

Quick Facts on Our Eighth Graders

Who Did We Survey?

617 8th graders
42% of youth surveyed
53% Males
47% Females
96% Ages 13 and 14

Assets

86% never participate in gangs
80% exercise three or more times a week
79% are sexually abstinent
78% never use illicit drugs
74% are active in school activities
73% participate in church and synagogue activities
70% never think about committing suicide
69% are not trying to lose weight
62% never use tobacco
58% participate in community activities
58% talk to their parents about problems
56% talk to their parents about drugs/alcohol
54% never use alcohol
53% think they are about the right weight

Risk Factors

Sexual Activity

Of sexually active 8th graders:
53% use condoms
39% use no method or withdrawal
7% use birth control pills
1% use birth control shots

Tobacco use

10% daily
18% weekly
23% monthly
38% annually

Alcohol use

2% daily
10% weekly
19% monthly
46% annually

Illicit drug use

3% daily
8% weekly
12% monthly
22% annually
Highest users of inhalants
Lowest users of all other illicit drugs

Gang activity

3% participate a lot
2% often
4% sometimes
5% seldom

Dangerous Methods To Lose Weight

1% vomit
1% use pills
1% use vomiting and pills