

2021-2022 Maryland High School YRBS/YTS Key Disparities by Sex

Key: ▲ Significantly higher ▼ Significantly lower

Comparing the Significant Differences Between Female and Male Students

MARYLAND YRBS/YTS MEASURED INDICATOR	 FEMALE	 MALE
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days)	▼ 3.0%	▲ 4.7%
Carried a gun not counting hunting or for a sport (past 30 days)	▼ 2.2%	▲ 4.7%
Experienced physical dating violence (past year)	▲ 12.2%	▼ 9.7%
Electronically bullied through text or social media (past year)	▲ 16.3%	▼ 11.0%
Mental Health		
Felt sad or hopeless almost every day for >=2 weeks (past year)	▲ 50.8%	▼ 27.3%
Seriously considered attempting suicide (past year)	▲ 26.7%	▼ 14.0%
Actually attempted suicide one or more times (past year)	▲ 18.4%	▼ 15.6%
Mental health was most of the time or always not good (past 30 days)	▲ 39.8%	▼ 18.3%
Tobacco		
First tried cigarette smoking before age 13	▼ 5.3%	▲ 7.1%
Currently used an electronic vapor product (past 30 days)	▲	▼

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	17.1%	11.9%
Currently used cigars (past 30 days)	▼ 1.9%	▲ 4.0%
In the same room with someone who was smoking (past week)	▲ 25.3%	▼ 20.9%
<i>Alcohol and Other Drug Use</i>		
Current alcohol use (past 30 days)	▲ 22.7%	▼ 15.8%
Tried marijuana for the first time before age 13	▼ 4.4%	▲ 5.8%
Current marijuana use (past 30 days)	▲ 16.2%	▼ 13.6%
Ever misused prescription pain medicine	▲ 16.5%	▼ 12.2%
Ever used cocaine	▼ 2.0%	▲ 3.3%
<i>Sexual Behaviors</i>		
First sexual intercourse before age 13	▼ 2.1%	▲ 3.8%
Had sexual intercourse with four or more persons	▼ 3.9%	▲ 6.1%

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Weight Management, Other Dietary Behaviors, and Physical Activity		
Had obesity by BMI calculations	▼ 13.4%	▲ 18.4%
Did not eat breakfast (past week)	▲ 24.9%	▼ 22.0%
Did not participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity (past week)	▲ 23.4%	▼ 14.1%
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)		
Parent or other adult in home most of the time or always swore at them, insulted them, or put them down	▲ 15.4%	▼ 8.5%
Lived with someone who has a problem with drugs or alcohol	▲ 27.8%	▼ 22.6%
Lived with someone who was depressed or mentally ill	▲ 40.0%	▼ 26.5%
Other		
Gambled (past year)	▼ 7.4%	▲ 23.0%