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The TAP Survey is a confidential, voluntary survey of 7th, 9th and 11th grade students. Though the students and their parents were told in advance that the survey is voluntary, very few students opted out. In total, 4860 students from 11 school districts, Notre Dame High School and the two alternative schools, James Street Academy and Lincoln Avenue Academy, participated. Based on their intent expressions and quiet work, almost all of the students appeared to take the survey seriously.

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Introduction

Why TAP Survey

The best way to know how our youth are doing is to ask them directly, and the best way to document their responses is through a student survey. The Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program (HOCCPP) first administered the Oneida County TAP Survey in 1999 and since then has done it every four years - so again in 2003, and this third one in 2007. The Teen Assessment Project (TAP) Survey is a voluntary and anonymous student survey and is just one of many different surveys that are used across the country. HOCCPP chose the TAP survey instrument for several reasons:

- Dr. Stephen Small from the University of Wisconsin, Cooperative Extension, developed the survey in 1988 and, through repeated applications, fine tuned the instrument;
- The Community and Rural Development Institute at Cornell University coordinates the state-wide distribution, provides technical assistance, electronically scans the answer sheets and compiles the databases;
- The survey questions cover a broad range of topics and can be locally amended and augmented;
- The databases are locally controlled and analyzed; and
- The repeated use of the same survey instrument allows for the comparison of results.

Purpose of TAP Survey

The TAP Survey provides a safe, confidential and anonymous way for a large number of youth to respond directly to a wide range of questions. The questions cover such topics as - how they spend their time, the importance of their education, what worries them, how closely parents monitor their behavior, substance abuse, sexuality and much more. Their responses to these questions are documented and analyzed in this report. This provides a unique assessment on the status of youth in Oneida County. Current, accurate information that comes directly from our youth is essential to identifying changing trends in youth behavior, concerns and needs, and this is a critical step in planning for ways to better serve children, youth and families.

This report is shared with the community. Copies are distributed to schools, government agencies, community agencies, local libraries and the media. In addition, each school district that participated in the survey receives the data for their students, so that they can compare the responses of their students to those of all of the youth who participated in the Oneida County TAP Survey. In short, the purpose of the TAP Survey is to provide youth, parents, schools, government, and agencies with accurate, timely information about our young people, so that together as a community we can identify the issues facing them, assess areas of need and respond appropriately.

Process of TAP Survey

For each Oneida County TAP Survey, all of the 7th, 9th and 11th grade students are asked to participate. In 2007, 4860 youth took the survey. They were from the eleven school districts in Oneida County associated with Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES, as well as from Notre Dame High School and the two alternative schools, James Street Academy and Lincoln Avenue Academy. For the two previous surveys, the population of students was similar and statistically comparable. In 1999, some 5200 youth participated; they were from those same school districts surveyed in 2007 with the addition of Rome City School District, the small Madison County school district of Brookfield, Rome Catholic School, and the House of the Good Shepherd. In 2003, the schools included the same schools as the 2007 TAP Survey, plus Brookfield Central School District.

Each time the TAP Survey has been administered the same way. The process is spelled out in a Memorandum of Understanding that both the Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program (HOCCPP) and the participating schools sign. In brief, this process entails the following steps:

- HOCCPP arranges a survey time with each school;
- Staff from the Oneida County Department of Mental Health recruits volunteer survey administrators;
- The volunteers receive a two hour training;
- Schools inform parents, staff and students about the survey;

- Over a four week period (March 12th— April 5th, 2007) the survey is conducted – each day at one or two different schools;
- Cornell University receives the completed answer sheets, which they electronically scan;
- Cornell University compiles the databases, and then sends the database for the County to HOCCPP and each school’s database to the respective school; and
- HOCCPP analyzes the data for Oneida County and issues a report.

TAP Report Content

The report begins with a description of the demographics of the survey participants, i.e. age, gender, grade and family-type. Next, in the body of the report, the analysis of the results is organized according to ten focus areas:

1. Tobacco Use
2. Alcohol Use
3. Marijuana and Other Drug Use
4. Sexuality and Sexual Behaviors
5. Mental Health and Well Being
6. Perceptions of School and Future
7. Parent/Child Relationships
8. Perceptions of Self, Peers and Community
9. Personal Safety
10. The Internet and Technology

Under each of the ten focus areas, the analysis examines the results in several ways. First, the results from the 2007 TAP Survey are compared to the results from two previous TAP surveys from 1999 and 2003.

Second, when applicable, the analysis looks at the population at-risk, i.e. users of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, sexually active youth, those who seriously considered suicide, and users of the Internet.

Third, the Oneida County TAP Survey results are compared to the results of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) Survey for the United States. The Oneida County TAP Survey includes 29 questions that are similar to ones in the national YRBS Survey. These 29 questions are all related to risk behaviors, specifically: tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other drug use; suicide ideation and attempts; and sexual activity. This analysis compares the 9th and 11th grade students from Oneida County with students from the same grades from the United States. The 9th and 11th grades are the only two grades the Oneida County TAP Survey and the national YRBS Survey have in common for comparison purposes. When making these comparisons, it is important to look at similar aged populations.

In a separate section, there is a “Cohort Analysis” that compares students who were 7th graders in 1999 then 11th graders in 2003 (Class of 2004) to a later but similar cohort that were 7th graders in 2003 then 11th graders in 2007 (Class of 2008). This analysis between the two cohorts is possible for the first time because this is the third Oneida County TAP Survey. It provides an opportunity to see if the changes in behaviors and attitudes and in their maturation process appear to differ between the Class of 2004 and the Class of 2008.

At the end, the conclusion highlights the trends and noteworthy findings, plus suggests some possible ramifications.

In addition there are two appendices:

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Reliability and Validity of TAP Survey

A question often asked about surveys is - “How valid and reliable are they?” Validity and reliability are two distinct concepts in survey research. Validity can be defined by the questions - “Are we measuring what we intended to measure?” or – “How accurate is the instrument at assessing a given behavior or belief?” Reliability, on the other hand, refers to the consistency or reproducibility of a measure. For example, if students take a survey that has a low reliability on two consecutive days, their responses would likely not be the same. In essence, reliability can be thought of as measuring consistency of responses. Reliability is a necessary, but not a sufficient, precondition for validity.

One way to increase the reliability and validity of a survey question is to use a well-established measure that has demonstrated reliability and validity over time. Whenever possible, this was done in the TAP Survey. Many of the questions have demonstrated fairly high reliability and validity based on respected and documented research. For instance, most of the drug use, sexuality, depression, and suicide questions come directly from the national Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) Survey, administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. This survey has been used for decades and is well established as having a high level of reliability and validity.

Most of the remaining questions come from the original TAP Survey designed by Dr. Stephen Small at the University of Wisconsin. This survey has been administered throughout the country and has been repeatedly tested for its validity and reliability. Questions which did not originate in either the YRBS survey or the original Wisconsin TAP Survey were developed specifically for this survey with local input from agencies and local school personnel. These questions were reviewed several times and, for the most part, have been used over several years to establish some baseline response rates. Survey questions that have shown inconsistent response patterns or that appeared to fail to get at intended issues have been dropped over the years. As a result, the survey contains mostly questions that have an established history of being both reliable and valid.

Not surprisingly, research on surveys has found that teenagers are more likely to lie than adults. For example, on average, teenagers vary within two years of reporting when they actually first tried a particular drug. Also, males are more likely to vary their responses. While these factors make examining self-reported behavior patterns more tenuous, it does not make them untenable. Such variability is found in all surveys. National surveys of teen behavior are subject to the same variability (or standard error) as are local surveys like TAP. Because TAP is largely based on these very same national surveys, the variability of responses for the TAP Survey is unlikely, at least in terms of the survey instrument itself, to be much different.

The other major factor is the reliability of the survey – the ability of the survey to generate consistent responses over time and between settings. The TAP survey administrators have taken several steps in order to increase the reliability of the survey.

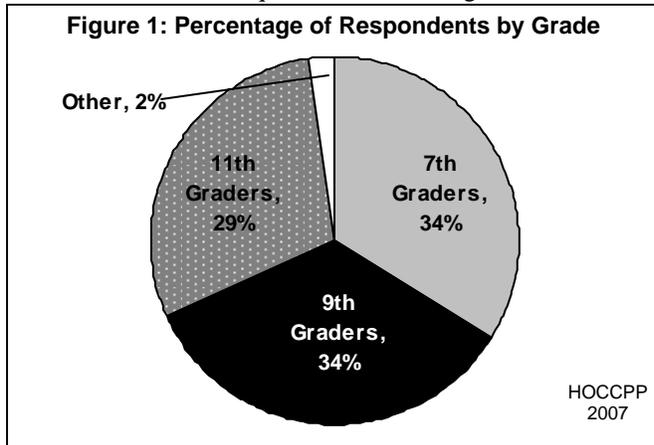
To begin with, trained volunteers rather than school personnel administer the survey. This helps assure survey participants that their survey responses will remain anonymous and confidential. The volunteers receive the same training prior to the survey administration, and they read the same instructions during each survey session. This ensures that the administration is consistent. The survey is conducted within each school during a very short time-frame. This limits the opportunity for students to talk with each other about the survey prior to taking it. In addition, students take the survey in a controlled setting, mainly classrooms, where school personnel are able to establish and maintain order. While some variability undoubtedly does creep into the survey experience of each respondent, every effort has been made in cooperation with school officials to minimize this.

In conclusion, no survey is without some measure of error. Anecdotal examples of individuals, who claim to have not taken the survey seriously, are always present when dealing with sensitive issues such as drug use and sexuality. Minimizing the degree to which such claims appear to be accurate is why tests for validity and reliability are important. Through the use of established survey questions, a review of response patterns, and control of the survey environment, the administrators of this survey hope to have bolstered the reliability and validity of survey responses. Based on our review of the data from the successive Oneida County TAP Surveys and on comparing TAP data with national data, we feel confident in the reliability and validity of this information.

Demographics

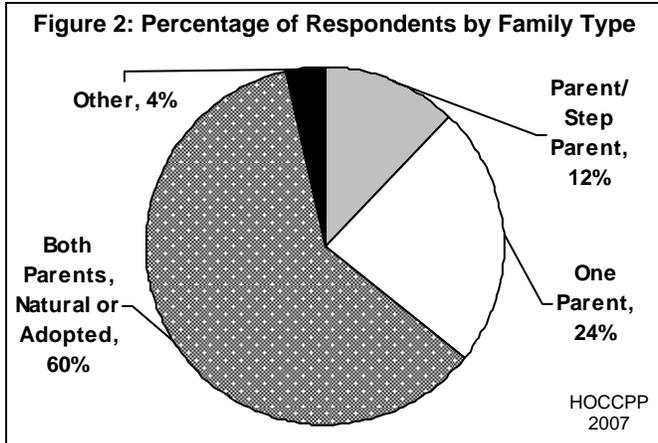
Approximately five-thousand (4,860) teens in 7th, 9th and 11th grade participated in the 2007 Oneida County TAP Survey. This represents about an 80% response rate of the students enrolled in the three grades of the participating schools. This is a response rate large enough to ensure it accurately reflects the concerns, perceptions and behaviors of the targeted population.

The TAP survey includes several demographic questions. Four relate to the respondents directly: gender, age, grade level, and whether they have special needs. Three additional questions focus on the teens' living situation: who they live with, their parents' level of education, and whether their family qualifies for free or reduced priced lunch. There were no questions concerning cultural or racial background.



In terms of gender, the population was split evenly between males (50%) and females (50%). Seventh and 9th graders each represented about 34% of the respondents (Figure 1). Eleventh graders only made up about 29% of the total participants. The age distribution corresponds to this grade level breakdown. Some 84% of teens stated they did not have any special needs. The most commonly cited special need was a learning disability (6.4%), followed by both equally emotional/behavioral disability and English as a second language (2.7% each).

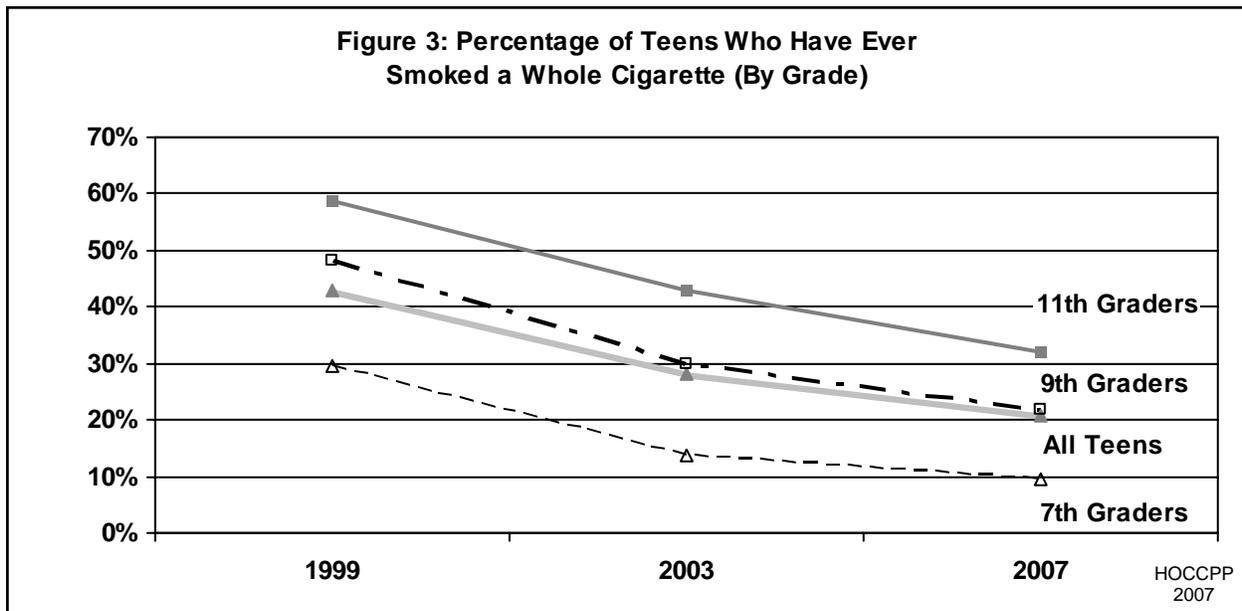
Of all of the survey participants, 60% indicated they lived with either both their natural or both their adoptive parents (Figure 2). This has decreased consistently since the 1999 TAP Survey, when 65% said they lived with both parents. The percentage of teens that live with a parent and step-parent increased from 1999 when it was 9.5% to 2003 when it was 12% and then remained the same in 2007 at 12%. The percentage of teens that live in single parent households (living with either their mother only, father only, or mother part-time and father part-time) is similar to what was found in 1999. In 2007, 24% of teens lived in a single parent household; in 1999 and 2003 it was 23%. The remaining youth, less than 4%, stated that they lived with other relatives, in a group or foster home, or alone.



More than a quarter of youth (28%) indicated they qualified for either free or reduced priced lunch. The percentage that said they qualified has increased since 2003, when it was 25%, but is less than reported in 1999, when it was 32%. When asked what was the highest level of education completed by either one of their parents, 9.7% reported their parents had not completed high school, 16% said they had completed high school, 8.1% reported some college, 11% said their parents have a 2-year college degree, 19% reported a four-year college degree, and 17% said they had an advanced degree. One out of 5 respondents (20%) did not know how much education their parents had completed.

I. Tobacco Use

Among All Teens



- In 2007, teens were much less likely than in 1999 and 2003 to have ever smoked. In 2007, only 21% of teens said they had smoked. This is an decrease from the 2003 TAP Survey when 29% of teens said they had smoked and a considerable decrease from the 1999 TAP Survey when 44% of teens said they smoked. This decrease is seen across all three grades (Figure 3).
- About 1 in 10 of all teens (9.3%) said they had their first smoking experience by age 12 or younger - a decrease of more than one-half since 1999. In 2003, 14% said they had their first cigarette by age 12 and in 1999 it was nearly one-quarter (22%).
- The percentage of teens that smoked at least one of the past 30 days decreased between 2003 and 2007. In 2007, 11% of all teens said they had at least one cigarette in the past 30 days. In 2003, it was 16%, and in 1999, 25%.
- The use (in the last 30 days) of chewing tobacco increased in 2007. In 1999, 3.3% of all teens admitted to using chewing tobacco. In 2003, reported use decreased to 2.1%; but in 2007, use increased to 4.5%.

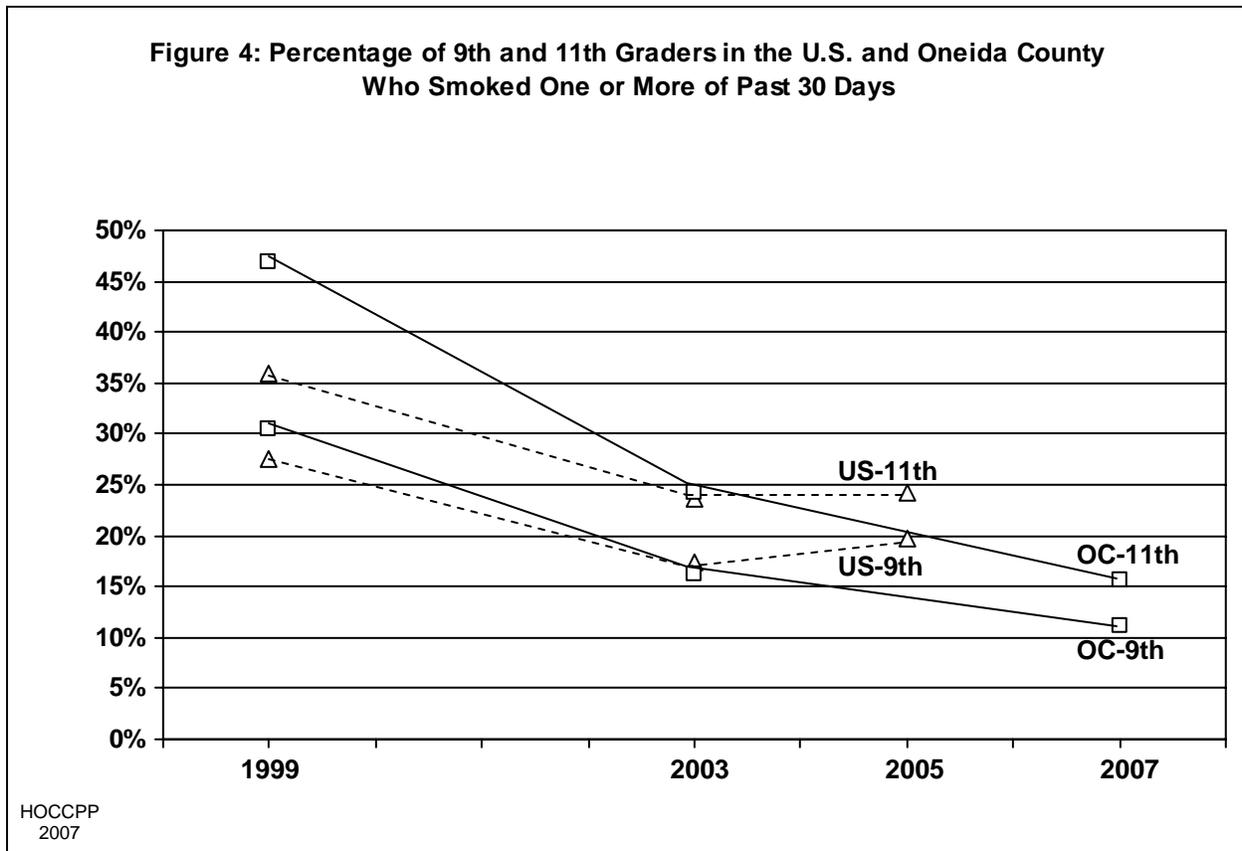
Among Smokers

- Among teens that smoke, there was a significant decrease in the percentage of teens who started at age 12 or younger. In 1999, 51% of smokers started at age 12 or younger; in 2003, it was 50%; and in 2007, 44%.
- Of those who have tried cigarettes, the most common age range for 7th graders to have had their first cigarette was age 11-12 (44%); for 9th graders, it was age 13-14 (42%); and for 11th graders, age 15-16 (40%).
- Nearly half of teen smokers in 2007 reported their most common sources of cigarettes were through someone else - either having someone of legal age buy cigarettes for them (26%) or borrowing them from someone else (22%). This is consistent with the 2003 TAP Survey.
- Twice as many smokers reported getting their cigarettes from vending machines in 2007 than in 2003. About 5% of all teen smokers got their cigarettes from vending machines in 2007; less than half that number did so in 2003.
- Among teens that smoke, 74% have tried to quit smoking. This is similar to the 2003 TAP Survey when 73% tried to quit and the 1999 TAP Survey when 72% tried to quit.

Oneida County Compared to the United States

Since 1999, the percentage of teens that smoke tobacco has dramatically declined across the country. This decline is even more pronounced in Oneida County. (Please note: This analysis compares results for 9th and 11th graders between the Oneida County TAP Survey for 1999, 2003 and 2007 and the CDC YRBS Survey for 1999, 2003 and 2005. Thus, it relates changes in Oneida County from 1999 to 2007, an eight year period, to changes in the United States from 1999 to 2005, a six year period.)

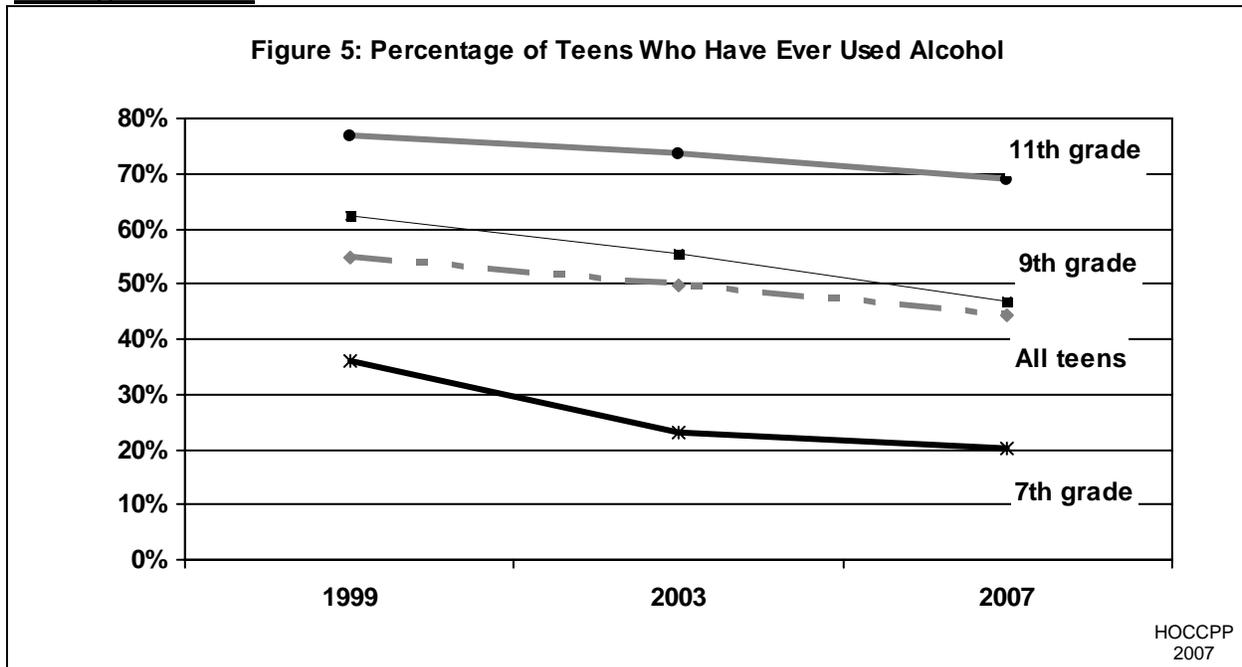
- For 11th graders nationwide, the percentage that had ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs, declined from 70% in 1999 to 58% in 2005. In Oneida County, the percentage of 11th graders that smoked a whole cigarette declined from 59% in 1999 to 32% in 2007.
- Looking at 11th graders who indicated that they had smoked cigarettes on 20 or more of the past 30 days, this same pattern is seen. Across the United States, between 1999 and 2005, the rate declined from 19% to 10% respectively; for Oneida County between 2003 and 2007, the rate declined from 12% to 7%, respectively.
- Figure 4 shows that the percentage of 9th and 11th graders who smoked one or more days in the past 30 days decreased between 1999 and 2003 by over one-third in the United States and by almost one-half in Oneida County. Between 2003 and 2007, Oneida County continued to experience, though not as steep, a decline from 16% to 11% for 9th graders, and from 24% to 16% for 11th graders. However, the United States between 2003 and 2005 did not see this decline. In fact, it increased slightly for 9th graders from 17% in 2003 to 20% in 2005; and for 11th graders, the percentage stayed at 24%.



- Interestingly enough, and of some concern, the pattern is opposite for chewing tobacco or snuff. Nationwide, for 11th grade boys (girls rarely use it – 1%) the percentage that chewed tobacco in one or more of the past 30 days held steady between 1999 and 2005 at 15%, whereas for Oneida County the rate has jumped from 6% in

II. Alcohol Use

Among All Youth



- Fewer teens in 2007 have ever used alcohol than in either of the previous two TAP surveys (1999 and 2003). In 2007, only 44% of all teens said they ever used alcohol. In 2003, 50% said they ever used alcohol and in 1999 it was 55%. This decline is consistent across all grades (Figure 5).
- About 18% of teens in 2007 said they used alcohol at least a few times a month. This number has been declining since the first survey in 1999. In 2003, more than 1 in 5 (22%) said they used alcohol at least a few times a month, and in 1999, it was more than one-quarter (27%).
- One in 6 teens (16%) in 2007 reported having their first drink by age 12 or younger. This also has declined since the first survey in 1999. In 2003, 1 in 5 (21%) had their first drink by age 12, and in 1999 it was 22%.
- In 2007, 9.8% of teens said they had gone binge drinking more than once. In 2003, 9.9% said they had gone binge drinking, and in 1999 it was about 12%.

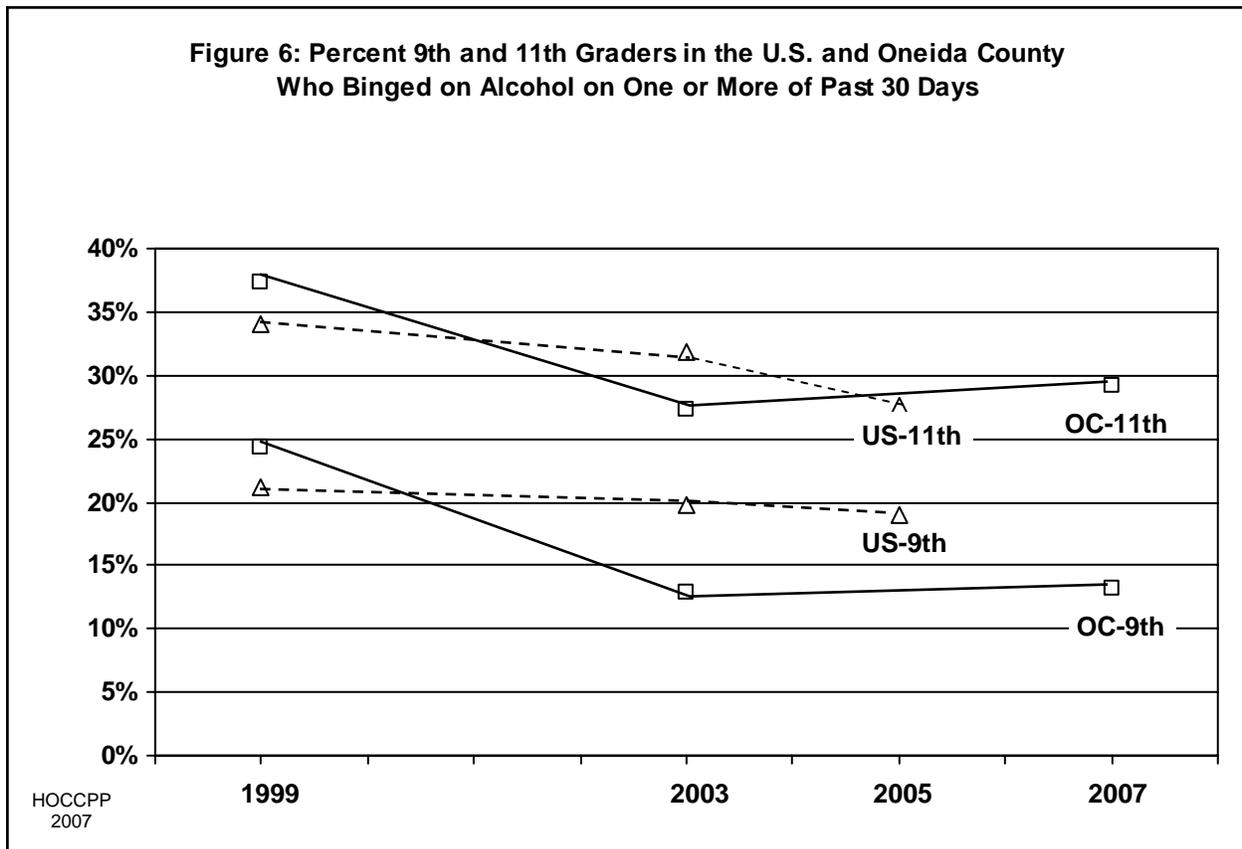
Among Youth That Have Used Alcohol

- About 42% of teens that used alcohol were regular users (drank at least a few times per month). This represents a reduction in regular alcohol use from the previous two surveys. In 2003, 45% said they were regular users and in 1999, it was 49%.
- About 36% of alcohol users began drinking by age 12 or younger.
- Of those who have tried alcohol, the most common age range for 7th graders to have had their first alcoholic drink was 11-12 (48%); for 9th graders, 13-14 (52%); and for 11th graders, 15-16 (44%).
- A third of all alcohol users (33%) said they had been binge drinking at least once in the past month. Of those who reported they had been binge drinking, 37% said they had been binge drinking 3 times or more in the past month.
- Fewer teen alcohol users are binge drinking now compared to the original TAP survey in 1999. However, binge drinking is up in 2007 from 2003. In 2007, one-third of teen alcohol users (33%) said they had gone binge drinking in the past 30 days. In 2003, it was more than a quarter (28%), and in 1999, 41% of teen alcohol users noted they had gone binge drinking.
- More than one in four teens (27%) who drink alcohol obtained it through a legal aged buyer.

Oneida County Compared to the United States

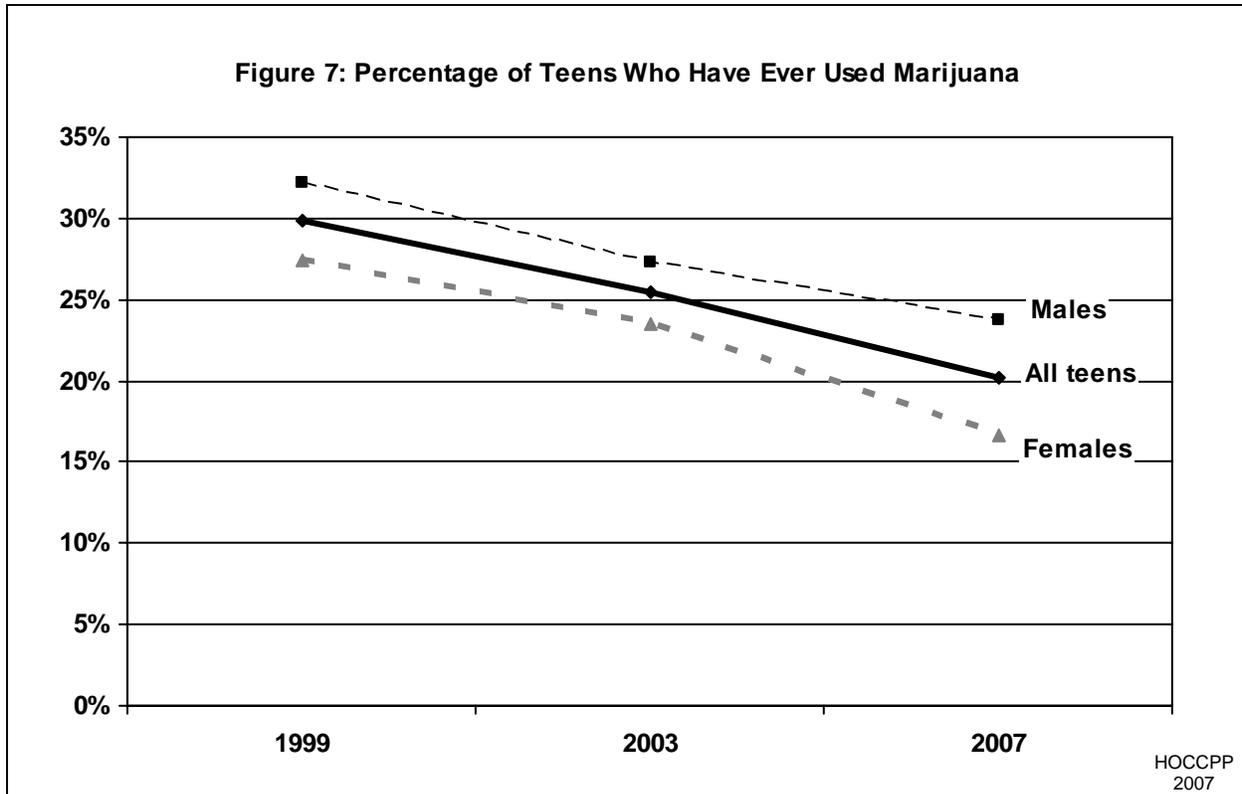
Just as with tobacco, though not as dramatically, the use of alcohol has also declined both nationwide and in Oneida County. This is true locally and nationally for teens who have ever tried alcohol and for those who drank in the past 30 days. However, in Oneida County, there has been an increase in binge drinking, which is the opposite of what has been occurring nationally. (Please note: This analysis compares results for 9th and 11th graders between the Oneida County TAP Survey for 1999, 2003 and 2007 and the CDC YRBS Survey for 1999, 2003 and 2005. Thus, it relates changes in Oneida County from 1999 to 2007, an eight year period, to changes in the United States from 1999 to 2005, a six year period.)

- With regard to the percentage who had at least one drink of alcohol in their life, for 9th graders in the United States this declined from 73% in 1999 to 67% in 2005; and for 9th graders in Oneida County this went down from 63% in 1999 to 51% in 2007.
- For 11th graders who had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days, the percentage in the United States declined from 51% in 1999 to 46% in 2005; and in Oneida County the percentage went from 48% in 2003 down to 44% in 2007.
- Figure 6 shows the percentage of 9th and 11th graders who binged, meaning drank five or more drinks in a row within a couple of hours, one or more days during the past 30 days for the United States and Oneida County. As is evident from the graph, within the United States the level of binge drinking went steadily, albeit slowly, down for both grades between 1999 and 2005. For Oneida County, binge drinking declined considerably between 1999 and 2003. The percentage of 9th graders who binged went from 23% down to 13%, dropping almost in half in those four years; and for 11th graders it went from 37% in 1999 down to 27% in 2003. In the four years since 2003, binge drinking in Oneida County has remained at about the same level for 9th graders but increased slightly for 11th graders from 27% in 2003 to 29% in 2007.



III. Marijuana and Other Drug Use

Among All Youth



- One in 5 teens (20%) in 2007 reported they tried marijuana. This is a significant decrease over the two previous surveys. In 2003, one-quarter (25%) of teens had tried marijuana, and in 1999, as many as 30% of all teens did. This decrease is true for both males and females (Figure 7).
- Females were less likely to try marijuana than males. In 2007, 17% of females said they tried marijuana compared to 24% of males.
- One in 8 teens (13%) in 2007 said they used marijuana a few times a year or more. This also is a decrease from the previous two years; in 2003 it was 17% and in 1999 it was 18%.
- One in 11 teens (9%) used marijuana at least a couple of times per month in 2007. This is also a decline from previous years. In 2003, 12% of all teens used marijuana at least a couple of times a month, and in 1999 it was 1 in 8 (13%).
- In 2007, about 1 in 20 teens (6%) said they tried marijuana at age 12 or younger. This is down slightly from the previous two years, in 2003 it was 7% and in 1999, 8%.
- Fewer 11th graders reported ever using marijuana in 2007 (32%) than in 2003 (42%).
- About 8% of teens in 2007 said they used marijuana 3 or more times in the last 30 days. This is the same as in 2003 and down slightly from 1999, when it was 10%.
- In 2007, more teens said they were offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property than in 2003. In 2007 nearly 40% of teens said this happened on school property; in 2003 it was only 31%.

In 2007, among other drugs:

- 8.3% of all teens tried an inhalant;
- 7.5% tried other people's prescriptions;
- 2.9% tried heroin;
- 3.2% tried methamphetamines;

- 3.3% tried ecstasy;
- 3.2% tried steroids;
- 4.4% tried cocaine;
- 11.6% used over the counter drugs to get high; and
- 4.3% said they tried other drugs such as LSD or PCP.

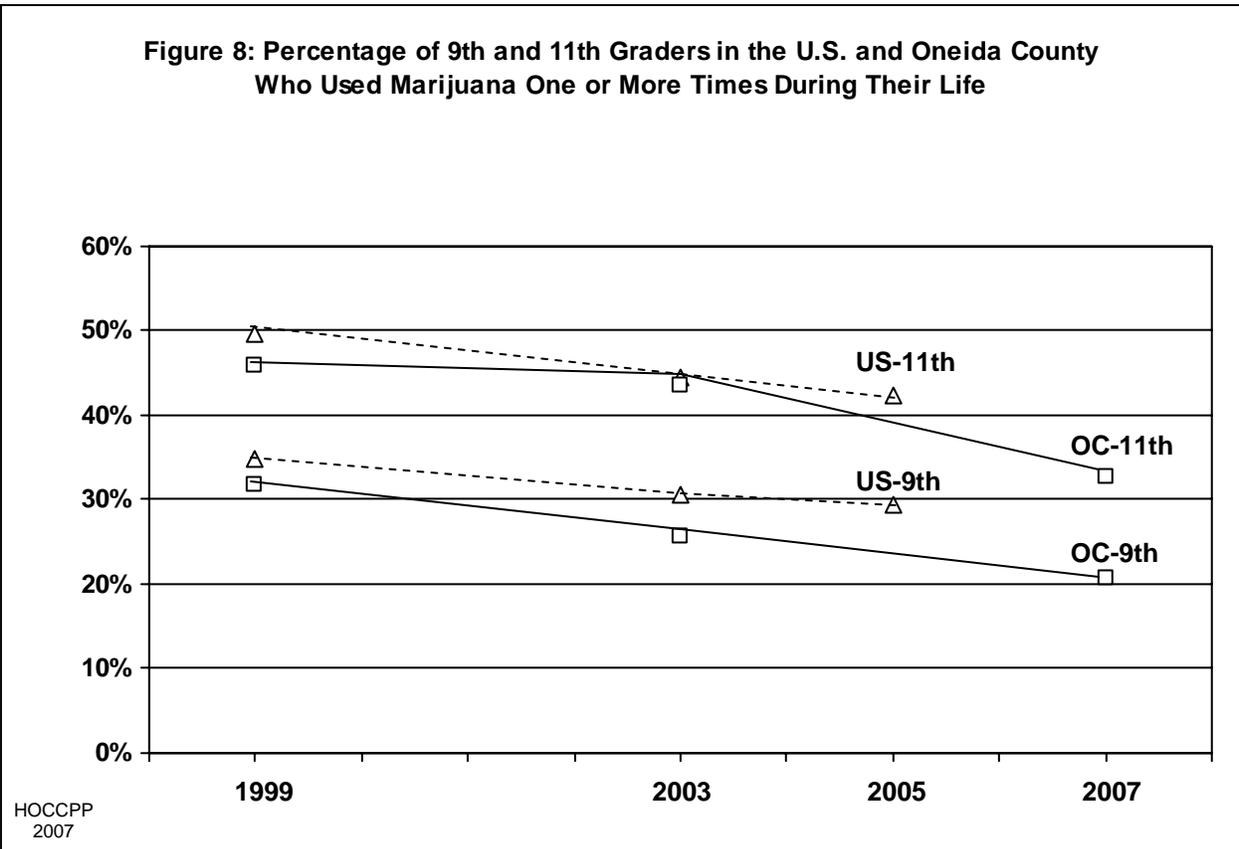
The percentages of teens in 2007 that reported using these drugs listed above has remained consistent with the results from both the 2003 and 1999 TAP Surveys.

Among Youth that Use Marijuana

- More than two-thirds (70%) of teens that used marijuana did so at least a few times per month in 2007. This has not changed significantly since 1999.
- In 2007, more than two-thirds (68%) of teens who used marijuana started by age 14 or younger. This is similar to past TAP Surveys.
- About 6 out of 10 marijuana users are male (59%). Males are also more likely to have begun using marijuana at an earlier age than females. Among teens that began using marijuana before the age of 11, more than 80% are males.
- Teen marijuana users reported their most common sources of marijuana were through a friend (47%) or a seller/dealer (24%).

Oneida County Compared to the United States

The percentage that have ever used marijuana or that used it at least once during the past 30 days both across the United States and in Oneida County has shown similar declines as seen with tobacco and alcohol use. In addition, teens in Oneida County are less likely than those nationwide to have ever used marijuana or other illegal drugs.

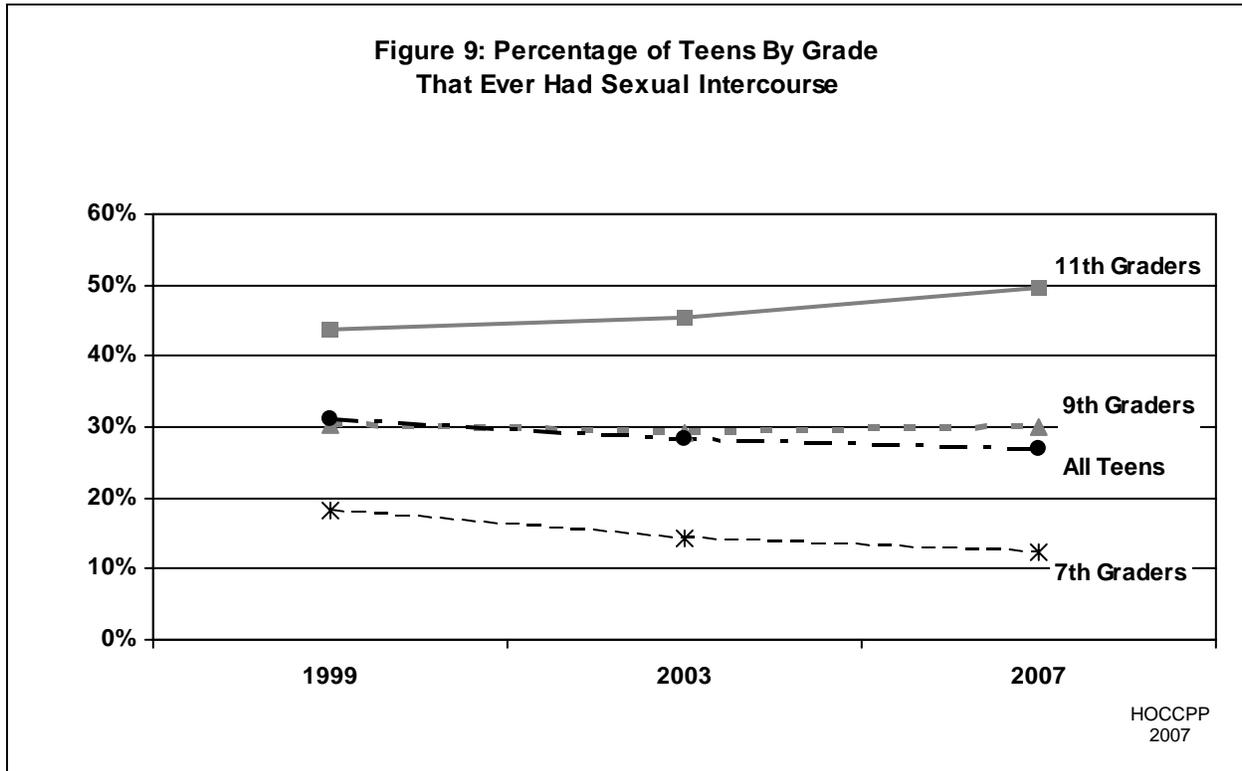


- As seen in Figure 8, the percentage of 9th and 11th graders who indicated they tried marijuana one or more times in their lifetime has steadily declined in both the United States and Oneida County. In the case of 9th graders, the percentage in the United States declined from 35% in 1999 to 29% in 2005 (six years). And, in Oneida County, it decreased even more from 32% in 1999 to 21% in 2007 (eight years). For 11th graders, the percentage who tried marijuana went down in the United States from 50% in 1999 to 42% in 2005 and in Oneida County, from 46% in 1999 to 33% in 2007.
- For 11th graders, the percentage who said they used marijuana at least once during the past 30 days declined nationwide from 27% in 1999 to 21% in 2005 and decreased in Oneida County from 26% in 2003 to 19% in 2007.
- With regard to steroids, methamphetamines and ecstasy, just a small percentage of Oneida County 9th graders (3%-4%) and 11th graders (3%-4%) admitted to using these drugs since the TAP Survey was first administered in 1999. Generally, this has been below the rate found in the United States for 9th graders (5%-6%) and for 11th graders (4%-7%). During this time, there has been little fluctuation in these percentages for the United States and Oneida County, except in the case of ecstasy, which has seen a drop in usage. For 11th graders, ecstasy use dropped nationally from 11% to 7% between 2003 and 2005, and in Oneida County, it went from 8% in 2003 down to 4% in 2007.
- Reported cocaine use was slightly higher, and reported inhalant use was higher still, than the use of steroids, methamphetamines and ecstasy in both the United States and Oneida County. As with these other illegal drugs, both 9th and 11th graders in Oneida County reported less usage of cocaine and inhalants than those in the United States, and there has been little change in the rates since 1999 in either location.
 - In the case of cocaine, 6% of U.S. 9th graders in 2005 and 4% of Oneida County 9th graders in 2007 reported ever trying it. Eleventh grade use patterns are similar but slightly higher. For the United States - 11% in 2005 and for Oneida County - 6% in 2007 of 11th graders indicated they used cocaine.
 - For inhalants: in the United States 14% of 9th graders and 11% of 11th graders reported using it; and in Oneida County, 9% of 9th graders and 7% of 11th graders said they have tried it.
- A disturbing and counter-intuitive finding was found when comparing the responses between the United States and Oneida County to the question of whether students were offered, sold or given illegal drugs on school property by someone during the past 12 months. Instead of a decrease, as found nationally, the rate has increased in Oneida County, and by 2007 the rate was much higher than found in the United States in 2005. Between 1999 and 2005 across the United States, the percentage that reported they were offered, sold or given illegal drugs on school property decreased for 9th graders from 28% to 24% and for 11th graders from 31% to 25%. Between 2003 and 2007, for Oneida County, the percentage for 9th graders increased from 31% to 40% and for 11th graders from 35% to 42%.

IV. Sexuality and Sexual Behaviors

Among All Youth

- In 2007, 3 out of every 10 teens (30%) have ever had sexual intercourse. This is consistent with the past two TAP surveys (Figure 9).



- Although teens who said they ever had sexual intercourse remained consistent since 1999, 7th graders who said they ever had sexual intercourse decreased steadily from 18% in 1999 to 12% in 2007. At the same time, 11th graders who said they ever had sexual intercourse increased from 44% in 1999 to 50% in 2007 (Figure 9).
- In 2007, approximately 1 in 6 teens (17%) have had more than one sexual partner. This is consistent with the 2003 TAP survey and a slight increase from the 1999 TAP Survey where approximately 1 in 7 teens (15%) had more than one sexual partner.
- In 2007, more than 2 in 5 teens (44%) said they considered themselves to be actively abstinent. Females (50%) were much more likely to consider themselves actively abstinent than males (37%).
- In 2007, 56% of teens said gaining access to a condom was either “easy” or “very easy.” This is a decrease from the 2003 TAP survey when 60% of teens said gaining access to a condom was “easy” or “very easy.”
- In 2007, 7.6% of all teens considered themselves something other than heterosexual, i.e. homosexual, bisexual, or not sure.

Among Youth That Have Had Sexual Intercourse

- In 2007, nearly 40% of sexually active teens said they had 3 or more sexual partners. This is consistent with the two previous TAP surveys.
- Nearly 1 in 5 teens (19%) who had been sexually active now are practicing abstinence.
- In 2007, more than 4 in 5 sexually active teens (82%) used some type of birth control the last time they had sexual intercourse. The most common method of birth control was a condom (61%). The second most com-

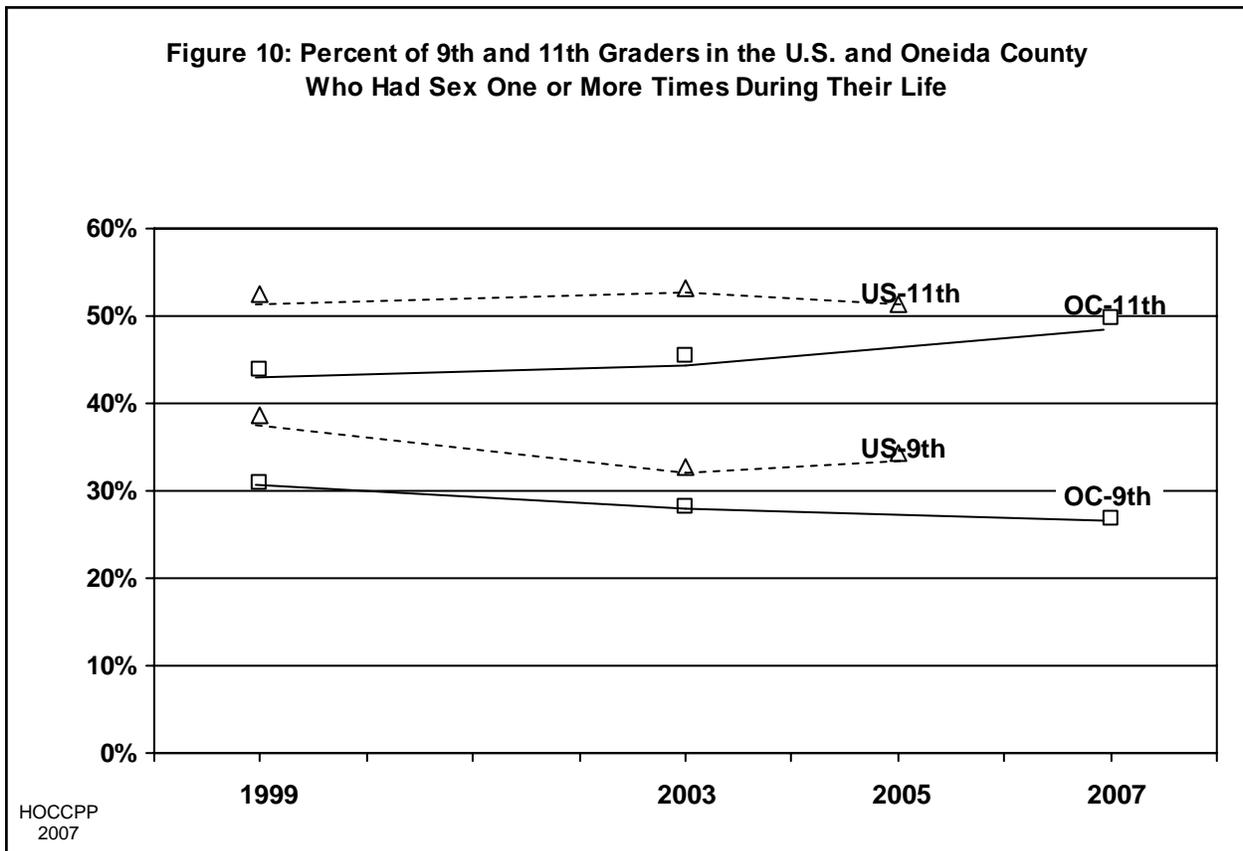
mon method was birth control pills (9.9%).

- In 2007, 15% of sexually active teens said the last time they had sexual intercourse they did not use any form of birth control, and 4.6% said they used no chemical or barrier method of birth control but, instead, withdrawal or some other method.
- In 2007, nearly 1 in 11 females (8.8%) who have ever had intercourse said they had been pregnant at least once. This decreased since the first TAP survey in 1999. In 2003, 11% said they had been pregnant and in 1999 it was 12%.

Oneida County Compared to the United States

Overall, the percentage of teens who report ever having had sexual intercourse is lower for Oneida County than for the United States. Also, teens appear to be less promiscuous in Oneida County compared to teens in the United States. Promiscuous, in this case, refers to those who have had sexual intercourse with four or more people.

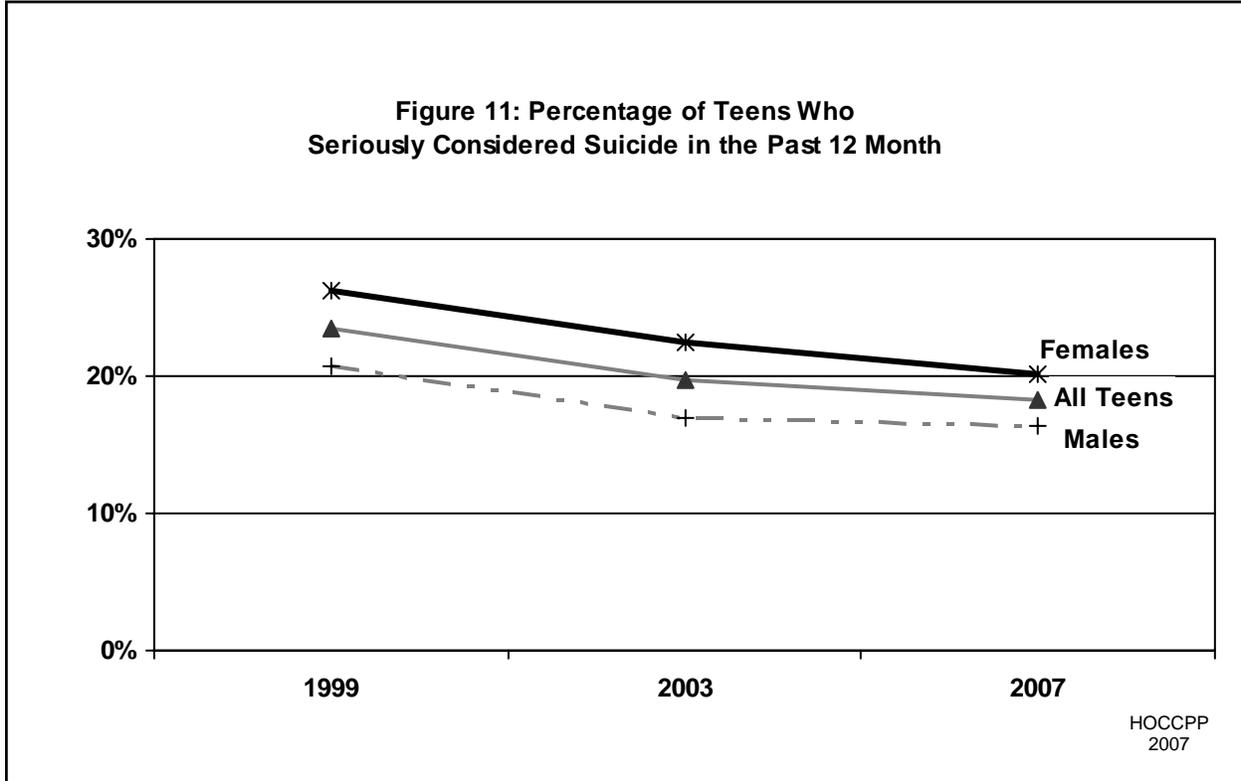
- Figure 10 shows the percentage of 9th and 11th graders in both the United States and Oneida County who have had sexual intercourse one or more times in their lifetime. For 11th graders, nationally the percentage since 1999 remained consistent (1999 – 53%, 2003 – 53%, 2005 – 51%), however, in Oneida County the percentage has been creeping up (1999 – 44%, 2003 – 46%, 2005 – 50%) to the point where it has nearly reached national levels. For 9th graders, in the United States the percentage who have had sexual intercourse went down between 1999 and 2003 and then remained similar (1999 – 39%, 2003 – 33%, 2005 – 34%). In Oneida County, the percentage has slowly, but steadily, decreased (1999 – 31%, 2003 – 28%, 2005 – 27%).
- Since 1999, the percentage of 9th graders who had sexual intercourse with four or more people during their life has hovered around 10% for the United States and 7% for Oneida County; and for 11th graders it has been around 16% for the United States and 11% for Oneida County.



V. Mental Health and Well Being

Among All Youth

- The percentage of teens who thought about running away, or who actually did run away, decreased since the first TAP Survey. In 2007, 32% had thoughts of running away or actually did. In 2003, it was 32%, and in 1999, 38%.
- In 2007, 27% of all teens said they felt depressed (during the past 12 months they had felt so sad or hopeless everyday for two weeks in a row or more that they stopped doing some usual activity). This is consistent with the 2003 TAP Survey.
- A higher percentage of females (32%) said they felt depressed than males (23%).
- Approximately 1 in 6 teens (18%) in 2007 seriously considered suicide in the past 12 months. This is a reduction over previous TAP surveys. In 2003 - 20% and in 1999 - 24% seriously considered suicide (Figure 11).
- A higher percentage of females than males said they seriously considered attempting suicide. In 2007, 20% of females compared to 16% of males said they had seriously considered it (Figure 11) .
- However, when asked how many times they actually attempted suicide, 11% of both males and females said they actually attempted suicide.



- Approximately 1 in 7 teens (14%) said they actually planned how they might commit suicide. This has decreased since the last TAP survey. In 2003 - 18% and in 1999 - 18% planned how they might commit suicide.
- The percentage of teens saying they have attempted suicide increased slightly since the first TAP survey. In 2007, 11% of all teens claim to have attempted suicide at least once. In 2003, 9.1% said they attempted suicide, and, in 1999, 8.9% made similar claims.
- Injury from suicide attempts has consistently decreased since the first TAP survey. In 2007, 2.9% of all teens injured themselves in a suicide attempt; in 2003 it was 3.1%; and in 1999, 4.6%.

Among Teens Who Have Seriously Considered Suicide

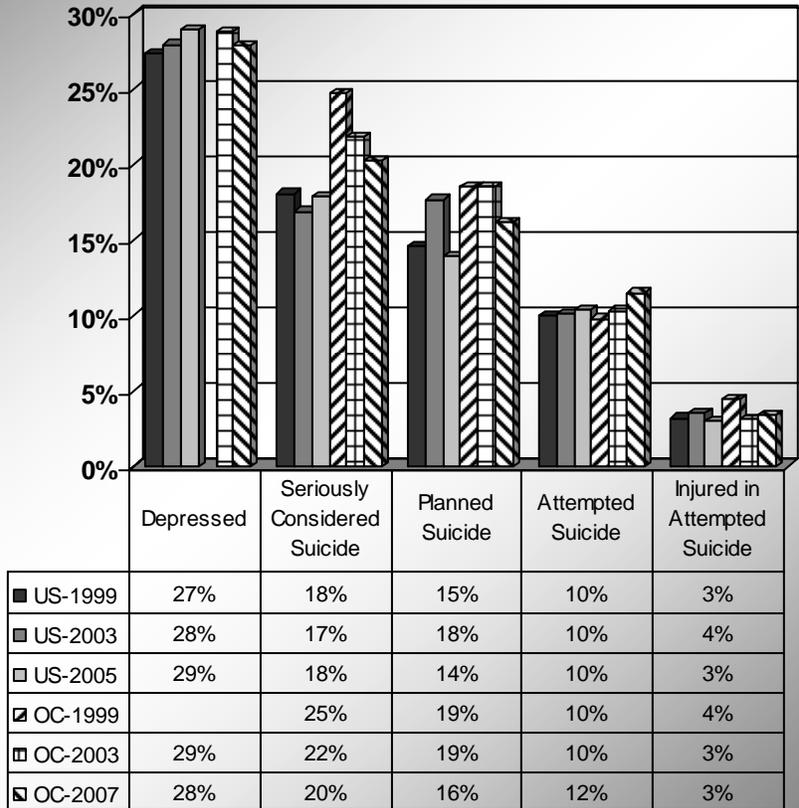
- About two-thirds of teens (64%) who seriously considered suicide said they planned how they might do it. This is similar to the two previous TAP surveys. In 2003, 69% said they had planned it, and, in 1999, it was 66%.
- Approximately one-third of teens (31%) that seriously considered suicide attempted it at least once. This is similar to the results of the 2003 TAP Survey (33%) and the 1999 TAP Survey (29%).
- One in 5 teens (22%) who attempted suicide injured themselves to the point it required medical attention. This is consistent with the 2003 TAP Survey (21%); but significantly lower than the 1999 TAP Survey (31%).
- In 2007, the single most commonly cited reason teens gave for thinking about suicide was problems at home (20%). This is consistent with the 2003 TAP Survey. Other reasons include a failed relationship (15%) and aloneness (14%). Also, some of teens said life's pressures in general from school, sports, or work were their reason for attempting suicide.
- An increasing percentage of teens who had thoughts of suicide did nothing or did not talk to anyone in response to their thoughts about committing suicide. In 2007, it was 59%; in 2003 - 55%; and in 1999 - 53%. One in 7 teens (15%) said they talked to a teen friend about their suicide ideation; 6.9% said they talked to their parents or another adult; and very few used suicide hotlines (0.3%).

Oneida County Compared to the United States

Comparative analysis of 1999 and 2003 TAP Survey data with national YRBS Survey data had previously revealed that local youth were more likely to be depressed and more likely to have seriously considered suicide, however, no more likely to attempt suicide than youth nationwide. Comparing 2007 TAP Survey data to the most recent 2005 YRBS Survey data tells a different story.

- Nationwide, the percentage of 9th and 11th graders, who indicated during the past year they felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activity, remained near 29% in 2003 and 2005. The percentage that reported feeling depressed in Oneida County remained about 29% for 9th graders in 2003 and 2007; and for 11th graders it went down from 31% in 2003 to 27% in 2007. With this decline, local youth appear no more inclined to be depressed than found nationally.
- Nationwide, from 1999 to 2005, the percentage who reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year fluctuated for 9th and 11th graders between 17% and 18%. For Oneida County, the percentage for both grades has been continually decreasing. In the case of 9th grade in 1999 it was 25%; 2003 - 22%; and in 2007 - 20%. For 11th grade: in 1999 it was 27%; 2003 - 23%; and in 2007 - 17%. So, whereas suicide ideation appeared more prevalent locally in 1999 and 2003, in 2007 it appears to be more similar to national levels.
- Actual suicide attempts appear to have gone in a comparatively opposite direction. In 1999, the percentage of those who indicated they attempted suicide in the past year was nearly the same locally as nationally. In both the United States and Oneida County, the percentage for 9th graders was at 10% and for 11th graders at 7%. For 9th graders, the national rate remained at 10% in 2005, but by 2007 the rate in Oneida County approached 12%; and for 11th graders the national rate declined to 5% by 2005 while for Oneida County it went up from 7% in 1999 to 10% in 2007.

Figure 12: Percentage of 9th Graders in the U.S. and Oneida County Who Felt Depressed, Who Seriously Considered, Planned or Attempted Suicide

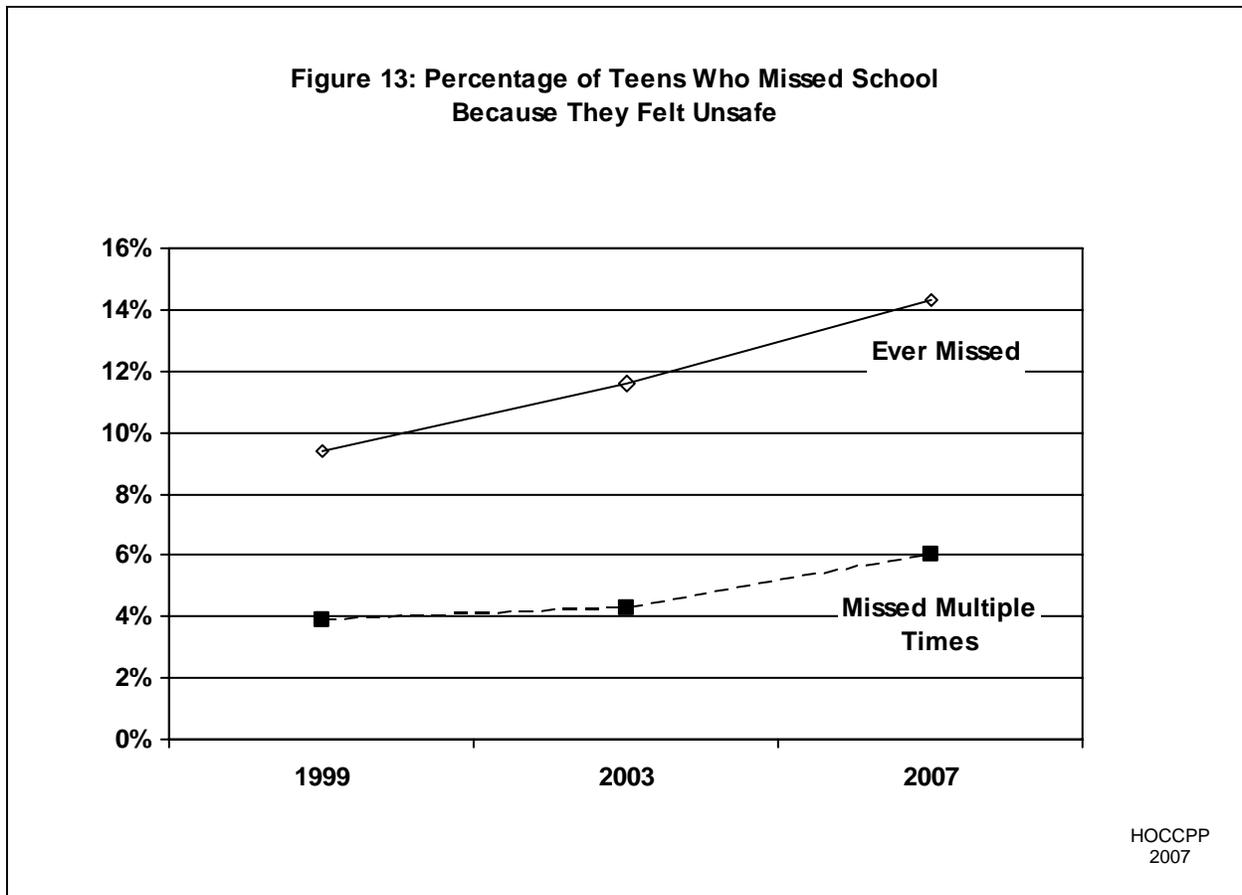


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VI. Perceptions of School and Future

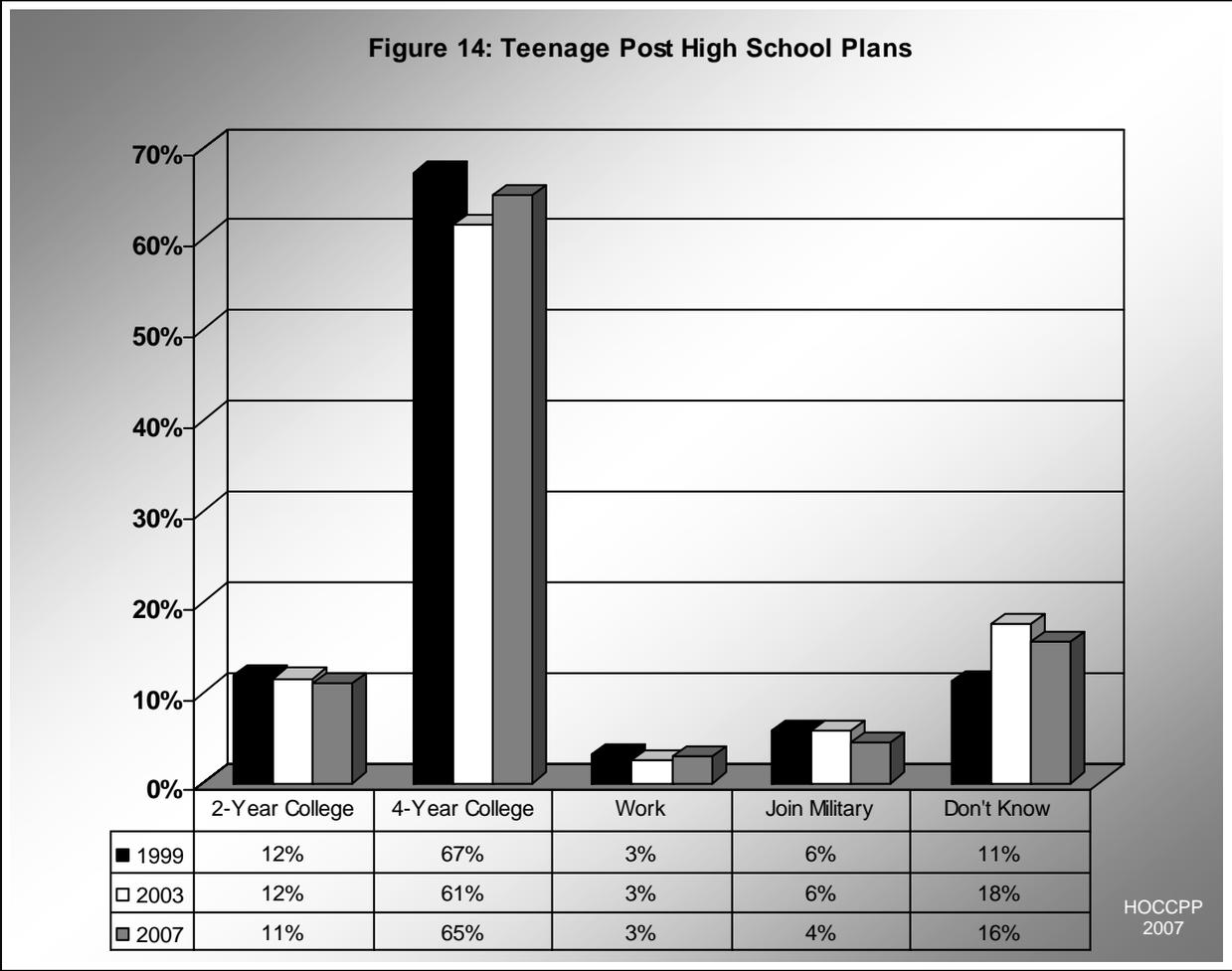
Among All Youth

- A slight increased percentage of teens said they worried “a fair amount” to “a lot” about their grades in school. In 2007, 83% of teens said they worried “a fair amount” to “a lot;” in 2003 it was 83%; and in 1999 - only 75%.
- In 2007, approximately 1 in 8 teens (13%) said they attended school “high” on alcohol, marijuana, or some other illegal drug in the last year. This is a decrease from the previous two TAP surveys. In 2003 - 17% and in 1999 - 19% had attended school “high.”
- Most teens in 2007 said they felt safe at school (79%). This is a slight decrease from the 2003 TAP Survey and a statistically significant decrease from the 1999 TAP Survey, when 82% of teens said they felt safe.
- More teens indicated they missed school because they felt unsafe in 2007 (14%) than in either 2003 (12%) or 1999 (9.4%). In addition, they were also significantly more likely to miss school multiple times. In 2007, 6% said they missed school “multiple times;” in 2003 it was 4.3% and in 1999 - 3.9% (Figure 13).



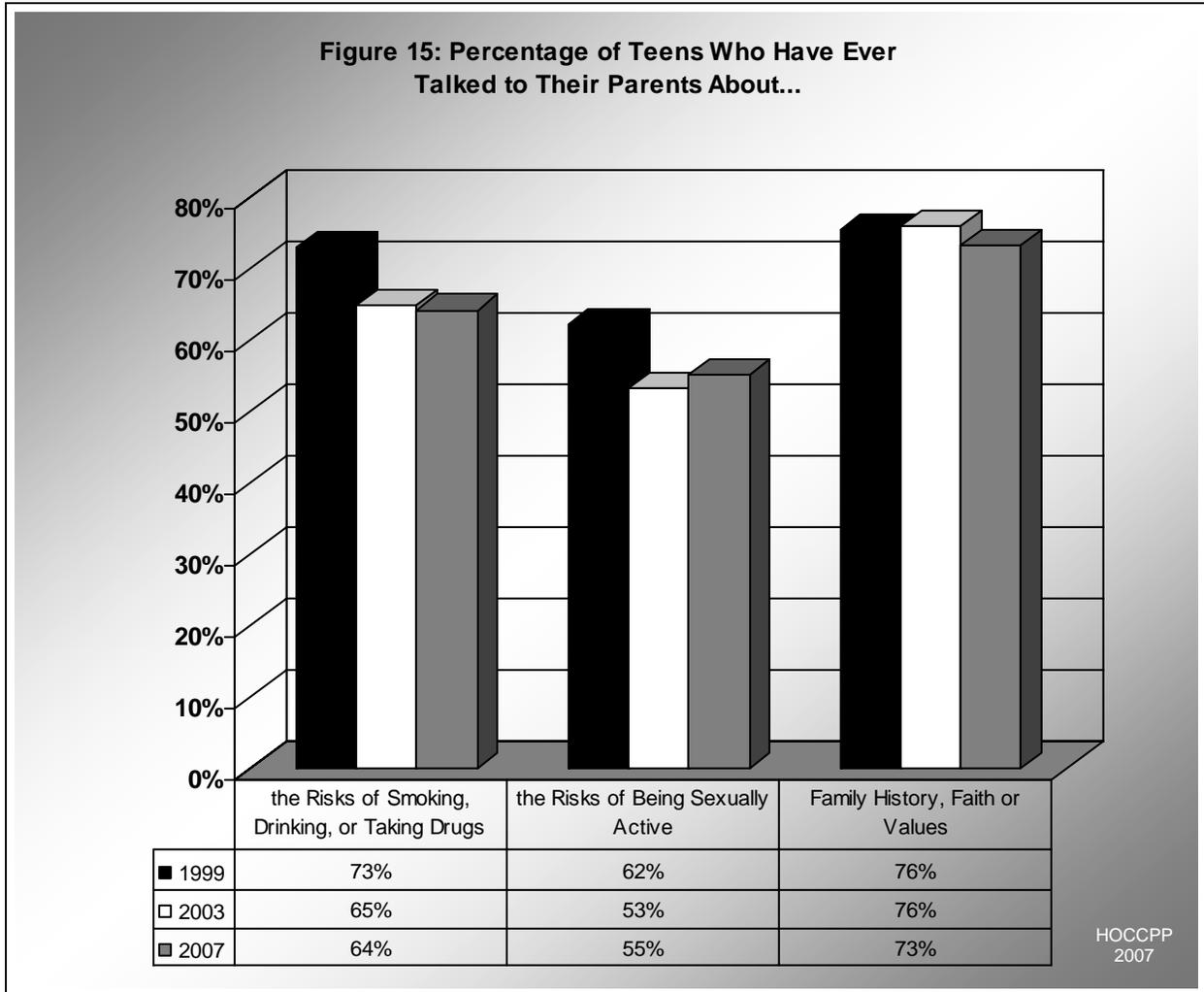
- More teens in 2007 than in 2003 said they thought their teachers cared about them. In 2007, it was 83% and in 2003 - 80%.
- More teens in 2007 (31%) than in 2003 (27%) said they strongly agreed that their teachers had high expectations of them.
- The higher the grade level, the less likely were students to agree that their school’s rules were the same for everyone. Approximately 72% of 7th graders agreed that their school’s rules were the same for everyone, compared to nearly 59% of 9th graders, and 49% of 11th graders.

- More females (74%) say they enjoy going to school than males (65%). This is consistent with the two previous TAP surveys.
- When asked about their post-school plans, fewer teens said they planned to go into the military compared to the two previous TAP surveys. In 2007, only 4.4% of teens said they were planning to go into the military. In both 2003 and 1999 it was 5.7% (Figure 14).
- Fewer teens said they planned to go to a 4-year college than in the first TAP survey in 1999. However, more teens said they were going to a 4-year college than in 2003. In 2007, 65% said they were going to a 4-year college; in 2003 it was 61%, and in 1999 - 67% (Figure 14).
- Females were much more likely than males to plan to go to a four-year college after they finish high school. Nearly 58% of males in 2007 said they planned to go to a four-year college compared to 72% of females.
- One in 8 teens (12%) was suspended during the last school year. This is consistent with the 2003 TAP Survey.



VII. Parent/Child Relationships

Among All Youth



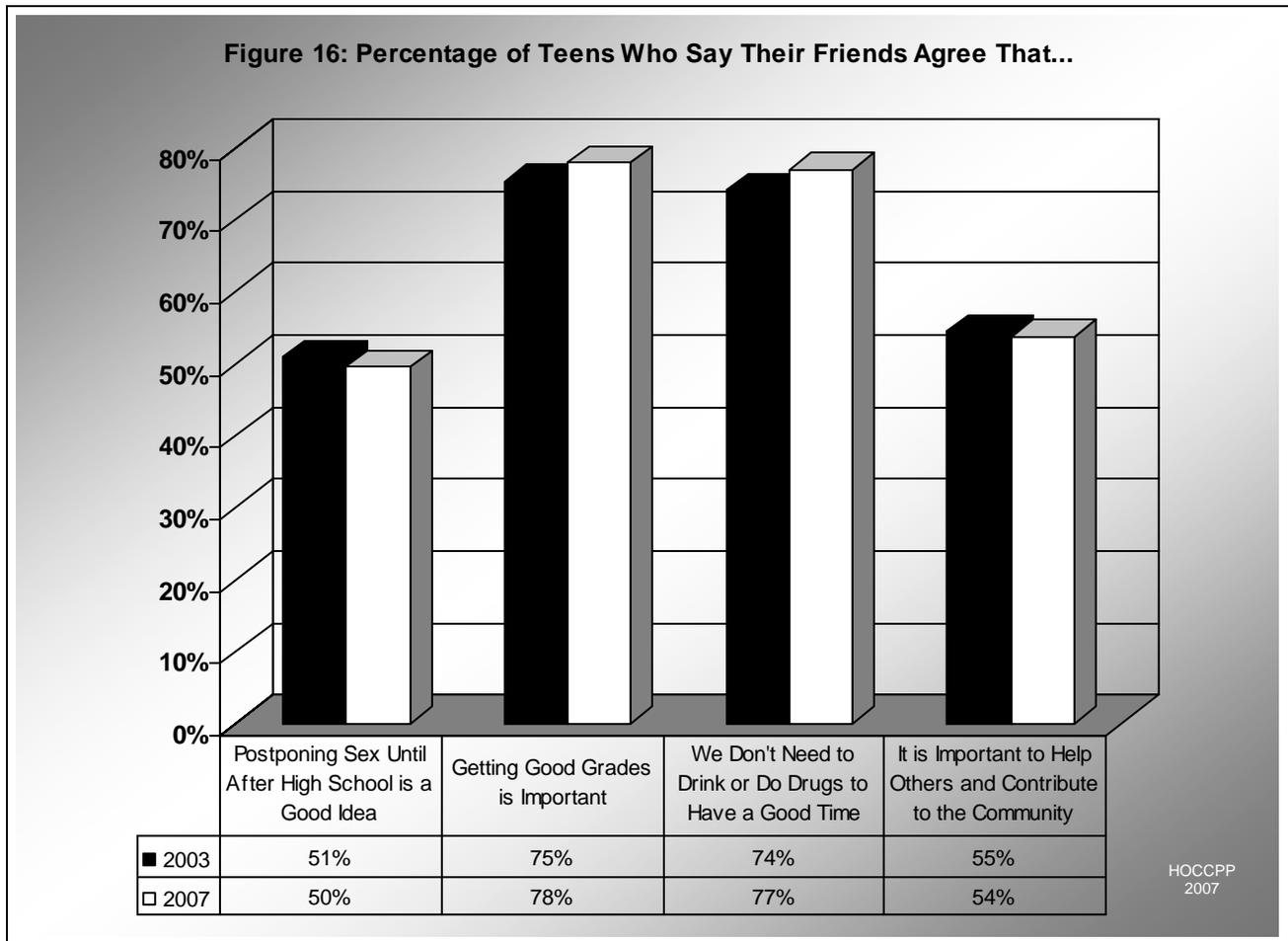
- In 2007, parents were more likely to talk to their teens about family history, faith or values (73%) than either the risks of smoking, drinking, or taking drugs (64%), or the risks of being sexually active (55%). This is similar to both the 1999 and 2003 TAP Surveys (Figure 15).
- More than three-quarters of all teens (78%) said they worried at least “a little” about getting along with their parents. This is a decrease from the 2003 TAP Survey when 84% said they worried and consistent with the 1999 TAP Survey when 77% said they worried about this.
- Younger teens tend to worry more about getting along with their parents at home. About 62% of 7th graders said they worried “a fair amount” to “a lot” about getting along with their parents, compared to 56% of 9th graders, and 54% of 11th graders.
- In 2007, nearly 70% of teens said they worried at least “a little” about their parents getting along with each other. This is a slight decrease from the 2003 TAP Survey when 73% of teens said they worried about this, but a significant increase over the 1999 TAP Survey when only 56% said they worried about their parents getting along.
- In 2007, nearly half of all teens (49%) said they worried “a fair amount” to “a lot” about their family having enough money to get by. This is a slight decrease from 2003, when 51% said they worried but nearly double that from 1999 when only 25% said they worried about their family’s finances.

- In 2007, 35% of teens said they worried at least “a little” that their parents used drugs or alcohol. This is a decrease from 2003 when 38% indicated this and an increase from 1999 when 23% did.
- Teens were less concerned that no one loves or cares about them in 2007 than in the previous two TAP surveys. In 2007, 16% said they worried “a fair amount” to “a lot” that no one loves or cares about them. In 2003 - 21% and in 1999 - 18% worried about this.
- More teens said they felt safe at home than in the previous two TAP surveys. In 2007, more than two-thirds of teens (67%) said they felt safe at home. In 2003 - 66% and in 1999 - 59% said they felt safe at home.
- In 2007, 43% of teens said their parents always set clear ground rules. This is an increase over 2003 when it was 36% and 1999 when it was 33%.
- An increased percentage of teens strongly agreed that their parents would help them with a serious problem. In 2007, more than half of all teens (52%) said they thought their parents would help them. In 2003, 48% strongly agreed their parents would help.
- An increased proportion of teens reported that they never sat down to dinner as a family. In 2007, 1 in 8 teens (12%) said they never sat down to dinner as a family. In 2003, it was approximately 1 in 10 (9.6%).

VIII. Perceptions of Self, Peers and Community

Among All Youth

- In 2007, 30% of all teens said they were at least “a little” concerned that no one loves or cares about them. This is a decrease from the two previous TAP surveys. Both in 1999 and 2003, 35% said they were at least “a little” concerned about this.
- Teens were less worried about being too fat or too thin. In 2007, 52% of all teens, compared to 61% in 2003, said they were worried about being too fat or too thin.
- Females (67%) were two-times more likely than males (38%) in 2007 to say they were worried at least “a little” that they were too fat or too thin.
- Most teens (91%) said they thought they could do things as well as most other people. This is consistent with the 2003 TAP Survey.

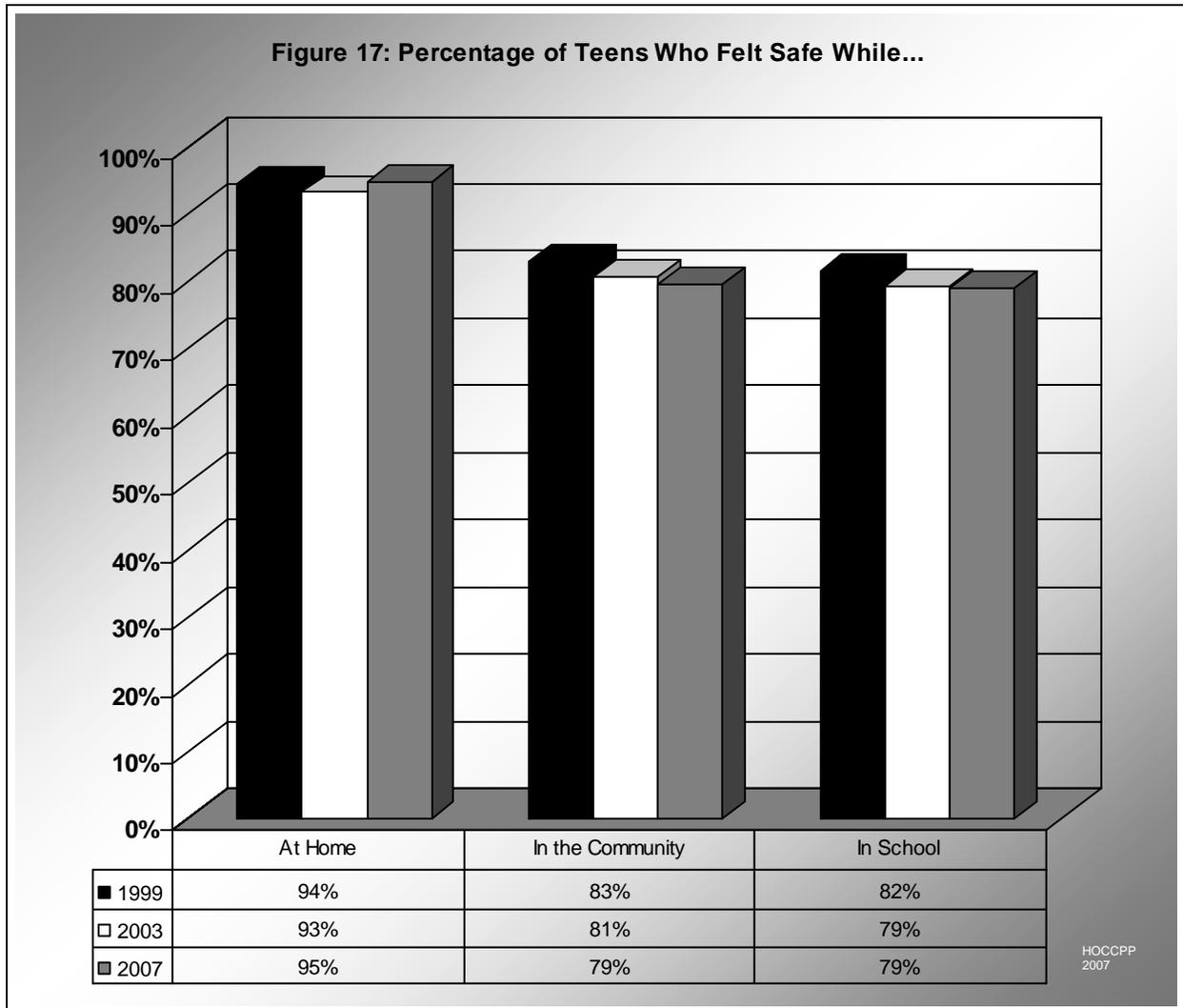


- Most teens (84%) said their friends would be available if they had a serious problem. This is consistent with the 2003 TAP Survey.
- More teens in 2007 (77%) than in 2003 (74%) said their friends think they do not need to drink or use drugs in order to have a good time (Figure 16).
- More than half of all teens (54%) said their friends felt it was important to help others and contribute to the community. This is consistent with the 2003 TAP Survey (Figure 16).

- Friends were the most cited person that teens turn to when they wanted to talk about problems (47%). The second most cited person was a parent (25%). This is consistent with the two previous TAP surveys.
- Eleventh graders were much more likely to talk to a friend when they had a problem than 9th or 7th graders. Conversely, younger students were more likely to talk to their parents. About 57% of 11th graders said they generally talk to a friend when they have a problem, compared to 48% of 9th graders and 36% of 7th graders.
- In 2007, nearly 8 out of 10 teens (79%) said they felt safe in their community. In 2003, it was 81% and in 1999 - 83%. Though this may seem like a small decrease, it is statistically significant over the eight years.
- Nearly 70% of all teens said they felt their community valued kids their age. This is consistent with the 2003 TAP Survey.
- In 2007, an increased percentage of teens (59%) agreed that there were fun things to do in their community. In 2003, 53% agreed, and in 1999 - 43%.

IX. Personal Safety

Among All Youth

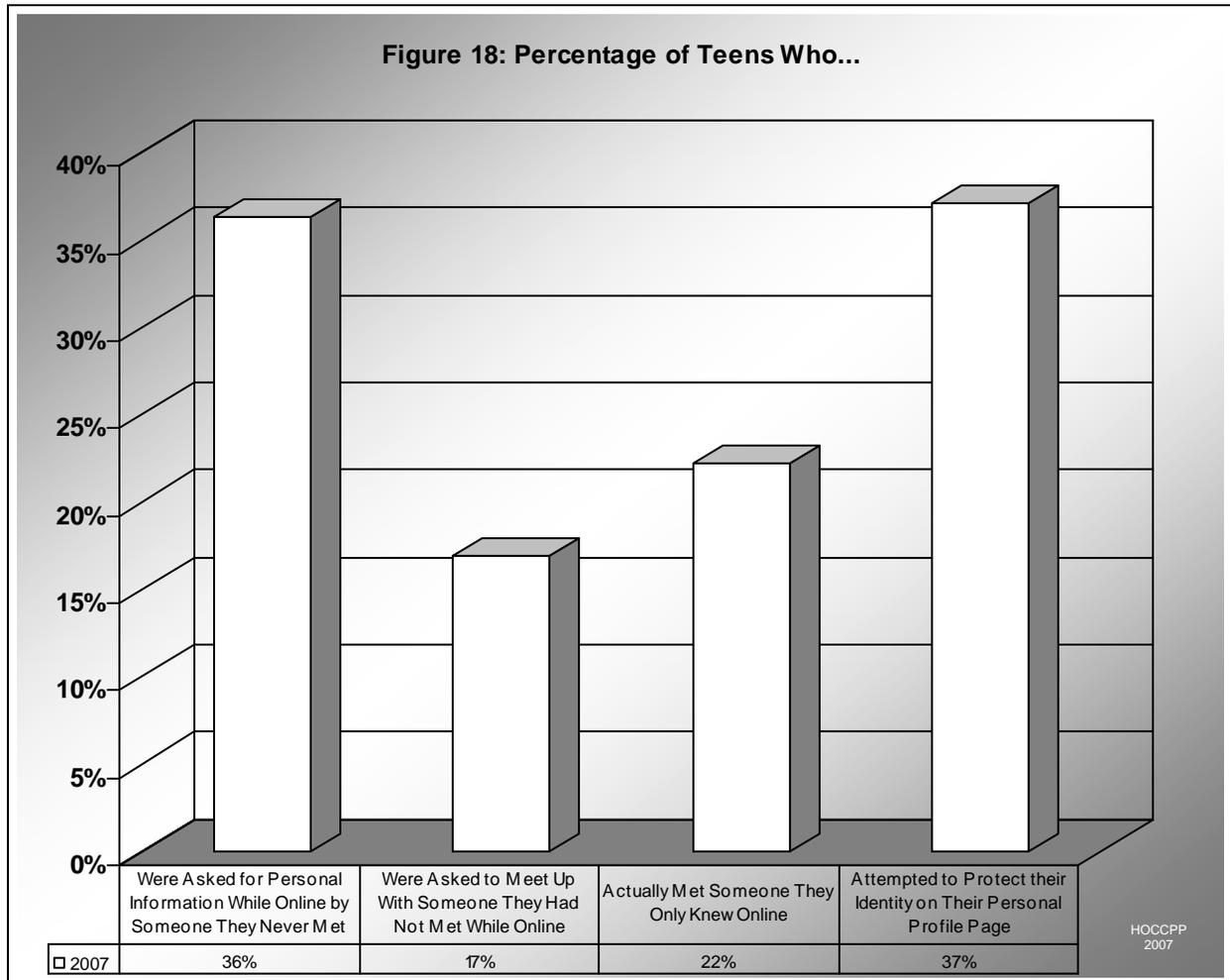


- Teens sense of safety since 1999 declined slightly in both their community and their school but increased slightly at home (Figure 17).
 - In 2007, most teens (95%) said they felt safe at home. This is a slight increase over 2003 when it was 93% but similar to 1999 when it was 94%.
 - In 2007, 79% said they felt safe in their community. This is similar to 2003 when 81% said they felt safe in their community but a statistically significant decrease from 1999 when 83% indicated this.
 - In 2007, 79% said they felt safe at school. Again, this is similar to 2003 but is a statistically significant decrease from the 1999 TAP Survey when 82% said they felt safe at school.
- In 2007, more than one-quarter of all teens (26%) said they had been sexually harassed by another youth and about 1 in 10 teens (11%) said they had been sexually harassed by an adult at least once in the past year. This is similar to the results from the 2003 TAP Survey when 27% said they were sexually harassed by another youth and 9.6% of teens said they had been sexually harassed by an adult at least once in the last year.

- In 2007, females were more likely than males to say they experienced sexual harassment in the past year from either another youth or from an adult. Nearly 35% of females, compared to 16% of males, said they experienced unwanted sexual harassment from another youth; and 14% of females, compared to 6.5% of males, said they experienced unwanted sexual harassment from an adult.
- About 1 in 6 teens (17%) in 2007 said they received unwanted sexual contact from another youth at some point in their life. This is a slight increase from the 2003 TAP Survey when 16% said they received unwanted sexual contact and a slight decrease from 1999 when 17% indicated this.
- In 2007, 6.1% of teens said they received unwanted sexual contact from an adult during their lifetime. This is similar to the results from both the 2003 (6.7%) and the 1999 (7.1%) TAP Surveys.
- One in 9 teens (11%) said they were physically hurt in the past year by an adult at home. This is consistent with the results of the 2003 TAP Survey when 12% and of the 1999 TAP Survey when 9.7% said they were physically hurt by an adult in the past year.
- Significantly fewer teens felt bullied in 2007 than in 2003. When asked in 2007, 1 in 7 teens (14%) said they felt “constantly teased, threatened or harassed” by other youth. In 2003, it was 1 in 6 teens (16%).
- In 2007, 6.0% of teens said they used physical force or threatened people “often” or “very often” to get their own way in the past year. This is a statistically significant decrease from the 2003 TAP Survey when 7.3% of teens said they “often” or “very often used physical force or threatened people.”
- In 2007, one-quarter (25%) of all teens agreed that gang activity was a problem in their community. This is an increase from the 2003 TAP Survey when 22% agreed, but a decrease from 1999 when 27% agreed, gangs were a problem.

X. The Internet and Technology

Among All Youth



- Nearly 40% of all teens said they played video or computer games, or used a computer for something other than school work, for more than one hour per day on an average school day.
- Conversely, nearly 15% of all teens said they do not play video or computer games, or use a computer for something other than school work.
- Nearly 8 in 10 teens (78%) reported having a personal email address, i.e. “an email address that is for you and you alone.” Approximately the same percentage of teens (78%) reported having an instant messenger (IM) screen name.
- Nearly two-thirds of all teens (65%) reported having a personal profile or personal webpage on a social networking site such as MySpace, Facebook or Xanga.
- Nearly 6 in 10 teens (59%) reported currently having pictures of themselves posted online.
- More than one-third of teens (36%) said that someone they had never met had asked them online about personal information, e.g. their age, what they look like, or where they live, while they were online (Figure 18).
- One in 6 teens (17%) indicated that someone who they had never met asked to meet with them. The same percentage of teens (17%) said they seriously considered meeting up with someone they only knew from chatting, etc., online (Figure 18).

- More than 1 in 5 teens (22%) said they actually met someone they previously only knew from chatting, etc., online (Figure 18).
- More than one-third (37%) of teens said they lied about, left off, or made private, information about themselves on their personal profile page specifically to protect their true identity (Figure 18).
- More than one-quarter of teens (26%) said the last time they received a personal email, an instant message, chat or text message from someone they did not know, they ignored it; 24% responded; 9.5% blocked the sender without responding; and, only 1.2% said they told a trusted adult.
- More than one-quarter of teens (27%) said they had been personally threatened or harassed through an instant message, email, chat room, or texting device. Of those who said they had been threatened or harassed, only 18% of all teens said it bothered them.
- Nearly 40% of teens said they regularly (meaning “often” or “always”) talked to their parents about the dangers of sharing personal information with people on the Internet.

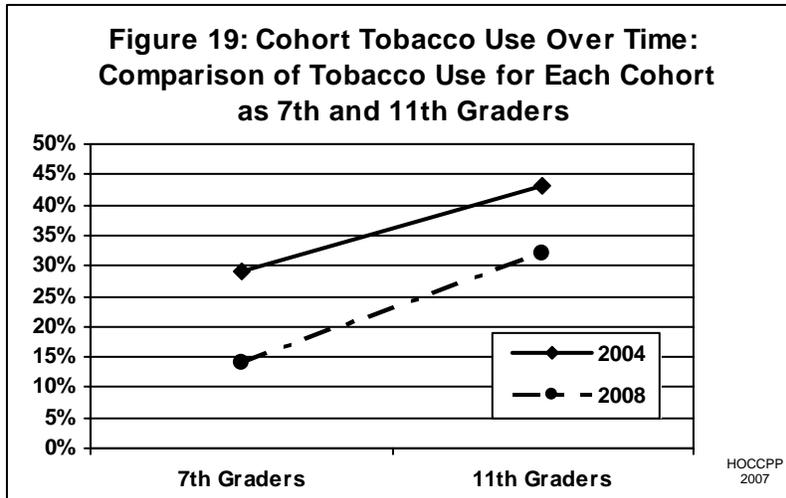
Among Teens Asked for Personal Information Online

- Forty-one percent were asked while online to meet up with someone they had never met.
- Thirty-four percent seriously considered meeting up with someone who they previously knew only from chatting, etc., online.
- Thirty-nine percent actually met someone who they previously knew only from chatting, etc., online.

Cohort Analysis

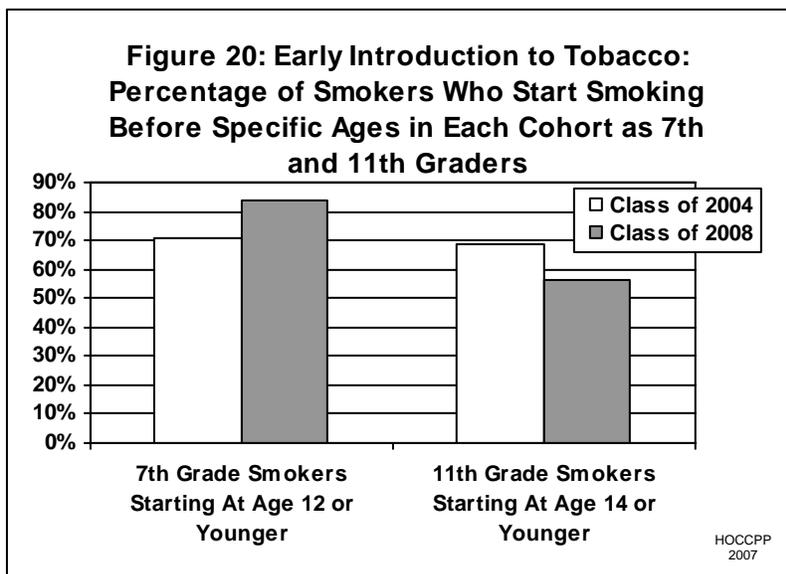
The following cohort analysis compares students who were 7th graders in 1999 then 11th graders in 2003 (Class of 2004) to a later but similar cohort that were 7th graders in 2003 then 11th graders in 2007 (Class of 2008). This analysis between the two cohorts is possible for the first time because this is the third Oneida County TAP Survey. The purpose of the cohort analysis is to see if there are differences in behaviors and attitudes between the two classes as they mature from 7th to 11th graders.

Cohort Tobacco Use



Among All Youth in Each Cohort

- The Class of 2008 was significantly less likely to have ever smoked than the Class of 2004. As 7th graders, only 14% of the Class of 2008 reported ever having smoked. In comparison, 29% of the Class of 2004 had reported ever smoking. Four years later as juniors, 32% of the Class of 2008, whereas 43% of the Class of 2004, reported having ever used tobacco (Figure 19).

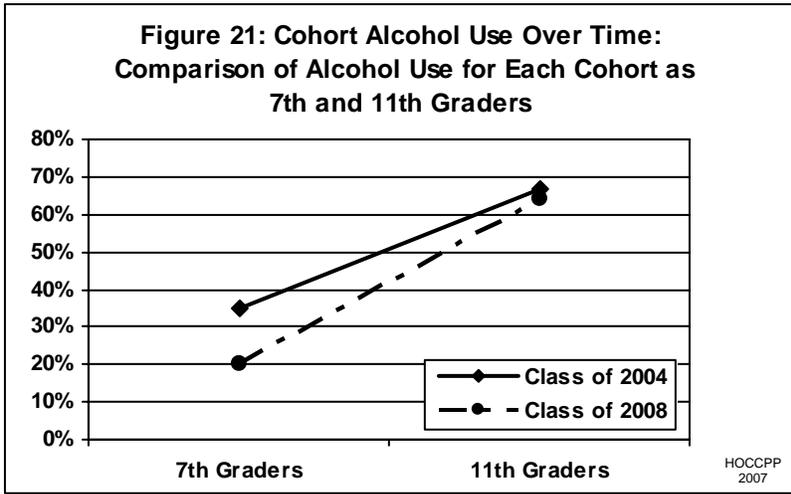


Among Teens That Have Smoked in Each Cohort

- Teen smokers in the Class of 2008 reported that they began smoking earlier than their counterparts in the Class of 2004 when each were surveyed as 7th graders. As 7th grade students, as many as 84% of smokers in the Class of 2008 indicated that they had started smoking at the age of 12 or younger. In comparison, only about 70% of smokers in the Class of 2004 reported that they began using tobacco at age 12 or under when surveyed as 7th graders. As 11th graders, smokers in the Class of 2008 appear to have picked up the habit later than their counterparts in the Class of 2004. Only 56% of smokers, when the Class

of 2008 were juniors, reported smoking by the age 14. Almost 70% of smokers in the Class of 2004 reported that they began smoking by the age of 14 when they were surveyed as juniors (Figure 20).

Cohort Alcohol Use

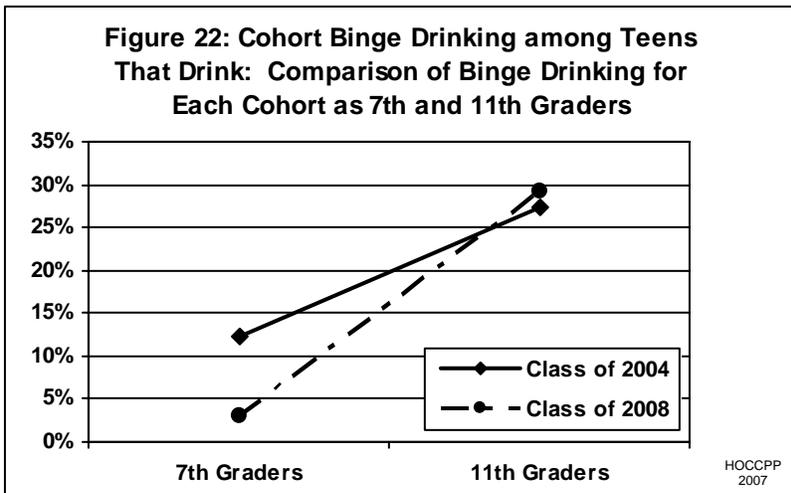


Among All Youth

- The Class of 2008 was significantly less likely to have ever used alcohol than the Class of 2004. As 7th graders, only 21% of the Class of 2008 reported ever having drunk. In comparison, 35% of the Class of 2004 had reported ever drinking alcohol. Four years later as juniors, 68% of the Class of 2008, whereas 72% of the Class of 2004 reported having ever used alcohol (Figure 21).

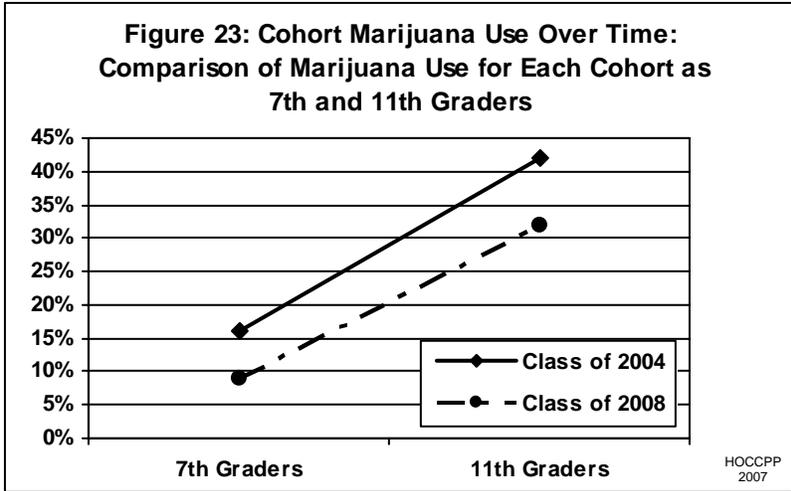
Among Teens That Have Drank Alcohol

- As both 7th and 11th graders, significantly lower percentage of the Class of 2008 reported regularly using alcohol (a few times or more per month) than of the Class of 2004. Only 6% of 7th grade drinkers in the Class of 2008 versus 14% of the Class of 2004 said that they used alcohol regularly. As 11th graders, 32% of alcohol users in the Class of 2008 reported regularly drinking, as compared to 37% of the Class of 2004.



- Alcohol users in the Class of 2008 were significantly less likely to have been binge drinking in the past 30 days as 7th graders than were members of the Class of 2004. Only 3% of drinkers in the Class of 2008 reported that, as 7th graders, they had gone binge drinking in the past 30 days. Four times as many drinking members of the Class of 2004 (12%) said they had ever been binge drinking, when surveyed as 7th graders. As 11th graders, there was no difference in the likelihood that drinkers in either cohort had been binge drinking. About 3 out of every 10 drinkers (28%) in either cohort reported that they had been binge drinking in the past month (Figure 22).

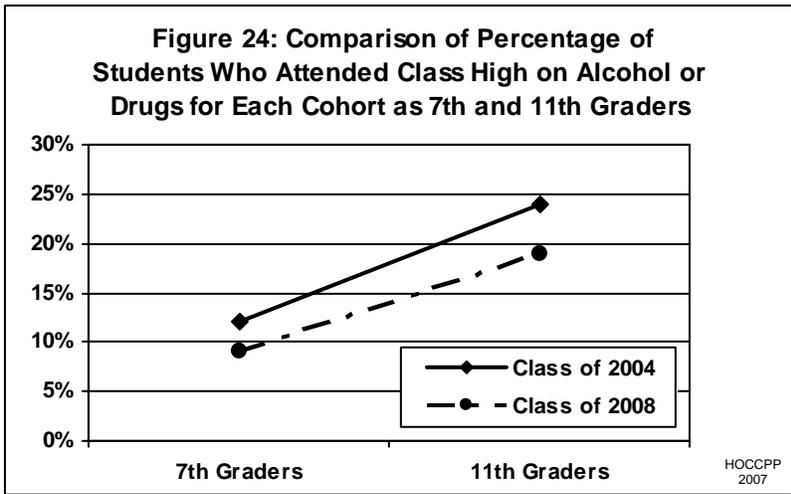
Cohort Use of Marijuana and Other Drugs



Among All Youth

- The Class of 2008 was significantly less likely to have ever used marijuana than the Class of 2004. As 7th graders, only 9% of the Class of 2008, while in comparison, 16% of the Class of 2004, reported ever using marijuana. Four years later as juniors, 32% of the Class of 2008, whereas 42% of the Class of 2004, reported using marijuana (Figure 23).

- Use patterns of other drugs was similar between both cohorts, regardless of their grade levels when surveyed. Relatively few reported ever using cocaine (3% to 6%, as 7th graders and 11th graders respectively), inhalants (8% as 7th graders and 11th graders in both cohorts), or steroids (3% to 4% as 7th graders and 11th graders).

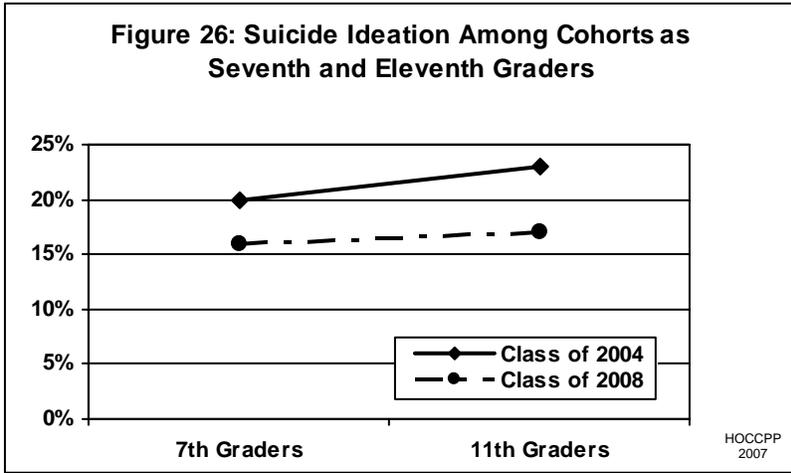


- Significantly fewer members of the Class of 2008 reported ever having been on drugs or alcohol while at school than did members of the Class of 2004. As 7th graders, 9% of the Class of 2008 reported ever having been high while at school, while 12% of the Class of 2004 said this. As 11th graders, 19% of the Class of 2008, while 24% of the Class of 2004, said they had attended classes high (Figure 24).

Among Teens That Have Smoked Marijuana

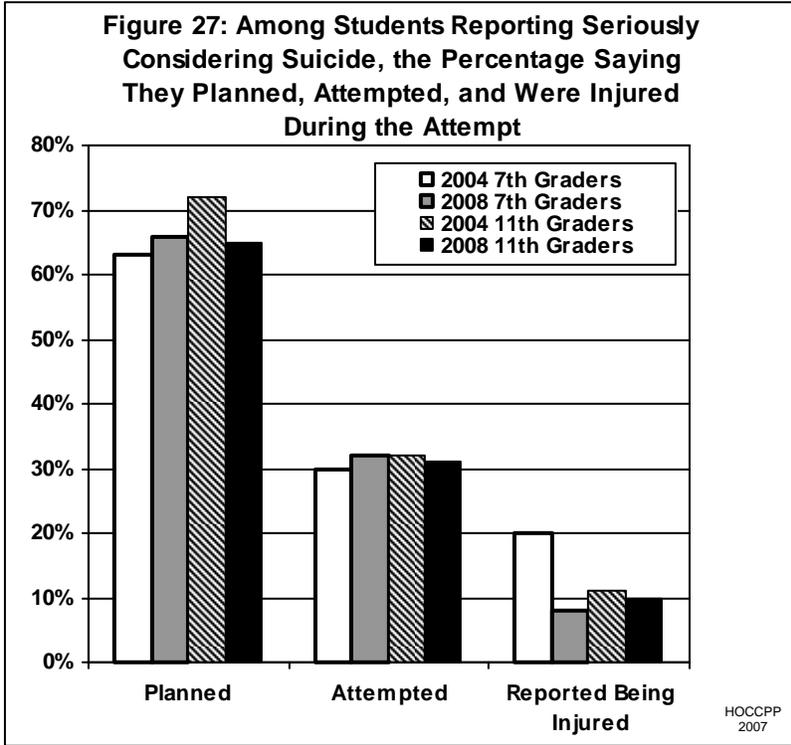
- Among students that have ever tried marijuana, members of the Class of 2004 were significantly more likely to be regular users (using marijuana a few times a month or more) than the Class of 2008. As 7th graders, 9% of the Class of 2004 users said that they used marijuana regularly; only 5% of the users in the Class of 2008 reported regular use. As juniors, 29% of users in the Class of 2004, while only 21% of users in the Class of 2008, regularly used the drug.

Cohort Mental Health Issues and Suicide Ideation



Among All Youth

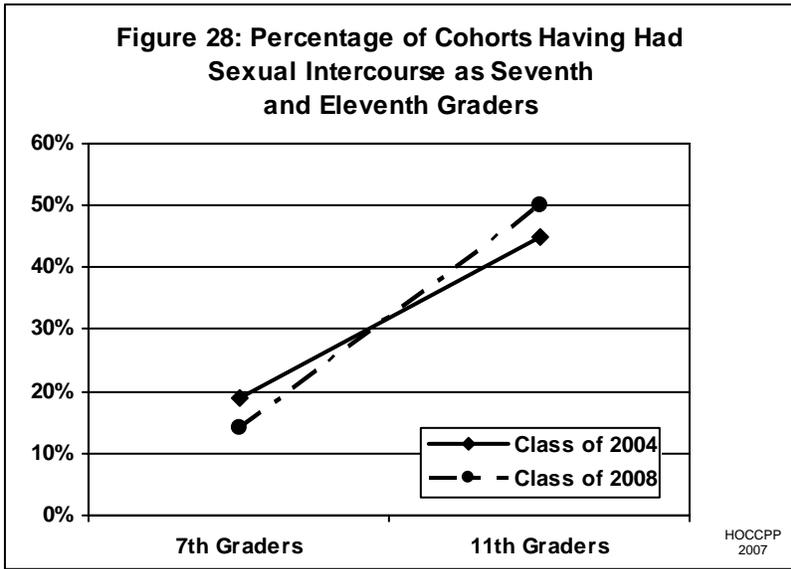
- The Class of 2008 was significantly less likely to have ever seriously considered suicide. As 7th graders, only 14% of the Class of 2008 reported seriously considering suicide. In comparison, 20% of the Class of 2004 as 7th graders reported this. As 11th graders, 17% of the Class of 2008, whereas 23% of the Class of 2004, reported to have ever seriously considered suicide (Figure 26).



Among Teens That Have Seriously Considered Suicide

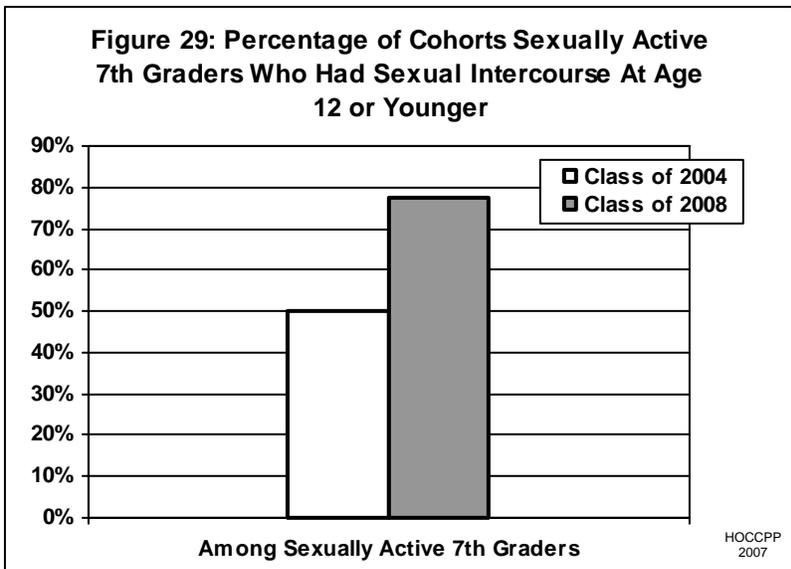
- Among students that reported ever having seriously considered suicide, there are virtually no differences between the two cohorts in terms of their reporting on making a suicide plan, attempting suicide or injuring themselves during an attempted suicide. The only statistically significant difference appears to be in the reporting of being injured during the attempt of a suicide. As 7th graders, the Class of 2004 was more likely than the Class of 2008 to have said they had been injured in a suicide attempt (20% versus 8%, respectively). By the time each reached the 11th grade, the likelihood of their injuring themselves while attempting suicide was all but identical (11% versus 10%, respectively) (Figure 27).

Cohort Teen Sexuality Issues



Among All Youth

- The Class of 2008 was significantly less likely to have been sexually active than was the Class of 2004 when each was younger. As 7th graders, 14% of the Class of 2008 reported they had ever had sexual intercourse. In comparison, 19% of the Class of 2004 had reported this. As 11th graders, however, the percentage of the Class of 2008 (50%) that reported they had ever had sexual intercourse was significantly higher than among juniors in the Class of 2004 (45%) (Figure 28).

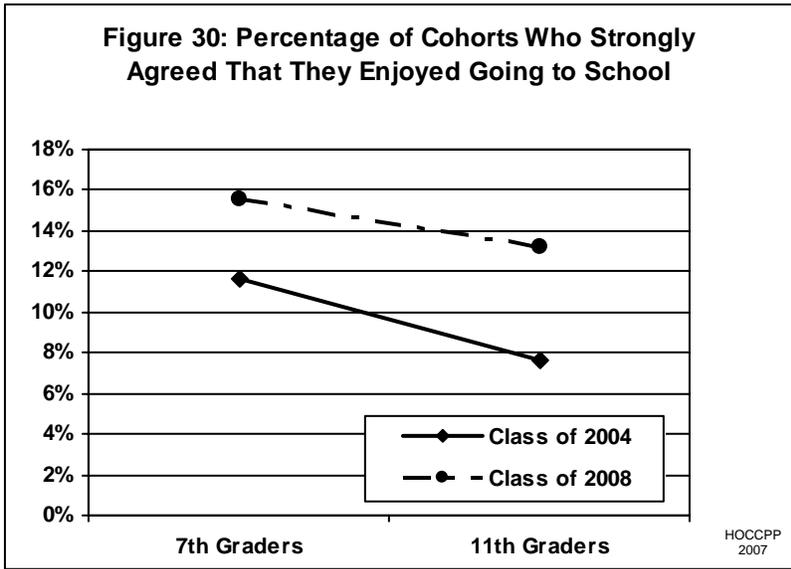


Among Teens That Have Been Sexually Active

- There are no significant differences between the two cohorts among sexually active teens, regardless of whether they were in 7th or 11th grade, and the total number of partners with which they had experienced sexual intercourse.
- Sexually active 7th graders in the Class of 2008 were significantly more likely to have had sexual intercourse at age 12 or younger than were 7th graders in the Class of 2004. As many as 77% of sexually active 7th grade members of the Class of 2008 reported having had sex at age 12 or younger; only 50% of the Class of 2004's sexually

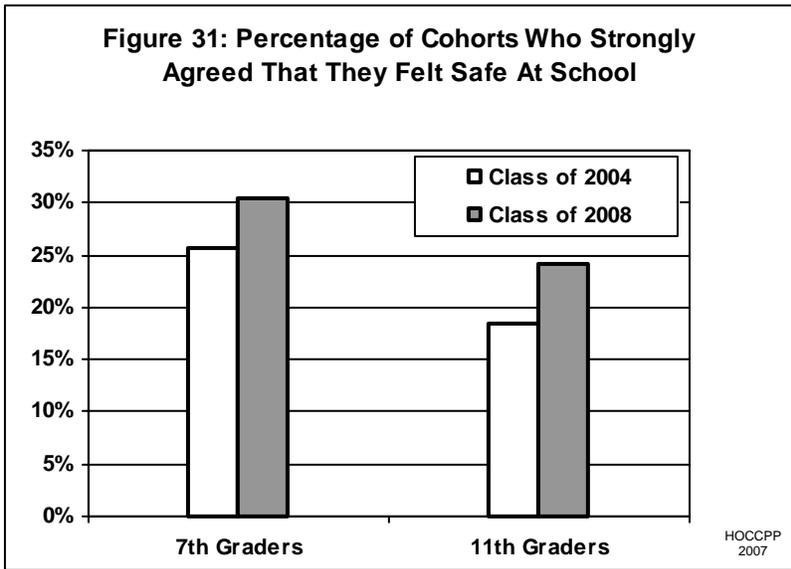
active 7th graders reported experiencing sex at such an early age (Figure 29). There was no significant difference in the age of introduction to sex between 11th grade members of the cohorts.

Cohort Perceptions of School and Future



- As 7th graders, a significantly larger portion of the Class of 2008 strongly agreed that they enjoyed going to school. About 16% of the Class of 2008 strongly agreed that school was an enjoyable experience for them. In comparison, only 12% of the Class of 2004 had reported this as 7th graders. As 11th graders, the percentage of the Class of 2008 (13%) that reported they strongly agreed that school was enjoyable was significantly higher than among juniors in the Class of 2004 (8%) (Figure 30).

- As 7th graders, the Class of 2008 was more likely to feel strongly that the rules were being applied equally to everyone, than was the 7th grade Class of 2004. As many as 34% of the Class of 2008 strongly agreed that the rules were evenly applied to everyone. In comparison, only 23% of the Class of 2004 felt as strongly.

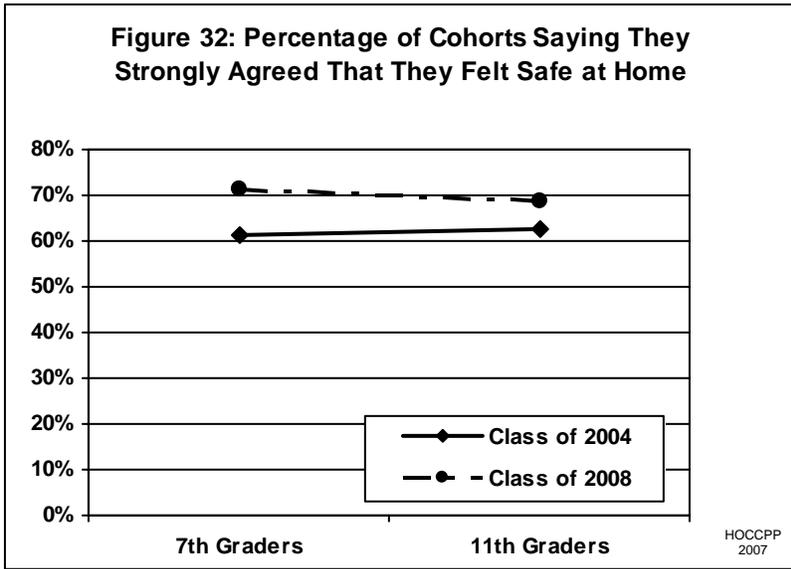


- The Class of 2008 was significantly more likely to strongly agree that they felt safe at school, both as 7th and 11th graders, than was the Class of 2004. As many as 30% of the Class of 2008 as 7th graders said they strongly agreed they felt safe at school, as compared to 26% of the Class of 2004 as 7th graders. Among each class as 11th graders, 24% of the Class of 2008 strongly agreed they felt safe at school, versus 18% of the Class of 2004 (Figure 31).

- As 7th graders, the Class of 2008 showed more ambivalence about their future plans after graduation than did the Class of 2004. A third more 7th

grade members of the Class of 2008 than might be expected said that they did not know what they would be doing after they graduated. In addition, a quarter more members of the Class of 2008 than would be expected said they were considering joining the military when surveyed as 7th graders. By the time the Class of 2008 was surveyed as juniors, their post-graduation plans were statistically no different than those of the Class of 2004.

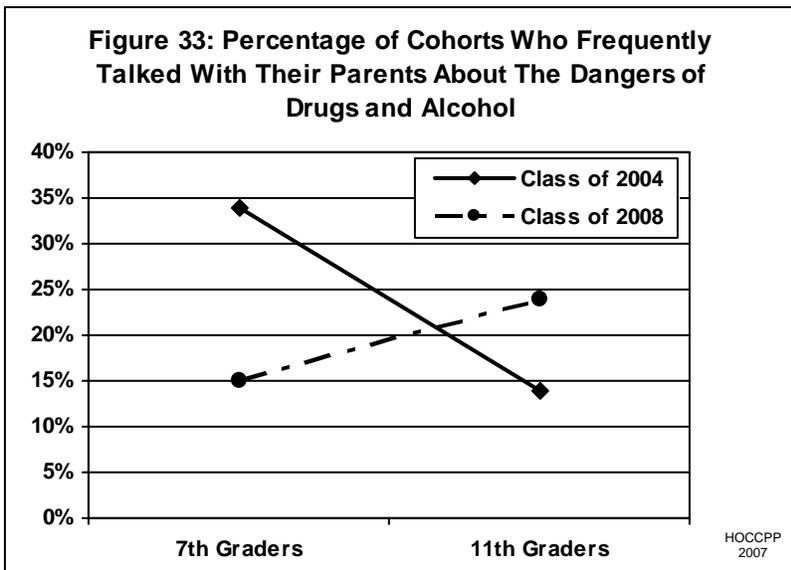
Cohort Parent Child Relationships



- When surveyed as both 7th and 11th graders, the Class of 2008 was significantly more likely to strongly agree that they felt safe at home. More than 70% of the Class of 2008 strongly agreed that they felt safe at home as 7th graders. In comparison, only about 60% of the Class of 2004 had reported this sense of safety at home. As 11th graders, 69% of the Class of 2008 and only about 61% of the Class of 2004 strongly agreed about feeling safe at home (Figure 32).

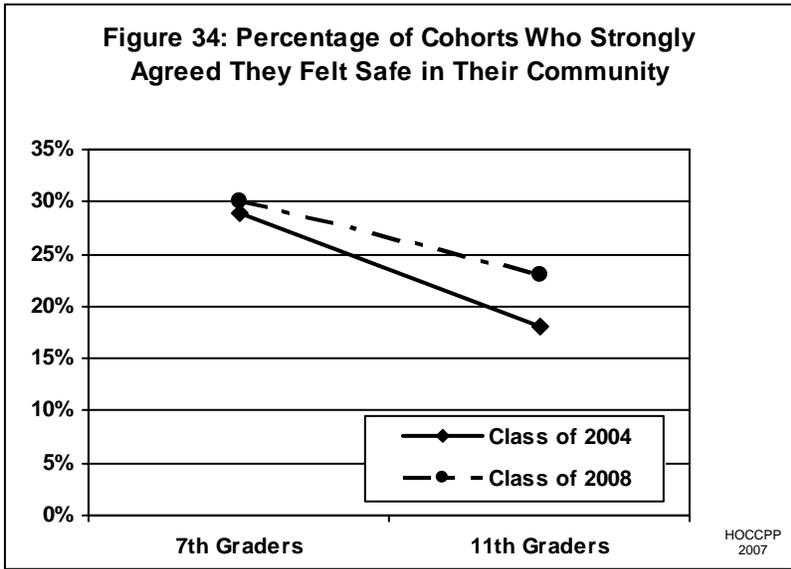
- As a general matter, parents of the Class of 2008 seem to have set clearer limits and consequences for their children than in the case of the Class of 2004. As both 7th graders and 11th graders, the Class of 2008 was significantly more likely to say that their parents:

always set clear rules for them; would discipline them if they did something wrong; and expected them to call if they weren't home.



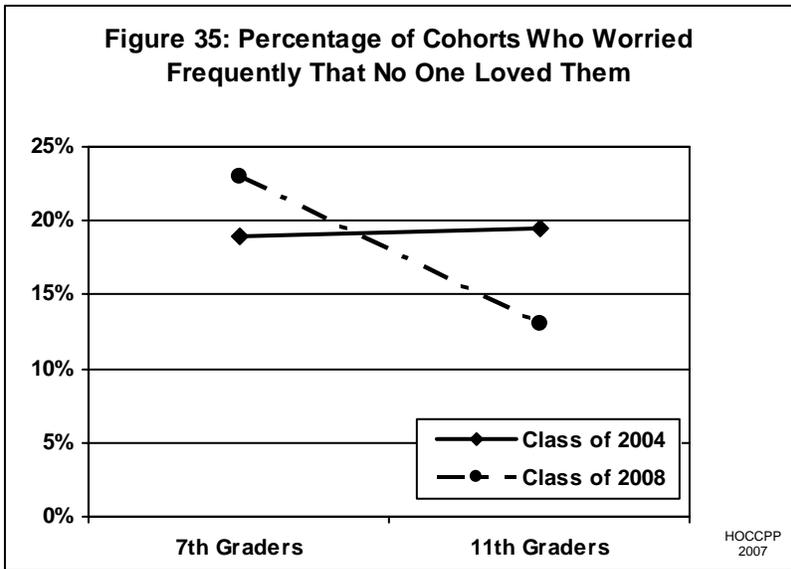
- As 11th graders, the Class of 2008 was significantly more likely than the Class of 2004 to have talked to their parents about the risks of drugs and alcohol, but this was not the case when they were 7th graders. As many as 24% of the Class of 2008 said they talked to their parents often or always about the dangers of drugs, but only 14% of the Class of 2004 did when they were juniors in high school. When they were in the 7th grade, this situation was reversed - 34% of the Class of 2004 talked with their parents frequently about drugs, versus 15% of the Class of 2008 (Figure 33).

Cohort Perceptions of Self, Peers and Community



- As 11th graders, the Class of 2008 was significantly more likely than the Class of 2004 to have strongly agreed that they felt safe in their community. About 23% of the Class of 2008 versus about 18% of the Class of 2004 strongly agreed that they felt safe at in their community as 11th graders. As 7th graders, there was no difference in their sense of community safeness (Figure 34).

- As 7th graders, the Class of 2008 was significantly less likely to believe gangs were a problem in their communities. About 78% of the Class of 2008 indicated as 7th graders that they did not think gangs were a problem; in comparison, 68% of the Class of 2004 felt the same way as 7th graders. As 11th graders, about 80% of both cohorts felt gangs were not an issue.



- The Class of 2008, as 7th graders, were more worried that no one loved or cared about them, then their counterparts in the Class of 2004 cohort. About 23% of the Class of 2008 versus just 19% of the Class of 2004 worried a fair amount to a lot that no one cared or loved them when they were surveyed as 7th graders. As 11th graders, the Class of 2008 was less likely to worry that no one loved them than the Class of 2004. Only 13% of the Class of 2008 worried that no one loved them when they were in 11th grade, as opposed to 19% of the Class of 2004 (Figure 35).

- The same pattern holds true for these cohorts in terms of how much they worry about fitting in with their peers. The Class of 2008 worried more about fitting in than the Class of 2004 as 7th graders (69% versus 26%, respectively), but were less likely to worry as 11th graders (35% of the Class of 2008 said they didn't worry at all, as opposed to 16% of the Class of 2004).

Conclusion

Since its inception, the Oneida County Teen Assessment Project has served as an invaluable tool in youth services planning for Oneida County government, schools, community groups, and human services organizations. The TAP Survey provides a window into the lives of our young people and allows one a glimpse at what they think, how they feel, and what they do.

With the completion of this last Oneida County TAP Survey, there are now three data sets from 1999, 2003 and 2007. Together, they offer the opportunity to compare and contrast three snapshots in time. One can see what issues are getting better or worse and what future issues might be on the horizon. This information can help the community assess the needs of our young people, examine how existing programs and services address these needs, and justify targeting new resources towards them.

This conclusion summarizes the major findings uncovered within each of the focus areas, and it begins the discussion about how our youth are doing and where there are some apparent needs. In short, the findings of this survey show that our teens are doing better, overall, than in previous years. They are participating less in risk behaviors and making more informed choices. It is hoped that the survey results outlined in this report will be shared, will generate some acknowledgement that our youth, for the most part, are doing fine, and will serve to improve the lives of our local teens.

Risk Behaviors

The TAP data shows that teen participation in risk behaviors has declined since the first Oneida County TAP Survey in 1999. Fewer teens tried tobacco, alcohol or marijuana; used these substances regularly; or tried them at a young age. Also, compared to youth nationally, local youth since 1999 have consistently had lower participation rates in these risk behaviors. This shows that teens are making better choices about these risk behaviors and that they are making better choices at a younger age. It should be noted, though, that males were much more likely to begin using marijuana at an earlier age than females.

Though teen usage of tobacco, alcohol and marijuana has declined overall, teens continue to find sources for these substances. Smokers reported that their most common source of cigarettes was through someone else (by either having someone of legal age buy them, or by borrowing them). Smokers were also twice as likely to get their cigarettes through a vending machine. The most common source of alcohol among teens was through a legal aged buyer, and the most common source of marijuana was through a friend. In terms of access, it is interesting to note that a higher percentage of males than females said it was easy to obtain alcohol, marijuana or condoms.

Although teens seem to be making better choices regarding tobacco, alcohol and marijuana, there was little change in their sexual behavior. Those who had intercourse as well as those who had multiple sexual partners remained consistent. However, fewer young teens, while more older teens, reported having intercourse, which overall is positive news. Most sexually active teens noted they used some type of birth control, but an increased number said it was harder to gain access to birth control. However, fewer females reported ever getting pregnant.

The decrease in use of tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana among teens, and the fact that fewer young teens had sexual intercourse, are certainly encouraging. These findings suggest that measures in schools and the community to discourage youth from using these substances have been effective. However, the fact that teen sexual behavior has remained consistent with previous years suggests that the community needs to emphasize services and programs that help teens make more responsible decisions about their sexual behavior.

Mental Health and Well Being

Among all teens, the percentage who said they felt depressed (27%) was similar to that found in the 2003 TAP Survey, but both the percentage of teens who seriously considered suicide and the percentage that planned how they would attempt suicide has steadily decreased since 1999. On the other hand, the percentage that said they actually attempted suicide has remained about the same since 1999.

For teens who indicated they seriously considered suicide, the percentage that said they planned how they might commit suicide, attempted suicide at least once, or attempted suicide to the point of requiring medical attention, has remained consistent. The number one reason these teens gave for thinking about suicide was problems at home. This is also consistent with the 2003 TAP Survey. Also, an increased number of teens who seriously considered suicide said they did nothing in response to their thoughts or did not talk to anyone about their thoughts. It should be noted that, as found in the past TAP Surveys, a higher percentage of females than males said they felt depressed and said they seriously considered suicide.

Depression and suicide remain serious issues for our community. However, the good news is that whereas the previous TAP surveys indicated that the rate of suicide ideation in Oneida County was significantly higher than nationally, the 2007 data reveals that the rate has come down to equal the national level. The disturbing news is that so few teens who are seriously considering suicide reach out for help. This information suggests that the community needs to work harder at opening up avenues of communication with those suffering depression and, in particular, with those who have problems in the home since this was cited as the number one reason for considering suicide.

Perceptions of School and Future

An increased percentage of teens said they worried at least “a fair amount” about their grades in school. More teens said they thought their teachers cared about them, and more strongly agreed their teachers had high expectations of them. Also, fewer teens said they attended school “high” on alcohol, marijuana, or some other drug than in previous years.

Although most teens said they felt safe in school, the percentage was smaller than in previous TAP surveys. Moreover, an increased proportion of teens said they missed school because they felt unsafe.

With regard to post school plans, fewer teens than previously said they planned to go into the military or planned to go to a four-year college. Also, more females than males said they planned to go to a four-year college.

This data suggests that teens are more in-tune to the importance of school, since fewer are going to school “high,” more are worried about their grades, and an increased number are seeing their teachers as a positive influence. It is troubling, however, that more teens are likely to say they feel unsafe and more have missed school because they feel unsafe.

Parent/Child Relationships

Teen worries about their family, such as how well their parents get along with each other, family finances, and their parents’ use of drugs or alcohol, have decreased since 2003. However, the level of concern regarding their family in 2007 was still higher than found in the 1999 TAP Survey. Also, fewer teens indicated they were worried about how well they got along with their parents than found in 2003, however it was at about the same level as found in 1999. Additionally, younger teens tend to worry more about getting along with their parents than older teens.

A higher percentage of teens said they felt safe in their home than in the previous TAP surveys. More said they felt strongly that their parents would help them with a serious problem. A higher percentage also said their parents set clear ground rules, and fewer were concerned that no one loves or cares about them. However, an increased proportion of teens reported that they never sit down to dinner as a family.

It is certainly positive that teen worries have decreased since 2003. However, the percentage of teens that worry about parental or familial issues are still much higher in many areas than they were in 1999. It seems that more teens are receiving guidance from their parents/guardians since an increased percentage thought their parents set clear ground rules and thought parents would help with a problem, and since fewer felt no one loved or cared about them. However, the data indicates that fewer teens sit down to dinner with their family. Family dinner is often hailed as an important tool in family communication and stabilization.

Perceptions of Self, Peers and Community

Most teens said they could turn to a friend when faced with a problem. Also, a friend was the most cited person teens turned to when they wanted to discuss a problem. Not surprisingly, the older the student, the more likely they were to talk to a friend as opposed to a parent about a problem. For example, 11th graders were more likely to talk to a friend about a problem than 9th graders, just as 9th graders were more likely to talk to a friend than 7th graders. In recognizing the influence of friends, the TAP Survey asked teens about what they thought their friends' attitudes were regarding alcohol and drugs and about contributing to their community. An increased percentage of teens said their friends think they do not need to drink or use drugs to have a good time, and more than half of all teens said their friends felt it was important to contribute to the community.

Overall teens were less worried about their physical appearance (being too fat or too thin). However, what has not changed since the 2003 survey is that females were two-times more likely to say they were worried about their weight than males. When teens were asked about their abilities, most teens said they thought they could do things as well as most other people.

Communities can also have a significant impact on teens. More teens said they felt unsafe in their community when compared with previous years. However, more teens than in the past agreed there were fun things to do in the community. Consistent with the 2003 TAP Survey, nearly two-thirds of teens said adults in their community valued kids their age.

As expected, peers continue to be one of the most significant influences on their lives. They turn to friends when they need to talk about a problem and look to them when they need to make a decision. Teens' perception of themselves seems to be better. Less are worried about their weight, and most thought they could do things as well as others. When considering their perception of their communities, fewer teens said they felt safe, but more agreed that there were fun things to do.

Personal Safety

More teens said they felt safe in their homes in 2007 than in either 2003 or 1999. However, the percentage of teens that said they had been hurt by an adult at home remains similar to the past two TAP Surveys. Additionally, more than in 1999 but the same as in 2003 said they felt unsafe in their community and in school.

As would be expected, teens were much more likely to have been sexually harassed by a youth than an adult. Also as expected, females were much more likely than males to have been sexually harassed by either a youth or an adult. An increased percentage of teens in 2007 said they received unwanted sexual attention from another youth at some point in their life than in 2003. However, it is still a lower percentage than found in 1999. In comparison, the percentage of teens in 2007 that said they received unwanted sexual attention from an adult at some point in their life was similar to the results from both 2003 and 1999 TAP Surveys.

A lower percentage of teens in 2007 than in 2003 said they were bullied or said they themselves acted like a bully. More in 2007 felt gang activity was a problem in their community than in 2003, however, it was fewer than 1999.

It is a plus that teens reported feeling safer in their homes, since home problems are the most commonly cited reason for attempting suicide. However, it is interesting that the same percentage of teens as in previous years said they had been hurt by an adult.

It is no surprise that females are sexually harassed more than males. However, it is interesting that youth sexual harassment has increased, whereas adult sexual harassment has remained the same. This could suggest that the youth who are doing the sexual harassment do not see it as a serious offense. Conversely, it could also show an increase in sensitivity to sexual harassment on the part of those being harassed.

It does seem that more teens are realizing bullying is harmful since fewer report its occurrence both on the receiving and giving ends.

The Internet and Technology

The Internet and Technology section is new to the TAP survey this year. These mediums affect how teens communicate, meet people, entertain themselves, and complete their school work. Since technology and the Internet are such an important part of their lives, it seemed only appropriate to create a section to gauge teen usage and thoughts, and to identify potential problems.

Most teens have a personal email address and many have a personal profile or web page. Additionally, nearly 6 in 10 have a picture of themselves posted online.

One of the concerns parents, educators and community members have with increasing teen access to the Internet is the degree to which youth are exposed to dangerous or predatory individuals. More than one-third of teens said they had been asked for personal information online from someone they did not know. One in 6 said they were asked to meet someone who they previously only knew online, and 1 in 5 said they actually met someone they previously knew only online. Additionally, nearly one-quarter of teens said they had been personally threatened or harassed through email, a texting device, instant message, or chat room.

In an effort to protect themselves nearly 40% of teens said they purposely lied or left off personal information on their profile page to protect themselves. Approximately the same percentage said they regularly talk to their parents about the dangers of sharing personal information on the Internet.

It seems that teens are already taking some steps to protect themselves by concealing parts of their identity on their personal profile page. Although some teens (40%) are talking to their parents regularly about the dangers of the Internet, it's not nearly as many (60%) as have their own personal profile page or their own email address (80%). It is interesting to point out that more teens said they actually met someone they previously knew only online than those that said they were asked to meet someone they previously knew only online.

Summary

Our teens seem to be doing better in several areas, especially with regard to risk behaviors. Use of tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana has decreased. Mental health has improved with regard to suicide ideation, in that the percentages of teens that seriously considered suicide and that planned how they would attempt suicide both decreased. More teens seem to be concerned about school and grades. An increased percentage of teens worried about their grades in school and thought their teachers cared about them and had high expectations of them. Teens' home environment seems better, they are worrying less about what is going on at home, more feel safer at home, and more say their parents are holding them accountable for their actions.

This is the first time technology and Internet usage has been surveyed. It is certainly concerning that only 2 in 5 parents talk to their teens regularly about the dangers of the Internet while a much larger percentage of teens have personal profile pages and email addresses. Additionally, it is troubling that nearly 40% of teens who were asked for personal information online from a stranger actually met up with someone they only knew online. While it may be encouraging that 40% of teens have taken action on their own by purposely concealing at least part of their personal information online, it is important to recognize that this means more than half of all teens (60%) are not.

There will always be room for improvement. However, in working with youth, it is important to remember the most important tool is communication. The TAP Survey provides a means for youth to collectively communicate to our community just how they are doing. The results help dispel such persistent notions that young people are just getting worse. In fact, based on these results, just the opposite is true. This is positive news and a hopeful message to share with youth. Hopefully, the survey results offer a topic of conversation between adults and teens and can open up channels of communication. Further, it is hoped that the survey results shared in this report help the community better serve our youth.

Appendices

Appendix A: A Comparison of Oneida County TAP Data for 1999, 2003 & 2007 and a Breakdown by Gender and Grade for 2007

This Appendix shows the response rate for each question of the Oneida County 2007 TAP Survey for the total participants, then broken down by gender and by grade (7th, 9th and 11th). For those survey questions that were also in the Oneida County 1999 and 2003 TAP Surveys, the response rate for those years is also shown for the total participants.

Appendix B: A Comparison of Oneida County TAP Data (1999, 2003 & 2007) with Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) Survey Data for New York State (excluding New York City) and for the United States (1999, 2003 & 2005) for 9th and 11th Grades

The Oneida County 2007 TAP Survey included 29 questions that are identical to questions in the national Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) Survey that is administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The tables in Appendix B present the results of these 29 questions for the 9th and 11th graders separately for the United States and New York State (minus New York City) for 1999, 2003 and 2005, and for Oneida County for 1999, 2003 and 2007. The reason the focus is on 9th and 11th graders is because high school students, grades 9th through 12th, participate in the YRBS Survey, while 7th, 9th and 11th graders take the TAP Survey. In order to ensure that we look at a like population of students, this analysis compares the two grades common to both surveys. The final years for the two surveys is different (TAP - 2007 and YRBS - 2005) because the results of the 2007 YRBS Survey are not yet available for the United States and New York State.

The results are shown in a table that is divided between 9th and 11th grades. For each grade the results are shown for the United States (US), for New York State, minus New York City (NYS (NYC)), and for Oneida County (OC) first for the Total (T), second for Males (M) and third for Females (F).

Appendix A: A Comparison of Oneida County TAP Data for 1999, 2003 & 2007 and a Breakdown by Gender and Grade for 2007

About Yourself

Fill in the circles on your answer sheet that best describe you.

1. What is your sex?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Male	50.3	49.3	50.2	NA	NA	49.6	49.4	51.8
Female	49.7	50.7	49.8	NA	NA	50.4	50.6	48.2
N =	5698	3726	4861	NA	NA	1644	1666	1425

2. How old are you?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
11 or less	0.1	6.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.1
12	13.6	15.9	16.4	14.9	17.8	47.7	0.2	0.1
13	15.9	17.1	15.9	16.6	15.3	44.8	1.1	0.2
14	16.3	17.3	18.2	16.0	20.3	5.8	46.9	0.3
15	19.3	16.5	16.0	17.2	14.7	0.3	44.9	0.6
16	21.5	16.8	18.1	18.3	18.0	0.4	5.9	52.2
17	11.7	14.6	13.6	15.1	12.2	0.1	0.8	43.9
18+	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	0.1	0.1	2.7
N =	5698	3712	4866	2438	2418	1645	1669	1426

3. What grade level or status below best describes you?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
7 th	39.5	34.5	34.0	33.6	34.4	NA	NA	NA
9 th	33.2	33.5	34.4	33.9	35.0	NA	NA	NA
11 th	22.3	29.5	29.4	30.4	28.5	NA	NA	NA
Other	4.8	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	NA	NA	NA
N =	5647	3713	4851	2431	2410	NA	NA	NA

4. Which of the following special needs apply to you?

	Totals			2007				
	1999*	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I don't have any special needs	85.9	84.2	83.7	82.8	84.7	83.8	84.0	85.7
learning disability	6.8	6.9	6.4	6.9	5.9	5.1	6.7	7.4
emotional/ behavioral disability	2.2	2.2	2.7	2.3	3.0	3.2	2.5	1.9
physical disability	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.3	0.7	1.3	0.8	0.9
English as a second language	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.3	2.5	2.0
some other disability applies to me	NA	2.5	2.1	2.4	1.6	2.9	2.0	1.1
more than one of these applies to me	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.9	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.0
N =	5654	3685	4849	2429	2408	1637	1662	1423

* 1999 TAP Survey response choices did not include "some other disability applies to me," but did include all others; while the 2003 TAP Survey included all 2007 response choices plus "cerebral palsy," "mental retardation," and "epilepsy."

Your Living Situation

5. Who do you live with **most** of the time?

	Totals			2007				
	1999*	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
two parents (biological or adoptive)	64.5	61.5	60.4	61.0	59.8	58.7	60.0	63.9
a parent and a step-parent	9.5	12.1	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.1	12.5	12.1
father most of the time	2.7	3.2	2.8	3.5	2.1	2.1	2.9	3.3
mother most of the time	17.2	16.1	16.4	15.3	17.4	17.0	16.6	15.2
mother part of the time, father part of the time	2.9	3.5	4.5	4.3	4.7	6.7	4.3	2.2
with relatives (aunt, uncle, grandparents, etc.)	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.2
group home or foster home	NA	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.2
alone or with friends only	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8
N =	5679	3708	4859	2432	2414	1640	1667	1423

* The 1999 TAP Survey response choices did not include "group home or foster home," but did include all others plus "a parent and a step-parent."

6. Which of the following describes the highest level of education that was completed by either one of your parents?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003*	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
no high school	1.0	NA	2.2	2.4	2.0	2.6	1.7	1.8
some high school	7.6	NA	7.5	6.6	8.4	4.6	8.4	9.1
high school graduate	14.5	NA	15.6	15.2	15.9	13.4	16.8	16.8
some technical training or college courses	10.0	NA	8.1	8.1	8.1	4.9	8.7	11.2
two-year college graduate	11.8	NA	10.5	10.3	10.8	8.1	11.1	12.7
four-year college graduate	26.4	NA	19.1	19.0	19.3	16.2	20.0	22.2
master's or doctorate degree	14.4	NA	16.9	17.7	16.0	17.2	16.2	17.8
I don't know	14.3	NA	20.1	20.7	19.4	33.0	17.2	8.4
N =	---	3695	4839	2422	2405	1622	1664	1425

* 2003 TAP Survey asked two questions similar to this, first about the highest level of education of the "mother," and then the "father."

7. Which statement is true for your family?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
we qualify for free lunch	13.2	17.6	19.5	18.5	20.5	19.2	20.4	16.5
we qualify for reduced price lunch	18.9	7.2	8.3	8.6	8.0	9.6	7.8	7.6
we do not qualify for free or reduced price lunch	46.8	57.0	52.2	52.1	52.3	41.9	54.4	63.4
I do not know if we qualify for free or reduced lunch	21.2	18.1	20.0	20.8	19.2	29.3	17.4	12.5
N =	5662	3678	4817	2409	2397	1619	1654	1419

Student Worries

How much do you worry about the following issues?

8. Getting good grades

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Not at all	4.7	4.0	4.4	6.3	2.5	5.7	4.0	3.1
A little	20.2	13.2	12.3	14.6	10.0	13.8	10.9	11.8
Fair amount	32.2	41.6	38.5	40.3	36.5	34.9	39.8	41.5
A lot	42.9	41.2	44.8	38.9	50.9	45.6	45.4	43.6
N =	5686	3701	4857	2431	2415	1641	1662	1425

9. Not fitting in with the other kids at school

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003*	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Not at all	45.0	NA	35.9	38.9	32.9	36.1	36.3	35.2
A little	32.3	NA	32.3	30.2	34.6	28.8	31.5	37.1
Fair amount	12.2	NA	20.1	19.2	21.0	21.2	21.0	18.3
A lot	10.5	NA	11.7	11.7	11.4	13.8	11.2	9.4
N =	---	NA	4854	2431	2411	1643	1662	1424

* 2003 TAP Survey asked the question differently: "How well I fit in with the other students at school"; the responses: Not at all – 13.4; Little – 25.9; A Fair Amount – 36.2; and A Lot – 24.4.

10. Getting along with your parent(s) at home

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Not at all	23.0	15.9	22.4	22.4	22.4	23.0	23.0	21.3
A little	26.3	19.9	19.9	18.1	21.6	15.1	21.0	24.4
Fair amount	24.2	32.6	28.4	27.5	29.3	25.0	29.8	30.6
A lot	26.5	31.6	29.3	32.0	26.6	36.8	26.2	23.6
N =	5677	3691	4850	2425	2412	1642	1663	1420

11. How well your parents get along with each other

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Not at all	44.5	27.3	30.1	28.8	31.5	26.6	31.1	33.3
A little	24.3	16.6	17.4	15.8	18.9	15.5	17.5	20.1
Fair amount	12.1	24.3	23.2	23.4	23.0	22.7	23.2	23.4
A lot	19.1	31.8	29.3	31.9	26.6	35.3	28.2	23.3
N =	5647	3662	4824	2411	2400	1628	1654	1416

12. That your parent(s) drink or use drugs

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Not at all	77.2	61.7	65.5	64.8	66.3	63.9	64.5	68.8
A little	11.5	16.4	15.2	15.4	14.9	14.5	17.0	14.1
Fair amount	3.9	8.7	7.7	7.9	7.4	7.8	7.5	7.7
A lot	7.4	13.1	11.6	11.9	11.4	13.7	11.0	9.4
N =	5668	3673	4830	2416	2405	1631	1659	1418

13. That your family has enough money to get by

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Not at all	51.0	31.7	33.1	32.7	33.3	28.8	33.5	38.2
A little	23.9	17.1	18.3	17.3	19.4	15.3	17.4	23.0
Fair amount	11.1	24.3	24.4	24.5	24.3	25.6	24.8	21.8
A lot	13.9	26.9	24.3	25.5	23.0	30.3	24.3	17.0
N =	5659	3668	4831	2413	2410	1632	1657	1420

14. That someone at home will be physically hurt by another person at home

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Not at all	77.4	77.4	77.6	77.0	78.2	73.8	76.9	83.0
A little	11.7	9.9	10.4	10.4	10.3	11.3	11.5	8.2
Fair amount	4.2	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.1	4.8	4.5	4.4
A lot	6.8	8.1	7.4	7.4	7.3	10.1	7.1	4.4
N =	5666	3680	4834	2417	2408	1629	1661	1421

15. That you might get AIDS or another sexually transmitted disease

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9 th	11th
Not at all	53.3	73.5	71.5	71.0	72.0	73.0	73.2	68.6
A little	23.7	12.0	12.3	11.0	13.6	9.4	11.1	17.0
Fair amount	7.8	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.6	4.9	6.3
A lot	15.1	9.0	10.7	12.3	9.0	12.0	10.8	8.1
N =	5665	3679	4837	2419	2407	1634	1658	1422

16. Being pressured into having sex

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Not at all	61.5	69.5	72.8	79.2	66.5	70.2	72.2	77.1
A little	23.1	17.2	14.9	11.2	18.6	15.2	15.4	14.2
Fair amount	7.1	6.5	5.5	3.9	7.0	5.2	6.6	4.4
A lot	8.4	6.8	6.8	5.7	7.9	9.5	5.8	4.3
N =	5660	3671	4836	2418	2406	1629	1663	1419

17. That no one loves or cares about you

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Not at all	65.3	64.6	70.1	73.2	67.1	67.2	72.1	71.6
A little	16.6	14.5	13.9	12.2	15.5	13.5	13.0	15.3
Fair amount	7.2	9.3	7.0	6.1	7.9	7.1	6.4	7.4
A lot	10.9	11.6	9.0	8.5	9.5	12.2	8.5	5.7
N =	5678	3673	4837	2422	2404	1637	1657	1421

18. That I am too fat or too thin

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Not at all	NA	39.3	47.9	62.4	33.3	46.9	49.3	47.5
A little	NA	25.4	26.1	21.6	30.5	25.8	25.5	27.3
Fair amount	NA	17.4	12.5	8.0	17.1	12.8	12.8	11.8
A lot	NA	17.8	13.6	8.0	19.1	14.5	12.5	13.5
N =	NA	3671	4829	2415	2403	1635	1658	1412

Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug Use

The next four questions ask about tobacco use.

19. How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I have never smoked a whole cigarette	56.0	71.5	78.8	77.4	80.3	90.6	78.1	68.0
8 years old or younger	4.6	2.8	2.2	2.9	1.4	2.0	2.2	1.8
9 or 10 years old	4.3	3.6	2.4	3.1	1.7	1.8	2.7	2.4
11 or 12 years old	13.5	7.8	4.7	4.4	5.0	4.1	5.5	3.9
13 or 14 years old	14.8	9.6	6.8	6.7	6.8	1.4	9.3	9.7
15 or 16 years old	6.5	3.9	4.7	5.0	4.4	0	2.2	12.9
17 years old or older	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.3
N =	5664	3695	4854	2429	2412	1635	1663	1426

20. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
0 days	75.5	84.5	88.9	87.6	90.4	94.3	88.8	84.4
1 or 2 days	NA	4.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.2	2.3	3.6
3 to 5 days	NA	2.3	1.5	1.7	1.3	0.6	2.0	2.0
6 to 9 days	NA	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.0	0.6	1.3	1.6
10 to 19 days	NA	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.9	1.9
20 to 29 days	NA	1.5	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.3	1.1	1.4
all 30 days	NA	4.9	3.6	4.7	2.4	1.3	3.5	5.1
N =	NA	3704	4855	2428	2414	1641	1664	1422

21. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigarettes?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days	NA	84.3	88.8	87.4	90.4	94.4	88.4	84.4
I bought them in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station	NA	2.4	1.6	2.4	0.8	0.4	1.3	2.9
I bought them from a vending machine	NA	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.6
I gave someone else money to buy them for me	NA	3.8	2.9	3.1	2.7	1.2	3.2	4.6
I borrowed (or Bummed) them from someone else	NA	4.5	2.4	2.3	2.5	0.6	2.5	3.9
A person 18 years old or older gave them to me	NA	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.3	1.0	1.4
I took them from a store or family member	NA	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.6	0.5
I got them some other way	NA	2.2	1.6	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.5
N =	NA	3701	4854	2432	2408	1639	1661	1424

22. Have you ever tried to quit smoking cigarettes?

	Totals			2007				
	1999*	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I have never smoked	66.4%	78.1	83.3	81.9	84.4	91.6	81.2	77.9
I smoke and have never tried to quit smoking	NA	5.8	4.4	5.2	3.6	1.6	5.3	6.1
yes, I quit smoking, and haven't smoked since	NA	9.6	7.9	8.4	7.4	4.9	9.3	9.4
yes, I have quit smoking before but I started smoking again	NA	6.5	4.4	4.5	4.2	2.0	4.3	6.7
N =	NA	3698	4850	2425	2412	1638	1663	1420

* 1999 TAP Survey response choices were "never smoked" (66.4%), "yes" (24.3%), and "no" (9.3%).

23. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco or snuff (like Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen)?

	Totals			2007				
	1999*	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I have never in my life used these products	---	90.6	89.4	82.9	96.1	96.3	88.9	82.6
I have used these products in the past, but not in the past 30 days	---	5.3	5.1	8.4	1.8	1.6	5.5	8.6
0 days	93.1	---	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.5
1 or 2 days	2.8	1.2	1.4	2.1	0.7	0.4	1.6	2.5
3 to 5 days	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	1.3
6 to 9 days	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.8	0	0.2	0.5	0.6
10 to 19 days	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.9	0	0.2	0.6	0.6
20 to 29 days	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.6	0	0	0.4	0.4
all 30 days	1.3	0.8	1.3	2.1	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.9
N =	5679	3709	4863	2436	2412	1640	1667	1425

* 1999 TAP Survey response choices were as follows: 0 days; 1 or 2 days; 3 to 5 days; etc. to all 30 days.

The next five questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, or whiskey. For these questions, drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.

24. If you drink, about how often do you have at least one drink of alcohol?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	46.1	51.8	57.7	54.7	60.6	82.0	56.6	31.9
I did drink, but not anymore	9.4	4.0	3.8	4.3	3.2	3.2	4.0	4.2
A few times a year	18.1	22.5	21.0	20.3	21.7	9.5	22.9	31.7
A few times a month	18.4	14.3	12.4	13.7	11.0	3.1	11.8	23.2
A few times a week	6.0	6.1	3.8	4.6	3.0	1.2	2.9	7.8
Almost every day	1.9	1.4	1.4	2.3	0.5	0.9	1.8	1.1
N =	5684	3662	4837	2418	2405	1625	1663	1421

25. If you drink, how old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	44.4	50.1	55.3	52.9	57.7	79.7	53.1	31.2
8 years old or younger	6.2	5.0	3.6	4.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	2.8
9 or 10 years old	3.8	4.6	3.0	3.4	2.5	3.6	3.3	1.8
11 or 12 years old	11.8	11.6	9.5	9.8	9.3	9.8	10.8	8.0
13 or 14 years old	21.8	18.4	16.5	16.2	16.9	2.8	24.5	23.0
15 or 16 years old	12.1	9.6	11.0	11.7	10.3	0.3	4.5	30.4
17 years old or older	0.6	0.7	1.1	1.4	0.7	0.1	0.2	2.7
N =	5648	3665	4832	2416	2402	1624	1658	1421

26. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
0 days	NA	70.4	74.9	72.8	77.1	90.6	76.2	56.4
1 or 2 days	NA	14.4	13.0	12.7	13.4	5.6	12.3	22.1
3 to 5 days	NA	6.1	5.3	5.8	4.7	1.2	5.3	10.0
6 to 9 days	NA	4.0	3.0	3.5	2.4	1.0	2.6	5.8
10 to 19 days	NA	3.1	1.9	2.3	1.5	0.2	1.5	4.1
20 to 29 days	NA	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.6	1.1
all 30 days	NA	1.1	1.2	2.0	0.4	1.0	1.5	0.7
N =	NA	3702	4856	2433	2409	1637	1665	1424

27. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?

	Totals			2007				
	1999*	2003**	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
0 days	77.0%	86.0	84.9	82.4	87.5	96.0	86.9	70.9
1 day	NA	4.3	5.4	5.7	5.1	1.5	5.1	10.2
2 days	NA	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.0	0.7	2.5	6.7
3 to 5 days	NA	3.2	2.8	3.3	2.4	0.4	2.2	6.2
6 to 9 days	NA	2.0	1.4	1.9	1.0	0.1	1.1	3.2
10 to 19 days	NA	0.9	1.0	1.4	0.5	0.4	1.0	1.6
20 or more days	NA	0.9	1.3	2.0	0.6	1.0	1.3	1.2
N =	NA	3676	4849	2429	2405	1633	1663	1422

* 1999 TAP Survey response choices were as follows: no – 77.0%; yes, once – 11.3%; 6.4% yes, 2 or 3 times – 64%, and yes, 4 or more times – 5.3%.

** 2003 TAP Survey response choices included “I have never in my life had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row” – 72.0%, and “I have had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row in the past, but not in the past 30 days” – 14.0%.

28. If you drink, where do you usually get the alcohol that you drink?

	Totals			2007				
	1999*	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I don't drink	50.4	56.6	61.7	60.3	63.1	83.7	61.3	37.9
From my house without parents knowing	7.7	6.1	4.7	4.1	5.3	3.1	6.6	4.2
From a friend's house, without their parents knowing	4.2	6.2	5.8	5.8	5.8	2.8	7.3	7.6
Someone of legal age buys for me or gives it to me	16.2	8.9	10.4	11.0	9.9	1.0	7.7	24.0
I buy it at a store or bar	5.1	2.0	0.9	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.8
My parents give it to me	6.1	5.8	5.1	4.9	5.4	3.5	5.0	7.1
My friend's parents give it to me	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.7	0.6	1.8	2.0
Some other source	NA	12.9	9.9	11.3	8.5	5.0	9.8	15.4
N =	5613	3679	4837	2418	2404	1636	1654	1416

* 1999 TAP Survey response choices did not include "some other source" but instead "my friends give it to me" – the response rate – 9.0%.

The next four questions ask about marijuana use.

29. If you use marijuana, about how often do you smoke it?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I have never in my life used marijuana	71.4	75.3	80.5	76.6	84.4	92.6	80.2	68.5
I did use marijuana, but not anymore	11.1	8.2	6.9	7.5	6.4	3.1	7.3	10.5
a few times a year	5.0	4.7	3.7	4.2	3.2	0.7	3.1	7.7
a few times a month	5.1	4.7	3.2	3.6	2.9	1.0	3.7	5.1
a few times a week	3.7	3.5	1.9	2.5	1.3	0.7	2.2	2.7
almost every day	3.7	3.7	3.7	5.6	1.8	1.8	3.5	5.4
N =	5687	3704	4853	2431	2409	1640	1661	1423

30. If you have tried marijuana, how old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I have never tried marijuana	70.2	74.6	79.8	76.3	83.3	92.6	79.2	67.3
8 years old or younger	1.5	1.2	1.3	2.3	0.4	1.2	1.6	1.0
9 or 10 years old	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.4	0.5	1.0	1.4	0.4
11 or 12 years old	5.2	4.8	3.4	3.7	3.0	3.4	3.2	2.9
13 or 14 years old	12.2	10.2	8.1	9.2	7.1	1.5	11.8	11.1
15 or 16 years old	8.9	7.7	5.8	6.3	5.3	0.2	2.6	15.9
17 years old or older	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	1.4
N =	5683	3703	4855	2430	2412	1637	1665	1424

31. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
0 times	NA	85.1	88.1	85.4	91.0	95.0	88.5	81.0
1 to 2 times	NA	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.2	1.7	3.9	7.3
3 to 9 times	NA	3.7	2.4	2.9	2.0	1.0	2.5	4.1
10 to 19 times	NA	2.1	1.4	1.7	1.0	0.6	1.5	1.8
20 to 39 times	NA	1.7	1.4	1.9	0.9	0.5	1.4	2.0
40 or more times	NA	2.7	2.5	4.0	0.9	1.2	2.2	3.8
N =	NA	3701	4851	2427	2408	1633	1665	1422

32. If you use marijuana, where do you usually get it from?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I don't use marijuana	NA	78.9	82.6	79.1	86.1	93.2	82.0	72.5
a friend	NA	10.1	8.1	8.0	8.0	2.6	8.2	14.1
a brother or sister	NA	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.6	1.4	1.1
a parent	NA	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4
an adult relative other than my parents	NA	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.6
some other adult	NA	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
a seller/dealer	NA	6.2	4.4	5.9	2.8	1.2	4.3	7.3
I grow it	NA	1.8	1.4	2.5	0.2	1.0	1.7	1.2
some other source	NA	2.2	1.7	2.4	1.1	0.9	1.6	2.6
N =	NA	3690	4849	2423	2410	1637	1661	1420

Please indicate how often you use each of the following substances.

33. Cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never used	94.6	95.7	95.6	94.0	97.3	97.1	95.8	94.3
Did use, but stopped	2.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.1	2.2
A few times a year	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.8	1.3
A few times a month	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.8
A few times a week	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5
About every day	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.9	0.3	0.9	1.3	0.9
N =	5685	3697	4857	2431	2411	1639	1666	1423

34. Inhalants (sniffed glue, aerosol spray cans, gasoline, paint, etc.)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9 th	11th
Never used	90.8	91.5	91.8	90.8	93.0	91.9	90.9	93.4
Did use, but stopped	4.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.4	2.8
A few times a year	1.8	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.7	1.9
A few times a month	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.3
A few times a week	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.1
About every day	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.6	0.3	0.9	1.3	0.5
N =	5685	3690	4859	2432	2412	1639	1667	1424

35. Heroin (also called smack, junk or China White)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never used	NA	97.5	97.2	95.7	98.8	97.5	96.9	97.7
Did use, but stopped	NA	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9
A few times a year	NA	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.5
A few times a month	NA	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2
A few times a week	NA	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
About every day	NA	1.0	1.0	1.6	0.3	0.9	1.1	0.6
N =	NA	3701	4858	2430	2413	1640	1666	1423

36. Methamphetamines (also called speed, crystal, crank, or ice)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Never used	NA	96.1	96.7	95.2	98.2	97.5	96.0	96.9
Did use, but stopped	NA	1.4	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.8
A few times a year	NA	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.3	1.1	0.6
A few times a month	NA	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7
A few times a week	NA	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3
About every day	NA	0.9	1.0	1.7	0.2	0.9	1.1	0.6
N =	NA	3699	4858	2430	2413	1639	1667	1423

37. Ecstasy (also called MDMA)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never used	NA	94.9	96.6	95.2	98.1	97.7	96.4	96.5
Did use, but stopped	NA	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.8
A few times a year	NA	1.6	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.3	1.1	1.1
A few times a month	NA	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
A few times a week	NA	0.4	0.3	0.5	0	0.1	0.2	0.5
About every day	NA	1.0	1.0	1.7	0.3	0.9	1.1	0.6
N =	NA	3702	4853	2427	2412	1636	1667	1421

38. Steroids (pill form, cream or by injection)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Never used	96.3	96.5	96.8	95.4	98.4	97.3	96.5	97.0
Did use, but stopped	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.8
A few times a year	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6
A few times a month	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
A few times a week	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
About every day	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.8	0.2	1.0	1.1	0.8
N =	5684	3706	4846	2425	2407	1635	1662	1420

39. Medicines prescribed for someone other than yourself (such as Ritalin, codeine, etc.)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never used	NA	91.1	92.5	91.6	93.5	96.0	93.1	88.8
Did use, but stopped	NA	3.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.0	2.2	3.1
A few times a year	NA	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.5	1.3	1.9	4.2
A few times a month	NA	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.0	0.6	1.1	2.3
A few times a week	NA	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.8
About every day	NA	1.1	1.0	1.6	0.4	0.7	1.2	0.8
N =	NA	3702	4842	2424	2405	1634	1661	1420

40. Other illegal drugs (like LSD, PCP, etc.)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never used	NA	NA	95.7	94.3	97.2	97.5	95.1	94.8
Did use, but stopped	NA	NA	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.4	1.2	1.7
A few times a year	NA	NA	1.1	1.6	0.6	0.6	1.4	1.3
A few times a month	NA	NA	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	1.3
A few times a week	NA	NA	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.3
About every day	NA	NA	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.9	1.2	0.6
N =	NA	NA	4839	2420	2407	1631	1662	1420

41. Over the counter, non-prescription medications used in a way not intended (like diet pills, cold medicines, cough syrup, etc.)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never used	NA	NA	88.5	89.0	88.0	90.4	89.1	86.7
Did use, but stopped	NA	NA	3.3	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.6	3.9
A few times a year	NA	NA	4.8	4.3	5.2	4.0	4.7	5.5
A few times a month	NA	NA	2.1	1.6	2.5	1.4	2.2	2.8
A few times a week	NA	NA	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.6
About every day	NA	NA	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.6
N =	NA	NA	4842	2423	2405	1628	1663	1424

42. During the past 12 months, has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug on school property?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9 th	11th
Yes	NA	31.3	38.9	44.3	33.6	34.7	40.1	42.0
No	NA	68.7	61.1	55.7	66.4	65.3	59.9	58.0
N =	NA	3672	4809	2399	2397	1620	1653	1413

43. How often during this school year have you been high on alcohol, marijuana, or any other illegal drugs while at school during school hours?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
0 times	81.1	83.5	86.6	83.7	89.7	93.4	85.9	80.8
1 or 2 times	8.5	7.5	5.5	5.9	5.2	3.1	5.6	8.1
3 to 9 times	3.2	3.5	2.9	3.0	2.7	1.1	3.4	4.3
10 to 19 times	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.6	1.2	1.0	2.2	2.4
20 to 39 times	1.7	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.3	1.0	1.2
40 or more times	3.1	2.2	2.2	3.6	0.7	1.1	1.9	3.3
N =	5677	3700	4851	2427	2408	1631	1665	1424

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Please read each statement carefully and decide whether you agree or disagree. Fill in the circles on the answer sheet that best describe your feelings.

44. I enjoy going to school

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9 th	11th
Strongly agree	9.5	10.9	13.9	13.8	14.0	15.8	12.7	13.2
Agree	57.0	53.0	55.2	50.8	59.6	52.1	56.2	58.4
Disagree	19.3	23.7	21.2	23.3	19.3	21.1	21.4	20.6
Strongly disagree	14.2	12.5	9.6	12.1	7.1	10.9	9.7	7.8
N =	5670	3699	4839	2416	2408	1628	1663	1420

45. Rules in my school are the same for everyone.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9 th	11th
Strongly agree	16.4	19.6	19.1	20.3	17.9	31.2	14.8	10.7
Agree	39.3	37.7	41.3	40.3	42.3	41.0	43.9	38.6
Disagree	23.1	27.4	25.4	22.8	27.9	17.6	27.4	32.3
Strongly disagree	21.2	15.3	14.2	16.6	11.9	10.2	14.0	18.5
N =	5676	3700	4837	2419	2405	1629	1660	1424

46. I feel safe in my school.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9 th	11th
Strongly agree	26.6	23.1	23.9	25.8	22.0	29.3	19.4	24.2
Agree	54.9	56.1	55.0	51.7	58.3	49.3	56.7	60.0
Disagree	10.8	13.4	14.6	14.7	14.4	14.7	16.4	11.4
Strongly disagree	7.7	7.4	6.6	7.8	5.3	6.8	7.5	4.4
N =	5674	3695	4828	2406	2408	1630	1657	1419

47. Teachers in my school generally have high expectations of me.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9 th	11th
Strongly agree	NA	27.0	31.2	31.0	31.5	37.2	27.4	29.0
Agree	NA	55.2	53.3	51.6	54.9	47.0	55.5	58.2
Disagree	NA	11.9	10.9	11.8	9.9	10.8	12.0	9.5
Strongly disagree	NA	5.9	4.7	5.7	3.7	5.1	5.1	3.4
N =	NA	3686	4824	2407	2403	1622	1654	1423

48. My teachers generally care about me and how well I do in school.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly agree	NA	25.7	28.0	27.8	28.2	35.1	22.8	26.3
Agree	NA	54.4	55.0	54.0	55.9	49.8	56.7	59.1
Disagree	NA	13.5	11.4	11.2	11.7	8.8	14.3	10.7
Strongly disagree	NA	6.4	5.6	7.0	4.1	6.2	6.2	3.9
N =	NA	3685	4821	2406	2401	1621	1655	1421

49. In the past year, I have cheated on quizzes or tests.

	Totals			2007				
	1999*	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly agree	16.1	13.0	12.8	16.0	9.6	10.4	14.4	13.5
Agree	43.4	32.0	34.0	30.5	37.5	23.6	37.2	42.4
Disagree	15.7	18.8	20.1	20.1	20.2	20.1	20.6	19.5
Strongly disagree	24.8	36.2	33.0	33.5	32.7	45.9	27.7	24.5
N =	5253	3677	4804	2394	2396	1618	1644	1418

* 1999 TAP Survey asked the question differently: "In the past year, I have cheated on quizzes, tests or homework."

50. What grades do you usually get in school?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
90-100	33.8	36.6	38.8	35.2	42.5	42.0	38.3	37.5
80-89	42.0	37.0	38.3	38.1	38.3	35.3	38.3	42.1
70-79	18.4	19.0	17.3	20.0	14.5	15.7	17.8	17.1
65-69	4.0	5.1	3.6	4.1	3.0	4.0	3.8	2.3
below 65	1.7	2.4	2.1	2.5	1.6	2.9	1.9	1.1
N =	5672	1805	4802	2391	2398	1608	1651	1417

51. Which do you think you likely will do after you finish high school?

	Totals			2007				
	1999*	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Go to vocational/technical school or 2 year college	11.4	11.5	11.0	12.5	9.6	8.2	9.1	16.0
Go to a 4 year college/university	65.1	61.5	64.7	57.6	72.0	61.9	65.4	69.2
Go to work full-time	3.0	2.5	2.9	3.8	2.0	2.8	3.1	2.5
Join the military	5.5	5.6	4.4	7.7	1.2	5.8	4.8	2.4
Get married and be supported by my husband/wife	0.9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Go on public assistance (welfare)	2.2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Don't know yet	10.9	17.5	15.6	16.5	14.5	20.0	16.2	9.0
Don't plan to finish high school	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.3	1.4	0.8
N =	5676	3691	4835	2414	2407	1630	1662	1420

52. In the past year, have you been suspended from school?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
No	NA	88.5	88.1	84.1	92.2	88.8	87.4	89.8
Yes, once	NA	7.0	7.3	9.3	5.3	6.4	8.0	6.5
Yes, more than once	NA	4.5	4.6	6.6	2.5	4.8	4.6	3.7
N =	NA	3690	4829	2411	2405	1624	1662	1421

53. How often in the past year have you not gone to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	91.0	88.4	85.7	86.0	85.4	83.7	85.7	88.9
Once	5.5	7.3	8.3	6.9	9.8	8.9	7.9	7.4
Several Times	1.6	2.5	3.2	3.6	2.9	4.2	3.2	2.2
Many Times	1.8	1.8	2.8	3.6	1.9	3.1	3.1	1.5
N =	5042	3697	4839	2416	2409	1624	1663	1425

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54. In my community, there are things for kids my age to do.

	Totals			2007				
	1999 *	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly agree	11.7	14.6	15.5	19.6	11.5	25.1	12.8	8.5
Agree	31.3	38.7	43.5	43.1	43.9	46.5	44.5	39.3
Disagree	24.4	25.1	24.1	20.6	27.7	16.4	25.0	31.5
Strongly disagree	32.7	21.6	16.8	16.8	17.0	12.0	17.7	20.7
N =	5664	3668	4812	2399	2401	1614	1655	1422

* In the 1999 TAP Survey the question reads – “In my community, there are fun things for kids my age to do.”

55. In my community, there are many opportunities for kids my age to earn money or find a job.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly agree	NA	14.3	11.5	14.5	8.4	13.9	9.1	11.4
Agree	NA	51.7	41.5	40.6	42.3	33.7	41.3	51.1
Disagree	NA	22.0	30.8	28.2	33.5	34.4	31.8	25.7
Strongly disagree	NA	12.0	16.2	16.6	15.8	18.0	17.8	11.8
N =	NA	3690	4801	2392	2396	1609	1652	1418

56. I feel safe in my community.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly agree	27.4	22.8	23.9	27.3	20.4	27.9	21.7	22.8
Agree	55.4	57.8	55.5	53.6	57.6	48.0	58.1	62.1
Disagree	10.8	13.3	13.8	11.7	15.9	15.7	14.0	10.5
Strongly disagree	6.4	6.2	6.8	7.4	6.1	8.3	6.1	4.7
N =	5669	3687	4810	2403	2393	1614	1653	1418

57. Gang activities are a problem in my community.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly agree	8.1	7.2	9.3	10.1	8.4	11.9	8.6	6.1
Agree	18.9	14.7	15.3	14.7	16.0	16.4	15.3	13.5
Disagree	29.4	37.8	34.9	32.1	37.7	28.4	37.8	39.5
Strongly disagree	43.6	40.3	40.5	43.1	37.9	43.2	38.3	41.0
N =	5648	3657	4788	2389	2388	1605	1646	1416

58. Adults in my community care about and value kids my age.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly agree	NA	15.8	16.7	18.1	15.2	26.5	12.6	10.9
Agree	NA	51.2	52.6	51.0	54.3	51.2	54.2	53.2
Disagree	NA	23.3	22.0	21.3	22.8	14.3	23.7	27.9
Strongly disagree	NA	9.7	8.8	9.7	7.8	8.0	9.5	8.0
N =	NA	3679	4773	2376	2385	1597	1639	1415

59. If I had a problem, there are adults in my community whom I could count on to help me.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly agree	NA	25.4	28.9	29.5	28.3	37.2	25.9	23.8
Agree	NA	48.4	49.3	46.8	51.8	43.5	50.1	55.0
Disagree	NA	16.8	12.5	13.0	12.0	10.9	13.4	13.1
Strongly disagree	NA	9.4	9.3	10.6	7.9	8.4	10.6	8.2
N =	NA	3677	4755	2368	2374	1585	1640	1410

How easy would it be for you to get each of the following?

60. Beer, wine, or hard liquor

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Very Easy	NA	NA	27.8	31.0	24.5	16.2	29.2	38.3
Easy	NA	NA	27.7	26.5	29.1	17.8	29.2	38.1
Not so easy	NA	NA	11.6	10.9	12.2	11.4	13.2	9.8
Difficult	NA	NA	5.5	5.5	5.6	7.3	5.6	3.7
Very difficult	NA	NA	9.9	9.0	10.7	19.8	6.5	2.7
I don't know	NA	NA	17.5	17.0	17.9	27.6	16.2	7.4
N =	NA	NA	4811	2402	2397	1610	1656	1422

61. Marijuana (pot, weed)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Very Easy	NA	NA	20.3	24.4	16.2	9.0	20.7	31.1
Easy	NA	NA	17.1	15.8	18.4	6.4	17.6	29.2
Not so easy	NA	NA	8.2	8.2	8.2	5.7	9.2	9.8
Difficult	NA	NA	6.2	6.5	6.0	6.1	7.5	4.9
Very difficult	NA	NA	20.9	18.5	23.2	38.3	17.0	6.3
I don't know	NA	NA	27.3	26.6	28.0	34.6	28.0	18.8
N =	NA	NA	4811	2402	2395	1608	1658	1420

62. Tobacco products

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Very Easy	NA	NA	23.7	29.9	17.4	11.0	22.9	37.7
Easy	NA	NA	19.6	18.9	20.4	9.7	20.4	30.5
Not so easy	NA	NA	9.2	8.4	10.0	9.2	10.6	7.5
Difficult	NA	NA	7.2	6.7	7.7	8.7	8.3	4.4
Very difficult	NA	NA	16.8	14.6	19.1	30.7	13.9	4.9
I don't know	NA	NA	23.5	21.6	25.4	30.6	23.8	15.1
N =	NA	NA	4813	24.3	2397	1611	1658	1421

63. Condoms or other contraception

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Very Easy	NA	39.6	36.9	41.5	32.3	17.3	38.1	57.3
Easy	NA	20.6	19.6	18.3	21.0	11.1	22.8	25.2
Not so easy	NA	6.6	6.9	7.5	6.3	7.7	8.8	3.9
Difficult	NA	3.0	4.2	4.2	4.3	6.5	4.1	1.8
Very difficult	NA	3.2	11.0	9.3	12.6	22.7	7.1	2.2
I don't know	NA	27.0	21.4	19.2	23.5	34.7	19.1	9.6
N =	NA	3563	4811	2402	2396	1609	1654	1423

64. A gun

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Very Easy	NA	15.2	11.2	15.7	6.6	10.9	11.1	11.3
Easy	NA	10.0	8.3	10.2	6.4	7.2	8.1	9.2
Not so easy	NA	9.5	10.3	10.9	9.7	7.7	10.3	13.1
Difficult	NA	8.4	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.3	10.1	12.2
Very difficult	NA	20.4	28.1	25.3	31.0	34.2	27.6	22.4
I don't know	NA	36.5	32.1	27.9	36.3	31.7	32.8	31.8
N =	NA	3456	4809	2403	2393	1610	1653	1422

You and Your Parents

Please read each statement and decide if you agree or disagree. Fill in the circles on the answer sheet that best describe your feelings.

65. I feel safe in my home.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly agree	58.9	65.8	67.2	68.2	66.3	67.2	65.9	68.9
Agree	35.4	27.3	27.4	26.5	28.1	26.9	28.3	26.7
Disagree	2.7	3.7	2.9	2.5	3.4	3.0	3.2	2.5
Strongly disagree	3.0	3.2	2.5	2.7	2.2	2.8	2.5	1.9
N =	5674	6389	4814	2402	2398	1611	1659	1419

66. I can turn to one of my parents if I have a serious personal problem and need someone to talk to.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003*	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly agree	NA	48.1	52.1	52.5	51.8	55.6	49.2	52.5
Agree	NA	31.1	31.2	32.4	29.9	29.7	32.7	30.6
Disagree	NA	11.9	9.1	7.9	10.4	7.3	10.0	10.2
Strongly disagree	NA	8.9	7.6	7.2	7.9	7.4	8.1	6.7
N =	NA	3682	4812	2397	2400	1611	1659	1418

* 2003 TAP Survey asked two questions similar to this, first if they can turn to their "mother," and then "father."

Please fill in the one response that best describes your situation.

My parent(s)/guardian(s)...

67. ...set clear rules for me to follow.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	8.2	4.8	5.4	6.6	4.1	4.5	5.6	5.8
Occasionally	32.8	26.2	22.0	22.3	21.7	18.8	22.9	24.7
Often	26.3	32.6	29.9	30.3	29.5	28.1	29.7	32.1
Always	32.6	36.4	42.7	40.7	44.7	48.6	41.8	37.5
N =	5560	3676	4809	2394	2400	1610	1656	1419

68. ...discipline or punish me when I break the rules.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	13.4	11.3	12.1	12.6	11.6	11.4	10.3	13.8
Occasionally	39.6	35.5	31.6	30.7	32.5	28.4	32.9	34.1
Often	22.9	29.0	29.7	30.2	29.1	29.9	29.5	29.9
Always	24.0	24.1	26.6	26.4	26.8	30.2	27.3	22.2
N =	5553	3676	4799	2384	2401	1604	1652	1419

69. ...expect me to call if I am not at home.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	6.9	4.8	6.3	8.1	4.5	6.7	5.9	5.7
Occasionally	20.1	13.5	11.5	13.3	9.6	11.5	11.1	11.5
Often	18.4	20.8	18.0	21.3	14.8	16.1	19.1	19.2
Always	54.7	60.9	64.2	57.3	71.1	65.7	63.9	63.6
N =	5521	3677	4800	2384	2401	1599	1655	1421

70. ...know my friends.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	5.4	4.8	5.2	6.5	3.8	5.3	5.5	4.1
Occasionally	23.3	14.6	15.6	18.0	13.1	12.7	17.5	16.0
Often	29.8	36.1	33.5	31.6	35.3	29.1	34.5	37.8
Always	41.5	44.5	45.8	43.8	47.8	52.9	42.5	42.1
N =	5504	3675	4791	2386	2392	1593	1655	1422

71. ... know what I am doing after school.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	NA	4.6	6.1	7.9	4.3	5.3	6.2	6.1
Occasionally	NA	12.4	13.2	15.3	11.1	8.9	14.4	16.3
Often	NA	31.6	24.4	25.8	23.1	17.8	25.8	30.7
Always	NA	51.4	56.3	51.0	61.6	68.0	53.7	46.9
N =	NA	3673	4795	2385	2398	1599	1655	1420

72. ...know where I'm going, when I go out.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	NA	3.5	4.8	6.1	3.6	4.4	4.8	4.8
Occasionally	NA	11.6	12.0	14.4	9.6	7.0	13.2	16.1
Often	NA	27.2	21.9	22.8	21.0	15.6	20.8	30.2
Always	NA	57.6	61.2	56.7	65.7	73.0	61.3	48.8
N =	NA	3667	4797	2386	2396	1597	1657	1419

73. ...care about and encourage me in my interests and activities.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	8.2	5.2	5.4	6.0	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.2
Occasionally	23.3	12.8	10.6	11.3	9.8	8.4	11.3	11.8
Often	23.4	24.4	19.1	20.6	17.6	14.1	20.7	22.9
Always	45.2	57.7	64.9	62.0	67.9	72.4	62.5	60.0
N =	5528	3667	4785	2379	2393	1592	1654	1418

74. ...are interested and encourage me in my school work.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	NA	5.3	5.6	5.9	5.3	5.2	5.1	6.1
Occasionally	NA	11.6	10.1	10.1	10.0	7.8	10.7	11.7
Often	NA	20.9	17.4	18.8	16.0	13.4	17.9	21.1
Always	NA	62.2	66.9	65.1	68.7	73.6	66.2	61.1
N =	NA	3663	4777	2377	2388	1588	1651	1415

How often in the past year have you had a talk with at least one parent or adult you live with about each of the following?

75. Risks of smoking, drinking, or taking drugs

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003*	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	27.1	35.1	35.8	38.6	33.0	39.1	34.5	32.9
Occasionally	40.1	---	38.4	35.5	41.3	32.3	40.6	43.6
Often	16.4	---	17.6	16.8	18.4	19.1	16.8	17.0
Always	16.5	---	8.2	9.1	7.3	9.5	8.2	6.5
N =		3666	4781	2375	2392	1586	1651	1421

* The 2003 TAP Survey had five response choices: Never – 35.1%; Rarely – 24.4%; Sometimes – 26.0%; Often – 10.2%; and Very Often – 4.3%

76. The risks of being sexually active (getting AIDS, HIV, or STDs, pregnancy, birth control, abstinence, etc.)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003*	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Never	37.8	46.8	44.8	50.2	39.4	50.6	42.9	40.2
Occasionally	37.4	---	31.4	29.5	33.5	25.4	33.1	37.3
Often	12.9	---	14.6	12.3	17.0	13.3	15.0	15.4
Always	11.8	---	9.1	8.1	10.2	10.6	9.0	7.1
N =	5540	3666	4772	2370	2388	1582	1649	1419

* The 2003 TAP Survey had five response choices: Never – 46.8%; Rarely – 22.4%; Sometimes – 17.6%; Often – 8.4%; and Very Often – 4.9%

77. The dangers of sharing personal information with people on the Internet?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	NA	NA	32.7	40.8	24.6	32.3	30.3	35.1
Occasionally	NA	NA	28.2	26.9	29.5	20.5	30.1	34.8
Often	NA	NA	21.0	17.6	24.3	22.0	21.6	19.5
Always	NA	NA	18.2	14.8	21.6	25.2	18.0	10.6
N =	NA	NA	4770	2370	2386	1583	1646	1418

78. About our family's history, faith and/or values

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003*	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	24.5	24.1	26.8	30.8	22.9	26.3	26.2	27.7
Occasionally	40.5	---	33.0	32.7	33.4	29.9	34.3	35.5
Often	19.4	---	24.4	22.9	25.9	24.3	24.8	24.1
Always	15.7	---	15.8	13.7	17.8	19.5	14.6	12.7
N =	5543	3662	4748	2355	2380	1573	1642	1413

* The 2003 TAP Survey had five response choices: Never – 24.1%; Rarely – 21.0%; Sometimes – 26.7%; Often – 17.1%; and Very Often – 11.1%

79. About how many nights a week does your family sit down to dinner together?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	NA	9.7	12.4	13.2	11.7	11.3	13.1	12.0
Occasionally (for example, once every few weeks)	NA	12.8	12.6	12.1	13.0	11.0	13.4	12.7
One night a week	NA	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	4.7	6.3	6.2
Two nights a week	NA	7.0	7.6	7.8	7.4	6.3	7.2	9.5
Three nights a week	NA	9.6	8.7	9.1	8.3	6.1	9.4	11.2
Four nights a week	NA	10.1	8.5	8.9	8.1	7.8	8.9	8.9
Five nights a week	NA	12.0	10.8	10.2	11.3	10.4	10.1	12.2
Six nights a week	NA	8.4	8.6	9.1	8.2	9.5	8.4	8.3
Every night of the week	NA	24.7	25.1	23.8	26.4	32.9	23.2	19.0
N =	NA	3668	4752	2361	2376	1570	1646	1414

80. How many times in the past five years have you had to change schools because you moved to a different community or neighborhood?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	NA	75.5	75.2	74.6	75.9	70.4	75.7	81.5
Once	NA	13.5	14.2	14.3	14.1	17.0	13.8	11.3
Twice	NA	4.5	4.1	4.6	3.7	5.1	4.0	3.1
Three times	NA	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	2.9	1.8
Four times	NA	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.0
Five times or more	NA	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.3
N =	NA	3662	4753	2368	2370	1569	1644	1418

81. If you found yourself in a bad situation and wanted to return home (like if your date who was driving had been drinking, or if you were stuck at the mall with some friends who were doing stuff you knew was wrong), **would you call your parents for a ride home and what would most likely happen?**

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
No, because they wouldn't come pick me up.	NA	5.2	5.2	7.4	3.0	4.4	5.2	5.5
No, because I would get in trouble with my friends.	NA	3.7	3.5	4.5	2.6	3.3	4.6	2.6
No, because I would get in trouble with my parents.	NA	10.0	8.3	8.0	8.5	5.3	9.7	9.4
Yes, even though I might get in trouble with my friends or my parents.	NA	26.0	29.2	23.8	34.7	30.2	29.9	27.4
Yes, I know my parents would pick me up and be understanding.	NA	55.2	53.8	56.3	51.2	56.8	50.6	55.1
N =	NA	3622	4713	2327	2372	1558	1633	1405

You and Your Friends

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

82. I can turn to my friend(s) if I have a serious personal problem and need someone to talk with.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly Agree	NA	41.8	42.9	32.0	53.6	42.0	43.3	44.3
Agree	NA	42.0	41.0	45.8	36.4	40.1	40.2	43.1
Disagree	NA	10.0	9.5	13.7	5.3	10.7	9.6	7.6
Strongly Disagree	NA	6.2	6.6	8.5	4.6	7.2	6.9	5.0
N =	NA	3653	4717	2333	2371	1549	1635	1412

83. My friends think postponing sexual intercourse until after high school is a good idea.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly Agree	NA	20.7	18.7	14.4	22.9	30.7	16.0	8.8
Agree	NA	30.2	30.8	26.3	35.1	35.3	32.7	24.6
Disagree	NA	29.6	30.7	33.1	28.3	19.7	30.6	42.6
Strongly Disagree	NA	19.4	19.8	26.1	13.7	14.4	20.8	24.0
N =	NA	---	4758	2301	2344	1520	1617	1404

84. My friend(s) feel it is important to get good grades and work hard in school.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly Agree	NA	22.0	22.8	19.0	26.5	28.0	19.9	20.6
Agree	NA	53.4	55.2	54.2	56.2	51.2	55.8	59.3
Disagree	NA	18.4	16.4	19.5	13.4	15.0	17.6	16.2
Strongly Disagree	NA	6.3	5.5	7.3	3.9	5.8	6.7	4.0
N =	NA	3643	4686	2311	2363	1540	1620	1410

85. My friend(s) think you don't need to drink or do drugs in order to have a good time.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly Agree	NA	34.3	36.7	32.1	41.3	54.4	32.2	22.7
Agree	NA	39.8	40.3	40.9	39.7	32.4	43.0	46.3
Disagree	NA	17.4	14.5	16.2	12.7	5.4	15.9	22.2
Strongly Disagree	NA	8.5	8.5	10.8	6.3	7.9	8.9	8.7
N =	NA	3635	4681	2308	2361	1536	1621	1408

86. My friend(s) feel it is important to help others and contribute to our community.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly Agree	NA	13.2	12.0	11.1	12.9	18.1	8.7	8.8
Agree	NA	41.3	41.8	36.6	46.9	45.8	39.1	41.1
Disagree	NA	32.7	33.5	36.4	30.8	26.9	37.4	36.4
Strongly Disagree	NA	12.9	12.6	15.9	9.5	9.2	14.8	13.7
N =	NA	3623	4659	2290	2357	1525	1613	1404

87. I am able to do things as well as most other people.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Strongly Agree	NA	44.1	46.5	48.7	44.5	49.1	44.3	46.4
Agree	NA	46.1	44.1	40.6	47.4	40.9	45.9	45.7
Disagree	NA	6.1	5.5	5.8	5.1	6.4	5.4	4.6
Strongly Disagree	NA	3.6	3.9	4.8	3.0	3.6	4.4	3.3
N =	NA	3645	4678	2308	2360	1530	1626	1404

Personal Issues

Please fill in the responses on your answer sheet that best describe your situation or feelings.

88. Who do you generally talk to when you have a problem?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
a friend	53.4	48.8	46.5	38.4	54.5	35.9	48.3	57.0
an adult friend	1.7	4.2	4.2	4.7	3.6	4.5	4.0	3.6
a parent/step-parent	22.5	23.6	25.0	29.1	21.2	34.9	22.4	17.8
a brother/sister	6.4	7.4	9.4	9.0	9.8	9.8	10.3	7.7
an adult relative (not a parent or step-parent)	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.6	3.0	2.2
a school staff person (teacher, guidance counselor, etc.)	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.6	.9	.7	.9
a counselor, religious or group leader (e.g. 4-H, church group, scouts, coach, etc.)	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	.9	.7	.8
no one, because I can't or don't want to	10.5	10.9	8.9	11.9	6.0	8.4	9.0	9.1
no one, because I have no one to talk to	1.7	1.5	1.6	2.3	0.9	2.1	1.6	.9
N =	5588	3617	4641	2288	2340	1507	1616	1398

89. During the past 30 days which one of the following methods have you **most often used** in order to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I did not try to lose weight or keep from gaining weight	NA	NA	45.4	54.4	36.7	44.6	43.5	47.5
I ate a balanced diet and/or I exercised	NA	NA	41.1	34.1	47.9	43.3	41.8	39.4
I went without eating for 24 hours or more (fasting)	NA	NA	4.2	2.4	5.9	3.2	4.4	4.8
I vomited after eating	NA	NA	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.4	2.0	2.3
I used diet products (e.g., diet pills, diet drinks like Slimfast)	NA	NA	1.0	0.4	1.6	.6	1.1	1.1
I used some other method not listed above	NA	NA	6.4	6.9	5.9	6.8	7.2	4.8
N =	NA	NA	4658	2301	2345	1514	1621	1405

90. During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activity?

	Totals			2007				
	1999*	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Yes	NA	27.8	27.4	22.9	31.6	26.4	27.9	27.1
No	NA	72.2	72.6	77.1	68.4	73.6	72.1	72.9
N =	NA	3595	4617	2276	2332	1498	1610	1397

* In 1999 TAP Survey the question reads – “During the past 6 months, have you felt depressed, helpless, hopeless or very sad for a period of 2 weeks or longer?” – the response: no – 60.1%; yes, once -14.1%; yes, more than once – 7.7%; and yes, many times – 11.2%.

91. During the past year, have you seriously thought about running away from home?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
no	61.4	66.8	67.3	71.4	63.4	67.0	64.7	71.5
yes, once	20.0	16.1	15.6	13.5	17.4	18.0	16.1	12.3
yes, more than once	14.1	13.7	13.3	11.0	15.5	11.7	15.0	12.7
I did run away	3.6	2.7	3.0	2.8	3.2	2.5	3.3	2.7
I did not live at home during the last year	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.5	.7	.9	.8
N =	5641	3636	4651	2294	2344	1507	1617	1409

Sometimes people feel so depressed and hopeless about the future that they may consider attempting suicide, that is, taking some action to end their own life. The next six questions ask about suicide.

92. During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Yes	23.5	19.7	18.2	16.4	20.1	16.2	20.2	17.3
No	76.5	80.3	81.8	83.6	79.9	83.8	79.8	82.7
N =	5631	3591	4597	2261	2326	1485	1605	1395

93. During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Yes	18.2	17.5	14.2	14.3	14.1	12.1	16.1	13.7
No	81.8	82.5	85.8	85.7	85.9	87.9	83.9	86.3
N =	5626	3577	4589	2253	2325	1485	1599	1392

94. During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
0 times	91.1	91.0	89.5	89.5	89.5	90.5	88.5	89.8
1 time	5.3	4.7	6.7	6.2	7.3	6.2	7.1	7.0
2 or 3 times	1.8	2.5	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.7	2.2	1.6
4 or 5 times	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.5	.5	.5	.9
6 or more times	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.8	0.7	1.0	1.7	.8
N =	5240	3616	4624	2279	2333	1489	1611	1408

95. If you attempted suicide during the past 12 months, did any attempt result in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months	85.0	85.5	86.8	87.1	86.4	86.4	85.6	88.5
yes	4.6	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.7	3.4	2.5
no	10.4	11.5	10.3	10.0	10.7	10.9	11.0	9.0
N =	5213	3608	4593	2258	2323	1476	1607	1397

96. If you have had thoughts about committing suicide, what was the main reason you had these thoughts the last time?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I do not have these thoughts	NA	76.7	79.2	83.0	75.4	83.0	77.6	77.8
Because of a failed relationship	NA	3.2	3.0	2.3	3.7	1.8	3.4	3.4
Because of pressure to perform at school (grades, tests, homework, etc.)	NA	1.3	1.9	2.4	1.4	1.8	2.1	1.7
I felt too much pressure about something in my life (like school, sports, or work)	NA	3.3	3.2	2.7	3.6	2.2	2.5	5.1
I had problems with my parents or home life	NA	4.8	4.2	2.9	5.5	4.6	4.6	3.5
I had been verbally abused or harassed by someone	NA	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.5	.5	.7	.1
I had been physically or sexually abused	NA	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.8	.7	1.0	.4
Because I have a drug or alcohol addiction problem	NA	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	.2	.4	.5
I had feelings of alone-ness or isolation	NA	4.1	3.0	2.1	3.9	1.8	3.5	3.7
Because of some other reason	NA	5.0	3.9	2.9	5.0	3.5	4.1	3.9
N =	NA	3601	4574	2253	2307	1468	1595	1393

97. If you have had thoughts about committing suicide, what do you **usually** do in response to those thoughts?

	Totals			2007				
	1999*	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I do not have these thoughts	70.4	75.0	78.3	82.1	74.5	82.3	76.2	77.1
nothing	8.3	8.3	8.0	7.4	8.6	7.6	8.3	8.1
I talk to a parent or other caring adult	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.4
I talk to a teen friend only	4.3	4.6	3.3	1.7	4.8	1.8	4.1	3.8
I seek professional help	NA	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	.1	.4	.6
I drink or use other drugs	4.2	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.6	1.1
I withdraw from people and activities	1.8	1.6	1.2	0.7	1.7	.6	1.3	1.7
I try to solve my own problems, I don't talk to anyone	6.3	5.3	4.8	3.8	5.8	3.8	5.4	5.2
I make a plan for how I would do it	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	.9
I call an appropriate hotline	NA	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	.0	.1	.0
N =	---	3610	4584	2254	2316	1465	1602	1400

* The 1999 TAP Survey responses were different; the two marked above "NA" were not included; and there was one that was not in either the 2003 or 2007 TAP Survey – "I talk to a teen friend and then a caring adult" – response rate – 1.5%.

The next eleven questions ask about sexual activity.

98. If you have ever had sexual intercourse, how old were you the first time?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
never had sexual intercourse	69.8	70.9	70.0	65.8	74.2	87.7	73.2	50.3
11 or under	5.0	4.5	4.4	6.4	2.5	5.2	5.1	2.6
12	2.8	3.4	2.5	3.6	1.4	3.4	2.5	1.5
13	4.4	3.9	4.2	5.3	3.1	2.7	5.7	3.6
14	6.0	5.7	6.3	5.9	6.6	.6	9.1	8.6
15	6.9	5.4	5.9	6.1	5.8	.1	3.6	14.5
16	3.6	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.1	.3	.7	15.4
17 or older	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	.2	.1	3.6
N =	5623	3606	4572	2248	2310	1454	1602	1400

99. If you have ever had sexual intercourse, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse during your life?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I have never had sexual intercourse	70.5	70.7	70.1	65.6	74.5	87.2	73.2	50.8
1 person	14.2	12.6	12.8	13.6	12.2	4.9	11.7	22.0
2 people	4.0	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.2	2.9	4.7	8.4
3 people	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.8	3.3	1.4	3.1	7.4
4 people	1.9	1.8	1.6	2.1	1.1	.3	1.3	3.1
5 people	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	.1	1.5	2.8
6 or more people	3.9	4.5	4.5	6.7	2.2	3.1	4.5	5.5
N =	5223	3594	4553	2238	2302	1442	1595	1398

100. Whether you have ever had sexual intercourse or not, how would you characterize your current sexual status?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I have never had sexual intercourse and I am abstinent (meaning that I do not intend to have sexual intercourse until I am married).	NA	NA	38.0	32.4	43.3	57.9	35.2	21.3
I have never had sexual intercourse, but I am not planning on waiting for marriage to have intercourse.	NA	NA	33.4	35.6	31.4	31.1	39.6	30.1
I have had sexual intercourse, but I am currently abstinent (meaning that I do not intend to have sexual intercourse again until I am married).	NA	NA	5.8	4.9	6.8	3.6	5.4	8.4
I have had sexual intercourse, and plan to continue to have intercourse even though I am not married.	NA	NA	22.8	27.2	18.5	7.5	19.9	40.3
N =	NA	NA	4500	2204	2284	1419	1585	1383

101. The last time you had sexual intercourse, what one method did you or your partner use to prevent pregnancy?
(Select only one response.)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I have never had sexual intercourse	NA	NA	70.4	66.2	74.6	87.7	73.6	50.9
No method was used to prevent pregnancy	NA	NA	4.7	5.4	3.9	2.3	5.2	6.2
Birth control pills	NA	NA	3.0	2.6	3.4	.6	2.3	6.1
Condoms	NA	NA	18.4	21.8	15.2	8.0	15.6	31.6
Depo-Prevera (injectable birth control)	NA	NA	0.4	0.2	0.6	.1	.3	.8
Withdrawal	NA	NA	1.4	1.8	1.1	.1	1.4	2.6
Morning after pill	NA	NA	0.2	0.1	0.3	.0	.2	.4
Some other method	NA	NA	0.5	0.6	0.3	.1	.5	.6
Not sure	NA	NA	1.0	1.2	0.7	1.1	1.0	.8
N =	NA	NA	4499	2207	2279	1419	1581	1387

102. How many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
0 times	94.0	94.6	95.1	93.1	97.1	95.9	95.3	94.7
1 time	1.3	2.4	2.1	2.3	1.8	1.6	1.8	2.6
2 or more times	2.7	1.3	1.8	3.0	0.7	1.3	1.9	1.9
Not sure	2.0	1.7	1.0	1.6	0.4	1.3	.9	.8
N =	5587	3570	4489	2198	2279	1410	1582	1388

103. What is your sexual orientation?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Heterosexual – attracted to the opposite sex	NA	NA	92.3	92.1	92.6	92.1	93.3	91.7
Homosexual – attracted to the same sex	NA	NA	1.6	2.1	1.0	1.6	1.1	1.9
Bi-sexual – attracted to both sexes	NA	NA	2.8	2.2	3.4	1.6	2.8	4.0
Not sure	NA	NA	3.3	3.6	3.0	4.6	2.9	2.4
N =	NA	NA	4474	2191	2272	1401	1578	1391

104. How often in the past year have you experienced some form of unwanted sexual harassment from other **youth**?
(Sexual harassment is unwanted sexual attention such as sexual comments, jokes, graffiti, blocking or cornering)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	NA	73.4	74.3	83.8	65.2	77.9	71.0	74.7
Once	NA	10.2	9.7	6.0	13.3	9.5	10.2	9.6
2 or 3 times	NA	8.0	7.6	4.4	10.8	6.1	8.2	8.4
4 times or more	NA	8.4	8.4	5.9	10.7	6.5	10.6	7.4
N =	NA	3551	4451	2175	2264	1392	1569	1386

105. How often in the past year have you experienced some form of unwanted sexual harassment from an adult? (Sexual harassment is unwanted sexual attention such as sexual comments, jokes, graffiti, blocking or cornering)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	NA	90.4	89.5	93.5	85.6	92.3	88.8	88.0
Once	NA	4.4	4.7	2.0	7.3	4.3	5.2	4.3
2 or 3 times	NA	3.0	3.3	1.5	5.1	1.5	3.7	4.5
4 times or more	NA	2.2	2.5	2.9	2.1	1.9	2.3	3.3
N =	NA	3561	4445	2170	2265	1385	1571	1384

106. Has another teen ever done something sexual to you that you didn't want?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
no	82.8	84.4	83.1	90.6	76.1	87.2	82.4	80.7
yes, unwanted kissing	3.4	1.8	2.5	1.8	3.1	2.2	2.6	2.7
yes, unwanted touching	5.9	7.3	7.5	3.5	11.3	5.8	8.3	8.0
yes, unwanted kissing and touching	4.0	3.1	3.6	1.6	5.5	2.7	3.9	4.1
yes, unwanted sexual intercourse	2.3	1.6	2.2	1.4	3.0	1.2	1.7	3.3
yes, other	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.1	.9	1.0	1.2
N =	5583	3566	4433	2174	2247	1370	1570	1386

107. Has an adult ever done something sexual to you that you didn't want?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
no	92.9	93.4	93.9	95.2	92.7	95.4	93.3	93.6
yes, unwanted kissing	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.3	.7	.4	.5
yes, unwanted touching	2.3	2.7	2.6	1.2	3.9	2.2	2.9	2.3
yes, unwanted kissing and touching	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.0	.4	1.0	1.0
yes, unwanted sexual intercourse	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.2	.9	1.5	1.7
yes, other	1.1	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.9	.4	.9	.9
N =	5595	3565	4422	2168	2242	1359	1569	1387

108. Have you ever told anyone that you were physically hurt or received unwanted sexual activity?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
it has never happened	85.2	87.0	87.2	93.3	81.4	90.5	86.8	85.3
yes, I told a parent	3.3	2.9	2.7	1.5	3.9	2.0	3.2	3.0
yes, I told a school staff person	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.6	.4	.9	.7
yes, I told a doctor, social worker or religious leader	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4	.5	.3	.8
yes, I told an adult friend or youth group leader	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	.1	.4	.4
yes, I told a teen friend, but no adults	5.8	4.2	4.3	0.6	7.9	2.2	4.8	5.8
no, I never told anyone when it happened	4.0	4.2	4.0	2.6	5.4	4.3	3.6	3.8
N =	5579	3556	4415	2160	2240	1355	1566	1385

109. What happened as a result of telling someone about the physical or sexual activity described above?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
it has never happened to me	84.7	85.6	86.6	92.4	80.9	89.7	86.1	84.5
action was taken and it stopped	4.0	4.1	3.7	1.9	5.4	3.1	3.8	4.2
action was taken but it continued	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.9	0.7	.7	.6	.9
I told someone but nothing ever happened	5.6	4.5	4.7	1.4	7.8	1.9	5.6	6.4
I never told anyone	4.8	4.6	4.3	3.4	5.2	4.5	3.9	4.1
N =	5564	3456	4388	2145	2230	1346	1558	1378

The next set of questions asks about your personal experiences with violence, the law, and weapons.

110. In the past year, have you been physically hurt by an adult at home (e.g., beat up, hit with an object, kicked, etc.)?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
no	90.3	88.4	88.8	89.3	88.4	89.1	87.2	90.9
yes, once	4.8	5.9	5.7	4.8	6.7	5.6	6.9	4.7
yes, more than once	4.9	5.7	5.4	5.9	4.9	5.3	5.9	4.4
N =	4048	3531	4385	2140	2232	1341	1554	1383

111. Do you feel constantly teased, threatened or harassed by other youth?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
No	NA	84.4	86.4	87.0	85.9	82.4	86.8	90.3
Yes	NA	15.6	13.6	13.0	14.1	17.6	13.2	9.7
N =	NA	3492	4336	2106	2218	1323	1539	1374

112. During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
0 times	NA	65.3	67.6	57.6	77.5	65.4	65.9	72.2
1 time	NA	14.5	14.6	17.7	11.7	15.8	14.7	14.1
2 or 3 times	NA	11.9	9.9	13.2	6.8	9.6	10.6	8.9
4 or 5 times	NA	3.5	2.9	4.2	1.6	3.0	3.4	2.1
6 or 7 times	NA	1.2	1.2	1.7	0.6	1.3	1.6	.4
8 or 9 times	NA	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	.5	.8	.5
10 or 11 times	NA	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	.4	.3	.3
12 or more times	NA	2.5	2.8	4.6	1.1	4.1	2.8	1.5
N =	NA	3535	4358	2129	2216	1321	1552	1379

113. During the past 12 months, how many times have you used physical force or threatened people in order to win an argument or get your own way?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	NA	59.3	62.6	56.4	68.5	69.4	57.4	62.1
Rarely	NA	23.4	23.0	25.6	20.4	19.9	26.0	22.7
Occasionally	NA	10.0	8.6	10.1	7.1	5.6	9.7	9.8
Often	NA	3.7	2.8	3.4	2.1	2.0	3.5	2.6
Very Often	NA	3.6	3.2	4.4	1.9	3.1	3.3	2.8
N =	NA	3522	4346	2117	2217	1315	1553	1374

114. In your family in the past 12 months, has there been a family member (other than yourself) arrested or charged with a crime?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
No	NA	82.9	83.0	83.8	82.2	84.9	80.6	84.3
Yes, a parent	NA	3.3	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.4	2.7	2.5
Yes, a brother or sister	NA	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5	2.9	5.6	4.4
Yes, another relative (i.e., grandparent, aunt, uncle or cousin)	NA	6.7	7.3	7.0	7.7	7.0	8.8	6.3
Yes, more than one family member listed above	NA	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.4	1.8	2.3	2.5
N =	NA	3494	4330	2114	2205	1309	1546	1373

115. Have you ever shoplifted or stolen anything?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
No	NA	63.9	66.7	62.6	70.7	77.5	63.3	61.2
Yes, in the past week	NA	4.9	3.9	5.8	2.1	3.5	4.1	3.7
Yes, in the past month	NA	3.7	3.7	4.1	3.2	1.2	3.7	6.2
Yes, in the past 6 months	NA	3.5	3.8	4.5	3.1	1.3	4.1	5.6
Yes, in the past year	NA	5.7	4.9	5.5	4.3	3.2	5.3	5.8
Yes, longer than one year ago	NA	18.2	17.0	17.4	16.6	13.2	19.4	17.4
N =	NA	3494	4320	2105	2204	1302	1544	1372

116. Have you ever vandalized public (including school) or private property?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
No	NA	75.9	74.6	65.4	83.4	83.7	70.1	71.4
Yes, in the past week	NA	4.0	4.5	6.3	2.8	3.6	5.7	3.7
Yes, in the past month	NA	3.0	2.6	3.1	2.1	2.1	3.5	2.1
Yes, in the past 6 months	NA	4.3	4.3	6.2	2.4	2.8	4.7	5.3
Yes, in the past year	NA	5.2	6.3	8.6	4.1	3.1	8.1	7.1
Yes, longer than one year ago	NA	7.6	7.7	10.5	5.1	4.7	7.9	10.4
N =	NA	3499	4292	2092	2187	1285	1537	1370

117. During the past 12 months, have you ever carried a weapon, such as a gun or knife, with the intent to harm someone or to protect yourself or others?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
No	NA	NA	87.8	81.8	93.6	89.9	86.3	88.3
Yes	NA	NA	12.2	18.2	6.4	10.1	13.7	11.7
N =	NA	NA	4240	2051	2178	1262	1521	1360

118. During the past 12 months, how many times have you carried a gun in the community?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	93.0	94.3	93.2	88.9	97.5	93.7	93.1	93.7
Once	2.9	2.3	2.9	4.3	1.5	3.1	2.9	2.3
Several times	1.7	1.7	1.9	3.4	0.5	1.2	2.2	2.2
Many times	2.4	1.7	1.9	3.4	0.5	2.1	1.8	1.8
N =	5088	3451	4261	2070	2180	1267	1528	1367

119. During the past 12 months, how many times have you gotten in trouble with the police?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
Never	75.1	78.1	82.7	76.8	88.2	87.9	80.6	81.0
Once	17.1	13.2	11.3	14.1	8.6	7.4	12.8	12.9
Several times	5.1	6.2	4.1	6.0	2.4	2.5	4.7	4.6
Many times	2.7	2.4	1.9	3.1	0.7	2.2	2.0	1.5
N =	5098	3450	4252	2064	2176	1259	1528	1366

120. Have you ever been asked to join a gang that you believe has been involved in violent or criminal activity?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
No	NA	NA	89.1	84.7	93.4	90.2	87.2	91.1
Yes, and I joined	NA	NA	4.0	6.4	1.7	3.7	4.7	3.2
Yes, but I didn't join	NA	NA	6.9	8.9	4.9	6.1	8.2	5.7
N =	NA	NA	4212	2039	2162	1242	1519	1354

121. Which of the following people do you feel are the most important in keeping you from engaging in negative, illegal or harmful activities?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
parents/guardians/ other family members	NA	NA	71.7	71.5	72.1	79.1	70.7	66.7
religious leaders/church members	NA	NA	2.8	3.4	2.2	3.8	2.8	1.8
teachers/other school staff	NA	NA	2.0	2.4	1.6	2.0	2.1	1.7
coaches/group leaders	NA	NA	1.1	1.5	0.7	.4	1.5	1.1
counselors/social workers	NA	NA	0.8	0.8	0.8	.8	1.0	.7
friends	NA	NA	14.9	13.2	16.5	8.8	16.4	19.0
boyfriend/girlfriend	NA	NA	6.7	7.2	6.2	5.1	5.6	8.9
N =	NA	NA	4141	2004	2124	1208	1495	1344

How You Spend Your Time

Here are some things teens do after school and on weekends. How many hours each week do you spend...

122. ...staying at home with no adults present

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	9.3	9.2	9.8	10.6	9.0	14.3	7.6	8.0
About 1 Hour	33.6	24.8	29.6	28.2	30.9	42.1	27.8	20.9
2-10 Hours	41.5	52.5	50.5	50.0	50.9	36.8	53.4	59.9
11-20 Hours	9.8	7.9	5.9	6.5	5.3	3.7	6.0	7.3
More than 20 Hours	5.8	5.5	4.3	4.7	3.9	3.1	5.1	3.9
N =	5335	3422	4149	2008	2128	1207	1498	1350

123. ...watching TV, playing video or computer games

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	5.6	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.9	4.8	5.0
About 1 Hour	36.7	24.8	27.1	25.2	28.8	33.2	25.1	23.9
2-10 Hours	39.2	51.4	52.0	50.8	53.2	47.5	53.0	55.6
11-20 Hours	11.3	12.0	10.1	11.3	9.0	7.4	11.4	10.8
More than 20 Hours	7.2	6.7	5.6	7.3	3.9	5.9	5.8	4.8
N =	5313	3421	4124	1991	2122	1196	1491	1345

124. ...doing homework or studying

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	10.3	11.2	13.1	18.9	7.6	11.2	14.9	12.4
About 1 Hour	43.7	39.9	43.7	44.0	43.5	53.3	44.3	34.1
2-10 Hours	35.3	41.2	35.7	30.4	40.5	31.3	33.9	42.5
11-20 Hours	7.9	5.8	5.8	4.6	7.0	3.2	5.1	8.9
More than 20 Hours	2.9	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.4	1.1	1.8	2.0
N =	5290	3403	4114	1987	2119	1192	1485	1347

125. ...reading for pleasure

	Totals			2007				
	1999*	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	33.0	42.6	47.5	56.4	39.1	45.2	50.8	46.1
About 1 Hour	43.8	32.8	29.9	26.5	33.1	33.4	27.2	29.7
2-10 Hours	18.2	19.2	17.7	12.9	22.1	16.3	16.8	19.7
11-20 Hours	3.5	3.2	3.0	2.3	3.6	3.1	2.8	3.1
More than 20 Hours	1.5	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.4	1.5
N =	5190	3391	4094	1975	2107	1178	1482	1342

* 1999 TAP Survey question reads – “reading...”

126. ...talking to friends on the telephone

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	NA	14.4	16.7	24.4	9.5	21.8	14.9	14.6
About 1 Hour	NA	39.9	40.1	43.5	36.9	46.4	38.5	36.6
2-10 Hours	NA	35.1	31.9	23.3	39.9	23.5	34.0	36.7
11-20 Hours	NA	7.0	7.0	4.8	9.0	4.6	7.9	8.2
More than 20 Hours	NA	3.7	4.4	3.9	4.8	3.7	4.8	3.9
N =	NA	3390	4084	1968	2104	1172	1474	1345

127. ...using a cell phone (text messaging or talking)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	NA	NA	25.3	29.7	21.0	36.5	24.6	16.2
About 1 Hour	NA	NA	26.2	30.0	22.7	31.3	25.3	22.7
2-10 Hours	NA	NA	27.5	23.1	31.5	20.7	27.1	33.9
11-20 Hours	NA	NA	11.1	9.3	12.8	5.7	12.4	14.8
More than 20 Hours	NA	NA	10.0	7.8	12.1	5.9	10.6	12.5
N =	NA	NA	4064	1963	2089	1161	1469	1341

128. ...being online (chatting, surfing, IMing, etc)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007*	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	NA	15.7	16.3	19.2	13.5	24.3	14.2	11.5
About 1 Hour	NA	22.2	23.1	23.7	22.5	26.8	22.1	20.6
2-10 Hours	NA	42.9	40.8	38.1	43.5	34.9	41.1	46.3
11-20 Hours	NA	12.3	12.0	11.0	12.9	7.3	13.0	15.2
More than 20 Hours	NA	7.0	7.8	8.0	7.5	6.8	9.6	6.4
N =	NA	3379	4055	1957	2085	1158	1464	1339

* 2007 TAP Survey added “IMing” to question.

129. ...dating a boyfriend/girlfriend

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	NA	NA	51.6	53.4	50.0	61.5	52.2	43.5
About 1 Hour	NA	NA	8.5	10.2	6.9	9.9	8.2	7.7
2-10 Hours	NA	NA	18.2	17.1	19.1	12.5	18.3	22.5
11-20 Hours	NA	NA	6.1	6.1	6.0	2.3	5.8	9.4
More than 20 Hours	NA	NA	15.6	13.1	17.9	13.7	15.4	16.9
N =	NA	NA	4031	1942	2078	1150	1453	1337

130. ...hanging out with friends

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	NA	NA	7.2	8.6	5.8	7.5	7.8	6.3
About 1 Hour	NA	NA	11.8	12.2	11.4	17.0	10.0	8.4
2-10 Hours	NA	NA	48.1	46.5	49.8	50.4	46.6	48.6
11-20 Hours	NA	NA	20.2	19.6	20.8	14.0	21.4	24.5
More than 20 Hours	NA	NA	12.7	13.1	12.2	11.1	14.3	12.2
N =	NA	NA	4025	1943	2068	1144	1454	1334

131. ...organized sports (school or community sponsored teams or contests)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	34.7	32.1	32.9	30.2	35.4	27.3	33.0	36.6
About 1 Hour	16.1	13.8	12.1	11.3	12.7	15.8	11.0	9.6
2-10 Hours	26.0	34.9	36.7	36.2	37.2	42.7	36.0	33.6
11-20 Hours	16.1	13.6	13.0	14.9	11.2	9.9	13.8	15.0
More than 20 Hours	7.1	5.7	5.3	7.3	3.5	4.2	6.3	5.2
N =	5309	3366	3998	1924	2063	1130	1447	1330

132. ...school and community sponsored activities, including clubs, dances, etc.

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	NA	40.3	44.2	49.1	39.7	36.6	46.7	46.4
About 1 Hour	NA	25.7	24.5	22.6	26.1	28.3	24.4	22.0
2-10 Hours	NA	28.7	26.4	22.3	30.4	30.2	23.5	27.1
11-20 Hours	NA	3.4	2.9	3.2	2.5	2.7	3.3	2.6
More than 20 Hours	NA	1.9	2.0	2.8	1.4	2.1	2.2	1.8
N =	NA	3349	3984	1918	2055	1122	1441	1331

133. ...exercising for fun and fitness

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	16.3	18.6	18.6	19.0	18.2	18.1	17.8	19.4
About 1 Hour	39.6	35.0	34.3	31.1	37.2	44.0	34.3	26.3
2-10 Hours	30.6	35.6	35.7	35.6	35.9	29.1	36.6	40.7
11-20 Hours	9.1	7.9	7.7	9.1	6.5	5.4	7.6	9.8
More than 20 Hours	4.5	2.9	3.7	5.2	2.3	3.4	3.8	3.8
N =	5200	3347	3970	1913	2044	1115	1436	1328

134. ...doing fun things with your parent(s) or family

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	18.5	18.6	19.0	20.9	17.1	14.4	19.2	22.3
About 1 Hour	38.5	32.7	32.7	34.3	31.3	35.2	32.5	31.3
2-10 Hours	32.5	39.8	39.3	36.5	42.0	38.7	39.1	40.5
11-20 Hours	7.2	5.9	6.0	5.3	6.6	6.8	6.7	4.3
More than 20 Hours	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.8	2.6	1.6
N =	5296	3332	3975	1920	2044	1110	1443	1334

135. ...attending religious services, education, prayer or activities

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	44.8	43.0	48.4	50.9	45.9	43.1	45.4	55.7
About 1 Hour	37.7	34.7	32.4	29.7	34.9	35.3	33.4	29.5
2-10 Hours	14.1	18.3	16.1	15.8	16.5	17.8	17.9	12.6
11-20 Hours	2.1	2.3	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.2
More than 20 Hours	1.3	1.8	1.6	2.3	0.9	2.1	1.7	1.1
N =	5209	3326	3962	1911	2041	1108	1435	1329

136. ...working at a job for pay

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	54.2	57.0	62.0	58.0	65.7	73.3	68.7	46.6
About 1 Hour	12.2	11.2	10.2	10.9	9.4	14.7	9.6	6.9
2-10 Hours	17.5	19.9	17.7	18.4	17.0	8.9	16.0	26.5
11-20 Hours	10.4	8.0	6.2	7.1	5.3	2.0	3.2	12.6
More than 20 Hours	5.7	3.9	4.0	5.5	2.7	1.2	2.5	7.4
N =	5264	3315	3931	1903	2017	1092	1425	1326

137. ...helping with family business or farm, or doing household chores

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	16.8	27.2	32.9	34.5	31.3	33.0	32.2	33.9
About 1 Hour	50.2	39.3	39.1	37.8	40.4	45.2	38.5	35.2
2-10 Hours	27.0	27.8	22.9	22.0	23.8	17.8	23.5	26.2
11-20 Hours	4.2	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.7	3.4	3.1
More than 20 Hours	1.7	2.5	1.9	2.5	1.4	1.4	2.4	1.7
N =	5248	3321	3923	1897	2015	1086	1424	1323

138. ...doing volunteer community service

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
None	67.3	63.9	67.6	71.0	64.2	67.6	70.8	64.4
About 1 Hour	21.4	20.1	19.5	16.9	21.9	21.9	16.9	20.2
2-10 Hours	8.8	12.9	10.1	8.6	11.6	8.3	9.2	12.6
11-20 Hours	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.4
More than 20 Hours	0.9	1.4	1.5	2.0	1.0	.8	2.0	1.4
N =	5219	3296	3912	1895	2007	1085	1416	1324

The Internet, Technology and You

139. On an average school day, how many hours do you play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work? (Include activities such as Nintendo, Game Boy, PlayStation, Xbox, computer games, and the Internet.)

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
I do not play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work	NA	NA	14.9	12.5	17.5	15.4	12.0	17.8
Less than 1 hour per day	NA	NA	26.7	24.3	29.4	25.2	26.2	28.1
1 hour per day	NA	NA	18.8	21.4	16.7	21.1	18.2	17.8
2 hours per day	NA	NA	17.4	18.4	16.7	18.1	18.4	16.2
3 hours per day	NA	NA	9.7	9.6	10.1	8.7	11.0	9.3
4 hours per day	NA	NA	4.3	4.4	4.3	3.7	5.0	4.1
5 or more hours per day	NA	NA	7.3	9.4	5.4	6.7	8.2	6.2
N =	NA	NA	3844	1845	1965	1051	1397	1307

140. Do you presently have a personal email address (an email address that is just for you and you only)?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Yes	NA	NA	77.9	73.4	82.2	64.8	80.1	85.6
No	NA	NA	22.1	26.6	17.8	35.2	19.9	14.4
N =	NA	NA	3774	1815	1950	1031	1372	1288

141. Do you presently have an instant messenger screen name?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Yes	NA	NA	78.3	74.2	82.3	66.5	80.3	85.6
No	NA	NA	21.7	25.8	17.7	33.5	19.7	14.4
N =	NA	NA	3791	1829	1951	1034	1374	1297

142. Do you presently have a profile or personal webpage on a networking site such as MySpace, Facebook, Xanga, etc.?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Yes	NA	NA	64.9	60.9	68.6	44.3	70.0	75.2
No	NA	NA	35.1	39.1	31.4	55.7	30.0	24.8
N =	NA	NA	3780	1819	1950	1021	1375	1296

143. Do you presently have any pictures of you posted online?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Yes	NA	NA	58.7	54.4	62.7	34.6	64.1	71.5
No	NA	NA	41.3	45.6	37.3	65.4	35.9	28.5
N =	NA	NA	3764	1814	1940	1015	1372	1289

144. Have you ever been asked about personal information while online (like your age, what you look like, where you live, etc.) by someone you never met?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Yes	NA	NA	36.3	31.0	41.0	24.0	38.0	43.3
No	NA	NA	63.7	69.0	59.0	76.0	62.0	56.7
N =	NA	NA	3753	1808	1936	1003	1374	1289

145. Have you ever been asked to meet up with someone while online by someone you never met?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Yes	NA	NA	16.9	14.5	19.1	9.8	16.6	22.0
No	NA	NA	83.1	85.5	80.9	90.2	83.4	78.0
N =	NA	NA	3733	1795	1928	1004	1359	1284

146. Have you ever seriously considered meeting up with someone that you previously only knew from chatting, etc. online?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Yes	NA	NA	16.6	18.6	14.7	9.2	17.0	21.4
No	NA	NA	83.4	81.4	85.3	90.8	83.0	78.6
N =	NA	NA	3699	1775	1915	985	1354	1274

147. Have you ever actually met someone that you previously knew only from chatting, etc. online?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7 th	9 th	11 th
Yes	NA	NA	22.2	24.8	19.2	14.6	24.2	25.3
No	NA	NA	77.8	75.2	80.3	85.4	75.8	74.7
N =	NA	NA	3656	1763	1884	970	1340	1259

148. Have you ever lied about, left off, or made private, information on your personal profile page specifically to protect yourself or your true identity from other people online?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I do not have a personal profile on line	NA	NA	35.4	39.9	31.1	49.5	31.6	28.1
Yes	NA	NA	37.1	28.3	45.5	30.3	39.8	39.8
No	NA	NA	27.5	31.9	23.4	20.2	28.7	32.1
N =	NA	NA	3683	1791	1884	981	1347	1272

149. The last time you received a personal email, IM, chat, or text message (NOT junk mail like spam or email blasts) from someone you didn't know what did you do?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I have never received a personal message from someone I don't know	NA	NA	39.9	45.8	34.4	52.7	36.9	33.2
Responded to their message	NA	NA	23.6	24.9	22.3	15.1	27.2	26.3
Ignored their message	NA	NA	25.8	21.4	30.0	17.1	26.3	32.1
Blocked the sender	NA	NA	9.5	7.0	11.8	12.1	8.9	8.0
Told a trusted adult	NA	NA	1.2	0.9	1.4	3.0	.7	.4
N =	NA	NA	3697	1794	1893	969	1362	1279

150. Has anyone ever personally threatened or harassed you through an instant message, email, chat room, or texting device?

	Totals			2007				
	1999	2003	2007	Male	Female	7th	9th	11th
I don't have access to an email address, instant messenger program, chat room, or texting device	NA	NA	19.9	25.4	14.7	29.0	17.2	15.7
Yes, but it didn't bother me.	NA	NA	21.7	21.9	21.5	16.0	22.7	24.5
Yes, and it did bother me.	NA	NA	4.8	3.4	6.2	3.4	5.2	5.8
No	NA	NA	53.6	49.2	57.7	51.6	54.9	53.9
N =	NA	NA	3650	1774	1866	964	1345	1255

Appendix B: A Comparison of Oneida County TAP Data (1999, 2003 & 2007) with Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) Survey Data for New York State (excluding New York City) and for the United States (1999, 2003 & 2005) for 9th and 11th Grades

1. Percentage of students who ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs* (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #19)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	61.8	63.1	60.3	60.3	57.0	64.0	48.2	46.2	50.3	69.9	68.1	71.8	73.2	71.9	74.4	58.6	58.2	58.8
2003	52.0	53.0	50.9	40.6	43.9	37.4	29.9	27.4	32.1	60.0	60.1	59.8	54.4	53.8	54.1	42.9	39.4	46.1
2005	48.7	49.8	47.7	38.1	35.6	40.4	-	-	-	57.5	59.6	55.3	54.6	46.4	62.5	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.0	25.7	18.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.1	30.8	33.5

* The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) Survey question asks whether they have tried cigarette smoking, "even one or two puffs," while the Oneida County TAP Survey asks if they have smoked a "whole cigarette."

2. Percentage of students who smoked a whole cigarette for the first time before age 13 (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #19)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	27.0	31.1	22.8	26.1	23.9	28.5	24.4	25.0	23.7	21.1	22.2	20.1	21.5	22.4	20.7	19.8	23.7	16.3
2003	19.3	21.1	17.4	18.7	20.3	17.2	15.8	16.4	15.4	16.0	18.0	14.1	13.5	10.3	15.7	14.3	14.3	14.4
2005	18.6	21.3	15.8	12.5	10.8	14.3	-	-	-	14.4	16.2	12.7	11.9	13.8	9.5	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.4	12.5	8.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.1	7.8	8.4

3. Percentage of students who smoked cigarettes on one or more of the past 30 days (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #20)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	27.6	26.1	29.2	26.2	20.5	32.3	30.4	-	-	36.0	36.4	35.6	38.0	31.6	44.3	46.8	-	-
2003	17.4	16.0	18.9	16.1	17.8	14.3	16.3	15.2	17.4	23.6	23.2	24.0	23.2	19.6	25.3	24.3	21.1	27.4
2005	19.7	18.9	20.5	12.6	10.2	15.1	-	-	-	24.3	24.2	24.3	26.4	24.9	27.6	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.2	13.8	8.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.6	15.9	15.3

4. Percentage of students who smoked cigarettes on 20 or more days of the past 30 days (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #20)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	11.2	11.4	11.0	10.3	9.2	11.5	-	-	-	18.7	20.4	17.1	22.7	18.2	27.2	-	-	-
2003	6.3	5.7	6.9	6.4	9.0	3.8	5.8	6.4	5.4	11.2	10.5	11.8	10.8	7.9	12.8	12.0	11.9	12.1
2005	6.9	6.7	7.0	4.0	2.7	5.1	-	-	-	10.3	10.0	10.5	12.0	11.5	12.1	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7	5.9	3.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.5	7.3	5.7

5. Percentage of students who used chewing tobacco or snuff on one or more of the past 30 days (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #23)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	6.8	11.8	1.7	4.1	6.0	2.1	3.6	6.5	0.4	8.4	15.1	1.5	6.1	11.5	0.5	3.3	5.7	1.2
2003	6.6	9.1	3.8	4.2	6.2	2.2	1.8	3.4	0.1	7.8	13.3	2.0	5.4	8.8	2.0	3.0	5.4	0.7
2005	7.6	11.8	3.4	3.2	4.8	1.3	-	-	-	8.4	14.8	2.1	5.0	9.0	1.0	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9	8.2	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.3	12.9	1.3

6. Percentage of students who had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more days during their life (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #25)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	73.4	72.3	74.5	72.0	69.3	75.0	62.6	63.9	61.1	80.8	79.5	82.2	86.8	84.7	89.0	76.9	77.3	76.5
2003	65.0	64.0	66.2	65.8	64.9	66.6	55.4	53.1	57.6	78.6	76.4	80.9	83.1	82.4	83.4	73.4	71.2	75.4
2005	66.5	66.6	66.5	71.2	70.3	71.9	-	-	-	76.3	75.5	77.1	81.1	80.1	81.9	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.6	43.3	46.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	68.9	68.7	68.8

7. Percentage of students who had their first drink of alcohol other than a few sips before age 13 (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #25)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	40.4	42.8	37.7	37.9	36.3	40.0	24.4	28.8	19.4	26.2	32.2	20.0	28.5	35.9	20.8	16.9	21.0	13.1
2003	36.4	39.4	33.3	34.8	37.7	31.8	24.3	25.4	23.4	23.0	27.6	18.2	22.5	27.3	18.4	18.3	19.6	17.1
2005	33.9	36.4	31.3	27.9	27.1	28.5	-	-	-	20.5	24.2	17.0	19.9	24.5	15.5	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.7	19.7	15.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.6	13.6	11.4

8. Percentage of students who had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #26)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	40.6	40.2	41.0	43.2	42.1	44.6	-	-	-	50.9	53.5	48.3	60.1	57.9	62.2	-	-	-
2003	36.2	33.9	38.5	35.2	32.8	37.4	32.7	32.1	33.2	47.0	46.8	47.3	54.0	56.1	50.9	47.9	49.2	46.7
2005	36.2	36.3	36.2	40.3	40.3	39.9	-	-	-	46.0	47.8	44.2	51.8	48.6	54.8	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.7	26.4	21.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	43.6	45.0	42.2

9. Percentage of students who had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours, on one or more of the past 30 days (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #27)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	21.1	21.7	20.2	22.4	21.8	23.2	24.3	27.9	20.4	34.0	38.8	29.0	40.6	41.4	39.7	37.4	44.4	30.9
2003	19.8	20.9	18.8	18.5	19.6	17.5	12.8	13.8	11.9	31.8	29.4	34.1	34.1	38.2	29.4	27.3	31.2	23.7
2005	19.0	20.7	17.3	21.1	23.3	18.4	-	-	-	27.6	30.4	25.0	32.8	34.5	30.8	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.1	16.4	9.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.1	31.8	26.2

10. Percentage of students who used marijuana one or more times during their life (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #30)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	34.8	40.7	28.7	28.4	31.3	25.4	31.8	33.5	29.9	49.7	51.0	48.5	56.7	55.6	57.8	45.8	48.8	43.1
2003	30.7	33.1	28.1	26.6	33.2	19.9	25.6	27.7	23.7	44.5	45.4	43.5	45.8	50.7	39.8	43.6	47.1	40.3
2005	29.3	30.9	27.8	26.4	29.2	23.1	-	-	-	42.3	45.1	39.4	45.5	43.8	46.9	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.8	26.2	15.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.7	34.0	30.3

11. Percentage of students who tried marijuana for the first time before age 13 (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #30)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	12.7	16.4	8.9	8.3	11.8	4.7	8.4	10.0	6.8	9.5	12.9	6.0	7.4	11.0	3.8	6.1	8.7	3.9
2003	11.7	13.6	9.7	9.1	13.2	4.8	7.9	10.0	6.0	8.1	10.9	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.0	6.4	9.3	3.7
2005	11.2	13.3	9.0	7.6	10.6	4.4	-	-	-	7.1	9.7	4.7	6.0	9.3	2.8	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2	8.3	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3	5.5	3.0

12. Percentage of students who used marijuana one or more times during the past 30 days (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #31)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	21.7	24.7	18.6	18.1	20.8	15.4	-	-	-	26.7	31.1	22.1	32.4	32.1	32.6	-	-	-
2003	18.5	19.6	17.2	15.7	19.2	12.1	14.9	17.3	12.7	24.1	27.3	20.9	26.4	30.4	20.8	26.4	30.7	22.4
2005	17.4	18.6	16.2	15.2	15.4	14.5	-	-	-	21.0	23.5	18.5	24.9	24.9	24.4	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.5	15.7	7.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.0	21.4	16.5

13. Percentage of students who used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase one or more times during their life (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #33)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	5.8	6.8	4.7	5.7	4.6	6.9	6.4	8.2	4.4	9.9	10.9	9.0	10.2	10.8	9.6	3.0	4.0	2.0
2003	6.8	6.1	7.6	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.4	7.1	3.8	9.0	10.2	7.7	7.6	5.7	9.7	6.5	7.8	5.3
2005	6.0	6.0	6.1	4.8	5.9	3.1	-	-	-	8.7	10.1	7.2	7.1	6.5	7.2	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2	6.6	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.7	7.2	3.9

14. Percentage of students who sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high one or more times during their life (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #34)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	16.5	14.6	18.2	12.7	11.9	13.6	9.7	11.4	7.8	13.4	14.0	12.8	13.1	15.9	10.2	8.4	10.4	6.7
2003	13.6	12.7	14.6	12.4	11.1	13.8	10.0	9.8	10.3	11.0	12.6	9.4	8.1	9.4	6.8	8.2	10.6	5.9
2005	14.1	11.0	17.3	10.5	7.4	13.3	-	-	-	11.4	11.3	11.6	8.9	7.7	10.1	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.1	11.2	7.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	7.3	5.8

15. Percentage of students who took steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription one or more times during their life (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #38)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	4.7	6.2	3.1	3.3	4.1	2.6	3.9	6.0	1.7	3.0	4.3	1.7	3.4	6.1	0.7	3.1	5.0	1.4
2003	7.1	6.9	7.3	3.0	3.9	2.0	3.1	4.5	1.7	5.6	6.8	4.3	4.0	5.8	2.2	4.4	5.7	3.2
2005	4.8	4.7	4.8	3.4	3.9	2.8	-	-	-	3.7	4.5	2.8	4.4	4.3	4.6	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	4.8	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	4.8	1.0

16. Percentage of students who used methamphetamines one or more times during their life (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #36)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.9	5.7	-	-	-	10.1	11.3	9.0	8.3	8.9	7.6	-	-	-
2003	6.7	6.3	7.1	5.2	6.7	3.7	3.8	5.0	2.7	8.0	9.4	6.7	3.6	2.8	4.4	4.9	7.2	2.8
2005	5.7	5.4	6.0	2.7	3.1	2.2	-	-	-	6.7	6.1	7.2	4.3	5.2	2.9	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	6.3	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1	4.5	1.6

17. Percentage of students who have used ecstasy (also called MDMA) (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #37)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	10.9	11.2	10.6	4.9	6.3	3.4	4.4	5.3	3.4	11.4	12.0	10.8	4.8	3.7	5.9	8.2	8.5	7.8
2005	5.8	6.8	4.8	3.5	3.2	3.6	-	-	-	6.5	7.5	5.5	5.9	5.1	6.7	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	5.2	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	5.0	1.9

18. Percentage of students who used heroin one or more times during their life (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #35)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	2.0	3.1	0.8	3.1	3.0	3.1	-	-	-	2.6	3.8	1.3	3.5	5.9	1.1	-	-	-
2003	3.5	4.4	2.6	2.3	2.8	1.8	2.2	3.2	1.2	3.0	3.9	1.9	0.8	0.6	1.1	3.2	4.8	1.8
2005	2.8	3.4	2.2	1.7	2.3	0.8	-	-	-	1.8	2.6	1.0	1.8	2.2	0.8	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1	5.2	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	3.9	0.6

19. Percentage of students who were offered, sold or given an illegal drug on school property by someone during the past 12 months (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #42)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	27.6	31.6	23.5	21.0	26.5	15.4	-	-	-	31.1	33.9	28.4	29.0	30.6	27.3	-	-	-
2003	29.5	32.1	26.7	22.0	25.3	18.6	32.4	37.3	27.9	29.9	33.5	26.1	24.3	30.9	18.1	34.7	41.8	28.1
2005	24.0	26.9	21.0	22.5	24.2	20.3	-	-	-	24.9	28.4	21.3	20.3	23.6	16.6	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.1	47.5	33.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	42.0	45.3	38.5

20. Percentage of students who, during the past 12 months, ever felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #90)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	27.4	20.6	34.3	27.0	21.7	32.2	-	-	-	27.1	19.3	35.3	32.4	23.1	41.9	-	-	-
2003	28.0	21.0	35.7	24.2	21.0	27.6	28.9	22.7	34.5	28.9	22.1	35.9	31.0	21.9	40.3	31.4	28.0	34.5
2005	29.0	19.9	38.5	24.0	16.2	31.8	-	-	-	28.8	19.4	38.0	23.1	14.7	31.1	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.9	22.5	32.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.1	22.5	31.9

21. Percentage of students who seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #92)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	18.1	11.9	24.4	20.1	13.9	26.3	24.8	20.1	29.9	18.3	13.7	23.0	17.3	12.5	22.2	26.9	24.1	29.5
2003	16.9	11.9	22.2	15.0	10.9	19.5	21.9	17.1	25.5	16.4	12.9	20.0	15.8	6.8	24.6	22.6	20.8	24.3
2005	17.9	12.2	23.9	15.5	9.7	21.1	-	-	-	16.8	11.9	21.6	12.3	10.6	13.5	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.3	17.4	22.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.4	15.4	19.4

22. Percentage of students who made a plan about how they would attempt suicide during the past 12 months (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #93)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	14.6	9.3	20.1	15.0	10.0	20.4	18.6	16.5	20.8	13.6	11.5	15.7	14.4	14.1	14.6	21.5	19.8	23.0
2003	17.7	14.8	20.9	11.2	8.3	14.3	18.6	16.8	20.3	16.2	14.4	17.9	11.9	5.8	17.6	19.0	19.0	19.0
2005	13.9	10.2	17.6	11.2	7.4	15.0	-	-	-	12.9	16.3	9.5	9.3	8.4	10.2	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.2	16.7	15.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.7	12.3	15.2

23. Percentage of students who actually attempted suicide one or more times during the past 12 months (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #94)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	10.0	6.1	14.0	11.0	7.0	15.3	9.8	8.0	11.8	6.1	4.8	7.5	7.4	5.2	9.5	7.2	6.9	7.5
2003	10.1	5.8	14.7	6.7	3.4	10.0	10.3	9.6	11.0	7.3	4.6	10.0	7.8	3.7	12.1	8.8	8.3	9.3
2005	10.4	6.8	14.1	7.8	6.5	9.1	-	-	-	5.4	4.5	11.0	4.7	2.2	6.3	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.5	11.3	11.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.2	10.7	9.7

24. Percentage of students whose attempted suicide during the past 12 months resulted in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #95)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	3.2	2.6	3.8	3.8	2.8	4.9	4.4	3.3	5.6	2.5	2.1	2.8	2.4	1.4	3.3	2.0	2.4	1.7
2003	3.5	3.1	3.9	2.3	2.4	2.1	3.1	3.9	2.4	2.4	2.0	2.9	2.1	1.5	2.7	3.0	3.5	2.5
2005	3.0	2.1	4.0	1.7	1.7	1.5	-	-	-	2.2	1.4	2.9	2.1	1.4	2.7	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4	3.6	3.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.6	2.4

25. Percentage of students who had sexual intercourse (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #98)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	38.6	44.5	32.5	27.1	28.8	25.5	31.2	32.4	30.0	52.5	51.4	53.8	44.3	40.5	48.0	43.8	41.7	45.6
2003	32.8	37.3	27.9	26.7	33.6	19.7	28.1	29.7	26.6	53.2	53.1	53.4	41.2	37.2	44.0	45.5	42.5	48.2
2005	34.3	39.3	29.3	24.2	30.5	17.7	-	-	-	51.4	50.6	52.1	46.6	43.0	50.0	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.8	34.0	19.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	49.7	49.7	49.9

26. Percentage of students who had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13 (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #98)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	11.7	17.7	5.5	6.9	8.6	5.2	7.4	10.7	3.9	6.2	7.8	4.5	4.3	6.7	2.0	3.3	5.1	1.7
2003	9.3	13.2	5.3	6.9	10.5	3.3	6.8	8.9	4.9	5.4	7.5	3.2	2.5	2.0	3.2	4.9	7.3	2.5
2005	8.7	12.0	5.4	5.9	7.5	4.0	-	-	-	5.2	8.0	2.6	2.7	1.4	3.9	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.6	11.5	4.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1	6.4	1.6

27. Percentage of students who had sexual intercourse with four or more people during their life (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #99)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	11.8	15.6	7.9	6.2	7.4	4.9	8.1	11.0	5.1	17.3	19.4	15.1	12.5	11.0	13.9	9.5	10.9	8.2
2003	10.4	14.2	6.4	7.2	12.1	2.3	6.2	7.2	5.3	16.0	18.6	13.4	11.0	8.2	14.0	12.0	12.3	11.8
2005	9.4	13.2	5.7	6.9	9.9	3.7	-	-	-	16.2	18.1	14.2	11.3	15.5	7.3	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.3	10.6	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.4	13.8	9.0

28. Among students who have had sexual intercourse*, the percentage who used birth control pills to prevent pregnancy before last sexual intercourse (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #101)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	12.0	11.3	12.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.3	11.6	18.4	21.1	-	-	-	-	-
2003	8.7	6.6	11.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.6	14.8	24.1	23.9	-	-	-	-	-
2005	7.5	6.4	8.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.5	16.6	20.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.7	8.7	8.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.5	8.3	16.9

* Population for the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) Survey is students who have had sexual intercourse in past three months, and for the Oneida County TAP Survey it is students who have ever had sexual intercourse in their life time.

29. Percentage of students who were in a physical fight one or more times during the past 12 months (2007 OCTAP Survey Question #112)

	9 th grade									11 th grade								
	US			NY (NYC)			OC			US			NY (NYC)			OC		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
1999	41.1	49.5	32.5	37.3	49.8	24.2	-	-	-	31.3	38.9	23.4	30.1	37.1	23.2	-	-	-
2003	38.6	44.8	31.9	33.2	45.2	21.0	-	-	-	30.9	38.5	23.0	28.5	35.7	21.6	-	-	-
2005	43.5	49.6	37.2	36.2	46.5	25.4	-	-	-	31.6	38.2	25.0	29.5	37.2	21.8	-	-	-
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.1	46.4	22.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.8	34.8	20.5