

WHAT IS THE KCTC?

The Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Student Survey is built on a pres framework to inform local and state oros wouth development Since 1995 Greenhush has administered the KCTC Student Survey on behalf of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). KDADS makes the survey available to Kansas sch at no cost, though the decision to administer the survey is left to the local school district. Our shared goal is to provide local data to guide planning and strategies to prevent risky behaviors among Kansas youth.





PARTICIPATION

In the 2022-2023 school year, more than 30.000 student survey responses were students in Kansas. Eligible students are those enrolled in 6th, 8th, & 12th grades. The KCTC Student Survey was administered to students spanning 193 public and private school districts.







WAYS TO VIEW YOUR DATA

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kctcdata.org for communities to view local survey results. Data comparisons are reported at various region levels, include state, county, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) region, gambling region, and by Kansas Department of Corrections - Juvenile Services (KDOC-JS) District.











There are many behaviors measured on the KCTC Student Survey ranging from suicide behaviors, bullying, and gambling, to subs

5 HIGHEST PREVALENCE

In 2023 the highest prevalence of adolescent behaviors reported were feelings of depression, bullying at school, cyberbullying, worrying that food would ru out at home, and hav











SUBSTANCE USE



vaping. Inhalants, prescription misuse, cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco represent less than 2% reported use. Illicit drugs are less than 1% reported use.

DEPRESSION & SUICIDE



35% feelings of depression







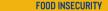
ATTEMPTS

70%

BULLYING

Since 2008, the percentage of kids who report they have been bullied at school has been ing, reaching an all-time low in 2021, while many kids were not at school in person. However, in recent years it has been increasing. In 2023, reported BULLYING AT SCHOOL is at the HIGHEST LEVEL ever reported since we started asking about it on the survey





Since 2021 when we first began asking kids about food insecurity, there has been a reported increase each year, in 2022 and again in 2023, where nearly a quarter of students said they had worried that food would run out at home "at least once."



ALCOHOL

Use of substances in the early teens increases their risk for substance use problems during adolescence and adulthood. Talk to them early.









DEPRESSION & SUICIDE BY SEX

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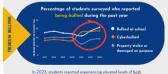
While we see the majority of students reporting suicide attempts are female, we also recognize this is nearly the flip of what we find in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Kansas Violent Death Reporting System (KSVDRS) where suicide data shows that 72% of actual deaths by suicide occur in males (2022).





CYBERBULLYING

In 2021, while many students attended school remotely through the COVID-19 nandemic reported CYBERBULLYING surpassed BULLYING AT SCHOOL for the first time in the history of this question appearing on the survey. As kids returned to school in person, we have continued to see cyberbullying INCREASE over the past two years.



cyberbullying and bullying at school, with rates being reported at the HIGHEST LEVELS IN 7 YEARS.

LGBT+ FOOD INSECURITY



report at kctcdata.org to learn what Kansas kids are saying about their well-b

ALCOHOL & SUICIDE PLANS



suicidal thoughts, plans, and attempts. In 2023, kids who reported having made a plan to kill themselves reported three times higher percentages of Alcohol use.

ACCESS TO LETHAL MEANS

Reducing access to lethal means for suicide has been shown to save lives from suicide In 2023, more than a third of kids who reported they had made a plan to kill themselve also said it would be easy to get a gun. According to the Kansas Suicide Prevention Plan and KDHE's KSVDRS, firearms were utilized in the majority of suicide deaths from 2015-2017, and data shows that this method is most commonly chosen by males.

Access to lethal means increases the likelihood of dying by suicide.



BULLYING & DEPRESSION



higher prevalence of other risky behavior











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