



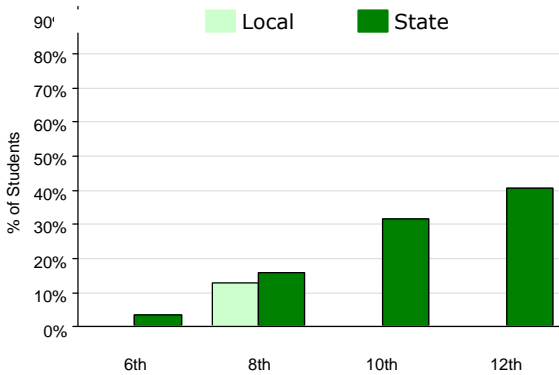
Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Year: 2008 Grade: 8 Gender: Both Number of Students Surveyed: 296

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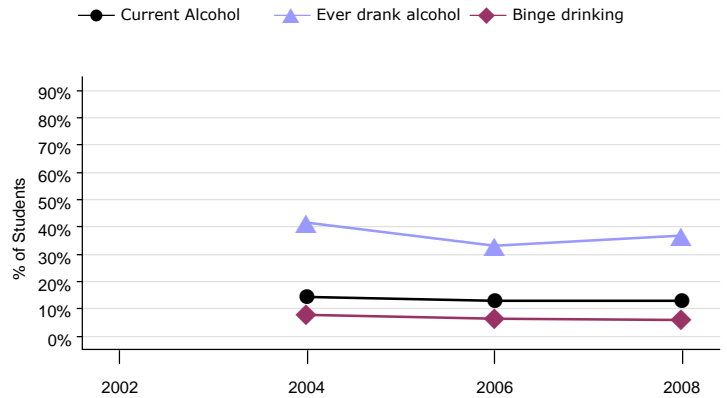
- Alcohol is implicated in nearly a third of youth traffic fatalities. It is also associated with violence, suicide, educational failure, and sexual activity.
- Contrary to earlier beliefs, recent research shows that alcohol can affect the developing adolescent brain.
- Most kids find it easy to get alcohol from friends, at parties, or from home.

Current (past 30 days) Alcohol Use Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008



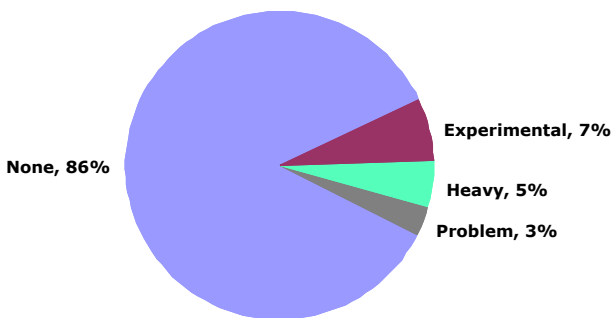
Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	13% ±4	N/G	N/G
State	4% ±1	16% ±2	32% ±2	41% ±3

Current Alcohol Use Trends, Grade 8



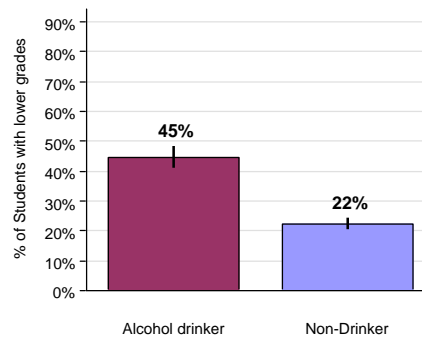
Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Current Alcohol	14% ±4	13% ±4	13% ±4
Ever drank alcohol	42% ±5	33% ±5*	37% ±6
Binge drinking	8% ±3	7% ±4	6% ±3

Level of Alcohol Use Grade 8, 2008



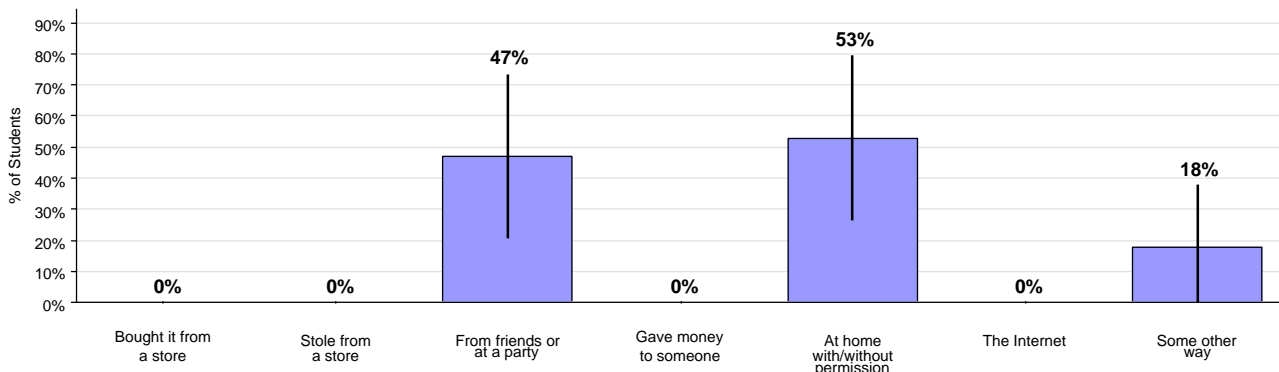
- None: no drinking in the past 30 days
- Experimental: 1-2 days drinking, and no binge drinking
- Heavy: 3-5 days drinking, and/or one binge
- Problem: 6+ days drinking, and/or 2+ binges

Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Alcohol Use Grade 8, 2008



Statewide, 8th graders who drink alcohol are more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who don't drink.

Source for Those Who Got Alcohol, Grade 8, 2008

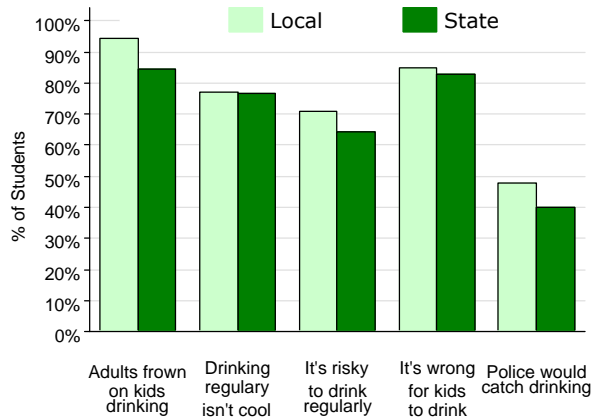




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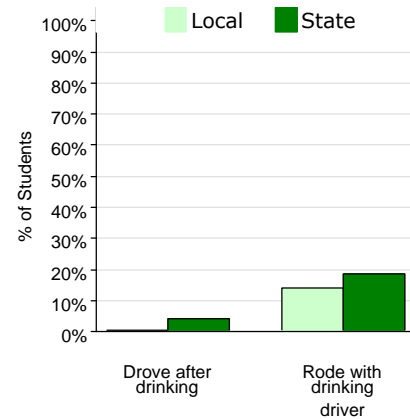
Current Alcohol Use Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District), page 2 of 2

Youth Perceptions about Alcohol Compared to the State, Grade 8, 2008



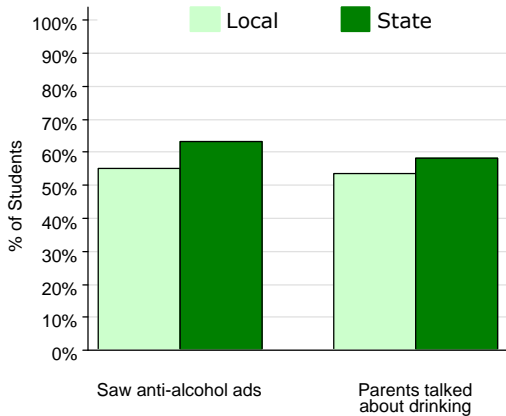
Prevalence	Adults frown on drinking	Regular drinking isn't cool	Regular drinking is risky	Drinking is wrong for kids	Police catch drinking
Local	94% ±4	77% ±7	71% ±8	85% ±6	48% ±8
State	84% ±2	77% ±2	64% ±2	83% ±2	40% ±2

Drinking and Driving/Riding Compared to the State, Grade 8, 2008



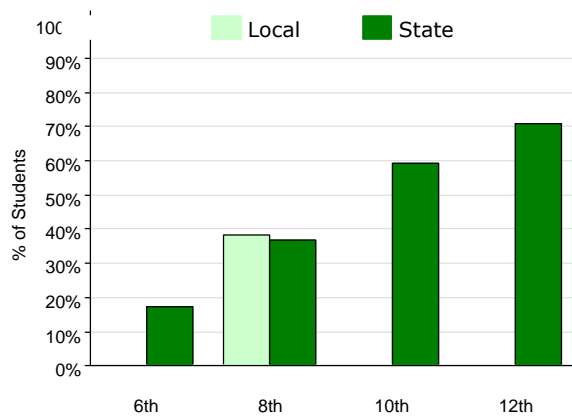
Prevalence	Drove after drinking	Rode with drinking driver
Local	1% ±1	14% ±6
State	4% ±1	19% ±1

Received Anti-Alcohol Messages Compared to the State, Grade 8, 2008



Prevalence	Saw anti-alcohol ads	Parents talked about drinking
Local	55% ±6	54% ±6
State	63% ±2	58% ±1

Youth Perception that Alcohol is Easy to Get Compared to the State, Grade 8, 2008



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	38% ±8	N/G	N/G
State	17% ±1	37% ±2	59% ±3	71% ±3

For More Information:

- Parents, schools, kids, and communities can work together to keep youth safe. To see a list of prevention organizations in your county, go to the Start Talking Now website: www.starttalkingnow.org.
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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Asthma Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

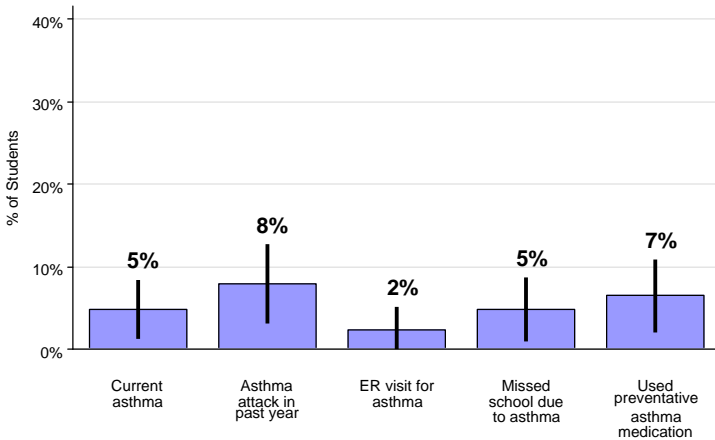
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Number of Students Surveyed: 296

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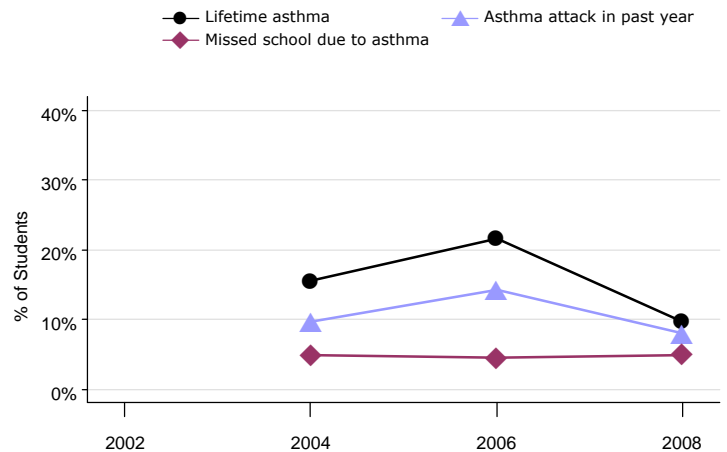
- In Washington State, about one in five youth have been diagnosed with asthma.
- Among youth with asthma, about one in five had at least one visit to an emergency department for asthma attack during 2008.
- Youth who smoke are more likely to have asthma.
- Asthma is a lung disease that causes trouble with breathing, usually in episodes called attacks. An attack can be triggered by exercise, exposure to smoke, mold, allergens like pet dander, and air pollution such as diesel exhaust.

**Effects of Asthma
Grade 8, 2008**



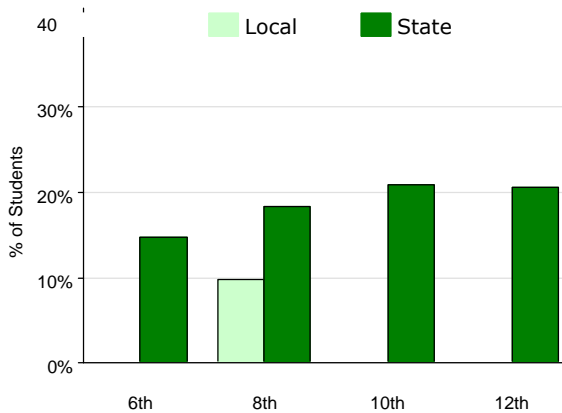
In 2008, 5% of 8th graders in our s missed school because of asthma.

Asthma Trends, Grade 8



Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Lifetime asthma	15% ±6	22% ±7	10% ±5*
Asthma attack in past year	10% ±5	14% ±7	8% ±5
Missed school due to asthma	5% ±4	5% ±4	5% ±4

**Lifetime Asthma
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008**



All youth with asthma should have a written asthma action plan to follow in the event of an attack.

Asthma can be controlled by avoidance of asthma triggers, regular health care visits, compliance with medication schedules, and maintaining appropriate weight.

For More Information:

- Visit the Asthma Program's website at: www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/asthma
- Washington Asthma Initiative's website at: www.alaw.org/asthma/washington_asthma_initiative

Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	10% ±5*	N/G	N/G
State	15% ±1	18% ±1	21% ±2	21% ±2

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Community Protective Factors Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

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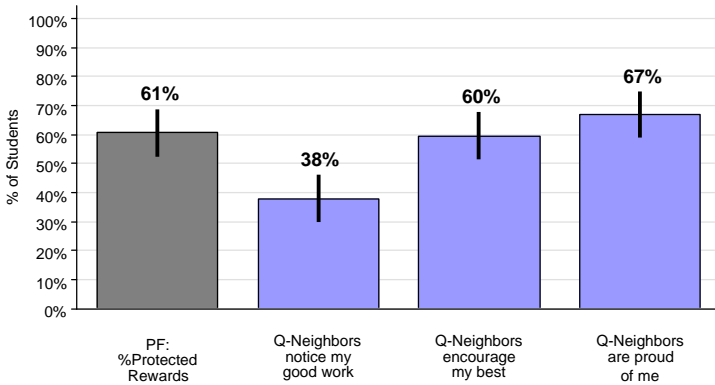
Background:

- Kids living in high-risk environments can be protected from problem behaviors by positive relationships with adults who care about their healthy development.
- Providing opportunities for involvement in positive and healthy activities helps communities promote youth development.

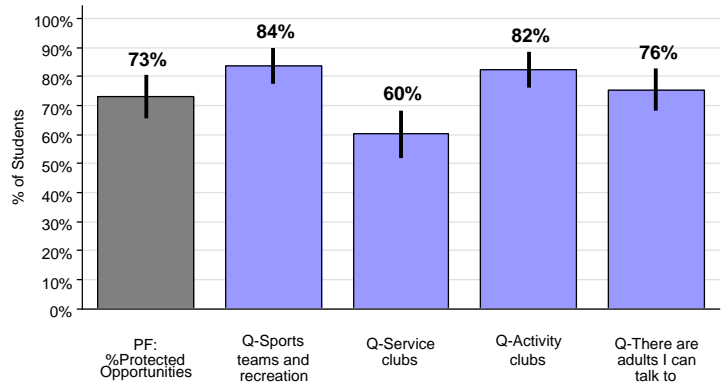
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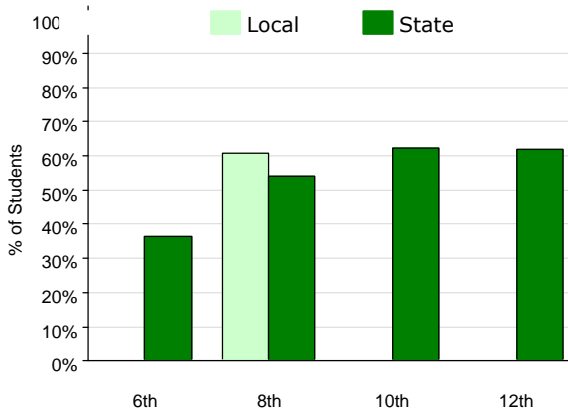
**Rewards for Community Involvement
Protective Factor (PF) and Selected Questions (Q)
Grade 8, 2008**



**Opportunities for Community Involvement
Protective Factor (PF) and Selected Questions (Q)
Grade 8, 2008**

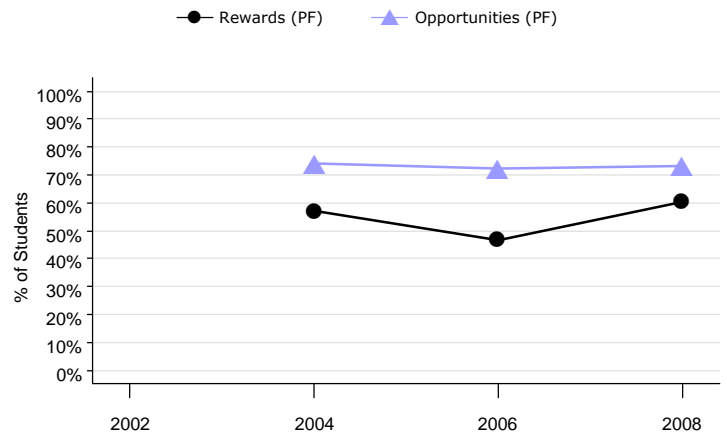


**Rewards for Community Involvement
Protective Factor (PF), All Grades, 2008**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	61% ±8	N/G	N/G
State	36% ±1	54% ±2	62% ±3	62% ±3

Community Protective Factor (PF) Trends



Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Rewards (PF)	57% ±8	47% ±8	61% ±8*
Opportunities (PF)	74% ±7*	72% ±8	73% ±7

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Community Risk Factors Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

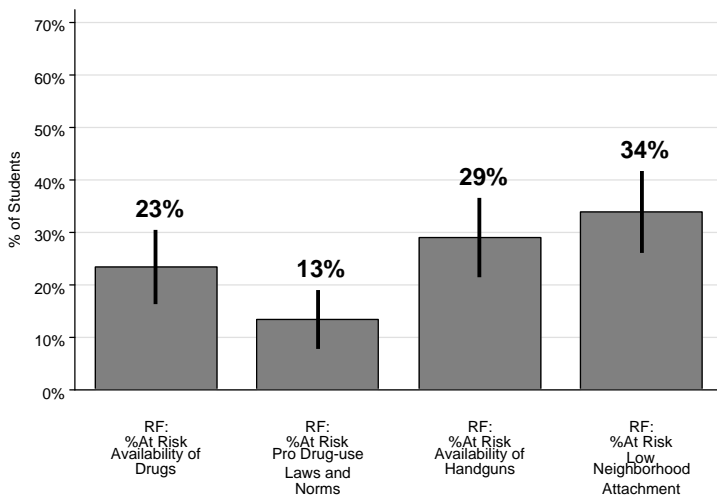
Background:

- Research shows that the risk factors measured by the Healthy Youth Survey are linked to adolescent substance use, delinquency, violence, school dropout, and other risky health behaviors.
- The more risk factors a youth is exposed to, the more likely it is that she or he will engage in problem behaviors.

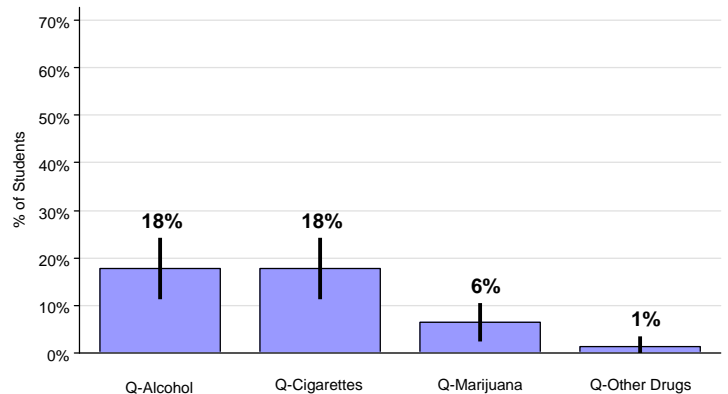
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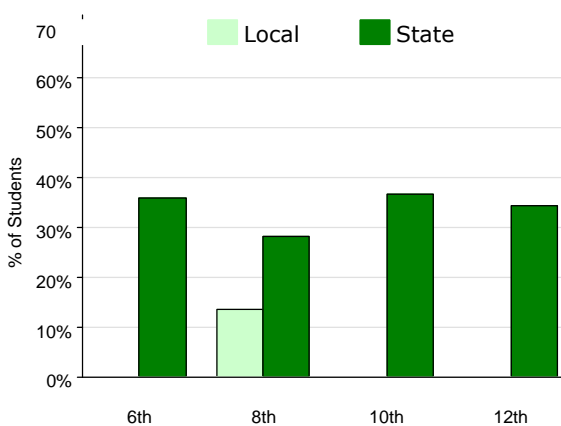
**Community Risk Factors
Grade 8, 2008**



**Availability of Drugs, Selected Questions (Q)
Percent reporting "very easy to get"
Grade 8, 2008**

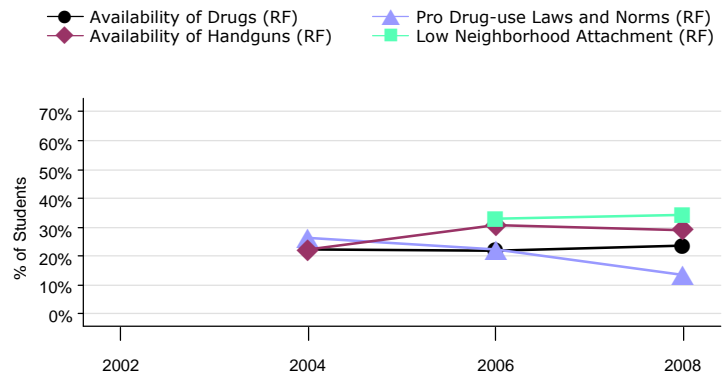


**Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use (RF)
All Grades, 2008**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	13% ±6*	N/G	N/G
State	36% ±2	28% ±3	37% ±3	34% ±3

Community Risk Factors Trends, Grade 8



Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Availability of Drugs (RF)	22% ±6*	22% ±7	23% ±7
Pro Drug-use Laws (RF)	26% ±7	22% ±7	13% ±6
Availability of Handguns (RF)	22% ±6*	30% ±8	29% ±8
Low Neighborhood Attachment (RF)	N/S	33% ±8	34% ±8

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Current Substance Use Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

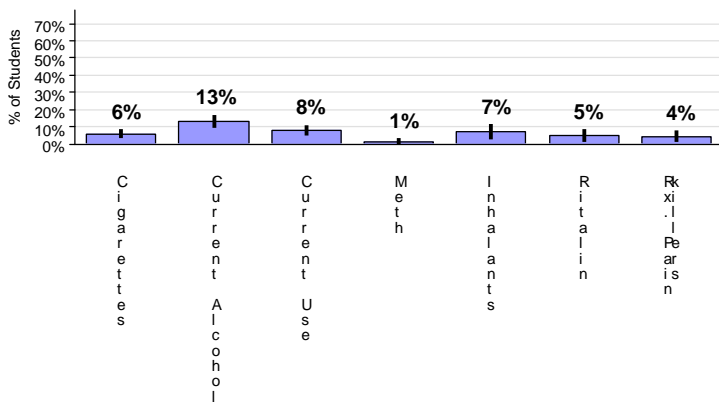
Background:

- Parents are the primary influence on their children's decision to use alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
- Brain development continues into the early twenties. The growing brain is more vulnerable to long-term impact from alcohol and other drugs.

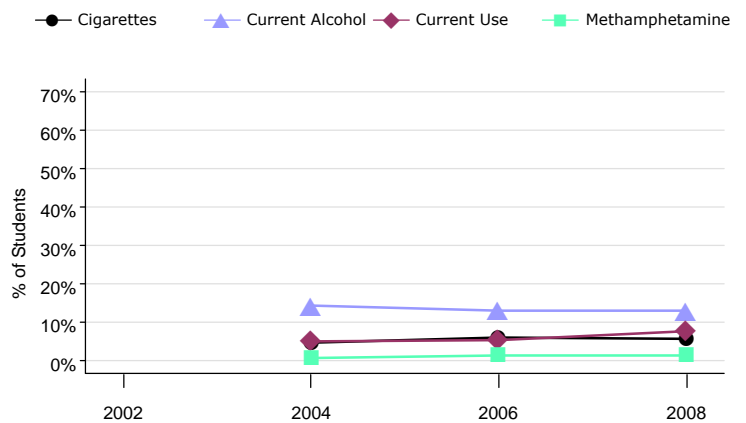
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**Current (past 30-day) Substance Use
Grade 8, 2008**



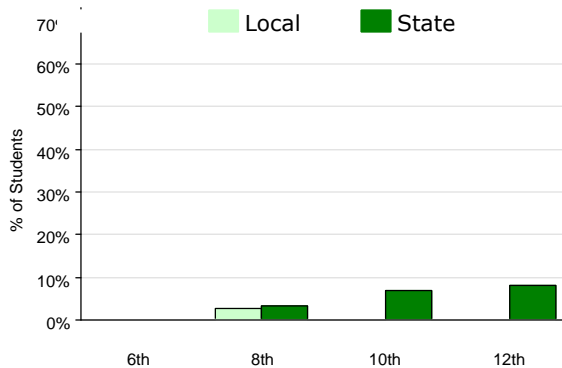
Current Substance Use Trends, Grade 8



In 2008, 1% of 8th graders in our school took pain killers from home or someone else's home without permission.

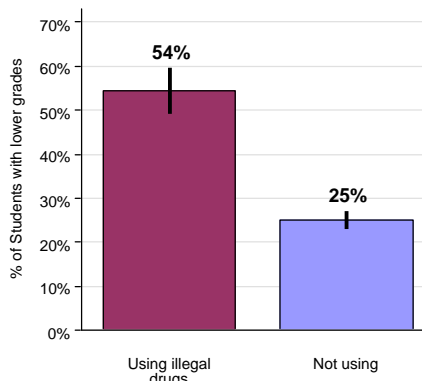
Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Cigarettes	5% ± 2	6% ± 3	6% ± 3
Current Alcohol	14% ± 4	13% ± 4	13% ± 4
Current Use	5% ± 2	6% ± 3	8% ± 3
Meth	1% ± 1	1% ± 1	1% ± 2

**Current Drug Use
(*Drugs other than Alcohol, Tobacco or Marijuana)
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	3% ± 2	N/G	N/G
State	N/A	3% ± 1	7% ± 1	8% ± 1

**Statewide
Relationship between Lower Grades and Drug Use*
(*Drugs other than Alcohol, Tobacco or Marijuana)
Grade 8, 2008**



Statewide, 8th graders who use illegal drugs (not including alcohol, tobacco or marijuana) are more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who don't use.

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Depression and Suicide Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

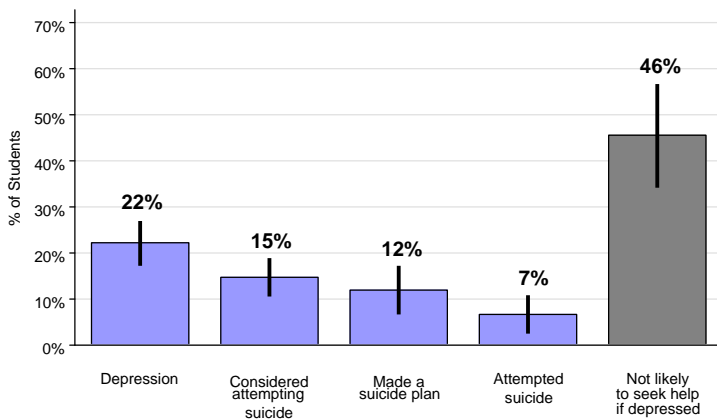
Background:

- Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Washington teens 15-19 years old.
- Most youth suicides occur at home.
- Depression is a feeling of sadness, helplessness and hopelessness that lingers over time. Untreated it can lead to alcohol abuse and even suicide.

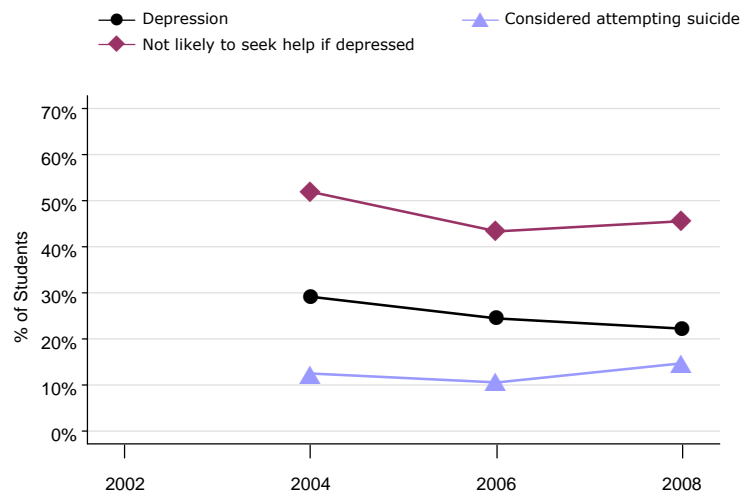
For More Information:

- Visit the Washington State Youth Suicide Prevention Program Website: www.yspp.org
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-TALK(8255) or www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

**Depression and Suicide
Grade 8, 2008**



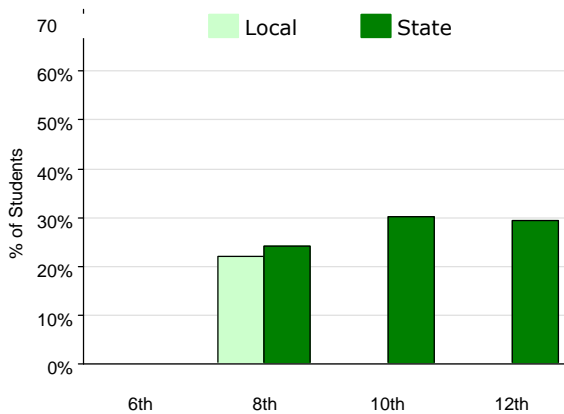
Depression and Suicide Trends, Grade 8



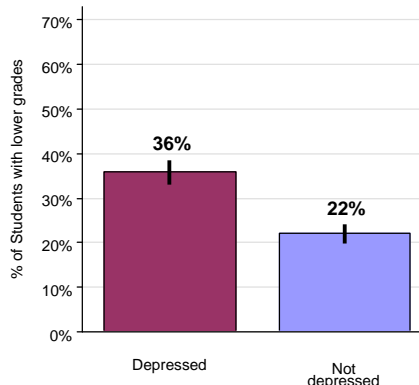
In 2008, 22% of 8th graders in our state felt so sad or hopeless for 2 weeks or more that they stopped doing their usual activities.

Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Depression	29% ±5	24% ±5	22% ±5
Considered attempting suicide	13% ±5	11% ±5	15% ±4
Not likely to seek help if depressed	52% ±12	43% ±13	46% ±11

**Depression
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008**



**Statewide
Relationship between Lower Grades and Depression
Grade 8, 2008**



Statewide, 8th graders who are depressed are more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to youth who are not depressed.

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Dietary Behaviors Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

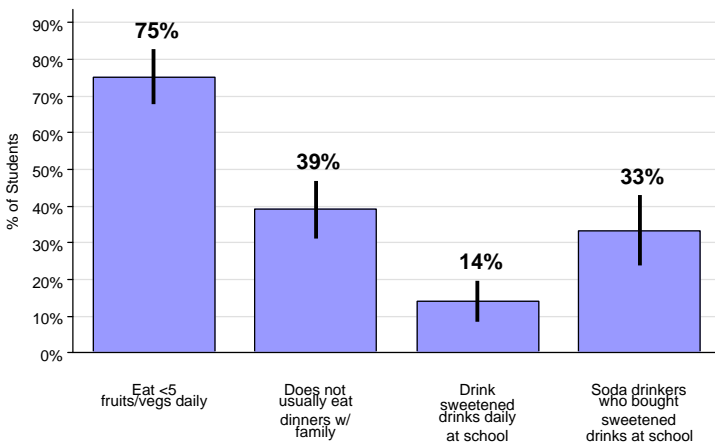
Background:

- A nutritious diet can reduce major risk factors for chronic disease such as obesity, high blood pressure, and high blood cholesterol.
- Poor nutrition has the potential to affect the growth, development and health status of children and adolescents.
- Individual food choices are made within the context of the family and the community.
- In order to be able to choose a nutritious diet, an affordable supply of health-promoting foods must be available.

For More Information:

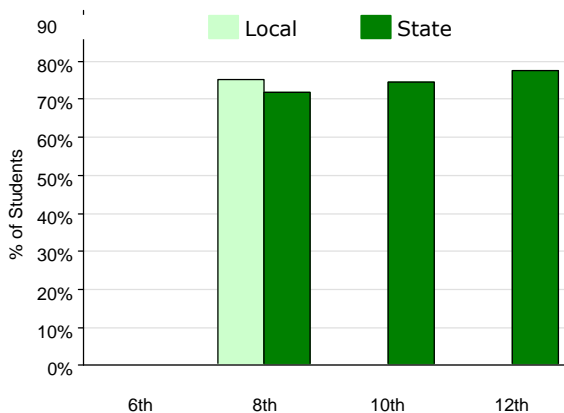
- Visit the Washington State Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Prevention Program website: www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/nutritionpa

**Dietary Behaviors
Grade 8, 2008**



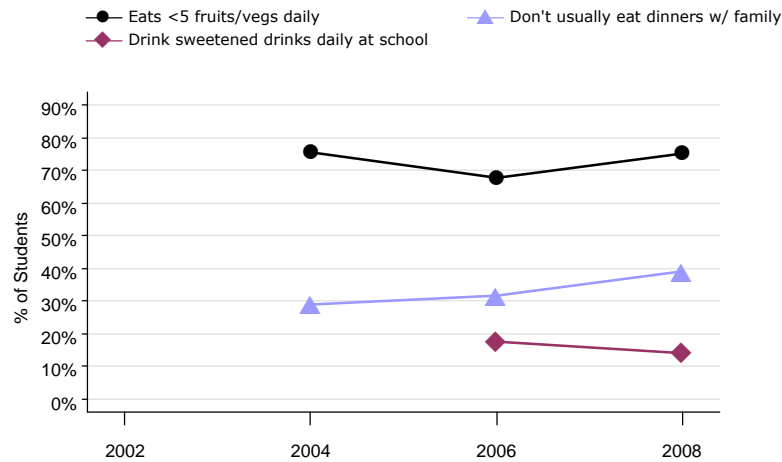
In 2008, 75% of 8th graders in our s fruits and vegetables less than 5 times a day.

**Eating Less than 5 Fruits/Vegetables Each Day
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008**



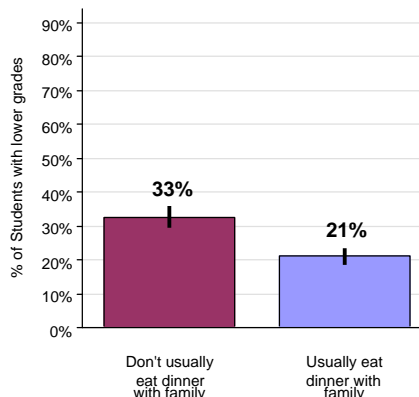
Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	75% ±7	N/G	N/G
State	N/A	72% ±2	75% ±2	78% ±2

Dietary Behavior Trends, Grade 8



Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Eats <5 fruits/vegs daily	76% ±7	68% ±8	75% ±7
Does not usually eat dinners w/ family	29% ±7	32% ±8	39% ±8
Drink sweetened drinks daily at school	N/S	18% ±6	14% ±6

**Statewide
Relationship between Lower Grades
and Usually Eating Dinner with Family
Grade 8, 2008**



Statewide, 8th graders who do not usually eat dinner with their families are more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to youth who do.

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Family Protective Factors Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

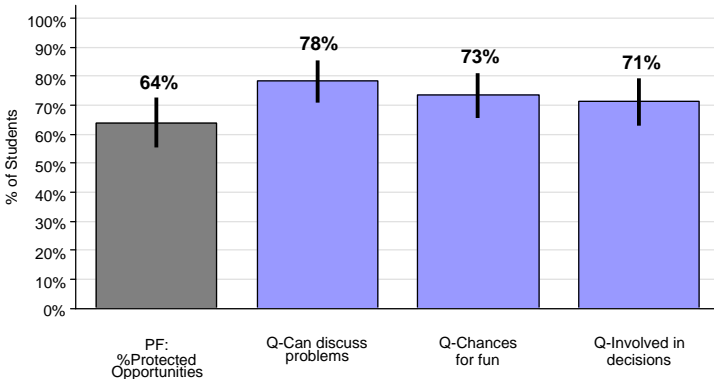
Background:

- Children who are attached to positive families are less likely to develop problems in adolescence.
- When parents set clear and healthy standards for children's behavior, when they are widely and consistently supported, and when the consequences for not following the standards are consistent, young people are more likely to make healthy choices.

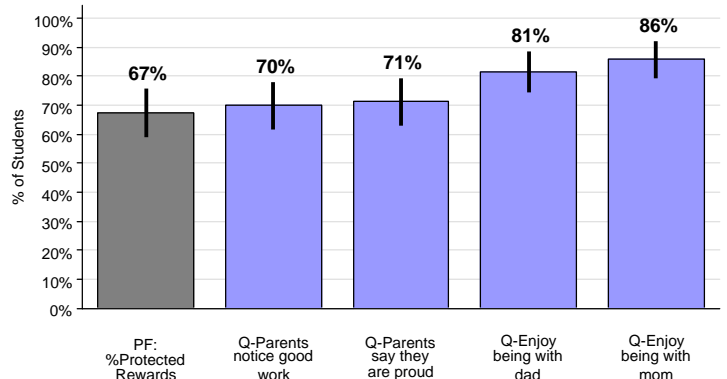
For More Information:

- Parents, schools, kids, and communities can work together to keep youth safe. To see how State and local partners are addressing these issues, see listings on the AskHYS homepage.
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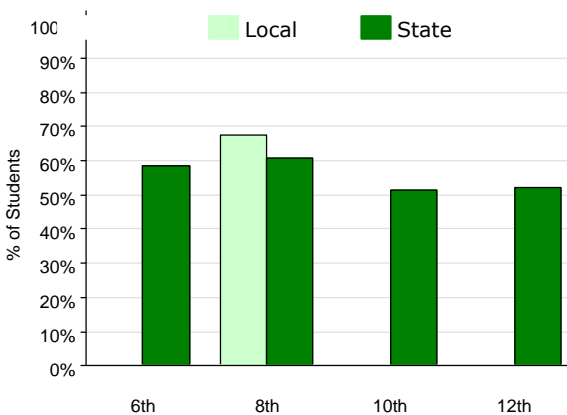
Opportunities for Family Involvement
Protective Factor (PF) and Selected Questions (Q)
Grade 8, 2008



Rewards for Family Involvement
Protective Factor (PF) and Selected Questions (Q)
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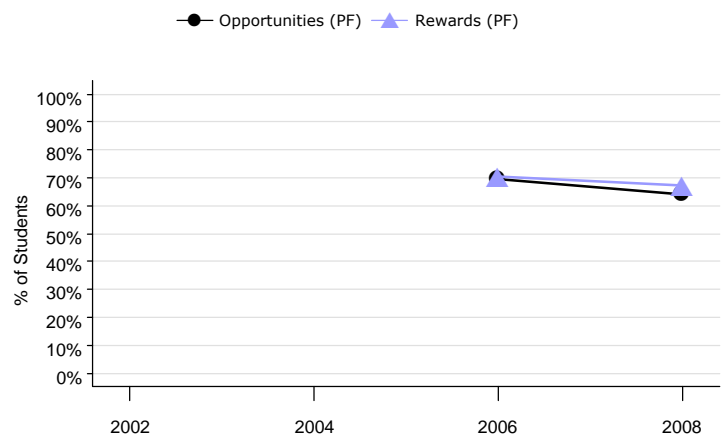


Rewards for Family Involvement
Protective Factor (PF), All Grades, 2008



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	67% ±8	N/G	N/G
State	59% ±2	61% ±3	51% ±3	52% ±3

Family Protective Factor Trends, Grade 8



Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Opportunities (PF)	N/S	70% ±8	64% ±8
Rewards (PF)	N/S	70% ±8	67% ±8

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Bullying and Harassment Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

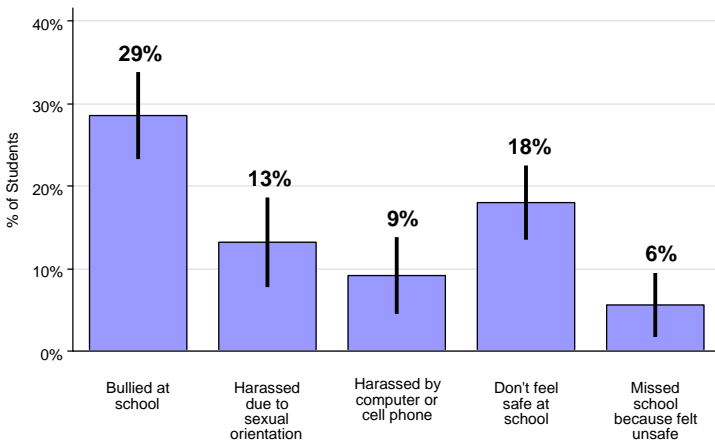
Background:

- Washington law requires schools to adopt a policy that prohibits harassment, intimidation and bullying (RCW 28A.300.285).
- Bullying is when a student, or group of students, say or do nasty or unpleasant things to him or her. It is also bullying when a student is teased repeatedly in a way he or she doesn't like.
- Creating a safe learning environment is critical for student academic achievement.
- Researchers have identified best practice support programs that address school harassment and bullying and build positive school culture.

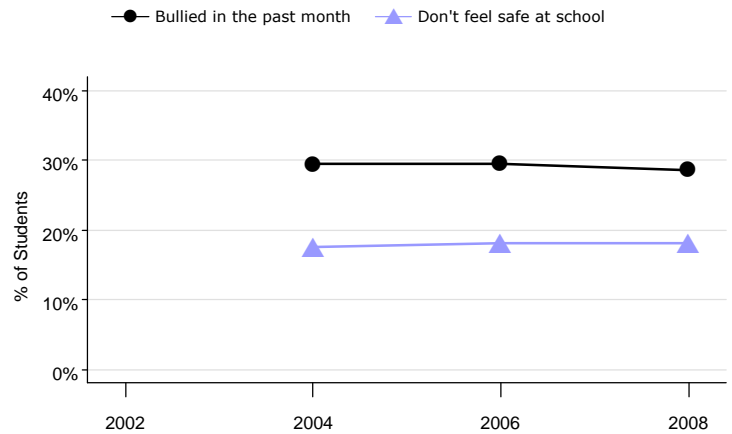
For More Information:

- School Safety Center, sponsored by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction at: www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter.

Bullying and Harassment Grade 8, 2008

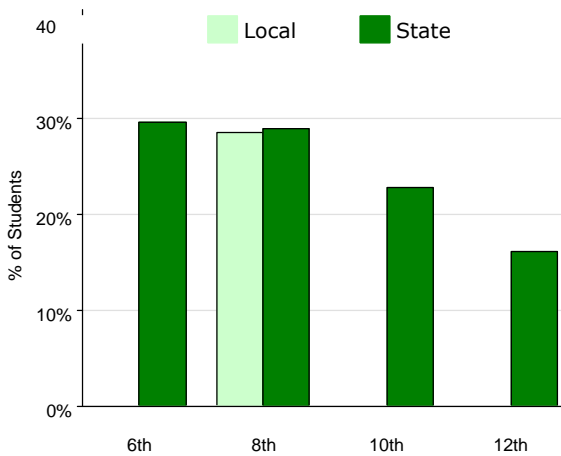


Bullying and Harassment Trends, Grade 8



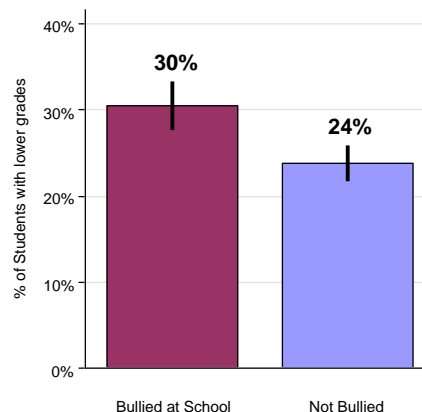
Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Bullied at school	29% ±5*	30% ±5	29% ±5
Don't feel safe at school	18% ±4	18% ±4	18% ±4

Bullied in Past Month Compared to the State/All Grades, 2008



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	29% ±5	N/G	N/G
State	30% ±1	29% ±2	23% ±1	16% ±1

Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Bullying Grade 8, 2008



Statewide, 8th graders who are bullied at school are more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who aren't bullied.

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Current Marijuana Use Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

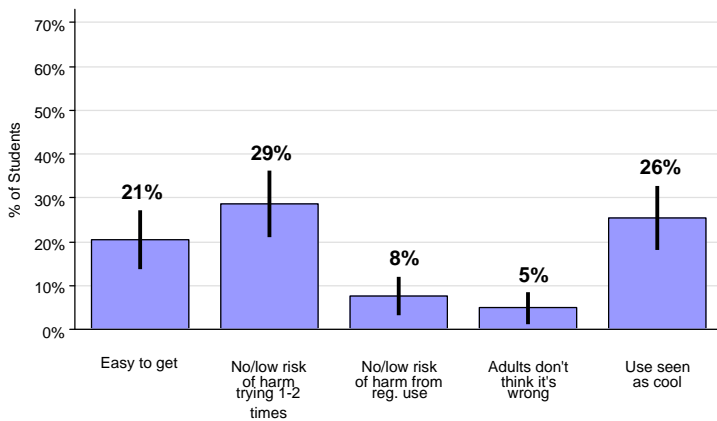
Background:

- Smoking marijuana affects neuropsychological functioning, such as hand-eye coordination, reaction time, and memory.
- Marijuana is far more potent and therefore far more toxic than marijuana grown in the 1970's.
- The earlier someone starts using marijuana, the greater their vulnerability to addiction and psychiatric disorders.

For More Information:

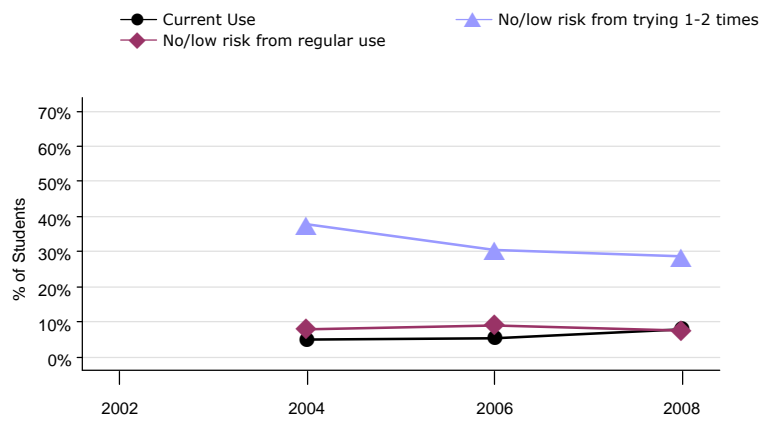
- Parents, schools, kids, and communities can work together to keep youth safe. To see a list of prevention organizations in your county, go to the Start Talking Now website: www.starttalkingnow.org.
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- Parents can find prevention tips at the Start Talking Now website, and www.drugfree.org
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**Attitudes about Marijuana Use
Grade 8, 2008**



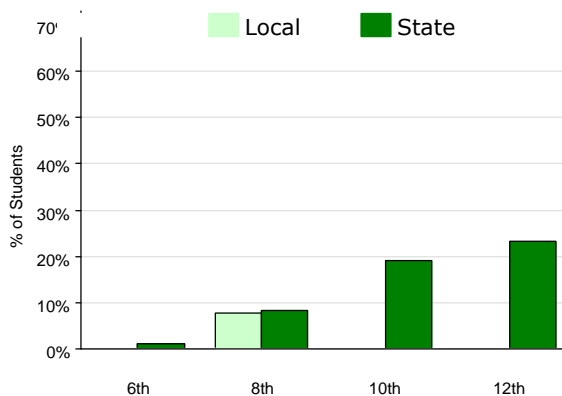
In 2008, 8% of 8th graders in our s thought there was little or no risk of using marijuana regularly.

**Current Marijuana Use and Perception of Harm Trends
Grade 8**



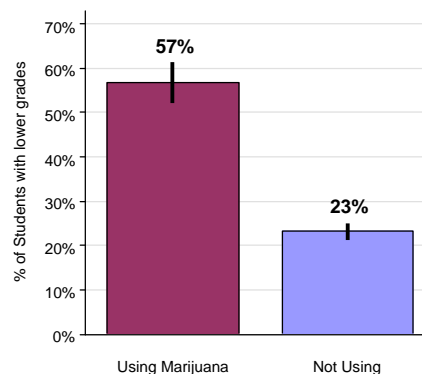
Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Current Use	5% ± 2	6% ± 3	8% ± 3
No/low risk from trying 1-2 times	38% ± 8	30% ± 8	29% ± 8
No/low risk from regular use	8% ± 4	9% ± 5	8% ± 4

**Current Marijuana Use
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	8% ± 3	N/G	N/G
State	1% ± 0	8% ± 1	19% ± 1	23% ± 2

**Statewide
Relationship between Lower Grades and Marijuana Use
Grade 8, 2008**



Statewide, 8th graders who use marijuana are more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who don't use.

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Peer-Individual Risk Factors Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

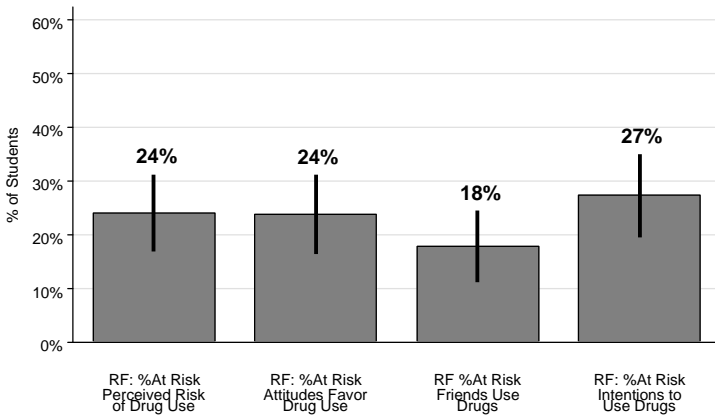
Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

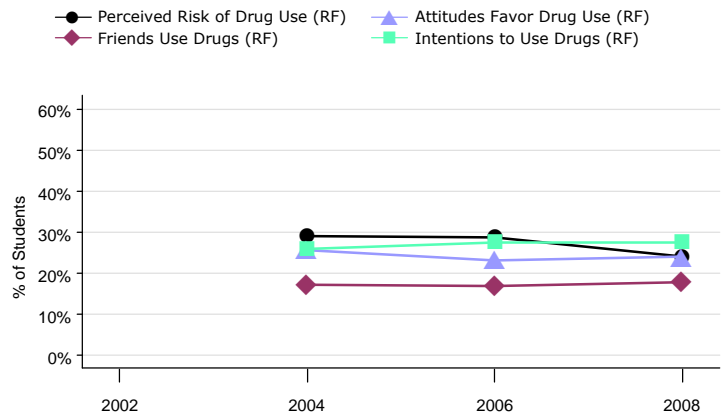
Background:

- Research shows that the risk factors measured by the Healthy Youth Survey are linked to adolescent substance use, delinquency, violence, school dropout, and other risky health behaviors.
- The attitudes kids have about drug use strongly influence the likelihood they will use drugs. Families and communities should model health attitudes and choices.

**Peer-Individual Risk Factors
Grade 8, 2008**

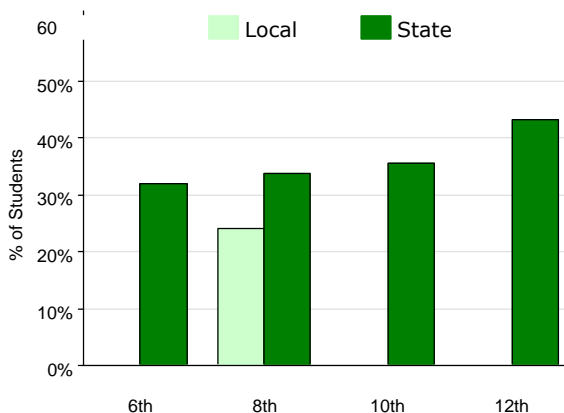


**Peer-Individual Risk Factor Trends
Grade 8**



In 2008, 24% of 8th graders in our s were at risk for favorable attitudes towards drugs.

**Perceived Risk of Drug Use (RF)
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	24% ±7*	N/G	N/G
State	32% ±2	34% ±3	36% ±2	43% ±3

Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Perceived Risk of Drug Use (RF)	29% ±7	29% ±8	24% ±7
Attitudes Favor Drug Use (RF)	26% ±7	23% ±7	24% ±7
Friends Use Drugs (RF)	17% ±6	17% ±7	18% ±7
Intentions to Use Drugs (RF)	26% ±7	27% ±8	27% ±8

From 2006 to 2008, there has been no change in the perceived risk of drug use among 8th graders in our s.

For More Information:

- Parents, schools, kids, and communities can work together to keep youth safe. To see how State and local partners are addressing these issues, see listings on the www.AskHYS.net homepage.
- For free guides on preventing alcohol and other drug use, call Washington State Alcohol/Drug Information Clearinghouse: 1-800-662-9111.
- For non-State resources, parents can go to www.drugfree.org.
- Prevention professionals should see <http://captus.samhsa.gov/western>.

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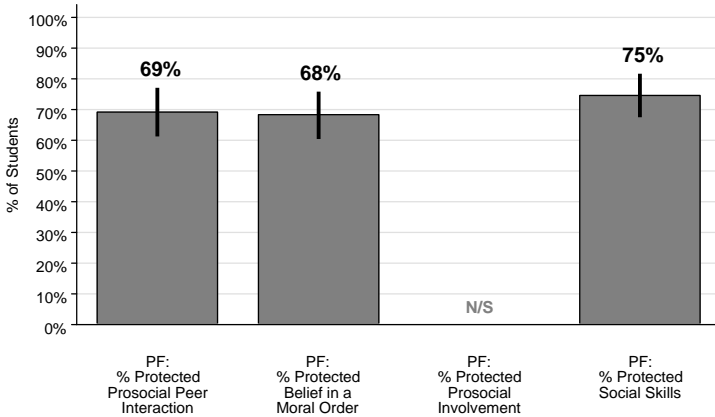
Peer-Individual Protective Factors Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008 Grade: 8 Gender: Both Number of Students Surveyed: 296

Background:

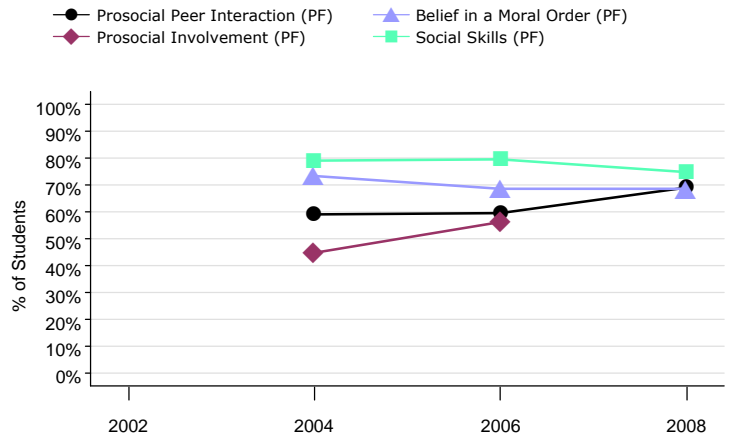
- Kids are strongly influenced by their peers. Parents need to know who their children's friends are, where they are and what they are doing.
- Kids who have skills and opportunities to be involved in prosocial activities are less likely to engage in risky behaviors.

**Peer-Individual Protective Factors
Grade 8, 2008**



In 2008, 69% of 8th graders in our s were protected by interactions with prosocial peers.

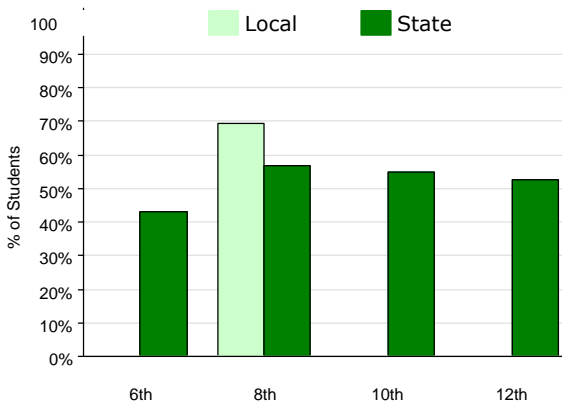
Peer-Individual Protective Factor Trends, Grade 8



Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Interaction with Prosocial Peers (PF)	59% ±8	60% ±9	69% ±8
Belief in a Moral Order (PF)	73% ±7	69% ±8	68% ±8
Prosocial Involvement (PF)	45% ±8	56% ±8*	N/S
Social Skills (PF)	79% ±6*	79% ±7	75% ±7

From 2006 to 2008, there has been no change in protection by interactions with prosocial peers among 8th graders in our s.

**Interaction with Prosocial Peers (PF)
All Grades, 2008**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	69% ±8*	N/G	N/G
State	43% ±2	57% ±3	55% ±3	53% ±3

For More Information:

- Parents, schools, kids, and communities can work together to keep youth safe. To see a list of prevention organizations in your county, go to the Start Talking Now website: www.starttalkingnow.org
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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Physical Activity Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

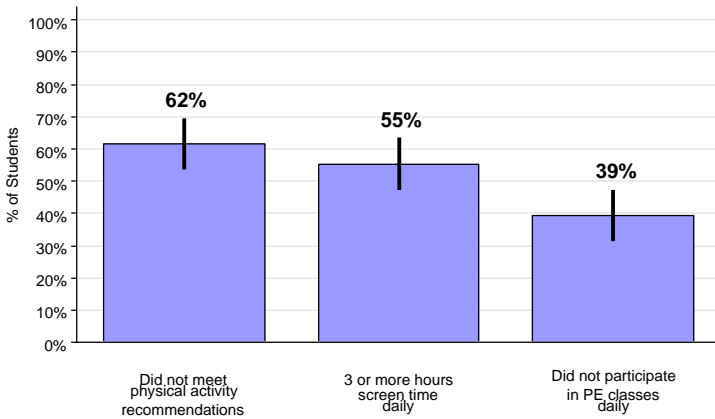
Background:

- Regular physical activity reduces rates of obesity and serious diseases, helps people maintain a healthy body weight and improves quality of life.
- The Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the National Association for Sport & Physical Education recommend that children and adolescents participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity most days of the week, preferably daily.
- One challenge to being more physically active is the amount of recreational screen time spent on sedentary activities such as watching TV, playing video games or using a computer for fun.
- Many social and environmental factors influence the decision to be active. Successful strategies to promote physical activity include educating individuals and developing policies to create environments that support being physically active.

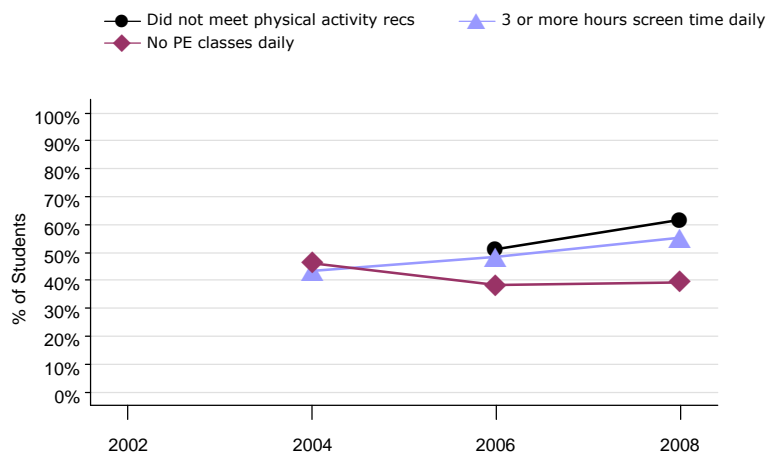
For More Information:

- Visit the Washington State Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Prevention Program website: www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/nutritionpa

Physical Activity Grade 8, 2008

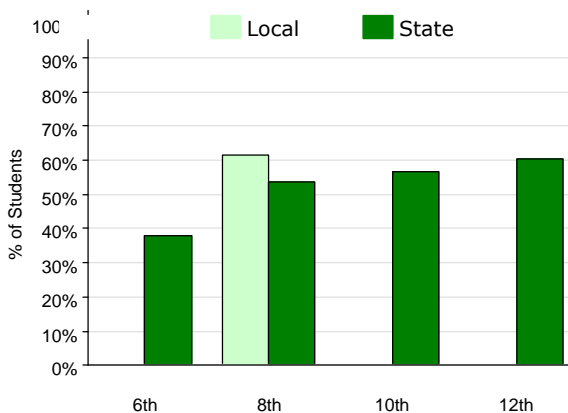


Physical Activity Trends, Grade 8



In 2008, 62% of 8th graders in our schools did not meet the recommendations for 60 minutes of physical activity daily.

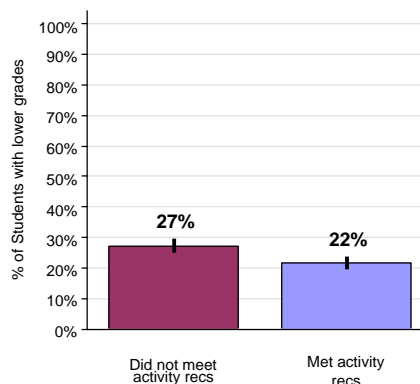
Did Not Meet Recommendations for Physical Activity Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	62% ±8	N/G	N/G
State	38% ±2	54% ±3	57% ±3	60% ±3

Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Did not meet physical activity recs	N/S	51% ±8	62% ±8
3 or more hours screen time daily	43% ±8	48% ±8	55% ±8
Did not participate in PE classes daily	46% ±8	38% ±8	39% ±8

Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Physical Activity Grade 8, 2008



Statewide, 8th graders who did not meet the recommendation for 60 minutes of physical activity daily were more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to youth who did meet

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

School Protective Factors Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

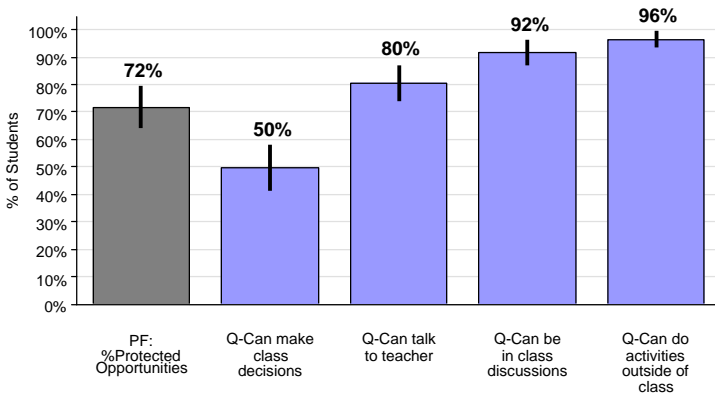
Background:

- Research has identified a unique set of factors that protect youth from substance use, delinquency, violence, pregnancy, and school dropout.
- Students that experience protective factors, such as opportunities and rewards for school involvement, are more protected from problems and more likely to be academically successful.
- Researchers have identified best practice programs that can increase protective factors and build supportive school cultures.

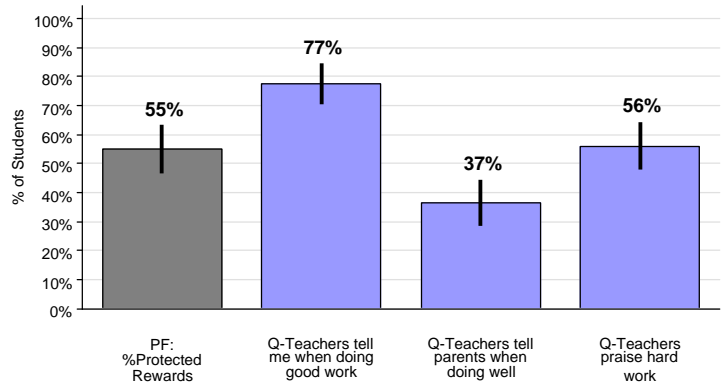
For More Information:

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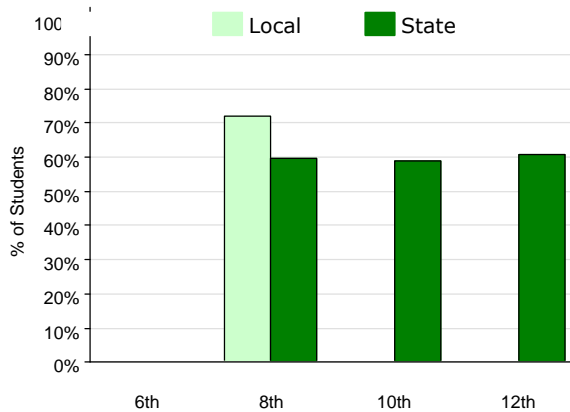
Opportunities for School Involvement Protective Factor (PF) and Selected Questions (Q) Grade 8, Year



Rewards for School Involvement Protective Factor (PF) and Selected Questions (Q) Grade 8, 2008

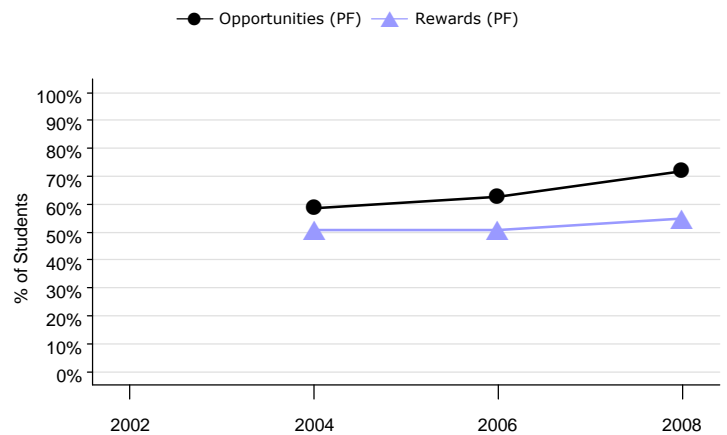


Opportunities for School Involvement Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	72% ±7	N/G	N/G
State	N/A	60% ±2	59% ±2	61% ±3

School Protective Factor Trends, Grade 8



Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Opportunities (PF)	59% ±8	63% ±8	72% ±7
Rewards (PF)	51% ±8*	51% ±8	55% ±8

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

School Risk Factors Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

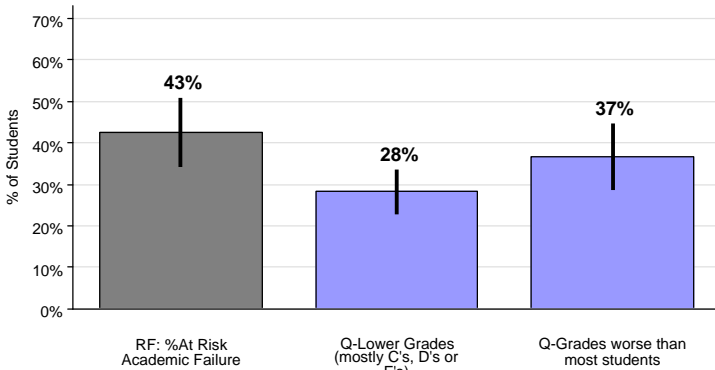
Background:

- Research has identified a unique set of factors that put youth at risk for substance use, delinquency, violence, pregnancy, and school dropout.
- Students that experience risk factors, such as academic failure and lack of commitment to school, are at greater risk of problems.
- Students in schools with high levels of risk and even moderate substance use are less likely to meet mathematics, reading and writing standards.
- Researchers have identified best practice programs that can decrease risk factors and build supportive school culture.

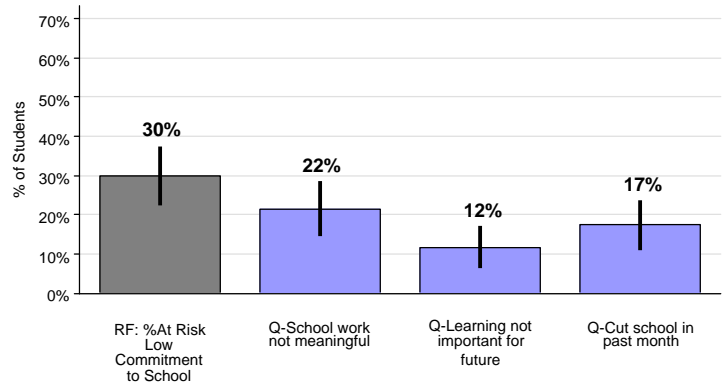
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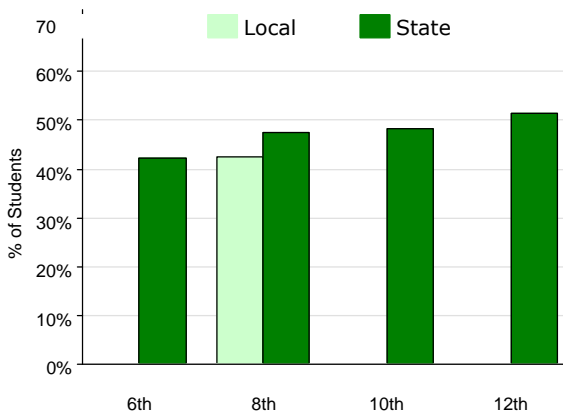
Academic Failure Risk Factor (RF) and Selected Questions (Q) Grade 8, 2008



Low Commitment to School Risk Factor (RF) and Selected Questions (Q) Grade 8, 2008

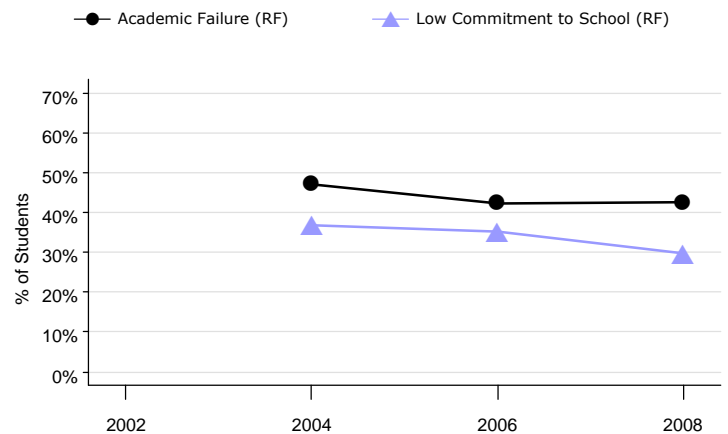


Academic Failure (RF) All Grades, 2008



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	43% ±8	N/G	N/G
State	42% ±2	47% ±2	48% ±2	51% ±2

School Risk Factor Trends, Grade 8



Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Academic Failure (RF)	47% ±8	42% ±8	43% ±8
Low Commitment to School (RF)	37% ±7	35% ±8	30% ±8

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

School Risk Factors Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296



Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Tobacco Use Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

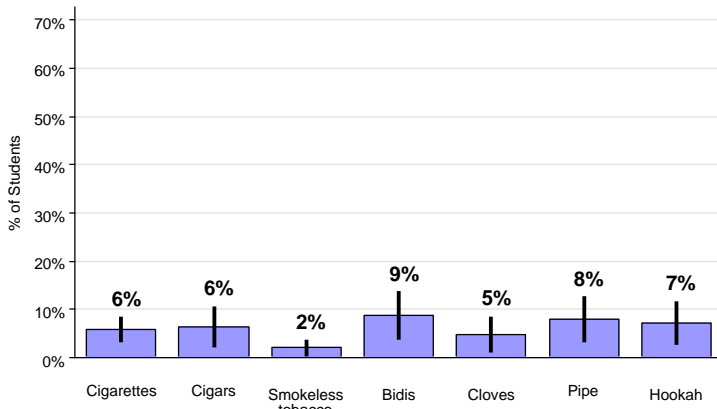
Background:

- In Washington State, 45 youth start smoking cigarettes each day.
- One in three of all youth smokers will die prematurely from a smoking-caused disease.
- Smoking is associated with the increased risk of drug use and low academic performance.

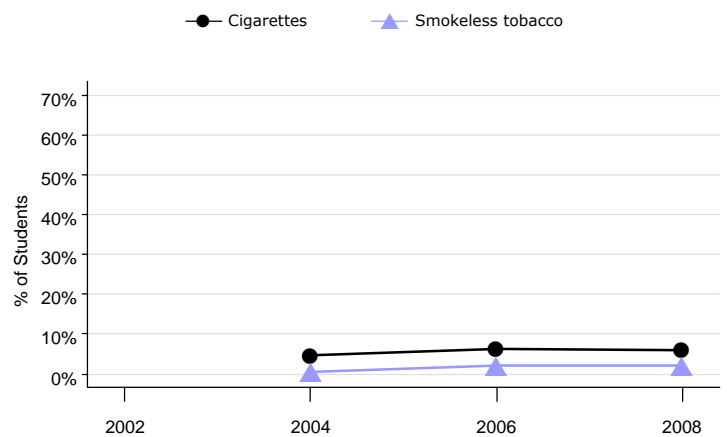
For More Information:

- The Washington State Department of Health Tobacco Prevention and Control Program funds a comprehensive statewide tobacco prevention program to reduce the initiation of youth smoking and help current smokers quit. Visit the Tobacco Program's website at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/tobacco>

**Current (30-day) Tobacco Use
Grade 8, 2008**

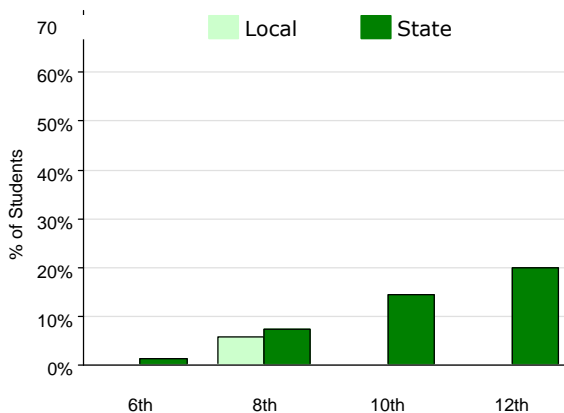


Tobacco Use Trends, Grade 8



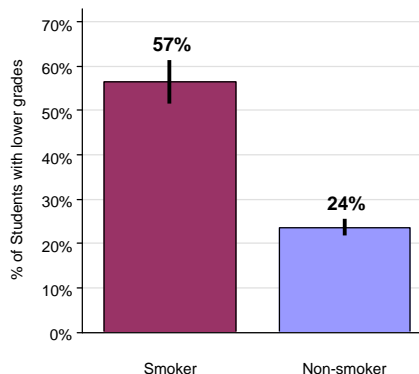
Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Cigarettes	5% ±2	6% ±3	6% ±3
Smokeless tobacco	1% ±1	2% ±2	2% ±2

**Cigarette Use
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	6% ±3	N/G	N/G
State	1% ±0	7% ±1	14% ±2	20% ±3

**Statewide
Relationship between Lower Grades and Cigarette Smoking
Grade 8, 2008**



Statewide, 8th graders who smoke cigarettes are more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to non-smokers.

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Unintentional Injury Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

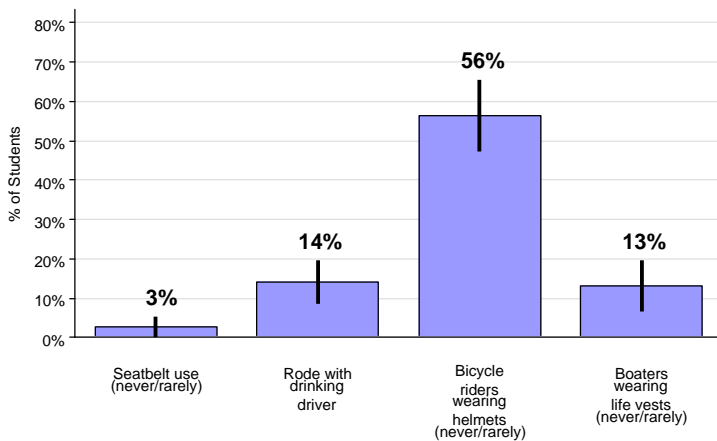
Background:

- Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death among youth. Motor vehicle crashes are the most common cause.
- Unintentional injuries are caused by behaviors such as not wearing a seatbelt, drinking and driving, riding with a drunk driver, riding a bike or motorcycle without a helmet, or not wearing a life jacket.
- Most unintentional injuries are not accidents because they can be prevented. Alcohol and other substances impair one's judgment and may contribute to injuries and even death.

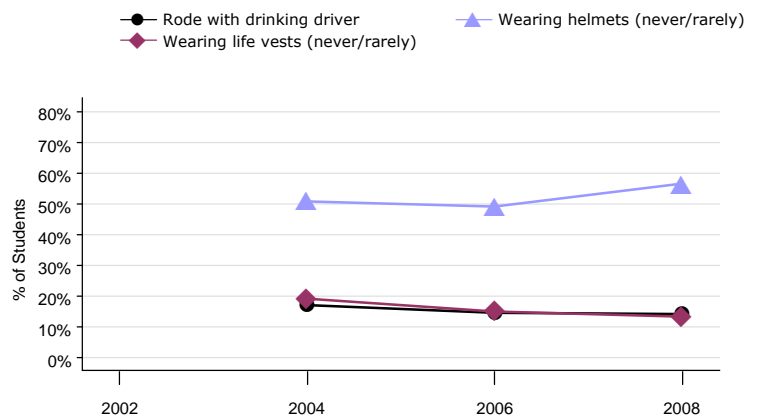
For More Information:

- Visit the Washington State Injury and Violence Prevention Website at: www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/emstrauma/injury

**Unintentional Injury
Grade 8, 2008**



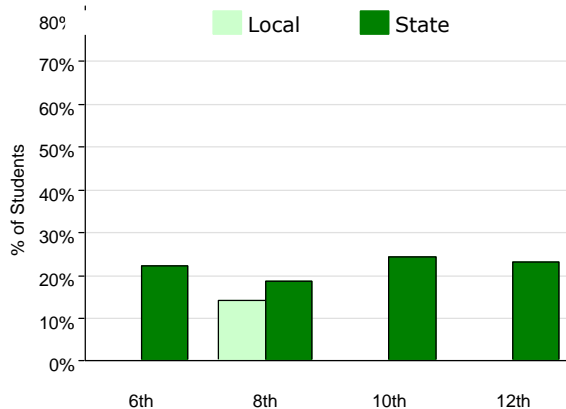
**Unintentional Injury Trends
Grade 8**



In 2008, 56% of 8th graders in our school who rode a bicycle in the past month rarely or never wore a helmet.

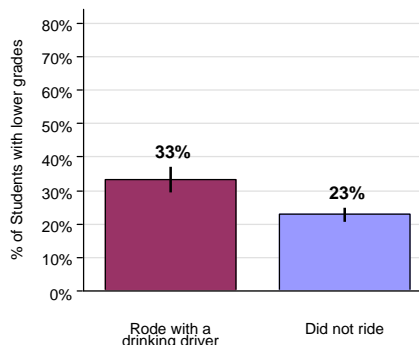
Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Rode with drinking driver	17% ±6	15% ±6	14% ±6
Wearing helmets (never/rarely)	51% ±9	49% ±9	56% ±9
Wearing life vests (never/rarely)	19% ±7	15% ±7	13% ±7

**Rode with Drinking Driver
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008**



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	14% ±6	N/G	N/G
State	22% ±1	19% ±1	24% ±2	23% ±2

**Statewide
Relationship between Lower Grades
and Rode with Drinking Driver
Grade 8, 2008**



Statewide, 8th graders who rode with a drinking driver were more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who did not.

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Weight and Obesity Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

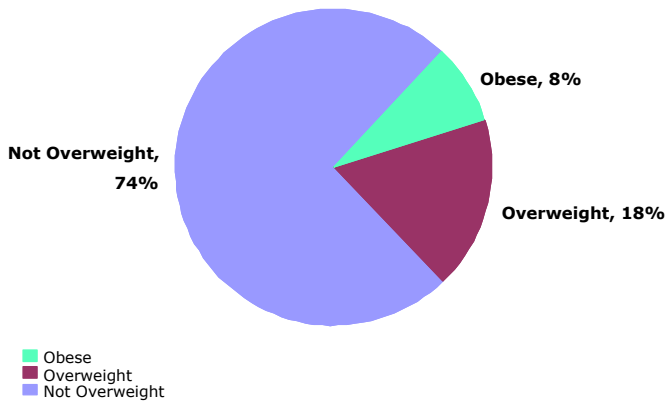
Background:

- Youth who have fewer opportunities for physical activity and increased time spent in sedentary activities such as watching television and using computers are more likely to be overweight.
- Factors that contribute to overweight among youth include eating fewer meals at home, viewing more food advertisements targeting youth, and increased food portion sizes.
- To be successful in reducing obesity among youth, governments, communities and people need to work together to create environments that support healthy diets and opportunities for physical activity.

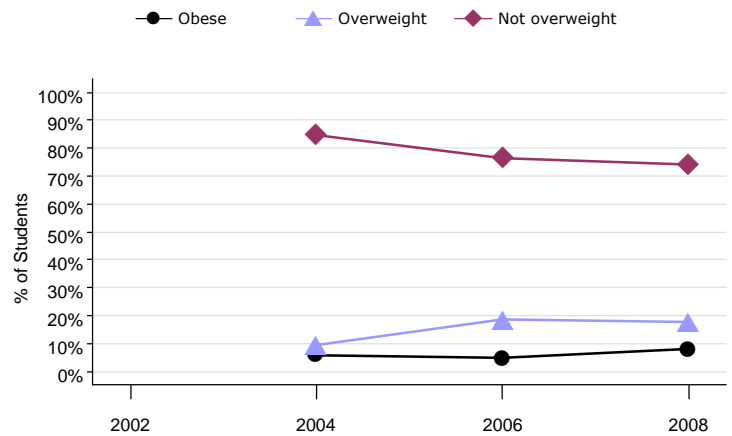
For More Information:

- Visit the Washington State Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Prevention Program website: www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/nutritionpa

Weight Distribution Grade 8, 2008



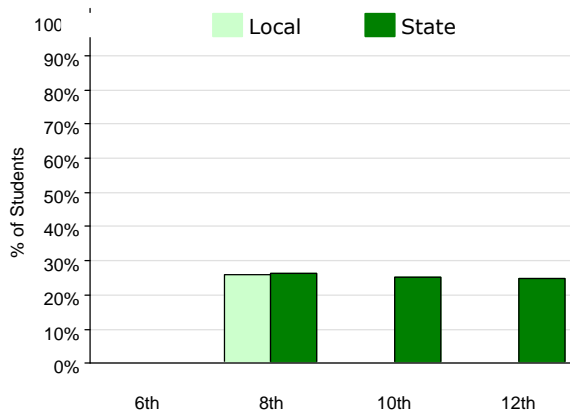
Weight Distribution Trends, Grade 8



Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
Obese	6% ±4	5% ±4	8% ±5
Overweight	9% ±5	19% ±7*	18% ±7
Not overweight	85% ±6*	77% ±7	74% ±8

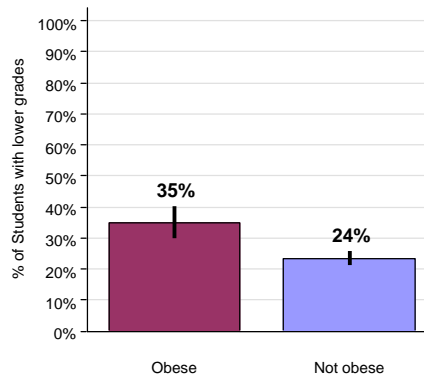
In 2008, 8% of 8th graders in our s were obese.

Obese or Overweight Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	26% ±8	N/G	N/G
State	N/A	26% ±2	25% ±2	25% ±2

Statewide Relationship between Lower Grades and Obesity Grade 8, 2008



Statewide, 8th graders who are obese are more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to other youth.

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Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Violent Behaviors and School Safety Meadowdale Middle School (Edmonds School District)

Year: 2008

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 296

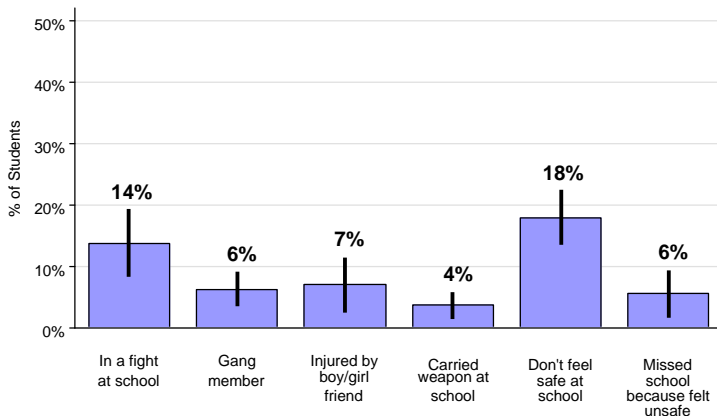
Background:

- Washington schools are required to have a comprehensive school safety plan that includes: prevention, intervention, all-hazards/crisis response, and post crisis recovery (RCW 28A.320.125).
- Schools referral systems that encourage students to report threats will help prevent violent incidents.
- Creating a supportive learning environment is critical for student academic achievement.
- School safety requires the commitment of staff, students, parents and the community. Researchers have identified best practice programs that can address negative student behaviors and build positive school culture.

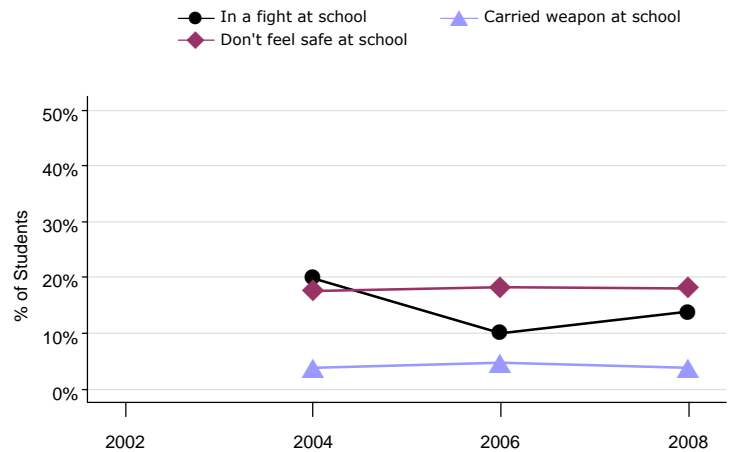
For More Information:

- School Safety Center, sponsored by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction: www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter
- Washington State Department of Health - Injury and Violence Prevention Program website: www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/emstrauma/injury

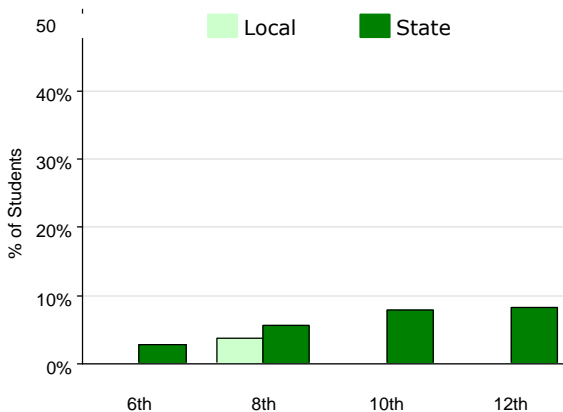
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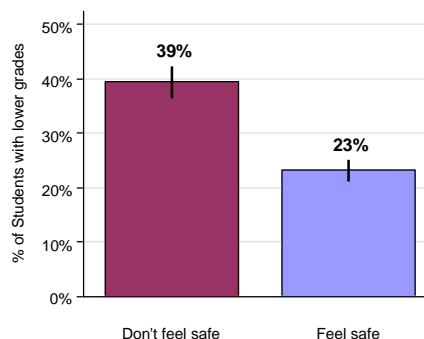
Carried a Weapon at School
Compared to the State, All Grades, 2008



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/G	4% ±2	N/G	N/G
State	3% ±0	6% ±1	8% ±1	8% ±1

Prevalence	2004	2006	2008
In a fight at school	20% ±6	10% ±5*	14% ±6
Carried weapon at school	4% ±2*	5% ±2	4% ±2
Don't feel safe at school	18% ±4	18% ±4	18% ±4

Statewide
Relationship between Lower Grades
and Not Feeling Safe at School
Grade 8, 2008



Statewide, 8th graders who don't feel safe at school are more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who feel safe.

Prevalence is displayed with 95% confidence intervals (as ± or black bar |)
*Indicates a significant change from the previous year or a significant difference between state and local results, p<0.05