

2025 Texas High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey

This survey is about health behavior. It has been developed so you can tell us what you do that may affect your health. The information you give will be used to improve health education for young people like yourself.

DO NOT write your name on this survey. The answers you give will be kept private. No one will know what you write. Answer the questions based on what you really do.

Completing the survey is voluntary. Whether or not you answer the questions will not affect your grade in this class. If you are not comfortable answering a question, just leave it blank.

The questions that ask about your background will be used only to describe the types of students completing this survey. The information will not be used to find out your name. No names will ever be reported.

Make sure to read every question. Fill in the ovals completely. When you are finished, follow the instructions of the person giving you the survey.

Thank you very much for your help.

Directions

- Use a #2 pencil only.
- Make dark marks.
- Fill in a response like this: A B ● D.
- If you change your answer, erase your old answer completely.

- How old are you?
 - 12 years old or younger
 - 13 years old
 - 14 years old
 - 15 years old
 - 16 years old
 - 17 years old
 - 18 years old or older
- What is your sex?
 - Female
 - Male
- In what grade are you?
 - 9th grade
 - 10th grade
 - 11th grade
 - 12th grade
 - Ungraded or other grade
- What is your race and/or ethnicity? (**Select one or more responses.**)
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Asian
 - Black or African American
 - Hispanic or Latino
 - Middle Eastern or North African
 - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - White

- How tall are you without your shoes on?
Directions: Write your height in the shaded blank boxes. Fill in the matching oval below each number.

Example

Height	
Feet	Inches
5	7
③	⑩
④	①
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⑥	③
⑦	④
	⑤
	⑥
	●
	⑧
	⑨
	⑩
	⑪

- How much do you weigh without your shoes on?
Directions: Write your weight in the shaded blank boxes. Fill in the matching oval below each number.

Example

Weight		
Pounds		
1	5	2
①	①	①
●	①	①
②	②	●
③	③	③
	④	④
	●	⑤
	⑥	⑥
	⑦	⑦
	⑧	⑧
	⑨	⑨

The next 4 questions ask about safety.

7. How often do you wear a seat belt when **riding** in a car driven by someone else?
- A. Never
 - B. Rarely
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. Most of the time
 - E. Always
8. During the past 30 days, how many times did you **ride** in a car or other vehicle **driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol**?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 time
 - C. 2 or 3 times
 - D. 4 or 5 times
 - E. 6 or more times
9. During the past 30 days, how many times did you **drive** a car or other vehicle **when you had been drinking alcohol**?
- A. I did not drive a car or other vehicle during the past 30 days
 - B. I drove a car or other vehicle, but not when I had been drinking alcohol
 - C. 1 time
 - D. 2 or 3 times
 - E. 4 or 5 times
 - F. 6 or more times
10. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you **text or e-mail** while **driving** a car or other vehicle?
- A. I did not drive a car or other vehicle during the past 30 days
 - B. I drove a car or other vehicle, but did not text or e-mail while driving
 - C. 1 or 2 days
 - D. 3 to 5 days
 - E. 6 to 9 days
 - F. 10 to 19 days
 - G. 20 to 29 days
 - H. All 30 days

The next 8 questions ask about violence-related behaviors and experiences.

11. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry **a weapon** such as a gun, knife, or club **on school property**?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 day
 - C. 2 or 3 days
 - D. 4 or 5 days
 - E. 6 or more days
12. **During the past 12 months**, on how many days did you carry a **gun**? (Do **not** count the days when you carried a gun only for hunting or for a sport, such as target shooting.)
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 day
 - C. 2 or 3 days
 - D. 4 or 5 days
 - E. 6 or more days
13. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you **not** go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 day
 - C. 2 or 3 days
 - D. 4 or 5 days
 - E. 6 or more days
14. During the past 12 months, how many times has someone threatened or injured you with **a weapon** such as a gun, knife, or club **on school property**?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 time
 - C. 2 or 3 times
 - D. 4 or 5 times
 - E. 6 or 7 times
 - F. 8 or 9 times
 - G. 10 or 11 times
 - H. 12 or more times

15. During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a **physical fight**?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 time
 - C. 2 or 3 times
 - D. 4 or 5 times
 - E. 6 or 7 times
 - F. 8 or 9 times
 - G. 10 or 11 times
 - H. 12 or more times
16. During the past 12 months, how many times did **someone you were dating or going out with** physically hurt you on purpose? (Count such things as being hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon.)
- A. I did not date or go out with anyone during the past 12 months
 - B. 0 times
 - C. 1 time
 - D. 2 or 3 times
 - E. 4 or 5 times
 - F. 6 or more times
17. Has anyone age 18 or older ever touched you sexually, had you touch them sexually, or forced you to have sex?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
18. Has anyone under the age of 18 ever touched you sexually, had you touch them sexually, or forced you to have sex when you did not want to?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

The next 2 questions ask about bullying. Bullying is when 1 or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when 2 students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.

19. During the past 12 months, have you ever been bullied **on school property**?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

20. During the past 12 months, have you ever been **electronically** bullied? (Count being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media.)
- A. Yes
 - B. No

The next question asks about hurting yourself on purpose.

21. During the past 12 months, how many times did you do something to purposely hurt yourself without wanting to die, such as cutting or burning yourself on purpose?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 time
 - C. 2 or 3 times
 - D. 4 or 5 times
 - E. 6 or more times

The next 5 questions ask about sad feelings and attempted suicide. Sometimes people feel so depressed about the future that they may consider attempting suicide, that is, taking some action to end their own life.

22. During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for **two weeks or more in a row** that you stopped doing some usual activities?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
23. During the past 12 months, did you ever **seriously** consider attempting suicide?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
24. During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
25. During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 time
 - C. 2 or 3 times
 - D. 4 or 5 times
 - E. 6 or more times

26. **If you attempted suicide** during the past 12 months, did any attempt result in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse?
- A. **I did not attempt suicide** during the past 12 months
 - B. Yes
 - C. No

The next 3 questions ask about cigarette smoking.

27. How old were you when you first smoked a cigarette, even one or two puffs?
- A. I have never smoked a cigarette, not even one or two puffs
 - B. 8 years old or younger
 - C. 9 or 10 years old
 - D. 11 or 12 years old
 - E. 13 or 14 years old
 - F. 15 or 16 years old
 - G. 17 years old or older
28. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 or 2 days
 - C. 3 to 5 days
 - D. 6 to 9 days
 - E. 10 to 19 days
 - F. 20 to 29 days
 - G. All 30 days
29. During the past 30 days, on the days you smoked, how many cigarettes did you smoke **per day**?
- A. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
 - B. Less than 1 cigarette per day
 - C. 1 cigarette per day
 - D. 2 to 5 cigarettes per day
 - E. 6 to 10 cigarettes per day
 - F. 11 to 20 cigarettes per day
 - G. More than 20 cigarettes per day

The next 3 questions ask about electronic vapor products, such as JUUL, Vuse, NJOY, Elf Bar, or Esco Bars. Electronic vapor products include e-cigarettes, vapes, mods, e-cigs, e-hookahs, or vape pens.

30. Have you ever used an electronic vapor product?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
31. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use an electronic vapor product?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 or 2 days
 - C. 3 to 5 days
 - D. 6 to 9 days
 - E. 10 to 19 days
 - F. 20 to 29 days
 - G. All 30 days
32. During the past 30 days, how did you **usually** get your electronic vapor products? (Select only **one** response.)
- A. I did not use any electronic vapor products during the past 30 days
 - B. I got or bought them from a friend, family member, or someone else
 - C. I bought them myself in a vape shop or tobacco shop
 - D. I bought them myself in a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station
 - E. I bought them myself at a mall or shopping center kiosk or stand
 - F. I bought them myself on the Internet, such as from a product website, vape store website, or other website like eBay, Amazon, Facebook Marketplace, or Craigslist
 - G. I took them from a store or another person
 - H. I got them in some other way

The next 2 questions ask about other tobacco products.

33. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use **chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, snus, dissolvable tobacco products, or nicotine pouches**, such as Copenhagen, Grizzly, Skoal, Camel Snus, on!, ZYN, or Velo? (Do **not** count any electronic vapor products.)
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 or 2 days
 - C. 3 to 5 days
 - D. 6 to 9 days
 - E. 10 to 19 days
 - F. 20 to 29 days
 - G. All 30 days
34. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke **cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars**, such as Swisher Sweets, Middleton's (including Black & Mild), or Backwoods?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 or 2 days
 - C. 3 to 5 days
 - D. 6 to 9 days
 - E. 10 to 19 days
 - F. 20 to 29 days
 - G. All 30 days

The next 3 questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, flavored alcoholic beverages, and liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, or whiskey. For these questions, drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.

35. How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?
- A. I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips
 - B. 8 years old or younger
 - C. 9 or 10 years old
 - D. 11 or 12 years old
 - E. 13 or 14 years old
 - F. 15 or 16 years old
 - G. 17 years old or older

36. During the past 30 days, what is the largest number of alcoholic drinks you had in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?
- A. I did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days
 - B. 1 or 2 drinks
 - C. 3 drinks
 - D. 4 drinks
 - E. 5 drinks
 - F. 6 or 7 drinks
 - G. 8 or 9 drinks
 - H. 10 or more drinks
37. During the past 30 days, how did you **usually** get the alcohol you drank?
- A. I did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days
 - B. I bought it in a store such as a liquor store, convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station
 - C. I bought it at a restaurant, bar, or club
 - D. I bought it at a public event such as a concert or sporting event
 - E. I gave someone else money to buy it for me
 - F. Someone gave it to me
 - G. I took it from a store or family member
 - H. I got it some other way

The next 2 questions ask about marijuana use. Marijuana also is called pot or weed. For these questions, do not count CBD-only or hemp products, which come from the same plant as marijuana, but do not cause a high when used alone.

38. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?
- A. I have never tried marijuana
 - B. 8 years old or younger
 - C. 9 or 10 years old
 - D. 11 or 12 years old
 - E. 13 or 14 years old
 - F. 15 or 16 years old
 - G. 17 years old or older

39. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 or 2 times
 - C. 3 to 9 times
 - D. 10 to 19 times
 - E. 20 to 39 times
 - F. 40 or more times

The next question asks about the use of prescription pain medicine without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it. For this question, count drugs such as codeine, Vicodin, OxyContin, hydrocodone, and Percocet.

40. During your life, how many times have you taken **prescription pain medicine** without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 or 2 times
 - C. 3 to 9 times
 - D. 10 to 19 times
 - E. 20 to 39 times
 - F. 40 or more times

The next 6 questions ask about other drugs.

41. During your life, how many times have you used **any** form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 or 2 times
 - C. 3 to 9 times
 - D. 10 to 19 times
 - E. 20 to 39 times
 - F. 40 or more times
42. During your life, how many times have you sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 or 2 times
 - C. 3 to 9 times
 - D. 10 to 19 times
 - E. 20 to 39 times
 - F. 40 or more times

43. During your life, how many times have you used **heroin** (also called smack, junk, or China White)?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 or 2 times
 - C. 3 to 9 times
 - D. 10 to 19 times
 - E. 20 to 39 times
 - F. 40 or more times

44. During your life, how many times have you used **methamphetamines** (also called speed, crystal meth, crank, ice, or meth)?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 or 2 times
 - C. 3 to 9 times
 - D. 10 to 19 times
 - E. 20 to 39 times
 - F. 40 or more times

45. During your life, how many times have you used **ecstasy** (also called MDMA or Molly)?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 or 2 times
 - C. 3 to 9 times
 - D. 10 to 19 times
 - E. 20 to 39 times
 - F. 40 or more times

46. During your life, how many times have you used a needle to inject any **illegal** drug into your body?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 time
 - C. 2 or more times

The next 7 questions ask about sexual behavior.

47. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
 - B. 11 years old or younger
 - C. 12 years old
 - D. 13 years old
 - E. 14 years old
 - F. 15 years old
 - G. 16 years old
 - H. 17 years old or older

48. During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
 - B. 1 person
 - C. 2 people
 - D. 3 people
 - E. 4 people
 - F. 5 people
 - G. 6 or more people
49. During the past 3 months, with how many people did you have sexual intercourse?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
 - B. I have had sexual intercourse, but not during the past 3 months
 - C. 1 person
 - D. 2 people
 - E. 3 people
 - F. 4 people
 - G. 5 people
 - H. 6 or more people
50. Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the **last time**?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
 - B. Yes
 - C. No
51. The **last time** you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
 - B. Yes
 - C. No

52. The **last time** you had sexual intercourse with an opposite-sex partner, what **one** method did you or your partner use to **prevent pregnancy**? (Select only **one** response.)
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse with an opposite-sex partner
 - B. No method was used to prevent pregnancy
 - C. Birth control pills (Do **not** count emergency contraception such as Plan B or the "morning after" pill.)
 - D. Condoms
 - E. An IUD (such as Mirena or ParaGard) or implant (such as Implanon or Nexplanon)
 - F. A shot (such as Depo-Provera), patch (such as Ortho Evra), or birth control ring (such as NuvaRing)
 - G. Withdrawal or some other method
 - H. Not sure
53. During your life, with whom have you had sexual contact?
- A. I have never had sexual contact
 - B. Females
 - C. Males
 - D. Females and males

The next question asks about sexual identity.

54. Which of the following best describes you?
- A. Heterosexual (straight)
 - B. Gay or lesbian
 - C. Bisexual
 - D. I describe my sexual identity some other way
 - E. I am not sure about my sexual identity (questioning)
 - F. I do not know what this question is asking

The next 2 questions ask about body weight.

55. How do **you** describe your weight?
- A. Very underweight
 - B. Slightly underweight
 - C. About the right weight
 - D. Slightly overweight
 - E. Very overweight
56. Which of the following are you trying to do about your weight?
- A. **Lose** weight
 - B. **Gain** weight
 - C. **Stay** the same weight
 - D. I am **not trying to do anything** about my weight

The next 6 questions ask about food you ate or drank during the past 7 days. Think about all the meals and snacks you had from the time you got up until you went to bed. Be sure to include food you ate at home, at school, at restaurants, or anywhere else.

57. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **fruit**? (Do **not** count fruit juice.)
- A. I did not eat fruit during the past 7 days
 - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
 - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
 - D. 1 time per day
 - E. 2 times per day
 - F. 3 times per day
 - G. 4 or more times per day
58. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **green salad**?
- A. I did not eat green salad during the past 7 days
 - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
 - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
 - D. 1 time per day
 - E. 2 times per day
 - F. 3 times per day
 - G. 4 or more times per day

59. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **potatoes**? (Do **not** count french fries, fried potatoes, or potato chips.)
- A. I did not eat potatoes during the past 7 days
 - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
 - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
 - D. 1 time per day
 - E. 2 times per day
 - F. 3 times per day
 - G. 4 or more times per day
60. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **carrots**?
- A. I did not eat carrots during the past 7 days
 - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
 - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
 - D. 1 time per day
 - E. 2 times per day
 - F. 3 times per day
 - G. 4 or more times per day
61. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **other vegetables**? (Do **not** count green salad, potatoes, or carrots.)
- A. I did not eat other vegetables during the past 7 days
 - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
 - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
 - D. 1 time per day
 - E. 2 times per day
 - F. 3 times per day
 - G. 4 or more times per day
62. During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink a **can, bottle, or glass of soda or pop**, such as Coke, Pepsi, or Sprite? (Do **not** count diet soda or diet pop.)
- A. I did not drink soda or pop during the past 7 days
 - B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
 - C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
 - D. 1 time per day
 - E. 2 times per day
 - F. 3 times per day
 - G. 4 or more times per day

The next 3 questions ask about physical activity.

63. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of **at least 60 minutes per day**? (Add up all the time you spent in any kind of physical activity that increased your heart rate and made you breathe hard some of the time.)
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 day
 - C. 2 days
 - D. 3 days
 - E. 4 days
 - F. 5 days
 - G. 6 days
 - H. 7 days
64. In an average week when you are in school, on how many days do you go to physical education (PE) classes?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 day
 - C. 2 days
 - D. 3 days
 - E. 4 days
 - F. 5 days
65. During the past 12 months, on how many sports teams did you play? (Count any teams run by your school or community groups.)
- A. 0 teams
 - B. 1 team
 - C. 2 teams
 - D. 3 or more teams

The next question asks about social media, such as Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, and X (formerly known as Twitter).

66. How often do you use social media?
- A. I do not use social media
 - B. A few times a month
 - C. About once a week
 - D. A few times a week
 - E. About once a day
 - F. Several times a day
 - G. About once an hour
 - H. More than once an hour

The next 10 questions ask about other health-related topics.

67. Have you ever been tested for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS? (Do **not** count tests done if you donated blood.)
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Not sure
68. During the past 12 months, have you been tested for a sexually transmitted infection (STI) other than HIV, such as chlamydia or gonorrhea?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Not sure
69. When was the last time you saw a doctor or nurse for a check-up or physical exam when you were not sick or injured?
- A. During the past 12 months
 - B. Between 12 and 24 months ago
 - C. More than 24 months ago
 - D. Never
 - E. Not sure
70. Do you have any physical disabilities or long-term health problems? (Long-term means 6 months or more.)
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Not sure
71. When was the last time you saw a dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning, or other dental work?
- A. During the past 12 months
 - B. Between 12 and 24 months ago
 - C. More than 24 months ago
 - D. Never
 - E. Not sure
72. During the past 30 days, how often was your mental health not good? (Poor mental health includes stress, anxiety, and depression.)
- A. Never
 - B. Rarely
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. Most of the time
 - E. Always

73. During the past 12 months, when you have felt sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious, how often did you get the kind of help you needed?
- A. I did not need help with any of these emotions during the past 12 months
 - B. Never
 - C. Rarely
 - D. Sometimes
 - E. Most of the time
 - F. Always
74. On an average school night, how many hours of sleep do you get?
- A. 4 or less hours
 - B. 5 hours
 - C. 6 hours
 - D. 7 hours
 - E. 8 hours
 - F. 9 hours
 - G. 10 or more hours
75. Besides your parents, how many adults would you feel comfortable seeking help from if you had an important question affecting your life?
- A. 0 adults
 - B. 1 adult
 - C. 2 adults
 - D. 3 adults
 - E. 4 adults
 - F. 5 or more adults
76. Do you agree or disagree that in your community you feel like you matter to people?
- A. Strongly agree
 - B. Agree
 - C. Not sure
 - D. Disagree
 - E. Strongly disagree

The next 5 questions ask about other experiences you may have had during your life.

77. During the past 12 months, how often was your family worried that your food would run out before you got money to buy more?
- A. Never
 - B. Rarely
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. Most of the time
 - E. Always
78. During the past 12 months, how often did the food your family bought run out and they did not have money to buy more?
- A. Never
 - B. Rarely
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. Most of the time
 - E. Always
79. Has anyone ever shared a sexual picture or video of you without your permission or threatened or tried to force you to share a sexual picture or video?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
80. Has an adult ever used the internet or a cell phone to engage in sexual conversations with you, share sexual pictures or videos with you, or ask you to share sexual pictures or videos? These could be interactions you wanted or didn't want.
- A. Yes
 - B. No
81. Has another child or teen ever used the internet or a cell phone to engage in sexual conversations with you, share sexual pictures or videos with you, or ask you to share sexual pictures or videos when you did not want to?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

**This is the end of the survey.
Thank you very much for your help.**