Yes                              | 29%   | 25%    | 33%  | 18%    | 40%  | 56%    |
| <b>IF USED SMOKELESS TOBACCO IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student used flavored smokeless tobacco in the past 30 days</b>                        | No                               | 50%   | 100%   | 40%  | 50%    | 33%  | 80%    |
|  | Yes                              | 50%   | 0%     | 60%  | 50%    | 67%  | 20%    |
| <b>IF USED HOOKAH IN PAST 30 DAYS: Student used flavored hookah in the past 30 days</b>  | No                               | 100%  | 67%    | 100% | 33%    | 100% | 75%    |
|  | Yes                              | 0%    | 33%    | 0%   | 67%    | 0%   | 25%    |
| <b>IF PAST 30 DAYS TOBACCO USE: Student used a flavored tobacco product in the past 30 days^^^</b>                                   | No                               | 25%   | 20%    | 10%  | 13%    | 9%   | 17%    |
|  | Yes                              | 75%   | 80%    | 90%  | 87%    | 91%  | 83%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ All questions on this table were new in 2022.

^^ Tobacco-flavor is excluded from the definition of flavored e-cigarettes.

^^^ This is a computed variable based on combinations of responses to two or more survey items.

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TABLE 36  
ACCESS TO E-CIGARETTES\*

Gay or Lesbian

|  |   | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|---|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |   | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |   | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |   | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| IF VAPED IN PAST 30 DAYS: When you vaped or used an e-cigarette during the last 30 days, how did you get it? (Mark ALL that apply) | I bought it at gas stations or convenience stores                     | 12%   | 2%     | 4%   | 3%     | 6%   | 14%    |
|  | I bought it at grocery, discount or drug stores                       | 6%    | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     | 3%   | 4%     |
|  | I bought it on the internet   | 18%   | 6%     | 4%   | 7%     | 9%   | 6%     |
|  | I bought it at vape shops or other stores that sell only e-cigarettes | 0%    | 4%     | 7%   | 5%     | 19%  | 21%    |
|  | I got it from friends   | 35%   | 66%    | 70%  | 67%    | 66%  | 64%    |
|  | I got it from my parents  | 12%   | 6%     | 4%   | 7%     | 3%   | 3%     |
|  | I got it from other family members                                    | 24%   | 9%     | 4%   | 21%    | 22%  | 13%    |
|  | I got it from someone I didn't know                                   | 24%   | 4%     | 7%   | 11%    | 9%   | 9%     |
|  | I got it by getting someone else to buy it for me                     | 24%   | 15%    | 15%  | 24%    | 25%  | 27%    |
|  | I took it from my home  | 6%    | 8%     | 7%   | 7%     | 0%   | 4%     |
|  | I took it from a friend's home  | 0%    | 4%     | 11%  | 3%     | 3%   | 4%     |
|  | I took it from stores   | 0%    | 0%     | 4%   | 0%     | 0%   | 6%     |
|  | I got it some other way   | 35%   | 21%    | 15%  | 17%    | 9%   | 20%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 38**  
**ALCOHOL USE FREQUENCY AND QUANTITY\***  
*Gay or Lesbian*

|   |                               | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|-------------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                               | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                               | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                               | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| During the last 30 days, on how many days did you drink one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage?                | 0 days                        | 88%   | 92%    | 87%  | 87%    | 75%  | 83%    |
|   | 1 to 2 days                   | 8%    | 7%     | 9%   | 8%     | 15%  | 10%    |
|   | 3 to 5 days                   | 4%    | 1%     | 3%   | 2%     | 5%   | 3%     |
|   | 6 to 9 days                   | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     | 2%   | 3%     |
|   | 10 to 19 days                 | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     | 2%   | 0%     |
|   | 20 to 29 days                 | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | All 30 days                   | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
| During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you had alcoholic beverages to drink?                | 0                             | 82%   | 84%    | 74%  | 76%    | 63%  | 65%    |
|   | 1 to 2                        | 10%   | 11%    | 14%  | 13%    | 12%  | 16%    |
|   | 3 to 5                        | 4%    | 3%     | 4%   | 6%     | 12%  | 8%     |
|   | 6 to 9                        | 1%    | 1%     | 4%   | 3%     | 5%   | 4%     |
|   | 10 to 19                      | 3%    | 0%     | 2%   | 1%     | 3%   | 4%     |
|   | 20 to 39                      | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     | 4%   | 2%     |
|   | 40 or more                    | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 2%     |
| Generally, how much do you drink at one time?   | No alcohol use                | 82%   | 88%    | 77%  | 78%    | 65%  | 66%    |
|   | 1 glass/can/drink             | 10%   | 9%     | 15%  | 15%    | 19%  | 17%    |
|   | 2 glasses/cans/drinks         | 3%    | 2%     | 4%   | 3%     | 9%   | 8%     |
|   | 3 glasses/cans/drinks         | 3%    | 0%     | 1%   | 2%     | 1%   | 3%     |
|   | 4 glasses/cans/drinks         | 1%    | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     | 3%   | 3%     |
|   | 5 or more glasses/cans/drinks | 2%    | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     | 4%   | 4%     |
| Binge drinking (4 or more drinks in a row (females) or 5 or more drinks in a row (males) within a couple of hours)^ | 0 days                        | 95%   | 98%    | 97%  | 96%    | 92%  | 93%    |
|   | 1 day                         | 3%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 5%   | 4%     |
|   | 2 days                        | 1%    | 1%     | 0%   | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|   | 3 to 5 days                   | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|   | 6 to 9 days                   | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | 10 to 19 days                 | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|   | 20 or more days               | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ This is a computed variable based on combinations of responses to two or more survey items.



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**TABLE 39  
ACCESS TO ALCOHOL\***

*Gay or Lesbian*

| <i>INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS</i>                          |  | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|--|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |  | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |  | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |  | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| When you used alcohol during the last 30 days, how did you get it? (Mark ALL that apply) | I bought alcohol at gas stations or convenience stores | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|  | I bought alcohol at bars or restaurants                | 0%    | 6%     | 0%   | 1%     | 6%   | 1%     |
|  | I bought alcohol at stores                             | 0%    | 2%     | 4%   | 1%     | 2%   | 0%     |
|  | I bought alcohol on the Internet                       | 5%    | 2%     | 4%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|  | I got alcohol from friends                             | 38%   | 17%    | 17%  | 27%    | 34%  | 40%    |
|  | I got alcohol from my parents                          | 29%   | 46%    | 25%  | 34%    | 28%  | 33%    |
|  | I got alcohol from other family members                | 19%   | 23%    | 13%  | 19%    | 16%  | 25%    |
|  | I got alcohol by getting someone else to buy for me    | 0%    | 4%     | 8%   | 5%     | 2%   | 22%    |
|  | I got alcohol at parties                               | 14%   | 0%     | 8%   | 22%    | 20%  | 24%    |
|  | I took alcohol from my home                            | 24%   | 44%    | 33%  | 38%    | 18%  | 33%    |
|  | I took alcohol from a friend's home                    | 0%    | 6%     | 4%   | 5%     | 2%   | 13%    |
|  | I took alcohol from stores                             | 0%    | 2%     | 0%   | 3%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|  | I got alcohol some other way                           | 24%   | 15%    | 13%  | 14%    | 16%  | 21%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 40**  
**USE OF MARIJUANA AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS\***  
*Gay or Lesbian*

|   |               | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|---------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |               | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |               | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |               | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana? (Do NOT count medical marijuana prescribed for you by a doctor)                              | 0 days        | 93%   | 96%    | 90%  | 90%    | 85%  | 82%    |
|   | 1 to 2 days   | 2%    | 2%     | 3%   | 4%     | 6%   | 7%     |
|   | 3 to 5 days   | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 2%     | 1%   | 2%     |
|   | 6 to 9 days   | 2%    | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     | 3%   | 2%     |
|   | 10 to 19 days | 1%    | 1%     | 3%   | 1%     | 3%   | 2%     |
|   | 20 to 29 days | 1%    | 0%     | 2%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|   | All 30 days   | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     | 1%   | 4%     |
| During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you used marijuana or hashish? (Do NOT count medical marijuana prescribed for you by a doctor) | 0             | 92%   | 93%    | 87%  | 87%    | 79%  | 74%    |
|   | 1 to 2        | 2%    | 3%     | 2%   | 4%     | 4%   | 7%     |
|   | 3 to 5        | 1%    | 1%     | 4%   | 3%     | 4%   | 3%     |
|   | 6 to 9        | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     | 2%   | 3%     |
|   | 10 to 19      | 1%    | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     | 3%   | 1%     |
|   | 20 to 39      | 0%    | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     | 3%   | 3%     |
|   | 40 or more    | 4%    | 1%     | 2%   | 3%     | 4%   | 7%     |
| During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it? | 0 days        | 94%   | 94%    | 94%  | 94%    | 95%  | 95%    |
|   | 1 to 2 days   | 4%    | 4%     | 3%   | 3%     | 2%   | 3%     |
|   | 3 to 5 days   | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 2%     |
|   | 6 to 9 days   | 1%    | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|   | 10 to 19 days | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|   | 20 to 29 days | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | All 30 days   | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     |

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**TABLE 41  
PRESCRIPTION DRUG USE\***

**Gay or Lesbian**

| <i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you used any of the following prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it?</i> |                   | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|-------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                   | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                   | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                   | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>Stimulants such as Amphetamines (bennies, speed, uppers) or diet pills</b>   | <b>0</b>          | 99%   | 99%    | 97%  | 99%    | 98%  | 98%    |
|   | <b>1 to 2</b>     | 0%    | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>3 to 5</b>     | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>6 to 9</b>     | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>10 to 19</b>   | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>20 or more</b> | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
| <b>ADHD or ADD drugs (Ritalin, Adderall, hyper pills)</b>   | <b>0</b>          | 95%   | 95%    | 93%  | 95%    | 96%  | 95%    |
|   | <b>1 to 2</b>     | 1%    | 3%     | 3%   | 2%     | 3%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>3 to 5</b>     | 2%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>6 to 9</b>     | 0%    | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>10 to 19</b>   | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>20 or more</b> | 2%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
| <b>Pain relievers such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin or others</b>  | <b>0</b>          | 94%   | 93%    | 96%  | 92%    | 97%  | 96%    |
|   | <b>1 to 2</b>     | 3%    | 4%     | 1%   | 5%     | 1%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>3 to 5</b>     | 3%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>6 to 9</b>     | 0%    | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>10 to 19</b>   | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>20 or more</b> | 1%    | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
| <b>Tranquilizers such as Valium, Xanax, Klonopin, Ativan, anxiety pills, sedatives or benzos (downers)</b>  | <b>0</b>          | 98%   | 95%    | 95%  | 95%    | 98%  | 95%    |
|   | <b>1 to 2</b>     | 1%    | 2%     | 1%   | 2%     | 0%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>3 to 5</b>     | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>6 to 9</b>     | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>10 to 19</b>   | 0%    | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>20 or more</b> | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     |

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**TABLE 42  
HALLUCINOGEN, ECSTASY, COCAINE AND HEROIN USE\*  
Gay or Lesbian**

|   |            | Grade     |             |           |             |           |             |
|---|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|   |            | 8th       |             | 9th       |             | 11th      |             |
|   |            | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% |
| <i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you used...</i>                     |            |           |             |           |             |           |             |
| ...used LSD (acid), PCP (wet sticks or dipped joints), or other psychedelics (mushrooms, angel dust)? | 0          | 97%       | 98%         | 96%       | 98%         | 96%       | 95%         |
|   | 1 to 2     | 3%        | 1%          | 2%        | 1%          | 2%        | 4%          |
|   | 3 to 5     | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 1%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | 6 to 9     | 0%        | 0%          | 1%        | 0%          | 1%        | 1%          |
|   | 10 to 19   | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | 20 or more | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 1%        | 0%          |
| ...used MDMA (E, X, ecstasy, Molly), GHB (G, Liquid E, Liquid X, roofies) or Ketamine (Special K)?    | 0          | 98%       | 99%         | 99%       | 99%         | 99%       | 98%         |
|   | 1 to 2     | 1%        | 1%          | 0%        | 1%          | 0%        | 2%          |
|   | 3 to 5     | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | 6 to 9     | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | 10 to 19   | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | 20 or more | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
| ...used crack, coke or cocaine in any form?   | 0          | 97%       | 100%        | 99%       | 99%         | 98%       | 99%         |
|   | 1 to 2     | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 1%          |
|   | 3 to 5     | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | 6 to 9     | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 1%        | 0%          |
|   | 10 to 19   | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | 20 or more | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 1%        | 0%          |
| ...used heroin (smack, junk, China White)?  | 0          | 98%       | 99%         | 98%       | 100%        | 99%       | 100%        |
|   | 1 to 2     | 1%        | 1%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | 3 to 5     | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | 6 to 9     | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | 10 to 19   | 0%        | 0%          | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
|   | 20 or more | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |

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**TABLE 43  
METHAMPHETAMINE, OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG,  
SYNTHETIC DRUG AND INHALANT USE\***

*Gay or Lesbian*

|  |            | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |            | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |            | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| <i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...</i>                                      |            | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| ...used methamphetamine (meth, glass, crank, crystal meth, ice)?   | 0          | 98%   | 99%    | 98%  | 100%   | 98%  | 100%   |
|  | 1 to 2     | 2%    | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 3 to 5     | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 6 to 9     | 0%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 10 to 19   | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 20 or more | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
| ...used over-the-counter drugs such as cough syrup, cold medicine or diet pills that you took only to get high?    | 0          | 93%   | 96%    | 97%  | 96%    | 97%  | 96%    |
|  | 1 to 2     | 5%    | 3%     | 0%   | 3%     | 1%   | 2%     |
|  | 3 to 5     | 1%    | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|  | 6 to 9     | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|  | 10 to 19   | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|  | 20 or more | 0%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
| ...used synthetic marijuana (K2, Gold) that you took only to get high?   | 0          | 97%   | 99%    | 96%  | 98%    | 97%  | 97%    |
|  | 1 to 2     | 1%    | 1%     | 2%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|  | 3 to 5     | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 6 to 9     | 0%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|  | 10 to 19   | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 20 or more | 2%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 1%     |
| ...used any other synthetic drugs such as bath salts (Ivory Wave, White Lightning) that you took only to get high? | 0          | 98%   | 99%    | 97%  | 99%    | 99%  | 100%   |
|  | 1 to 2     | 2%    | 0%     | 2%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 3 to 5     | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 6 to 9     | 0%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 10 to 19   | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 20 or more | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
| ...sniffed glue or huffed or inhaled the contents of aerosol spray cans or other gases to get high?                | 0          | 94%   | 96%    | 97%  | 97%    | 97%  | 97%    |
|  | 1 to 2     | 5%    | 2%     | 1%   | 2%     | 2%   | 1%     |
|  | 3 to 5     | 0%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     | 0%   | 1%     |
|  | 6 to 9     | 0%    | 1%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 10 to 19   | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 20 or more | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |

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**TABLE 44**  
**PERCEIVED RISK OF HARM FROM SUBSTANCE USE\***  
**Gay or Lesbian**

| <i>How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they...</i> |               | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|---------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |               | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |               | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |               | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| ...smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?  | No risk       | 21%   | 14%    | 22%  | 12%    | 17%  | 11%    |
|  | Slight risk   | 4%    | 5%     | 9%   | 5%     | 5%   | 5%     |
|  | Moderate risk | 18%   | 20%    | 23%  | 19%    | 14%  | 20%    |
|  | Great risk    | 57%   | 61%    | 47%  | 63%    | 64%  | 64%    |
| ...have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice per week?                       | No risk       | 18%   | 15%    | 20%  | 13%    | 18%  | 11%    |
|  | Slight risk   | 19%   | 15%    | 18%  | 14%    | 16%  | 13%    |
|  | Moderate risk | 31%   | 36%    | 31%  | 36%    | 28%  | 37%    |
|  | Great risk    | 32%   | 34%    | 32%  | 36%    | 38%  | 38%    |
| ...use marijuana once or twice per week?   | No risk       | 30%   | 23%    | 38%  | 29%    | 43%  | 35%    |
|  | Slight risk   | 17%   | 27%    | 29%  | 33%    | 29%  | 37%    |
|  | Moderate risk | 28%   | 26%    | 16%  | 24%    | 16%  | 19%    |
|  | Great risk    | 25%   | 24%    | 17%  | 14%    | 13%  | 8%     |
| ...use prescription drugs not prescribed for them?   | No risk       | 19%   | 14%    | 19%  | 11%    | 17%  | 9%     |
|  | Slight risk   | 7%    | 7%     | 8%   | 10%    | 7%   | 8%     |
|  | Moderate risk | 25%   | 31%    | 32%  | 33%    | 30%  | 31%    |
|  | Great risk    | 49%   | 48%    | 41%  | 45%    | 46%  | 52%    |
| ...vape or use e-cigarettes?   | No risk       | 19%   | 13%    | 21%  | 11%    | 18%  | 10%    |
|  | Slight risk   | 22%   | 21%    | 21%  | 21%    | 16%  | 19%    |
|  | Moderate risk | 29%   | 30%    | 28%  | 36%    | 36%  | 41%    |
|  | Great risk    | 31%   | 36%    | 30%  | 32%    | 30%  | 29%    |

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**TABLE 45A**  
**PERCEPTIONS OF PARENTS' DISAPPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE USE\***  
*Gay or Lesbian*

|   |                    | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|--------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                    | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                    | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| <i>How wrong do your PARENTS feel it would be for you to...</i>       |                    | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| ...smoke cigarettes?  | Not at all wrong   | 5%    | 4%     | 4%   | 2%     | 5%   | 2%     |
|   | A little bit wrong | 3%    | 4%     | 4%   | 5%     | 7%   | 5%     |
|   | Wrong              | 20%   | 19%    | 26%  | 22%    | 20%  | 19%    |
|   | Very wrong         | 72%   | 73%    | 67%  | 71%    | 69%  | 74%    |
| ...have one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day? | Not at all wrong   | 5%    | 4%     | 4%   | 3%     | 8%   | 3%     |
|   | A little bit wrong | 7%    | 7%     | 9%   | 7%     | 11%  | 6%     |
|   | Wrong              | 17%   | 18%    | 16%  | 20%    | 19%  | 19%    |
|   | Very wrong         | 70%   | 71%    | 72%  | 70%    | 61%  | 72%    |
| ...use marijuana?   | Not at all wrong   | 6%    | 8%     | 5%   | 7%     | 13%  | 10%    |
|   | A little bit wrong | 10%   | 9%     | 16%  | 15%    | 21%  | 16%    |
|   | Wrong              | 13%   | 14%    | 17%  | 20%    | 18%  | 22%    |
|   | Very wrong         | 71%   | 69%    | 62%  | 58%    | 48%  | 52%    |
| ...use prescription drugs not prescribed for you?                     | Not at all wrong   | 4%    | 4%     | 3%   | 2%     | 6%   | 1%     |
|   | A little bit wrong | 4%    | 2%     | 3%   | 3%     | 5%   | 4%     |
|   | Wrong              | 11%   | 16%    | 15%  | 16%    | 14%  | 14%    |
|   | Very wrong         | 81%   | 78%    | 79%  | 79%    | 76%  | 82%    |
| ...vape or use e-cigarettes?  | Not at all wrong   | 5%    | 5%     | 5%   | 3%     | 7%   | 3%     |
|   | A little bit wrong | 6%    | 4%     | 5%   | 6%     | 7%   | 8%     |
|   | Wrong              | 17%   | 19%    | 19%  | 20%    | 24%  | 17%    |
|   | Very wrong         | 72%   | 73%    | 71%  | 71%    | 62%  | 72%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 45B**  
**PERCEPTIONS OF FRIENDS' DISAPPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE USE\***  
*Gay or Lesbian*

|  |                    | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|--------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                    | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                    | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| <i>How wrong do your FRIENDS feel it would be for you to...</i>    |                    | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| ...smoke cigarettes?   | Not at all wrong   | 9%    | 6%     | 9%   | 7%     | 11%  | 9%     |
|  | A little bit wrong | 12%   | 11%    | 15%  | 16%    | 18%  | 18%    |
|  | Wrong              | 29%   | 33%    | 30%  | 33%    | 30%  | 30%    |
|  | Very wrong         | 51%   | 50%    | 46%  | 45%    | 41%  | 43%    |
| ...have one or more drinks of alcoholic beverage nearly every day? | Not at all wrong   | 10%   | 6%     | 9%   | 5%     | 14%  | 7%     |
|  | A little bit wrong | 9%    | 9%     | 13%  | 13%    | 23%  | 15%    |
|  | Wrong              | 30%   | 27%    | 30%  | 32%    | 27%  | 32%    |
|  | Very wrong         | 51%   | 58%    | 47%  | 50%    | 36%  | 46%    |
| ...use marijuana?  | Not at all wrong   | 14%   | 14%    | 21%  | 21%    | 37%  | 37%    |
|  | A little bit wrong | 16%   | 14%    | 16%  | 23%    | 25%  | 22%    |
|  | Wrong              | 19%   | 22%    | 25%  | 22%    | 17%  | 18%    |
|  | Very wrong         | 52%   | 50%    | 38%  | 34%    | 21%  | 23%    |
| ...use prescription drugs not prescribed for you?                  | Not at all wrong   | 6%    | 4%     | 8%   | 4%     | 9%   | 4%     |
|  | A little bit wrong | 7%    | 6%     | 11%  | 9%     | 14%  | 9%     |
|  | Wrong              | 25%   | 26%    | 24%  | 27%    | 24%  | 25%    |
|  | Very wrong         | 62%   | 64%    | 57%  | 60%    | 54%  | 62%    |
| ...vape or use e-cigarettes?                                       | Not at all wrong   | 11%   | 12%    | 16%  | 15%    | 24%  | 20%    |
|  | A little bit wrong | 14%   | 16%    | 16%  | 19%    | 25%  | 23%    |
|  | Wrong              | 25%   | 23%    | 26%  | 27%    | 20%  | 23%    |
|  | Very wrong         | 50%   | 49%    | 42%  | 39%    | 31%  | 33%    |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.



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TABLE 46  
PERCEPTIONS ABOUT ALCOHOL USE\*

*Gay or Lesbian*

|   |                            | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|----------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                            | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |                            | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                            | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| How do you feel about the following statement?<br>Parents and other adults should clearly communicate with their children about the importance of not using alcohol.  | Strongly agree             | 57%   | 52%    | 48%  | 46%    | 40%  | 38%    |
|   | Agree                      | 25%   | 34%    | 35%  | 39%    | 38%  | 41%    |
|   | Neither agree nor disagree | 12%   | 12%    | 13%  | 12%    | 19%  | 17%    |
|   | Disagree                   | 2%    | 1%     | 1%   | 1%     | 3%   | 2%     |
|   | Strongly disagree          | 4%    | 1%     | 4%   | 2%     | 1%   | 2%     |
| How do you feel about the following statement?<br>Drinking alcohol is never a good thing for anyone my age to do.   | Strongly agree             | 61%   | 62%    | 51%  | 50%    | 39%  | 36%    |
|   | Agree                      | 20%   | 25%    | 24%  | 32%    | 25%  | 30%    |
|   | Neither agree nor disagree | 11%   | 9%     | 15%  | 14%    | 23%  | 23%    |
|   | Disagree                   | 3%    | 2%     | 5%   | 2%     | 10%  | 9%     |
|   | Strongly disagree          | 5%    | 2%     | 5%   | 2%     | 2%   | 3%     |
| In your opinion, how do you think MOST STUDENTS in your school feel about the following statement? Parents and other adults should clearly communicate with their children about the importance of not using alcohol. | Strongly agree             | 34%   | 24%    | 30%  | 19%    | 19%  | 14%    |
|   | Agree                      | 38%   | 44%    | 43%  | 45%    | 44%  | 40%    |
|   | Neither agree nor disagree | 21%   | 25%    | 22%  | 29%    | 25%  | 34%    |
|   | Disagree                   | 5%    | 5%     | 4%   | 6%     | 9%   | 9%     |
|   | Strongly disagree          | 2%    | 2%     | 2%   | 1%     | 3%   | 2%     |
| In your opinion, how do you think MOST STUDENTS in your school feel about the following statement? Drinking alcohol is never a good thing for anyone my age to do.  | Strongly agree             | 34%   | 26%    | 24%  | 19%    | 15%  | 12%    |
|   | Agree                      | 28%   | 37%    | 35%  | 33%    | 30%  | 26%    |
|   | Neither agree nor disagree | 25%   | 26%    | 26%  | 34%    | 29%  | 38%    |
|   | Disagree                   | 8%    | 8%     | 11%  | 12%    | 20%  | 19%    |
|   | Strongly disagree          | 5%    | 3%     | 3%   | 2%     | 5%   | 6%     |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 47A  
USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA  
AND E-CIGARETTES\*  
Gay or Lesbian**

| How often do you use each of the following?                               |                      | Grade     |             |           |             |           |             |
|---|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|   |                      | 8th       |             | 9th       |             | 11th      |             |
|   |                      | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% |
| Tobacco (cigarettes, chew)  | Never                | 93%       | 95%         | 93%       | 93%         | 90%       | 92%         |
|   | Tried once or twice  | 1%        | 3%          | 2%        | 4%          | 3%        | 2%          |
|   | Once or twice a year | 2%        | 1%          | 2%        | 0%          | 3%        | 1%          |
|   | Once a month         | 1%        | 0%          | 2%        | 1%          | 2%        | 2%          |
|   | Twice a month        | 2%        | 1%          | 1%        | 0%          | 1%        | 1%          |
|   | Once a week          | 1%        | 0%          | 1%        | 1%          | 0%        | 1%          |
|   | Daily                | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 1%          |
| Alcohol (beer, wine, liquor)  | Never                | 73%       | 75%         | 69%       | 69%         | 60%       | 60%         |
|   | Tried once or twice  | 14%       | 17%         | 18%       | 18%         | 12%       | 16%         |
|   | Once or twice a year | 6%        | 5%          | 5%        | 6%          | 14%       | 13%         |
|   | Once a month         | 3%        | 1%          | 5%        | 3%          | 8%        | 6%          |
|   | Twice a month        | 2%        | 1%          | 3%        | 2%          | 4%        | 4%          |
|   | Once a week          | 2%        | 1%          | 0%        | 1%          | 2%        | 1%          |
|   | Daily                | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%          |
| Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil)   | Never                | 92%       | 92%         | 87%       | 87%         | 80%       | 73%         |
|   | Tried once or twice  | 6%        | 4%          | 6%        | 6%          | 5%        | 8%          |
|   | Once or twice a year | 1%        | 1%          | 1%        | 2%          | 5%        | 4%          |
|   | Once a month         | 1%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          | 4%        | 4%          |
|   | Twice a month        | 0%        | 1%          | 2%        | 1%          | 3%        | 2%          |
|   | Once a week          | 1%        | 1%          | 2%        | 1%          | 2%        | 4%          |
|   | Daily                | 1%        | 1%          | 2%        | 2%          | 2%        | 5%          |
| Vaping device or e-cigarette with nicotine^                               | Never                | 87%       | 85%         | 82%       | 83%         | 78%       | 77%         |
|   | Tried once or twice  | 7%        | 9%          | 9%        | 8%          | 9%        | 9%          |
|   | Once or twice a year | 1%        | 2%          | 2%        | 2%          | 2%        | 2%          |
|   | Once a month         | 1%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          | 2%        | 1%          |
|   | Twice a month        | 1%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          | 0%        | 1%          |
|   | Once a week          | 1%        | 1%          | 3%        | 3%          | 2%        | 3%          |
|   | Daily                | 2%        | 2%          | 4%        | 4%          | 5%        | 7%          |
| Vaping device or e-cigarette with marijuana, THC or hash oil, or THC wax^ | Never                | 93%       | 93%         | 89%       | 89%         | 81%       | 80%         |
|   | Tried once or twice  | 3%        | 3%          | 4%        | 4%          | 7%        | 9%          |
|   | Once or twice a year | 2%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          | 5%        | 2%          |
|   | Once a month         | 0%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          | 4%        | 2%          |
|   | Twice a month        | 1%        | 1%          | 2%        | 1%          | 0%        | 1%          |
|   | Once a week          | 1%        | 1%          | 2%        | 2%          | 1%        | 3%          |
|   | Daily                | 1%        | 0%          | 2%        | 1%          | 2%        | 3%          |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New question in 2022.

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**TABLE 47B**  
**PERCEPTIONS OF OTHERS' USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL,**  
**MARIJUANA AND E-CIGARETTES\***  
**Gay or Lesbian**

| <i>In your opinion, how often do you think MOST STUDENTS in your school use each of the following?</i> |                      | Grade     |             |           |             |           |             |
|--|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|  |                      | 8th       |             | 9th       |             | 11th      |             |
|  |                      | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% |
| Tobacco (cigarettes, chew)   | Never                | 57%       | 48%         | 43%       | 33%         | 32%       | 31%         |
|  | Tried once or twice  | 20%       | 26%         | 24%       | 31%         | 31%       | 31%         |
|  | Once or twice a year | 8%        | 7%          | 8%        | 11%         | 11%       | 11%         |
|  | Once a month         | 3%        | 6%          | 11%       | 9%          | 8%        | 8%          |
|  | Twice a month        | 3%        | 5%          | 2%        | 6%          | 4%        | 5%          |
|  | Once a week          | 3%        | 4%          | 8%        | 6%          | 4%        | 9%          |
|  | Daily                | 6%        | 4%          | 3%        | 5%          | 9%        | 6%          |
| Alcohol (beer, wine, liquor)   | Never                | 43%       | 32%         | 30%       | 19%         | 16%       | 11%         |
|  | Tried once or twice  | 28%       | 30%         | 20%       | 22%         | 14%       | 11%         |
|  | Once or twice a year | 11%       | 12%         | 15%       | 13%         | 18%       | 15%         |
|  | Once a month         | 4%        | 9%          | 12%       | 16%         | 16%       | 22%         |
|  | Twice a month        | 3%        | 5%          | 9%        | 13%         | 13%       | 20%         |
|  | Once a week          | 10%       | 7%          | 10%       | 12%         | 17%       | 18%         |
|  | Daily                | 2%        | 3%          | 4%        | 4%          | 7%        | 5%          |
| Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil)  | Never                | 58%       | 47%         | 32%       | 26%         | 22%       | 15%         |
|  | Tried once or twice  | 20%       | 19%         | 18%       | 20%         | 19%       | 12%         |
|  | Once or twice a year | 4%        | 8%          | 12%       | 10%         | 11%       | 7%          |
|  | Once a month         | 3%        | 8%          | 10%       | 10%         | 10%       | 15%         |
|  | Twice a month        | 3%        | 6%          | 6%        | 10%         | 8%        | 14%         |
|  | Once a week          | 4%        | 6%          | 14%       | 13%         | 15%       | 20%         |
|  | Daily                | 7%        | 6%          | 8%        | 12%         | 16%       | 18%         |
| Vaping device or e-cigarette with nicotine <sup>^</sup>  | Never                | 42%       | 25%         | 24%       | 16%         | 18%       | 10%         |
|  | Tried once or twice  | 18%       | 20%         | 14%       | 13%         | 12%       | 10%         |
|  | Once or twice a year | 11%       | 8%          | 5%        | 6%          | 6%        | 4%          |
|  | Once a month         | 6%        | 8%          | 6%        | 7%          | 8%        | 9%          |
|  | Twice a month        | 4%        | 7%          | 6%        | 7%          | 6%        | 5%          |
|  | Once a week          | 4%        | 10%         | 17%       | 13%         | 17%       | 15%         |
|  | Daily                | 16%       | 23%         | 28%       | 38%         | 33%       | 47%         |
| Vaping device or e-cigarette with marijuana, THC or hash oil, or THC wax <sup>^</sup>                  | Never                | 57%       | 42%         | 36%       | 25%         | 26%       | 15%         |
|  | Tried once or twice  | 17%       | 19%         | 18%       | 18%         | 17%       | 15%         |
|  | Once or twice a year | 6%        | 6%          | 6%        | 7%          | 8%        | 5%          |
|  | Once a month         | 4%        | 8%          | 9%        | 8%          | 8%        | 8%          |
|  | Twice a month        | 3%        | 7%          | 6%        | 9%          | 8%        | 11%         |
|  | Once a week          | 5%        | 6%          | 12%       | 11%         | 11%       | 18%         |
|  | Daily                | 8%        | 11%         | 12%       | 21%         | 21%       | 27%         |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

<sup>^</sup> New question in 2022.

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TABLE 48A  
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE\*

Gay or Lesbian

|  |                            | Grade     |             |           |             |           |             |
|--|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|  |                            | 8th       |             | 9th       |             | 11th      |             |
|  |                            | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% | Male<br>% | Female<br>% |
| <i>During the last 12 months ...</i>   |                            |           |             |           |             |           |             |
| ...have you found that you had to use a lot more alcohol or drugs than before to get the same effect?  | Did not use past 12 months | 68%       | 68%         | 61%       | 66%         | 55%       | 55%         |
|  | Yes                        | 4%        | 3%          | 4%        | 7%          | 4%        | 10%         |
|  | No                         | 28%       | 29%         | 35%       | 28%         | 41%       | 35%         |
| ...have you tried to cut down on your use of alcohol or drugs but couldn't?  | Did not use past 12 months | 68%       | 69%         | 61%       | 66%         | 55%       | 55%         |
|  | Yes                        | 4%        | 3%          | 3%        | 4%          | 2%        | 6%          |
|  | No                         | 29%       | 28%         | 36%       | 30%         | 43%       | 39%         |
| ...have you continued to use alcohol or drugs even though you knew it was hurting your relationships with friends or family?   | Did not use past 12 months | 68%       | 69%         | 61%       | 66%         | 55%       | 55%         |
|  | Yes                        | 2%        | 4%          | 4%        | 5%          | 3%        | 5%          |
|  | No                         | 30%       | 28%         | 35%       | 29%         | 42%       | 40%         |
| ...were there any times when you felt such a strong desire or urge to drink alcohol or to use a drug that you couldn't resist or could not think of anything else?                   | Did not use past 12 months | 70%       | 69%         | 62%       | 67%         | 56%       | 56%         |
|  | Yes                        | 4%        | 8%          | 9%        | 9%          | 10%       | 10%         |
|  | No                         | 26%       | 23%         | 29%       | 24%         | 34%       | 34%         |
| ...how many times have you spent all or most of the day using alcohol or drugs, or getting over their effects?   | Did not use past 12 months | 68%       | 69%         | 61%       | 66%         | 55%       | 55%         |
|  | 0 times                    | 28%       | 28%         | 33%       | 28%         | 37%       | 32%         |
|  | 1 time                     | 2%        | 2%          | 2%        | 2%          | 1%        | 6%          |
|  | 2 times                    | 2%        | 1%          | 2%        | 2%          | 3%        | 2%          |
|  | 3 or more times            | 2%        | 1%          | 2%        | 2%          | 4%        | 4%          |
|  |                            |           |             |           |             |           |             |
| ...how many times have you given up important social or recreational activities like sports or being with friends or relatives to use alcohol or drugs or to get over their effects? | Did not use past 12 months | 68%       | 69%         | 61%       | 66%         | 55%       | 55%         |
|  | 0 times                    | 30%       | 30%         | 36%       | 31%         | 40%       | 40%         |
|  | 1 time                     | 1%        | 1%          | 2%        | 2%          | 2%        | 2%          |
|  | 2 times                    | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 1%          | 1%        | 1%          |
|  | 3 or more times            | 0%        | 1%          | 0%        | 1%          | 1%        | 2%          |
|  |                            |           |             |           |             |           |             |
| ...how many times have you missed work or school, or neglected other major responsibilities because of alcohol or drug use?  | Did not use past 12 months | 68%       | 69%         | 61%       | 66%         | 55%       | 55%         |
|  | 0 times                    | 30%       | 29%         | 34%       | 30%         | 41%       | 38%         |
|  | 1 time                     | 0%        | 1%          | 1%        | 2%          | 2%        | 3%          |
|  | 2 times                    | 1%        | 0%          | 1%        | 1%          | 0%        | 1%          |
|  | 3 or more times            | 2%        | 1%          | 1%        | 0%          | 0%        | 3%          |
|  |                            |           |             |           |             |           |             |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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TABLE 48B  
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE\*

Gay or Lesbian

| During the last 12 months, how many times...   |                            | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|--|----------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|  |                            | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|  |                            | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |                            | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| ...how many times have you driven a motor vehicle after using alcohol or drugs?*   | Did not use past 12 months |       |        | 61%  | 66%    | 56%  | 55%    |
|  | 0 times                    |       |        | 37%  | 33%    | 36%  | 39%    |
|  | 1 time                     |       |        | 1%   | 1%     | 3%   | 2%     |
|  | 2 times                    |       |        | 0%   | 0%     | 2%   | 0%     |
|  | 3 or more times            |       |        | 0%   | 0%     | 3%   | 3%     |
| ...how many times have you hit someone or become violent while using alcohol or drugs?                                       | Did not use past 12 months | 68%   | 69%    | 61%  | 66%    | 56%  | 55%    |
|  | 0 times                    | 31%   | 31%    | 37%  | 33%    | 42%  | 44%    |
|  | 1 time                     | 1%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|  | 2 times                    | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     |
|  | 3 or more times            | 0%    | 0%     | 0%   | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
| ...how many times have you used so much alcohol or drugs that the next day you could not remember what you had said or done? | Did not use past 12 months | 68%   | 69%    | 61%  | 66%    | 56%  | 55%    |
|  | 0 times                    | 29%   | 27%    | 34%  | 28%    | 37%  | 35%    |
|  | 1 time                     | 1%    | 2%     | 1%   | 3%     | 3%   | 4%     |
|  | 2 times                    | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 2%     | 3%   | 2%     |
|  | 3 or more times            | 2%    | 2%     | 2%   | 2%     | 2%   | 4%     |
| ...how many times have you used more alcohol or drugs than you intended to?  | Did not use past 12 months | 69%   | 69%    | 61%  | 66%    | 56%  | 55%    |
|  | 0 times                    | 27%   | 27%    | 31%  | 27%    | 36%  | 34%    |
|  | 1 time                     | 3%    | 1%     | 3%   | 3%     | 3%   | 4%     |
|  | 2 times                    | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 2%     | 3%   | 3%     |
|  | 3 or more times            | 1%    | 2%     | 2%   | 3%     | 2%   | 4%     |
| ...how many times has alcohol or drug use left you feeling depressed, agitated, paranoid, or unable to concentrate?          | Did not use past 12 months | 69%   | 69%    | 62%  | 66%    | 56%  | 56%    |
|  | 0 times                    | 28%   | 26%    | 30%  | 26%    | 37%  | 33%    |
|  | 1 time                     | 2%    | 2%     | 2%   | 4%     | 3%   | 5%     |
|  | 2 times                    | 1%    | 2%     | 1%   | 1%     | 2%   | 3%     |
|  | 3 or more times            | 1%    | 2%     | 4%   | 2%     | 3%   | 4%     |

\* 5th grade survey did not ask these questions.

\*\* 8th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 49  
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR\*  
Gay or Lesbian**

|   |                          | Grade |        |      |        |
|---|--------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|
|   |                          | 9th   |        | 11th |        |
|   |                          | Male  | Female | Male | Female |
|   |                          | %     | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>Have you ever had sex?^</b>  | <b>Yes</b>               | 19%   | 13%    | 29%  | 31%    |
|   | <b>No</b>                | 81%   | 87%    | 71%  | 69%    |
| <b>IF EVER HAD SEX: During the last 12 months, with how many different people have you had sex with?^</b> | <b>None</b>              | 85%   | 90%    | 75%  | 74%    |
|   | <b>1 person</b>          | 8%    | 7%     | 15%  | 17%    |
|   | <b>2 persons</b>         | 4%    | 1%     | 4%   | 5%     |
|   | <b>3 persons</b>         | 1%    | 1%     | 1%   | 2%     |
|   | <b>4 persons</b>         | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 1%     |
|   | <b>5 persons</b>         | 1%    | 0%     | 1%   | 0%     |
|   | <b>6 or more persons</b> | 2%    | 1%     | 3%   | 1%     |
| <b>IF EVER HAD SEX: Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sex the LAST time?^</b>             | <b>Yes</b>               | 19%   | 13%    | 13%  | 24%    |
|   | <b>No</b>                | 81%   | 87%    | 87%  | 76%    |

\* 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask these questions.

^ Change in question wording from 2019.

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**TABLE 50  
PREVENTION OF PREGNANCY AND INFECTION\*  
Gay or Lesbian**

|  |   | Grade |        |      |        |
|--|---|-------|--------|------|--------|
|  |   | 9th   |        | 11th |        |
|  |   | Male  | Female | Male | Female |
| <i>INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE EVER HAD SEX</i>   |   | %     | %      | %    | %      |
| Have you talked with your partner(s) about protecting yourselves from getting sexually transmitted infections/HIV/AIDS?    | Never   | 33%   | 51%    | 20%  | 28%    |
|  | Not with every partner  | 3%    | 11%    | 15%  | 12%    |
|  | At least once with every partner  | 64%   | 38%    | 64%  | 59%    |
| Have you talked with your partner(s) about preventing pregnancy?   | Never   | 76%   | 68%    | 71%  | 54%    |
|  | Not with every partner  | 0%    | 7%     | 3%   | 9%     |
|  | At least once with every partner  | 24%   | 25%    | 25%  | 37%    |
| The LAST time you had sex, what method or methods did you or your partner use to prevent pregnancy? (Mark ALL that apply)^ | No method was used to prevent pregnancy   | 23%   | 20%    | 25%  | 7%     |
|  | Birth control pills   | 9%    | 9%     | 4%   | 7%     |
|  | Condoms   | 23%   | 7%     | 21%  | 12%    |
|  | Depo-Provera shot (or any birth control shot), Nuva Ring (or any birth control ring)^ | 6%    | 3%     | 2%   | 2%     |
|  | Nexplanon (or any implant) or Mirena (or any IUD)^                                    | 3%    | 3%     | 2%   | 5%     |
|  | Withdrawal (pull-out)   | 6%    | 9%     | 4%   | 5%     |
|  | Some other method   | 3%    | 4%     | 0%   | 2%     |
|  | Not sure  | 3%    | 8%     | 4%   | 1%     |
|  | Not applicable^^  | 49%   | 50%    | 45%  | 69%    |
| The LAST time you had sex, did you or your partner use a condom?   | Yes   | 40%   | 17%    | 48%  | 41%    |
|  | No  | 60%   | 83%    | 52%  | 59%    |

\* 5th and 8th grade surveys did not ask these questions.

^ Change in question wording from 2019.

^^ Change in response option wording from 2019.

^^^ New response option in 2022.

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**TABLE 51  
RESOURCES IN THE HOME (PROXY FOR SES)^  
Gay or Lesbian**

|   |   | Grade |        |      |        |      |        |
|---|---|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
|   |   | 8th   |        | 9th  |        | 11th |        |
|   |   | Male  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|   |   | %     | %      | %    | %      | %    | %      |
| <b>About how many books are there in your home?</b>   | <b>Few (0-10)</b>   | 18%   | 9%     | 16%  | 10%    | 17%  | 9%     |
|   | <b>Enough to fill one shelf (11-25)</b>   | 15%   | 16%    | 18%  | 15%    | 17%  | 11%    |
|   | <b>Enough to fill one bookcase (26-100)</b>   | 34%   | 38%    | 33%  | 35%    | 34%  | 32%    |
|   | <b>Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)</b>                             | 33%   | 38%    | 33%  | 39%    | 32%  | 48%    |
| <b>Do you have any of the following in your home?</b> | <b>Access to the internet</b>   | 99%   | 99%    | 99%  | 99%    | 99%  | 99%    |
|   | <b>Your own bedroom</b>   | 90%   | 88%    | 94%  | 92%    | 93%  | 93%    |
|   | <b>A desktop or laptop computer (including Chromebooks) that you can use</b>        | 87%   | 88%    | 91%  | 93%    | 95%  | 96%    |
|   | <b>A tablet (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) that you can use</b>      | 57%   | 66%    | 62%  | 63%    | 59%  | 63%    |
|   | <b>A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, HTC One) that you can use</b> | 94%   | 95%    | 94%  | 98%    | 99%  | 98%    |

^ New questions in 2022; source: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) ([https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/researchcenter/socioeconomic\\_factors.pdf](https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/researchcenter/socioeconomic_factors.pdf)).