

2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey La Crosse County Middle School Results

Grade Level	# of Respondents
6th	249
7th	223
8th	657
Declined	5
Total	1135

Participating Schools:

- Holmen
- La Crosse Logan
- Onalaska
- West Salem

Social Support

- 86.5% of students reported that they strongly agree or agree that their family loves them and gives them help and support when they need it.
- 71.1% of students reported that they strongly agree or agree that their teachers really care about them and give them a lot of encouragement.
- 68.3% of students reported that they felt like they belonged at this school.
- 68.3% of students reported that there is at least one teacher or other adult in this school that they can talk to if they have a problem.

Traffic Safety

- Among students who rode a bicycle, 50.6% rarely or never wore a helmet.
- Among students who rollerbladed or rode a skateboard, 32.8% rarely or never wore a helmet.
- 1.6% of students reported never or rarely wearing a seat belt when riding in a car driving by someone else.
- 18.9% of students reported having rode in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol.

Weapons and Violence

- 35.5% of students reported being in a physical fight at least once in their life.
- 12.9% of students reported that they have not gone to school because they felt unsafe at school.
- 7.4% of students reported that they have not gone to school because they felt unsafe on their way to or from school.

Suicide

- 25.2% of students reported feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities.
- 6.3% of students reported having attempted suicide at least once in their lifetime.

Tobacco

- 6.3% of students reported that they have tried cigarette smoking.
- 1.2% of students reported that they smoked a cigarette during the past 30 days.
- 1.3% of students reported that they used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip during the past 30 days.
- 1.4% of students reported that they smoked a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar during the past 30 days. 90.8% of students reported they feel their parents think smoking cigarettes is very wrong or wrong.

Alcohol

- 18.1% of students reported that they have had at least one drink of alcohol in their life.
- 5% of students reported that they had at least one drink of alcohol during the past 30 days.
- 1.9% of students reported binge drinking (5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row) in the past 30 days.

Drug Use

- 5% of students reported using marijuana at least one time.
- 2.4% of students reported using marijuana during the past 30 days.
- 89.1% of students reported that they feel their parents think it would be very wrong or wrong for them to smoke marijuana.
- 3.8% of students reported sniffing glue, breathing the contents of spray cans, or inhaling paints to get high at least one time.
- 3.6% of students reported being offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property in the last 12 months.

Sexual Behavior

- 25.9% of students reported it was important to them to delay having sexual intercourse until they were married.
- 3.5% of students reported that they have had sexual intercourse.
- 1.2% of students reported that they had sexual intercourse for the first time at age 10 or younger.
- 0.8% of students reported that they have had sexual intercourse with 2 or more people in their lifetime.

Nutrition and Physical Activity

- 24.4% of students reported that they had not eaten breakfast on the day of the survey.
- 34% of students reported that they drank a can, bottle, or glass of soda or pop the day before the survey.
- 16.6% of students reported that on an average school day they watch 3 or more hours of TV.
- 89.6% of students reported that on average they attended physical education classes on 3 or more days in a week.

Summary

Strengths

- Almost all report wearing seatbelts
- Very low rates of tobacco use-cigarettes, chew, cigars
- Low rates of alcohol and other drug use
- Low rates of sexual intercourse
- High levels of social support-family, teachers, feel like they belong at school

Challenges

- 19% rode with someone who had been drinking
- 13% have not gone to school because they felt unsafe
- 25% report being depressed
- 6% have seriously considered suicide
- 32% have been electronically bullied
- 15% report self-injury