

# **2020 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey**

**Highlands County Data Tables**



**Table 1. Major demographic characteristics of surveyed Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth, 2020**

	Highlands County		Florida Statewide	
	N	%	N	%
<b>Sex</b>				
Female	411	52.4	25,191	48.4
Male	373	47.6	26,328	50.5
<b>Race/Ethnic group</b>				
African American	83	10.6	11,284	21.7
American Indian	15	1.9	491	0.9
Asian	19	2.4	671	1.3
Hispanic/Latino	222	28.3	11,091	21.3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2	0.3	68	0.1
Other/Multiple	184	23.5	7,227	13.9
White, non-Hispanic	257	32.8	20,904	40.1
<b>Age</b>				
10	0	0.0	44	0.1
11	62	7.9	3,151	6.0
12	153	19.5	7,124	13.7
13	136	17.3	7,698	14.8
14	112	14.3	7,616	14.6
15	98	12.5	7,582	14.6
16	93	11.9	7,502	14.4
17	83	10.6	7,073	13.6
18	39	5.0	3,807	7.3
19 or older	8	1.0	394	0.8
<b>Grade</b>				
6th	201	25.6	7,718	14.8
7th	118	15.1	7,555	14.5
8th	133	17.0	7,632	14.6
9th	100	12.8	7,668	14.7
10th	76	9.7	7,481	14.4
11th	109	13.9	7,117	13.7
12th	47	6.0	6,923	13.3
Overall Middle School	452	57.7	22,904	44.0
Overall High School	332	42.3	29,189	56.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,093</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: Some categories do not sum to 100% of the total due to missing values (e.g., not all survey questions were answered). In addition, rounding can produce totals that do not equal 100%. "N" represents the number of valid cases. In this table, county data are unweighted while statewide data are weighted.

**Table 2. Percentages of Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various drugs in their lifetimes, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
Alcohol	16.9	38.2	31.8	26.0	18.4	38.9	28.9	23.0	44.9	38.3	32.5	24.4	44.8	35.3
Blacking Out	--	8.8	8.3	9.4	--	10.0	--	--	13.8	14.2	13.3	--	13.4	--
Cigarettes	9.3	10.3	7.5	12.1	8.3	10.9	9.8	6.1	11.3	8.5	9.6	6.2	11.1	9.0
Vaping Nicotine	15.0	34.1	25.7	26.1	17.5	33.5	25.9	13.5	30.0	24.9	20.8	14.8	30.1	22.8
Vaping Marijuana	6.0	16.5	13.9	10.0	6.6	15.6	12.0	6.8	22.2	16.6	14.5	7.5	22.3	15.5
Marijuana or Hashish	6.9	25.2	16.7	17.6	8.3	22.6	17.2	8.2	29.2	21.0	19.2	9.3	29.2	20.1
Synthetic Marijuana	--	2.0	2.3	1.8	--	1.7	--	--	2.9	2.9	2.9	--	2.8	--
Inhalants	7.7	3.8	7.3	3.8	7.8	3.5	5.5	8.3	5.1	7.7	5.2	8.1	5.0	6.5
Club Drugs	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.3	1.2	0.7	0.7	2.1	1.3	1.8	0.7	2.1	1.5
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.6	2.2	1.3	2.5	1.0	3.4	1.9	1.1	4.3	2.5	3.4	1.1	4.3	2.9
Methamphetamine	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.8
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.7	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.6	1.3
Heroin	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5
Prescription Depressants	3.1	5.2	5.1	3.6	4.0	4.8	4.3	2.2	4.9	4.2	3.2	2.4	4.9	3.7
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.6	2.5	3.8	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.7	2.5	2.9	3.1	3.1
Prescription Amphetamines	1.5	2.6	3.9	0.3	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.1	4.5	3.7	3.2	2.3	4.4	3.4
Over-the-Counter Drugs	2.8	1.8	2.4	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.2	3.0	4.3	3.9	3.5	3.0	4.3	3.7
Needle to Inject Illegal Drugs	--	0.7	1.4	0.0	--	0.6	--	--	0.7	0.6	0.9	--	0.8	--
Any illicit drug	15.9	33.7	28.1	23.5	18.7	29.7	25.8	18.7	35.7	31.0	25.6	19.7	35.5	28.3
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	11.8	13.3	15.3	9.9	13.3	13.0	12.6	13.2	15.2	15.9	12.7	13.2	15.0	14.3
Alcohol only	8.5	14.5	12.9	10.9	9.2	16.2	11.9	11.9	17.1	15.3	14.3	12.5	17.1	14.8
Alcohol or any illicit drug	24.3	48.6	40.9	34.9	27.6	46.2	37.9	30.4	52.4	46.1	39.6	32.0	52.2	42.8
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	7.7	11.1	9.9	9.3	9.6	7.9	9.6	7.5	7.7	7.9	7.3	7.7	7.5	7.6

Note: The first 18 data rows show results for alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. For "Blacking Out," respondents were asked on how many occasions in their lifetime they woke up after a night of drinking and did not remember the things they did or the places they went. Ecstasy, Rohypnol, GHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

**Table 3. Percentages of Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various drugs in the past 30 days, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
Alcohol	7.9	16.5	15.4	10.1	8.8	17.1	12.8	8.2	19.9	15.9	13.7	8.7	19.7	14.8
Binge Drinking	4.5	7.5	5.0	7.2	4.2	8.1	6.1	3.4	9.2	6.8	6.4	3.6	8.9	6.7
Cigarettes	0.8	1.0	0.2	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.1	2.4	1.4	2.1	1.1	2.3	1.8
Vaping Nicotine	7.5	19.5	13.4	15.3	8.2	18.7	14.3	5.8	15.6	12.3	10.4	6.5	15.6	11.4
Vaping Marijuana	1.9	5.5	4.8	3.0	1.5	6.1	3.9	3.0	10.6	7.3	7.3	3.4	10.6	7.3
Marijuana or Hashish	2.9	10.0	5.3	8.4	2.4	10.2	6.9	3.8	15.9	10.6	10.7	4.4	15.8	10.7
Synthetic Marijuana	--	1.3	2.0	0.7	--	1.3	--	--	0.9	0.8	1.0	--	0.9	--
Inhalants	2.6	0.3	1.6	0.9	2.4	0.0	1.3	2.8	1.2	2.4	1.4	2.6	1.2	1.9
Club Drugs	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.1	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.4	1.3	0.7	1.2	0.4	1.4	0.9
Methamphetamine	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4
Heroin	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Prescription Depressants	1.4	2.2	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.2	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.0
Prescription Pain Relievers	0.4	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.3	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.1
Prescription Amphetamines	1.0	0.5	1.2	0.3	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1
Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.5	0.4	0.5	1.2	1.3	0.5	0.9	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3
Any illicit drug	7.9	14.6	11.3	12.0	8.3	14.0	11.6	8.8	19.5	15.5	14.1	9.2	19.4	14.8
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	5.6	5.2	6.0	4.7	5.7	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.4	6.0	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.5
Alcohol only	4.8	9.8	10.4	4.8	5.9	8.8	7.6	4.9	10.0	8.6	7.0	5.1	9.9	7.7
Alcohol or any illicit drug	12.5	25.1	21.7	17.4	14.0	24.0	19.6	13.6	29.1	23.9	20.8	14.2	29.0	22.3
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	4.7	8.9	6.6	7.5	5.3	7.1	7.1	5.5	9.4	8.1	7.2	5.6	9.5	7.7

Note: The first 17 data rows show results for alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. Binge drinking is defined as having had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row in the past two weeks. Ecstasy, Rohypnol, GHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

**Table 4. Lifetime trend in alcohol, tobacco and other drug use for Highlands County, 2010 to 2020**

	2010			2012			2014			2016			2018			2020		
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
Alcohol	37.6	67.8	54.3	33.9	62.7	49.5	27.3	51.4	40.2	23.8	52.7	40.0	20.7	39.8	31.6	16.9	38.2	28.9
Blacking Out	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16.5	--	--	19.8	--	--	16.8	--	--	8.8	--
Cigarettes	25.2	42.0	34.4	20.7	39.4	30.8	14.9	27.6	21.8	12.8	22.4	18.2	9.2	19.5	15.0	9.3	10.3	9.8
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15.0	34.1	25.9
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.0	16.5	12.0
Vaporizer / E-Cigarette	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.9	34.4	24.8	17.4	35.0	27.3	--	--	--
Marijuana or Hashish	10.6	31.6	22.2	9.4	30.8	21.0	10.6	25.5	18.6	9.2	25.6	18.3	7.7	25.1	17.5	6.9	25.2	17.2
Synthetic Marijuana	--	--	--	--	14.6	--	--	10.2	--	--	6.5	--	--	3.6	--	--	2.0	--
Inhalants	11.6	9.5	10.4	11.6	7.9	9.6	7.4	4.5	5.9	6.4	4.7	5.5	5.7	4.8	5.2	7.7	3.8	5.5
Club Drugs	1.8	5.0	3.6	0.9	4.8	3.0	1.1	2.0	1.6	1.3	3.6	2.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	1.8	3.7	2.9	1.4	4.6	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.1	3.7	3.0	1.0	1.9	1.5	1.6	2.2	1.9
Methamphetamine	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.3	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Cocaine or Crack	2.3	5.4	4.0	0.4	3.7	2.2	0.7	2.8	1.9	1.1	2.6	1.9	0.7	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0
Heroin	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.6
Prescription Depressants	1.4	8.7	5.4	1.9	7.2	4.8	2.6	5.3	4.0	2.3	7.8	5.4	2.5	7.8	5.5	3.1	5.2	4.3
Prescription Pain Relievers	4.6	10.4	7.9	5.4	8.8	7.2	1.5	7.4	4.7	3.6	5.3	4.5	1.8	5.7	4.0	2.7	2.9	2.8
Prescription Amphetamines	1.6	3.2	2.5	1.1	3.1	2.2	1.0	3.6	2.4	1.6	2.3	2.0	1.1	4.5	3.0	1.5	2.6	2.1
Over-the-Counter Drugs	3.8	8.0	6.1	3.4	8.5	6.1	3.3	7.5	5.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	2.2	4.8	3.6	2.8	1.8	2.2
Needle to Inject Drugs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.9	--	--	1.9	--	--	0.7	--
Any illicit drug	20.1	39.3	30.7	20.8	36.8	29.5	17.4	32.7	25.7	16.5	31.0	24.6	13.2	29.3	22.3	15.9	33.7	25.8
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	16.1	22.7	19.7	17.3	20.2	18.8	13.1	18.1	15.8	12.8	18.1	15.8	9.1	15.6	12.8	11.8	13.3	12.6
Alcohol only	21.8	30.9	26.8	19.1	28.2	24.0	15.6	23.9	20.1	13.0	26.7	20.7	11.6	16.1	14.2	8.5	14.5	11.9
Alcohol or any illicit drug	41.8	70.3	57.5	40.1	64.9	53.5	33.1	56.6	45.7	29.2	57.7	45.1	24.5	44.8	36.0	24.3	48.6	37.9
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	4.3	2.5	3.3	6.3	2.5	4.2	5.9	5.2	5.6	6.3	5.2	5.7	4.2	5.3	4.8	7.7	11.1	9.6

Note: The first 19 data rows show results for alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. For "Blacking Out," respondents were asked on how many occasions in their lifetime they woke up after a night of drinking and did not remember the things they did or the places they went. Ecstasy, Rohypnol, GHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. In 2020, the vaping/e-cigarette item was replaced with separate questions about vaping nicotine and vaping marijuana. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

**Table 5. Past-30-day trend in alcohol, tobacco and other drug use for Highlands County, 2010 to 2020**

	2010			2012			2014			2016			2018			2020		
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
Alcohol	20.4	41.7	32.1	15.4	40.8	29.1	8.5	25.6	17.7	10.0	25.1	18.5	6.3	21.2	14.8	7.9	16.5	12.8
Binge Drinking	11.3	22.6	17.5	6.5	22.8	15.3	3.8	12.0	8.2	3.0	13.1	8.6	3.3	11.1	7.8	4.5	7.5	6.1
Cigarettes	7.9	16.4	12.6	5.9	15.9	11.3	2.3	8.9	5.9	2.0	5.7	4.1	1.1	4.1	2.8	0.8	1.0	0.9
Vaping Nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.5	19.5	14.3
Vaping Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.9	5.5	3.9
Vaporizer / E-Cigarette	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.5	12.9	9.6	7.0	18.6	13.5	--	--	--
Marijuana or Hashish	4.8	15.9	11.0	5.4	15.6	11.0	5.1	17.1	11.5	4.1	14.0	9.5	3.4	16.2	10.6	2.9	10.0	6.9
Synthetic Marijuana	--	--	--	--	5.8	--	--	1.2	--	--	1.6	--	--	1.7	--	--	1.3	--
Inhalants	3.9	1.9	2.8	3.4	2.4	2.9	1.9	1.6	1.7	2.6	1.7	2.1	2.5	1.8	2.1	2.6	0.3	1.3
Club Drugs	0.3	1.3	0.8	0.4	2.0	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.6
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.6	0.8	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5
Methamphetamine	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.2	1.1	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4
Cocaine or Crack	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.9	2.5	1.7	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.5	1.8	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.5
Heroin	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.3
Prescription Depressants	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.0	2.7	1.9	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.3	3.9	2.7	0.8	2.3	1.6	1.4	2.2	1.9
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.3	3.0	2.7	2.2	2.9	2.6	0.9	3.3	2.2	2.6	1.2	1.8	0.6	2.2	1.5	0.4	1.1	0.8
Prescription Amphetamines	0.7	1.4	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.2	1.3	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.7
Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.1	3.0	2.1	1.9	3.7	2.9	0.2	3.7	2.1	1.1	2.0	1.6	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.5	0.4	0.9
Any illicit drug	8.7	19.7	14.8	10.2	21.1	16.1	7.0	22.0	15.0	8.2	17.5	13.4	6.8	18.3	13.3	7.9	14.6	11.6
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	6.2	9.6	8.1	7.1	10.5	9.0	3.7	8.0	6.0	6.8	8.9	8.0	4.3	6.9	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.4
Alcohol only	13.7	25.9	20.5	9.7	21.6	16.1	5.8	12.8	9.6	5.8	14.7	10.8	3.6	10.2	7.4	4.8	9.8	7.6
Alcohol or any illicit drug	23.5	45.4	35.6	19.6	43.6	32.6	12.5	34.2	24.2	13.7	31.9	23.9	10.3	27.5	20.1	12.5	25.1	19.6
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	3.3	4.0	3.7	4.4	3.0	3.6	4.0	8.9	6.7	4.1	6.8	5.6	4.0	7.0	5.7	4.7	8.9	7.1

Note: The first 18 data rows show results for alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. Binge drinking is defined as having had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row in the past two weeks. Ecstasy, Rohypnol, GHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. In 2020, the vaping/e-cigarette item was replaced with separate questions about vaping nicotine and vaping marijuana. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

**Table 6. Percentages of Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who reported early ATOD use, perceived risk of harm, personal disapproval, and peer disapproval, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
<b>Early ATOD use</b>														
More than a sip of alcohol	--	14.6	12.4	16.8	--	15.5	--	--	15.9	16.4	15.4	--	15.3	--
Drinking at least once a month	--	2.8	2.0	3.6	--	3.6	--	--	2.7	2.9	2.5	--	2.5	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	5.5	3.8	7.3	--	7.3	--	--	5.9	5.6	6.2	--	5.8	--
Smoke marijuana	--	7.0	6.2	7.8	--	7.4	--	--	8.2	7.6	8.8	--	7.9	--
<b>Great risk of harm</b>														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	48.9	42.5	49.3	41.3	48.6	40.8	45.3	49.1	43.1	48.4	43.1	48.3	43.7	45.7
5+ drinks once or twice a week	58.2	54.2	59.8	52.1	57.3	55.1	56.0	61.1	54.2	60.4	54.1	60.6	54.6	57.2
1+ packs of cigarettes per day	64.5	67.1	67.5	64.4	64.0	66.3	65.9	65.4	66.3	67.3	64.5	65.6	66.5	65.9
Vaping nicotine	48.5	41.3	45.6	43.5	46.7	42.8	44.5	50.4	40.5	46.7	43.1	49.3	40.7	44.8
Vaping marijuana	51.6	37.9	44.3	43.5	49.2	38.7	43.9	52.6	35.1	44.1	41.5	50.8	35.5	42.8
Marijuana once or twice a week	45.8	25.9	35.6	33.7	43.9	26.7	34.6	46.8	22.9	34.1	32.8	44.7	23.2	33.4
Try marijuana once or twice	37.9	21.9	30.7	27.2	35.9	22.8	28.9	32.3	16.0	22.7	23.6	30.7	16.2	23.1
Use prescription drugs	63.1	69.0	69.9	63.0	63.4	68.3	66.4	68.5	66.8	69.4	65.8	68.6	66.9	67.6
<b>Think it would be wrong to...</b>														
Smoke cigarettes	96.9	94.1	95.1	95.5	97.1	94.9	95.3	96.1	91.6	93.8	93.3	95.9	92.3	93.5
Drink alcohol regularly	89.9	76.9	79.7	85.7	89.4	77.4	82.7	88.7	70.3	77.4	79.2	87.6	70.7	78.3
Smoke marijuana	91.4	71.6	79.7	81.1	89.3	74.5	80.4	89.4	63.2	73.9	75.4	87.6	63.6	74.6
Vape nicotine	91.4	77.6	82.1	85.4	90.4	79.7	83.8	90.2	79.9	83.7	85.0	89.5	80.5	84.4
Vape marijuana	93.6	82.4	87.8	87.0	93.3	82.6	87.4	91.6	75.0	81.7	82.8	90.6	75.3	82.2
Use other illicit drugs	97.5	95.7	97.5	95.5	97.8	95.0	96.5	97.5	93.5	95.9	94.6	97.4	93.6	95.3
<b>Friends think it would be wrong to...</b>														
1 or 2 drinks nearly every day	91.4	83.5	87.9	86.0	91.3	85.4	87.0	91.3	82.8	87.6	85.7	90.9	82.7	86.6
Smoke tobacco	94.3	90.5	91.8	92.5	94.6	90.2	92.2	94.4	88.8	92.1	90.6	94.1	89.2	91.3
Smoke marijuana	90.6	71.9	79.3	81.1	88.8	72.7	80.2	87.9	61.8	73.0	73.6	86.2	61.5	73.3
Vape nicotine	87.3	74.1	78.2	81.7	85.7	76.3	80.0	87.8	72.7	78.3	80.3	86.4	72.8	79.3
Vape marijuana	91.1	79.0	81.0	87.6	90.2	79.9	84.3	90.0	70.7	78.9	79.5	88.6	70.6	79.2
Use prescription drugs	94.9	94.4	94.8	94.3	95.2	94.4	94.6	95.2	91.5	93.7	92.6	94.9	91.3	93.1

Note: Early ATOD use is defined as the percentage of high school students who started using at age 13 or younger. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.



**Table 7. Trends in early ATOD use and attitudes toward substance use for Highlands County, 2010 to 2020**

	2010			2012			2014			2016			2018			2020		
	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total	Middle School	High School	Total
<b>Early ATOD use</b>																		
Try alcohol	--	33.3	--	--	28.0	--	--	17.9	--	--	21.1	--	--	16.9	--	--	14.6	--
Drink monthly	--	8.8	--	--	8.1	--	--	2.5	--	--	3.4	--	--	3.8	--	--	2.8	--
Smoke cigarettes	--	25.2	--	--	23.5	--	--	14.0	--	--	12.1	--	--	12.1	--	--	5.5	--
Smoke marijuana	--	13.0	--	--	14.4	--	--	11.9	--	--	11.2	--	--	10.0	--	--	7.0	--
<b>Great risk of harm</b>																		
Daily alcohol use	38.4	36.0	37.0	47.8	29.7	38.0	45.1	38.8	41.7	45.8	40.0	42.5	44.4	38.8	41.3	48.9	42.5	45.3
5+ drinks daily	--	--	--	--	--	--	57.6	49.6	53.3	54.5	51.1	52.6	57.1	53.3	54.9	58.2	54.2	56.0
Daily cigarette use	60.7	58.4	59.5	70.2	62.2	65.9	61.1	66.1	63.8	59.0	62.1	60.7	62.8	63.9	63.4	64.5	67.1	65.9
Vaping nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	48.5	41.3	44.5
Vaping marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	51.6	37.9	43.9
Marijuana weekly*	--	--	--	--	--	--	50.1	33.8	41.2	50.5	23.8	35.7	50.2	29.2	38.2	45.8	25.9	34.6
Try marijuana	39.8	27.1	32.8	37.7	25.1	30.9	33.3	22.9	27.7	35.6	18.1	25.8	36.2	21.4	27.7	37.9	21.9	28.9
Prescription drugs	--	--	--	--	67.1	67.1	72.4	72.7	72.6	67.3	62.9	64.9	66.8	65.3	65.9	63.1	69.0	66.4
<b>Think it wrong</b>																		
Smoke cigarettes	86.4	68.0	76.2	91.3	73.0	81.3	93.0	82.7	87.4	95.0	85.1	89.5	96.3	86.2	90.6	96.9	94.1	95.3
Drink regularly	79.8	52.1	64.5	87.9	57.3	71.2	90.3	69.0	78.7	90.4	65.8	76.6	89.6	69.2	78.1	89.9	76.9	82.7
Smoke marijuana	90.1	70.1	79.0	91.5	69.4	79.5	89.0	70.6	79.0	88.5	66.6	76.2	92.0	66.0	77.4	91.4	71.6	80.4
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	91.4	77.6	83.8
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	93.6	82.4	87.4
Other illicit drugs	96.2	91.9	93.9	97.4	94.5	95.8	97.4	95.1	96.2	97.8	96.2	96.9	97.9	93.1	95.2	97.5	95.7	96.5
<b>Friends think it wrong</b>																		
Daily alcohol use	--	--	--	--	--	--	89.5	73.6	80.9	89.1	77.8	82.7	91.5	77.6	83.6	91.4	83.5	87.0
Smoke tobacco	--	--	--	--	--	--	92.3	80.1	85.7	93.3	83.1	87.5	94.4	83.8	88.4	94.3	90.5	92.2
Smoke marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	87.2	69.2	77.5	87.1	67.6	76.2	89.2	65.2	75.6	90.6	71.9	80.2
Vape nicotine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	87.3	74.1	80.0
Vape marijuana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	91.1	79.0	84.3
Prescription drugs	--	--	--	--	--	--	95.1	93.6	94.3	93.9	89.0	91.1	96.6	89.3	92.5	94.9	94.4	94.6

Note: Early ATOD use is defined as the percentage of high school students who started using at age 13 or younger. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

\* In 2014, the description of marijuana use in the risk of harm question was changed from "regularly" to "once or twice a week." For these items, care should be exercised when comparing 2014 data to previous years.

**Table 8. Among high school drinkers, usual source of alcohol within the past 30 days, Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bought in a store	--	5.1	2.7	10.1	--	6.6	--	--	6.5	4.6	8.9	--	5.9	--
Bought in a restaurant, bar, or club	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	1.9	1.9	2.0	--	1.5	--
Bought at a public event	--	6.3	4.8	9.5	--	8.2	--	--	1.2	0.7	1.7	--	1.1	--
Someone bought it for me	--	11.3	11.2	11.4	--	14.7	--	--	13.8	12.9	15.0	--	13.5	--
Someone gave it to me	--	54.4	55.5	51.8	--	48.6	--	--	40.2	42.9	36.9	--	41.1	--
Took it from a store	--	3.6	3.7	3.3	--	4.7	--	--	1.6	0.8	2.5	--	1.7	--
Took it from a family member	--	10.2	8.5	13.8	--	10.6	--	--	15.8	17.6	13.7	--	16.3	--
Some other way	--	9.2	13.5	0.0	--	6.7	--	--	19.0	18.7	19.3	--	18.8	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

**Table 9. Among high school drinkers, usual drinking location within the past 30 days, Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
My home	--	48.7	49.9	45.9	--	50.3	--	--	42.7	44.1	40.8	--	43.3	--
Another person's home	--	29.4	28.1	32.6	--	30.8	--	--	35.2	37.2	33.0	--	35.4	--
Car or other vehicle	--	1.7	2.5	0.0	--	2.2	--	--	2.4	1.9	3.0	--	2.5	--
Restaurant, bar, or club	--	3.6	5.1	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	3.0	3.5	2.6	--	2.2	--
Public place	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	3.8	2.5	5.5	--	4.2	--
Public event	--	2.8	0.0	9.3	--	3.6	--	--	1.6	1.3	1.9	--	1.4	--
School property	--	3.0	2.4	4.4	--	3.9	--	--	1.2	1.0	1.4	--	1.2	--
Some other place	--	10.7	12.0	7.7	--	9.2	--	--	10.2	8.7	11.8	--	9.9	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

**Table 10. Among high school drinkers, number of drinks usually consumed per day, on the days students drank in the past 30 days, Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	--	48.2	54.2	32.9	--	43.1	--	--	31.9	34.7	28.6	--	32.9	--
2	--	24.7	20.0	36.7	--	24.6	--	--	21.8	24.0	19.2	--	21.1	--
3	--	13.6	15.0	9.9	--	15.3	--	--	16.1	15.5	16.7	--	16.2	--
4	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	--	9.5	9.5	9.3	--	9.2	--
5 or more	--	13.6	10.8	20.6	--	17.0	--	--	20.7	16.3	26.2	--	20.5	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

**Table 11. Percentages of Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who reported drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, or using another drug to get high before or during school in the past 12 months, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Drinking alcohol	4.2	2.6	4.0	2.6	4.1	3.1	3.3	4.0	6.1	5.9	4.4	4.2	6.1	5.2
Smoking marijuana	2.3	7.5	6.1	4.4	2.7	7.1	5.3	4.0	13.6	9.9	9.1	4.5	13.9	9.5
Using another drug to get high	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.3	1.8	2.5	2.5	2.6	4.2	3.8	3.2	2.8	4.2	3.5

**Table 12. Percentages of Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who reported engaging in delinquent behavior within the past 12 months, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Carrying a handgun	9.6	3.9	2.6	10.2	8.8	4.5	6.4	6.2	6.0	3.6	8.6	6.0	5.9	6.1
Selling drugs	1.5	2.3	1.1	2.8	1.2	2.7	2.0	1.6	4.5	2.3	4.2	1.6	4.5	3.3
Attempting to steal a vehicle	1.4	1.8	0.6	2.6	0.8	2.5	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.8	1.3	1.5	1.5
Being arrested	1.8	1.9	1.4	2.3	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.8	2.7	2.1	2.3	2.3
Taking a handgun to school	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6
Getting suspended	15.9	10.1	8.7	16.5	15.7	11.2	12.6	13.7	10.0	9.2	14.1	13.0	10.3	11.6
Attacking someone with intent to harm	5.9	3.7	4.5	4.9	5.4	4.8	4.7	8.3	5.5	5.8	7.6	7.8	5.6	6.7

**Table 13. Trends in delinquent behaviors for Highlands County, 2010 to 2020**

	2010			2012			2014			2016			2018			2020		
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>
Carrying a handgun	6.7	8.2	7.6	5.0	8.6	7.0	5.1	8.1	6.7	10.2	8.6	9.3	8.3	5.3	6.6	9.6	3.9	6.4
Selling drugs	3.5	6.8	5.3	3.0	8.2	5.9	2.0	5.0	3.6	1.5	6.1	4.1	0.7	5.5	3.4	1.5	2.3	2.0
Attempting to steal a vehicle	2.6	4.0	3.4	1.2	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.5	2.8	1.2	1.9	0.8	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.6
Being arrested	6.8	8.3	7.6	3.3	6.4	5.0	2.6	5.5	4.1	2.7	3.7	3.3	1.7	3.3	2.6	1.8	1.9	1.8
Taking a handgun to school	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.9	1.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.3
Getting suspended	10.7	13.4	12.2	9.7	12.5	11.2	8.3	10.5	9.5	7.0	9.2	8.2	7.6	9.6	8.7	15.9	10.1	12.6
Attacking someone with intent to harm	9.5	11.2	10.4	8.6	9.6	9.2	5.7	7.1	6.4	8.5	6.9	7.6	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.9	3.7	4.7

**Table 14. Percentages of Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who reported symptoms of depression, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sometimes I think that life is not worth it	25.6	25.0	35.1	15.6	25.9	25.5	25.3	29.9	31.4	39.5	21.9	29.9	31.7	30.7
At times I think I am no good at all	36.8	38.1	48.6	26.6	36.5	37.0	37.5	44.7	44.6	55.8	33.5	44.8	45.2	44.7
All in all, I am inclined to think that I am a failure	27.1	25.6	33.5	19.2	26.7	25.0	26.3	28.8	28.6	36.6	20.8	28.5	29.0	28.7
In the past year, have you felt depressed or sad MOST days, even if you felt OK sometimes?	40.3	46.6	58.5	29.4	39.7	45.6	43.8	44.5	47.6	57.0	35.5	44.6	48.0	46.2



**Table 15. Percentages of Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who reported involvement in bullying behavior, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Skipped school because of bullying	9.8	9.6	15.0	4.4	9.7	9.4	9.7	8.8	9.7	13.3	5.4	8.8	9.8	9.3
Was ever kicked or shoved	33.9	21.6	30.3	23.9	33.2	20.4	27.1	39.8	24.8	30.7	31.9	38.8	24.8	31.4
Was ever taunted or teased	55.1	46.1	60.1	40.3	55.9	43.4	50.1	64.1	51.4	61.4	52.6	63.5	51.9	57.0
Was ever a victim of cyber bullying	23.3	23.5	30.9	16.1	25.0	21.9	23.4	25.7	29.0	35.0	20.4	26.1	29.2	27.5
Ever physically bullied others	21.0	9.1	14.5	14.4	19.4	10.3	14.5	22.4	12.5	14.2	19.3	21.3	12.6	16.8
Ever verbally bullied others	32.4	22.4	27.3	26.5	31.8	24.8	26.9	33.4	25.8	26.8	31.3	32.9	26.1	29.1
Ever cyber bullied others	10.6	11.0	13.0	8.7	11.1	11.4	10.8	11.2	12.4	12.3	11.5	11.4	12.4	11.9

**Table 16. Percentages of Highlands County and Florida Statewide high school youth who reported adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
Emotional abuse	--	17.0	22.5	11.3	--	16.1	--	--	15.7	20.8	10.6	--	15.7	--
Physical abuse	--	9.8	11.4	8.3	--	10.6	--	--	10.5	11.9	9.1	--	10.5	--
Sexual abuse	--	3.2	4.9	1.5	--	3.7	--	--	5.5	8.7	2.2	--	5.7	--
Parents separated or divorced	--	39.3	45.7	32.6	--	41.1	--	--	40.1	43.1	37.1	--	40.6	--
Physical abuse in household	--	9.5	13.1	5.9	--	8.0	--	--	8.8	11.0	6.6	--	8.6	--
Substance abuse in household	--	23.9	25.4	22.3	--	25.4	--	--	26.8	30.3	23.1	--	26.5	--
Mental illness in household	--	28.5	35.1	21.7	--	27.4	--	--	30.5	38.0	22.8	--	30.6	--
Incarcerated household member	--	28.8	35.0	22.5	--	31.2	--	--	26.8	29.3	24.3	--	26.6	--
Emotional neglect	--	31.9	42.3	21.2	--	30.4	--	--	29.2	36.6	21.7	--	29.1	--
Physical neglect	--	12.5	15.8	9.1	--	11.4	--	--	7.4	8.7	6.1	--	7.2	--

**Table 17. Number of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) reported by Highlands County and Florida Statewide high school youth, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
No ACEs reported	--	35.7	26.4	45.3	--	34.8	--	--	32.1	25.8	38.4	--	31.7	--
1 ACE	--	18.2	19.4	17.0	--	19.6	--	--	21.0	20.0	22.1	--	21.4	--
2 ACEs	--	13.5	12.3	14.8	--	13.4	--	--	14.3	14.5	14.0	--	14.4	--
3 ACEs	--	9.9	11.7	8.0	--	11.0	--	--	10.9	12.1	9.8	--	10.8	--
4 ACEs	--	9.6	12.8	6.4	--	8.0	--	--	8.1	9.9	6.3	--	7.9	--
5 ACEs	--	2.6	2.6	2.6	--	2.2	--	--	5.7	6.9	4.5	--	5.8	--
6 ACEs	--	3.9	5.6	2.2	--	3.5	--	--	3.7	5.0	2.4	--	3.8	--
7 ACEs	--	2.9	5.2	0.5	--	3.9	--	--	2.1	2.8	1.2	--	2.0	--
8 ACEs	--	1.4	1.6	1.2	--	1.1	--	--	1.3	1.7	0.8	--	1.2	--
9 ACEs	--	2.0	2.4	1.5	--	2.1	--	--	0.6	0.9	0.2	--	0.6	--
10 ACEs	--	0.3	0.0	0.5	--	0.3	--	--	0.3	0.4	0.2	--	0.3	--

Note: Each respondent receives an ACEs score, which is the number of adverse childhood experiences he or she reported. This table shows the frequency distribution of the ACEs score across the sample. Percentages total to 100% down each column. Rounding can produce totals that do not equal 100%.

**Table 18. Percentages of Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with statements indicating impulsiveness or a lack of self-control, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
I often do what brings me pleasure now	31.4	27.1	28.2	29.6	31.3	26.8	28.9	32.0	28.8	30.9	29.4	31.5	29.2	30.2
I'm more concerned with the short run	27.7	22.0	26.4	22.4	27.4	19.9	24.4	28.1	23.1	26.8	23.8	27.6	23.1	25.3
Getting in trouble is exciting	19.6	29.1	23.1	27.1	21.3	27.9	25.1	27.5	28.2	29.1	26.6	27.6	28.8	27.9
Excitement is more important than security	23.9	25.0	19.4	29.9	23.7	23.0	24.6	25.1	23.9	23.3	25.5	25.0	24.3	24.4
People better stay away from me when I'm really angry	30.9	28.6	30.2	28.9	29.2	32.1	29.6	35.7	29.7	35.1	29.6	34.8	30.0	32.3
I get upset when I have a disagreement with someone	46.0	40.2	51.9	33.1	45.7	42.1	42.6	48.7	37.9	49.9	35.3	47.9	38.3	42.6

Note: The symbol “-” indicates that data are not available.

**Table 19. Percentages of Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth who reported participation in extracurricular activities, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Ages 10-14</i>	<i>Ages 15-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
School Sports	40.9	50.5	44.4	47.9	42.5	51.5	46.1	36.6	38.4	34.5	40.8	37.0	38.7	37.6
Organized Sports Outside of School	39.6	23.9	27.4	34.5	39.8	22.5	31.0	39.4	22.7	27.9	32.4	38.1	23.1	30.1
School Band	13.8	8.3	8.6	12.9	12.3	9.6	10.8	15.6	7.8	11.1	11.3	14.9	7.6	11.2
School Club(s)	28.1	32.1	39.8	20.9	30.6	28.3	30.3	22.7	31.5	35.3	20.2	23.0	31.8	27.6
Community Club(s)	8.7	13.2	12.9	9.4	9.8	9.6	11.1	8.6	12.8	13.8	8.3	8.7	12.5	11.0

**Table 20. Percentages of high school students who reported *riding in* a vehicle within the past 30 days driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol or using marijuana, or *driving* a vehicle within the past 30 days after drinking alcohol or using marijuana, among Highlands County and Florida Statewide youth, 2020**

	Highlands County							Florida Statewide						
	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total	Middle School	High School	Female	Male	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17	Total
<b><i>Riding in a vehicle</i></b>														
Alcohol	--	18.4	23.8	12.8	--	18.7	--	--	14.7	16.2	13.3	--	14.8	--
Marijuana	--	18.1	17.5	18.7	--	17.3	--	--	22.1	24.0	20.2	--	21.8	--
<b><i>Driving a vehicle</i></b>														
Alcohol	--	6.1	3.9	8.3	--	7.9	--	--	4.1	3.6	4.6	--	3.8	--
Marijuana	--	7.4	8.0	6.8	--	9.0	--	--	9.0	8.2	9.8	--	8.8	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

Table 21. Trends for high school students *riding in* a vehicle within the past 30 days driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol or using marijuana, or *driving* a vehicle within the past 30 days after drinking alcohol or using marijuana, for Highlands County, 2012 and 2020

	2010			2012			2014			2016			2018			2020		
	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b><i>Riding in a vehicle</i></b>																		
Alcohol	--	--	--	--	30.7	--	--	21.2	--	--	18.2	--	--	13.2	--	--	18.4	--
Marijuana	--	--	--	--	24.5	--	--	19.9	--	--	21.7	--	--	21.8	--	--	18.1	--
<b><i>Driving a vehicle</i></b>																		
Alcohol	--	--	--	--	12.4	--	--	7.4	--	--	6.7	--	--	5.6	--	--	6.1	--
Marijuana	--	--	--	--	9.2	--	--	10.2	--	--	8.7	--	--	8.6	--	--	7.4	--

Note: The symbol "--" indicates that data are not available.

**Table 22. Protective factor prevalence rates for Highlands County, Florida Statewide youth and the national normative database, 2020**

Domain	Scale	Highlands County		Florida Statewide		National Norms	
		<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>
<b>Family</b>	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	56	56	57	57	59	54
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	51	51	50	53	54	55
<b>School</b>	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	45	65	51	60	57	60
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	45	59	44	54	53	58
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	Religiosity	48	58	42	52	56	62
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.



**Table 23. Risk factor prevalence rates for Highlands County, Florida Statewide youth and the national normative database, 2020**

Domain	Scale	Highlands County		Florida Statewide		National Norms	
		<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>High School</i>
<b>Community</b>	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	42	24	41	32	42	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	29	14	34	20	45	45
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	26	26	23	31	25	42
<b>Family</b>	Poor Family Management	45	32	43	35	44	45
	Family Conflict	37	32	42	34	42	37
<b>School</b>	Poor Academic Performance	51	52	46	46	45	48
	Lack of Commitment to School	66	59	69	63	47	46
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	39	34	49	38	40	46
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	28	27	35	32	39	45
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	23	14	24	17	41	46
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

**Table 24. Protective factor prevalence rate trends among middle school students for Highlands County, 2010 to 2020**

Domain	Scale	Highlands County					
		2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
<b>Family</b>	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	53	57	60	58	58	56
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	45	51	56	54	50	51
<b>School</b>	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	49	58	54	56	55	45
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	42	55	58	57	55	45
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	Religiosity	53	58	58	51	51	48
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>49</b>

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

**Table 25. Risk factor prevalence rate trends among middle school students for Highlands County, 2010 to 2020**

Domain	Scale	Highlands County					
		2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
<b>Community</b>	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	45	39	40	37	37	42
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	48	43	36	36	30	29
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	32	30	28	29	24	26
<b>Family</b>	Poor Family Management	46	42	38	43	41	45
	Family Conflict	42	35	35	39	38	37
<b>School</b>	Poor Academic Performance	49	41	45	46	43	51
	Lack of Commitment to School	52	46	47	51	56	66
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	49	45	34	38	40	39
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	42	34	32	32	30	28
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	41	33	24	26	26	23
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

**Table 26. Protective factor prevalence rate trends among high school students for Highlands County, 2010 to 2020**

Domain	Scale	Highlands County					
		2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
Family	Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	53	55	60	61	58	56
	Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	47	55	56	55	50	51
School	School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	52	59	66	62	67	65
	School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	56	58	66	61	64	59
Peer and Individual	Religiosity	67	68	63	61	58	58
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.

**Table 27. Risk factor prevalence rate trends among high school students for Highlands County, 2010 to 2020**

Domain	Scale	Highlands County					
		2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
<b>Community</b>	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	39	35	28	33	26	24
	Perceived Availability of Drugs	39	35	28	30	25	14
	Perceived Availability of Handguns	46	43	43	44	33	26
<b>Family</b>	Poor Family Management	48	41	36	39	38	32
	Family Conflict	35	36	27	33	35	32
<b>School</b>	Poor Academic Performance	49	49	45	47	54	52
	Lack of Commitment to School	53	42	50	51	57	59
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior	42	39	31	33	34	34
	Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use	44	43	34	35	36	27
	Early Initiation of Drug Use	39	37	22	28	23	14
<b>Average Prevalence Rate</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>

Note: Because risk is associated with negative behavioral outcomes, it is better to have lower risk factor scale scores, not higher. Conversely, because protective factors are associated with better student behavioral outcomes, it is better to have protective factor scale scores with high values.