

KANSAS COMMUNITIES THAT CARE

2025 STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS



The Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Student Survey is built on a prevention framework to:

- Inform local and state programs, policies, and practices
- Support healthy youth development
- Provide local data to guide planning and strategies to prevent risky behaviors among Kansas youth

Thank you!

for helping us provide

30 Years

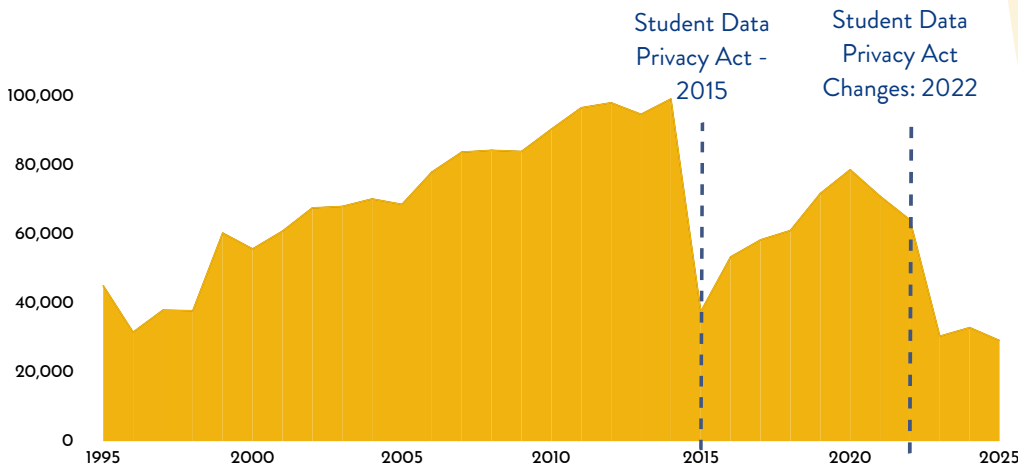
OF LISTENING TO YOUTH

THE SURVEY TAKES ABOUT
27
MINUTES
TO COMPLETE



KCTC STUDENT SURVEY PARTICIPATION

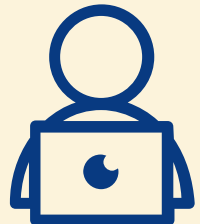
Number of student responses* reported



*Eligible students are those enrolled in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12.

2025 PARTICIPATION

More than
29,000
student responses



167
public &
private school
districts
participated



Since 1995, Greenbush has administered the KCTC Student Survey on behalf of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), which makes the survey available to Kansas schools at no cost. The decision to administer the survey is left to the local school district. Greenbush continues to help Kansans by providing local data and maintaining the highest ethical and legal standards to ensure student privacy, informed guardian and student consent, and accurate data reporting.

2025

On average, Kansas kids reported they were

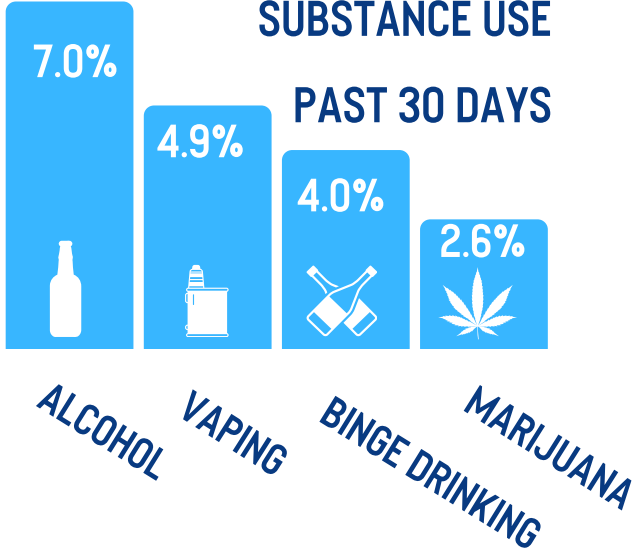
13 years old

when they first had more than a sip or two of alcohol

76%

SUBSTANCE USE

PAST 30 DAYS



36%

NEVER

**DRANK ALCOHOL
IN THEIR LIFETIME**

1995

2025

Over the past 30 years, a steadily increasing number of kids reported they have NEVER drank alcohol.

Data illustrates responses from students surveyed in 2025 who answered each question.



KCTC EVOLUTION

Kansas has been a leader in youth risk and protective factor data for 30 years.

1995

SURVEY INITIATED
to develop a prevention needs assessment

2008

+ BULLYING
questions to inform building-level crisis plans in accordance with Jason Flatt Act

2016

+ DEPRESSION & SUICIDE
questions as concerns arose about youth mental health

2021

SURVEY GOES FULLY ONLINE
allowing question reduction, accessibility features, and faster results

2023

+ FENTANYL AWARENESS
questions as concerns arose about this dangerous synthetic opioid

2025

SURVEY WINDOW EXPANDED
to help with the Guardian Consent process

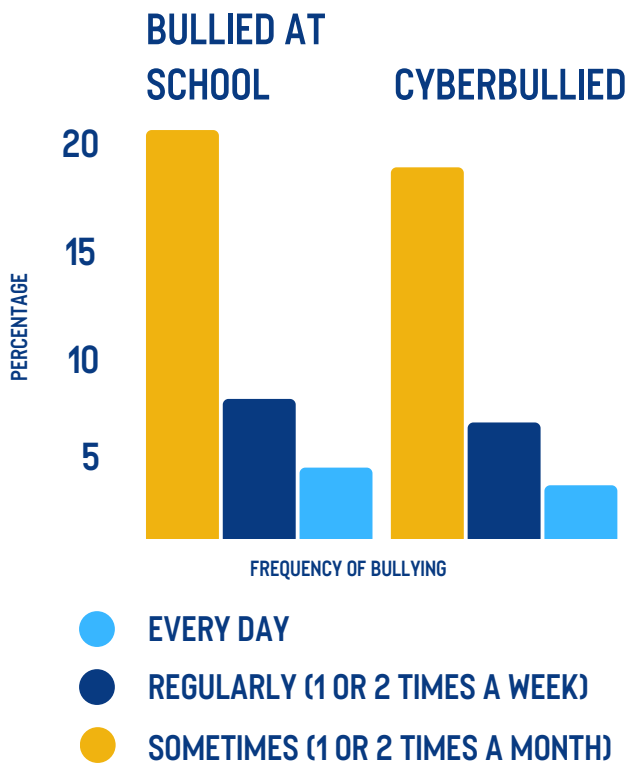
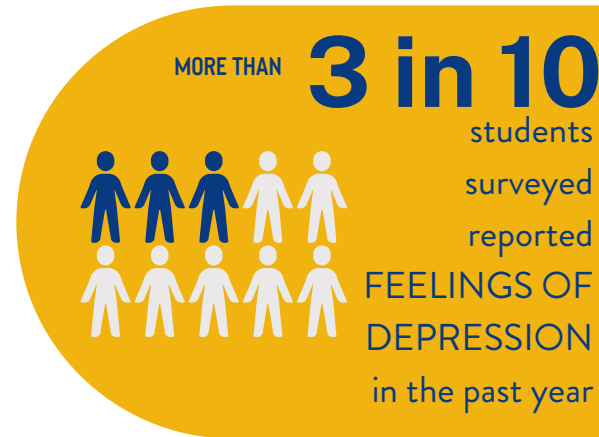
THANK YOU

Per stakeholder input, we expanded the survey to Sept. 2, 2024, to help make it easier to comply with Student Data Privacy Act requirements.

Keep the feedback coming!

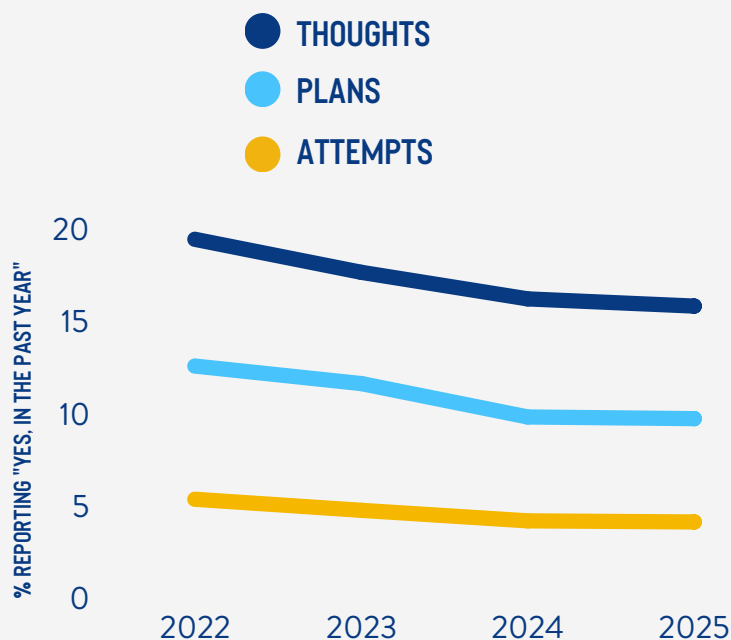
SUICIDAL THOUGHTS, PLANS & ATTEMPTS IN THE PAST YEAR REPORTED BY STUDENTS IN 2025

- **16%** seriously thought about suicide
- **10%** made a plan about suicide
- **4%** attempted suicide

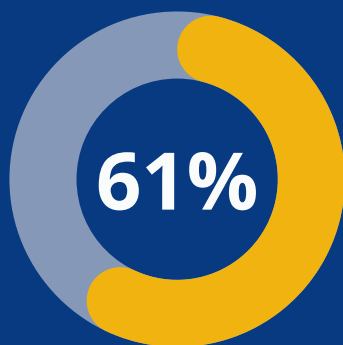


% students surveyed who reported being bullied in past 12 months

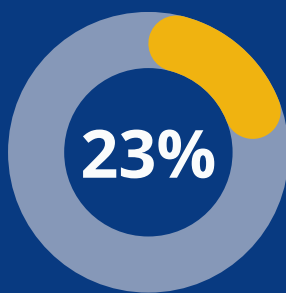
SUICIDAL THOUGHTS, PLANS, AND ATTEMPTS REPORTED BY STUDENTS DECLINED SINCE NUMBERS PEAKED IN 2022



DATA ILLUSTRATES RESPONSES FROM STUDENTS SURVEYED IN 2025 WHO ANSWERED EACH QUESTION.



BULLIED DAILY



NEVER BULLIED

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS SURVEYED WHO REPORTED FEELINGS OF DEPRESSION BASED ON HOW FREQUENTLY THEY WERE BULLIED

Kids who reported being bullied daily reported feelings of depression more than twice as much as kids who reported they had never been bullied.

Being bullied once or twice a week also showed higher reported levels of depression.