Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH DATA

Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC)

The Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition is a collaborative effort to provide quality social services and youth programming; reducing risk factors related to youth substance use and improving social, emotional, and physical health. The SCRC is a Shippensburg University Center For Excellence and serves as a "learning lab" for the university.

Where does this data come from?

The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS), surveys youth in the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades to learn about their behavior, attitudes and knowledge concerning alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and violence. PAYS is conducted every two years.

2025 Shippensburg Area School District PAYS Data Summary

Risk Factors: *A characteristic that is associated with a higher likelihood of problem outcomes*

Top Youth Risk Factors

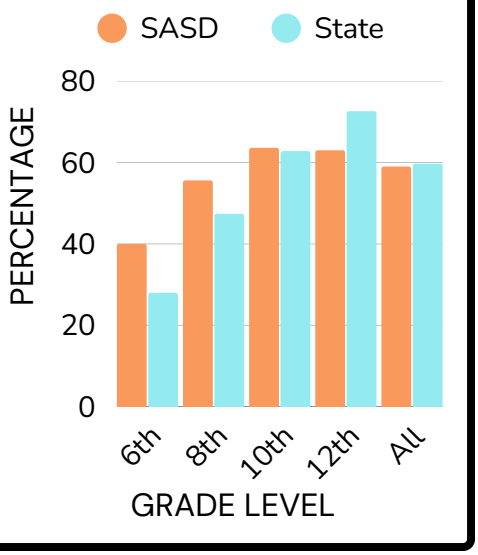
1. Low commitment toward school
2. Parental attitudes favorable toward antisocial behavior
3. Low neighborhood attachment

Protective Factors: *A characteristic that is associated with a lower likelihood of problem outcomes.*

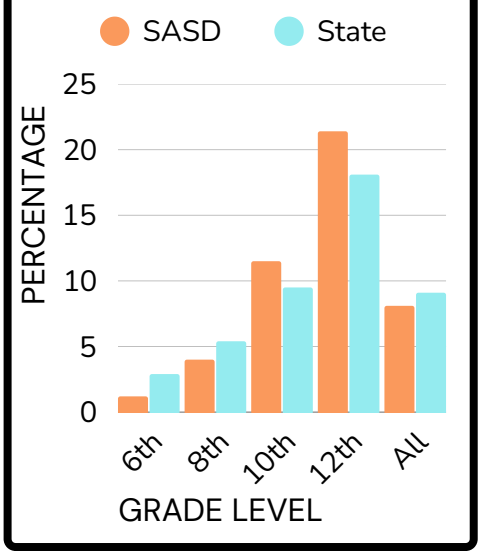
Top Youth Protective Factors

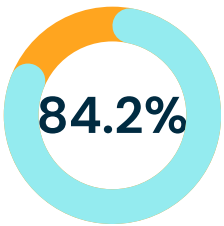
1. Family attachment
2. Opportunities for prosocial activities with family
3. Rewards for prosocial involvement in school

1-YEAR NICOTINE USE BY GRADE LEVEL



30 DAY ALCOHOL USE BY GRADE LEVEL





84.2% of youth disapprove of people their age using alcohol regularly



Over 90% of youth are NOT willing to try marijuana

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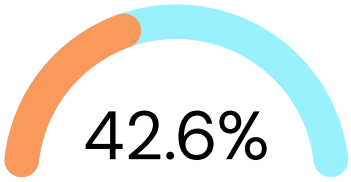
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What are the most commonly used substances by youth?

1. **Alcohol** (reported by 8.1% of youth)
2. **Vaping** (reported by 5.1% of youth)
3. **Marijuana** (reported by 4.6% of youth)

Data points represent findings from youth who reported use of substances within the past 30 days for all grades

Sensation Seeking: *Young people who seek out opprotunities for dangerous, risky behavior in general are at a higher risk for participating in substance use and other problem behaviors.*



42.6% of our youth report engaging in sensation seeking behaviors

How do youth who report alcohol and vape use obtain these products?

- **#1 in Alcohol: Tied Between Provided by Caregivers and Provided by a friend** (reported by 40.8% of youth)
- **#1 in Vape: Provided by a friend** (reported by 47.5% of youth)

Data points represent findings from youth who reported vape product use in the past 12 months for all grades

Positive PAYS data outcomes

1. **Youth are involved in after-school activities** (reported by 71.3% of youth)
2. **Youth feel safe at their school** (reported by 76.2% of youth)
3. **Youth report friends feel it would be wrong to use tobacco** (reported by 82.3% of youth)

What are commonly reported stressors among youth?

1. **Felt tired or sleepy during the day "everyday" or "several times" in the last two weeks** (reported by 60.1% of youth)
2. **Has experienced the death of a friend or family member in the past year** (reported by 36.8% of youth)
3. **Worried about running out of food one or more times in the past year** (Reported by 20.1% of youth)
4. **Has changed homes 3 or more times in the last 3 years** (reported by 8.8% of youth)

What are data points to keep an eye on?

1. 25.9% of youth reported feeling so sad that they stopped doing their usual activities
2. 33.5% of youth reported thinking that they are no good at all, at times
3. 39.9% of youth reported feeling more comfortable talking to their friends about their mental health than adults

Want to learn more about how SCRC addresses this data? Want to get involved? Reach out to the email below!

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