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BACKGROUND

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Results generated at askhys.net on 03/09/2022.
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To learn more about ACES, please visit:
- CDC Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) background
- WAH-ACEs Interpretive Guide

Legal requirements: Federal and Washington state regulations prohibit discrimination against LEP individuals who are Deaf, DeafBlind, Hard of Hearing, or visually impaired. Read HCA Policy 01-27 "Language Access Services" and Policy 01-30 "Equal Access to Services for Individuals with Disabilities" for more information. If you have a question about an accommodation, please contact the Healthy Youth Survey study Principal Investigator, at Healthy.Youth@doh.wa.gov or call toll free (877-HYS-7111).
Background:
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Current (past 30 days) Alcohol Use Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

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<td>6th</td>
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<td>8th</td>
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Prevalence 6th 8th 10th 12th
Local 2% ± 1 5% ± 1* 8% ± 1 S
State 2% ± 0 4% ± 1 8% ± 2 20% ± 4

Level of Alcohol Use Grade 6, 2021

None, 97%
Experimental, 1%
Problem, 0%

Statewide Relationship between Considering Suicide and Current (past 30-day) Alcohol Use Grade 6, 2021

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<th>Source</th>
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<td>Home with/without permission</td>
<td>61%</td>
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Where Do Youth Get Alcohol? Grade 6, 2021

The percentages in this chart are based on all students who reported getting alcohol in the past 30 days, regardless of whether they reported drinking in the past 30 days. Students could select multiple sources.
**Youth Perceptions about Alcohol Compared to the State, Grade 6, 2021**

- **Adults frown on kids drinking:**
  - Local: 90% ± 2
  - State: 91% ± 1

- **It's risky to drink regularly:**
  - Local: 61% ± 4
  - State: 62% ± 2

- **It's wrong for kids to drink:**
  - Local: 96% ± 2
  - State: 95% ± 1

- **Police would catch youth drinking:**
  - Local: 59% ± 4
  - State: 57% ± 2

**Drinking and Driving/Riding Compared to the State, Grade 6, 2021**

- **Drove after drinking:**
  - Local: N/A
  - State: N/A

- **Rode with driver who had been drinking:**
  - Local: 7% ± 2
  - State: 6% ± 1

**Received Anti-Alcohol Messages Compared to the State, Grade 6, 2021**

- **Received anti-alcohol/drug messages in class:**
  - Local: 59% ± 6
  - State: N/A

- **Parents talk about not drinking alcohol:**
  - Local: N/A
  - State: N/A

**Youth Perception that Alcohol is Easy to Get Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**

- **6th Grade:**
  - Local: 13% ± 3
  - State: 25% ± 3

- **8th Grade:**
  - Local: 13% ± 3
  - State: 25% ± 2

- **10th Grade:**
  - Local: 37% ± 3
  - State: 41% ± 3

- **12th Grade:**
  - Local: 54% ± 3
  - State: N/A

**For More Information:**

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**Fact Sheet**

**Alcohol Use for Spokane County, page 1 of 2**

Year: 2021  
Grade: 8  
Sex: All  
Number of Students Surveyed: 2,059

**Background:**
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**Current (past 30 days) Alcohol Use Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**

![Bar chart showing current (past 30 days) alcohol use comparison between local and state for different grades in 2021.]

**Prevalence**  
6th | 8th | 10th | 12th
---|---|---|---
Local | 2% ± 1 | 5% ± 1* | 8% ± 1 | 8% ± 2 | 20% ± 4
State | 2% ± 0 | 4% ± 1 | 8% ± 2 | 20% ± 4

**Level of Alcohol Use Grade 8, 2021**

- None, 94%
- Experimental, 2%
- Heavy, 2%
- Problem, 2%

**Statewide Relationship between Considering Suicide and Current (past 30-day) Alcohol Use Grade 8, 2021**

- Alcohol drinker: 62%
- Non-Drinker: 17%

**Where Do Youth Get Alcohol? Grade 8, 2021**

- Bought it from a store: 0%
- Stole it from a store: 3%
- From older sibling: 5%
- From friends or at a party: 30%
- Gave money to someone: 3%
- At home with or without permission: 46%
- Some other way: 33%

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Alcohol Use for Spokane County

Youth Perceptions about Alcohol Compared to the State, Grade 8, 2021

- Adults frown on kids drinking: Local: N/A, State: N/A
- It's risky to drink regularly: Local: 72% ± 3, State: 75% ± 2
- It's wrong for kids to drink: Local: 82% ± 3, State: 87% ± 1
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Drinking and Driving/Riding Compared to the State, Grade 8, 2021

- Drove after drinking: Local: 2% ± 2, State: 2% ± 1
- Rode with driver who had been drinking: Local: 10% ± 2, State: 10% ± 1

Received Anti-Alcohol Messages Compared to the State, Grade 8, 2021

- Received anti-alcohol/drug messages in class: Local: 61% ± 7, State: 63% ± 4
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Youth Perception that Alcohol is Easy to Get Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

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**Background:**
- Youth alcohol use is associated with violence, poor school performance, suicide, and risky sexual behavior.
- Research shows that heavy alcohol use during teen years can permanently damage the still-developing brain.

### Current (past 30 days) Alcohol Use
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

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<td>10th</td>
<td>8% ±2</td>
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<td>12th</td>
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### Level of Alcohol Use
Grade 10, 2021
- None, 90%
- Experimental, 4%
- Heavy, 3%
- Problem, 4%

### Alcohol Use 2010-2021, Grade 10

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Current (past 30-day) alcohol use</th>
<th>Ever drank alcohol</th>
<th>Binge drinking</th>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>29% ±2*</td>
<td>60% ±2*</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>24% ±2*</td>
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<td>2016</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>8% ±1*</td>
<td>32% ±2*</td>
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### Statewide Relationship between Considering Suicide and Current (past 30-day) Alcohol Use
Grade 10, 2021
- Statewide, more 10th graders who drink alcohol report seriously considering suicide compared to those who don’t drink.

### Where Do Youth Get Alcohol? Grade 10, 2021

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<th>Source</th>
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<td>Bought it from a store</td>
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<td>Stole it from a store</td>
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<tr>
<td>From older sibling</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<tr>
<td>From friends or at a party</td>
<td>45%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gave money to someone</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<tr>
<td>At home with/without permission</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Some other way</td>
<td>23%</td>
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The percentages in this chart are based on all students who reported getting alcohol in the past 30 days, regardless of whether they reported drinking in the past 30 days. Students could select multiple sources.
Youth Perceptions about Alcohol
Compared to the State, Grade 10, 2021

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<th>Prevalence</th>
<th>Adults frown on kids drinking</th>
<th>It's risky to drink regularly</th>
<th>It's wrong for kids to drink</th>
<th>Police would catch youth drinking</th>
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<tr>
<td>Local</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>75% ±2</td>
<td>68% ±3</td>
<td>29% ±3</td>
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<td>State</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>78% ±2</td>
<td>68% ±3</td>
<td>30% ±2</td>
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Drinking and Driving/Riding
Compared to the State, Grade 10, 2021

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<th>Prevalence</th>
<th>Drove after drinking</th>
<th>Rode with driver who had been drinking</th>
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<tr>
<td>Local</td>
<td>2% ±1</td>
<td>10% ±2</td>
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<td>1% ±1</td>
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Received Anti-Alcohol Messages
Compared to the State, Grade 10, 2021

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<th>Received anti-alcohol/drug messages in class</th>
<th>Parents talk about not drinking alcohol</th>
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<tr>
<td>Local</td>
<td>64% ±3</td>
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Youth Perception that Alcohol is Easy to Get
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

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<td>Local</td>
<td>13% ±3</td>
<td>25% ±3</td>
<td>37% ±3</td>
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<td>State</td>
<td>13% ±1</td>
<td>25% ±2</td>
<td>41% ±3</td>
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Are OUR youth using alcohol?

**Current Drinking**
Students who report drinking at least once in the past month

**Experimental Drinking**
Students who report drinking on 1-2 days in the past month, but no binge drinking

**Problem or Heavy Drinking**
Students who report drinking 3 or more days in the past month and/or one or more binge drinking episodes*

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**In a Vehicle**
Students who report drinking and driving OR riding with a driver who had been drinking

- Drove after drinking
- Rode with drinking driver

**On school property**
Students who report drinking on school property in the past month

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**Where Do Youth Get Alcohol?**

The percentages in this chart are based on all students who reported getting alcohol in the past 30 days, regardless whether they reported drinking in the past 30 days. Students could select multiple sources.

The data in these charts are based on the Healthy Youth Survey conducted in fall 2021. In Spokane County, 948 6th graders, 2,059 8th graders, 2,569 10th graders and 1,125 12th graders completed the survey.

Prevalence is displayed with 95% confidence intervals (as black bars |). “U” indicates data is unavailable, because of too few surveys completed, questions not asked, or other reasons.

For more results from the 2021 Healthy Youth Survey, please visit www.AskHYS.net
Parents and friends have influence!

Youth are less likely to drink if they believe their parents or their friends disapprove of youth drinking.

Percent of 10th Graders who Drink Alcohol (Statewide)

- **Youth who believe their parents think**... It's wrong for them to drink, 23% who think it's wrong.
- **Youth who believe their friends think**... It's wrong for them to drink, 22% who think it's wrong.

What does this chart say?
- Only 5% of youth drink alcohol if their parents think it's wrong, while 23% drink if their parents don’t think it’s wrong.
- Only 5% of youth drink alcohol if their friends think it's wrong, while 22% drink if their friends don’t think it’s wrong.

Youth in Spokane County reported that they believe...

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<td>Parents</td>
<td>89%</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>Police</td>
<td>72%</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>Parents</td>
<td>86%</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<td>Police</td>
<td>86%</td>
<td>29%</td>
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Take action to reduce youth alcohol use!

**Community Members** - help reduce youth drinking by making it difficult for them to get alcohol. (Spokane County data unavailable)

**Parents** - talk to your kids about the dangers of drinking alcohol. (Spokane County data unavailable)

Help youth make healthy choices

**Start** the conversation

**Continue** the conversation

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Fact Sheet

Bullying and Harassment for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 6  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background:
- Bullying in this survey is defined as; when one or more students threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or otherwise hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.

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Fact Sheet
Bullying and Harassment for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 8  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,059

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Bullying and Harassment 2010-2021, Grade 8

Statewide Relationship between No, Very Low, or Slight Hope and Bullying
Grade 8, 2021

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<td>Bullied at school</td>
<td>N/S</td>
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<td>N/S</td>
<td>29% ±3</td>
<td>24% ±3*</td>
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<td>Don't feel safe during school</td>
<td>17% ±2</td>
<td>15% ±1</td>
<td>16% ±5</td>
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Statewide, more 8th graders who are bullied at school report having no, very low, or slight hope compared to those who aren’t bullied.

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Fact Sheet
Bullying and Harassment for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 10  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,569

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Bullying and Harassment
Grade 10, 2021

Bullied at school  Teacher tries to stop bullying  Knows how to report bullying  Bullied through social media, phone, or video games  Received sexual photos or videos  Harass due to sexual orientation  Harass due to race

Bullied in Past Month Compared to the State/All Grades, 2021

Statewide Relationship between No, Very Low, or Slight Hope and Bullying
Grade 10, 2021

Bullied at school N/S N/S N/S N/S 23% ±1 17% ±2
Don’t feel safe during school 14% ±1* 13% ±1 16% ±1* 16% ±1 21% ±1* 16% ±2

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Statewide, more 10th graders who are bullied at school report having no, very low, or slight hope compared to those who aren’t bullied.
Background:

- Researchers at the University of Washington (UW) developed a public health model for the prevention of youth substance use and misuse. They identified risk factors that predict youth substance use, and protective factors that can protect youth from the effects of those risks. Prevention strategies are designed to lower risk and increase protection.
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- Protective factors in the community environment are those that offer the youth opportunities and rewards for participating in positive and healthy activities.

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Protective Factor: Opportunities for Prosocial Community Involvement with Component Questions (Q)

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<td>Opportunities for Prosocial Community Involvement</td>
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<td>Q: Sports teams and recreation</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>Q: Service clubs</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>Q: Activity clubs</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>Q: There are adults I can talk to</td>
<td>69%</td>
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Participate in Afterschool Activities

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<th>All Grades, 2021</th>
<th>% of Students</th>
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<td>Opportunities</td>
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Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Participation in Afterschool Activities

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**Statewide relationship between lower grades and participation in afterschool activities**

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Statewide, more 10th graders who do not participate in afterschool activities report lower grades in school (C’s, D’s or F’s) compared to those who do participate.
Community Risk Factors for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 6  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background:

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- Risk factors in the community environment point to youth perceptions of local attitudes, beliefs, and standards: if youth perceive that people in the community look the other way when youth are using substances, the youth have a higher likelihood of using these substances. If youth perceive access to substances is easy, there is a higher likelihood they will engage in the problem behavior - that is, they are “at risk.”

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Risk Factors: Availability of Drugs and Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use and Low Neighborhood Attachment

Grade 6, 2021

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<th>% of Students at Risk</th>
<th>Availability of Drugs</th>
<th>Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use</th>
<th>Low Neighborhood Attachment</th>
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Risk Factor: Low Neighborhood Attachment

All Grades, 2021

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<td>Local</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>45%</td>
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<tr>
<td>State</td>
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<td>34%</td>
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Substances Perceived as "Very Easy" to Get

Grade 6, 2021

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<th>Alcohol</th>
<th>Cigarettes</th>
<th>Marijuana</th>
<th>Other Drugs</th>
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<td>5%</td>
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Community Risk Factors 2010-2021, Grade 6

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<th>Availability of Drugs</th>
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<td>20% ±4</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>23% ±5</td>
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Fact Sheet
Community Risk Factors for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 8  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,059

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Risk Factors: Availability of Drugs and Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use and Low Neighborhood Attachment

Grade 8, 2021

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<td>32%</td>
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Risk Factor: Low Neighborhood Attachment
All Grades, 2021

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Substances Perceived as "Very Easy" to Get
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Community Risk Factors 2010-2021, Grade 8

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**Depressive Feelings...**
Students who report feeling sad or hopeless for at least two weeks in the past year

![Bar chart showing depressive feelings for different grades.]

**Support...**
Students who report they have an adult to turn to when they feel sad or hopeless

![Bar chart showing support for different grades.]

**For help and information about what you can do, contact:**
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8225) or [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)
- For help, text "HOME" to 741741 for a 24/7, free, confidential crisis counselor or call 1-800-TEENLINK (833-6546) to speak with a caring teen.

The data in these charts are based on the State of Washington’s Healthy Youth Survey conducted in fall 2021. In Spokane County, 948 6th graders, 2,059 8th graders, 2,569 10th graders and 1,125 12th graders completed the anonymous survey.

**Suicidal Feelings and Actions...**
Students who report considering suicide, making a suicide plan, and attempting suicide in the past year

![Bar chart showing suicidal feelings and actions for different grades.]

**Feeling Anxious and not able to Stop Worrying...**
Students who report feeling nervous, anxious or over the edge or not being able to stop or control worrying in the past 2 weeks

![Bar chart showing feeling anxious and not able to stop worrying for different grades.]

**YOU can save a life:**
- Take it Seriously
- Emphasize, don't rationalize. Show you care. "I'm worried about you" or "I want to help you".
- Ask if they are thinking about killing themselves.
- Get help. Don't keep it a secret!

For immediate help call
1-800-273-TALK
1-866-4-U-TREVOR (GLBTQ)

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Dietary Behaviors for Spokane County

Year: 2021, Grade: 6, Sex: All, Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background:
- A nutritious diet can reduce major risk factors for chronic disease such as obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, and high blood cholesterol.
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- Individual food choices are made within the context of the family and the community.
- In order to be able to choose a nutritious diet, an affordable supply of healthy foods must be available.

For More Information:

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### Dietary Behaviors

#### Grade 6, 2021

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<td>Drank sugar-sweetened drinks in past week**</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Drink sweetened drinks daily at school**</td>
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<td>Eat &lt;5 fruits/vegs daily</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Did not eat breakfast yesterday</td>
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In 2021, 27% of 6th graders in our county don't usually eat dinner with their family.

### Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Food Insecurity

#### Grade 6, 2021

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Statewide, more 6th graders who report experiencing food insecurity also report lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to other youth.

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Dietary Behaviors for Spokane County

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**In 2021, 32% of 8th graders in our county don’t usually eat dinner with their family.**

Dietary Behavior 2010-2021, Grade 8

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>N/S</td>
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<td>4% ±1*</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>84% ±2*</td>
<td>4% ±1*</td>
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Dietary Behaviors  Grade 10, 2021

Does Not Usually Eat Dinners with Family
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

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In 2021, 40% of 10th graders in our county don’t usually eat dinner with their family.

Dietary Behavior 2010-2021, Grade 10

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Prevalence 6th 8th 10th 12th
Local 27% ±6 32% ±5 40% ±3 S
State 28% ±3 31% ±3 39% ±2 50% ±3

Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Food Insecurity

Grade 10, 2021

Statewide, more 10th graders who report experiencing food insecurity also report lower grades in school (C’s, D’s or F’s) compared to other youth.
Family Protective Influences for Spokane County

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### Protective Factor: Opportunities for Prosocial Family Involvement

**Grade 6, 2021**

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### Protective Factor: Opportunities for Prosocial Family Involvement

**All Grades, 2021**

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### Parental Protective Influences, Grade 6, 2021

- Parents talk about not drinking alcohol
- Parents talk about not using marijuana
- Parents feel daily youth drinking is wrong
- Parents feel youth cigarette smoking is wrong
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Protective Factor: Opportunities for Prosocial Family Involvement

with Component Questions (Q:)

Grade 10, 2021

% of Students Protected

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Opportunities for Prosocial Family Involvement

Q: Can discuss problems with parents

76%

Q: Chances for fun with parents

78%

Q: Involved in family decisions

63%

Protective Factor: Opportunities for Prosocial Family Involvement

All Grades, 2021

% of Students Protected

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Local

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Parental Protective Influences, Grade 10, 2021

% of Students

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Parents talk about not drinking alcohol

Parents talk about not using marijuana

Parents feel daily youth drinking is wrong

Parents feel youth cigarette smoking is wrong

Parents feel youth marijuana use is wrong

Parents feel youth prescription drug use is wrong

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Measuring Hope in Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 6  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background
Hope is the belief that the future can be better than the past and you play a role in making it so.

Hope is made up of goals, pathways, and agency.

Four questions from the Children’s Hope Scale were asked on the survey.

- Two questions about pathways; figuring out how to get from point A to point B to reach a goal.
- Two questions about agency/willpower; self-efficacy & motivation to use multiple ways to reach a goal.

Adding up the results from the four questions provides overall hope scores.

- No to very low hope
- Slightly hopeful
- Moderately hopeful
- Highly hopeful

Pathway Questions:
- I can think of many ways to get the things in life that are most important to me.
- When I have a problem, I can come up with lots of ways to solve it.

Pathways thinking is a child’s belief in their capacity to find multiple ways to reach their goals.

Agency Questions:
- I am doing just as well as other kids my age.
- I think the things I have done in the past will help me in the future.

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Research has shown that hope can be taught and is connected to academic achievements, well-being and positive life outcomes.
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Measuring Hope

Statewide Relationships between High Hope, Grade 6

- No, Low, Slight, or Moderate Hope
- High Hope

Courses are very or quite interesting
- 32% vs 61%

Current learning will be important later in life
- 50% vs 75%

Mostly getting A's or B's in school
- 75% vs 91%

For 6th graders statewide, those with high levels of hope are:
- Less likely to be absent from school in the past month
- Less likely to not have eaten breakfast
- Less likely to not feel safe during school
- Less likely to use marijuana in the past 30 days
- Less likely to have ever seriously thought about killing themselves

Compared to those with lower levels of hope.

Statewide Relationships between High Hope, Grade 6

- No, Low, Slight, or Moderate Hope
- High Hope

Absent from school in past month
- 61% vs 54%

Didn't eat breakfast
- 42%

Don't feel safe during school
- 24%

Current marijuana use
- 1%

Serious considered suicide
- 34% vs 13%

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Measuring Hope in Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 8  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,059

Background
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Statewide Relationships between High Hope, Grade 8

- No, Low, Slight, or Moderate Hope
- High Hope

Courses are very or quite interesting
- 17% vs. 36%

Current learning will be important later in life
- 25% vs. 49%

People in school help if needed
- 62% vs. 85%

 Mostly getting A’s or B’s in school
- 65% vs. 86%

For 8th graders statewide, those with high levels of hope are:
- More likely to find courses interesting
- More likely to think the things they are learning in school will be important later in life
- More likely to report having a person at schools that could help them if needed
- More likely to report getting high grades (A’s or B’s)

Compared to those with lower levels of hope.

Statewide Relationships between High Hope, Grade 8

- No, Low, Slight, or Moderate Hope
- High Hope

Absent from school in past month
- 65% vs. 52%

Didn’t eat breakfast
- 30% vs. 53%

Don’t feel safe during school
- 22% vs. 8%

Current marijuana use
- 4% vs. 1%

Felt sad or hopeless in past 2 weeks
- 48% vs. 18%

Seriously considered suicide
- 28% vs. 8%

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- Less likely to use marijuana in the past 30 days
- Less likely to feel sad or hopeless
- Less likely to have seriously considered suicide in the past year

Compared to those with lower levels of hope.
The data in these charts are based on the Healthy Youth Survey conducted in fall 2021. In Spokane County, 948 6th graders, 2,059 8th graders, 2,569 10th graders and 1,125 12th graders completed the survey.

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**Lifetime Marijuana Use**
"I have used marijuana at least once."

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**Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use**
"I have used marijuana at least once in the past month."

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*"Smoked" regularly changed to "Used" regularly in 2014*
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**Parental discussion about not using marijuana**

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**Parents think youth marijuana use is wrong**

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**Peers think youth marijuana use is wrong**

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**Youth think marijuana use is wrong for youth their age**

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**Police would catch me if I used marijuana**

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**Marijuana use on school property in past month**

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**Relationship between marijuana use and perceived parental and peer norms, Grade 10, 2021**

**What does this chart say?**

- Statewide, 10th graders are less likely to use marijuana if they believe their parents think it’s wrong for them to use.
- Statewide 10th graders are less likely to use marijuana if they believe their friends think it’s wrong for them to use.

**Tips for parents and guardians to help teens avoid alcohol, marijuana and other drugs**

- Talk early and often about the risks. Get tips for how to talk with your child and stay better connected at [www.StartTalkingNow.org](http://www.StartTalkingNow.org).
- Set clear rules against alcohol and drug use, and enforce reasonable consequences.
- Stay involved in your child’s life: eat dinner together, know who their friends are, keep track of what they are doing.
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Where Do Youth Get Marijuana?

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Type of Marijuana Use, among Current Marijuana Users

Marijuana Use and Riding/Driving

Statewide Relationship between Regular* Marijuana Use and Living with a Marijuana User, Grade 10, 2021

Statewide, more 10th graders who live with a marijuana user report regular* marijuana use compared to those who don’t live with someone who uses marijuana.

*Regular marijuana use is defined as use on 6 or more days in the past 30 days.

Prevalence is displayed with 95% confidence intervals (as black bars |). "U" indicates data is unavailable, because of too few surveys completed, questions not asked, or other reasons.
Marijuana Use for Spokane County, page 1 of 2

Year: 2021  Grade: 6  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background:
- Marijuana can be addictive. Most teens who enter drug treatment programs report marijuana is the primary drug they use.
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In 2021, 20% of 6th graders in our county thought there was little or no risk of using marijuana regularly.

Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

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Attitudes about Marijuana Use
Grade 6, 2021

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Statewide Relationship between
Lower Grades and Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use
Grade 6, 2021

Statewide, more 6th graders who use marijuana report lower grades in school (C’s, D’s or F’s) compared to those who don’t use.
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Level of Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use
Grade 6, 2021

None, 99%
6-9 days, 0%
10 or more days, 0%
1-2 days, 0%
3-5 days, 0%

Type of Marijuana Use among Those Who Used It
Grade 6, 2021

None
1-2 days
3-5 days
6-9 days
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Attitudes about Marijuana Use
Grade 8, 2021

- 50% 19% 24% 18%

Easy to get  No/low risk of harm trying 1-2 times  No/low risk of harm from regular use**  Adults don’t think it’s wrong  Friends don’t think it’s wrong

In 2021, 24% of 8th graders in our county thought there was little or no risk of using marijuana regularly.

Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

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Marijuana Use and Perception of Harm 2010-2021
Grade 8

**“Smoke” marijuana regularly was changed to “Use” regularly in 2014. This may mark a break in the trend.**
Marijuana Use for Spokane County, page 2 of 2

Level of Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use
Grade 8, 2021

- None, 96%
- 1-2 days, 2%
- 3-5 days, 4%
- 6-9 days, 2%
- 10 or more days, 2%

Type of Marijuana Use among Those Who Used It
Grade 8, 2021

- Smoked: Local 63%, State 74%
- Ate: Local 34%, State 20%
- Drank: Local 4%, State 2%
- Vaporized: Local 37%, State 43%
- Dabbed: Local 33%, State 37%
- Other way: Local 4%, State 6%

Marijuana Use and Driving/Riding
Grade 8, 2021

- Drove after using marijuana: Local 5%, State 2%
- Rode with a marijuana using driver: Local 11%, State 8%

Family Environment, Grade 8, 2021

- Parents talk about not using marijuana: Local 61%, State 60%
- Do not live with a marijuana user: Local 77%, State 85%
- Parents feel youth marijuana use is wrong: Local 92%, State 95%

Where Do Youth Get Marijuana? Grade 8, 2021

- Bought at store: Local 52%, State 58%
- Stole from a store: Local 3%, State 2%
- From friends: Local 8%, State 13%
- Older sibling: Local 19%, State 27%
- Gave money to someone: Local 17%, State 15%
- Home without permission: Local 6%, State 7%
- Home with permission: Local 27%, State 28%
- Other way: Local 2%, State 2%

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**Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use Grade 10, 2021**

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Statewide, more 10th graders who use marijuana report lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who don't use.
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Level of Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use
Grade 10, 2021

- None, 91%
- 1-2 days, 3%
- 3-5 days, 2%
- 6-9 days, 1%
- 10 or more days, 4%

Type of Marijuana Use among Those Who Used It
Grade 10, 2021

- Smoked: 76%
- Ate: 26%
- Drank: 28%
- Vaporized: 20%
- Dabbed: 9%

Family Environment, Grade 10, 2021

- Parents talk about not using marijuana: Local 44%, State 52%
- Do not live with a marijuana user: Local 22%, State 28%
- Parents feel youth marijuana use is wrong: Local 48%, State 55%

Where Do Youth Get Marijuana? Grade 10, 2021

- Bought at store: Local 6%, State 7%
- Stole from a store: Local 1%, State 2%
- From friends: Local 59%, State 57%
- Older sibling: Local 11%, State 9%
- Gave money to someone: Local 20%, State 19%
- Home without permission: Local 7%, State 9%
- Home with permission: Local 18%, State 9%
- Other way: Local 34%, State 25%

The percentages in this chart are based on all students who reported getting marijuana in the past 30 days, regardless whether they reported using in the past 30 days. Students could select multiple sources.

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In 2021, 37% of 8th graders in our county felt so sad or hopeless for two weeks or more that they stopped doing their usual activities.
Feeling sad/hopeless and suicide 2010-2021, Grade 8

![Graph showing prevalence of feelings sad/hopeless, considered attempting suicide, no adults to turn to when sad or hopeless, and attempted suicide from 2010 to 2021 for Grade 8 students.]

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Feeling sad/hopeless (statewide vs. local) by grade, 2021

![Bar chart showing prevalence of feeling sad/hopeless by grade and location (local vs. state) for 2021.]

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# Statewide relationship between feeling sad/hopeless and demographics, Grade 8, 2021

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<td>60%</td>
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*Alone or in combination with other race/ethnicities.
Statewide relationship between feeling sad/hopeless and interpersonal violence, Grade 8, 2021

- Been bullied in the last 30 days
- Limited or threatened by dating partner
- Hurt by dating partner on purpose

Statewide, youth who felt more sad or hopeless were more likely to report interpersonal violence than youth who did not feel sad or hopeless.

Statewide relationship between considering suicide and Hope Scale, Grade 8, 2021

Statewide, students with moderate or high hope are less likely to report considering suicide in the past year compared to students with no or low hope.

**NOTE:** Hope is the belief that the future can be better than the past and you play a role in making it so. Hope can also be taught.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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Background

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Mental Health Indicators, Grade 10, 2021

In 2021, 40% of 10th graders in our county felt so sad or hopeless for two weeks or more that they stopped doing their usual activities.
Feeling sad/hopeless and suicide 2010-2021, Grade 10

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Feeling sad/hopeless | 30% ±2 | 29% ±2 | 38% ±2* | 34% ±2* | 42% ±2* | 40% ±2
Considered attempting suicide | 19% ±1 | 18% ±1 | 23% ±2* | 20% ±2* | 26% ±2* | 22% ±2*
No adults to turn to when sad or hopeless | N/S | N/S | N/S | N/S | 15% ±2 | 15% ±2
Attempted suicide | N/S | N/S | N/S | N/S | 11% ±2 | 9% ±2*

Feeling sad/hopeless (statewide vs. local) by grade, 2021

Prevalence | 6th | 8th | 10th | 12th
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Local | N/A | 37% ±3 | 40% ±2 | S
State | N/A | 35% ±2 | 38% ±2 | 45% ±2
Statewide relationship between feeling sad/hopeless and demographics, Grade 10

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- **67%** of youth who reported being bullied in the last 30 days, **74%** reported being limited or threatened by a dating partner, and **71%** reported being hurt by a dating partner on purpose.

Statewide, youth who felt more sad or hopeless were more likely to report interpersonal violence than youth who did not feel sad or hopeless.

### Statewide relationship between considering suicide and Hope Scale, Grade 10, 2021

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Migratory Students of Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 6  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background
The purpose of this report is to provide stakeholders a comparative overview of the health status, behaviors, and access to healthcare coverage between self-identified migratory students of Washington State, as defined by Title I. Part C Migrant Education Program (MEP), and their non-migrant student counterparts.

The HYS data suggests that there are significantly higher health disparities among Migratory students compared to non-Migratory Washington students. Although Migratory students have access to state and federal funded healthcare coverage, there are evident gaps in accessing healthcare services that may be contributing to greater disparities overall. Other contributing factors such as higher rates of mobility due to the pursuit of temporary or seasonal agricultural work, fear of seeking services, along with other socioeconomic barriers, also impact migrant student’s full academic engagement such as attendance, academic participation, and graduation.

Migrant Status
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

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Migrant Status 2018-2021, Grade 6

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Statewide Relationships between Migrant Status, Grade 6

For 6th grade migrant students statewide, are:

- More likely to report getting lower grades in school (mostly C's, D's, or F's)
- More likely to have skipped or "cut" school in the past month
- More likely to have been bullied in the past month
- More likely to have missed school due to a toothache in the past year
- More likely to report binge drinking in the past 2 weeks
- More likely to have ever tried to kill themselves

Compared to those with non-migrant students.

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Migrant Status
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Migrant Status 2018-2021, Grade 8

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Migratory Students of Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 10  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,569

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Statewide Relationships between Migrant Status, Grade 10

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<td>Bullied in the past month</td>
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<td>Missed school due to toothache</td>
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<td>Binge drinking in the past 2 weeks</td>
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<td>Attempted suicide in past year</td>
<td>8%</td>
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For 10th grade **migrant** students statewide, are:
- More likely to report getting lower grades in school (mostly C's, D's, or F's)
- More likely to have skipped or "cut" school in the past month
- More likely to have been bullied in the past month
- More likely to have missed school due to a toothache in the past year
- More likely to report binge drinking in the past 2 weeks
- More likely to have made a suicide attempt in the past year

Compared to those with **non-migrant** students.

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Oral Health for Spokane County

Year: 2021 Grade: 6 Sex: All Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background:
- Dental decay affects 53% of Third Graders in Washington.
- The bacteria that causes tooth decay is a chronic condition that typically lasts into adulthood with greater costs and consequences for health and well-being.
- Dental disease is linked to broader health problems, including cardiovascular disease, stroke and diabetes mellitus.
- In the U.S., over 51 million school hours are missed each year by children due to dental related illness.

For More Information:

Oral Health 2010-2021

Prevalence

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Fact Sheet
Oral Health for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 8  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,059

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For More Information:

In 2021, 1% of 8th graders in our county reported that they had never been to a dentist.

Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Missed School due to Toothache
Grade 8, 2021

Statewide, more 8th graders who miss school due to toothache in the past year report lower grades in school (C’s, D’s or F’s) compared to those who didn’t miss school.

Oral Health 2010-2021
Grade 8

Prevalence

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Oral Health for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 10  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,569

Background:
- Dental decay affects 53% of Third Graders in Washington.
- The bacteria that causes tooth decay is a chronic condition that typically lasts into adulthood with greater costs and consequences for health and well-being.
- Dental disease is linked to broader health problems, including cardiovascular disease, stroke and diabetes mellitus.
- In the U.S., over 51 million school hours are missed each year by children due to dental related illness.

For More Information:
- Visit the Washington State Oral Health Program Website at: www.doh.wa.gov

### In 2021, 1% of 10th graders in our county reported that they had never been to a dentist.

### Missed School due to Toothache Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

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### Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Missed School due to Toothache

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Statewide, more 10th graders who miss school due to toothache in the past year report lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who didn't miss school.

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Fact Sheet

Peer-Individual Risk Factors for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 6  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background:
- Researchers at the University of Washington (UW) developed a public health model for the prevention of youth substance use and misuse. They identified risk factors that predict youth substance use, and protective factors that can protect youth from the effects of those risks. Prevention strategies are designed to lower risk and increase protection.
- Each “factor” in the HYS is measured with two or more questions to include multiple dimensions of the risk or protective factor. The charts and tables below refer to the “percent of students at risk,” which is defined as the percent of students whose scores were above a risk cutpoint determined by UW researchers. We also report some of the individual questions.
- Risk factors in the peer and individual domain include attitudes youth have about substance use as well as the behaviors of their friends.

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- To learn more go to the Start Talking Now website: www.StartTalkingNow.org. To find out about prevention coalitions in your area and how to get involved, go to https://www.theathenaforum.org/cpwi_coalitions.
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Peer-Individual Risk Factors
Grade 6, 2021

% of Students at Risk

- Perceived Risk of Drug Use
- Favorable Attitudes Towards Drug Use
- Friends Use of Drugs
- Early Initiation of Drug Use

In 2021, 23% of 6th graders in our county were at risk for favorable attitudes towards drugs.

From 2018 to 2021, there has been no change in the perceived risk of drug use among 6th graders in our county.

Prevalence 2010-2021
Grade 6

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Peer-Individual Risk Factors for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 8  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,059

Background:

- Researchers at the University of Washington (UW) developed a public health model for the prevention of youth substance use and misuse. They identified risk factors that predict youth substance use, and protective factors that can protect youth from the effects of those risks. Prevention strategies are designed to lower risk and increase protection.
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Peer-Individual Risk Factors

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Risk Factor: Perceived Risk of Drug Use Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

- Local
- State

Prevalence

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In 2021, 30% of 8th graders in our county were at risk for favorable attitudes towards drugs.

From 2018 to 2021, there has been no change in the perceived risk of drug use among 8th graders in our county.
Peer-Individual Risk Factors for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 10  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,569

Background:
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**Risk Factor: Perceived Risk of Drug Use Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**

In 2021, 41% of 10th graders in our county were at risk for favorable attitudes towards drugs.

From 2018 to 2021, there has been a decrease in the perceived risk of drug use among 10th graders in our county.

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Fact Sheet
Physical Activity for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 6  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background:
• Regular physical activity reduces rates of obesity and serious diseases, helps people maintain a healthy body weight and improves quality of life.
• The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that children and adolescents participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily, and muscle strengthening exercises 3 days a week.
• Increased time spent in recreational screen time, such as watching TV, playing video games, using a computer for fun, or cell phone usage, means less time for students to be physically active.
• Many social and environmental factors influence the decision to be active. Successful strategies to promote physical activity include educating individuals and developing policies in schools and communities to create environments that support being physically active.

For More Information:
• Visit the Washington State Healthy Eating Active Living Program website: www.doh.wa.gov.
• Visit the National Physical Activity Plan: www.physicalactivityplan.org.
• Note: DOH advocates using the CDC recommendations of ‘at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily.’

In 2021, 78% of 6th graders in our county did not meet the recommendations for 60 minutes of physical activity 7 days a week.

Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and 3 or More Hours of Screen Time Daily**
Grade 6, 2021

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Background:
• Regular physical activity reduces rates of obesity and serious diseases, helps people maintain a healthy body weight and improves quality of life.
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Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and 3 or More Hours of Screen Time Daily**
Grade 8, 2021

Statewide, more 8th graders who spend 3 or more hours of screen time daily report lower grades in school (C’s, D’s or F’s) compared to youth who spend less than 3 hours.
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Researchers at the University of Washington (UW) developed a public health model for the prevention of youth substance use and other behaviors, by identifying risk and protective factors.1

- **Risk Factor** - something that may attribute to a problem.
- **Protective Factor** - something that helps to prevent a problem.

Taking a close look at youth risk and protective factors can help providers select appropriate programming and interventions. Effective prevention focuses on reducing risk factors and strengthening protective factors. Comprehensive prevention efforts aim to ensure that protective factors outweigh risk factors at the individual, peer, family, school and community level.

### Table: Risk and Protective Factors on the Healthy Youth Survey

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- ✓ = Risk Factor associated with increased likelihood of health risk behavior.


Each Risk and Protective factor in the Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) is measured with two or more survey questions to include multiple dimensions of the factor.

The Fact Sheets on Risk and Protective factors for the Healthy Youth Survey (https://www.askhys.net/FactSheets), refer to the “percent of students at risk,” which is defined as the percent of students whose risk scores were above a certain number as determined by UW researchers.

Data shows that youth who are not doing well academically, or who don’t believe that school is important, are likely to feel less connected and committed to school.²

Data also shows that these same youth are likely to be those who are trying drugs or experiencing depression.³

Researchers have identified best practice, evidence and research-based programs that can decrease risk factors and promote healthy family bonding, family management, strong social supports and positive school cultures.⁴

Providing youth with multiple opportunities to learn and grow while teaching them life skills, recognizing them for who they are, teaching and promoting positive relationships in all aspects of their life, and setting clear standards can help encourage them to achieve healthy behaviors.⁵

For More Information:

- Resources for parents on how to connect with their youth: https://starttalkingnow.org/
- Resources about mental health; National Alliance on Mental Health: https://www.nami.org/Home
- To find out about prevention coalitions in your area and how to get involved, go to: https://www.theathenaforum.org/community_prevention_and_wellness_initiative_cpwi

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4. (https://depts.washington.edu/sdrg/research/)
5. (https://www.communityssthatcare.net/prevention-science/)
These are the risk and protective factor questions that were asked on the 2021 survey (https://www.askhys.net/Survey).

**Risk Factors**

**Peer-Individual Risk Factors**

**Friends Use Drugs**
A peer-individual risk factor scale composed of four HYS questions.
- Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many of your best friends have:
  - Smoked cigarettes?
  - Tried beer, wine, or hard liquor when their parent(s) didn’t know about it?
  - Used marijuana?
  - Used LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or other illegal drugs?

**Favorable Attitudes Towards Drug Use**
A peer-individual risk factor scale composed of four HYS questions.
- How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to:
  - Drink beer, wine, or hard liquor regularly?
  - Smoke cigarettes?
  - Smoke marijuana?
  - Use LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or another illegal drug?

**Perceived Risk of Drug Use**
A peer-individual risk factor scale composed of four HYS questions.
- How much do you think people risk harming themselves if they:
  - Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?
  - Try marijuana once or twice?
  - Smoke marijuana regularly (at least once or twice a week)?
  - Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?

**Early Initiation of Drug Use**
A peer-individual risk factor scale composed of three HYS questions.
- How old were you the first time you:
  - Used marijuana?
  - Smoked a cigarette, even just a puff?
  - Had more than a sip or two of beer, wine, or hard liquor?

**Family Risk Factors**

**Poor Family Management**
A family protective scale composed of eight HYS questions.
- My parent(s) ask if I’ve gotten my homework done.
- Would your parent(s) know if you did not come home on time?
- When I am not at home, one of my parent(s) knows where I am and who I am with.
- The rules in my family are clear.
- My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use.
- In you drank some beer, wine, or liquor without your parent(s)’s permission, would you be caught by them?
- If you carried a handgun without your parent(s)’s permission, would you be caught by them?
- If you skipped school, would you be caught by your parent(s)’s?

**Parental Attitudes Favorable Towards Drug Use**
A family risk factor scale composed of three HYS questions.
- How wrong do your parent(s) feel it would be for you to:
  - Drink beer, wine, or hard liquor regularly (at least once or twice a month)?
  - Smoke cigarettes?
  - Use marijuana?

**School Risk Factors**

**Academic Failure**
A school risk factor scale composed of two HYS questions.
- Putting them all together, what were your grades like last year?
- Are your school grades better than the grades of most students in your class?

**Low Commitment to School**
A school risk factor scale composed of seven HYS questions.
- How often do you feel the schoolwork you are assigned is meaningful and important?
- How interesting are most of your courses to you?
- How important do you think the things you are learning in school are going to be for you later in life?
- Think back over the past year in school. How often did you: Enjoy school?
- Think back over the past year in school. How often did you: Dislike school?
- Think back over the past year in school. How often did you: Try to do your best work in school?
- During the LAST 4 WEEKS, how many whole days of school have you missed because you skipped or “cut”?
Community Risk Factors

Perceived Availability of Drugs
A community risk factor scale composed of four HYS questions.
- If you wanted to get some beer, wine, or hard liquor, how easy would it be for you to get some?
- If you wanted to get some cigarettes, how easy would it be for you to get some?
- If you wanted to get some marijuana, how easy would it be for you to get some?
- If you wanted to get a drug like cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines, how easy would it be for you to get some?

Perceived Availability of Handguns
- If you wanted to get a handgun, how easy would it be for you to get one?

Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use
A community risk factor scale composed of six HYS questions.
- How wrong would most adults in your neighborhood think it was for kids your age:
  - To use marijuana?
  - To drink alcohol?
  - To smoke cigarettes?
- If a kid drank some beer, wine, or hard liquor in your neighborhood or community, would they be caught by the police?
- If a kid carried a handgun in your neighborhood would they be caught by the police?
- If a kid used marijuana in your neighborhood or community, would they be caught by the police?

Low Neighborhood Attachment
A community risk factor scale composed of three HYS questions:
- I’d like to get out of my neighborhood or community.
- If I had to move, I would miss the neighborhood or community I now live in.
- I like my neighborhood / community.

Protective Factors

Family Protective Factors
Opportunities for Prosocial Family Involvement
A family protective scale composed of three HYS questions.
- If I had a personal problem, I could ask parent(s) for help.
- My parent(s) give me lots of chances to do fun things with them.
- My parent(s) ask me what I think before most family decisions affecting me are made.

Rewards for Prosocial Family Involvement
A family protective scale composed of four HYS questions only asked to 6th graders on Form C.
- My parent(s) notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it.
- How often do your parent(s) tell you they're proud of you for something you’ve done?
- Do you enjoy spending time with your mom(s)?
- Do you enjoy spending time with your dad(s)?

School Protective Factors
Opportunities for Prosocial School Involvement
A school protective factor scale composed of five HYS questions:
- In my school, students have lots of chances to help decide things like class activities and rules.
- There are lots of chances for students in my school to talk with a teacher one-on-one.
- Teachers ask me to work on special classroom projects.
- There are lots of chances for students in my school to get involved in sports, clubs, and other school activities outside of class.
- I have lots of chances to be part of class discussions or activities.

Rewards for Prosocial School Involvement
A school protective factor scale composed of four HYS questions:
- My teacher(s) notices when I am doing a good job and lets me know about it.
- The school lets my parent(s) know when I have done something well.
- I feel safe at my school.
- My teachers praise me when I work hard in school.

Community- Protective Factors
Opportunities for Prosocial Community Involvement
A community protective factor scale that includes four HYS questions.
- There are adults in my neighborhood or community I could talk to about something important.
- Which of the following activities for people your age are available in your neighborhood or community?
  - Sports teams and recreation
  - Scouts, Camp Fire, 4-H Clubs, or other service clubs
  - Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, or other activity clubs

Rewards for Prosocial Community Involvement
A community protective factor scale that includes three HYS questions; only asked to 6th graders on Form C.
- My neighbors notice when I am doing a good job and let me know.
- There are people in my neighborhood or community who encourage me to do my best.
- There are people in my neighborhood or community who are proud of me when I do something well.
School Protective Factors for Spokane County

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Grade 6, 2021

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Prevalence Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

Local

State

% of Students Protected

6th 8th 10th 12th

Rewards for Prosocial School Involvement

Q: Teachers tell me when doing good work

Q: Teachers tell parents when doing well

Q: Teachers praise hard work

42% 73% 42% 56%

School Protective Factor 2010-2021, Grade 6


Opportunities N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A

Rewards 53% ±4 57% ±7 49% ±7 47% ±5 40% ±4* 42% ±5

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### Protective Factor: Opportunities for Prosocial School Involvement

#### Grade 8, 2021

- **Opportunities for Prosocial School Involvement**
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  - Q: Can talk to teacher
  - Q: Can be in class discussions
  - Q: Can do activities outside of class

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#### Comparison to the State, All Grades, 2021

- **Local**
  - 6th: N/A
  - 8th: 72% ± 3
  - 10th: 71% ± 2
  - 12th: 70% ± 3

- **State**
  - 6th: N/A
  - 8th: 70% ± 3
  - 10th: 71% ± 3
  - 12th: 70% ± 3

### Protective Factor: Rewards for Prosocial School Involvement

#### Grade 8, 2021

- **Rewards for Prosocial School Involvement**
  - Q: Teachers tell me when doing good work
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#### School Protective Factor 2010-2021, Grade 8

- **Prevalence**
  - Rewards 2010: 49% ± 3*, 2012: 52% ± 3, 2014: 50% ± 5, 2016: 52% ± 4, 2018: 51% ± 4, 2021: 58% ± 4*

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<td>66% ±2*</td>
<td>64% ±2</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Q: Teachers praise hard work</td>
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School Attendance and Transition
Grade 6, 2021

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Academic Failure (RF)
All Grades, 2021

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School Risk Factor 2010-2021, Grade 6

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<td>41% ±4*</td>
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<td>8th</td>
<td>38% ±6</td>
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School Safety for Spokane County in 2021

Bullied at school*...
Students who report they were bullied at school in the past month

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Not feeling safe...
Students who report they did not feel safe at school

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Harassment...
Students who report being harassed or bullied at school due to their perceived sexual orientation or race or by a computer or cell phone in the past month

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<td>Harassed due to sexual orientation</td>
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Weapon carrying...
Students who report they carried a weapon on school property in the past month

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<td>9%</td>
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Missing school due to safety...
Students who report not going to school because they did not feel safe

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The data in these charts are based on the Healthy Youth Survey conducted in fall 2021. In Spokane County, 948 6th graders, 2,059 8th graders, 2,569 10th graders and 1,125 12th graders completed the survey.

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*Bullying is defined as when one or more students threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or otherwise hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.

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Fact Sheet

Sexual Behavior for Spokane County

**Sex includes oral, vaginal and/or anal sex.

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**STDs and Pregnancy Prevention Taught in School**

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**STDs and Pregnancy Prevention Methods among Sexually Active Youth**

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Washington HYS results generated at AskHYS.net on 03-09-2022
Sexual Behavior for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 10  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,569

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STDs and Pregnancy Prevention Taught in School
Grade 10, 2021

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STDs and Pregnancy Prevention Methods among Sexually Active Youth
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Substance Use for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 6  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background:
- Parents are one of the primary influences on their children's decision to use alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
- Brain development in young adulthood continues into the mid-20s. Developing brains are more susceptible to the effects of alcohol and other drugs.

For More Information:
- Parents, schools, and communities can work together to keep youth healthy and safe. For prevention tips and to connect with a prevention coalition in your area, visit www.StartTalkingNow.org.
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Current (past 30-day) Substance Use
Grade 6, 2021

- Cigarettes: 1%
- Alcohol: 2%
- Marijuana: 1%
- Rx Pain killers to get high: N/A
- Prescription drugs, not prescribed: N/A
- Over-the-counter drug use**: N/A
- All other illegal drug use***: 1%

Current (past 30-day) All Other Illegal Drug Use***
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

- Local: 1%
- State: 1%

Statewide Relationship between
Lower Grades and Current (past 30-day)
All Other Illegal Drug Use***
Grade 6, 2021

- 6th: 1%
- 8th: 1%
- 10th: 1%
- 12th: 2%

Most youth don't use alcohol or other substances.

Current (past 30-day) All Other Illegal Drug Use***
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

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Fact Sheet
Substance Use for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 8  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,059

Background:
- Parents are one of the primary influences on their children's decision to use alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
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Current (past 30-day) Substance Use
Grade 8, 2021

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Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Current (past 30-day) All Other Illegal Drug Use*** Grade 8, 2021

Statewide, more 8th graders who use illegal drugs (not including alcohol, tobacco or marijuana) report lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who don't use.

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Fact Sheet
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Background:
- Prescription drug misuse is when someone takes a medication that was prescribed for someone else or takes their own prescription in a way not intended by a doctor—like to stay awake, or "to get high".
- Prescription drugs that affect the brain, including opioid pain killers, stimulants, and depressants, may cause physical dependence that can turn into addiction.
- Most teens get prescription drugs they misuse and use from friends and relatives, sometimes without the person knowing.
- Prescription drug misuse has become an important health issue, particularly the danger of misusing prescription pain medications. Each year, there continues to be more overdose deaths than deaths from motor vehicle crashes (CDC National Center for Health Statistics).

What can parents or caregivers do to prevent teen prescription misuse?
- Talk to your children about what you do to stay healthy, and, if you use medications, why they are safe for your personal use and not for them.
- Talk to your teen about the dangers of prescription drug misuse. Learn more at www.medicineabuseproject.org.
- Keep the most commonly misused prescription drugs (painkillers, sedatives and stimulants) in a lock box.
- Take steps to safeguard the most commonly misused prescription drugs (painkillers, sedatives, and stimulants) in your home: monitor their use, keep them in a lock box, and properly dispose of unused or expired medications.

For More Information:
- Learn more at www.drugfree.org.
- For 24 hour help for mental health, substance use or misuse and problem gambling, call 1-866-789-1511 or visit www.waRecoveryHelpLine.org.
- For medication disposal locations, see www.takebackyourmeds.org.

**Student Misuse of Painkillers (in last 30 days)**
Students who report using painkillers* to get high at least once in the past month

% of Students

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*painkillers like Vicodin, OxyContin (sometimes called Oxy or OC) or Percocet (sometimes called Percs)

**Students Misuse of Someone Else’s Prescription (in last 30 days)**
Students who report using prescription drugs not prescribed to them in the past month

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When students are asked about the use of prescription drugs that are not prescribed for them... their perceptions are:

**My parents would think it was wrong if I used prescription drugs not prescribed for me**

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**My friends would think it was wrong if I used prescription drugs not prescribed for me**

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**I risk harming myself if I use prescription drugs that are not prescribed for me**

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For more results from the 2021 Healthy Youth Survey, please visit www.AskHYS.net

The data in these charts are based on the Healthy Youth Survey conducted in fall 2021. In Spokane County, 948 6th graders, 2,059 8th graders, 2,569 10th graders and 1,125 12th graders completed the survey.

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104,000 Washington youth alive today will ultimately die prematurely from smoking.

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Statewide current [past 30 day] vapor product use and race/ethnicity, grade 6

Among 6th grade students, vaping varies by race and ethnicity. The highest rate of vaping is reported among Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander students and the lowest is among Non-Hispanic Asian and Black or African American students. However, rates for some of these race/ethnicity subgroups can vary widely.

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The minimum age of purchase for tobacco and vapor products is 21, but youth can get these products from their older friends and classmates.

In 2016, Washington State passed a Vapor Products law, establishing a statewide licensing system and important protections to reduce illegal youth access to vapor products. This law applies to any vapor product, whether or not it contains nicotine.

MORE INFORMATION...

Through key partnerships, the Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program addresses youth access to tobacco and the growth in the use of electronic cigarettes and vapor products in Washington State. Find out more here: https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Tobacco

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### Current (past 30-day) use trends, grade 8

![Graph showing current (past 30-day) use trends, grade 8](image)

### Statewide current [past 30 day] vapor product use and race/ethnicity, grade 8

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Current (past 30-day) vapor product use compared to the state, all grades

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Reported substance "vaped" among current (30-day) vapor product users, Grade 10

- Nicotine in it: 65%
- THC (marijuana) in it: 39%
- Flavor only (no nicotine or THC): 6%
- Substance not known: 28%

Source of tobacco and vapor products among those who use them, Grade 10

- Social source: 65% Tobacco, 63% Vapor Product
- Non-social source: 9% Tobacco, 6% Vapor Product
- Some other way: 26% Tobacco, 31% Vapor Product

More information...

- Through key partnerships, the Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program addresses youth access to tobacco and the growth in the use of electronic cigarettes and vapor products in Washington State. Find out more here: [https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Tobacco](https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Tobacco)

- For help quitting vaping, teens can text VAPEFREEWA to 88709 to sign up for This is Quitting, a program from Truth Initiative. For help quitting any commercial tobacco use, teens can download an app at [https://doh.wa.gov/quit](https://doh.wa.gov/quit) or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW to receive support from a Quit Coach. All services are free and confidential.

- For 24-hour help with mental health, substance abuse, and problem gambling, call 1-866-789-1511 or visit [http://www.warecoveryhelpline.org](http://www.warecoveryhelpline.org).
Fact Sheet

Unintentional Injury for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 6  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background:
• Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death among youth. Motor vehicle crashes are the most common cause.
• Unintentional injuries are caused by behaviors such as drinking and driving, riding with a drinking driver, riding a bike or motorcycle without a helmet, or not wearing a life jacket.
• Most unintentional injuries can be prevented. Alcohol and other substances impair one’s judgment and may contribute to injuries and even death.

For More Information:

Unintentional Injury
Grade 6, 2021

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<th>Behavior</th>
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<td>Rode with driver who had been drinking</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>Rode with marijuana using driver</td>
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<td>Drove after drinking</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Drove after using marijuana</td>
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<td>Rode with texting driver</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Texting while driving</td>
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<td>Bicyclists wearing helmets (never/rarely)</td>
<td>28%</td>
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In 2021, 7% of 6th graders in our county rode with a drinking driver.

Texting While Driving, among Those Who Drove
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

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Prevalence

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Unintentional Injury for Spokane County

Year: 2021   Grade: 8   Sex: All   Number of Students Surveyed: 2,059

Background:
• Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death among youth. Motor vehicle crashes are the most common cause.
• Unintentional injuries are caused by behaviors such as drinking and driving, riding with a drinking driver, riding a bike or motorcycle without a helmet, or not wearing a life jacket.
• Most unintentional injuries can be prevented. Alcohol and other substances impair one’s judgment and may contribute to injuries and even death.

For More Information:

In 2021, 10% of 8th graders in our county rode with a drinking driver.

Texting While Driving, among Those Who Drove Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

Rode with driver who had been drinking
18% ±2* 15% ±1* 17% ±4 15% ±2 17% ±2 10% ±2*
Wearing bicycle helmets (never/rarely)
55% ±3 55% ±3 N/S N/S N/A N/A

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Fact Sheet
Unintentional Injury for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 10  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,569

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Unintentional Injury Grade 10, 2021

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<td>Rode with marijuana user</td>
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<td>Drive after drinking</td>
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<td>Drive after using marijuana</td>
<td>4%</td>
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In 2021, 10% of 10th graders in our county rode with a drinking driver.

Texting While Driving, among Those Who Drove Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

Statewide Relationship between Texting While Driving and Driving After Using Marijuana Grade 10, 2021

Statewide, more 10th graders who text while driving are more likely to report driving after using marijuana, compared to those who didn’t text while driving.
Fact Sheet
Violent Behaviors and School Safety for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 6  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 948

Background:
• Feeling safe is vital for a positive school climate and learning environment. RCW 28A.320.125 requires all public school districts and public schools to have current school safety plans and procedures in place.

For More Information:
• Washington State Department of Health - Injury and Violence Prevention Program https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/InjuryandViolencePrevention

Violent Behavior and School Safety
Grade 6, 2021

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<td>carried weapon at school</td>
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<tr>
<td>don't feel safe during school</td>
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Carried a Weapon at School
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Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Not Feeling Safe at School
Grade 6, 2021

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**Violent Behaviors and School Safety for Spokane County**

**Year:** 2021  **Grade:** 8  **Sex:** All  **Number of Students Surveyed:** 2,059

**Background:**
- Feeling safe is vital for a positive school climate and learning environment. RCW 28A.320.125 requires all public school districts and public schools to have current school safety plans and procedures in place.

**For More Information:**

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**Violent Behavior and School Safety Grade 8, 2021**

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<td>Don't feel safe during school</td>
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<td>Missed school because felt unsafe</td>
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**Carried a Weapon at School Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021**

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**Prevalence** 2010-2021, Grade 8

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**Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Not Feeling Safe at School Grade 8, 2021**

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**Statewide, more 8th graders who don't feel safe during school report lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who feel safe.**

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Prevalence 6th 8th 10th 12th
- local: 1% ±1 3% ±1* 3% ±1 5%
- state: 2% ±0 2% ±0 2% ±0 3% ±1

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Fact Sheet

Weight and Obesity for Spokane County

Year: 2021  Grade: 8  Sex: All  Number of Students Surveyed: 2,059

**Background:**
- Poor diet and physical inactivity are risk factors for obesity and overweight among youth.
- Youth who have fewer opportunities for physical activity and increased time spent in sedentary activities such as watching television and using computers are more likely to be overweight.
- Factors that contribute to poor diet among youth include eating fewer meals at home, increased availability and affordability of unhealthy food, and increased food portion sizes.
- To be successful in increasing healthy weight among youth; governments, communities and people need to work together to create environments that support healthy diets and opportunities for physical activity.

**For More Information:**

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**Weight Distribution**

*Grade 8, 2021*

- **Obese:** 16%
- **Overweight:** 16%
- **Healthy weight:** 64%
- **Underweight:** 4%

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**Weight Distribution 2010-2021, Grade 8**


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**Prevalence**

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<td>69% ±4</td>
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<td>2021</td>
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**Statewide Relationship between 3 or More Hours Screen Time and Obesity**

*Grade 8, 2021*

- **3+ hours screen time**: 2021: 16%
- **<3 hours screen time**: 2021: 11%

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- To be successful in increasing healthy weight among youth; governments, communities and people need to work together to create environments that support healthy diets and opportunities for physical activity.

For More Information:

In 2021, 15% of 10th graders in our county were obese.

Obese or Overweight Compared to the State, All Grades, 2021

Statewide Relationship between 3 or More Hours Screen Time and Obesity Grade 10, 2021