



2017 Key Findings for High School Students
Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

The 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) was completed by 1,606 students in 39 public high schools in South Carolina during the spring of 2017. The next round of surveys will be given during the spring of 2019. The school response rate was 78% and the student response rate was 78%. The results are representative of all students in grades 9-12.

- 18.1%** of high school students had, during the past 30 days, **ridden in a vehicle** driven by someone who had been **drinking alcohol**.
- 23.9%** had been in a **physical fight** in the past 12 months.
- 82%** Did not currently use marijuana
- 75%** Did not currently drink alcohol
- 22.9%** had at least **one drink of alcohol in the past 30 days**.
- 61%** never had sexual intercourse
- 21.5%** had been bullied on school property during the past 12 months.
- 12%** had attempted suicide
- 19%** Currently used marijuana
- 30%** Ate breakfast on all 7 days.
- 75.7%** were physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day of the past seven days.
- 90%** did not currently smoke cigarettes

The 2018 Profiles Survey was completed by 203 middle and high school principals and 203 Lead Health Education Teacher (LHT) in 278 public middle and high schools in South Carolina during the spring of 2018. The next round of surveys will be given during the spring of 2020. The principal response rate was 73% and the LHT response rate was 72%. Data collection for Profiles occurs during the spring of even-numbered years (2014, 2016, and 2018) generally between January and April. The results are representative of principals and LHTs in grades 6-12. Only the principal and lead health educator are asked to complete the *Profile* survey.

Below are some weighted data results from the 2018 Profiles Lead Health Educator.

- 50%** Percentage of schools in which teachers taught each of the following tobacco-use prevention topics in a required course for students in any of grades 6 through 12 during the current school year. **This included identifying tobacco and the harmful substances they contain.**
- 16%** LHE taught all 20 HIV, STD, and pregnancy prevention topics of grades 6, 7, or 8 during the current school year.
- 38%** LHE taught all 20 HIV, STD, and pregnancy prevention topics of grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 during the current school year.
- 52%** LHE taught all 22 nutrition and dietary behavior topics during the current school year (2018).* % is from all schools that were surveyed.
- 69% of all HS LHE** taught all 13 physical activity topics during the current school year (2018)
- 26%** Of all school Principals surveyed have student-led clubs that aims to create a safe, welcoming, and accepting school environment for all youth, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. 44% of HS principals said they have student-led clubs.
- 67%** Of MS and HS Principals surveyed have clubs that give students opportunities to learn about people different from them, such as students with disabilities, homeless youth, or people from different cultures.
- 24%** Of MS and HS principals surveyed said they currently have a school-based health center that offers health services to students.
- 59%** Of all MS and HS Principals surveyed have a protocol that ensures students with a chronic condition that may require daily or emergency management (asthma, diabetes, and food allergies) are enrolled in private, state, or federally funded insurance programs if eligible
- 81%** Of all MS and HS Principals surveyed use electronic, paper, or oral communication to inform parents about school health services and programs.
- 85%** Of all HS Principals surveyed, they have provided service-learning opportunities for students.
- 75%** Of all MS and HS Principals they have provided peer tutoring opportunities for students.
- 86%** Of all MS and HS Principals surveyed said they have someone who oversees or coordinates school health and safety programs and activities.