

2021 Dane County Youth Assessment
7th-8th Grade Report – All Schools Combined

ALL ITEMS BY Grade

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Dane County Youth Assessment (DCYA) 2021

The Dane County Youth Commission is pleased to release the 2021 Dane County Youth Assessment (DCYA) Middle School Report. Every three years, youth in grades 7-12 complete a survey that captures their opinions, concerns, behaviors, attitudes, and experiences on a range of topics. The DCYA is a collaborative effort led by the Dane County Youth Commission in partnership with the United Way of Dane County, Public Health Madison & Dane County, the City of Madison, and county schools.

For the full results of the current and past Dane County Youth Assessment(s), current and past Overview Reports, as well as further demographic analysis, please go to <https://danecountyhumanservices.org/About-Us/Commissions-Boards-and-Committees/Youth-Commission/Youth-Assessment>

Survey Development and Administration

Survey development is led by K12 Associates, LLC and a committee of educators, public health professionals, project funders, and parent representatives. The survey includes questions about protective and risk behaviors across contexts of school, peer relations, family, and community. The 2021 DCYA includes new questions on emerging youth issues while retaining important questions from past surveys to measure trends. The survey includes items from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Youth Risk Behavior Survey and other national surveys to allow for comparisons to youth in the U.S. and in Wisconsin. Extensive efforts are made to ensure that questions are clear and understandable. A Spanish version is available.

Between January 15 and April 15 2021, middle and high school students took the DCYA across nineteen public school districts and one private high school. Student participation is voluntary and anonymous. Parents are notified weeks in advance of survey administration, may review the survey at their school district office, and may opt their child out of participating. School districts attempt to survey all 7th-12th graders, with most districts capturing over 80% of students. Due to the constraints of remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, two districts were able to survey only a portion of their student population. The students surveyed in these districts were weighted so that race, gender and school size were at proper proportions commensurate with typical survey participation for their respective districts.

Administering During Covid

The 2021 DCYA was administered during the COVID-19 Pandemic, at a time when students were more likely to be receiving their education at home than in school. In fact, 97% of the students we surveyed spent the majority of this school year attending classes virtually.

Not surprisingly, this had a dramatic impact on certain student behaviors. For example, some antisocial behaviors (like bullying) that usually take place at school were down considerably. Also, behaviors that typically involve students congregating or socializing face-to-face (like alcohol use or sexual behavior) were down as well. Unfortunately, emotional health topics related to stress and worry (struggling with homework, depression) were higher.

It is impossible to know for sure the degree to which certain results are attributable to the COVID pandemic. However, we should be careful in interpreting these 2021 results as the beginning of new trends. Many behaviors may return to the past levels once students return to school and resume past behavior patterns.

Data Analysis and Reports

School districts attempt to survey all 7th-12th graders, with most districts capturing over 85%. Due to remote learning during the 2020-2021 school year, some districts were not able to survey at least 50% of their student population. The students surveyed in these districts were weighted so that race, gender and school size were at proper proportions commensurate with typical survey participation for their respective districts. The results of student responses to survey questions are presented as percentages of the *weighted number* for each item.

Behavioral risk surveys using self-report methodology are widely used and have been proven to be valid and reliable. The large number of participants in the DCYA, the fact that results are in line with national trends, and the consistency in findings over time supports the validity of the DCYA. While the survey is available at school district offices for public review prior to its administration, distribution is restricted until after it is administered in order to preserve the integrity of student responses.

This report provides a complete set of data tables with all survey questions and countywide responses by student grade level. The 2021 Overview Report summarizing key findings is available on the Youth Commission web site. Subsequent analysis will be conducted by funding partners and researchers, yielding additional information about Dane County youth including comparisons, trends and factors influencing youth behavior. Reports will also be posted on the Youth Commission web page at <https://danecountyhumanservices.org/About-Us/Commissions-Boards-and-Committees/Youth-Commission/Youth-Assessment> as they become available. All published reports may be printed without permission. Citation for any reporting of this data is "2021 Dane County Youth Assessment, Dane County Youth Commission, Madison, Wisconsin."

Conclusion

The 2021 Youth Assessment marks the eighth time the Youth Commission has coordinated an opportunity for 7th-12th grade youth in Dane County to voice their opinions, needs, concerns and interests. This effort provides the community with information and insight on youth trends. Although not the only source of information on what is impacting youth in our community, the Youth Assessment provides a very valuable resource to inform program and policy decisions. The data reflected in this report is encouraging in some areas and concerning in others. The Youth Commission and its partners hope that youth-serving agencies, community stakeholders, parents, policy makers, school districts and youth will use this and subsequent reports to appreciate where we have been, to recognize the successes and challenges of today, and to create an even brighter future for Dane County.

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Using Report Tables

All tables in the following report are constructed in the same manner. Each table summarizes the responses for **one particular survey item** for all middle school students surveyed (Grades 7-8).

These tables are intended to provide as much information as possible in an easy-to-understand format. Below is a description of each element in the table.

Grade levels covered in this table →

% of 7th-8th grades combined →

Dane County Grades 7-8		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	% of Group
5. What sex were you assigned at birth?	Female	51%	49%	50%
	Male	49%	51%	50%

Grade level →

Survey item (as asked on the survey) →

The % of 7th graders who are male →

Weighted Population 7th – 8th Graders
N= 9,150

Demographics

Population size by sex and grade

Dane County 7-8		6.What sex were you assigned at birth?				All Students	
		Female		Male		% of Group	# of Students
		% of Group	# of Students	% of Group	# of Students		
2.What grade are you in?	7th	50%	2269	50%	2209	50%	4478
	8th	50%	2297	50%	2245	50%	4542

Race or Ethnic Group

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
3.What is your race? (Chose only one)	American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	1%	1%
	Asian (not Hmong)	4%	4%	4%
	Black or African American (not Hispanic)	8%	9%	8%
	Hispanic or Latino	14%	12%	13%
	Asian (Hmong)	2%	2%	2%
	Middle Eastern or North African	0%	1%	0%
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%
	White (not Hispanic)	64%	63%	63%
	Bi-racial or multi-racial (more than one race)	8%	8%	8%

Gender Identification

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
7.How do you describe your gender identity? (check one)	Male	49%	49%	49%
	Female	46%	46%	46%
	Non-binary	2%	2%	2%
	Gender fluid	1%	2%	2%
	Other	2%	2%	2%

Transgender

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
8.Do you identify as transgender?	Yes	2%	2%	2%
	No	95%	94%	95%
	Not Sure	4%	3%	3%

Sexual Orientation

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
9.Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?	Straight/Heterosexual	80%	78%	79%
	Gay or Lesbian	2%	3%	3%
	Bisexual	8%	8%	8%
	Pansexual	2%	3%	3%
	Asexual	1%	1%	1%
	Questioning my sexual orientation	6%	6%	6%

Living Situation

Who do you live with?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
10.Which option best describes your living situation most of the time?	I live with my parent(s)	98%	98%	98%
	I live with relatives (not my parents)	1%	1%	1%
	I live with friends	0%	0%	0%
	I live in a group home or foster home	0%	0%	0%
	I live alone	0%	0%	0%
	Other	1%	1%	1%

Parents home after school

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
11.If I'm home after school, from 3:00-6:00, there is . . .	Always a parent/guardian at home	41%	39%	40%
	Usually a parent/guardian at home	46%	46%	46%
	Seldom a parent/guardian at home	13%	14%	13%
	Never a parent/guardian at home	1%	2%	1%

Have you ever . . . ?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
12.Have you ever been homeless?	Yes	2%	2%	2%
	No	94%	95%	95%
	Don't know	4%	2%	3%

Family Financial

How many times did you change schools?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
22. In the past 12 months how many times have you changed schools because of moving? (Select one option)	0 times	92%	93%	93%
	1 time	6%	5%	6%
	2 times	1%	1%	1%
	3 or more times	1%	1%	1%

Are you eligible for free or reduced hot lunch?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
69.Do you get free or reduced fees lunch at school?	Yes	23%	22%	23%
	No	45%	47%	46%
	Don't know	32%	30%	31%

Family's financial situation?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
23.How would you describe your family's current financial situation?	Money is not a problem for my family right now .	57%	60%	59%
	Things are tight but we are doing fine.	19%	21%	20%
	We're struggling with not having enough money.	1%	1%	1%
	I'm really not aware of my family's financial situation	23%	19%	21%

Family having to miss meals because of \$\$

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
31.In the past 30 days, how often did you skip meals or eat less because your family didn't have enough money for food?	Never	92%	92%	92%
	Once	5%	5%	5%
	More than once	4%	4%	4%

Last time seen by a dentist

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
34.When was the last time you saw a dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning or other dental work?	Within the past 12 months	77%	78%	78%
	Between 12 and 24 months ago (1-2 years ago)	8%	9%	9%
	More than 24 months ago (more than 2 years ago)	1%	2%	2%
	Never	0%	1%	0%
	Not sure	13%	10%	12%

Past 12 months missed school with dental pain

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
35.In the past 12 months, have you ever missed school because of pain in your teeth or gums? (not braces or orthodontics)	Yes	3%	3%	3%
	No	97%	97%	97%

Extracurriculars

Do you participate in an afterschool program?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
15.Do you currently participate in an after-school program?	Yes	27%	29%	28%
	No	73%	71%	72%

Reasons you don't participate in afterschool.

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
16.Which reason below best describes why you don't participate	I do participate in an after-school program.	22%	24%	23%
	Due to COVID-19 restrictions	22%	23%	22%
	Transportation	1%	0%	0%
	Too expensive	0%	0%	0%
	Programs are full	0%	0%	0%
	Family Responsibility	1%	1%	1%
	Don't know what programs are available	2%	2%	2%
	Parents won't let me	1%	0%	0%
	My friends don't participate	1%	1%	1%
	Don't feel comfortable joining	3%	3%	3%
	Too busy already	8%	9%	8%
	Just not interested	35%	33%	34%
	Other reasons	5%	3%	4%

Have you volunteered?

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
13.Have you done any volunteer work or community service in the last 12 months?	Yes	25%	28%	26%
	No	75%	72%	74%

Days a week participating in sports

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
17(a). Sports (school or club) and group exercise, including practice, competition or private lessons	Not available due to Covid-19	28%	30%	29%
	Never involved in this activity	30%	29%	29%
	Less than 1 day per week	3%	2%	3%
	1-2 days	16%	14%	15%
	3-4 days	16%	16%	16%
	5 or more days	7%	8%	8%

Days a week participating in homework club

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
17(b). Tutoring, homework club or other academic support	Not available due to Covid-19	10%	11%	10%
	Never involved in this activity	72%	73%	72%
	Less than 1 day per week	6%	5%	5%
	1-2 days	7%	7%	7%
	3-4 days	3%	3%	3%
	5 or more days	2%	2%	2%

Days a week participating in drama, music or art

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
17(c). Music, art, dance or drama	Not available due to Covid-19	11%	13%	12%
	Never involved in this activity	57%	60%	58%
	Less than 1 day per week	5%	5%	5%
	1-2 days	16%	14%	15%
	3-4 days	6%	5%	5%
	5 or more days	5%	3%	4%

Days a week participating in student leadership

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
17(d). Leadership and/or support group	Not available due to Covid-19	9%	11%	10%
	Never involved in this activity	79%	79%	79%
	Less than 1 day per week	5%	4%	4%
	1-2 days	5%	4%	4%
	3-4 days	1%	1%	1%
	5 or more days	1%	1%	1%

Days a week participating in religious activities

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
17(e). Religious or spiritual activities	Not available due to Covid-19	10%	11%	11%
	Never involved in this activity	66%	64%	65%
	Less than 1 day per week	8%	7%	7%
	1-2 days	14%	14%	14%
	3-4 days	1%	2%	1%
	5 or more days	2%	2%	2%

Days a week participating in after school clubs

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
17(f). Other afterschool programs, clubs or activities at a school, neighborhood center or organization	Not available due to Covid-19	19%	21%	20%
	Never involved in this activity	61%	61%	61%
	Less than 1 day per week	6%	7%	7%
	1-2 days	10%	8%	9%
	3-4 days	3%	2%	3%
	5 or more days	1%	2%	1%

Exercise, Weight and Nutrition

Number of days physically active

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
18. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? The physical activity could have happened a few times throughout the day at smaller amounts, adding up to 60 minutes as a total for the day	0 days active for 60 minutes	9%	9%	9%
	1 day active for 60 minutes	9%	10%	9%
	2 days active for 60 minutes	13%	13%	13%
	3 days active for 60 minutes	17%	17%	17%
	4 days active for 60 minutes	15%	14%	15%
	5 days active for 60 minutes	14%	14%	14%
	6 days active for 60 minutes	8%	8%	8%
7 days active for 60 minutes	14%	15%	15%	

What limits you from exercising

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
19(a) Nothing stops or limits me from being physically active	Some obstacles	62%	62%	62%
	Nothing stops me	38%	38%	38%
19(b) COVID-19	Not a problem	64%	63%	63%
	Covid 19	36%	37%	37%
19(c) Don't have time (because of school work, job, chores, etc.)	Not a problem	78%	75%	76%
	No time	22%	25%	24%
19(d) Don't like it or don't think it's important	Not a problem	88%	87%	88%
	Don't like it	12%	13%	12%
19(e) Physical or other health problems	Not a problem	96%	95%	96%
	Health problems	4%	5%	4%
19(f) Skills aren't good enough	Not a problem	93%	93%	93%
	Skills not good enough	7%	7%	7%
19(g) Not enough programs or places to exercise	Not a problem	96%	95%	95%
	Not enough programs	4%	5%	5%
19(h) Don't know what is offered or how to sign up	Not a problem	97%	97%	97%
	Don't know what is offered	3%	3%	3%
19(i) It costs too much (fees or equipment)	Not a problem	98%	97%	97%
	Costs too much	2%	3%	3%
19(j) Transportation is a problem	Not a problem	97%	97%	97%
	Transportation is problem	3%	3%	3%
19(k) Other reasons stop or limits me from being physically active	No other obstacles	84%	86%	85%
	Other obstacle to exercise	16%	14%	15%

Servings of veggies and fruit each day

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
29. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat fruits or vegetables? (Do not count fruit juice, French Fries, fried potatoes or potato chips.)	0 times the past 7 days	2%	3%	2%
	1 to 3 times the past 7 days	18%	20%	19%
	4 to 6 times the past 7 days	24%	21%	22%
	1 time per day	10%	12%	11%
	2 times per day	22%	22%	22%
	3 times per day	13%	12%	13%
4 or more times per day	11%	10%	11%	

Number of days eating breakfast

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
30. During the past 7 days, how many days did you eat breakfast?	0 days	6%	9%	7%
	1 day	4%	6%	5%
	2 days	7%	9%	8%
	3 days	8%	9%	8%
	4 days	7%	9%	8%
	5 days	10%	11%	10%
	6 days	11%	10%	10%
	7 days	47%	38%	42%

Frequency of drinks

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
32. During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink a can, bottle, cup or glass of a "sugary" drink, like Gatorade, soda or pop, lemonade, a latte, a Frappuccino, Snapple or any other drink with sugar added?,	0 times the past 7 days	19%	18%	18%
	1 to 3 times the past 7 days	55%	52%	53%
	4 to 6 times the past 7 days	12%	14%	13%
	1 time per day	8%	7%	7%
	2 times per day	4%	5%	4%
	3 times per day	2%	2%	2%
	4 or more times per day	2%	2%	2%
	33. During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink something with caffeine such as coffee, coffee drinks, energy drinks or soda with caffeine?	0 times the past 7 days	51%	46%
1 to 3 times the past 7 days	34%	36%	35%	
4 to 6 times the past 7 days	6%	8%	7%	
1 time per day	5%	6%	6%	
2 times per day	2%	2%	2%	
3 times per day	1%	1%	1%	
4 or more times per day	1%	1%	1%	

Sleep and Phones

School nights per week up past 11pm

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
20. On average, how many school nights (Sunday- Thurs) a week are you awake past 11pm?	0 school nights	29%	18%	23%
	1 school night	14%	11%	13%
	2 school nights	16%	15%	15%
	3 school nights	12%	12%	12%
	4 school nights	7%	8%	8%
	Every school night	22%	35%	29%

Up past 11pm looking at phone

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
21. On average, how many school nights are you awake past 11pm looking at your phone or computer?	0 school nights	45%	30%	38%
	1 school night	13%	12%	12%
	2 school nights	12%	14%	13%
	3 school nights	9%	12%	10%
	4 school nights	5%	6%	6%
	Every school night	15%	26%	21%

Woken up by phone

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	% of Group
21. If you have a phone, tablet or computer on at night in your bedroom, how often does it interrupt your sleep?	I don't have a phone, tablet or computer on at night	22%	13%	18%
	Every night	5%	7%	6%
	Not every night but most nights	9%	10%	9%
	Some nights	20%	22%	21%
	Rarely or never	44%	48%	46%

Car Safety

How often do you wear a seatbelt?

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	% of Group
36.How often do you wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a car?	Never	1%	1%	1%
	Rarely	1%	1%	1%
	Sometimes	3%	3%	3%
	Most of the time	12%	16%	14%
	Always	83%	79%	81%

Parent Monitoring and Interest

Evening meals per week with family

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	% of Group
24.In an average week, how many days do you eat evening meals with your family?	0 days	5%	7%	6%
	1 day	3%	4%	4%
	2 days	5%	6%	6%
	3 days	6%	7%	7%
	4 days	8%	9%	8%
	5 days	11%	12%	12%
	6 days	12%	12%	12%
	7 days	50%	42%	46%

Parents monitor my school progress

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	% of Group
25(f). My parents . . . : Monitor my school progress.	Always	61%	57%	59%
	Often	26%	28%	27%
	Sometimes	11%	13%	12%
	Never	1%	2%	2%

My parents . . .

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
25(a). My parents . . . : Know where I am when I go out.	Always	83%	79%	81%
	Often	14%	18%	16%
	Sometimes	3%	3%	3%
	Never	0%	1%	0%
25(b). My parents . . . : Set clear rules about what I can and cannot do.	Always	64%	60%	62%
	Often	25%	28%	26%
	Sometimes	10%	11%	10%
	Never	1%	1%	1%
25(d). My parents . . . : Have consequences if I break rules.	Always	57%	59%	58%
	Often	26%	25%	26%
	Sometimes	15%	13%	14%
	Never	2%	2%	2%

My parents provide structure SCALE

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
Parents provide structure scale	Strongly Agree	83%	81%	82%
	Agree	13%	16%	15%
	Disagree	3%	2%	3%
	Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%

My parents . . .

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
25(c). My parents . . . : Have talked with me about my future plans.	Always	28%	37%	33%
	Often	23%	24%	23%
	Sometimes	40%	33%	36%
	Never	9%	6%	7%
25(e). My parents . . . : Encourage me to do well.	Always	83%	80%	81%
	Often	11%	13%	12%
	Sometimes	5%	6%	5%
	Never	1%	1%	1%
25(g). My parents . . . : Talk with me about things that bother me.	Always	33%	29%	31%
	Often	23%	22%	23%
	Sometimes	31%	33%	32%
	Never	13%	15%	14%

Parents and Adverse Childhood Experiences

Parents have . . .

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
26(b). My parent has been in prison or jail.	Yes	7%	8%	8%
	No	88%	86%	87%
	Don't know	5%	6%	5%
26(c). My parent has hit me, leaving bruises, marks or any kind of injury.	Yes	3%	4%	3%
	No	94%	92%	93%
	Don't know	3%	4%	3%
26(d). My parent gets drunk at least once a week.	Yes	5%	6%	6%
	No	90%	89%	90%
	Don't know	5%	5%	5%
26(f). My parent abuses prescription or nonprescription drugs.	Yes	1%	1%	1%
	No	96%	96%	96%
	Don't know	3%	3%	3%
26(g). My parents physically fight with each other.	Yes	1%	1%	1%
	No	97%	96%	97%
	Don't know	2%	2%	2%
26(a). My parent has a mental health problem that worries me.	Yes	5%	7%	6%
	No	84%	81%	83%
	Don't know	11%	12%	11%

Access to a Gun

Do you have access to a gun?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
76.Do you have access to a gun?	Yes	8%	11%	9%
	No	85%	82%	83%
	Not Sure	7%	7%	7%

Anxiety

In the past 30 days, how often have you

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
39(a). Felt nervous, anxious or on edge.	Always	10%	14%	12%
	Often	23%	25%	24%
	Sometimes	44%	42%	43%
	Not at all	23%	20%	21%
39(b). Not been able to stop or control worrying.	Always	8%	11%	10%
	Often	15%	18%	17%
	Sometimes	28%	28%	28%
	Not at all	49%	43%	46%
39(c). Felt problems were piling up so high that you could not handle them	Always	8%	12%	10%
	Often	14%	19%	17%
	Sometimes	27%	28%	27%
	Not at all	51%	42%	46%
39(d). Worried too much about different things	Always	11%	15%	13%
	Often	19%	22%	21%
	Sometimes	34%	31%	32%
	Not at all	36%	32%	34%
39(e). Had trouble relaxing	Always	9%	11%	10%
	Often	14%	17%	15%
	Sometimes	33%	33%	33%
	Not at all	45%	39%	42%
39(f). Been so restless that it is hard to sit still	Always	9%	11%	10%
	Often	11%	14%	12%
	Sometimes	24%	25%	24%
	Not at all	56%	50%	53%
39(g). Become easily annoyed or irritable	Always	16%	18%	17%
	Often	22%	25%	24%
	Sometimes	37%	35%	36%
	Not at all	25%	22%	23%
39(h). Felt afraid as if something awful might happen	Always	9%	11%	10%
	Often	12%	12%	12%
	Sometimes	27%	28%	28%
	Not at all	52%	49%	50%

DCYA Anxiety Measure (SCALE)

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
DCYA Anxiety Scale (3 items)	Always	10%	14%	12%
	Often	14%	18%	16%
	Sometimes	21%	21%	21%
	Not at all	55%	47%	51%

3 MOST IMPORTANT causes of stress and anxiety in my life

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	% of Group
40(a).I really don't experience much stress or anxiety	Yes some anxiety	66%	72%	69%
	Really don't experience anxiety	34%	28%	31%
40(b).Pressure to have money, have things (phone, clothes, car)	No	97%	93%	95%
	Yes	3%	7%	5%
40(c).Too much homework	No	53%	46%	50%
	Yes	47%	54%	50%
40(d). Social pressure to be popular, look good	No	82%	80%	81%
	Yes	18%	20%	19%
40(e). Pressure to perform in school (hard classes, getting good grades)	No	59%	51%	55%
	Yes	41%	49%	45%
40(f). Feeling like I don't fit in at school	No	87%	87%	87%
	Yes	13%	13%	13%
40(g). Pressure to get into a good college	No	89%	84%	86%
	Yes	11%	16%	14%
40(i). Problems at home	No	89%	85%	87%
	Yes	11%	15%	13%
40(j) Problems in the world	No	77%	75%	76%
	Yes	23%	25%	24%
40(k). Fear of deportation for me or family members	No	100%	100%	100%
40(h) Problems related to COVID-19	No	78%	76%	77%
	Yes	22%	24%	23%

Emotional and Mental Health

Are you receiving professional mental health services?

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	% of Group
42. Are you currently receiving professional mental health services?	No, I'm not receiving mental health services	86%	87%	86%
	Yes, I'm receiving mental health services outside of school	10%	10%	10%
	Yes, I'm receiving mental health services at school	1%	1%	1%
	Yes, I'm receiving mental health services both at school and outside of school	2%	2%	2%

Depression: Feeling sad and hopeless

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	% of Group
41.During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for at least two weeks in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?	Yes	20%	26%	23%
	No	80%	74%	77%

Suicide ideation

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
43.During the past 12 months, have you thought seriously about killing yourself?	No	83%	79%	81%
	Yes, but rarely	11%	13%	12%
	Yes, some of the time	5%	6%	6%
	Yes, almost all the time	1%	2%	1%

Suicide attempts in the last 12 months

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
44.During the past 12 months, have you attempted to kill yourself?	No	96%	96%	96%
	Yes, 1 time	3%	3%	3%
	Yes, more than 1 time	1%	1%	1%

Self-harm in the last 12 months

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
45.During the past 12 months, how many times did you do something to hurt yourself on purpose, without wanting to die, such as cutting or burning yourself?	Never	86%	82%	84%
	Rarely (one or twice)	9%	11%	10%
	Occasionally	3%	5%	4%
	Frequently	1%	2%	1%

Sexual Behavior

Voluntarily engaged in sexual contact

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
46.Have you ever voluntarily had sexual contact with another person?	Yes	2%	5%	3%
	No	98%	95%	97%

Tobacco and Nicotine

Electronic vapor cigarettes past 30 days?

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
49.During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use an electronic vapor product? (Electronic vapor products include e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs and hookah pens.)	Yes	1%	2%	1%
	No	99%	98%	99%

Tobacco products past 30 days?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
50. During the past 30 days, did you use any other tobacco products, including cigarettes, little cigars, flavored cigarettes, chewing tobacco or water pipe?	Yes	0%	1%	1%
	No	100%	99%	99%

Where do you usually get your cigarettes?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
51. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your tobacco products or electronic vaping products?	I did not use any tobacco products in the last 30 days.	99%	98%	98%
	From a store - convenience store, supermarket, discount store or gas station	0%	0%	0%
	On the internet	0%	0%	0%
	Gave someone else money to buy them for me	0%	0%	0%
	Borrowed (or bummed) them from someone else	0%	0%	0%
	A person 21 years old or older gave them to me	0%	0%	0%
	Took them from a store or family member	0%	0%	0%
	Got them some other way	0%	1%	1%

Alcohol Use

Past 12 months how many times have you drank alcohol?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
52. In the past 12 months how many times did you drink alcohol?	Never, not at all	95%	94%	95%
	Less than 1 time per month	4%	5%	4%
	1 time per month or more	1%	1%	1%

Where do most frequently get alcohol?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
54. In the past 12 months where did you usually get the alcohol you drank?	I didn't drink in the last 12 months	95%	94%	94%
	Buy it myself	0%	0%	0%
	My parents	3%	3%	3%
	My brother/sister	0%	0%	0%
	Other adults	0%	1%	0%
	Sneak it from home	0%	1%	0%
	Get it at parties with my friends	0%	1%	0%
	Someone else buys it for me	0%	0%	0%
	Steal it from a store	0%		0%
	Get it some other way	1%	1%	1%

In the past 30 days how many days did you . . . ?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
53(a). Have at least 1 drink of alcohol (more than a few sips).	0 days	97%	96%	96%
	1 to 2 days	3%	3%	3%
	3 to 6 days	0%	0%	0%
	7 or more days	0%	0%	0%
53(b). Have 5 or more alcoholic drinks at one time, in a row , within a couple of hours.	0 days	99%	99%	99%
	1 to 2 days	0%	1%	0%
	3 to 6 days	0%	0%	0%
	7 or more days	0%	0%	0%

Marijuana Use

Past 12 months how many times using marijuana?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
55.In the past 12 months, how many times did you use marijuana or cannabis in any form including smoking, eating, vaping or dabbing?	Never, not at al	99%	96%	98%
	Less than 1 time per month	1%	2%	1%
	1 time per month or more	0%	2%	1%

In the past 30 days how many days using marijuana?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
56.In the past 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana or cannabis in any form including smoking, eating, vaping or dabbing?	0 days	99%	98%	98%
	1 to 2 days	1%	1%	1%
	3 to 6 days	0%	0%	0%
	7 or more days	0%	0%	0%

How did you use marijuana, last 30 days?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
57(b). Marijuana or cannabis in the past 30 days - I smoked it.	Didn't smoke	99%	98%	99%
	Smoked	1%	2%	1%
57(c). Marijuana or cannabis in the past 30 days - I ate it (edible candy, tincture or other food).	Didn't eat	100%	99%	100%
	Ate	0%	1%	0%
57(d). Marijuana or cannabis in the past 30 days - I used a vaporizer.	No vape	100%	100%	100%
	Vaping	0%	0%	0%
57(e). Marijuana or cannabis in the past 30 days - I dabbled.	No dabbing	100%	99%	100%
	Dabbed	0%	1%	0%
57(f). Marijuana or cannabis in the past 30 days - I used it some other way.	No other	100%	100%	100%
	Other use	0%	0%	0%

Drug Use

Drug use in the past 30 days

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	% of Group
58(a). A prescription drug without a doctor's prescription	0 days	99%	99%	99%
	1 to 2 days	1%	1%	1%
	3 to 6 days	0%	0%	0%
	7 or more days	0%	0%	0%
58(b). Over the counter medication (such as cough syrup) in a way other than it was intended	0 days	96%	97%	97%
	1 to 2 days	3%	2%	2%
	3 to 6 days	1%	0%	0%
	7 or more days	1%	1%	1%
58(c). In the past 30 days, how many times have you used the following?: Inhalant (like glue, paint, spray cans, markers)	0 days	97%	97%	97%
	1 to 2 days	2%	2%	2%
	3 to 6 days	0%	0%	0%
	7 or more days	0%	0%	0%

Prescription medications in the home

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	% of Group
59.Access to prescription drugs in your home.	There are no prescription drugs in my home.	37%	31%	34%
	Prescription drugs in my home are locked up in a secure place.	24%	23%	24%
	Prescription drugs are kept in a place I can access, like the bathroom cabinet or kitchen counter.	38%	46%	42%

Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Perceptions

How much do people risk harming themselves when they . . . ?

Dane County 7-8		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	% of Group
62(a). How much do people risk harming themselves physically, and in other ways when they... ? : Smoke 1 or more packs of cigarettes per day	No Risk	6%	4%	5%
	Slight Risk	8%	8%	8%
	Moderate Risk	22%	22%	22%
	Great Risk	64%	66%	65%
62(b). Have 5 or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week.	No Risk	6%	5%	5%
	Slight Risk	14%	14%	14%
	Moderate Risk	34%	35%	34%
	Great Risk	47%	47%	47%
62(c). Smoke marijuana once or twice a week	No Risk	8%	10%	9%
	Slight Risk	18%	25%	22%
	Moderate Risk	30%	30%	30%
	Great Risk	44%	35%	40%
62(d). Take prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription	No Risk	5%	4%	4%
	Slight Risk	8%	9%	8%
	Moderate Risk	25%	26%	25%
	Great Risk	62%	62%	62%
62(e). Use e-cigarettes or other vaping products with nicotine daily	No Risk	6%	4%	5%
	Slight Risk	10%	12%	11%
	Moderate Risk	26%	31%	28%
	Great Risk	59%	53%	56%

62(f). Use e-cigarettes or other vaping products with THC daily	No Risk	6%	4%	5%
	Slight Risk	8%	12%	10%
	Moderate Risk	26%	31%	29%
	Great Risk	60%	53%	56%

How wrong do your parents feel it is for you to . . . ?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
60(a). Use marijuana	Not Wrong	2%	2%	2%
	A Little Wrong	3%	5%	4%
	Wrong	11%	17%	14%
	Very Wrong	85%	75%	80%
60(b). Use cigarettes or tobacco products	Not Wrong	2%	1%	1%
	A Little Wrong	1%	2%	2%
	Wrong	12%	16%	14%
	Very Wrong	85%	80%	83%
60(c). Drink alcohol	Not Wrong	4%	4%	4%
	A Little Wrong	10%	14%	12%
	Wrong	23%	26%	24%
	Very Wrong	62%	56%	59%
60(d). Take prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription	Not Wrong	2%	2%	2%
	A Little Wrong	2%	3%	2%
	Wrong	12%	16%	14%
	Very Wrong	85%	80%	82%
60(e). Drink alcohol regularly (1 or 2 drinks nearly every day)	Not Wrong	2%	1%	1%
	A Little Wrong	2%	2%	2%
	Wrong	11%	14%	12%
	Very Wrong	85%	83%	84%
60(f). Use e-cigarette or other vaping products daily	Not Wrong	1%	1%	1%
	A Little Wrong	1%	2%	2%
	Wrong	9%	14%	11%
	Very Wrong	89%	83%	86%

How wrong do your friends think these behaviors are . . . ?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
63(a). How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to . . . ? : Drink alcohol	Not Wrong	4%	7%	5%
	A Little Wrong	11%	17%	14%
	Wrong	26%	32%	29%
	Very Wrong	59%	44%	51%
63(b). Use cigarettes or tobacco products	Not Wrong	2%	3%	3%
	A Little Wrong	4%	7%	6%
	Wrong	21%	29%	25%
	Very Wrong	73%	61%	67%
63(c). Use marijuana	Not Wrong	3%	6%	5%
	A Little Wrong	5%	10%	8%
	Wrong	18%	24%	21%
	Very Wrong	74%	60%	67%
63(d). Take prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription.	Not Wrong	2%	2%	2%
	A Little Wrong	4%	6%	5%
	Wrong	20%	26%	23%
	Very Wrong	74%	65%	69%
63(e). Drink alcohol regularly (1 or 2 drinks nearly every day)	Not Wrong	2%	2%	2%
	A Little Wrong	4%	6%	5%
	Wrong	20%	27%	23%
	Very Wrong	75%	65%	70%
63(e). Use e-cigarettes or other vaping products with nicotine daily	Not Wrong	3%	4%	3%
	A Little Wrong	4%	9%	7%
	Wrong	20%	25%	22%
	Very Wrong	73%	62%	67%

63(f). Use e-cigarettes or other vaping products with THC daily	Not Wrong	3%	4%	3%
	A Little Wrong	3%	8%	6%
	Wrong	19%	25%	22%
	Very Wrong	75%	63%	69%

How many people your age do you think...?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
61(a). How many people your age do you think...?: Drink alcohol.	Less than half	79%	68%	73%
	About half	15%	22%	19%
	More than half	4%	8%	6%
	Most	2%	2%	2%
61(b). Use marijuana.	Less than half	82%	70%	76%
	About half	11%	18%	15%
	More than half	5%	9%	7%
	Most	2%	4%	3%
61(c). Use cigarettes or tobacco products.	Less than half	76%	68%	72%
	About half	16%	20%	18%
	More than half	6%	9%	7%
	Most	2%	3%	2%
61(d). Take prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription	Less than half	81%	79%	80%
	About half	13%	14%	14%
	More than half	4%	5%	4%
	Most	2%	2%	2%
61(e) Use e-cigarette or other vaping products with nicotine daily	Less than half	66%	49%	57%
	About half	21%	29%	25%
	More than half	9%	16%	13%
	Most	4%	6%	5%
61(f) Use e-cigarette or other vaping products with THC daily	Less than half	72%	59%	65%
	About half	18%	24%	21%
	More than half	7%	12%	10%
	Most	3%	5%	4%

School and Education

During Covid...

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
64(a) During COVID - I fell behind at school	Strongly Agree	17%	20%	18%
	Agree	31%	30%	30%
	Disagree	31%	31%	31%
	Strongly Disagree	21%	18%	20%
64(b) During COVID - I was afraid that my family wouldn't have enough food	Strongly Agree	2%	2%	2%
	Agree	7%	6%	6%
	Disagree	30%	31%	31%
	Strongly Disagree	62%	61%	61%
64(c) During COVID - Someone in my home physically hurt me	Strongly Agree	1%	1%	1%
	Agree	3%	2%	2%
	Disagree	16%	17%	17%
	Strongly Disagree	81%	79%	80%
64(c) During COVID - Someone in my home physically hurt someone else in my home	Strongly Agree	1%	1%	1%
	Agree	2%	3%	2%
	Disagree	17%	18%	17%
	Strongly Disagree	81%	79%	80%

Are you in special ed or have an IEP?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
68.Do you currently receive special education support or have an IEP?	Yes	7%	6%	7%
	No	78%	81%	80%
	Don't know	15%	13%	14%

Connections to school

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
65(a). How strongly do you agree or disagree with each statement about your school?: The rules and expectations are clearly explained.	Strongly Agree	29%	24%	27%
	Agree	62%	64%	63%
	Disagree	8%	11%	9%
	Strongly Disagree	1%	2%	1%
65(b). I feel close to people in my school.	Strongly Agree	19%	16%	17%
	Agree	49%	46%	48%
	Disagree	25%	28%	26%
	Strongly Disagree	7%	9%	8%
65(c). I feel safe at my school.	Strongly Agree	26%	20%	23%
	Agree	61%	62%	61%
	Disagree	12%	15%	13%
	Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	3%
65(d). Teachers and other adults treat students fairly.	Strongly Agree	26%	18%	22%
	Agree	57%	57%	57%
	Disagree	14%	19%	16%
	Strongly Disagree	3%	6%	4%
65(e). There are adults I can talk to at school if I have a problem	Strongly Agree	28%	22%	25%
	Agree	53%	54%	54%
	Disagree	14%	17%	15%
	Strongly Disagree	5%	7%	6%
65(f). I feel like I belong at this school.	Strongly Agree	26%	19%	22%
	Agree	57%	59%	58%
	Disagree	13%	17%	15%
	Strongly Disagree	5%	6%	5%

Feeling connected to school SCALE

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
Connected to school scale	Strongly Agree	33%	23%	28%
	Agree	52%	51%	52%
	Disagree	14%	23%	18%
	Strongly Disagree	1%	3%	2%

How did you participate in school this year?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
70. In this school year, did you participate in school in-person or virtually from home?	In-person most of the time	6%	4%	5%
	Some in-person, some virtual from home	24%	22%	23%
	Virtual from home most of the time	71%	75%	73%

Struggle getting homework done

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
66.I struggle getting my homework done.	Strongly Agree	12%	14%	13%
	Agree	30%	32%	31%
	Disagree	42%	41%	41%
	Strongly Disagree	16%	13%	15%

Why I struggle getting homework done

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
67(a). Below are a few reasons why students struggle getting their homework done. Please indicate how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with each statement: There's too much homework	Strongly Agree	25%	27%	26%
	Agree	39%	40%	40%
	Disagree	29%	28%	29%
	Strongly Disagree	7%	5%	6%
67(b). The homework is too hard, can't figure it out	Strongly Agree	10%	11%	10%
	Agree	31%	34%	33%
	Disagree	47%	46%	47%
	Strongly Disagree	12%	9%	10%
67(c). Too many other responsibilities (job, sports, friends, etc.)	Strongly Agree	12%	15%	13%
	Agree	32%	35%	34%
	Disagree	41%	40%	40%
	Strongly Disagree	15%	10%	12%
67(d). Difficult to get help when I need it	Strongly Agree	9%	9%	9%
	Agree	24%	25%	25%
	Disagree	48%	50%	49%
	Strongly Disagree	20%	15%	17%
67(e). Too tired	Strongly Agree	17%	22%	20%
	Agree	32%	38%	35%
	Disagree	35%	30%	32%
	Strongly Disagree	16%	10%	13%
67(f). I have unreliable internet access	Strongly Agree	7%	7%	7%
	Agree	20%	20%	20%
	Disagree	48%	49%	49%
	Strongly Disagree	25%	24%	24%

Past 30 days how many days missing or cutting class?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
73.In the past 30 days, how often have you skipped or not attended scheduled classes?	Never	84%	79%	81%
	1 or 2 times per month	12%	15%	13%
	More than 1 or 2 times per month	4%	6%	5%

How many times suspended from school?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
72(a). During this school year, how many times have you received an in-school suspension	0 times	97%	98%	98%
	1 time	2%	1%	1%
	2 times	1%	0%	0%
	3 or more times	0%	1%	1%
72(b).Out-of-school suspension	0 times	98%	99%	99%
	1 time	1%	0%	1%
	2 times	0%	0%	0%
	3 or more times	0%	1%	1%

Gang membership

Are you the member of an organized gang?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
74.Are you a member of a gang?	No, and I have never been asked or pressured to join	98%	98%	98%
	No, but I have been asked or pressured to join	2%	1%	1%
	I was in a gang, but am no longer	0%	0%	0%
	Yes, I am currently in a gang	0%	0%	0%
	Yes, I'm currently in a gang and want to get out	0%	0%	0%

Bullying and Victimization

How many times were you involved in these activities in the last 30 days . . . ? (victim of bullying)

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
77(a). Someone made unwanted sexual comments to me.	Never	94%	89%	91%
	1 to 2 times	5%	7%	6%
	3 to 4 times	1%	2%	1%
	5 or more times	1%	1%	1%
77(b). I got hit and pushed by other students.	Never	93%	94%	93%
	1 to 2 times	6%	5%	5%
	3 to 4 times	1%	1%	1%
	5 or more times	1%	1%	1%
77(c). Other students picked on me.	Never	87%	87%	87%
	1 to 2 times	9%	9%	9%
	3 to 4 times	2%	2%	2%
	5 or more times	2%	2%	2%
77(e). Other students made fun of me.	Never	86%	86%	86%
	1 to 2 times	11%	10%	10%
	3 to 4 times	2%	2%	2%
	5 or more times	2%	2%	2%
77(f). Other students called me names.	Never	87%	86%	87%
	1 to 2 times	9%	9%	9%
	3 to 4 times	2%	2%	2%
	5 or more times	2%	2%	2%
77(d). I told someone to stop harassing another student.	Never	86%	85%	86%
	1 to 2 times	11%	12%	12%
	3 to 4 times	2%	2%	2%
	5 or more times	1%	1%	1%

Espelage victim of bullying SCALE

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
Espelage victim scale (past 30 days)	Never	80%	80%	80%
	1 or 2 times	13%	14%	13%
	3 to 4 times	4%	3%	3%
	5 or more	3%	3%	3%

Have you been bullied, threaten or harassed . . . ?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
78(a). Through the internet or text messaging.	Never	78%	75%	76%
	Rarely	14%	14%	14%
	Sometimes	5%	8%	7%
	Often	2%	3%	3%
78(b). By others thinking you're gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender	Never	87%	86%	86%
	Rarely	7%	7%	7%
	Sometimes	4%	5%	5%
	Often	2%	3%	2%
78(c). About your race or ethnic background.	Never	92%	90%	91%
	Rarely	5%	6%	5%
	Sometimes	2%	3%	3%
	Often	1%	1%	1%
78(d). About your immigration status	Never	97%	97%	97%
	Rarely	2%	2%	2%
	Sometimes	1%	1%	1%
	Often	0%	0%	0%
78(e). About your political views	Never	85%	80%	82%
	Rarely	8%	10%	9%
	Sometimes	4%	6%	5%
	Often	3%	4%	3%
78(f). About how you look.	Never	75%	71%	73%
	Rarely	14%	16%	15%
	Sometimes	7%	9%	8%
	Often	4%	4%	4%

Adult Connections and Community

What best describes your community?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students % of Group
		7th % of Group	8th % of Group	
Dane County 7-8				
79(a). I can ask my neighbors for help.	Strongly Agree	27%	22%	24%
	Agree	48%	51%	50%
	Disagree	18%	18%	18%
	Strongly Disagree	7%	9%	8%
79(b). If I had to move, I would miss my neighborhood.	Strongly Agree	35%	27%	31%
	Agree	37%	39%	38%
	Disagree	20%	24%	22%
	Strongly Disagree	8%	11%	9%
79(c). I feel safe in my neighborhood.	Strongly Agree	36%	30%	33%
	Agree	55%	61%	58%
	Disagree	7%	8%	7%
	Strongly Disagree	2%	2%	2%
79(d). My neighbors are friendly to me.	Strongly Agree	40%	32%	36%
	Agree	53%	60%	57%
	Disagree	5%	6%	6%
	Strongly Disagree	2%	2%	2%
79(e). I can count on the police if I need them.	Strongly Agree	36%	28%	32%
	Agree	50%	53%	52%
	Disagree	10%	12%	11%
	Strongly Disagree	4%	7%	5%
79(f). I help my neighbors.	Strongly Agree	27%	22%	24%
	Agree	49%	51%	50%
	Disagree	20%	22%	21%
	Strongly Disagree	3%	6%	4%

Number of adults you can rely on

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
80. Not counting your parents, how many adults can you rely on if you have a problem and need help?	No other adults available	7%	7%	7%
	At least one other adult	13%	16%	14%
	At least two	18%	18%	18%
	At least three	12%	14%	13%
	Four or more adults	50%	46%	48%

Confidentiality

Were you worried about confidentiality?

		2.What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
81. Were you worried about the confidentiality of your answers while you were taking this survey? (Select one option)	No, I wasn't worried about confidentiality	75%	68%	71%
	I was worried about my parents seeing my answers	8%	8%	8%
	I was worried about teachers or adults at school seeing my answers	5%	7%	6%
	I was worried about both my parents and teachers seeing my answers	12%	16%	14%