

Metro Council for Teen Potential

Trends in selected responses by Rochester City School District students to the *Youth Risk Behavior Survey* with comparisons between 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017 and 2019.

For each survey, approximately 3,200 to 4,300 students responded from a variety of RCSD high schools. Youth were generally ages 14 to 18+. The following is a small selection of the YRBS questions and responses.

YRBS Question--Depression	City YRBS 2019	City YRBS 2017	City YRBS 2015	City YRBS 2011	City YRBS 2009
In past year, felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 or more weeks in a row that they stopped doing their usual activities	33%	29%	32%	32%	25%
Seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year	15%	13%	14%	12%	13%
Attempted suicide in the past year	10%	9%	12%	9%	11%
Attempted suicide in past year that resulted in injury/overdose that needed medical treatment	3%	3%	5%	3%	5%

YRBS Question—Weapons, violence, harassment	City YRBS 2019	City YRBS 2017	City YRBS 2015	City YRBS 2011	City YRBS 2009
Carried a weapon in the past month	12%	15%	15%	15%	17%
Carried a gun in the past year.	5%	5%	NA	NA	NA
Carried a gun, knife etc. on school property in the past month.	4%	5%	7%	5%	7%
Did not go to school on one or more days the past month because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to school	10%	8%	10%	8%	8%
Were teased, harassed or hurt at school or on way to school in the past year	14%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property in the last year	8%	7%	9%	11%	9%

Engaged in a physical fight in the past year	26%	28%	32%	38%	38%
Engaged in a physical fight on school property in the past year	16%	17%	18%	18%	17%
Were hit, slapped or physically hurt by a (boyfriend/girlfriend) or (someone you were dating/going out with) the past year	9%	10%	11%	11%	15%
Ever forced to have sexual intercourse				8%	11%
(Wording changed in 2015) Ever forced to have sexual intercourse, touch someone sexually or be touched by someone sexually?	9.5%	10%	11%		

YRBS Question— Tobacco	City YRBS 2019	City YRBS 2017	City YRBS 2015	City YRBS 2011	City YRBS 2009
Have tried smoking cigarettes, even one or two puffs	14%	12%	18%	29%	37%
Are current smokers - used cigarettes on one or more days in past month	4%	5%	7%	10%	11%
Smoked cigarettes daily during past 30 days	1%	1%	1%	3%	
Have used an e-cig or electronic vapor product	19%	15%	17%	NA	NA

YRBS Question—Alcohol	City YRBS 2019	City YRBS 2017	City YRBS 2015	City YRBS 2011	City YRBS 2009
Ever drank one or more drinks of alcohol in their life time	35%	34%	39%	57%	63%
Drank one or more drinks of alcohol before age 13 (other than a few sips)	11%	10%	13%	19%	26%
Had at least one drink of alcohol in past month	13%	18%	20%	32%	34%
Engaged in binge drinking in the past month (4 or 5 or more drinks in a row)	6%	9%	10%	15%	17%
During past month, rode in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol	16%	17%	18%	18%	22%
During past month, drove a vehicle when they had been drinking alcohol	4%	5%	7%	7%	8%

YRBS Questions-- Marijuana	City YRBS 2019	City YRBS 2017	City YRBS 2015	City YRBS 2011	City YRBS 2009
Have used marijuana in their lifetime	33%	33%	35%	42%	43%
Used marijuana in past month	21%	22%	22%	25%	26%
Used marijuana before age 13	8%	8%	10%	11%	14%
During past month, rode in a vehicle driven by someone under influence of marijuana, pills, other drugs	15%	17%	18%	NA	NA
During past month, drove a vehicle when under influence of marijuana, pills or other drugs	6%	7%	8%	NA	NA

YRBS Questions- Sexuality	City YRBS 2019	City YRBS 2017	City YRBS 2015	City YRBS 2011	City YRBS 2009
Which best describes you	72% Straight 5% Gay/Lesbian 13% Bisexual 10% Not sure				
Have you ever had sexual intercourse--yes	36%	40%	43%	57%	58%
How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time—14 and younger	20%	23%	26%	35%	37%
During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse—4 or more partners	10%	15%	16%	23%	21.5%
Currently sexually active, had sexual intercourse in past three months	25%	30%	31%	37%	38%
Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the last time—% who said ‘yes’ of currently sexually active youth	15%	15%	18%	17%	15%
The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom—% who said ‘yes’ of currently sexually active youth	53%	54%	60%	69%	63%
What method did you or partner use to prevent pregnancy other than condoms--% of sexually active youth who said IUD or implant—female only	18%	24%	16%	NA	NA

YRBS Question— Trauma	City YRBS 2019	City YRBS 2017	City YRBS 2015	City YRBS 2011	City YRBS 2009
How often did parent or adult in home swear at you, insult you or put you down? % who said "sometimes", "often" or "repeatedly"	37%	39%	43%	NA	NA
How often did a parent or adult in home hit, beat, kick or physically hurt you? % who said "sometimes", "often" or "repeatedly"	12%	12%	16%	NA	NA
Lived with anyone who was an alcoholic, used illegal drugs, took prescription drugs to get high, or was a problem gambler? % saying "yes".	19%	21%	24%	NA	NA
Has anyone in your household ever gone to jail or prison? % saying "yes".	30%	31%	35%	NA	NA
Saw someone get shot, stabbed or beaten in their neighborhood? % saying "yes".	31%	31%	33%	NA	NA

YRBS Questions--Assets	City YRBS 2019	City YRBS 2017	City YRBS 2015	City YRBS 2011	City YRBS 2009
Family gives help and support when needed. % saying "yes". % who agree or strongly agree.	77%	79%	77%	82%	82%
Family has clear rules about what youth can and cannot do. % who agree or strongly agree	81%	83%	79%	81%	81%
"I get a lot of encouragement at school." % who agree or strongly agree.	62%	63%	68%	70%	64%

YRBS Question—Perception of parental disapproval	City YRBS 2019	City YRBS 2017	City YRBS 2015	City YRBS 2011	City YRBS 2009
How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to drink beer, wine or hard liquor % saying "very wrong" or "wrong"	85%	77%	NA	77%	77%
How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to smoke cigarettes? % saying "very wrong" or "wrong"	95%	90%	NA	92%	91%
...marijuana	81%	79%	NA	84%	86%



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