

2015 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey Report

Report for Bennington County

Survey Format in 2015

In 2015, we conducted two surveys: a high school survey of students in grades 9 through 12, and a middle school survey of students in grades 6 through 8.

Results in this report include high school and middle school results for Vermont and for Bennington County. All results in the 2015 high school section are for grades 9 through 12 only, and the middle school section are for grades 6 through 8 only.

The middle school and high school surveys differed slightly. The shorter middle school survey included questions on fighting, bullying, suicidality, substance use, attitudes and perceptions about substance use, body image, physical activity, and youth assets. The high school survey included questions on these topics as well as self-reported height and weight, driving behaviors, other drug use, sexual behavior and orientation, and nutrition.

Copies of both surveys can be found online at: <http://healthvermont.gov/research/yrbs.aspx>. Copies of the full state reports, highlights, and additional sub state reports can also be found here.

The Vermont Department of Health would like to acknowledge the work and effort of all the schools, teachers and students who choose to participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey each year.

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How to Use the YRBS

The YRBS can detect changes in risk behaviors over time and identify differences among ages, grades, and genders. With these data, we can focus prevention efforts and determine whether school policies and community programs are having the intended effect on student behaviors.

Think of the YRBS as a tool for starting discussions, for educating the community, for planning and evaluating programs, and for comparing Vermont students with other students nationwide.

- **Start the Conversation:** Use the YRBS to begin a conversation with teens about the personal choices they make or about the health of their community. Ask them if the results accurately reflect what they see happening around them. How do they explain the results? From their perspective, what is or is not working? How would they promote healthy behaviors?
- **Increase Awareness:** The YRBS provides an opportunity to break through “denial” and make community members aware of the risks that their young people face. It can also dispel myths and correct misinformation about the “average teenager.” The YRBS can accentuate the positive and celebrate the fact that many students are abstaining from behaviors that endanger their health and their ability to succeed.
- **Plan and Evaluate Programs:** The YRBS can serve as the basis of a community needs assessment. It can help identify strengths and weaknesses in communities, and can inform strategies to address those weaknesses.
- **Remember to Look at the Positive Side:** In most cases, the majority of adolescents are NOT engaging in risky behaviors. Although most of the charts examine the prevalence of risk behaviors, please do not forget about the percentage of adolescents who are NOT engaging in these behaviors.

Note: “Getting to ‘Y’”, a program originally funded by the Agency of Education, provides a manual for student groups looking to analyze and leverage their own YRBS data – it can be found here: <http://www.upforlearning.com/index.php/yatst>.

How to Read this YRBS Report

Format: The results appear in data tables, with an overall average, by grade and by gender. The percentages in some charts may not total 100% due to rounding.

Weighting: The results in this report are weighted by gender, grade, and race/ethnicity in order to compensate for absenteeism and incomplete surveys. The weighting allows the results to be fully representative of public students in grades six through eight (middle school survey) and grades nine through twelve (high school survey). This permits us to draw inferences about the school-based student population in Vermont.

In 2015, there was a methodology change in the weighting procedure. From 1993 through 2011, statewide reports included numbers based on a weighted sample of schools, and local-level reports included unweighted numbers. In 2013, due to the high participation from Vermont schools, the switch was made to use all of the student responses in the statewide report, instead of a sample. This allows for direct comparison between county estimates and the statewide estimates, as well as ensure that the estimates are more accurate. You can still compare the local-level report numbers to previous local-level years.

Statistical Comparisons: We note significant differences in the far right column on each table labeled “Notes.” For the 2015 results, we compared the 95 percent confidence intervals separately by grade, gender and year to determine if the percentages for each county were statistically different from the state. If the confidence intervals overlapped, the percentages were not different. In every table it is noted whether this county is statistically different from the state average. However, we encourage you to consider meaningful difference: does the disparity merit a targeted intervention, show a real change in health, or otherwise mean something important to the community (statistics aside).

In some cases there were not enough students responding to report an estimate. In those cases there is a dot (.) and the “Notes” column will read “Too few students.” We limit reportable estimates to a total numerator of 5 students and denominator of 50 students.

A Word of Caution

The YRBS represents the most complete and most recent information available about risk behaviors among Vermont students. However, the YRBS has some limitations that you should keep in mind when interpreting the results.

- **Data Quality:** We take numerous precautions to ensure the reliability and validity of the results. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) carefully designed and thoroughly tested the questionnaire. The anonymous survey encourages students to be honest and forthright. The CDC runs over 100 consistency checks on the data to exclude careless, invalid, or logically inconsistent answers. We statistically adjust, or weight, the results so that the responses accurately represent all Vermont public school students based on gender, grade, and race/ethnicity. These precautions can reduce some sources of error, but not all.
- **Who's Not Included:** Administrators make every effort to have all students complete the YRBS. However, students who are not at school the day of the survey are not included in the results. Additionally, students who are home schooled, attend independent schools that chose not to participate, or dropped out of school are not included.
- **Comparing Supervisory Unions/School Districts to Each Other and to the State:** Participating supervisory unions and school districts receive reports of their results comparing them directly to the state. It is natural to also want to know how individual supervisory unions or school districts compare to each other, but we urge caution in making such comparisons because the reasons for the differences may not be simple or easy to identify.
- **What, not Why:** The YRBS can indicate what students are doing. It can also suggest which groups of students are more likely to engage in these behaviors. However, the survey does not answer why they are doing it. We encourage students to analyze their own data and offer insight into the results.

Personal Safety

Feeling safe – whether at school, in a car, or in a relationship – fosters positive adolescent development. The high school and middle school surveys included questions on fighting, bullying, seat belt use, safety at school, helmet use, and suicidality. The high school survey included additional questions on driving behaviors, dating violence, and self-harm.

- Physical fighting is a marker for problem behaviors¹ and is associated with serious injury.^{2,3} Abuse by an intimate partner and forced sex are associated with negative psychosocial outcomes, poor mental health outcomes, and other risk behaviors among both males and females.^{4,5,6}
- Both being a bully and being victimized by bullies have been increasingly recognized as health problems for children because of their association with a range of problems, including poor psychological adjustment,^{7,8} poor academic achievement,⁸ and violent behavior.⁹
- Motor vehicle crash injuries are the leading cause of death among youth ages 15 to 19 in the U.S.¹⁰ Proper use of safety belts reduces the risk of fatal injury to front seat passengers by 45% and risk of moderate to critical injury by 50%.¹¹
- Bicycle helmets are 85% to 88% effective at reducing the impact of head and brain injuries due to bicycle crashes.¹² Despite this, less than one quarter of bicyclists wear helmets.¹²
- In 2011, alcohol use was associated with nearly four in ten motor vehicle-related fatalities nationwide and in Vermont.¹³ Additionally, research examining drugs other than alcohol indicates that marijuana is the most prevalent drug detected in impaired drivers, fatally injured drivers, and motor vehicle crash victims nationwide.¹⁴

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs

Early use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs is associated with myriad problems later in life. The high school and middle school surveys asked about tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, inhalant, and prescription drug use. Both surveys also asked the age at which students first used alcohol, cigarettes, and marijuana. The high school survey asked additional questions on other drug use, such as heroin, methamphetamines, and hallucinogens. Both surveys asked about ease of availability of alcohol, cigarettes, and marijuana, peer disapproval of use of these substances, perceived parental disapproval of use, and the risk of harm associated with use of these substances.

- Alcohol use is a major contributing factor in about half of all homicides and sexual assaults,¹⁵ and about one-third of all motor vehicle crash fatalities.¹⁶ Heavy drinking among youth has been linked to violence, academic and job problems, suicidal behavior, trouble with law enforcement authorities, risky sexual behavior, and use of cigarettes, marijuana, cocaine, and other illegal drugs.^{17,18}
- Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death in the United States,¹⁹ contributing to more than one in five deaths.²⁰ Cigarette smoking increases the risk of heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, acute respiratory illness, stroke, and cancers of the lung, larynx, oral cavity, pharynx, pancreas, and cervix.¹⁹
- Marijuana use is associated with smoking-related respiratory damage, temporary short-term memory loss, decreased motivation, and psychological dependence.²¹ Other reactions include feelings of distrust, anxiety, or depression.²¹ In Vermont, more teens enter treatment with a primary diagnosis for marijuana dependence than all other illicit drugs combined.²²
- Other drug use is related to suicide, early unwanted pregnancy, school failure, delinquency, and transmission of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including HIV infection.²³
- Multi-year results from the Monitoring the Future survey indicate that the prevalence of marijuana use among youth declines as the percentage of youth expressing disapproval of marijuana increases.²⁴ As perception of harm of using alcohol and other drugs decreases, there is a tendency for use to increase.²⁴ Increased use is also associated with the perception that substances are readily available, regardless of whether the perception is accurate.²⁴

Sexual Behavior and Orientation

Experimentation with sexual behaviors and orientation often starts during adolescence. The high school survey asked about age of first sexual intercourse, frequency, sexual partners, sexual orientation, alcohol and drug use related to sexual intercourse, contraceptive use, and HIV testing.

- Early sexual activity and having multiple sexual partners are associated with an increased risk of unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) including HIV infection,²⁵ and negative effects on social and psychological development.²⁶ Alcohol and drug use may serve as predisposing factors for initiation of sexual activity.²⁷
- Of the nearly 19 million new cases of STDs per year in the United States, almost half are among youth ages 15-24.²⁸ STDs may result in infertility and facilitation of HIV transmission and may have an adverse effect on pregnancy outcomes and maternal and child health.²⁶ Besides abstinence, condom use is currently the most effective means of preventing sexual transmission of HIV and other STDs.²⁹
- Although many lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender adolescents lead happy and healthy lives, others face tremendous challenges to growing up physically and mentally healthy. Compared to heterosexual youth, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth are at higher risk for depression, tobacco, alcohol and other drug use, suicide, and unhealthy sexual behaviors.³⁰

Body Image

Negative feelings about weight and body image often develop in adolescence. The high school and middle school surveys included questions about weight perception and weight control. The high school survey asked for students' height and weight to calculate body mass index.

- There are more than three times as many overweight children and adolescents in the U.S. than there were in 1980.³¹ Obesity during childhood and adolescence is associated with negative psychological and social consequences and adverse health outcomes, including type 2 diabetes, obstructive sleep apnea, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and metabolic syndrome.³² Overweight and obesity acquired during childhood or adolescence may persist into adulthood.³³ Approximately 400,000 deaths a year in the United States are currently associated with overweight and obesity.²⁰

Nutrition and Physical Activity

Nutritious eating and physical activity are two cornerstones of healthy adolescent development. The high school and middle school surveys asked about breakfast consumption, physical activity, physical education classes, and television, computer, and video game use. The high school survey also asked about consumption of fruits, vegetables, soda, and sugar-sweetened beverages.

- Fruits and vegetables are good sources of complex carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals, and other substances that are important for good health. Dietary patterns with higher intakes of fruits and vegetables are associated with a variety of health benefits, including a decreased risk for some types of cancer.³⁹⁻⁴³
- In recent years, soft drink consumption has significantly increased among children and adolescents. Consumption of sugar-sweetened drinks, including soft drinks, appears to be associated with an increased risk for being overweight in children.⁴⁴⁻⁴⁵
- Regular physical activity builds and maintains healthy bones and muscles, controls weight, builds lean muscle, reduces fat, reduces feelings of depression and anxiety. It also decreases the risk of dying prematurely, dying of heart disease, and developing diabetes, colon cancer, and high blood pressure.⁴⁶ The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends that young people ages 6–17 participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day.⁴⁶
- By 12th grade, more than half of female students in the U.S. do not participate in vigorous physical activity regularly. School physical education classes can increase adolescent participation in physical activity and help adolescents develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to engage in lifelong physical activity.⁴⁷⁻⁵⁰
- Television viewing is the principal sedentary leisure time behavior in the U.S. Studies have shown that television viewing in young people is related to obesity⁵¹ and violent or aggressive behavior.⁵²⁻⁵⁴ Using the computer for fun and playing video games have become increasingly common sedentary leisure time activities among young people as well.

Measures of Youth Assets

Adolescent achievement requires sources of positive influence. The high school and middle school surveys asked about school and community connectivity as well as parental conversations about school. The high school survey asked additional questions about volunteerism and grades earned in school.

- Above-average school performance is one of many developmental assets, or factors promoting positive development. Studies have shown that students who get higher grades in school are less likely to use cigarettes, alcohol, or marijuana, and are more likely to postpone sexual intercourse.⁵⁵
- One of the strongest predictors of students' success in school is the extent to which their parents stay involved with their schoolwork.⁵⁶ A national study of adolescent health found that youth who reported a "connectedness" to their parents/family and school were the least likely to engage in risky behaviors.⁵⁷ Parental expectations regarding school achievement were also associated with lower levels of risk behaviors.⁵⁷
- Research shows that involvement in constructive, supervised extracurricular activities is associated with reduced likelihood of involvement in risky behaviors such as school failure, drug use, and delinquency.⁵⁸ In addition, evidence is emerging that students who participate in such activities are also more likely to engage in other "thriving" behaviors.⁵⁹
- Youth are not simply objects of adult efforts to modify their behaviors. Rather, if given the opportunities, they can make significant contributions to their families, schools, and communities. Adolescents, especially, need to exercise decision-making power in as many settings as is practical, so that they can develop into competent adults. Schools are a natural setting for youth to share in decisions that affect their lives.

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The Vermont Department of Health would like to acknowledge the work and effort of all the schools, teachers and students who choose to participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey each year.

Demographics

Bennington
Number of Students in Bennington County

Bennington County Total

1094

Sex	Total	%
Missing	9	0%
Female	570	52%
Male	515	47%

Grade	Total	%
Missing	7	0%
9th grade	274	25%
10th grade	273	24%
11th grade	292	26%
12th grade	248	22%

Race / Ethnicity	Total	%
Missing	23	2%
Racial or ethnic minority	138	12%
White non-Hispanic	933	85%

Mother's Level of Education	Total	%
Missing	1	0%
High school or less	295	26%
Some college	162	14%
College graduate	351	32%
Graduate or professional degree after college	189	17%
Not sure	96	8%

NOTE: The above numbers are unweighted. They represent the students who took the survey in Bennington County.

Demographics

Vermont
Number of Students in Vermont

Vermont Total

21013

Sex	Total	%
Missing	294	1%
Female	10243	48%
Male	10476	49%

Grade	Total	%
Missing	297	1%
9th grade	5627	26%
10th grade	5586	26%
11th grade	5171	24%
12th grade	4332	20%

Race / Ethnicity	Total	%
Missing	611	2%
Racial or ethnic minority	3197	15%
White non-Hispanic	17205	81%

Mother's Level of Education	Total	%
Missing	176	0%
High school or less	5495	26%
Some college	2746	13%
College graduate	6905	32%
Graduate or professional degree after college	3825	18%
Not sure	1866	8%

NOTE: The above numbers are unweighted. They represent the students who took the survey in Vermont. All other numbers represented in this report are weighted to reflect the enrolled student population.

*1 Personal Safety***1.01 Percent of students who were in a physical fight, past 12 months**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	18%	22%	
	10th	18%	20%	
	11th	13%	17%	
	12th	12%	14%	
Sex	Female	9%	12%	County statistically lower
	Male	21%	24%	
Total		15%	18%	County statistically lower

1.02 Percent of students who were in a physical fight on school property, past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	7%	10%	
	10th	7%	8%	
	11th	3%	6%	County statistically lower
	12th	.	5%	Too few students
Sex	Female	3%	4%	
	Male	6%	10%	County statistically lower
Total		4%	7%	County statistically lower

1.03 Percent of students who were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property, past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	4%	6%	
	10th	3%	6%	
	11th	.	4%	Too few students
	12th	3%	4%	
Sex	Female	3%	4%	
	Male	4%	6%	County statistically lower
Total		3%	5%	County statistically lower

*1 Personal Safety***1.04 Percent of students who carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property, past 30 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	6%	6%	
	10th	6%	7%	
	11th	7%	9%	
	12th	7%	8%	
Sex	Female	2%	4%	County statistically lower
	Male	12%	11%	
Total		7%	8%	

1.05 Percent of students who did not go to school because they felt unsafe, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	4%	7%	
	10th	6%	6%	
	11th	4%	5%	
	12th	4%	5%	
Sex	Female	5%	7%	County statistically lower
	Male	4%	4%	
Total		4%	6%	County statistically lower

*1 Personal Safety***1.06 Percent of students who reported being bullied, past 30 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	22%	23%	
	10th	18%	18%	
	11th	15%	16%	
	12th	9%	14%	County statistically lower
Sex	Female	20%	23%	
	Male	11%	12%	
Total		16%	18%	

1.07 Percent of students who reported being electronically bullied, past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	20%	20%	
	10th	19%	17%	
	11th	15%	16%	
	12th	12%	13%	
Sex	Female	21%	23%	
	Male	10%	10%	
Total		16%	16%	

NOTE: For the purposes of the Vermont YRBS, bullying was described as occurring when, on many occasions, a student or group of students say or do unpleasant things to another student to make fun of, tease, embarrass, or scare him/her, or purposefully exclude him/her. Bullying can occur before, during, or after the school day; on school property; on a school bus; or at a school-sponsored activity. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength and power argue or fight, or when teasing is done in a friendly way. Electronic bullying includes through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, or texting.

*1 Personal Safety***1.08 Percent of students who bullied someone else, past 30 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	12%	13%	
	10th	13%	11%	
	11th	10%	11%	
	12th	8%	10%	
Sex	Female	11%	11%	
	Male	9%	12%	
Total		11%	11%	

1.09 Percent of students who purposefully hurt themselves without wanting to die, past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	15%	20%	
	10th	17%	19%	
	11th	16%	17%	
	12th	10%	14%	
Sex	Female	20%	26%	County statistically lower
	Male	8%	9%	
Total		14%	17%	County statistically lower

1.10 Percent of students who felt sad or hopeless for two weeks in a row, past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	22%	24%	
	10th	28%	26%	
	11th	23%	24%	
	12th	22%	24%	
Sex	Female	32%	34%	
	Male	16%	15%	
Total		24%	24%	

*1 Personal Safety***1.11 Percent of students who made a suicide plan, past 12 months**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	14%	13%	
	10th	13%	13%	
	11th	11%	12%	
	12th	9%	10%	
Sex	Female	13%	16%	County statistically lower
	Male	10%	8%	
Total		11%	12%	

1.12 Percent of students who attempted suicide, past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	6%	7%	
	10th	7%	6%	
	11th	3%	5%	County statistically lower
	12th	3%	5%	
Sex	Female	5%	8%	County statistically lower
	Male	3%	4%	
Total		4%	6%	County statistically lower

1.13 Percent of students who attempted suicide that resulted in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that required medical treatment, past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	2%	2%	
	10th	4%	2%	
	11th	.	2%	Too few students
	12th	.	2%	Too few students
Sex	Female	3%	3%	
	Male	1%	1%	
Total		2%	2%	

*1 Personal Safety***1.14 Percent of students who dated in the past 12 months and were physically hurt by someone they were dating or going out with**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	10%	8%	
	10th	10%	9%	
	11th	11%	9%	
	12th	6%	9%	
Sex	Female	11%	11%	
	Male	7%	7%	
Total		9%	9%	

1.15 Percent of students who have ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	6%	5%	
	10th	6%	6%	
	11th	7%	7%	
	12th	8%	8%	
Sex	Female	10%	10%	
	Male	3%	3%	
Total		7%	7%	

*1 Personal Safety***1.16 Percent of students who rode with a drinking driver, past 30 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	16%	19%	
	10th	15%	20%	County statistically lower
	11th	15%	20%	County statistically lower
	12th	16%	19%	
Sex	Female	14%	20%	County statistically lower
	Male	16%	19%	
Total		16%	20%	County statistically lower

1.17 Percent of students who rode with a driver who had been smoking marijuana, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	13%	13%	
	10th	18%	20%	
	11th	26%	26%	
	12th	31%	29%	
Sex	Female	21%	22%	
	Male	24%	22%	
Total		22%	22%	

*1 Personal Safety***1.18 Percent of drivers who drove a car or other vehicle when they had been drinking alcohol, past 30 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	.	5%	Too few students
	10th	.	4%	
	11th	6%	8%	
	12th	6%	9%	
Sex	Female	3%	5%	County statistically lower
	Male	6%	9%	
Total		5%	7%	County statistically lower

1.19 Percent of drivers who drove a car or other vehicle when they had been smoking marijuana, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	5%	8%	
	10th	6%	10%	
	11th	14%	18%	
	12th	23%	20%	
Sex	Female	11%	12%	
	Male	17%	18%	
Total		14%	15%	

1.20 Percent of drivers who texted or e-mailed while driving a car or other vehicle, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	8%	10%	
	10th	23%	15%	County statistically higher
	11th	38%	40%	
	12th	52%	50%	
Sex	Female	37%	33%	
	Male	32%	33%	
Total		35%	33%	

*1 Personal Safety***1.21 Percent of students who rode a bicycle and reported never or rarely wearing a bicycle helmet, past 12 months**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	46%	48%	
	10th	55%	54%	
	11th	59%	55%	
	12th	54%	56%	
Sex	Female	47%	49%	
	Male	58%	56%	
Total		54%	53%	

1.22 The percent of students who have had a sunburn in the past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	65%	63%	
	10th	72%	65%	County statistically higher
	11th	68%	65%	
	12th	72%	67%	
Sex	Female	76%	72%	County statistically higher
	Male	62%	59%	
Total		69%	65%	County statistically higher

1.23 The percent of students who have used a tanning device such as a sunlamp, sunbed, or tanning booth in the last 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	2%	2%	
	10th	4%	3%	
	11th	3%	4%	
	12th	3%	6%	
Sex	Female	4%	5%	
	Male	2%	3%	
Total		3%	4%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use***2.01 Percent of students who ever drank alcohol other than a few sips**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	37%	37%	
	10th	54%	51%	
	11th	63%	63%	
	12th	74%	71%	
Sex	Female	58%	57%	
	Male	58%	54%	
Total		58%	56%	

2.02 Percent of students who drank alcohol, other than a few sips, before age 13

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	14%	14%	
	10th	11%	13%	
	11th	9%	12%	
	12th	7%	10%	
Sex	Female	8%	10%	
	Male	12%	14%	
Total		10%	12%	County statistically lower

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use***2.03 Percent of students who drank alcohol, past 30 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	15%	17%	
	10th	27%	26%	
	11th	31%	34%	
	12th	41%	42%	
Sex	Female	29%	30%	
	Male	29%	29%	
Total		29%	30%	

2.04 Percent of students who had five or more drinks in a row (binged), past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	6%	8%	
	10th	14%	13%	
	11th	17%	19%	
	12th	22%	24%	
Sex	Female	12%	15%	
	Male	18%	17%	
Total		15%	16%	

2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use

2.05 Among students who drank alcohol, the number of days students drank in the last 30 days

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	1 to 2 days	.	55%	Too few students
		3 to 9 days	.	33%	Too few students
		10+ days	.	11%	Too few students

	10th	1 to 2 days	59%	57%	
		3 to 9 days	34%	34%	
		10+ days	8%	9%	

	11th	1 to 2 days	58%	49%	
		3 to 9 days	35%	40%	
		10+ days	7%	11%	

	12th	1 to 2 days	43%	47%	
		3 to 9 days	44%	40%	
		10+ days	12%	13%	

Sex	Female	1 to 2 days	65%	55%	County statistically higher
		3 to 9 days	28%	36%	
		10+ days	6%	9%	

	Male	1 to 2 days	42%	47%	
		3 to 9 days	45%	38%	
		10+ days	13%	15%	

Total		1 to 2 days	54%	51%	
		3 to 9 days	37%	37%	
		10+ days	9%	12%	

NOTE: Only students who drank alcohol during the previous 30 days are included in this analysis. Previous reports included all students.

2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use

2.06 Among students who drank alcohol in the last 30 days, the greatest number of drinks consumed in one sitting

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	1 to 2 drinks	.	49%	Too few students
		3 to 4 drinks	.	19%	Too few students
		5 or more drinks	.	32%	Too few students
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	10th	1 to 2 drinks	53%	41%	County statistically higher
		3 to 4 drinks	13%	20%	
		5 or more drinks	34%	39%	
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	11th	1 to 2 drinks	29%	33%	
		3 to 4 drinks	26%	18%	
		5 or more drinks	45%	49%	
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	12th	1 to 2 drinks	31%	32%	
		3 to 4 drinks	17%	19%	
		5 or more drinks	52%	49%	
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Sex	Female	1 to 2 drinks	49%	40%	County statistically higher
		3 to 4 drinks	21%	23%	
		5 or more drinks	30%	38%	
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	Male	1 to 2 drinks	29%	33%	
		3 to 4 drinks	15%	16%	
		5 or more drinks	57%	52%	
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Total		1 to 2 drinks	39%	36%	
		3 to 4 drinks	18%	19%	
		5 or more drinks	43%	45%	

NOTE: Only students who drank alcohol during the previous 30 days are included in this analysis. Previous reports included all students.

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use***2.07 Among students who drank in the past 30 days, usual source of alcohol**

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	Bought it	.	3%	Too few students
		Gave someone money	.	12%	Too few students
		Someone gave it to me	.	36%	Too few students
		Took it / some other way	.	49%	Too few students

	10th	Bought it	.	3%	Too few students
		Gave someone money	14%	18%	
		Someone gave it to me	54%	41%	County statistically higher
		Took it / some other way	31%	37%	

	11th	Bought it	.	4%	Too few students
		Gave someone money	22%	28%	
		Someone gave it to me	46%	41%	
		Took it / some other way	29%	27%	

	12th	Bought it	8%	7%	
		Gave someone money	32%	29%	
		Someone gave it to me	41%	43%	
		Took it / some other way	19%	22%	

Sex	Female	Bought it	.	2%	Too few students
		Gave someone money	23%	24%	
		Someone gave it to me	50%	46%	
		Took it / some other way	25%	28%	

	Male	Bought it	8%	7%	
		Gave someone money	22%	24%	
		Someone gave it to me	40%	35%	
		Took it / some other way	30%	34%	

Total	Bought it		5%	5%	
	Gave someone money		23%	24%	
	Someone gave it to me		45%	40%	
	Took it / some other way		28%	31%	

2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use

2.08 Among students who drank in the past 30 days, the location where students typically consumed alcohol

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	At my home	.	46%	Too few students
		At another persons home	.	43%	Too few students
		At a public place or event	.	12%	Too few students

	10th	At my home	29%	37%	
		At another persons home	67%	53%	County statistically higher
		At a public place or event	.	10%	Too few students

	11th	At my home	28%	32%	
		At another persons home	65%	58%	
		At a public place or event	7%	9%	

	12th	At my home	33%	30%	
		At another persons home	63%	60%	
		At a public place or event	.	10%	Too few students

Sex	Female	At my home	32%	34%	
		At another persons home	64%	58%	
		At a public place or event	4%	8%	

	Male	At my home	30%	34%	
		At another persons home	63%	53%	County statistically higher
		At a public place or event	7%	13%	County statistically lower

Total	At my home		31%	34%	
	At another persons home		64%	55%	County statistically higher
	At a public place or event		5%	10%	County statistically lower

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use***2.09 Percent of students who have ever smoked a whole cigarette**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	15%	14%	
	10th	17%	18%	
	11th	20%	24%	
	12th	30%	28%	
Sex	Female	19%	19%	
	Male	23%	23%	
Total		21%	21%	

2.10 Percent of students who smoked a whole cigarette before age 13

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	5%	6%	
	10th	8%	6%	
	11th	3%	6%	County statistically lower
	12th	6%	6%	
Sex	Female	5%	5%	
	Male	6%	7%	
Total		5%	6%	

2.11 Percent of students who smoked cigarettes, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	7%	7%	
	10th	9%	9%	
	11th	9%	12%	
	12th	14%	14%	
Sex	Female	9%	10%	
	Male	11%	12%	
Total		10%	11%	

2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use

2.12 Among students who smoked cigarettes in the past month, number of days students smoked

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	1 to 2 days	.	35%	Too few students
		3 to 9 days	.	26%	Too few students
		10+ days	.	39%	Too few students

	10th	1 to 2 days	.	31%	Too few students
		3 to 9 days	.	25%	Too few students
		10+ days	.	44%	Too few students

	11th	1 to 2 days	.	29%	Too few students
		3 to 9 days	.	23%	Too few students
		10+ days	.	48%	Too few students

	12th	1 to 2 days	.	26%	Too few students
		3 to 9 days	.	19%	Too few students
		10+ days	.	55%	Too few students

Sex	Female	1 to 2 days	38%	32%	
		3 to 9 days	17%	23%	
		10+ days	46%	44%	

	Male	1 to 2 days	37%	26%	
		3 to 9 days	21%	22%	
		10+ days	42%	52%	

Total		1 to 2 days	37%	29%	
		3 to 9 days	18%	22%	
		10+ days	44%	49%	

NOTE: Only students who smoked cigarettes during the previous 30 days are included in this analysis. Previous reports included all students.

2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use

2.13 Among students who smoked cigarettes in the past month, the amount of cigarettes smoked on days smoked

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	1 cigarette or less	.	51%	Too few students
		2 to 10 cigarettes	.	39%	Too few students
		11 or more cigarettes	.	10%	Too few students

	10th	1 cigarette or less	.	45%	Too few students
		2 to 10 cigarettes	.	45%	Too few students
		11 or more cigarettes	.	10%	Too few students

	11th	1 cigarette or less	.	43%	Too few students
		2 to 10 cigarettes	.	48%	Too few students
		11 or more cigarettes	.	9%	Too few students

	12th	1 cigarette or less	.	42%	Too few students
		2 to 10 cigarettes	.	45%	Too few students
		11 or more cigarettes	.	13%	Too few students

Sex	Female	1 cigarette or less	38%	47%	
		2 to 10 cigarettes	57%	44%	
		11 or more cigarettes	.	9%	Too few students

	Male	1 cigarette or less	56%	42%	County statistically higher
		2 to 10 cigarettes	36%	45%	
		11 or more cigarettes	.	13%	Too few students

Total	1 cigarette or less		47%	44%	
	2 to 10 cigarettes		45%	44%	
	11 or more cigarettes		8%	12%	

NOTE: Only students who smoked cigarettes during the previous 30 days are included in this analysis. Previous reports included all students.

2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use

2.14 Among students who smoked cigarettes in the past month and were under age 18, how they obtained cigarettes

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes	
Grade	9th	Bought them	.	5%	Too few students
		Someone else bought them	.	27%	Too few students
		Borrowed/bummed them	.	37%	Too few students
		Took them / some other way	.	31%	Too few students

	10th	Bought them	.	7%	Too few students
		Someone else bought them	.	26%	Too few students
		Borrowed/bummed them	.	41%	Too few students
		Took them / some other way	.	26%	Too few students

	11th	Bought them	.	12%	Too few students
		Someone else bought them	.	31%	Too few students
		Borrowed/bummed them	.	39%	Too few students
		Took them / some other way	.	17%	Too few students

	12th	Bought them	.	14%	Too few students
		Someone else bought them	.	32%	Too few students
		Borrowed/bummed them	.	41%	Too few students
		Took them / some other way	.	14%	Too few students

Sex	Female	Bought them	.	6%	Too few students
		Someone else bought them	.	30%	Too few students
		Borrowed/bummed them	.	45%	Too few students
		Took them / some other way	.	19%	Too few students

	Male	Bought them	.	14%	Too few students
		Someone else bought them	.	28%	Too few students
		Borrowed/bummed them	.	34%	Too few students
		Took them / some other way	.	24%	Too few students

Total		Bought them	6%	10%	
		Someone else bought them	27%	29%	
		Borrowed/bummed them	47%	39%	
		Took them / some other way	20%	22%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use***2.15 Among current smokers, the percent of smokers who tried to quit smoking, past 12 months**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	.	45%	Too few students
	10th	.	46%	Too few students
	11th	.	44%	Too few students
	12th	.	39%	Too few students
Sex	Female	.	43%	Too few students
	Male	39%	41%	
Total		44%	42%	

2.16 Percent of students who have ever used electronic vapor products such as e-cigarettes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, and hookah pens.

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	18%	18%	
	10th	31%	28%	
	11th	39%	35%	
	12th	49%	39%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	32%	27%	County statistically higher
	Male	38%	33%	County statistically higher
Total		35%	30%	County statistically higher

2.17 Percent of students who have used electronic vapor products, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	9%	10%	
	10th	20%	14%	County statistically higher
	11th	16%	17%	
	12th	23%	19%	
Sex	Female	14%	13%	
	Male	20%	18%	
Total		17%	15%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use***2.18 Percent of students who have ever tried a flavored tobacco product**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	13%	15%	
	10th	20%	21%	
	11th	24%	29%	
	12th	31%	32%	
Sex	Female	18%	20%	
	Male	27%	28%	
Total		22%	24%	

2.19 Percent of students who tried a flavored tobacco product before age 13

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	6%	6%	
	10th	5%	5%	
	11th	3%	6%	County statistically lower
	12th	3%	5%	
Sex	Female	3%	4%	
	Male	6%	7%	
Total		4%	6%	County statistically lower

NOTE: Flavored tobacco products include any tobacco product flavored to taste like menthol (mint), clove, spice, alcohol (wine or cognac), candy, fruit, chocolate, or other sweets.

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use***2.20 Percent of students who used smokeless tobacco such as snuff or dip, past 30 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	3%	5%	County statistically lower
	10th	4%	6%	
	11th	6%	8%	
	12th	5%	8%	
Sex	Female	1%	3%	County statistically lower
	Male	8%	11%	
Total		4%	7%	County statistically lower

2.21 Percent of students who smoked cigars or little cigars, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	4%	5%	
	10th	5%	8%	
	11th	11%	12%	
	12th	16%	16%	
Sex	Female	5%	6%	
	Male	14%	14%	
Total		10%	10%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use***2.22 Percent of students who smoked cigarettes, cigars or little cigars, or used smokeless tobacco, during the past 30 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	10%	11%	
	10th	13%	15%	
	11th	18%	21%	
	12th	24%	25%	
Sex	Female	12%	13%	
	Male	21%	23%	
Total		17%	18%	

2.23 Percent of students who smoked cigarettes, cigars or little cigars, used smokeless tobacco, or electronic vapor products during the past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	14%	16%	
	10th	26%	22%	
	11th	25%	28%	
	12th	32%	32%	
Sex	Female	21%	20%	
	Male	28%	29%	
Total		24%	25%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use***2.24 Percent of students who have ever tried marijuana**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	25%	22%	
	10th	38%	32%	
	11th	47%	44%	
	12th	51%	49%	
Sex	Female	38%	36%	
	Male	43%	38%	County statistically higher
Total		41%	37%	County statistically higher

2.25 Percent of students who used marijuana before age 13

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	6%	6%	
	10th	6%	6%	
	11th	6%	7%	
	12th	8%	6%	
Sex	Female	5%	5%	
	Male	8%	8%	
Total		6%	6%	

2.26 Percent of students who used marijuana, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	15%	13%	
	10th	23%	20%	
	11th	29%	27%	
	12th	29%	29%	
Sex	Female	22%	21%	
	Male	27%	24%	
Total		24%	22%	

2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use

2.27 Among those who currently use marijuana, the number of times reported using marijuana, in the last month

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	1 to 2 times	.	36%	Too few students
		3 to 9 times	.	24%	Too few students
		10+ times	.	40%	Too few students

	10th	1 to 2 times	32%	32%	
		3 to 9 times	23%	26%	
		10+ times	46%	42%	

	11th	1 to 2 times	33%	30%	
		3 to 9 times	18%	24%	
		10+ times	49%	46%	

	12th	1 to 2 times	25%	29%	
		3 to 9 times	15%	23%	
		10+ times	60%	48%	County statistically higher

Sex	Female	1 to 2 times	37%	37%	
		3 to 9 times	26%	26%	
		10+ times	37%	37%	

	Male	1 to 2 times	25%	26%	
		3 to 9 times	15%	23%	County statistically lower
		10+ times	60%	52%	

Total		1 to 2 times	30%	31%	
		3 to 9 times	20%	24%	
		10+ times	49%	45%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use***2.28 Percent of students who ever misused a stimulant or prescription pain reliever**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	7%	8%	
	10th	12%	10%	
	11th	15%	13%	
	12th	18%	14%	
Sex	Female	12%	11%	
	Male	14%	12%	
Total		13%	11%	

2.29 Percent of students who misused a stimulant or prescription pain reliever in the past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	4%	4%	
	10th	4%	4%	
	11th	7%	5%	
	12th	6%	6%	
Sex	Female	5%	4%	
	Male	7%	5%	
Total		5%	5%	

2.30 Percent of students who ever used cocaine

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	.	3%	Too few students
	10th	3%	4%	
	11th	4%	5%	
	12th	7%	7%	
Sex	Female	3%	4%	
	Male	6%	6%	
Total		4%	5%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Use***2.31 Percent of students who ever used inhalants**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	5%	7%	
	10th	8%	6%	
	11th	6%	7%	
	12th	3%	5%	
Sex	Female	6%	6%	
	Male	6%	7%	
Total		6%	7%	

2.32 Percent of students who ever used methamphetamines

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	.	2%	Too few students
	10th	2%	2%	
	11th	3%	3%	
	12th	.	3%	Too few students
Sex	Female	1%	2%	
	Male	3%	3%	
Total		2%	3%	

2.33 Percent of students who ever used heroin

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	.	2%	Too few students
	10th	.	2%	Too few students
	11th	2%	2%	
	12th	.	3%	Too few students
Sex	Female	1%	1%	
	Male	2%	3%	
Total		2%	2%	

3 Attitudes and Perceptions about Alcohol, Cigarette, and Marijuana Use _____

3.01 Percent of students who were in the same room as someone smoking, past 7 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	36%	34%	
	10th	34%	36%	
	11th	37%	39%	
	12th	34%	38%	
Sex	Female	36%	37%	
	Male	35%	37%	
Total		35%	37%	

3.02 Percent of students who were in the same car as someone smoking, past 7 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	24%	25%	
	10th	27%	27%	
	11th	28%	28%	
	12th	28%	28%	
Sex	Female	28%	28%	
	Male	25%	27%	
Total		26%	27%	

3 Attitudes and Perceptions about Alcohol, Cigarette, and Marijuana Use _____

3.03 Frequency in which students see advertisements for tobacco when they are in a grocery store, gas station, or convenience store.

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	Never or rarely	20%	19%	
		Sometimes	25%	27%	
		At least most of the time	55%	54%	

	10th	Never or rarely	17%	19%	
		Sometimes	30%	27%	
		At least most of the time	53%	53%	

	11th	Never or rarely	17%	21%	
		Sometimes	23%	28%	
		At least most of the time	60%	52%	County statistically higher

	12th	Never or rarely	19%	22%	
		Sometimes	26%	28%	
		At least most of the time	55%	50%	

Sex	Female	Never or rarely	17%	19%	
		Sometimes	27%	28%	
		At least most of the time	57%	53%	

	Male	Never or rarely	20%	22%	
		Sometimes	24%	26%	
		At least most of the time	55%	51%	

Total	Never or rarely		19%	21%	
	Sometimes		26%	27%	
	At least most of the time		56%	52%	County statistically higher

3 Attitudes and Perceptions about Alcohol, Cigarette, and Marijuana Use

In 2015, 11% of Vermont high school students reported smoking cigarettes in the last 30 days and 22% of students reported using marijuana during that same time period. Students were asked about their perceptions on how many students smoke and use marijuana.

3.04 Out of 100 high school students, the number thought to smoke cigarettes

	Bennington	Vermont	Notes
15 or less students	16%	19%	County statistically lower
16 to 25 students	28%	29%	
26 to 45 students	26%	24%	
46 to 55 students	16%	14%	
56 to 75 students	8%	8%	
76 or more students	6%	7%	

3.05 Out of 100 high school students, the number thought to use marijuana

	Bennington	Vermont	Notes
15 or less students	7%	8%	
16 to 25 students	11%	13%	County statistically lower
26 to 45 students	19%	21%	
46 to 55 students	22%	21%	
56 to 75 students	26%	20%	County statistically higher
76 or more students	16%	16%	

3 Attitudes and Perceptions about Alcohol, Cigarette, and Marijuana Use _____

3.06 Percent of students who think their parents think it is wrong for them to smoke cigarettes

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	96%	94%	
	10th	94%	93%	
	11th	91%	92%	
	12th	87%	87%	
Sex	Female	93%	93%	
	Male	91%	90%	
Total		92%	91%	

3.07 Percent of students who think their parents think it is wrong for them to drink alcohol

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	88%	84%	
	10th	82%	78%	
	11th	73%	70%	
	12th	56%	57%	
Sex	Female	78%	74%	County statistically higher
	Male	70%	70%	
Total		74%	72%	

3.08 Percent of students who think their parents think it is wrong for them to smoke marijuana

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	89%	87%	
	10th	83%	82%	
	11th	78%	78%	
	12th	69%	74%	
Sex	Female	83%	82%	
	Male	76%	79%	
Total		79%	80%	

3 Attitudes and Perceptions about Alcohol, Cigarette, and Marijuana Use _____

3.09 Percent of students who think it is wrong for someone their age to smoke cigarettes

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	87%	87%	
	10th	85%	84%	
	11th	79%	77%	
	12th	71%	67%	
Sex	Female	83%	80%	
	Male	76%	77%	
Total		80%	78%	

3.10 Percent of students who think it is wrong for someone their age to drink alcohol

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	72%	70%	
	10th	61%	58%	
	11th	48%	47%	
	12th	36%	38%	
Sex	Female	56%	54%	
	Male	51%	53%	
Total		53%	53%	

3.11 Percent of students who think it is wrong for someone their age to smoke marijuana

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	71%	70%	
	10th	59%	59%	
	11th	49%	51%	
	12th	39%	44%	
Sex	Female	56%	57%	
	Male	51%	55%	
Total		54%	56%	

3 Attitudes and Perceptions about Alcohol, Cigarette, and Marijuana Use

3.12 Percent of students who think people their age risk harming themselves if they smoke a pack of cigarettes a day

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	63%	62%	
	10th	70%	66%	
	11th	72%	66%	County statistically higher
	12th	72%	66%	
Sex	Female	72%	67%	County statistically higher
	Male	67%	63%	County statistically higher
Total		69%	65%	County statistically higher

3.13 Percent of students who think people their age risk harming themselves if they binge drink on weekends

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	43%	42%	
	10th	40%	40%	
	11th	40%	36%	
	12th	35%	35%	
Sex	Female	46%	43%	
	Male	32%	33%	
Total		39%	38%	

3.14 Percent of students who think people their age risk harming themselves if they smoke marijuana regularly

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	37%	35%	
	10th	27%	29%	
	11th	20%	22%	
	12th	21%	21%	
Sex	Female	28%	30%	
	Male	23%	24%	
Total		26%	27%	

3 Attitudes and Perceptions about Alcohol, Cigarette, and Marijuana Use _____

3.15 Percent of students who think it would be easy to get cigarettes

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	40%	44%	
	10th	57%	55%	
	11th	63%	64%	
	12th	83%	80%	
Sex	Female	59%	57%	
	Male	65%	64%	
Total		61%	61%	

3.16 Percent of students who think it would be easy to get alcohol

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	52%	60%	County statistically lower
	10th	61%	68%	County statistically lower
	11th	74%	74%	
	12th	78%	75%	
Sex	Female	68%	71%	
	Male	67%	68%	
Total		67%	69%	

3.17 Percent of students who think it would be easy to get marijuana

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	49%	46%	
	10th	63%	60%	
	11th	70%	69%	
	12th	79%	74%	
Sex	Female	66%	60%	County statistically higher
	Male	66%	65%	
Total		66%	62%	County statistically higher

3 Attitudes and Perceptions about Alcohol, Cigarette, and Marijuana Use

3.18 Percent of students who were asked if they smoked by a health care provider, past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	49%	44%	
	10th	55%	50%	
	11th	62%	57%	
	12th	59%	60%	
Sex	Female	59%	56%	
	Male	54%	50%	
Total		57%	53%	County statistically higher

3.19 Percent of students who think it is likely or very likely that a party where students from their high school were drinking alcohol would be broken up by police

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	44%	36%	County statistically higher
	10th	35%	30%	
	11th	35%	27%	County statistically higher
	12th	27%	24%	
Sex	Female	34%	29%	County statistically higher
	Male	36%	29%	County statistically higher
Total		35%	29%	County statistically higher

3.20 Percent of students who were offered, sold or given an illegal drug on school property, past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	15%	15%	
	10th	18%	19%	
	11th	17%	20%	
	12th	12%	18%	County statistically lower
Sex	Female	11%	15%	County statistically lower
	Male	20%	21%	
Total		15%	18%	County statistically lower

*4 Sexual Behavior and Orientation***4.01 Sexual orientation**

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	Heterosexual (straight)	90%	88%	
		Gay or lesbian	.	2%	Too few students
		Bisexual	5%	6%	
		Not sure	4%	5%	

	10th	Heterosexual (straight)	94%	89%	County statistically higher
		Gay or lesbian	.	2%	Too few students
		Bisexual	4%	6%	
		Not sure	2%	4%	

	11th	Heterosexual (straight)	91%	88%	
		Gay or lesbian	2%	2%	
		Bisexual	5%	6%	
		Not sure	2%	4%	

	12th	Heterosexual (straight)	90%	88%	
		Gay or lesbian	2%	2%	
		Bisexual	3%	6%	County statistically lower
		Not sure	4%	4%	

Sex	Female	Heterosexual (straight)	87%	84%	County statistically higher
		Gay or lesbian	2%	2%	
		Bisexual	7%	10%	County statistically lower
		Not sure	4%	5%	

	Male	Heterosexual (straight)	96%	92%	County statistically higher
		Gay or lesbian	.	2%	Too few students
		Bisexual	1%	3%	County statistically lower
		Not sure	2%	4%	

Total		Heterosexual (straight)	91%	88%	County statistically higher
		Gay or lesbian	1%	2%	
		Bisexual	4%	6%	County statistically lower
		Not sure	3%	4%	

*4 Sexual Behavior and Orientation***4.02 Percent of students who have ever had sexual intercourse**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	18%	18%	
	10th	33%	33%	
	11th	46%	49%	
	12th	69%	62%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	40%	40%	
	Male	44%	41%	
Total		42%	41%	

4.03 Percent of students who have ever had oral sex

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	19%	21%	
	10th	39%	37%	
	11th	51%	50%	
	12th	67%	60%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	43%	41%	
	Male	48%	42%	County statistically higher
Total		45%	42%	County statistically higher

4.04 Percent of students who had sexual intercourse before age 13

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	2%	3%	
	10th	3%	3%	
	11th	.	3%	Too few students
	12th	2%	4%	
Sex	Female	2%	2%	
	Male	2%	4%	County statistically lower
Total		2%	3%	County statistically lower

*4 Sexual Behavior and Orientation***4.05 Percent of students who have had sexual intercourse with four or more people**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	3%	3%	
	10th	6%	6%	
	11th	13%	11%	
	12th	15%	19%	
Sex	Female	10%	9%	
	Male	10%	10%	
Total		10%	10%	

4.06 Percent of students who have ever been tested for HIV

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	5%	7%	
	10th	8%	8%	
	11th	10%	12%	
	12th	13%	14%	
Sex	Female	11%	11%	
	Male	8%	9%	
Total		9%	10%	

*4 Sexual Behavior and Orientation***4.07 Percent of students who had sex at least once in the past 3 months (currently sexually active)**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	10%	12%	
	10th	24%	24%	
	11th	37%	38%	
	12th	57%	49%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	33%	33%	
	Male	33%	30%	
Total		33%	31%	

4.08 Of sexually active students, percent who used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sex

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	.	18%	Too few students
	10th	21%	19%	
	11th	21%	18%	
	12th	16%	18%	
Sex	Female	17%	15%	
	Male	20%	22%	
Total		18%	19%	

4.09 Of sexually active students, percent who used condoms the last time they had sex

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	.	65%	Too few students
	10th	71%	65%	
	11th	60%	58%	
	12th	56%	54%	
Sex	Female	57%	55%	
	Male	63%	62%	
Total		60%	58%	

*4 Sexual Behavior and Orientation***4.10 Of sexually active students, percent who used prescription birth control the last time they had sex.**

Birth control included using prescription birth control pills, shot, patch, ring, or IUD

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	.	28%	Too few students
	10th	41%	39%	
	11th	42%	49%	
	12th	48%	54%	
Sex	Female	50%	55%	
	Male	35%	38%	
Total		43%	47%	

4.11 Of sexually active students, those who used either a condom or prescription birth control the last time they had sex

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	.	80%	Too few students
	10th	88%	87%	
	11th	85%	88%	
	12th	85%	87%	
Sex	Female	84%	88%	
	Male	84%	86%	
Total		84%	87%	

4 Sexual Behavior and Orientation

4.12 Of sexually active students, methods used to prevent pregnancy used the last time they had sex

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	No method was used	.	12%	Too few students
		Birth control pills	.	19%	Too few students
		Condoms	.	50%	Too few students
		IUD or implant	.	4%	Too few students
		Shot/patch/birth control ring	.	5%	Too few students
		Withdrawal/other method	.	8%	Too few students
		Not sure	.	3%	Too few students

	10th	No method was used	11%	7%	
		Birth control pills	30%	28%	
		Condoms	46%	46%	
		IUD or implant	.	5%	Too few students
		Shot/patch/birth control ring	.	6%	Too few students
		Withdrawal/other method	.	6%	Too few students
		Not sure	.	2%	Too few students

	11th	No method was used	9%	6%	
		Birth control pills	33%	37%	
		Condoms	41%	37%	
		IUD or implant	.	7%	Too few students
		Shot/patch/birth control ring	6%	6%	
		Withdrawal/other method	7%	6%	
		Not sure	.	1%	Too few students

	12th	No method was used	8%	7%	
		Birth control pills	38%	40%	
		Condoms	37%	32%	
		IUD or implant	5%	7%	
		Shot/patch/birth control ring	5%	7%	
		Withdrawal/other method	7%	6%	
		Not sure	.	2%	Too few students

4 Sexual Behavior and Orientation

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes	
Sex	Female	No method was used	14%	7%	County statistically higher	
		Birth control pills	37%	39%		
		Condoms	34%	31%		
		IUD or implant	6%	8%		
		Shot/patch/birth control ring	7%	8%		
		Withdrawal/other method	.	5%		Too few students
		Not sure	.	1%		Too few students

	Male	No method was used	5%	7%		
		Birth control pills	28%	30%		
		Condoms	47%	45%		
		IUD or implant	4%	4%		
		Shot/patch/birth control ring	.	4%		Too few students
		Withdrawal/other method	11%	7%		
		Not sure	.	3%		Too few students

Total		No method was used	9%	7%		
		Birth control pills	33%	35%		
		Condoms	41%	38%		
		IUD or implant	5%	6%		
		Shot/patch/birth control ring	5%	6%		
		Withdrawal/other method	6%	6%		
		Not sure	.	2%		Too few students

Cont. Of sexually active students, methods used to prevent pregnancy used the last time they had sex

*4 Sexual Behavior and Orientation***4.13 Sexual identity of sexual contacts**

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Sex	Female	Have not had sex	43%	45%	
		Same sex	2%	1%	
		Opposite sex	49%	46%	
		Both sexes	6%	7%	

	Male	Have not had sex	41%	43%	
		Same sex	.	1%	Too few students
		Opposite sex	57%	53%	
		Both sexes	2%	2%	

Total	Have not had sex		42%	44%	
	Same sex		1%	1%	
	Opposite sex		53%	50%	
	Both sexes		4%	5%	

*5 Body Image***5.01 The percent of students who are overweight (85th to <95th BMI percentile)**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	15%	15%	
	10th	13%	14%	
	11th	15%	14%	
	12th	14%	13%	
Sex	Female	16%	14%	
	Male	12%	14%	
Total		14%	14%	

5.02 The percent of students who are obese (>=95th BMI percentile)

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	13%	12%	
	10th	10%	13%	
	11th	13%	12%	
	12th	10%	12%	
Sex	Female	9%	9%	
	Male	14%	16%	
Total		12%	12%	

NOTE: BMI = body mass index; For youth, BMI is age- and sex-specific. It is expressed by a percentile based on weight and height.

5 Body Image

5.03 Perceptions of weight

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	Underweight	17%	15%	
		About the right weight	53%	56%	
		Overweight	30%	29%	

	10th	Underweight	13%	13%	
		About the right weight	54%	55%	
		Overweight	33%	32%	

	11th	Underweight	12%	13%	
		About the right weight	52%	55%	
		Overweight	36%	31%	

	12th	Underweight	11%	13%	
		About the right weight	60%	55%	
		Overweight	29%	32%	

Sex	Female	Underweight	9%	10%	
		About the right weight	53%	54%	
		Overweight	38%	36%	

	Male	Underweight	18%	17%	
		About the right weight	57%	57%	
		Overweight	25%	26%	

Total	Underweight		13%	14%	
	About the right weight		55%	55%	
	Overweight		32%	31%	

5 Body Image

5.04 Students who are trying to do something about their weight

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	Lose weight	44%	41%	
		Gain weight	14%	12%	
		Stay the same weight /do nothing	42%	47%	

	10th	Lose weight	47%	43%	
		Gain weight	13%	13%	
		Stay the same weight /do nothing	40%	44%	

	11th	Lose weight	45%	42%	
		Gain weight	14%	14%	
		Stay the same weight /do nothing	42%	44%	

	12th	Lose weight	38%	42%	
		Gain weight	12%	15%	
		Stay the same weight /do nothing	50%	42%	County statistically higher

Sex	Female	Lose weight	57%	56%	
		Gain weight	3%	4%	
		Stay the same weight /do nothing	40%	40%	

	Male	Lose weight	28%	28%	
		Gain weight	24%	23%	
		Stay the same weight /do nothing	48%	49%	

Total		Lose weight	43%	42%	
		Gain weight	13%	14%	
		Stay the same weight /do nothing	44%	44%	

*6 Nutrition and Physical Activity***6.01 Hours spent per school day watching TV, playing video games or using the computer for fun.**

In 2015, the definition of screen time was expanded. Caution should be taken when making comparisons to previous years.

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	Less than 1 hour	14%	14%	
		1 to 2 hours	36%	36%	
		3 to 4 hours	31%	33%	
		5+ hours	19%	18%	

	10th	Less than 1 hour	15%	14%	
		1 to 2 hours	38%	36%	
		3 to 4 hours	32%	32%	
		5+ hours	16%	18%	

	11th	Less than 1 hour	14%	15%	
		1 to 2 hours	40%	38%	
		3 to 4 hours	35%	32%	
		5+ hours	11%	16%	County statistically lower

	12th	Less than 1 hour	17%	16%	
		1 to 2 hours	44%	36%	County statistically higher
		3 to 4 hours	28%	32%	
		5+ hours	11%	17%	County statistically lower

Sex	Female	Less than 1 hour	16%	15%	
		1 to 2 hours	41%	37%	County statistically higher
		3 to 4 hours	29%	32%	
		5+ hours	14%	16%	

	Male	Less than 1 hour	14%	14%	
		1 to 2 hours	38%	36%	
		3 to 4 hours	35%	32%	
		5+ hours	13%	18%	County statistically lower

Total		Less than 1 hour	15%	15%	
		1 to 2 hours	40%	36%	County statistically higher
		3 to 4 hours	32%	32%	
		5+ hours	14%	17%	County statistically lower

6 Nutrition and Physical Activity

6.02 The number of days students participated in at least 60 minutes of physical activity during the past 7 days

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	0 days	13%	11%	
		1 to 2 days	16%	16%	
		3 to 6 days	42%	47%	
		Everyday	29%	25%	

	10th	0 days	12%	13%	
		1 to 2 days	17%	15%	
		3 to 6 days	43%	47%	
		Everyday	28%	24%	

	11th	0 days	16%	15%	
		1 to 2 days	18%	17%	
		3 to 6 days	44%	45%	
		Everyday	22%	22%	

	12th	0 days	19%	17%	
		1 to 2 days	14%	18%	
		3 to 6 days	44%	44%	
		Everyday	23%	21%	

Sex	Female	0 days	17%	17%	
		1 to 2 days	20%	20%	
		3 to 6 days	45%	48%	
		Everyday	19%	16%	

	Male	0 days	13%	12%	
		1 to 2 days	12%	14%	
		3 to 6 days	41%	44%	
		Everyday	33%	30%	

Total	0 days		16%	14%	
	1 to 2 days		16%	17%	
	3 to 6 days		43%	46%	
	Everyday		25%	23%	

*6 Nutrition and Physical Activity***6.03 The percent of students who ate fruits and vegetables 5 or more times per day, past 7 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	21%	23%	
	10th	24%	23%	
	11th	23%	23%	
	12th	26%	24%	
Sex	Female	21%	22%	
	Male	25%	25%	
Total		23%	24%	

6.04 The percent of students who ate fruits or fruit juice 2 or more times per day, past 7 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	32%	34%	
	10th	30%	34%	
	11th	32%	34%	
	12th	35%	35%	
Sex	Female	31%	33%	
	Male	34%	35%	
Total		33%	34%	

6.05 The percent of students who ate vegetables 3 or more times per day, past 7 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	15%	17%	
	10th	18%	17%	
	11th	18%	18%	
	12th	21%	19%	
Sex	Female	17%	17%	
	Male	19%	19%	
Total		18%	18%	

*6 Nutrition and Physical Activity***6.06 The percent of students who did not eat any fruit or fruit juice, past 7 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	4%	5%	
	10th	7%	4%	
	11th	3%	4%	
	12th	4%	4%	
Sex	Female	4%	3%	
	Male	5%	5%	
Total		4%	4%	

6.07 The percent of students who did not any eat vegetables, past 7 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	6%	5%	
	10th	7%	4%	County statistically higher
	11th	4%	4%	
	12th	4%	4%	
Sex	Female	3%	3%	
	Male	8%	6%	County statistically higher
Total		5%	4%	

6 Nutrition and Physical Activity

6.08 The number of days students ate breakfast during the past 7 days

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	Never	16%	11%	County statistically higher
		1 to 3 days	25%	25%	
		4 to 6 days	15%	22%	County statistically lower
		Everyday	44%	42%	

	10th	Never	13%	11%	County statistically higher
		1 to 3 days	30%	24%	
		4 to 6 days	18%	24%	County statistically lower
		Everyday	38%	41%	

	11th	Never	14%	10%	County statistically higher
		1 to 3 days	27%	25%	
		4 to 6 days	23%	24%	County statistically lower
		Everyday	36%	40%	

	12th	Never	11%	11%	County statistically higher
		1 to 3 days	23%	25%	
		4 to 6 days	23%	25%	County statistically lower
		Everyday	42%	39%	

Sex	Female	Never	12%	11%	County statistically higher
		1 to 3 days	27%	27%	
		4 to 6 days	21%	24%	County statistically lower
		Everyday	40%	38%	

	Male	Never	15%	11%	County statistically higher
		1 to 3 days	25%	23%	
		4 to 6 days	19%	23%	County statistically lower
		Everyday	41%	43%	

Total		Never	13%	11%	County statistically higher
		1 to 3 days	27%	25%	
		4 to 6 days	20%	24%	County statistically lower
		Everyday	40%	40%	

6 Nutrition and Physical Activity

6.09 The number of glasses of water students drank yesterday

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	None	9%	9%	
		1 to 3 glasses	62%	60%	
		4+ glasses	29%	32%	

	10th	None	12%	8%	
		1 to 3 glasses	58%	58%	
		4+ glasses	30%	34%	

	11th	None	6%	8%	
		1 to 3 glasses	64%	60%	
		4+ glasses	30%	32%	

	12th	None	7%	9%	
		1 to 3 glasses	53%	57%	
		4+ glasses	40%	34%	

Sex	Female	None	7%	8%	
		1 to 3 glasses	63%	62%	
		4+ glasses	30%	31%	

	Male	None	10%	9%	
		1 to 3 glasses	55%	56%	
		4+ glasses	35%	35%	

Total	None		8%	9%	
	1 to 3 glasses		59%	59%	
	4+ glasses		32%	33%	

6 Nutrition and Physical Activity

6.10 Amount of soda students drank during the past 7 days

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	None	28%	32%	
		At least once during the past week	57%	54%	
		At least once per day	14%	14%	

	10th	None	28%	33%	
		At least once during the past week	60%	53%	County statistically higher
		At least once per day	12%	14%	

	11th	None	37%	33%	
		At least once during the past week	48%	51%	
		At least once per day	15%	15%	

	12th	None	44%	36%	County statistically higher
		At least once during the past week	46%	49%	
		At least once per day	11%	15%	

Sex	Female	None	43%	42%	
		At least once during the past week	47%	48%	
		At least once per day	10%	9%	

	Male	None	25%	25%	
		At least once during the past week	58%	55%	
		At least once per day	17%	20%	

Total	None		35%	33%	
	At least once during the past week		52%	52%	
	At least once per day		13%	15%	

6 Nutrition and Physical Activity

6.11 The amount of sugar-sweetened beverages (not including soda) students drank during past 7 days

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	None	26%	25%	
		At least once during the past week	61%	61%	
		At least once per day	14%	14%	

	10th	None	25%	25%	
		At least once during the past week	57%	59%	
		At least once per day	19%	15%	

	11th	None	24%	26%	
		At least once during the past week	57%	59%	
		At least once per day	19%	16%	

	12th	None	28%	29%	
		At least once during the past week	56%	57%	
		At least once per day	16%	15%	

Sex	Female	None	28%	30%	
		At least once during the past week	58%	59%	
		At least once per day	14%	11%	County statistically higher

	Male	None	22%	22%	
		At least once during the past week	58%	58%	
		At least once per day	20%	19%	

Total	None		26%	26%	
	At least once during the past week		57%	59%	
	At least once per day		17%	15%	

7 Youth Assets

7.01 Typical grades in the past 12 months, as reported by students

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	Mostly As or Bs	80%	76%	
		Mostly Cs	11%	13%	
		Mostly Ds or Fs	3%	4%	
		Other / Not sure	6%	7%	

	10th	Mostly As or Bs	74%	77%	
		Mostly Cs	19%	14%	County statistically higher
		Mostly Ds or Fs	4%	4%	
		Other / Not sure	4%	5%	

	11th	Mostly As or Bs	79%	80%	
		Mostly Cs	13%	13%	
		Mostly Ds or Fs	4%	3%	
		Other / Not sure	4%	4%	

	12th	Mostly As or Bs	88%	83%	County statistically higher
		Mostly Cs	6%	11%	County statistically lower
		Mostly Ds or Fs	2%	2%	
		Other / Not sure	3%	4%	

Sex	Female	Mostly As or Bs	85%	84%	
		Mostly Cs	9%	9%	
		Mostly Ds or Fs	3%	3%	
		Other / Not sure	3%	4%	

	Male	Mostly As or Bs	75%	74%	
		Mostly Cs	15%	16%	
		Mostly Ds or Fs	4%	4%	
		Other / Not sure	6%	6%	

Total		Mostly As or Bs	80%	79%	
		Mostly Cs	12%	13%	
		Mostly Ds or Fs	3%	3%	
		Other / Not sure	4%	5%	

7 Youth Assets

7.02 The percent of students participating in extracurricular activities, hours per week

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	0 hours	31%	32%	
		1 to 4 hours	28%	30%	
		5 to 9 hours	18%	17%	
		10 or more hours	23%	21%	
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	10th	0 hours	28%	32%	
		1 to 4 hours	33%	28%	
		5 to 9 hours	14%	16%	
		10 or more hours	24%	24%	
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	11th	0 hours	29%	32%	
		1 to 4 hours	29%	27%	
		5 to 9 hours	14%	16%	
		10 or more hours	28%	25%	
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	12th	0 hours	25%	32%	County statistically lower
		1 to 4 hours	27%	26%	
		5 to 9 hours	17%	16%	
		10 or more hours	30%	27%	
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Sex	Female	0 hours	26%	31%	County statistically lower
		1 to 4 hours	32%	29%	
		5 to 9 hours	16%	16%	
		10 or more hours	27%	24%	
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	Male	0 hours	32%	33%	
		1 to 4 hours	26%	27%	
		5 to 9 hours	16%	16%	
		10 or more hours	26%	24%	
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Total		0 hours	29%	32%	County statistically lower
		1 to 4 hours	29%	28%	
		5 to 9 hours	16%	16%	
		10 or more hours	26%	24%	

*7 Youth Assets***7.03 The percent of students who spoke with their parents at least weekly about school**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	79%	78%	
	10th	77%	77%	
	11th	80%	77%	
	12th	77%	75%	
Sex	Female	79%	77%	
	Male	78%	76%	
Total		78%	76%	

7.04 The percent of students who agree that in their community they feel like they matter to people

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	54%	49%	
	10th	47%	48%	
	11th	47%	50%	
	12th	49%	54%	
Sex	Female	45%	47%	
	Male	53%	54%	
Total		49%	50%	

7.05 The percent of students who agree that teachers really care about them and give them lots of encouragement

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	65%	59%	County statistically higher
	10th	62%	57%	
	11th	67%	64%	
	12th	74%	69%	
Sex	Female	67%	60%	County statistically higher
	Male	68%	64%	County statistically higher
Total		68%	62%	County statistically higher

*7 Youth Assets***7.06 The percent of students who agree that students help decide what goes on in school**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	49%	50%	
	10th	46%	46%	
	11th	42%	46%	
	12th	43%	49%	
Sex	Female	46%	48%	
	Male	44%	48%	
Total		45%	48%	County statistically lower

7.07 The percent of students who report that they will probably or definitely complete a post high school program

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	9th	72%	75%	
	10th	82%	80%	
	11th	88%	83%	County statistically higher
	12th	87%	84%	
Sex	Female	87%	83%	County statistically higher
	Male	78%	78%	
Total		83%	80%	

2015 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey Report

Middle School Report for Bennington County

The Vermont Department of Health would like to acknowledge the work and effort of all the schools, teachers and students who choose to participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey each year.

Demographics

Bennington
Number of Middle School Students in Bennington County

Bennington County Total

644

Sex	Total	%
Missing	7	1%
Female	287	44%
Male	350	54%

Grade	Total	%
Missing	3	0%
6th grade	49	7%
7th grade	292	45%
8th grade	300	46%

Age	Total	%
Missing	3	0%
11 years or younger	28	4%
12 years	153	23%
13 years	281	43%
14 years or older	179	27%

Race / Ethnicity	Total	%
Missing	49	7%
Racial or ethnic minority	97	15%
White non-Hispanic	498	77%

NOTE: The above numbers are unweighted. They represent the students who took the survey in Bennington County. Not all students indicated their sex or grade, therefore the totals in these tables may not add up to the total number of students in the county or state who participated. All other numbers represented in this report are weighted to reflect the enrolled student population.

Demographics

Vermont
Number of Middle School Students in Vermont

Vermont Total

13648

Sex	Total	%
Missing	96	0%
Female	6713	49%
Male	6839	50%

Grade	Total	%
Missing	86	0%
6th grade	2899	21%
7th grade	5337	39%
8th grade	5326	39%

Age	Total	%
Missing	63	.
11 years or younger	1445	10%
12 years	3983	29%
13 years	5240	38%
14 years or older	2917	21%

Race / Ethnicity	Total	%
Missing	926	6%
Racial or ethnic minority	2357	17%
White non-Hispanic	10365	75%

NOTE: The above numbers are unweighted. They represent the students who took the survey in Vermont. All other numbers represented in this report are weighted to reflect the enrolled student population.

*1 Personal Safety***1.01 Percent of students who have ever been in a physical fight**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	42%	Too few students
	7th	41%	41%	
	8th	51%	44%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	26%	28%	
	Male	60%	57%	
Total		45%	43%	

1.02 Percent of students who were bullied at least once, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	24%	Too few students
	7th	26%	25%	
	8th	22%	22%	
Sex	Female	30%	30%	
	Male	21%	18%	
Total		25%	24%	

NOTE: For the purposes of the Vermont YRBS, bullying was described as occurring when, on many occasions, a student or group of students say or do unpleasant things to another student to make fun of, tease, embarrass, or scare him/her, or purposefully exclude him/her. Bullying can occur before, during, or after the school day; on school property; on a school bus; or at a school-sponsored activity. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength and power argue or fight or when teasing is done in a friendly way. Electronic bullying occurs through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, or texting.

*1 Personal Safety***1.03 Percent of students who reported they had ever been electronically bullied**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	21%	Too few students
	7th	27%	26%	
	8th	27%	28%	
Sex	Female	39%	36%	
	Male	18%	16%	
Total		27%	26%	

1.04 Percent of students who were ever bullied at school

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	46%	Too few students
	7th	47%	48%	
	8th	41%	45%	
Sex	Female	50%	53%	
	Male	42%	40%	
Total		45%	46%	

1.05 Percent of students who bullied someone at least once, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	8%	Too few students
	7th	6%	9%	
	8th	12%	11%	
Sex	Female	10%	10%	
	Male	8%	9%	
Total		9%	10%	

*1 Personal Safety***1.06 Percent of students who did not go to school because they felt unsafe, past 30 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	8%	Too few students
	7th	8%	7%	
	8th	9%	7%	
Sex	Female	9%	9%	
	Male	8%	6%	
Total		8%	7%	

1.07 Percent of students who felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities, past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	17%	Too few students
	7th	21%	19%	
	8th	25%	22%	
Sex	Female	33%	27%	County statistically higher
	Male	15%	13%	
Total		23%	20%	County statistically higher

1.08 Percent of students who ever seriously thought about suicide

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	14%	Too few students
	7th	16%	16%	
	8th	22%	22%	
Sex	Female	27%	23%	
	Male	12%	12%	
Total		19%	18%	

*1 Personal Safety***1.09 Percent of students who ever made a suicide plan**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	9%	Too few students
	7th	12%	11%	
	8th	14%	15%	
Sex	Female	16%	16%	
	Male	11%	8%	
Total		13%	12%	

1.10 Percent of students who ever attempted suicide

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	5%	Too few students
	7th	7%	5%	
	8th	5%	8%	
Sex	Female	9%	8%	
	Male	4%	3%	
Total		6%	6%	

1.11 Percent of students who had at least one sunburn in the past 12 months

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	51%	Too few students
	7th	56%	55%	
	8th	48%	56%	
Sex	Female	57%	58%	
	Male	50%	51%	
Total		53%	54%	

*1 Personal Safety***1.12 Bicycle helmet use among those who rode a bicycle in the past 12 months**

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	Never / rarely wear a helmet	.	26%	Too few students
		Sometimes wear a helmet	.	15%	Too few students
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	.	59%	Too few students

	7th	Never / rarely wear a helmet	34%	31%	
		Sometimes wear a helmet	19%	16%	
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	47%	52%	

	8th	Never / rarely wear a helmet	43%	41%	
		Sometimes wear a helmet	16%	15%	
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	41%	43%	

Sex	Female	Never / rarely wear a helmet	32%	31%	
		Sometimes wear a helmet	19%	17%	
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	49%	52%	

	Male	Never / rarely wear a helmet	40%	36%	
		Sometimes wear a helmet	16%	14%	
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	45%	49%	

Total		Never / rarely wear a helmet	37%	34%	
		Sometimes wear a helmet	17%	16%	
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	46%	51%	

1 Personal Safety

1.13 Helmet use while rollerblading or skateboarding (of those students who rollerbladed or skateboarded)

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	Never / rarely wear a helmet	.	31%	Too few students
		Sometimes wear a helmet	.	11%	Too few students
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	.	58%	Too few students
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	7th	Never / rarely wear a helmet	48%	42%	
		Sometimes wear a helmet	6%	13%	County statistically lower
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	46%	45%	
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	8th	Never / rarely wear a helmet	64%	52%	County statistically higher
		Sometimes wear a helmet	10%	12%	
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	27%	36%	
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Sex	Female	Never / rarely wear a helmet	47%	45%	
		Sometimes wear a helmet	8%	13%	
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	46%	43%	
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	Male	Never / rarely wear a helmet	60%	41%	County statistically higher
		Sometimes wear a helmet	6%	12%	County statistically lower
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	33%	47%	County statistically lower
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Total		Never / rarely wear a helmet	55%	43%	County statistically higher
		Sometimes wear a helmet	7%	12%	County statistically lower
		Most of the time / always wear a helmet	38%	45%	

*1 Personal Safety***1.14 Percent of students who reported never or rarely wearing a seatbelt while riding in a car**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	2%	Too few students
	7th	5%	3%	County statistically higher
	8th	7%	4%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	4%	2%	
	Male	8%	3%	County statistically higher
Total		6%	3%	County statistically higher

1.15 Percent of students who ever rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	15%	Too few students
	7th	18%	19%	
	8th	22%	25%	
Sex	Female	18%	21%	
	Male	20%	19%	
Total		19%	20%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use***2.01 Percent of students who ever drank alcohol other than a few sips**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	10%	Too few students
	7th	12%	15%	
	8th	27%	24%	
Sex	Female	15%	16%	
	Male	21%	18%	
Total		18%	17%	

2.02 Percent of students who drank alcohol other than a few sips before age 11

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	7%	Too few students
	7th	5%	6%	
	8th	10%	6%	
Sex	Female	5%	5%	
	Male	9%	8%	
Total		7%	6%	

2.03 Percent of students who drank any alcohol, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	3%	Too few students
	7th	4%	5%	
	8th	13%	10%	
Sex	Female	6%	6%	
	Male	9%	7%	
Total		8%	6%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use***2.04 Percent of students who binge drank (5 or more alcoholic drinks in a row), past 30 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	1%	Too few students
	7th	.	1%	Too few students
	8th	5%	4%	
Sex	Female	.	2%	Too few students
	Male	3%	2%	
Total		2%	2%	

2.05 Percent of students who ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	4%	Too few students
	7th	6%	7%	
	8th	14%	13%	
Sex	Female	7%	9%	
	Male	11%	9%	
Total		9%	9%	

2.06 Percent of students who ever smoked a whole cigarette

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	2%	Too few students
	7th	4%	4%	
	8th	9%	8%	
Sex	Female	6%	5%	
	Male	6%	5%	
Total		6%	5%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use***2.07 Percent of students who smoked a whole cigarette by age 11**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	1%	Too few students
	7th	2%	1%	
	8th	2%	2%	
Sex	Female	.	1%	Too few students
	Male	2%	2%	
Total		2%	1%	

2.08 Percent of students who smoked cigarettes, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	1%	Too few students
	7th	.	2%	Too few students
	8th	3%	3%	
Sex	Female	.	2%	Too few students
	Male	2%	2%	
Total		2%	2%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use***2.9 Percent of students who ever used electronic vapor products such as e-cigarettes**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	3%	Too few students
	7th	7%	6%	
	8th	19%	11%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	10%	7%	County statistically higher
	Male	13%	7%	County statistically higher
Total		11%	7%	County statistically higher

2.10 Percent of students who used electronic vapor products such as e-cigarettes during the past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	1%	Too few students
	7th	4%	2%	County statistically higher
	8th	8%	5%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	4%	3%	
	Male	7%	3%	County statistically higher
Total		6%	3%	County statistically higher

2.11 Percent of students who used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	1%	Too few students
	7th	.	1%	Too few students
	8th	6%	3%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	.	1%	Too few students
	Male	5%	3%	County statistically higher
Total		3%	2%	County statistically higher

2 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use

2.12 Percent of students who smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars, past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	1%	Too few students
	7th	.	1%	Too few students
	8th	3%	2%	
Sex	Female	.	1%	Too few students
	Male	3%	2%	
Total		2%	2%	

2.13 Percent of students who used a tobacco product such as cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, or cigars, in the past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	2%	Too few students
	7th	2%	3%	
	8th	8%	6%	
Sex	Female	3%	3%	
	Male	6%	4%	
Total		4%	4%	

2.14 Percent of students who used any tobacco products including e-cigarettes in the past 30 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	3%	Too few students
	7th	5%	4%	
	8th	13%	8%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	6%	5%	
	Male	10%	6%	County statistically higher
Total		8%	5%	County statistically higher

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use***2.15 Percent of smokers who attempted to quit smoking, past 12 months**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	.	Too few students
	7th	.	58%	Too few students
	8th	.	45%	Too few students
Sex	Female	.	48%	Too few students
	Male	.	47%	Too few students
Total		.	48%	Too few students

2.16 Percent of students who have ever used marijuana

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	2%	Too few students
	7th	8%	5%	
	8th	16%	11%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	7%	6%	
	Male	14%	7%	County statistically higher
Total		11%	7%	County statistically higher

2.17 Percent of students who used marijuana by age 11

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	1%	Too few students
	7th	.	1%	Too few students
	8th	2%	2%	
Sex	Female	.	1%	Too few students
	Male	2%	2%	
Total		1%	1%	

*2 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use***2.18 Percent of students who used marijuana, past 30 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	1%	Too few students
	7th	4%	3%	
	8th	9%	6%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	3%	3%	County statistically higher
	Male	9%	4%	
Total		6%	4%	County statistically higher

2.19 Percent of students who have ever used inhalants

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	5%	Too few students
	7th	5%	4%	
	8th	9%	6%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	7%	5%	
	Male	6%	5%	
Total		7%	5%	

2.20 Percent of students who ever took a prescription drug without a doctor's prescription

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	2%	Too few students
	7th	2%	3%	
	8th	5%	4%	
Sex	Female	3%	3%	
	Male	3%	3%	
Total		3%	3%	

*3 Attitudes and Perceptions of Alcohol, Cigarette, and Other Drug Use***3.01 Percent of students who were in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes, past 7 days**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	24%	Too few students
	7th	35%	28%	County statistically higher
	8th	37%	31%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	37%	29%	County statistically higher
	Male	34%	27%	County statistically higher
Total		36%	28%	County statistically higher

3.02 Percent of students who were in the same car with someone who was smoking cigarettes, past 7 days

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	17%	Too few students
	7th	27%	20%	County statistically higher
	8th	28%	23%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	35%	22%	County statistically higher
	Male	21%	19%	
Total		27%	21%	County statistically higher

3 Attitudes and Perceptions of Alcohol, Cigarette, and Other Drug Use _____

3.03 Percent of students who, always or most of the time saw advertisements for tobacco products at supermarkets or gas stations

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	47%	Too few students
	7th	46%	52%	
	8th	57%	55%	
Sex	Female	51%	52%	
	Male	51%	52%	
Total		50%	52%	

3.04 Percent of students who, in the past 12 months, were asked if they smoke by a health professional

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	15%	Too few students
	7th	26%	26%	
	8th	33%	35%	
Sex	Female	30%	28%	
	Male	28%	26%	
Total		29%	27%	

3.05 Students perceptions about out of 100 Vermont high school students the number who smoke cigarettes

	Bennington	Vermont	Notes
15 or less students	11%	16%	County statistically lower
16 to 25 students	17%	25%	County statistically lower
26 to 45 students	25%	24%	
46 to 55 students	18%	16%	
56 to 75 students	14%	9%	County statistically higher
76 or more students	15%	10%	County statistically higher

3 Attitudes and Perceptions of Alcohol, Cigarette, and Other Drug Use _____

3.06 Percent of students who think their parents would think it is wrong or very wrong for them to smoke cigarettes

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	96%	Too few students
	7th	96%	96%	
	8th	95%	96%	
Sex	Female	96%	97%	
	Male	94%	96%	
Total		95%	96%	

3.07 Percent of students who think their parents would think it is wrong or very wrong for them to drink alcohol

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	92%	Too few students
	7th	94%	92%	
	8th	87%	90%	
Sex	Female	94%	93%	
	Male	87%	90%	
Total		90%	91%	

3.08 Percent of students who think their parents would think it is wrong or very wrong for them to smoke marijuana

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	96%	Too few students
	7th	94%	95%	
	8th	89%	92%	
Sex	Female	95%	94%	
	Male	90%	94%	County statistically lower
Total		92%	94%	County statistically lower

3 Attitudes and Perceptions of Alcohol, Cigarette, and Other Drug Use _____

3.09 Percent of students who think it would be wrong or very wrong for someone their age to smoke cigarettes

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	97%	Too few students
	7th	96%	95%	
	8th	89%	92%	
Sex	Female	95%	95%	
	Male	91%	94%	
Total		93%	94%	

3.10 Percent of students who think it would be wrong or very wrong for someone their age to drink alcohol

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	94%	Too few students
	7th	94%	90%	
	8th	82%	83%	
Sex	Female	93%	90%	County statistically higher
	Male	85%	87%	
Total		88%	88%	

3.11 Percent of students who think it would be wrong or very wrong for someone their age to smoke marijuana

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	97%	Too few students
	7th	90%	92%	
	8th	81%	83%	
Sex	Female	90%	91%	
	Male	84%	89%	County statistically lower
Total		87%	90%	County statistically lower

3 Attitudes and Perceptions of Alcohol, Cigarette, and Other Drug Use _____

3.12 Percent of students who think people their age greatly risk harming themselves if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes a day

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	70%	Too few students
	7th	72%	72%	
	8th	73%	72%	
Sex	Female	70%	71%	
	Male	72%	72%	
Total		71%	71%	

3.13 Percent of students who think that people their age greatly risk harming themselves if they have five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice each weekend

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	49%	Too few students
	7th	47%	49%	
	8th	48%	46%	
Sex	Female	46%	49%	
	Male	48%	46%	
Total		47%	48%	

3.14 Percent of students who think that people their age greatly risk harming themselves if they smoke marijuana regularly

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	67%	Too few students
	7th	60%	61%	
	8th	51%	51%	
Sex	Female	57%	60%	
	Male	55%	58%	
Total		56%	59%	

3 Attitudes and Perceptions of Alcohol, Cigarette, and Other Drug Use _____

3.15 Percent of students who report that it would be easy or very easy to get cigarettes

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	18%	Too few students
	7th	24%	24%	
	8th	43%	34%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	28%	25%	
	Male	33%	29%	
Total		31%	27%	County statistically higher

3.16 Percent of students who report that it would be easy or very easy to get alcohol

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	24%	Too few students
	7th	31%	33%	
	8th	43%	46%	
Sex	Female	34%	35%	
	Male	38%	37%	
Total		36%	36%	

3.17 Percent of students who report that it would be easy or very easy to get marijuana

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	6%	Too few students
	7th	16%	12%	County statistically higher
	8th	29%	22%	County statistically higher
Sex	Female	15%	13%	
	Male	25%	16%	County statistically higher
Total		21%	14%	County statistically higher

*4 Sexual Behavior***4.01 Percent of students who have ever had sexual intercourse**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	3%	Too few students
	7th	6%	4%	
	8th	8%	8%	
Sex	Female	4%	4%	
	Male	9%	7%	
Total		7%	6%	

4.02 Percent of students who have ever had oral sex

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	2%	Too few students
	7th	5%	3%	
	8th	9%	9%	
Sex	Female	5%	5%	
	Male	7%	6%	
Total		6%	5%	

5 Nutrition and Physical Activity

5.01 Number of times during the past 7 days students ate breakfast

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	Never	.	4%	Too few students
		1 to 3 times	.	13%	Too few students
		4 to 6 times	.	22%	Too few students
		Everyday	.	61%	Too few students

	7th	Never	9%	7%	
		1 to 3 times	20%	16%	
		4 to 6 times	30%	25%	
		Everyday	41%	51%	County statistically lower

	8th	Never	9%	8%	
		1 to 3 times	24%	20%	
		4 to 6 times	26%	25%	
		Everyday	41%	48%	County statistically lower

Sex	Female	Never	9%	8%	
		1 to 3 times	28%	21%	County statistically higher
		4 to 6 times	31%	26%	
		Everyday	33%	45%	County statistically lower

	Male	Never	9%	6%	County statistically higher
		1 to 3 times	16%	13%	
		4 to 6 times	26%	23%	
		Everyday	49%	59%	County statistically lower

Total		Never	9%	7%	County statistically higher
		1 to 3 times	21%	17%	County statistically higher
		4 to 6 times	28%	24%	County statistically higher
		Everyday	42%	52%	County statistically lower

5 Nutrition and Physical Activity

5.02 Percent of students who reported drinking at least four bottles or glasses of water a day

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	45%	Too few students
	7th	35%	41%	County statistically lower
	8th	38%	39%	
Sex	Female	31%	38%	County statistically lower
	Male	40%	44%	
Total		36%	41%	County statistically lower

5 Nutrition and Physical Activity

5.03 Number of days students participated in at least 60 minutes of physical activity in the past 7 days

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	Never	.	8%	Too few students
		1 to 4 days	.	32%	Too few students
		5 to 6 days	.	27%	Too few students
		Everyday	.	33%	Too few students

	7th	Never	6%	7%	
		1 to 4 days	39%	34%	
		5 to 6 days	25%	28%	
		Everyday	30%	31%	

	8th	Never	10%	8%	
		1 to 4 days	40%	36%	
		5 to 6 days	19%	27%	County statistically lower
		Everyday	31%	29%	

Sex	Female	Never	10%	8%	
		1 to 4 days	47%	39%	County statistically higher
		5 to 6 days	24%	30%	County statistically lower
		Everyday	20%	23%	

	Male	Never	7%	8%	
		1 to 4 days	34%	29%	
		5 to 6 days	21%	25%	
		Everyday	38%	38%	

Total	Never		8%	8%	
	1 to 4 days		40%	34%	County statistically higher
	5 to 6 days		22%	27%	County statistically lower
	Everyday		30%	31%	

5 Nutrition and Physical Activity

5.04 Number of times students participated in physical activity breaks outside of physical education courses in an average school week

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	0 days	.	18%	Too few students
		1 to 2 days	.	15%	Too few students
		3 to 4 days	.	19%	Too few students
		Everyday	.	48%	Too few students

	7th	0 days	34%	30%	
		1 to 2 days	24%	17%	County statistically higher
		3 to 4 days	16%	17%	
		Everyday	26%	36%	County statistically lower

	8th	0 days	41%	33%	County statistically higher
		1 to 2 days	22%	16%	County statistically higher
		3 to 4 days	10%	16%	County statistically lower
		Everyday	27%	35%	County statistically lower

Sex	Female	0 days	31%	28%	
		1 to 2 days	26%	18%	County statistically higher
		3 to 4 days	13%	17%	
		Everyday	29%	38%	County statistically lower

	Male	0 days	38%	28%	County statistically higher
		1 to 2 days	20%	15%	County statistically higher
		3 to 4 days	14%	17%	
		Everyday	29%	40%	County statistically lower

Total	0 days		35%	28%	County statistically higher
	1 to 2 days		23%	16%	County statistically higher
	3 to 4 days		14%	17%	County statistically lower
	Everyday		29%	39%	County statistically lower

*5 Nutrition and Physical Activity***5.05 Number of hours spent watching TV on an average school day**

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	1 hour or less per day	.	60%	Too few students
		2 to 4 hours per day	.	34%	Too few students
		5 or more hours per day	.	6%	Too few students

	7th	1 hour or less per day	51%	57%	County statistically lower
		2 to 4 hours per day	42%	37%	
		5 or more hours per day	7%	6%	

	8th	1 hour or less per day	53%	57%	
		2 to 4 hours per day	40%	37%	
		5 or more hours per day	7%	7%	

Sex	Female	1 hour or less per day	50%	57%	County statistically lower
		2 to 4 hours per day	43%	37%	
		5 or more hours per day	7%	6%	

	Male	1 hour or less per day	53%	58%	
		2 to 4 hours per day	39%	35%	
		5 or more hours per day	8%	7%	

Total	1 hour or less per day		52%	58%	County statistically lower
	2 to 4 hours per day		41%	36%	County statistically higher
	5 or more hours per day		7%	6%	

*5 Nutrition and Physical Activity***5.06 Number of hours spent playing video games or going online for something not related to school, on an average school day**

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	1 hour or less per day	.	55%	Too few students
		2 to 4 hours per day	.	33%	Too few students
		5 or more hours per day	.	12%	Too few students

	7th	1 hour or less per day	36%	46%	County statistically lower
		2 to 4 hours per day	45%	40%	
		5 or more hours per day	18%	14%	County statistically higher

	8th	1 hour or less per day	34%	40%	County statistically lower
		2 to 4 hours per day	41%	41%	
		5 or more hours per day	25%	19%	County statistically higher

Sex	Female	1 hour or less per day	37%	48%	County statistically lower
		2 to 4 hours per day	40%	37%	
		5 or more hours per day	23%	15%	County statistically higher

	Male	1 hour or less per day	36%	44%	County statistically lower
		2 to 4 hours per day	46%	41%	
		5 or more hours per day	18%	15%	

Total	1 hour or less per day		36%	46%	County statistically lower
	2 to 4 hours per day		43%	39%	County statistically higher
	5 or more hours per day		21%	15%	County statistically higher

*5 Nutrition and Physical Activity***5.07 Number of days in the average week students went online for something not school-related**

			Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	Never	.	22%	Too few students
		1 to 5 days	.	45%	Too few students
		At least six days	.	33%	Too few students

	7th	Never	20%	16%	
		1 to 5 days	43%	41%	
		At least six days	38%	42%	

	8th	Never	12%	11%	
		1 to 5 days	35%	34%	
		At least six days	53%	55%	

Sex	Female	Never	11%	13%	
		1 to 5 days	43%	41%	
		At least six days	46%	46%	

	Male	Never	20%	18%	
		1 to 5 days	38%	38%	
		At least six days	43%	44%	

Total	Never		16%	15%	
	1 to 5 days		40%	39%	
	At least six days		44%	45%	

*6 Youth Assets***6.01 Percent of students who talk to their parents about school at least weekly**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	81%	Too few students
	7th	78%	80%	
	8th	74%	78%	
Sex	Female	75%	80%	
	Male	77%	79%	
Total		76%	79%	

6.02 Percent of students who agree or strongly agree that 'in your community you feel like you matter to people'

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	60%	Too few students
	7th	52%	56%	
	8th	45%	51%	
Sex	Female	44%	50%	County statistically lower
	Male	55%	59%	
Total		49%	55%	County statistically lower

*6 Youth Assets***6.03 Percent of students who agree or strongly agree that their teachers really care about them and give them a lot of encouragement**

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	69%	Too few students
	7th	60%	62%	
	8th	56%	59%	
Sex	Female	57%	62%	
	Male	61%	64%	
Total		59%	63%	

6.04 Percent of students who agree or strongly agree that students help decide what goes on in school

		Bennington	Vermont	Notes
Grade	6th	.	45%	Too few students
	7th	42%	44%	
	8th	36%	39%	
Sex	Female	32%	42%	County statistically lower
	Male	45%	43%	
Total		39%	43%	