

Table 3.16A Measures of Student Characteristics in the Past Year among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Who Were Enrolled in School in the Past Year, by Demographic and Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Demographic/Geographic Characteristic	STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS ¹							
	Participated in One or Fewer Activities ²		Drug or Alcohol Prevention Messages Were Seen or Heard in School ³		Youth Liked a Lot or Kind of Liked Going to School ⁴		Grade Average for Last Completed Period Was "D" or Lower ⁵	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
TOTAL	3,215	3,260	17,601	17,484	18,943	18,845	1,422	1,418
AGE								
12-13	830	833	5,712	5,493	6,097	5,861	320	333
14-15	1,053	1,118	6,236	6,331	6,440	6,444	552	557
16-17	1,332	1,310	5,654	5,659	6,407	6,539	550	527
GENDER								
Male	1,943	1,885	8,852	8,751	9,458	9,445	906	828
Female	1,272	1,376	8,749	8,733	9,486	9,399	515	590
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE								
Not Hispanic or Latino	2,406	2,422	14,534	14,380	15,524	15,288	1,113	1,112
White	1,781	1,810	10,821	10,689	11,326	11,054	744	814
Black or African American	443	411	2,477	2,482	2,882	2,928	285	230
American Indian or Alaska Native	18	31	*	*	*	100	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	101	92	779	683	841	769	19	16
Two or More Races	53	69	300 ^a	376	313	381	36	32
Hispanic or Latino	809	838	3,068	3,104	3,419	3,557	308	306
COUNTY TYPE								
Large Metro	1,808	1,671	9,633	9,375	10,408	10,200	727	707
Small Metro	942	1,017	5,116	5,218	5,496	5,611	456	452
Nonmetro	465 ^a	573	2,852	2,891	3,040	3,034	238	259

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Youths who did not report their school enrollment status or reported not being enrolled in school in the past 12 months were excluded from this analysis. Youths reporting that they were "home-schooled" in the past 12 months were considered to be enrolled in school.

^a Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

¹ Respondents with unknown data were excluded.

² The number of activities participated in is based on four questions: participation in school-based activities, community-based activities, church or faith-based activities, and other activities. For each question, the response categories include "None," "One," "Two," and "3 or more." Respondents were excluded from the analysis if they had unknown data for at least three of the questions and if their known responses did not place them in the recoded "Two or more" category.

³ Drug or Alcohol Prevention Messages Seen or Heard in School includes respondents who reported having a special class about drugs or alcohol in school or having had films, lectures, discussion, or printed information about drugs or alcohol in a regular school class, such as health or physical education, or outside of a regular school class, such as in a special assembly.

⁴ Response categories for the School Satisfaction question include "You liked going to school a lot," "You kind of liked going to school," "You didn't like going to school very much," and "You hated going to school." The estimates in this table correspond to persons reporting "You liked going to school a lot" or "You kind of liked going to school."

⁵ Response categories for Grade Average include "An 'A+', 'A,' or 'A-minus' average"; "A 'B+', 'B,' or 'B-minus' average"; "A 'C+', 'C,' or 'C-minus' average"; "A 'D' or less than a 'D' average"; and "My school does not give these grades." Respondents reporting that their school does not give these grades were excluded from the analysis.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 3.16B Measures of Student Characteristics in the Past Year among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Who Were Enrolled in School in the Past Year, by Demographic and Geographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic/Geographic Characteristic	STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS ¹							
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	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
TOTAL	13.8	14.1	75.8	75.9	81.0	81.3	6.3	6.4
AGE								
12-13	11.4	11.9	78.8	79.1	83.6	83.5	4.7	5.1
14-15	13.2	14.1	78.9	80.0	80.7	81.2	7.2	7.3
16-17	16.5	16.0	70.0	69.1	79.0	79.7	6.9	6.6
GENDER								
Male	16.3	15.9	74.5	74.1	78.9	79.6	7.9	7.3
Female	11.2	12.2	77.2	77.7	83.3	83.1	4.7	5.4
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE								
Not Hispanic or Latino	12.5	12.8	75.8	76.0	80.4	80.4	6.0	6.1
White	12.4	12.8	75.8	76.2	78.9	78.4	5.4	6.0
Black or African American	13.1	12.3	73.5	74.5	85.0 ^a	87.4	8.9 ^a	7.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	11.8 ^a	25.8	*	*	*	82.7	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	10.8	10.5	83.5	78.0	89.1	87.8	2.1	1.9
Two or More Races	13.2	14.3	75.0	78.2	78.0	79.1	9.3	7.0
Hispanic or Latino	19.8	20.2	75.6	75.1	83.7	85.6	7.9	7.7
COUNTY TYPE								
Large Metro	14.3	13.6	76.5	76.5	82.1	82.8	6.0	6.0
Small Metro	13.8	14.6	75.0	75.0	80.1	80.3	6.9	6.7
Nonmetro	12.1 ^b	14.8	74.7	75.4	79.2	78.5	6.4	7.0

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