



In 2013, 65.7% of Ohio high school students saw a doctor for a checkup when they were not sick.

How can I use the survey results?

Information from the OHYES can meet a variety of needs at the school, community, and state levels. The survey identifies the prevalence of various health risk behaviors. This information can inform resource and policy decisions, such as how to target interventions. Those who receive the survey results may choose to share them with other community organizations.

How does the OHYES 2015 compare to past surveys?

The OHYES 2015 is similar to many surveys conducted around the country. For example, the Ohio Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is part of a national effort conducted every two years in a sample of high schools across the state. While Ohio has participated in the YRBS since 1993, district leaders have been unhappy that it does not provide them the detailed, actionable data they need for their schools and students. In response to districts' and schools' asking for data specific to them, the three collaborating agencies (Education, Health and Mental Health and Addiction Services) have joined forces to provide this survey

Can I review the survey?

Yes, in addition to an electronic version, available at ohyes.ohio.gov/Downloads, a paper copy of the survey will be made available to school staff and parents in the office of each school.

Who We Are

Who sponsors the survey?

Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OHMHAS); The Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI); the Department of Health (DOH); and the Department of Education (ODE).

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What is the focus of the OHYES?

The survey focuses on health risk behaviors, such as violence and alcohol, tobacco, drug use and other actions that can result in injury and adversely impact development among youth.

Why is the survey conducted?

The survey is used to identify and monitor factors that affect the health of youth in Ohio. Similar school-based youth surveys have been conducted across the country. These survey results can indicate changes in children's health behaviors over time and in turn schools can use the results to identify important areas of need.

When will you conduct the survey? When can we see results?

The survey will be offered during the weekdays of October 1st-November 20th, 2015. The online survey can be administered yearly. Results from this year's survey will be made available in mid-spring 2016.

How long does the survey take?

One class period. This time includes providing instructions to the students, administering and completing the survey.

Which schools are eligible to participate?

All Ohio schools with students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate – excluding detention facilities.

Does my school have to participate?

School participation in the survey is voluntary.

Are students required to participate?

No. We hope that parents will permit their children to participate so the results will be the most useful for finding out how health behaviors affect Ohio's youth but parents may choose not to have their child participate in the survey by returning the parent form. Students can choose at any point not to complete the survey or not to answer specific questions while doing the survey.

Who benefits? Why should my school participate?

Everyone benefits. This survey provides important information about students in Ohio and can be used to guide school policy and programs. The survey also provides useful data to state agencies, county prevention coordinators, community mobilization coalitions, community public health and safety networks.

Teen pregnancy in Ohio has decreased by 35% between 1988-2008.



In 2012, 85% of Ohio teenagers lived in a supportive community.

Will students answer the questions truthfully?

Research examining respondent responses indicates that when informed of the importance of the survey and that their responses are completely anonymous, students give accurate data. We also use internal reliability checks to help identify individual surveys that obviously have been answered carelessly.

How can I find out which schools have registered to participate in the OHYES this year?

You can visit ohyes.ohio.gov to check on school registration status.

Are sensitive questions asked?

Yes. The survey includes questions related to unintentional and intentional injuries; physical activity and dietary behaviors; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; and related risk and protective factors. Unless questions in these topic areas are asked honestly and straight forwardly, we cannot know the degree to which Ohio's youth engage in these health risk behaviors.

How is the survey coordinated at each school?

Each participating school has a designated survey coordinator and a backup coordinator. These coordinators help organize local survey efforts. These persons have additional information about the survey, including administration instructions.