

Dane County Youth Assessment 2018

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What is the Dane County Youth Assessment (DCYA)?

- A community designed youth risk assessment
- A county-wide survey given to 7th-12th grades every 3 years since 1980, administered in schools
- Taps into “youth voice” around activities, interests, positive behaviors as well as risks
- Nationally recognized, one-of-kind data set
- Tracks effectiveness for school & community programming, informs policy & grant writing

Dane County Youth Assessment

- ▣ The project is funded by:
 - ▣ Dane County Human Services,
 - ▣ United Way of Dane County,
 - ▣ Public Health,
 - ▣ City of Madison,
 - ▣ 17 school districts.

- ▣ In 2018, approximately 30,000 7th-12th graders completed the survey

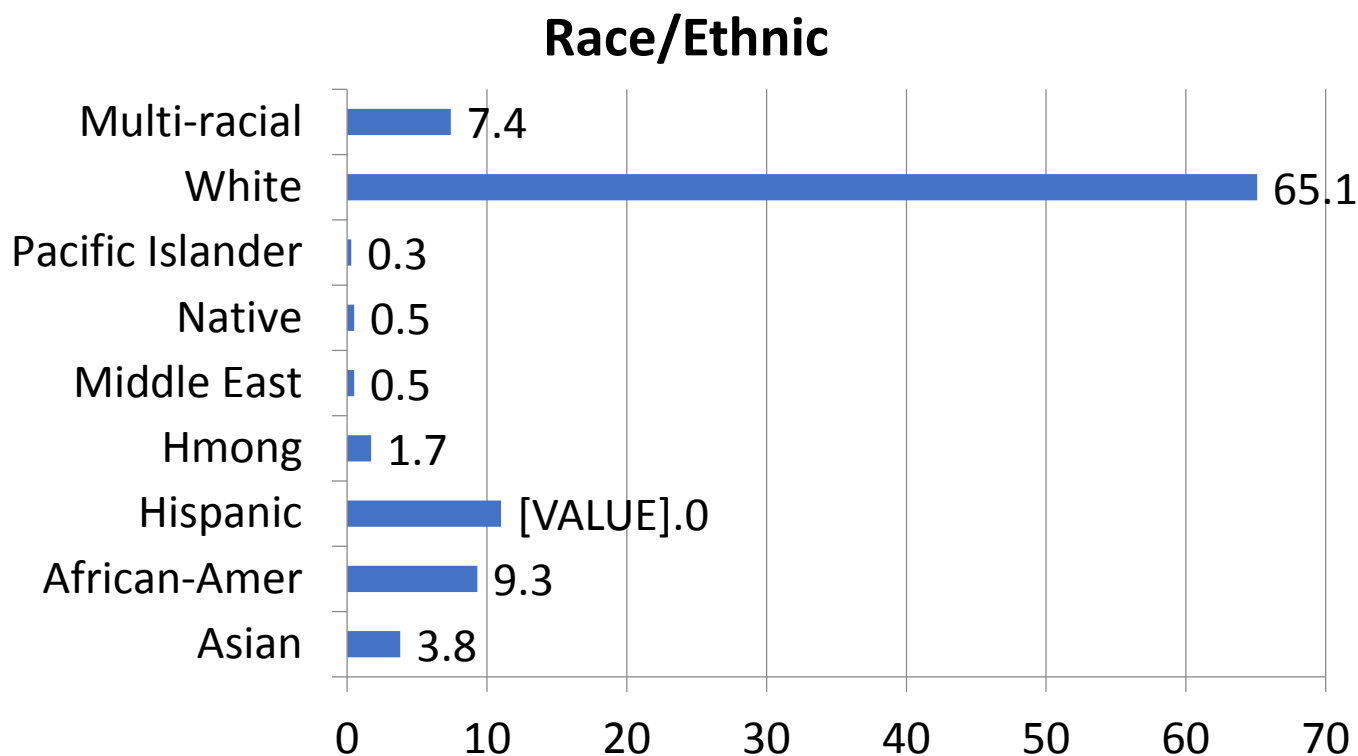


How is it administered?

- Trained school staff administer the online survey from late January to early March
- Students are assured their responses are confidential
- Survey topics & survey design is vetted by community partners, school districts and students
- Validity and consistency of administration reflected in DCYA data matching national & state trends

Who took the Youth Assessment? Grades 9-12

- 50/50 males and females (sex designated at birth)



Gender Identification/Sexual Orientation

Grades 9-12

- Gender Identification: 2.7% of HS students identify as gender non-binary, gender fluid or other (about 500 youth)
- 1.4% identify as Transgender
- Sexual Orientation: 85.7% identify as straight/heterosexual, 6.8% bi-sexual, 2.0% gay/lesbian and 2.8% questioning

Youth Experiencing Sensitive Crimes

DCYA Topics—Percent of all 9th-12th

- Physical abuse by parents (5.4%)
- Sexual assault/abuse (7.8%)
- Dating violence (5.4% *of students dating—not entire HS population*)
- Targets of bullying (35.6% last 30 days)
- Issues of neglect
 - Homelessness (4.0% lifetime)
 - Kicked out, run away (9.6% last 12 months)
- Parent ACEs-like questions (7.6%, 2 or more)
- Low parent interest, support (14.8%)

Subgroups and Sensitive Crimes

9th-12th Grade

- Lowest income families
 - Physical abuse by parents (12.4%)
 - Sexual assault/abuse (16.0%)
 - Dating violence (19.4%)
 - Bullied (44.8%)
 - Run away/kicked out (24.8%)
- Parents show less interest
 - Physical abuse by parents (14.9%)
 - Sexual assault/abuse (14.2%)
 - Dating violence (18.0%)
 - Bullied (45.9%)
 - Run away/kicked out (22.5%)

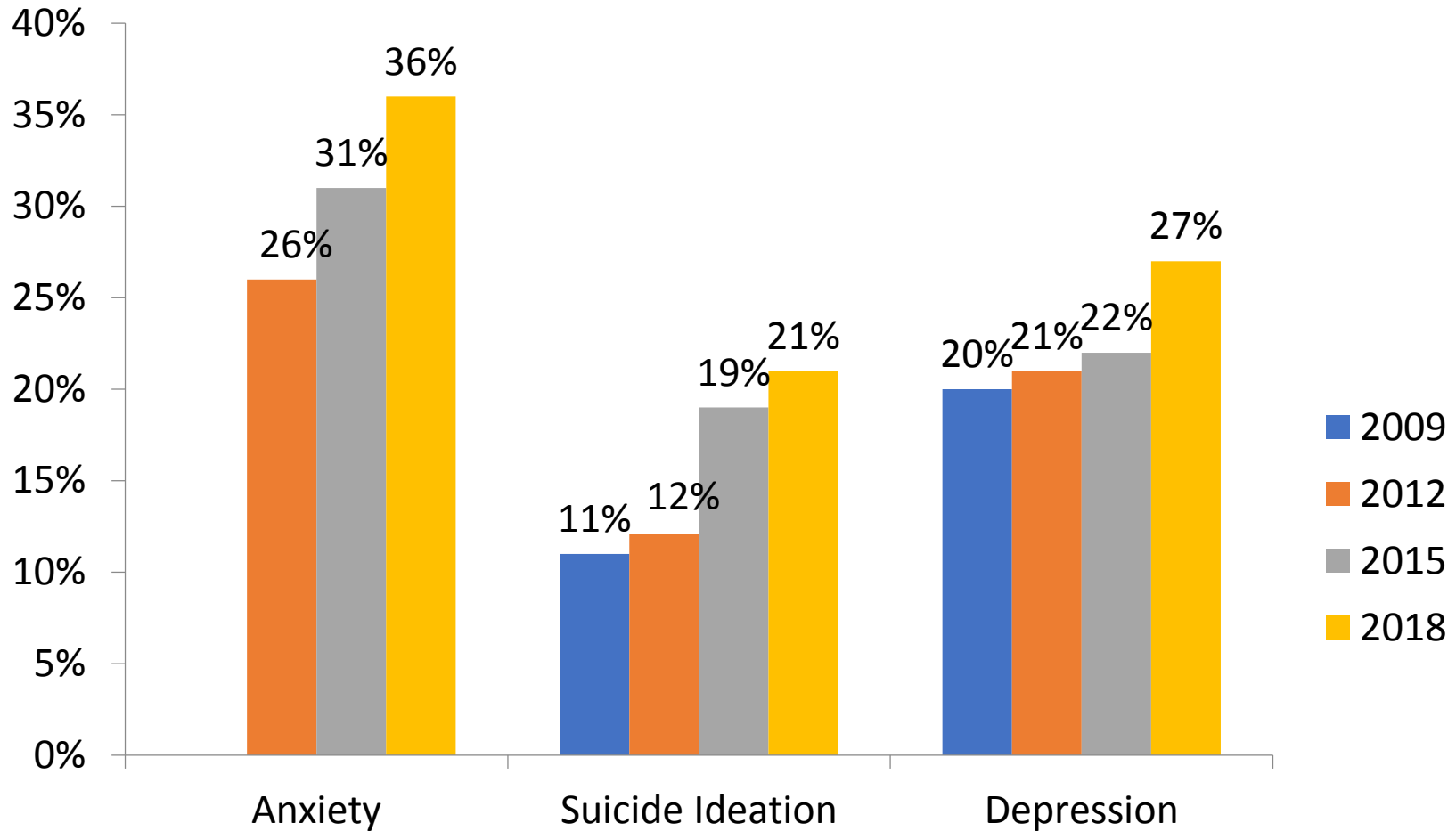
Emotional Health and Abuse

HS youth who report experiencing physical parental abuse (1004 students)
also report:

- 65.5% say they are anxious often or always (35.6% for all)
- 57.0% report feeling depressed (26.5% all)
- 39.4% have had sexual intercourse (19.8% all)
- 26.1% have had sexual contact while under the influence (13.1% all)
- 54.7% have drinking alcohol last 12 months (30.9% all)
- 45.5% used marijuana in the last 12 months (21.1% all)

Emotional Health Trends

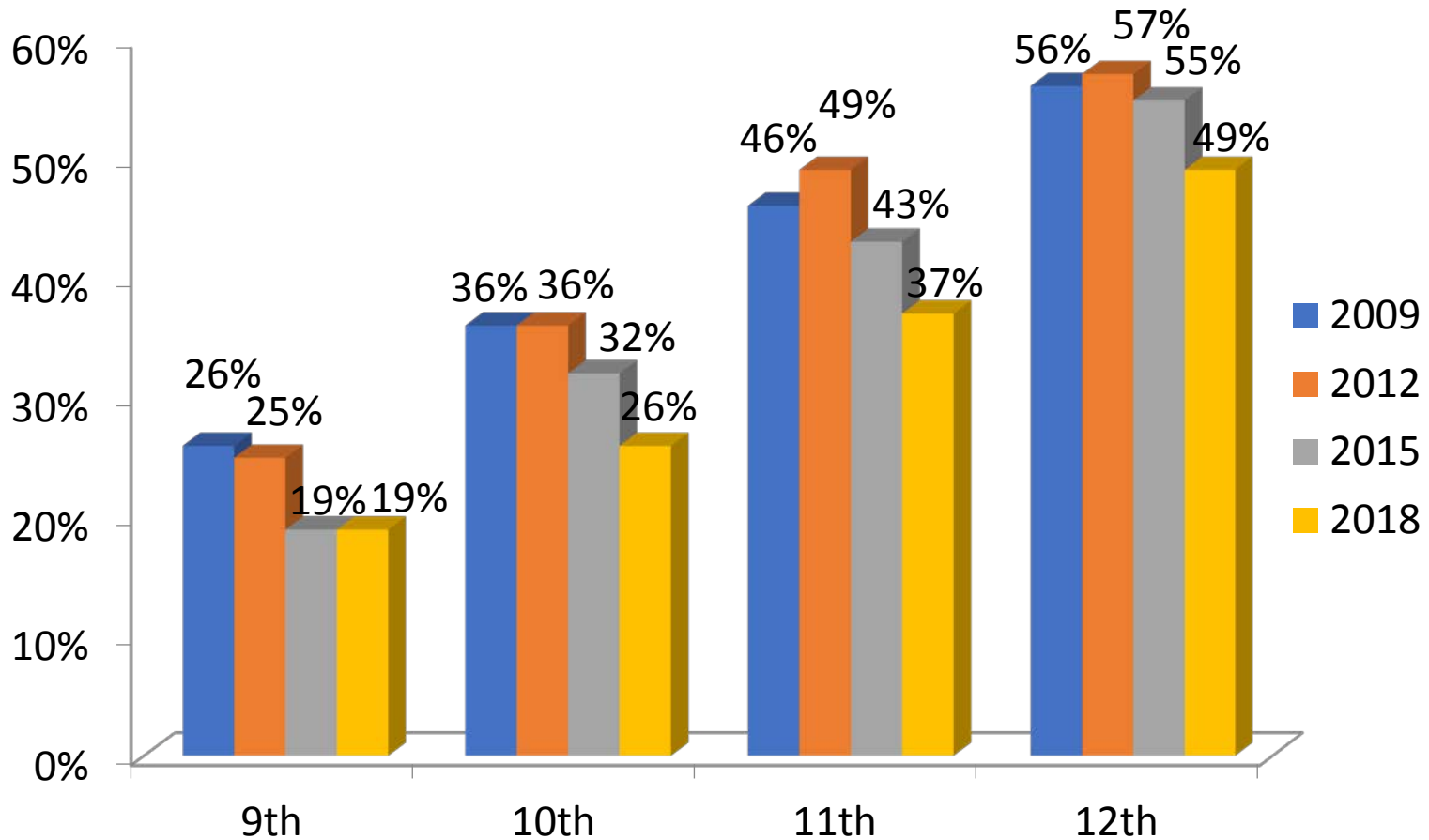
9th-12th grade since 2009



Alcohol Consumption by Grade

Any Alcohol Last 12 mos.

9th-12th



Living Situation

All 9th-12th Graders

- 3.6% of students are currently not living in a home with their parents.
- 11.4% all youth are homeless, have been homeless, been kicked out or run away.
- 16.8% of youth say their jobs help support their family
- 12.0% say they have had to miss meals in the last month because their family doesn't have enough money

Noteworthy Data

Grades 9 - 12

- 37% of students say financially “things are tight” but their families are doing OK. 4% say their family is struggling financially.
- 14% say if school didn’t provide breakfast and lunch, most days, they would have no food at all
- 21% have access to a gun
- The number of students who say they’ve had sexual intercourse has stayed fairly constant at about 19-20% since 2005.