

La Crosse County Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

2017 Results

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Arrows show increases ↑ or decreases ↓ in student behavior trends from the previous year greater than 2%.



Among La Crosse County High School Students...		2010	2013	2015	2017
ASSETS	Strongly agree or agree that their family loves and gives help and support	87%	85%	79%	80%
	Strongly agree or agree teachers really care and give them a lot of encouragement	63%	64%	49%	55%↑
	Feel like they belong at school	73%	68%	61%	61%
	Have at least one adult at school they could talk to if they have a problem	69%	71%	68%	71%↑
SAFETY	Rarely or never wore a seat belt	7%	6%	5%	4%
	Rode with someone who had been drinking in past 30 days	23%	20%	18%	15%↓
	Drove after drinking alcohol in past 30 days	8%	7%	5%	4%
	Texted or emailed while driving in past 30 days	NA	49%	29%	25%↓
	Were physically hurt on purpose by someone they were dating during the past 12 months	12%	12%	6%*	5%
	Did not go to school because they felt unsafe	5%	9%	7%	6%
	Sent or posted a sexually explicit photo of themselves	NA	NA	19%	19%
MENTAL HEALTH	Felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row	23%	29%	31%	28%↓
	Seriously considered suicide in last 12 months	14%	17%	19%	15%↓
	Most of the time or always get the kind of help you need when you feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious	NA	NA	20%	20%
	Bullied on school property in past 12 months	24%	30%	27%	26%
	Electronically bullied during the past 12 months	19%	NA	22%	21%
ALCOHOL & DRUGS	Drank alcohol in past 30 days	32%	28%	24%	19%↓
	Binge drank in past 30 days	20%	16%	15%	11%↓
	Used marijuana in lifetime	30%	33%	31%	23%↓
	Used heroin one or more times in lifetime	3%	3%	3%	1.3%
	Used meth in the past 30 days	NA	NA	NA	1.5%
	Used prescription drug without a doctor's permission in lifetime	15%	16%	14%	10%↓
	Were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug by someone on school property in the past 12 months	20%	16%	13%	8%↓
TOBACCO	Smoked cigarettes at least once in past 30 days	14%	14%	9%	6%↓
	Used chewing tobacco at least once in past 30 days	5%	7%	6%	4%
	Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on one or more of the past 30 days	13%	12%	9%	6%↓
	Used an E-cigarette in the past 30 days	NA	NA	14%	9%↓
HEALTH	Have ever had sex	35%	38%	32%	27%↓
	Drank one or more pops per day during past week	28%	21%	21%	18%↓
	Watched TV for 3 or more hours/day	22%	23%	20%	19%
	Played video games or used a computer for non-school work 3 or more hours/day	24%	35%	38%	42%↑
	Physically active 60 or more minutes/day on five or more days/week	47%	49%	48%	45%↓

*Question Changed in Wording from 2013 to 2015

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--2017 Results Comparison to State & Nation--

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	Comparing La Crosse County High School Students to Wisconsin 2013 and US 2015 Results	2013 WI	2015 US	2017 LX
ASSETS	Strongly agree or agree that their family loves and gives help and support	NA	NA	80%
	Strongly agree or agree teachers really care and give them a lot of encouragement	NA	NA	55%
	Feel like they belong at school	74%	NA	61%
	Have at least one adult at school they could talk to if they have a problem	74%	NA	71%
SAFETY	Rarely or never wore a seat belt	8%	6%	4%
	Rode with someone who had been drinking in past 30 days	21%	20%	15%
	Drove after drinking alcohol in past 30 days	9%	8%	4%
	Texted or emailed while driving in past 30 days	48%	42%	25%
	Were physically hurt on purpose by someone they were dating during the past 12 months	9%	10%	5%
	Did not go to school because they felt unsafe	6%	6%	6%
	Sent or posted a sexually explicit photo of themselves	NA	NA	19%
MENTAL HEALTH	Felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row	25%	30%	28%
	Seriously considered suicide in last 12 months	13%	18%	15%
	Most of the time or always get the kind of help you need when you feel sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious	NA	NA	20%
	Bullied on school property in past 12 months	23%	20%	26%
	Electronically bullied during the past 12 months	18%	16%	21%
ALCOHOL & DRUGS	Drank alcohol in past 30 days	33%	33%	19%
	Binge drank in past 30 days	18%	18%	11%
	Used marijuana in lifetime	31%	39%	23%
	Used heroin one or more times in lifetime	NA	2.1%	1.3%
	Used meth in the past 30 days	NA	3.0%	1.5%
	Used prescription drug without a doctor's permission in lifetime	15%	17%	10%
	Were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug by someone on school property in the past 12 months	18%	22%	8%
TOBACCO	Smoked cigarettes at least once in past 30 days	12%	11%	6%
	Used chewing tobacco at least once in past 30 days	8%	7%	4%
	Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on one or more of the past 30 days	12%	10%	6%
	Used an E-cigarette in the past 30 days	NA	24%	9%
HEALTH	Have ever had sex	35%	41%	27%
	Drank one or more pops per day during past week	20%	20%	18%
	Watched TV for 3 or more hours/day	23%	25%	19%
	Played video games or used a computer for non-school work 3 or more hours/day	34%	42%	42%
	Physically active 60 or more minutes/day on five or more days/week	50%	47%	45%

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