**WHAT IS THE KCTC?**

The Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Student Survey is built on a prevention framework to inform local and state programs, policies, and practices to support healthy youth development. Since 1995, Greenbush 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 schools 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 responders were validated, representing 20% of eligible 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**

Trend data and summary reports are publicly available online at kctcdata.org for communities to use local survey results. Data comparisons are reported at various region levels, including state, county, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) region, gambling region, and by Kansas Department of Corrections - Juvenile Services (KDCC-JS) District.

**BEHAVIORS MEASURED**

The survey measures health and well-being, social and emotional health, behaviors and risks, substance use, and systems and opportunities. There are many behaviors measured on the KCTC Student Survey ranging from suicide behaviors, bullying, and gambling, to substance use.

**5 HIGHEST PREVALENCE**

In 2023, the highest prevalence of adolescent behaviors reported were feelings of depression, bullying at school, cyberbullying, worrying that food would run out at home, and having property stolen or damaged on purpose at school.

**FOOD INSECURITY**

Since 2023 when we first began asking kids about food insecurity, there has been an increase year after year. In 2023, 24% reported worrying food would run out at home.

**ALCOHOL & SUICIDE PLANS**

Reducing access to lethal means for suicide has been shown to save lives from suicide. In 2023, 36% of kids reported they have made a plan to kill themselves.

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