

2021 Virginia Middle School Youth 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.

1. How old are you?
 - A. 10 years old or younger
 - B. 11 years old
 - C. 12 years old
 - D. 13 years old
 - E. 14 years old
 - F. 15 years old
 - G. 16 years old or older
2. What is your sex?
 - A. Female
 - B. Male
3. In what grade are you?
 - A. 6th grade
 - B. 7th grade
 - C. 8th grade
 - D. Ungraded or other grade
4. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
5. What is your race? **(Select one or more responses.)**
 - A. American Indian or Alaska Native
 - B. Asian
 - C. Black or African American
 - D. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - E. White
6. Some people describe themselves as transgender when their sex at birth does not match the way they think or feel about their gender. Are you transgender?
 - A. No, I am not transgender
 - B. Yes, I am transgender
 - C. I am not sure if I am transgender
 - D. I do not know what this question is asking

The next 4 questions ask about safety.

7. **When you ride a bicycle**, how often do you wear a helmet?
 - A. I do not ride a bicycle
 - B. Never wear a helmet
 - C. Rarely wear a helmet
 - D. Sometimes wear a helmet
 - E. Most of the time wear a helmet
 - F. Always wear a helmet
8. **When you rollerblade or ride a skateboard**, how often do you wear a helmet?
 - A. I do not rollerblade or ride a skateboard
 - B. Never wear a helmet
 - C. Rarely wear a helmet
 - D. Sometimes wear a helmet
 - E. Most of the time wear a helmet
 - F. Always wear a helmet
9. Have you ever ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Not sure
10. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you ride with someone who texted, called, e-mailed, or used the Internet or apps (such as YouTube, Instagram, or Facebook), on a handheld cell phone while driving a car or other vehicle?
 - 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 day
 - G. All 30 days

The next 3 questions ask about violence-related behaviors and experiences.

11. Have you ever carried a **weapon**, such as a gun, knife, or club?
A. Yes
B. No
12. Have you ever been in a physical fight?
A. Yes
B. No
13. Has an adult or person at least 5 years older than you ever made you do sexual things that you did not want to do? (Count such things as kissing, touching, or being made to have sexual intercourse.)
A. Yes
B. No

The next 3 questions ask about experiences with parents or other adults in your home.

14. During your life, how often has a parent or other adult in your home sworn at you, insulted you, or put you down?
A. Never
B. Rarely
C. Sometimes
D. Most of the time
E. Always
15. During your life, how often has a parent or other adult in your home hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt you in any way?
A. Never
B. Rarely
C. Sometimes
D. Most of the time
E. Always

16. During your life, how often have your parents or other adults in your home slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up?
A. Never
B. Rarely
C. Sometimes
D. Most of the time
E. Always

The next 4 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.

17. Have you ever been bullied **on school property**?
A. Yes
B. No
18. Have you ever been **electronically** bullied? (Count being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media.)
A. Yes
B. No
19. During the past 12 months, have you ever been the victim of teasing or name calling because of your race or ethnic background?
A. Yes
B. No
20. During the past 12 months, have you ever been the victim of teasing or name calling because someone thought you were gay, lesbian, or bisexual?
A. Yes
B. No

The next 4 questions ask about attempted suicide. Sometimes people feel so depressed about the future that they may consider attempting suicide or killing themselves.

21. Have you ever **seriously** thought about killing yourself?
A. Yes
B. No
22. Have you ever made a **plan** about how you would kill yourself?
A. Yes
B. No
23. Have you ever **tried** to kill yourself?
A. Yes
B. No
24. If you tried to kill yourself during the past 12 months, did you ask for help from someone such as a doctor, counselor, or hotline before your attempt?
A. I did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months
B. Yes
C. No

The next 2 questions ask about cigarette smoking.

25. How old were you when you first tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?
A. I have never tried cigarette smoking, not even one or two puffs
B. 8 years old or younger
C. 9 years old
D. 10 years old
E. 11 years old
F. 12 years old
G. 13 years old or older

26. 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

The next 2 questions ask about electronic vapor products, such as JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Vuse, and blu. Electronic vapor products include e-cigarettes, vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods.

27. Have you ever used an electronic vapor product?
A. Yes
B. No
28. 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

The next 2 questions ask about other tobacco products.

29. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use **chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, snus, or dissolvable tobacco products**, such as Copenhagen, Grizzly, Skoal, or Camel Snus? (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

30. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke **cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars**?
- 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 2 questions ask about “heated tobacco products” such as iQOS, glo, and Eclipse. You may know them as heated cigarettes or “heat-not-burn” tobacco products. Heated tobacco products heat tobacco sticks (“heatsticks”) or capsules to produce a vapor. They are different from e-cigarettes, which heat a liquid to produce a vapor. Do not count electronic vapor products when answering these questions.

31. Have you ever used a heated tobacco product, even one or two times?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
32. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use a heated tobacco 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

The next 2 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.

33. 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 years old
 - D. 10 years old
 - E. 11 years old
 - F. 12 years old
 - G. 13 years old or older
34. During your life, on how many days have you had at least one drink of alcohol?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 or 2 days
 - C. 3 to 9 days
 - D. 10 to 19 days
 - E. 20 to 39 days
 - F. 40 to 99 days
 - G. 100 or more days

The next 3 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.

35. During your life, how many times have you used 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 to 99 times
 - G. 100 or more times

36. 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
37. 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 years old
 - D. 10 years old
 - E. 11 years old
 - F. 12 years old
 - G. 13 years old or older

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.

38. Have you ever taken **prescription pain medicine** without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

The next 3 questions ask about other drugs.

39. Have you ever used **any** form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
40. Have you ever taken an **over-the-counter drug** to get high?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
41. During the past 12 months, has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug **on school property**?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

The next 2 questions ask about body weight.

42. How do **you** describe your weight?
- A. Very underweight
 - B. Slightly underweight
 - C. About the right weight
 - D. Slightly overweight
 - E. Very overweight
43. 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 4 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.

44. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you eat **breakfast**?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 day
 - C. 2 days
 - D. 3 days
 - E. 4 days
 - F. 5 days
 - G. 6 days
 - H. 7 days
45. 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

46. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **vegetables**?
- A. I did not eat 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
47. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you eat at least one meal or snack from a fast food restaurant such as McDonald's, Taco Bell, KFC, or convenience stores?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 day
 - C. 2 days
 - D. 3 days
 - E. 4 days
 - F. 5 days
 - G. 6 days
 - H. 7 days

The next 2 questions ask about eating in your home.

48. During the past 30 days, how often did you go hungry because there was not enough food in your home?
- A. Never
 - B. Rarely
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. Most of the time
 - E. Always
49. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you eat dinner **at home with at least one of your parents or guardians**?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 day
 - C. 2 days
 - D. 3 days
 - E. 4 days
 - F. 5 days
 - G. 6 days
 - H. 7 days

The next 2 questions ask about physical activity.

50. 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
51. On an average school day, how many hours do you spend in front of a TV, computer, smart phone, or other electronic device watching shows or videos, playing games, accessing the Internet, or using social media (also called "screen time")? (Do **not** count time spent doing schoolwork.)
- A. Less than 1 hour per day
 - B. 1 hour per day
 - C. 2 hours per day
 - D. 3 hours per day
 - E. 4 hours per day
 - F. 5 or more hours per day

The next 14 questions ask about other health-related topics.

52. Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Not sure
53. 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

54. During the past 12 months, how often have your teeth or mouth been painful or sore?
- A. Never
 - B. Rarely
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. Most of the time
 - E. Always
55. During the past 12 months, how often were you self-conscious or embarrassed because of your teeth or mouth?
- A. Never
 - B. Rarely
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. Most of the time
 - E. Always
56. Do you agree or disagree that you feel good about yourself?
- A. Strongly agree
 - B. Agree
 - C. Not sure
 - D. Disagree
 - E. Strongly disagree
57. When you feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious, how often do you get the kind of help you need?
- A. I do not feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious
 - B. Never
 - C. Rarely
 - D. Sometimes
 - E. Most of the time
 - F. Always
58. 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
59. 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
60. During the past 30 days, where did you usually sleep?
- A. In my parent's or guardian's home
 - B. In the home of a friend, family member, or other person because I had to leave my home or my parent or guardian cannot afford housing
 - C. In a shelter or emergency housing
 - D. In a motel or hotel
 - E. In a car, park, campground, or other public place
 - F. I do not have a usual place to sleep
 - G. Somewhere else
61. During your life, how often has there been an adult in your household who tried hard to make sure your basic needs were met, such as looking after your safety and making sure you had clean clothes and enough to eat?
- A. Never
 - B. Rarely
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. Most of the time
 - E. Always
62. How often do you feel safe and secure in your neighborhood?
- A. Never
 - B. Rarely
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. Most of the time
 - E. Always

63. How often do you feel safe and secure at school?
- A. Never
 - B. Rarely
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. Most of the time
 - E. Always
64. During an average week, how many total hours do you participate in after school or community activities such as sports, band, drama or clubs?
- A. 0 hours
 - B. 1 to 4 hours
 - C. 5 to 9 hours
 - D. 10 to 19 hours
 - E. 20 or more hours
65. During the past 12 months, how would you describe your grades in school?
- A. Mostly A's
 - B. Mostly B's
 - C. Mostly C's
 - D. Mostly D's
 - E. Mostly F's
 - F. None of these grades
 - G. Not sure

The next 3 questions ask about other experiences you may have had during your life.

66. Have you ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol or drug use?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
67. Have you ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
68. Have you ever been separated from a parent or guardian because they went to jail, prison, or a detention center?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

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