

# FRANKLIN COUNTY YOUTH SURVEY

2022-23 Data Summary



**79%**  
have never used  
e-cigarettes



**91%**  
have never  
been drunk



**87%**  
easily get warmth  
& care from  
parents



**23%**  
participate in art, music,  
dance or drama  
once a week or more



**94%**  
say their parents know where  
they are in the evenings



& these students  
are **3X LESS**  
**LIKELY** to use  
marijuana



**23%**  
say students at school are  
usually nice to each other



**34%**  
play school sports  
3x/week or more



**43%**  
spend 3+ hours per  
day on social media



**74%**  
have friends at school  
who care about them



**18%**  
stayed out past midnight  
in the past week



**27%**  
find school work  
pointless



& these students  
are **4X MORE LIKELY** to  
vape & **6X MORE LIKELY**  
to get drunk regularly



& these  
students are **3X**  
**MORE LIKELY** to get  
drunk regularly

**48%**  
say their mental  
health is good



**19%**  
have cut or harmed  
themselves on purpose



## ABOUT THE SURVEY

85% of students enrolled in 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th grade in Franklin County Schools and Frankfort Independent Schools took the anonymous Franklin County Youth Survey in February 2023.

The survey allows youth to tell the community what's going on in their lives. Adults can use the data to take action to support young people.

## AREAS OF STRENGTH:

1. A large majority of students have never used alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other drugs.
2. Most students report high levels of parental support and monitoring.
3. Most kids have caring friendships at school.
4. Regular participation in extracurricular activities is increasing in all categories.
5. Overwhelming majority of students say their parents disapprove of substance use.

## AREAS OF CONCERN:

1. 1 in 5 students tried alcohol at age 13 or younger.
2. Vaping is increasing among 9th & 10th graders.
3. Nearly half of students report spending 3 hours or more per day on social media.
4. Less than a quarter of students agree that kids at school are usually nice to each other.
5. More students are reporting poor mental health, and one in five reports having harmed themselves on purpose.

## What can you do?

Discuss this information with friends, family & colleagues.

Email [amelia.berry@ky.gov](mailto:amelia.berry@ky.gov) to schedule a data presentation or Parent Cafe for your group.



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