# MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey Report

Informing data-driven school and community health policies and practices



### 2021 Wellesley High School







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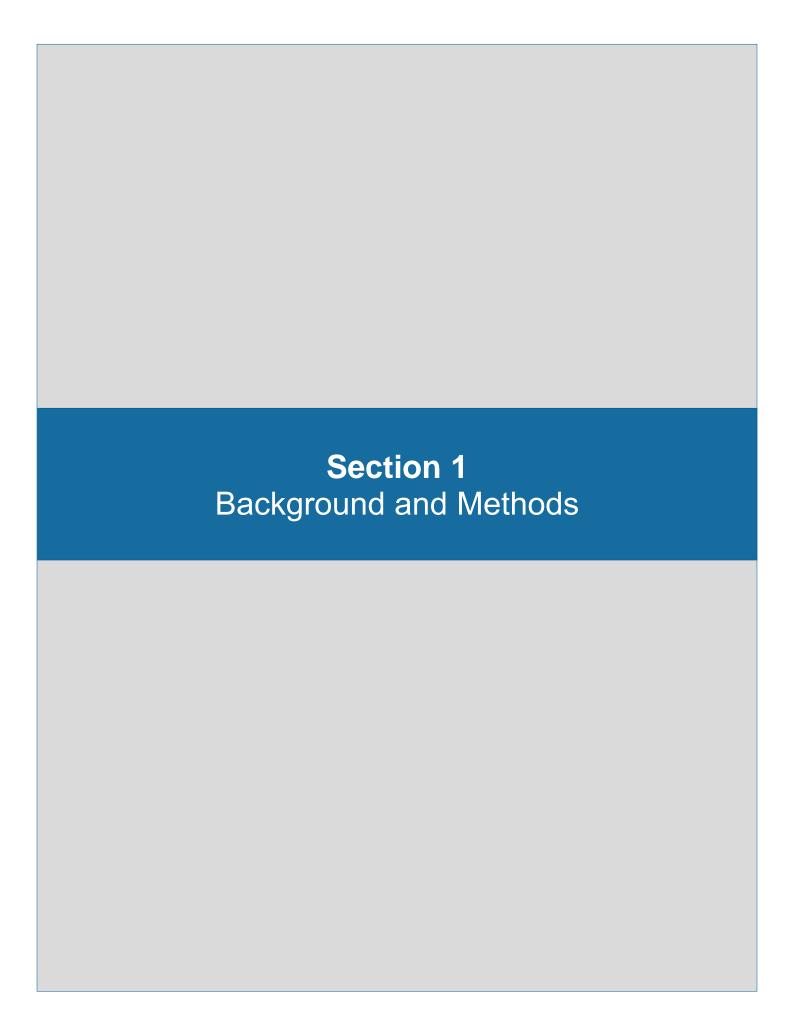
### **High School Report**

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# Background and Methodology 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

#### **Wellesley High School**

#### Background

The MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey (MWAHS) monitors trends in adolescent health and risk behaviors in the 25 communities in the MetroWest region served by the MetroWest Health Foundation (MHF). The survey has been administered biennially to middle and high school youth since 2006, with the exception of 2020 due to COVID-19 and the challenges of administering a survey in remote learning environments. The MWAHS collects data to support communities in determining priorities and enhancing local programs and polices related to adolescent health and wellness.

In the fall of 2021, students in the MetroWest region participated in the 8th administration of the MWAHS. This was the first time that the MWAHS was administered online, whereas prior administration used paper-and-pencil survey instruments. The online survey administration was possible in 2021 because of increased technological capabilities and the universal prevalence of one-to-one device programs at all participating schools, both of which were accelerated by the need to make online learning possible for all students during COVID-19.

A total of 58 middle and high schools in all 25 communities in the region participated in the survey. A census of students was surveyed in each participating school. In total, 16,390 middle school students (91% participation rate) and 22,903 high school students (83% participation rate) took the 2021 MWAHS. These high levels of student participation indicate that the data is highly representative of the student populations in each district as well as the MetroWest Region as a whole. Additionally, the large amount of student data provides each school and district with the ability to examine differences in behavioral reports by sex, grade, and other demographic characteristics.

#### Survey Instrument

#### **Content and Development**

The MWAHS is largely based on the *Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System* (YRBSS) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)<sup>1</sup> and the Massachusetts version of the YRBS<sup>2</sup>, administered collaboratively by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Public Health. The MWAHS contains additional questions that address emerging behaviors, along with issues of interest to the MetroWest region based on input from school and community stakeholders.

All participating districts take the same core surveys; there is one core survey for middle school and one for high school, each designed to be developmentally appropriate for the particular age group. A large portion of the questions on the core surveys have remained unchanged from 2006 to 2021 to allow for comparisons over time. The 2021 core surveys cover the following topics:

- » **Substance use**: tobacco, electronic vapor products, alcohol, marijuana, other illegal substances, and misuse of prescription drugs
- » Violence: weapon carrying, physical fighting, dating violence, bullying, and cyberbullying
- » Behaviors related to unintentional injuries: seatbelt use, helmet use, impaired driving, and distracted driving
- » Mental health: stress, anxiety, depressive symptoms, self-injury, and suicidality, as well as help-seeking behaviors and sources of mental health support
- » Sexual behaviors: sexual intercourse, condom use, and other behaviors related to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (questions on sexual behavior are optional at the middle school level)
- » Online behaviors: time spent online (overall and on social media) and attitudes related to social media
- » Additional behaviors: physical activity, sleep, and time spent studying and participating in extracurricular activities
- » Protective factors: school connectedness, adult support at school and outside of school, and peer support

Additional questions were added to the 2021 core surveys to gather new data on emerging adolescent health issues and local concerns. New questions added to both the middle and high school core surveys include the following topics: demographics (years living in the United States, language spoken at home), access and usage of different types of electronic vapor products, perceived risk and consequences of marijuana use, coping behaviors for stress, school engagement and school climate, community issues and experiences, adverse childhood experiences, and mental health and substance use related to COVID-19. Questions on gender identity and sexual orientation were added to the middle school core survey for the first time in 2021.

In addition to the core surveys, districts can customize their middle and high school surveys by selecting questions from a set of optional items that includes a multitude of adolescent health topics. In 2021, 22 out of 26 high schools and 22 out of 24 middle school districts chose to customize their surveys. This customization enables communities to collect additional data on issues of local concern or on populations of special interest.

#### **Format**

The MWAHS is a self-administered survey that is completed online using tablet or laptop computers. The core high school survey consists of 165 questions and the core middle school survey consists of 122 questions. The survey is designed for an hour-long classroom administration period. All questions are multiple choice.

Students accessed the survey using a link and a unique, random access code that was provided to them on a postcard. This ensured that each student could complete the survey only once, and in case of an interruption, could use their code to access the survey where they left off. The codes were not linked to students' identities.

#### Validity and Reliability

The question is often asked whether students respond truthfully to surveys of risk behaviors. Research on the validity and reliability of self-report surveys among school-based populations suggest that surveys are reliable methods of collecting data from young people. In fact, research on the national YRBSS indicates that adolescents

are just as credible as adults when answering this kind of survey. These studies show that young people respond truthfully when: their participation is voluntary; they perceive the survey as important; and they feel that measures have been taken to preserve their privacy and anonymity.<sup>3</sup>

The MWAHS meets these three conditions by following procedures to assure students that participation is voluntary and anonymous. Students are given the choice to participate and may stop participation at any point during the survey. The MWAHS instructions highlight the anonymous nature of the survey and explain that students' answers will be kept private and only be analyzed in aggregate. The instructions also call attention to why it is important to hear directly from students, stating that findings will be used to improve health education and services for young people.

The validity of the survey is further strengthened by using a questionnaire based largely upon the CDC *Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System*. The YRBSS is a standardized instrument developed by the CDC in collaboration with other national and local health education agencies. A number of published articles address the validity and test-retest reliability of the instrument.<sup>4,5</sup>

Many school-based surveillance studies have switched from paper-and-pencil to online surveys in recent years, including the 2021 Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Research has shown that findings from online and paper-and-pencil surveys of youth risk behaviors are generally equivalent. In addition, the online surveys were pilot-tested with middle and high school youth to ensure that they were easy to access and complete. Additional features of the online survey helped to ensure students felt their responses were private, including a "pause" button and automatic "time-out" feature.

#### **Translations**

The middle and high school MWAHS instruments are available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Students are directed to select their language when they first access the survey website. Survey access cards in Spanish and Portuguese are made available to students as well. Out of a total of 39,293 middle and high school surveys for the MetroWest Region in 2021, 513 surveys were completed in Spanish (1.3%) and 1,079 surveys were completed in Portuguese (2.7%). This is higher than previous years, likely due to two reasons: (1) Students could choose their own language, which may have led to more students preferring to complete the survey Spanish or Portuguese, even if they were able to complete the survey in English, and (2) changing demographics of the MetroWest region.

#### **Survey Procedures**

#### **Survey Administration**

The 2021 MWAHS survey administration took place from October 25 to December 14, 2021. Students in grades 9 through 12 at Wellesley High School took the survey on November 3. All schools followed local procedures for informing parents of the survey, which included sending information to parent(s)/guardian(s) in advance through the school's normal means of parent communication to inform them of the survey and providing them with the option of opting out their child(ren) if desired.

A designated MWAHS coordinator in each school and/or district was trained on the survey administration methods. All teachers/staff administering the survey read a standardized set of instructions to students, which included informing them of the voluntary and anonymous nature of the survey. They were also instructed to follow specific procedures to assure that students' answers remained private and that no students felt any pressure to participate. All students who were eligible to participate (i.e., those who were not opted out by their parents) were given the opportunity to decide on their own whether to take the MWAHS.

#### **Respondents and Participation Rate**

Out of 1,397 students enrolled at Wellesley High School, 1,244 participated in the MWAHS, with a participation rate of 89%. 12 students didn't receive parent permission to participate, and 8 students chose not to participate on their own (based on information reported by teachers). The majority of nonparticipation was due student absences on the day(s) of the survey administration.

Table 1A below shows the demographic breakdown of student participants from Wellesley High School by sex and grade. Reflecting the high participation, the demographic characteristics of the survey participants closely match those of the student body at the time of the survey administration.

Table 1A. Participants by Sex and Grade Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey, 2021								
Grade	Female		Male		Unknown		TOTAL	
	n	%	Ν	%	n	%	N	%
9th grade	181	14.5%	133	10.7%	0	0.0%	314	25.2%
10th grade	172	13.8%	162	13.0%	0	0.0%	334	26.8%
11th grade	157	12.6%	167	13.4%	1	0.1%	325	26.1%
12th grade	139	11.2%	126	10.1%	0	0.0%	265	21.3%
Unknown	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%	6	0.5%
TOTAL	652	52.4%	588	47.3%	4	0.3%	1,244	100.0%

#### **Analysis**

#### **Missing Data and Data Cleaning**

Patterns of responses that were inconsistent or indicative of inappropriate ("joking") responses were identified through analytic review, which showed that the vast majority of students paid attention, answered the survey logically, and completed most or all questions. For example, only a small percentage (0.3%) of high school students in the regional dataset responded that they had engaged in all forms of lifetime and recent substance use asked about on the survey. There were also very few logical inconsistencies (e.g., students reporting that they had never smoked, but subsequently saying they had smoked in the past 30 days).

Patterns of missing data were also examined for each of the topic areas. As anticipated, there was more missing data on items at the end of the survey, indicating that a small proportion of students were not able to complete the survey in the time allotted, chose not to complete the entire survey, or chose to skip some questions, which they are instructed that they can do. Overall, these validity and missing data checks provided evidence that students took the survey seriously and that the length was appropriate for the vast majority of students.

#### Generalizability

The MWHAS is a census of the student population at each participating school. Due to the high participation rate, the student data is considered highly representative of the student population as a whole. It is unknown whether students absent from school on the day of the survey and youth who do not attend school may differ from the survey participants in terms of their health and risk behaviors.

#### **Trends**

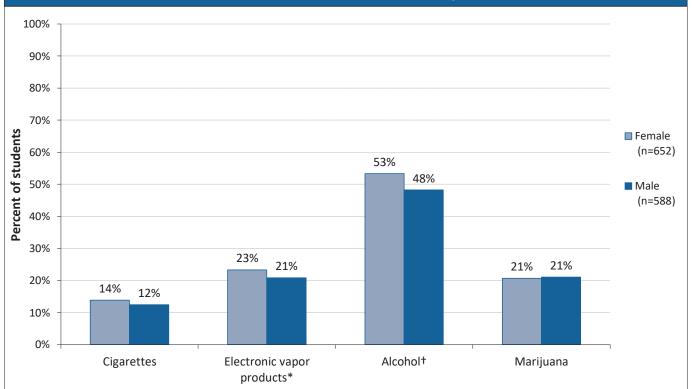
Comparisons over time are presented for MetroWest regional data and for districts that have participated in multiple survey waves. For the regional comparisons, we include all districts that participated in the survey at each time point, even though the number of participating districts increased from 2006 to 2012. Analyses show that restricting the regional data to districts that participated in all eight survey administrations makes little difference, and does not influence the direction or magnitude of the overall findings. From 2012 to 2021, all eligible middle and high schools in the MetroWest region participated in the survey.

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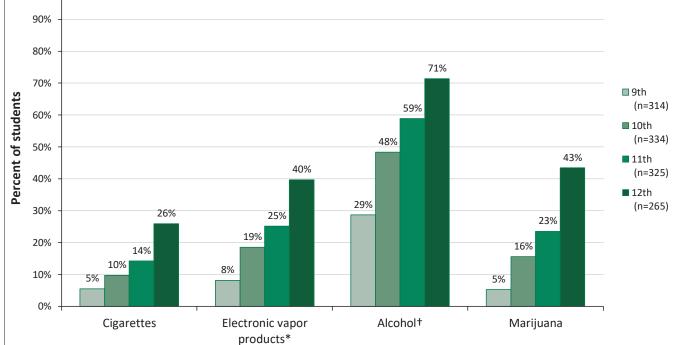
# Figure 2-1A. Lifetime Substance Use by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)



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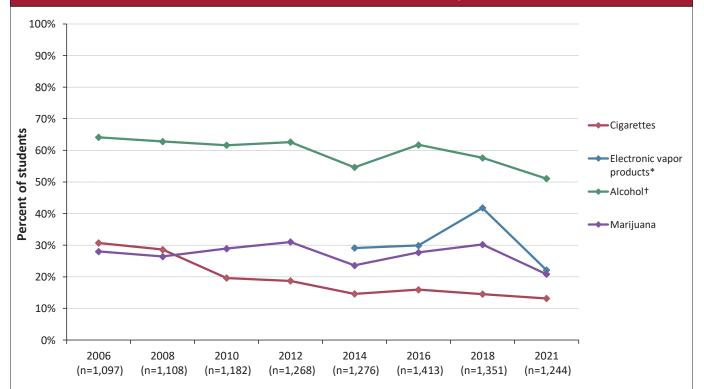


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# Figure 2-1C. Lifetime Substance Use, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

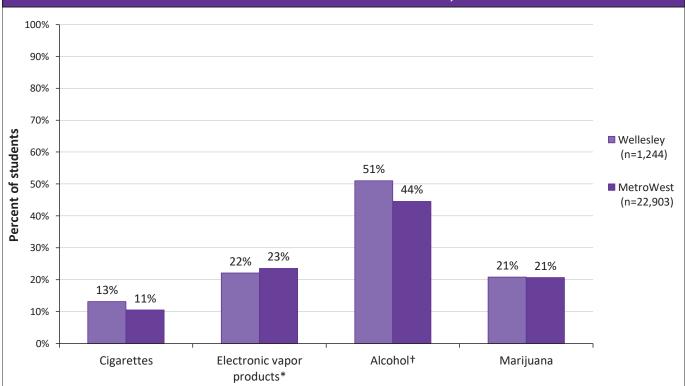
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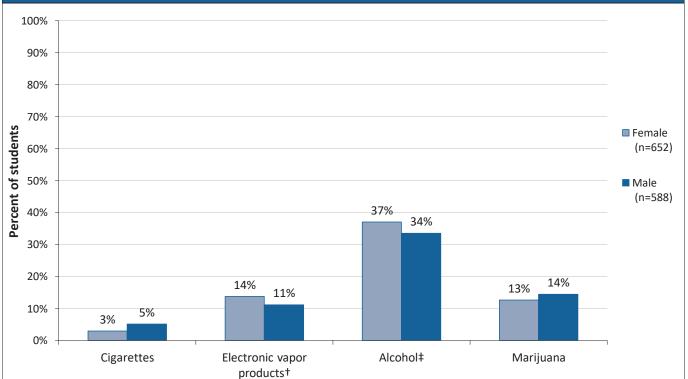




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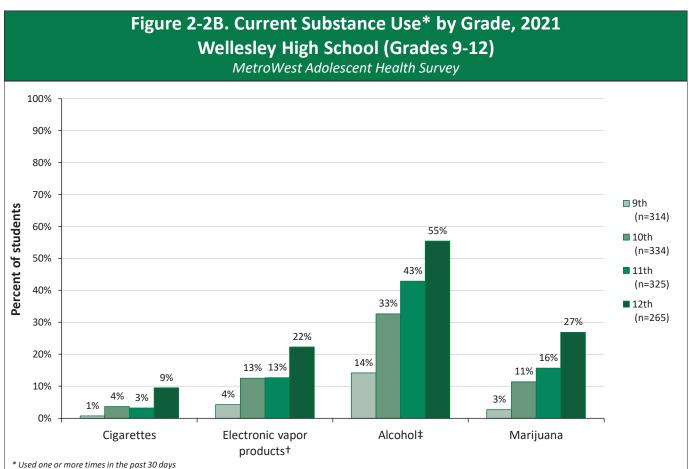
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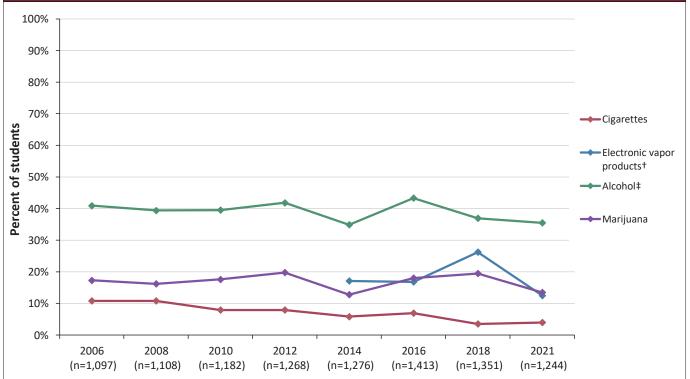
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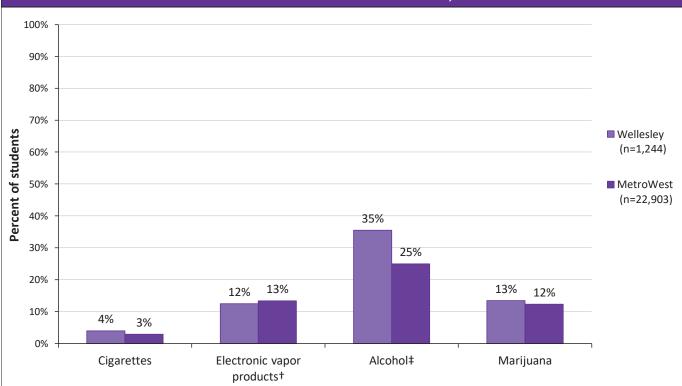
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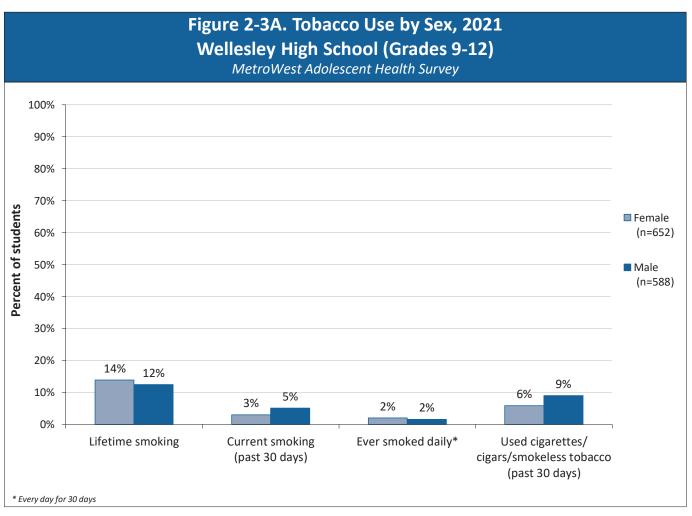


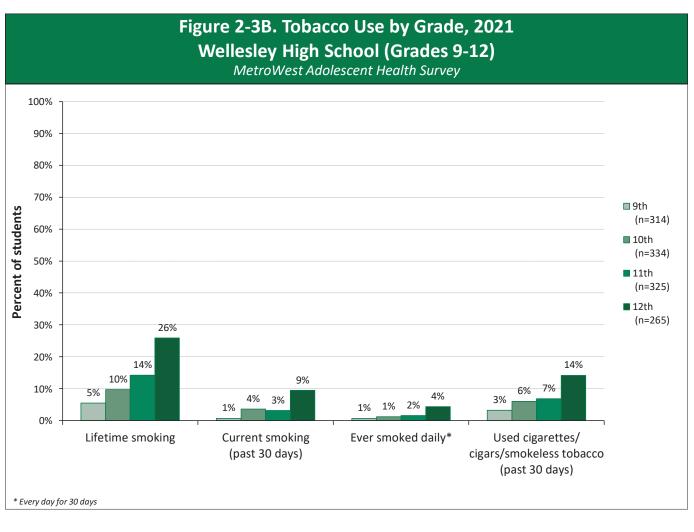
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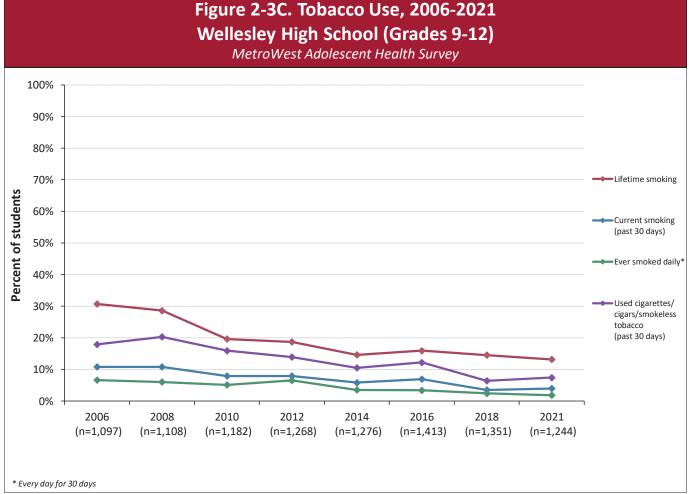
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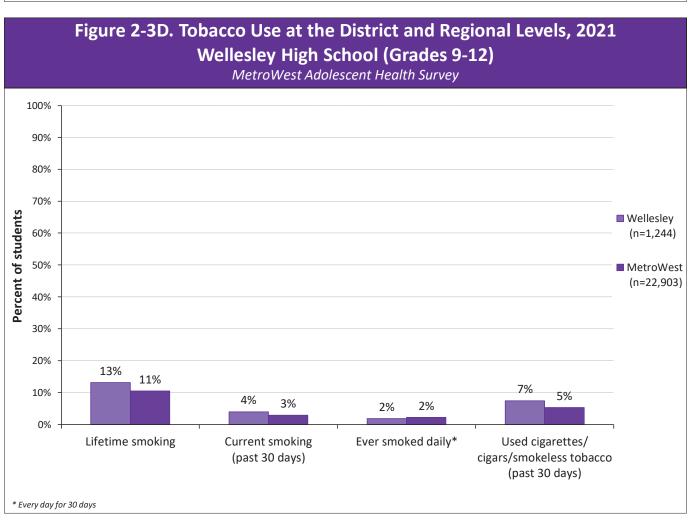
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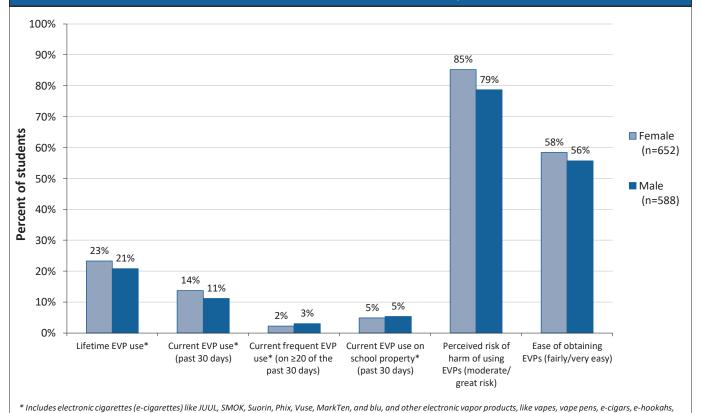






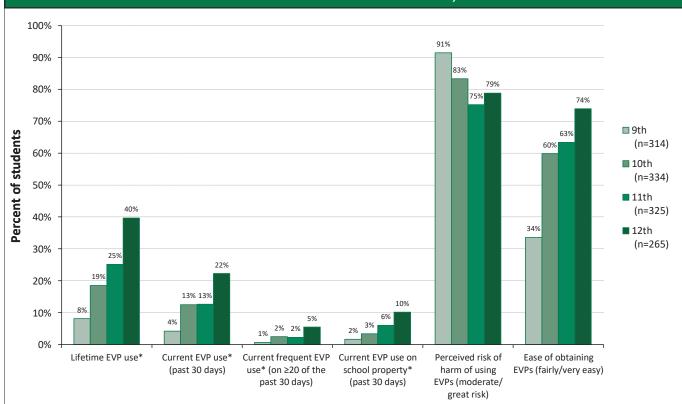
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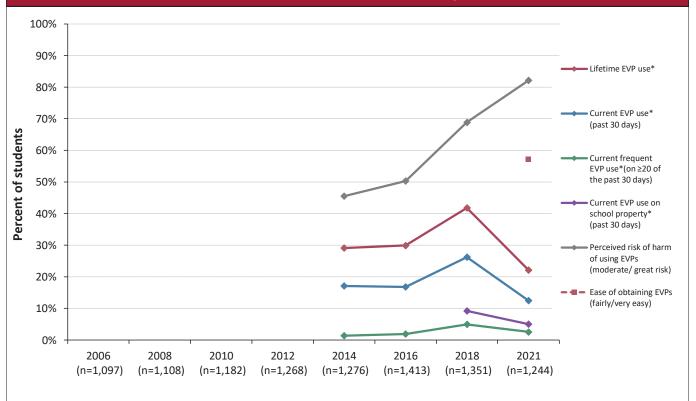


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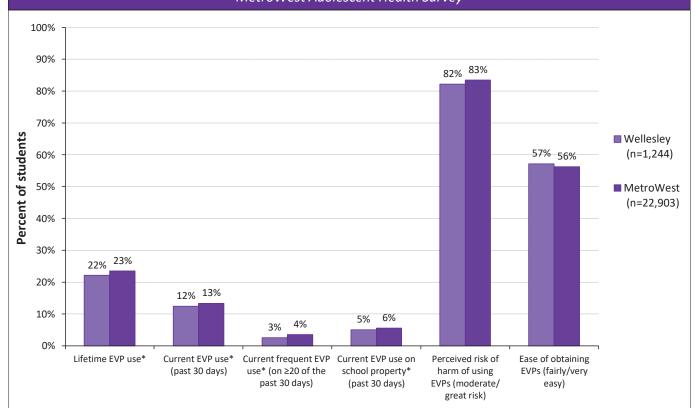


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Figure 2-4D. Electronic Vapor Product (EVP) Use at the District and Regional Levels, 2021

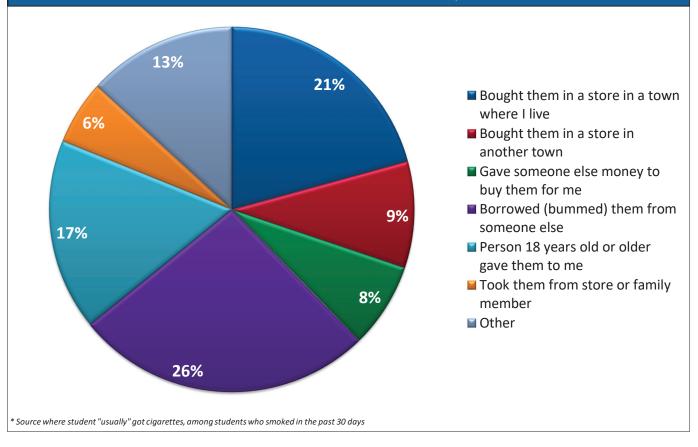
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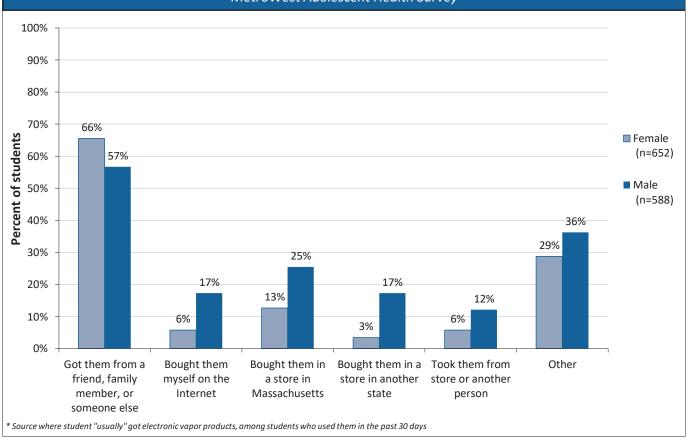


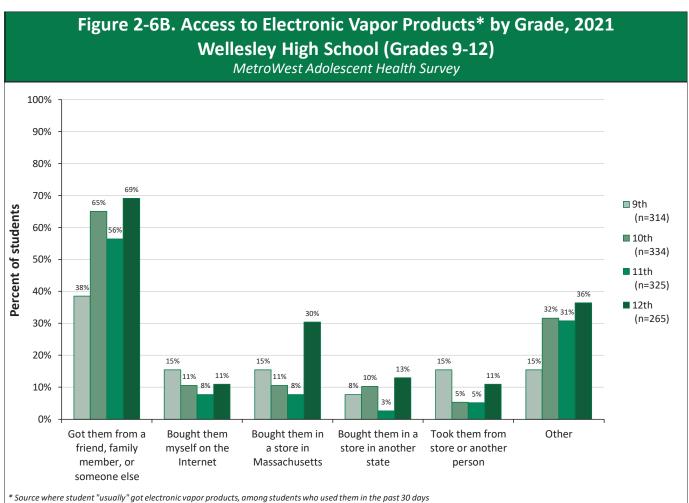
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# Figure 2-5. Access to Conventional Cigarettes\*, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)



# Figure 2-6A. Access to Electronic Vapor Products\* by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





# Figure 2-6C. Access to Electronic Vapor Products\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

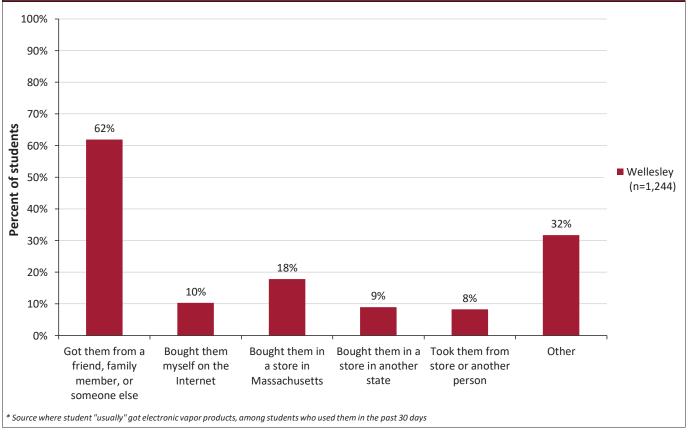
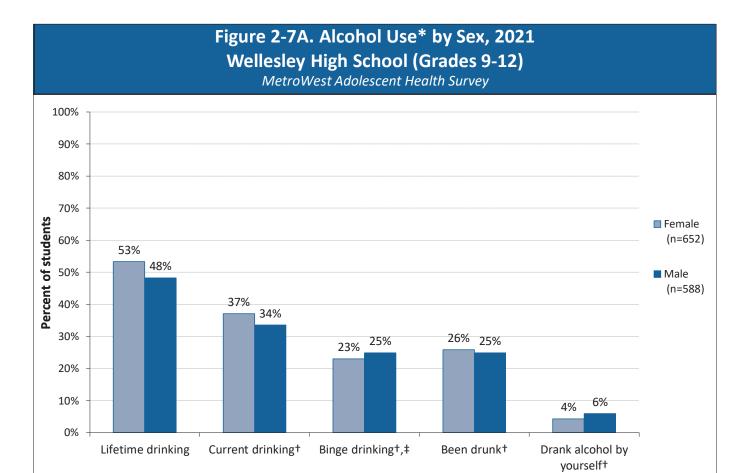
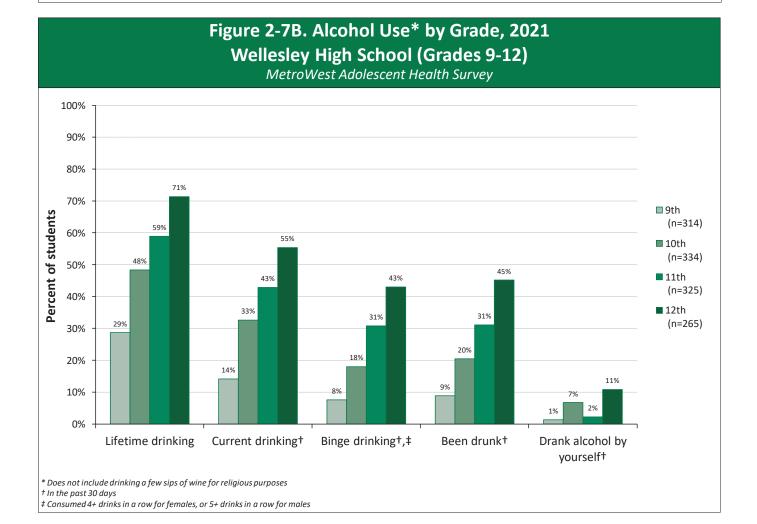


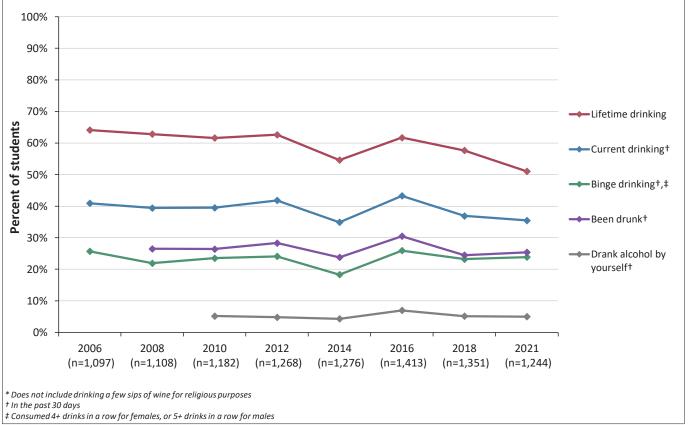
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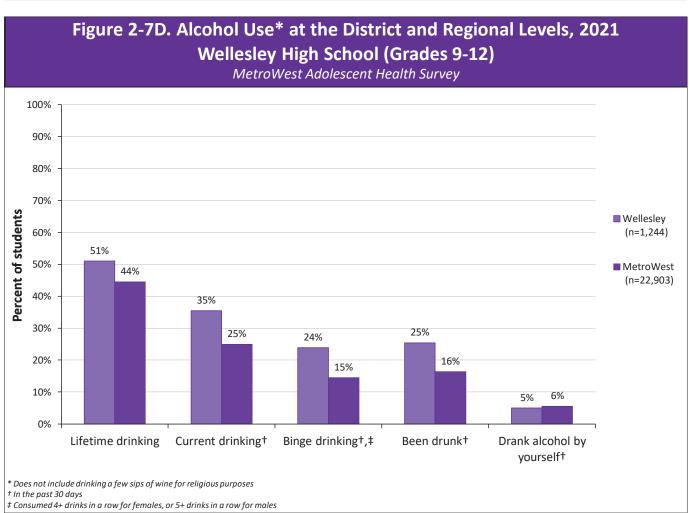


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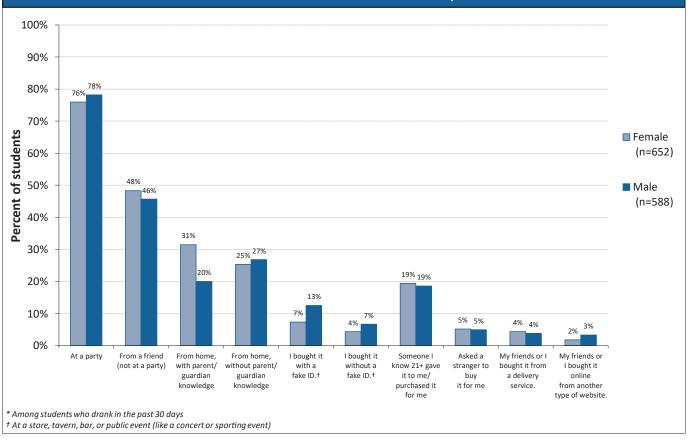


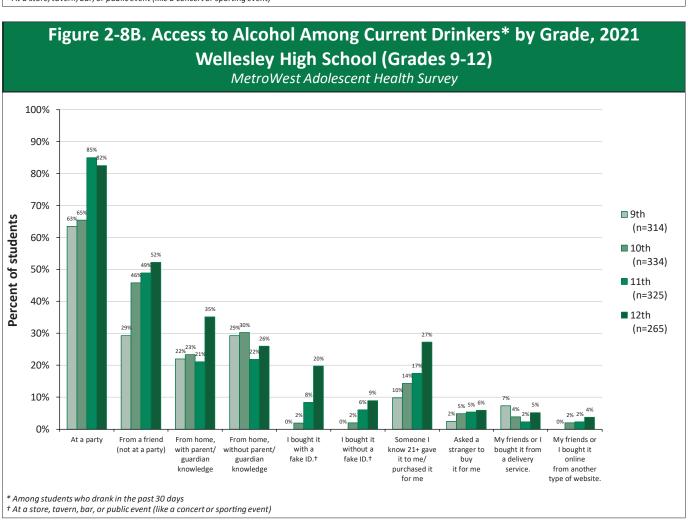
# Figure 2-7C. Alcohol Use\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





#### Figure 2-8A. Access to Alcohol Among Current Drinkers\* by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





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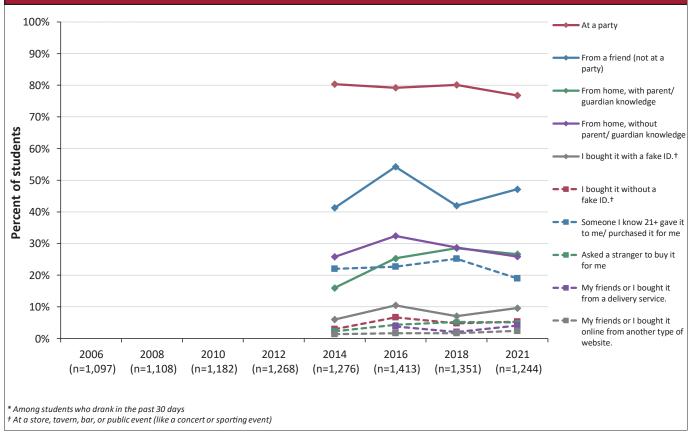
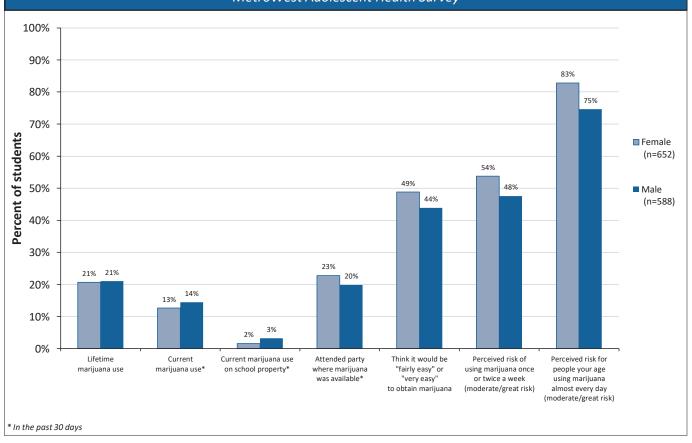
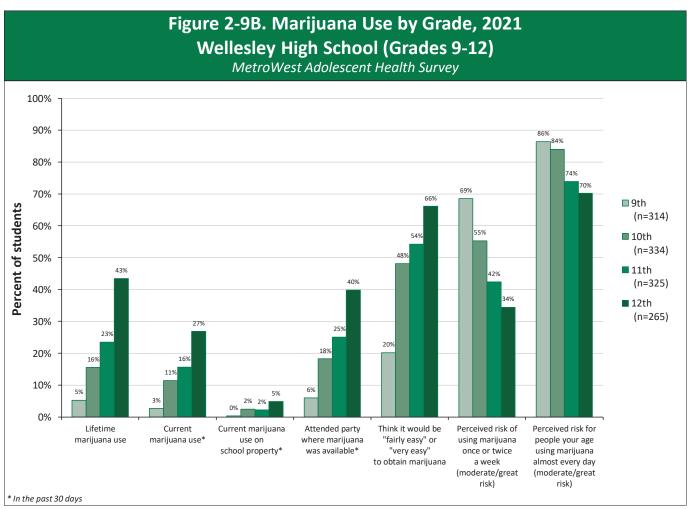
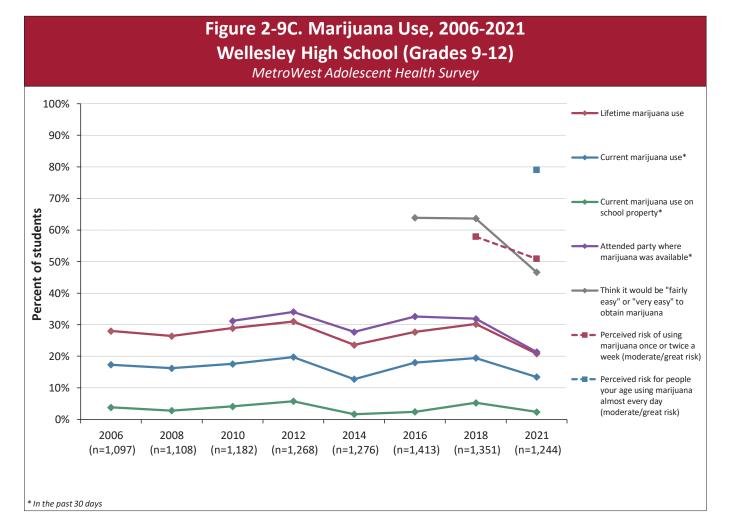


Figure 2-8D. Access to Alcohol Among Current Drinkers\* at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey 100% 90% 80% 70% Percent of students ■ Wellesley 60% (n=1,244) 50% ■ MetroWest (n=22,903) 40% 29% 28% 30% 26% 25% 20% 10% 10% 6% 5% 6% 5% 4% 4% 4% 2% 3% 0% At a party From a friend From home From home, I bought it I bought it Someone I Asked a My friends or I My friends or (not at a party) with parent/ without parent/ with a without a know 21+ gave stranger to bought it from I bought it guardian guardian fake ID.† fake ID.† it to me/ buv a delivery online knowledge purchased it it for me from another knowledge service. type of website. \* Among students who drank in the past 30 days † At a store, tavern, bar, or public event (like a concert or sporting event)

# Figure 2-9A. Marijuana Use by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)







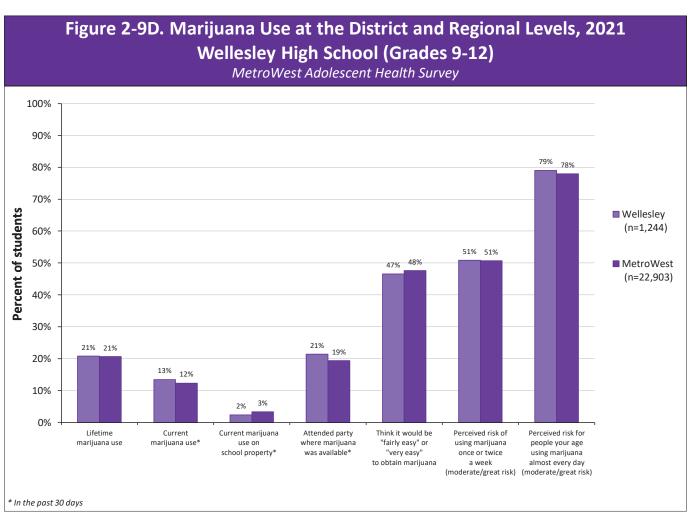


Figure 2-10A. Access to Marijuana Among Current Users\* by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey 100% 90% 80% 77% 70% 64% ■ Female 60% Percent of students 60% (n=652)55% 50% 41%\_39% (n=588) 40% 30% 17% 20% 12% 12% 8% 10% 5% 5% 4% 3% 0% I bought it at a From a friend Bought it At a party Someone 21+ From home, From home, bought it for with parent/ without parent/ (not at a party) marijuana from someone

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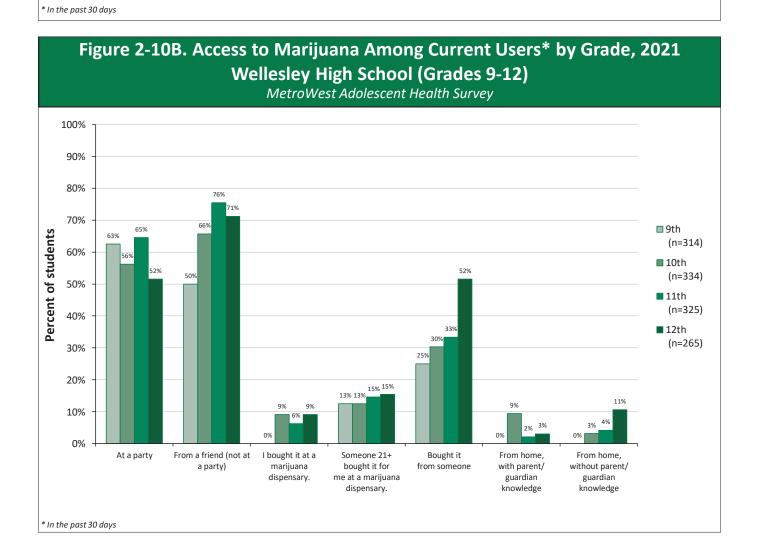
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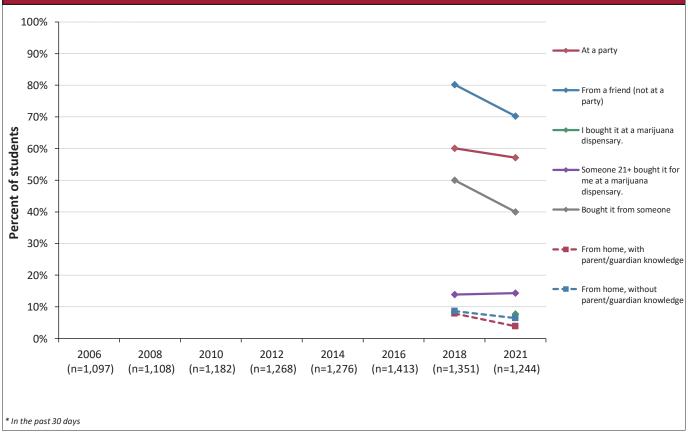
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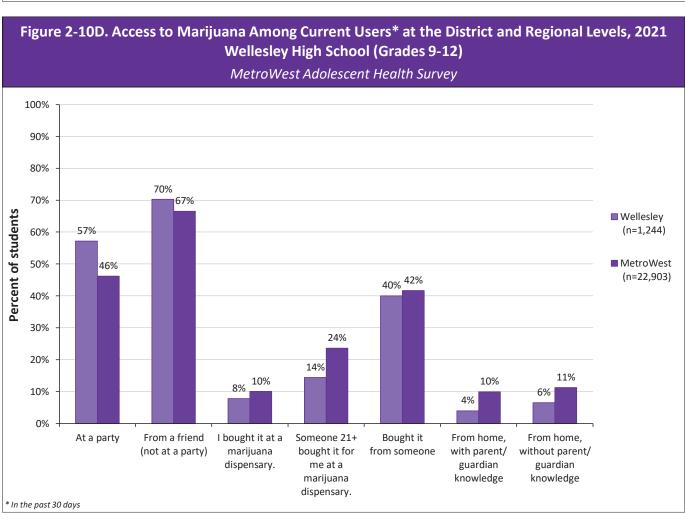
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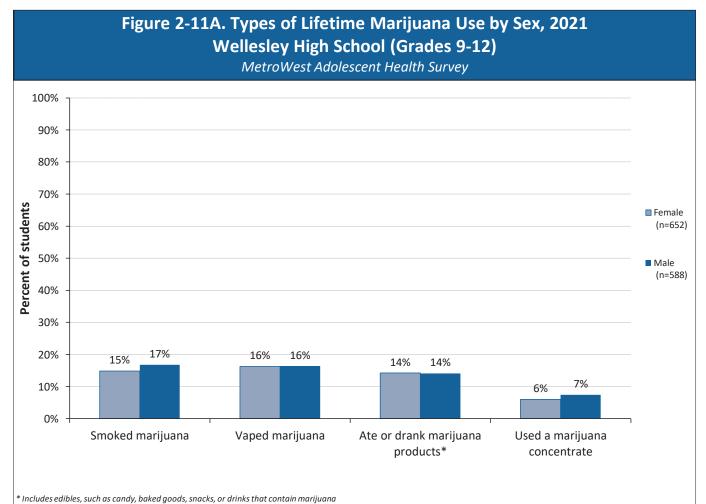
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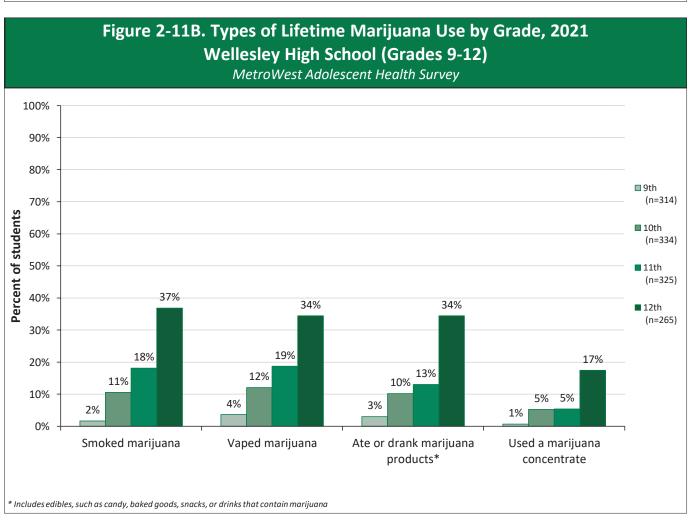


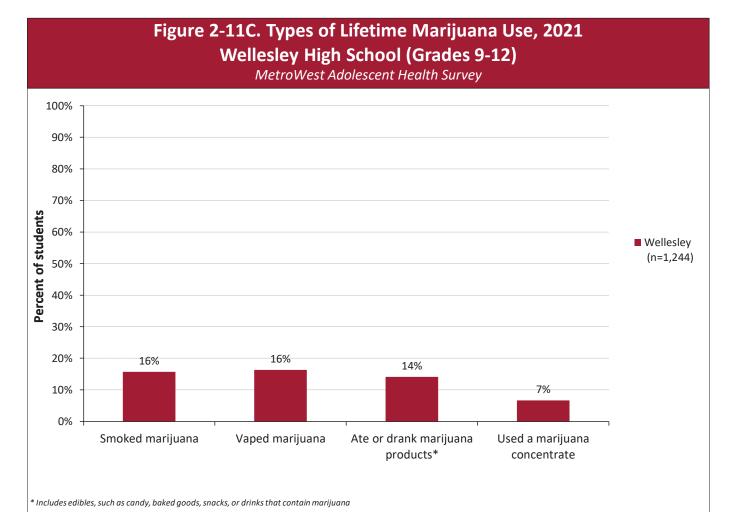
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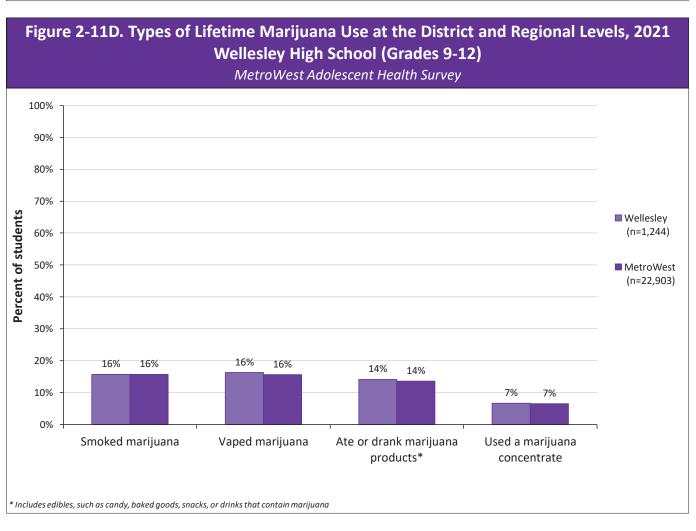






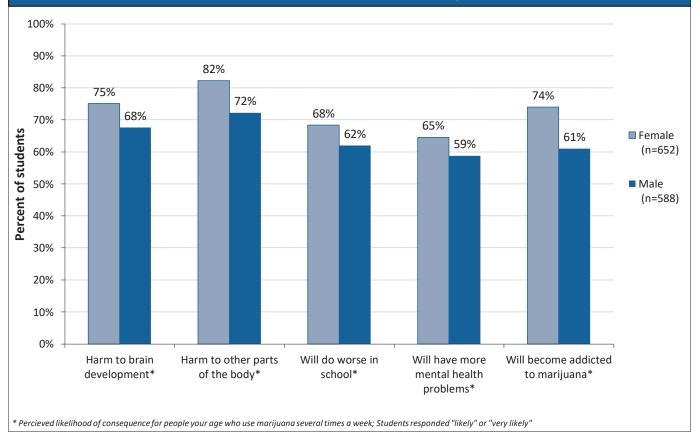




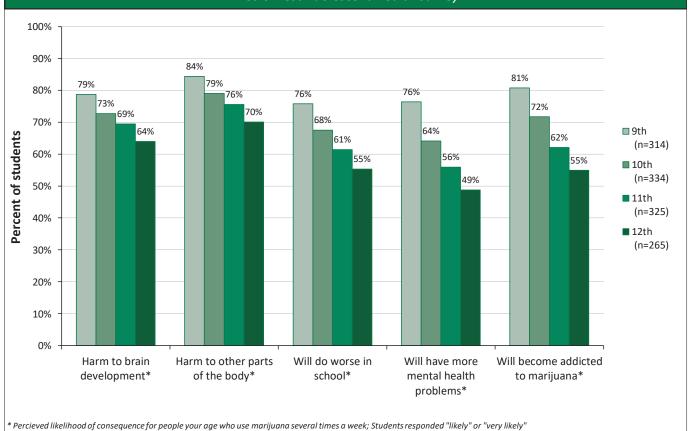


### Figure 2-12A. Percieved Consequences of Marijuana Use\* by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

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### Figure 2-12C. Percieved Consequences of Marijuana Use\*, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

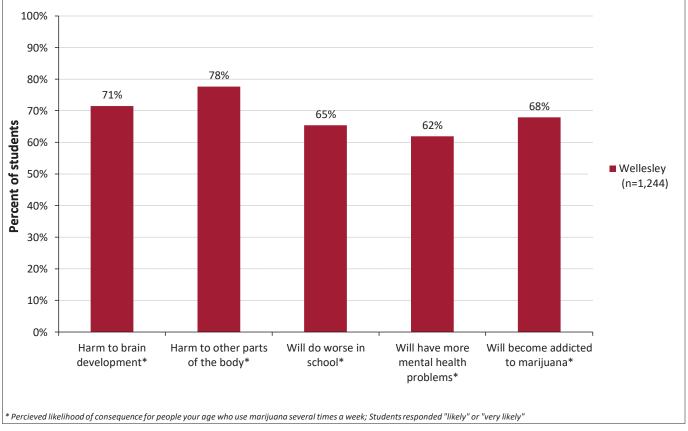
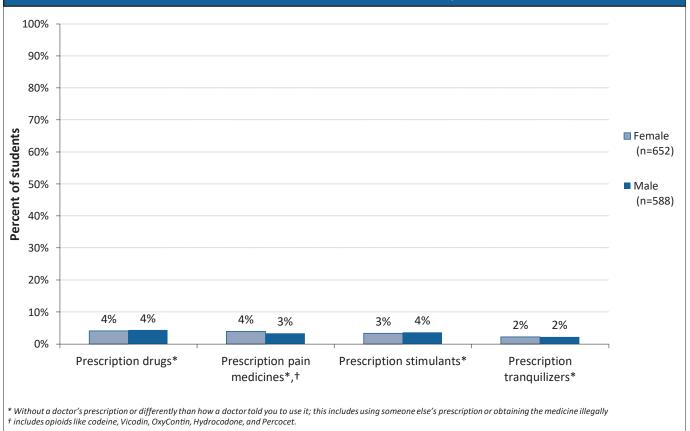
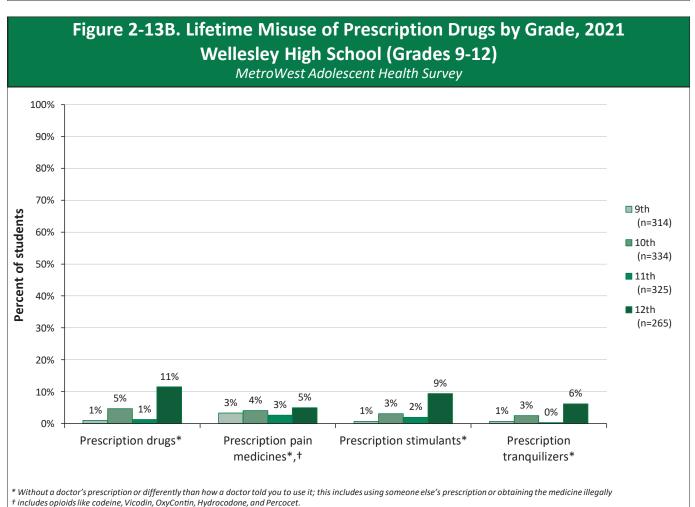


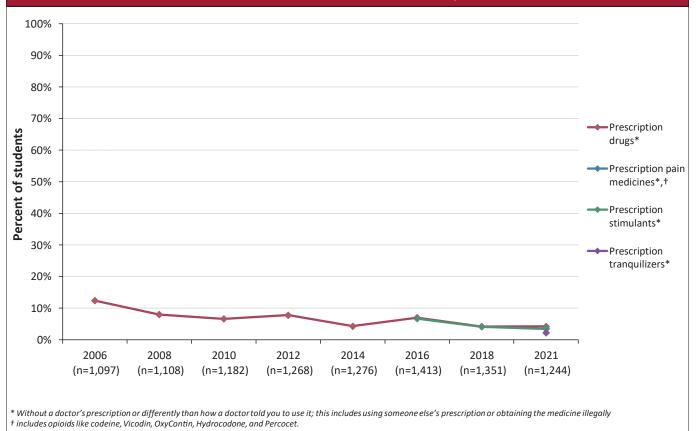
Figure 2-12D. Percieved Consequences of Marijuana Use\* at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey 100% 90% 78% 80% 74% 71% 70% 70% 68% 70% 65% Percent of students ■ Wellesley 62% 62% 59% (n=1,244) 60% 50% ■ MetroWest (n=22,903) 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Harm to brain Harm to other parts Will do worse in Will have more Will become addicted development\* of the body\* school\* mental health to marijuana\* problems\* \* Percieved likelihood of consequence for people your age who use marijuana several times a week; Students responded "likely" or "very likely"

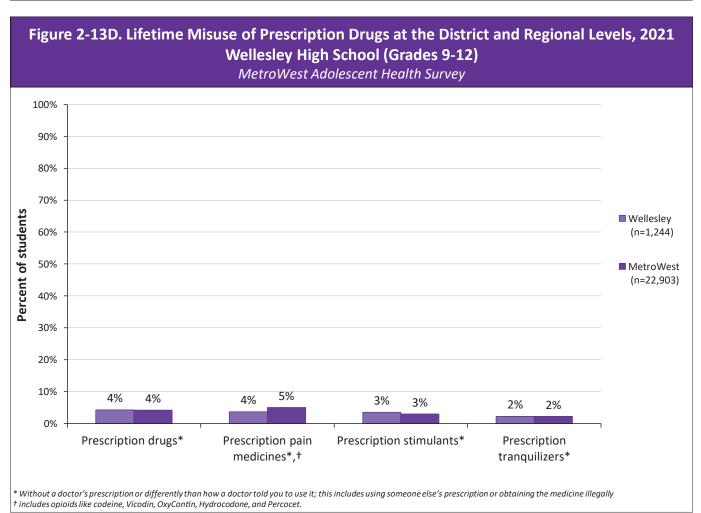
### Figure 2-13A. Lifetime Misuse of Prescription Drugs by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)



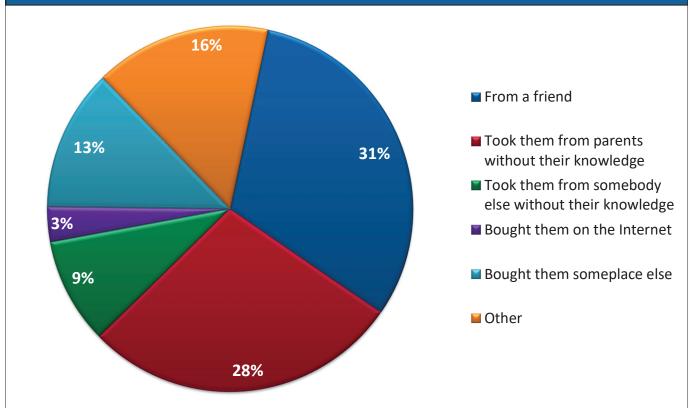


### Figure 2-13C. Lifetime Misuse of Prescription Drugs, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

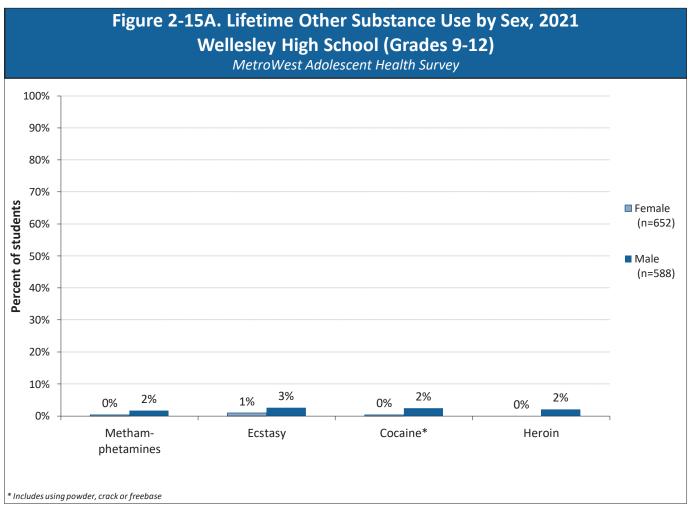


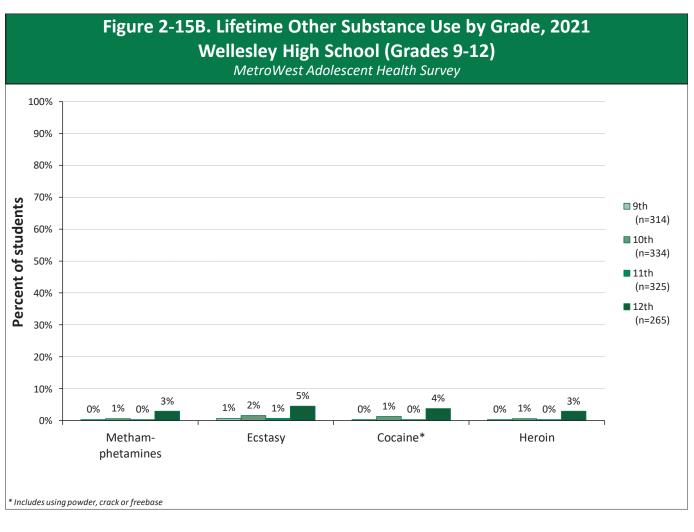


# Figure 2-14. Access to Prescription Pain Medicine,\* 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)



<sup>\*</sup> Source where student "usually" got prescription pain medicine, among students who misused prescription pain medicine in their lifetime. Prescription pain medicine includes opioids like codeine, Vicodin, OxyContin, Hydrocodone, and Percocet.





# Figure 2-15C. Lifetime Other Substance Use, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

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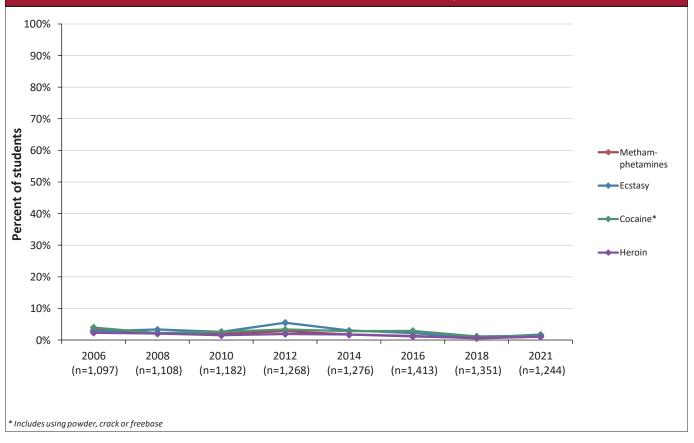
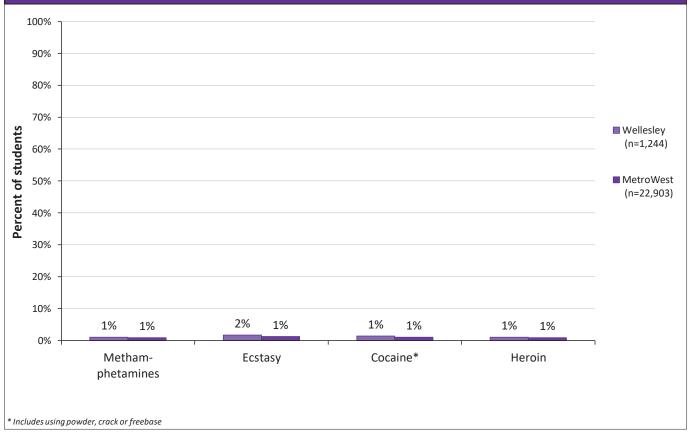


Figure 2-15D. Lifetime Other Substance Use at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)



## Table 2-1A. Lifetime and Current Substance Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)				e (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
LIFETIME USE *							
Cigarettes	13.2	13.9	12.4	5.5	9.7	14.2	25.9
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	22.1	23.2	20.8	8.1	18.5	25.2	39.7
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	51.0	53.3	48.2	28.7	48.3	58.9	71.4
Marijuana	20.8	20.7	21.0	5.2	15.5	23.5	43.4
Prescription drugs (any) <sup>§</sup>	4.2	4.1	4.4	1.0	4.7	1.3	11.5
Prescription pain medicines**	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.3	4.1	2.6	5.0
Prescription stimulants <sup>§</sup>	3.5	3.3	3.7	0.7	3.1	1.9	9.4
Prescription tranquilizers <sup>§</sup>	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.7	2.5	0.3	6.1
Methamphetamines	1.0	0.3	1.7	0.3	0.6	0.3	2.9
Ecstasy	1.7	1.0	2.6	0.7	1.6	0.7	4.5
Cocaine <sup>††</sup>	1.4	0.3	2.4	0.3	1.3	0.3	3.7
Heroin	1.0	0.0	2.0	0.3	0.6	0.3	2.9
CURRENT USE (past 30 days) <sup>‡‡</sup>							
Cigarettes	4.0	3.0	5.1	0.7	3.6	3.2	9.4
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	12.5	13.7	11.1	4.2	12.5	12.7	22.3
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	35.5	37.0	33.5	14.1	32.6	42.8	55.4
Marijuana	13.4	12.6	14.4	2.6	11.4	15.6	26.8
Prescription drugs (any) <sup>§</sup>	3.7	3.5	4.1	1.3	5.3	2.3	6.6
Prescription pain medicines	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.0	2.5	1.6	2.1
CURRENT USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 30 days) ##							
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	5.0	4.8	5.3	1.6	3.4	6.0	10.2
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	1.9	1.3	2.7	0.7	2.4	1.6	3.2
Marijuana	2.4	1.6	3.2	0.3	2.5	2.2	4.9

<sup>\*</sup> Used one or more times in lifetime

<sup>†</sup> Includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) like JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Phix, Vuse, MarkTen, and blu, and other electronic vapor products, like vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods; also includes disposable products that you can only use once such as Puff Bars, Stig, or Viigo

<sup>‡</sup> Does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes

<sup>§</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it; includes using someone else's prescription or obtaining the medicine illegally

<sup>\*\*</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use; prescription pain medicine includes opioids like codeine, Vicodin, OxyContin, Hydrocodone, and Percocet.

<sup>††</sup> Includes using powder, crack, or freebase

<sup>##</sup> Used one or more times in the past 30 days

## Table 2-1B. Lifetime and Current Substance Use, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

		Í		Welles	ley (%)			
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
LIFETIME USE *								
Cigarettes	30.7	28.6	19.6	18.7	14.6	15.9	14.5	13.2
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	-	-	_	-	29.1	29.9	41.8	22.1
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	64.1	62.8	61.6	62.6	54.6	61.7	57.6	51.0
Marijuana	28.0	26.4	28.9	31.0	23.6	27.7	30.2	20.8
Prescription drugs (any) <sup>§</sup>	12.4	8.0	6.6	7.8	4.3	7.0	4.2	4.2
Prescription pain medicines**	-	-	_	-	-	_	-	3.7
Prescription stimulants <sup>§</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	6.7	4.1	3.5
Prescription tranquilizers <sup>§</sup>	-	-	_	_	_	_	-	2.2
Methamphetamines	3.2	2.2	1.9	2.8	1.7	1.3	0.5	1.0
Ecstasy	2.7	3.3	2.6	5.5	3.0	2.2	0.7	1.7
Cocaine <sup>††</sup>	4.0	2.2	2.6	3.3	2.8	2.9	1.1	1.4
Heroin	2.3	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.1	0.7	1.0
CURRENT USE (past 30 days) **								
Cigarettes	10.8	10.8	7.9	7.9	5.8	6.9	3.5	4.0
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	-	-	_	_	17.1	16.8	26.3	12.5
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	40.9	39.4	39.5	41.8	34.9	43.3	36.9	35.5
Marijuana	17.3	16.2	17.6	19.8	12.8	18.0	19.5	13.4
Prescription drugs (any) <sup>§</sup>	_	3.6	3.0	4.7	2.6	3.6	2.8	3.7
Prescription pain medicines	_	-	-	-	-	-	2.0	1.8
CURRENT USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 30 days) **								
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	-	-	-	_	-	-	9.2	5.0
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	2.7	1.8	2.6	2.0	1.3	2.2	0.9	1.9
Marijuana	3.8	2.8	4.1	5.8	1.7	2.4	5.2	2.4

<sup>\*</sup> Used one or more times in lifetime

<sup>†</sup> Includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) like JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Phix, Vuse, MarkTen, and blu, and other electronic vapor products, like vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods; also includes disposable products that you can only use once such as Puff Bars, Stiq, or Viigo

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<sup>##</sup> Used one or more times in the past 30 days

#### Table 2-1C. Lifetime and Current Substance Use at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
LIFETIME USE *		
Cigarettes	13.2	10.5
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	22.1	23.5
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	51.0	44.5
Marijuana	20.8	20.6
Prescription drugs (any) <sup>§</sup>	4.2	4.2
Prescription pain medicines**	3.7	5.0
Prescription stimulants <sup>§</sup>	3.5	2.9
Prescription tranquilizers§	2.2	2.2
Methamphetamines	1.0	0.8
Ecstasy	1.7	1.2
Cocaine <sup>††</sup>	1.4	1.0
Heroin	1.0	0.8
CURRENT USE (past 30 days) <sup>‡‡</sup>		
Cigarettes	4.0	2.9
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	12.5	13.3
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	35.5	24.9
Marijuana	13.4	12.3
Prescription drugs (any)§	3.7	3.3
Prescription pain medicines	1.8	2.6
CURRENT USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 30 days) ##		
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	5.0	5.6
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	1.9	1.7
Marijuana	2.4	3.3

<sup>\*</sup> Used one or more times in lifetime

<sup>†</sup> Includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) like JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Phix, Vuse, MarkTen, and blu, and other electronic vapor products, like vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods; also includes disposable products that you can only use once such as Puff Bars, Stig, or Viigo

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<sup>††</sup> Includes using powder, crack, or freebase

<sup>##</sup> Used one or more times in the past 30 days

#### Table 2-2A. Tobacco Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grade (%)		
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
CIGARETTE SMOKING							
Lifetime cigarette smoking*	13.2	13.9	12.4	5.5	9.7	14.2	25.9
Smoked a whole cigarette before age 13 years	1.5	0.5	2.6	1.6	1.5	0.3	2.8
Current cigarette use (past 30 days)	4.0	3.0	5.1	0.7	3.6	3.2	9.4
Current frequent cigarette use (on 20 or more of the past 30 days)	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.6
Ever smoked cigarettes daily (every day for 30 days)	1.8	2.0	1.6	0.7	1.2	1.6	4.3
USE OF OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS							
Current smokeless tobacco use (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	2.1	1.6	2.8	1.0	1.5	2.2	4.3
Current cigar use (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	2.0	0.9	3.2	0.0	2.7	0.6	5.1
Used cigarettes, cigars, and/or smokeless tobacco (past 30 days)	7.4	5.9	9.0	3.2	6.0	6.8	14.2
Used cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, and/or electronic vapor products (past 30 days)	14.6	15.4	13.9	5.2	14.8	14.2	26.6

<sup>\*</sup> Ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs

<sup>†</sup> Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip

<sup>‡</sup> Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars

#### Table 2-2B. Tobacco Use, 2006-2021 **Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)**

				Welles	ley (%)			
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
CIGARETTE SMOKING								
Lifetime cigarette smoking*	30.7	28.6	19.6	18.7	14.6	15.9	14.5	13.2
Smoked a whole cigarette before age 13 years	3.4	2.1	2.5	2.9	1.4	1.5	1.0	1.5
Current cigarette use (past 30 days)	10.8	10.8	7.9	7.9	5.8	6.9	3.5	4.0
Current frequent cigarette use (on 20 or more of the past 30 days)	3.6	3.1	1.9	2.0	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.6
Ever smoked cigarettes daily (every day for 30 days)	6.6	6.0	5.1	6.5	3.5	3.4	2.4	1.8
USE OF OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS								
Current smokeless tobacco use (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	5.8	7.3	5.9	6.8	4.1	6.1	3.1	2.1
Current cigar use (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	11.8	14.8	10.8	9.1	5.1	6.3	2.9	2.0
Used cigarettes, cigars, and/or smokeless tobacco (past 30 days)	17.9	20.3	15.9	13.9	10.5	12.2	6.4	7.4
Used cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, and/or electronic vapor products (past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.2	14.6

<sup>\*</sup> Ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs † Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip

<sup>‡</sup> Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars

#### Table 2-2C. Tobacco Use at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(1,244)
CIGARETTE SMOKING		
Lifetime cigarette smoking*	13.2	10.5
Smoked a whole cigarette before age 13 years	1.5	1.6
Current cigarette use (past 30 days)	4.0	2.9
Current frequent cigarette use (on 20 or more of the past 30 days)	0.6	0.6
Ever smoked cigarettes daily (every day for 30 days)	1.8	2.2
USE OF OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS		
Current smokeless tobacco use (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	2.1	1.7
Current cigar use (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	2.0	1.8
Used cigarettes, cigars, and/or smokeless tobacco (past 30 days)	7.4	5.3
Used cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, and/or electronic vapor products (past 30 days)	14.6	14.4

<sup>\*</sup> Ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs † Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip

<sup>‡</sup> Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars

## Table 2-3A. Electronic Vapor Product Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	e (%)		
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)	
ELECTRONIC VAPOR PRODUCT USE*								
Lifetime electronic vapor product use	22.1	23.2	20.8	8.1	18.5	25.2	39.7	
Used an electronic vapor product before age 13 years	1.7	1.2	2.3	2.6	1.5	0.9	2.0	
Current electronic vapor product use (past 30 days)	12.5	13.7	11.1	4.2	12.5	12.7	22.3	
Current frequent electronic vapor product use (on 20 or more of the past 30 days)	2.6	2.2	3.0	0.7	2.4	2.2	5.5	
Current daily electronic vapor product use (on all 30 of the past 30 days)	1.6	1.1	2.1	0.3	0.9	1.3	4.3	
Current electronic vapor product use on school property (past 30 days)	5.0	4.8	5.3	1.6	3.4	6.0	10.2	
Used electronic vapor products that contain nicotine (past 30 days)	8.7	9.8	7.5	3.0	7.1	9.6	16.9	
Used electronic vapor products that contain a flavor (past 30 days)	8.8	10.1	7.4	3.6	7.1	9.6	16.5	
Used electronic vapor products that contain THC (past 30 days)	7.4	6.6	8.3	1.6	7.4	7.0	14.9	
Used disposable electronic vapor products (past 30 days)	8.3	9.0	7.4	2.6	6.8	9.6	15.3	
Used gum that contains nicotine (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.3	1.8	2.2	2.0	
Perceived risk of using electronic vapor products (moderate/great risk)	82.1	85.2	78.6	91.4	83.3	75.2	78.8	
Ease of obtaining electronic vapor products (fairly/very easy)	57.2	58.4	55.7	33.6	59.8	63.4	73.9	
BEHAVIORS RELATED TO FREQUENT USE								
Ever used electronic vapor products daily (at least once every day for 30 days)	4.8	4.9	4.7	1.6	4.3	4.5	9.6	
Feel a strong craving or need to vape (often/very often, past 30 days)	1.8	2.0	1.6	0.3	1.9	1.6	4.0	
Want to vape soon after you wake up (often/very often, past 30 days)	1.7	1.1	2.3	0.0	1.2	1.9	4.0	
Tried to quit using electronic vapor products (among students who vaped, past 12 months)	37.4	42.4	31.3	31.6	50.0	43.8	26.8	

<sup>\*</sup> Includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) like JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Phix, Vuse, MarkTen, and blu, and other electronic vapor products, like vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods; also includes disposable products that you can only use once such as Puff Bars, Stig, or Viigo

<sup>†</sup> Includes flavored gums like ZYN or other nicotine gums like Nicorette

## Table 2-3B. Electronic Vapor Product Use, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

				Welles	sley (%)			
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
ELECTRONIC VAPOR PRODUCT USE*								
Lifetime electronic vapor product use	_	_	_	_	29.1	29.9	41.8	22.1
Used an electronic vapor product before age 13 years	-	-	-	-	_	_	1.3	1.7
Current electronic vapor product use (past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	17.1	16.8	26.3	12.5
Current frequent electronic vapor product use (on 20 or more of the past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	1.4	1.9	5.0	2.6
Current daily electronic vapor product use (on all 30 of the past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	1.1	1.1	3.2	1.6
Current electronic vapor product use on school property (past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	_	_	9.2	5.0
Used electronic vapor products that contain nicotine (past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	8.7
Used electronic vapor products that contain a flavor (past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	8.8
Used electronic vapor products that contain THC (past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	7.4
Used disposable electronic vapor products (past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	8.3
Used gum that contains nicotine (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.6
Perceived risk of using electronic vapor products (moderate/great risk)	-	-	_	-	45.5	50.3	68.9	82.1
Ease of obtaining electronic vapor products (fairly/very easy)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	57.2
BEHAVIORS RELATED TO FREQUENT USE								
Ever used electronic vapor products daily (at least once every day for 30 days)	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	4.8
Feel a strong craving or need to vape (often/very often, past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	1.8
Want to vape soon after you wake up (often/very often, past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.7
Tried to quit using electronic vapor products (among students who vaped, past 12 months)	-	_	-	_	_	_	_	37.4

<sup>\*</sup> Includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) like JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Phix, Vuse, MarkTen, and blu, and other electronic vapor products, like vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods; also includes disposable products that you can only use once such as Puff Bars, Stig, or Viigo

<sup>†</sup> Includes flavored gums like ZYN or other nicotine gums like Nicorette

# Table 2-3C. Electronic Vapor Product Use at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
ELECTRONIC VAPOR PRODUCT USE*		
Lifetime electronic vapor product use	22.1	23.5
Used an electronic vapor product before age 13 years	1.7	3.1
Current electronic vapor product use (past 30 days)	12.5	13.3
Current frequent electronic vapor product use (on 20 or more of the past 30 days)	2.6	3.5
Current daily electronic vapor product use (on all 30 of the past 30 days)	1.6	2.3
Current electronic vapor product use on school property (past 30 days)	5.0	5.6
Used electronic vapor products that contain nicotine (past 30 days)	8.7	9.8
Used electronic vapor products that contain a flavor (past 30 days)	8.8	10.1
Used electronic vapor products that contain THC (past 30 days)	7.4	7.4
Used disposable electronic vapor products (past 30 days)	8.3	9.7
Used gum that contains nicotine (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	1.6	1.7
Perceived risk of using electronic vapor products (moderate/great risk)	82.1	83.4
Ease of obtaining electronic vapor products (fairly/very easy)	57.2	56.2
BEHAVIORS RELATED TO FREQUENT USE		
Ever used electronic vapor products daily (at least once every day for 30 days)	4.8	6.0
Feel a strong craving or need to vape (often/very often, past 30 days)	1.8	2.2
Want to vape soon after you wake up (often/very often, past 30 days)	1.7	2.3
Tried to quit using electronic vapor products (among students who vaped, past 12 months)	37.4	47.9

<sup>\*</sup> Includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) like JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Phix, Vuse, MarkTen, and blu, and other electronic vapor products, like vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods; also includes disposable products that you can only use once such as Puff Bars, Stig, or Viigo

<sup>†</sup> Includes flavored gums like ZYN or other nicotine gums like Nicorette

#### Table 2-4A. Alcohol Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
ALCOHOL USE*							
Lifetime alcohol use	51.0	53.3	48.2	28.7	48.3	58.9	71.4
Had first drink of alcohol before age 13 years	7.8	6.9	8.9	9.8	8.0	6.4	7.1
Current alcohol use (past 30 days)	35.5	37.0	33.5	14.1	32.6	42.8	55.4
Current alcohol use on school property (past 30 days)	1.9	1.3	2.7	0.7	2.4	1.6	3.2
Binge drinking (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	23.9	23.0	24.9	7.5	18.0	30.8	43.0
Was "drunk" from consuming alcohol (past 30 days)	25.4	25.8	24.9	8.9	20.4	31.1	45.2
Drank alcohol by yourself (past 30 days)	5.0	4.3	5.9	1.3	6.7	2.2	10.8
Drinking interfered with responsibilities (past 12 months)	4.4	4.1	4.7	0.3	5.2	5.8	6.5
Used marijuana and alcohol during the same time period (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	9.5	7.8	11.6	1.3	7.1	9.9	22.4
Percieved risk of having five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week (moderate/great risk)	71.1	74.9	66.5	78.7	74.2	69.2	59.8
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol/drug use	11.7	14.6	8.5	7.6	14.2	13.7	11.0
DRINKING AND DRIVING (past 30 days)							
Rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking	12.0	12.6	11.4	11.0	9.9	11.8	16.1
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been drinking	4.6	3.9	5.4	0.3	2.7	6.3	10.2
Drove a car when you had been drinking <sup>§</sup>	4.8	3.1	6.7	_	_	5.1	4.5

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes

<sup>†</sup> Consumed 4+ drinks in a row for females, or 5+ drinks in a row for males

<sup>‡</sup> Within a couple of hours

<sup>§</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade drivers only

#### Table 2-4B. Alcohol Use, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

Wellesley (%) 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2021 (1,276) (1,097)(1,108)(1,182)(1,268)(1,413)(1,351)(1,244)**ALCOHOL USE\*** Lifetime alcohol use 64.1 62.8 61.6 62.6 54.6 61.7 57.6 51.0 Had first drink of alcohol before age 13 years 11.1 10.7 10.8 11.7 7.7 9.3 8.7 7.8 Current alcohol use (past 30 days) 40.9 39.4 39.5 41.8 34.9 43.3 36.9 35.5 Current alcohol use on school property (past 30 days) 2.7 1.8 2.6 2.0 1.3 2.2 0.9 1.9 Binge drinking (past 30 days) 25.7 21.9 23.5 24.1 18.3 25.9 23.2 23.9 Was "drunk" from consuming alcohol (past 30 days) 26.5 26.4 28.3 23.8 30.5 24.5 25.4 Drank alcohol by yourself (past 30 days) 5.2 4.8 4.3 7.0 5.2 5.0 Drinking interfered with responsibilities (past 12 months) 6.3 4.9 4.9 3.8 2.4 3.9 4.4 4.4 Used marijuana and alcohol during the same time period (past 30 days)<sup>‡</sup> 13.2 10.0 12.9 12.5 9.5 Percieved risk of having five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week 71.1 (moderate/great risk) Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol/drug use 11.7 DRINKING AND DRIVING (past 30 days) Rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking 23.6 22.1 21.5 18.7 16.5 14.5 13.4 12.0 Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been drinking 9.8 8.4 7.0 4.7 4.6 21.5 13.9 7.2 7.2 5.6 3.8 Drove a car when you had been drinking<sup>§</sup> 10.9 4.8

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes

<sup>†</sup> Consumed 4+ drinks in a row for females, or 5+ drinks in a row for males

<sup>‡</sup> Within a couple of hours

<sup>§</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade drivers only

## Table 2-4C. Alcohol Use at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
ALCOHOL USE*		
Lifetime alcohol use	51.0	44.5
Had first drink of alcohol before age 13 years	7.8	7.3
Current alcohol use (past 30 days)	35.5	24.9
Current alcohol use on school property (past 30 days)	1.9	1.7
Binge drinking (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	23.9	14.5
Was "drunk" from consuming alcohol (past 30 days)	25.4	16.4
Drank alcohol by yourself (past 30 days)	5.0	5.5
Drinking interfered with responsibilities (past 12 months)	4.4	3.1
Used marijuana and alcohol during the same time period (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	9.5	6.9
Percieved risk of having five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week (moderate/great risk)	71.1	77.6
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol/drug use	11.7	16.5
DRINKING AND DRIVING (past 30 days)		
Rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking	12.0	12.2
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been drinking	4.6	4.0
Drove a car when you had been drinking <sup>§</sup>	4.8	4.2

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes

<sup>†</sup> Consumed 4+ drinks in a row for females, or 5+ drinks in a row for males

<sup>‡</sup> Within a couple of hours

<sup>§</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade drivers only

# Table 2-5A. Marijuana Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)			le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
MARIJUANA USE*							
Lifetime marijuana use	20.8	20.7	21.0	5.2	15.5	23.5	43.4
Tried marijuana before age 13 years	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.3	2.0
Current marijuana use (past 30 days)	13.4	12.6	14.4	2.6	11.4	15.6	26.8
Current marijuana use on school property (past 30 days)	2.4	1.6	3.2	0.3	2.5	2.2	4.9
Went to a party/hung out where marijuana was available (past 30 days)	21.4	22.8	19.9	6.0	18.3	25.1	39.8
Offered/sold/given marijuana on school property (past 12 months)	5.2	4.9	5.6	2.7	5.6	6.4	6.5
Used marijuana and alcohol during the same time period (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	9.5	7.8	11.6	1.3	7.1	9.9	22.4
Think it would be "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain marijuana	46.6	48.8	43.9	20.1	48.1	54.2	66.1
Know one or more adults who use marijuana	43.2	46.4	39.5	31.4	36.3	50.3	57.3
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol/drug use	11.7	14.6	8.5	7.6	14.2	13.7	11.0
TYPES OF MARIJUANA USE							
Smoked marijuana (like in a joint or blunt) (lifetime)	15.7	14.8	16.8	1.7	10.5	18.1	36.8
Vaped marijuana (used marijuana in an electronic vaping device) (lifetime)	16.3	16.3	16.4	3.6	12.0	18.7	34.4
Ate or drank products made with marijuana (lifetime) <sup>‡</sup>	14.1	14.2	14.1	3.0	10.2	13.0	34.4
Used a marijuana concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter) (lifetime)	6.6	6.0	7.4	0.7	5.3	5.4	17.4
Smoked marijuana (like in a joint or blunt) (past 30 days)	7.5	6.2	9.0	1.0	6.5	8.6	15.4
Vaped marijuana (used marijuana in an electronic vaping device) (past 30 days)	9.4	8.9	9.9	1.7	8.4	11.5	17.5
Ate or drank products made with marijuana (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	5.3	4.5	6.3	1.0	4.4	4.8	12.7
Used a marijuana concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter) (past 30 days)	2.6	2.7	2.5	0.0	1.9	3.2	6.1
MARIJUANA USE AND DRIVING							
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana (past 30 days)	9.3	7.5	11.4	0.3	5.1	9.1	25.5
Drove a car when you had been using marijuana (past 30 days)§	7.4	4.1	11.0	_	_	3.6	11.7
Think riding in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana is "very dangerous"	65.6	68.0	62.7	77.1	65.2	64.3	53.7

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include CBD-only or hemp products

<sup>†</sup> Within a couple of hours

<sup>‡</sup> Includes edibles, such as candy, baked goods, snacks, or drinks that contain marijuana

<sup>§</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade drivers only

# Table 2-5B. Marijuana Use, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021		
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)		
MARIJUANA USE*										
Lifetime marijuana use	28.0	26.4	28.9	31.0	23.6	27.7	30.2	20.8		
Tried marijuana before age 13 years	2.7	2.4	2.0	3.6	2.1	1.3	0.8	0.8		
Current marijuana use (past 30 days)	17.3	16.2	17.6	19.8	12.8	18.0	19.5	13.4		
Current marijuana use on school property (past 30 days)	3.8	2.8	4.1	5.8	1.7	2.4	5.2	2.4		
Went to a party/hung out where marijuana was available (past 30 days)	_	_	31.2	34.1	27.7	32.6	31.9	21.4		
Offered/sold/given marijuana on school property (past 12 months)	-	-	_	20.5	11.4	9.3	14.1	5.2		
Used marijuana and alcohol during the same time period (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	13.2	10.0	12.9	12.5	9.5		
Think it would be "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain marijuana	-	-	-	-	-	63.9	63.6	46.6		
Know one or more adults who use marijuana	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	43.2		
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol/drug use	-	-	_	-	_	_	_	11.7		
TYPES OF MARIJUANA USE										
Smoked marijuana (like in a joint or blunt) (lifetime)	_	_	_	_	_	_	25.6	15.7		
Vaped marijuana (used marijuana in an electronic vaping device) (lifetime)	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.1	16.3		
Ate or drank products made with marijuana (lifetime) <sup>‡</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	14.3	14.1		
Used a marijuana concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter) (lifetime)	-	_	_	-	-	-	12.7	6.6		
Smoked marijuana (like in a joint or blunt) (past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	7.5		
Vaped marijuana (used marijuana in an electronic vaping device) (past 30 days)	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	9.4		
Ate or drank products made with marijuana (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	5.3		
Used a marijuana concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter) (past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6		
MARIJUANA USE AND DRIVING										
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana (past 30 days)	_	_	_	15.5	9.3	14.3	12.9	9.3		
Drove a car when you had been using marijuana (past 30 days)§	_	_	_	10.0	8.4	10.6	11.9	7.4		
Think riding in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana is "very dangerous"	_	_	_	51.9	61.4	62.2	60.8	65.6		

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include CBD-only or hemp products

<sup>†</sup> Within a couple of hours

<sup>‡</sup> Includes edibles, such as candy, baked goods, snacks, or drinks that contain marijuana

<sup>§</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade drivers only

# Table 2-5C. Marijuana Use at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
MARIJUANA USE*		
Lifetime marijuana use	20.8	20.6
Tried marijuana before age 13 years	0.8	1.7
Current marijuana use (past 30 days)	13.4	12.3
Current marijuana use on school property (past 30 days)	2.4	3.3
Went to a party/hung out where marijuana was available (past 30 days)	21.4	19.4
Offered/sold/given marijuana on school property (past 12 months)	5.2	7.2
Used marijuana and alcohol during the same time period (past 30 days)	9.5	6.9
Think it would be "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain marijuana	46.6	47.6
Know one or more adults who use marijuana	43.2	46.5
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol/drug use	11.7	16.5
TYPES OF MARIJUANA USE		
Smoked marijuana (like in a joint or blunt) (lifetime)	15.7	15.7
Vaped marijuana (used marijuana in an electronic vaping device) (lifetime)	16.3	15.6
Ate or drank products made with marijuana (lifetime) <sup>‡</sup>	14.1	13.6
Used a marijuana concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter) (lifetime)	6.6	6.5
Smoked marijuana (like in a joint or blunt) (past 30 days)	7.5	8.4
Vaped marijuana (used marijuana in an electronic vaping device) (past 30 days)	9.4	8.5
Ate or drank products made with marijuana (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	5.3	5.3
Used a marijuana concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter) (past 30 days)	2.6	3.0
MARIJUANA USE AND DRIVING	0	0
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana (past 30 days)	9.3	7.6
Drove a car when you had been using marijuana (past 30 days)§	7.4	8.1
Think riding in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana is "very dangerous"	65.6	65.2

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include CBD-only or hemp products

<sup>†</sup> Within a couple of hours

<sup>‡</sup> Includes edibles, such as candy, baked goods, snacks, or drinks that contain marijuana

<sup>§</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade drivers only

# Table 2-6A. Consequences of Marijuana Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grad	e (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
PERCEIVED CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA USE							
Perceived risk of using marijuana once or twice a week (moderate/great risk)	50.8	53.7	47.5	68.6	55.3	42.4	34.4
Perceived risk for people your age using marijuana every day or almost every day (moderate/great risk)	79.0	82.8	74.6	86.4	84.0	73.9	70.2
Harm to brain development (likely/very likely)*	71.5	75.1	67.6	78.7	72.7	69.5	63.9
Harm to other parts of the body, like the lungs or heart (likely/very likely)*	77.6	82.2	72.2	84.4	79.0	75.6	70.1
Will do worse in school than students who don't use marijuana (likely/very likely)*	65.4	68.4	62.0	75.7	67.5	61.4	55.3
Will have more mental health problems than students who don't use marijuana (likely/very likely)*	61.9	64.5	58.8	76.4	64.1	55.9	48.8
Will become addicted to marijuana (likely/very likely)*	67.9	74.0	61.0	80.7	71.7	62.1	54.9
CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA USE (often/very often, past 6 months)							
Used marijuana before noon	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.3	1.3	1.0	1.6
Used marijuana when you were alone	2.3	1.9	2.7	0.3	2.2	1.9	5.3
Had memory problems when you used marijuana	1.8	1.6	2.0	0.0	2.5	1.0	4.1
Had friends or family members tell you to stop or reduce using marijuana	1.0	0.6	1.5	0.0	1.6	0.6	2.0
Tried to reduce or stop your marijuana use without succeeding	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.0	1.3	0.6	0.8
Had arguments, fights, or problems at school or work because of marijuana use	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.0	1.3	1.0	0.8

<sup>\*</sup> Percieved likelihood of consequence for people your age who use marijuana several times a week

# Table 2-6B. Consequences of Marijuana Use, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)								
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021	
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)	
PERCEIVED CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA USE									
Perceived risk of using marijuana once or twice a week (moderate/great risk)	_	-	-	_	_	_	57.9	50.8	
Perceived risk for people your age using marijuana every day or almost every day (moderate/great risk)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79.0	
Harm to brain development (likely/very likely)*	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	71.5	
Harm to other parts of the body, like the lungs or heart (likely/very likely)*	-	-	-	_	-	_	_	77.6	
Will do worse in school than students who don't use marijuana (likely/very likely)*	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	65.4	
Will have more mental health problems than students who don't use marijuana (likely/very likely)*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61.9	
Will become addicted to marijuana (likely/very likely)*	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	67.9	
CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA USE (often/very often, past 6 months)									
Used marijuana before noon	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.0	
Used marijuana when you were alone	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	2.3	
Had memory problems when you used marijuana	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.8	
Had friends or family members tell you to stop or reduce using marijuana	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.0	
Tried to reduce or stop your marijuana use without succeeding	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	0.7	
Had arguments, fights, or problems at school or work because of marijuana use		-	-	-	-	-	-	0.8	

 $<sup>\</sup>hbox{*{\it Percieved likelihood of consequence for people your age who use marijuan a several times a week}}$ 

# Table 2-6C. Consequences of Marijuana Use at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
PERCEIVED CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA USE		
Perceived risk of using marijuana once or twice a week (moderate/great risk)	50.8	50.7
Perceived risk for people your age using marijuana every day or almost every day (moderate/great risk)	79.0	77.9
Harm to brain development (likely/very likely)*	71.5	70.4
Harm to other parts of the body, like the lungs or heart (likely/very likely)*	77.6	74.2
Will do worse in school than students who don't use marijuana (likely/very likely)*	65.4	61.8
Will have more mental health problems than students who don't use marijuana (likely/very likely)*	61.9	59.4
Will become addicted to marijuana (likely/very likely)*	67.9	69.9
CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA USE (often/very often, past 6 months)		
Used marijuana before noon	1.0	2.1
Used marijuana when you were alone	2.3	3.6
Had memory problems when you used marijuana	1.8	1.9
Had friends or family members tell you to stop or reduce using marijuana	1.0	1.4
Tried to reduce or stop your marijuana use without succeeding	0.7	1.1
Had arguments, fights, or problems at school or work because of marijuana use	0.8	1.0

<sup>\*</sup> Percieved likelihood of consequence for people your age who use marijuana several times a week

Table 2-7A. Prescription Drug Misuse and Other Substance Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

2021 Media West Madieseem Median Survey										
	Total (%) Sex (%)					le (%)				
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>			
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)			
OVERALL MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS*										
Lifetime prescription drug misuse	4.2	4.1	4.4	1.0	4.7	1.3	11.5			
Current prescription drug misuse (past 30 days)	3.7	3.5	4.1	1.3	5.3	2.3	6.6			
MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDICINE * AND STIMULANTS										
Lifetime prescription pain medication misuse	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.3	4.1	2.6	5.0			
Current prescription pain medicine misuse (past 30 days)	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.0	2.5	1.6	2.1			
Prescribed prescription pain medicine by a healthcare provider (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	17.2	17.6	16.7	20.9	18.8	15.3	12.9			
Offered/sold/given prescription pain medicine on school property (past 12 months)	5.4	6.2	4.5	5.0	5.6	3.9	7.4			
Lifetime stimulant misuse*	3.5	3.3	3.7	0.7	3.1	1.9	9.4			
Lifetime tranquilizer or sedative misuse*	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.7	2.5	0.3	6.1			
OTHER SUBSTANCE USE										
Lifetime methamphetamine use	1.0	0.3	1.7	0.3	0.6	0.3	2.9			
Lifetime ecstasy use	1.7	1.0	2.6	0.7	1.6	0.7	4.5			
Lifetime cocaine use <sup>‡</sup>	1.4	0.3	2.4	0.3	1.3	0.3	3.7			
Lifetime heroin use	1.0	0.0	2.0	0.3	0.6	0.3	2.9			

<sup>\*</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it; this includes using someone else's prescription or obtaining the medicine illegally

<sup>†</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it; prescription pain medicine includes opioids like codeine, Vicodin, OxyContin, Hydrocodone, and Percocet

<sup>‡</sup> Includes using powder, crack, or freebase

#### Table 2-7B. Prescription Drug Misuse and Other Substance Use, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)								
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021	
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)	
OVERALL MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS*									
Lifetime prescription drug misuse	12.4	8.0	6.6	7.8	4.3	7.0	4.2	4.2	
Current prescription drug misuse (past 30 days)	-	3.6	3.0	4.7	2.6	3.6	2.8	3.7	
MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDICINE * AND STIMULANTS									
Lifetime prescription pain medication misuse	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.7	
Current prescription pain medicine misuse (past 30 days)	-	_	_	_	_	_	2.0	1.8	
Prescribed prescription pain medicine by a healthcare provider (past 12 months) †	_	_	_	_	_	9.9	22.4	17.2	
Offered/sold/given prescription pain medicine on school property (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	-	_	-	6.6	4.1	5.0	2.0	5.4	
Lifetime stimulant misuse*	_	_	_	_	_	6.7	4.1	3.5	
Lifetime tranquilizer or sedative misuse*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	
OTHER SUBSTANCE USE									
Lifetime methamphetamine use	3.2	2.2	1.9	2.8	1.7	1.3	0.5	1.0	
Lifetime ecstasy use	2.7	3.3	2.6	5.5	3.0	2.2	0.7	1.7	
Lifetime cocaine use <sup>‡</sup>	4.0	2.2	2.6	3.3	2.8	2.9	1.1	1.4	
Lifetime heroin use	2.3	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.1	0.7	1.0	

<sup>\*</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it; this includes using someone else's prescription or obtaining the medicine illegally

<sup>†</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it; prescription pain medicine includes opioids like codeine, Vicodin, OxyContin, Hydrocodone, and Percocet

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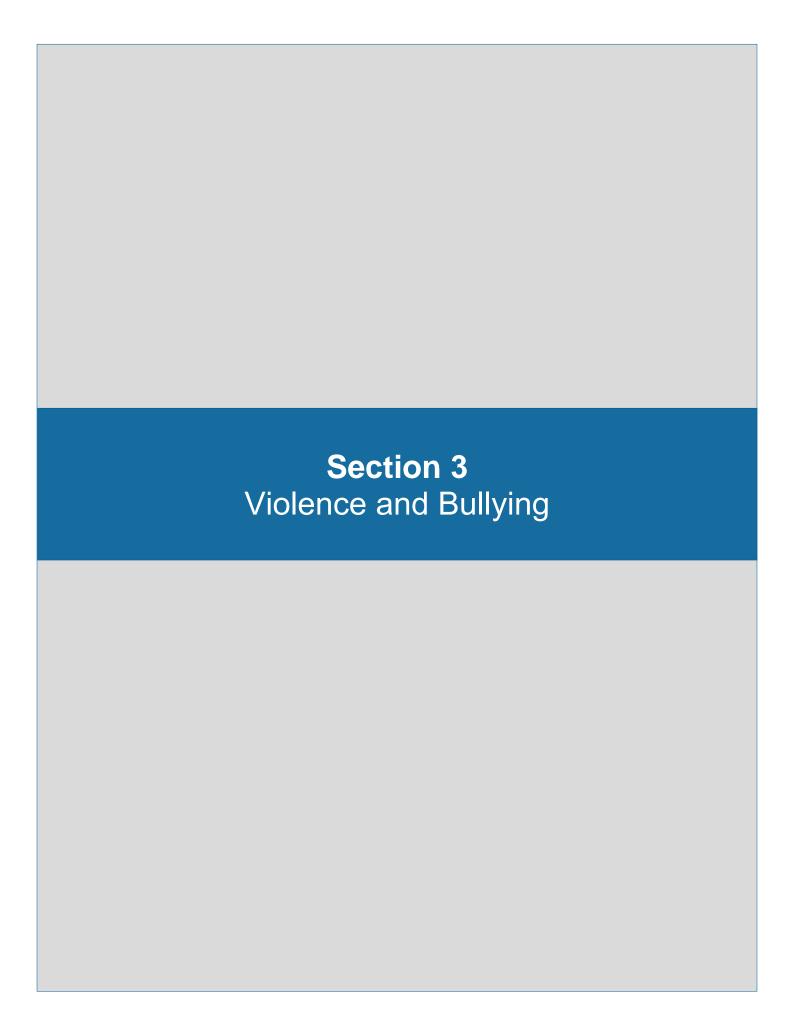
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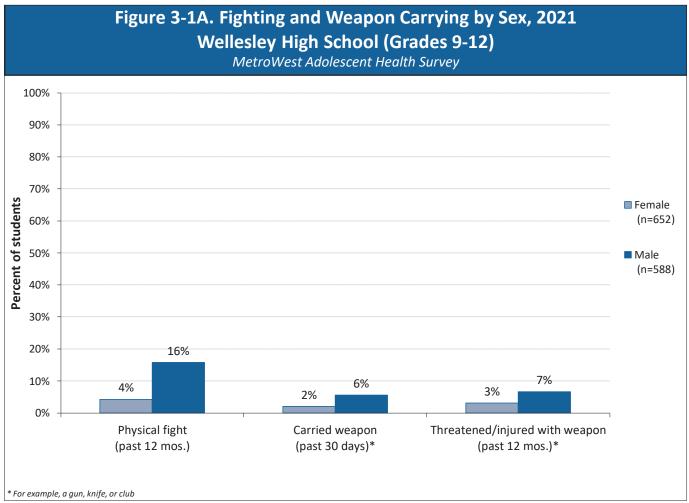
	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
OVERALL MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS*		
Lifetime prescription drug misuse	4.2	4.2
Current prescription drug misuse (past 30 days)	3.7	3.3
MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDICINE * AND STIMULANTS		
Lifetime prescription pain medication misuse	3.7	5.0
Current prescription pain medicine misuse (past 30 days)	1.8	2.6
Prescribed prescription pain medicine by a healthcare provider (past 12 months) †	17.2	18.4
Offered/sold/given prescription pain medicine on school property (past 12 months) †	5.4	4.6
Lifetime stimulant misuse*	3.5	2.9
Lifetime tranquilizer or sedative misuse*	2.2	2.2
OTHER SUBSTANCE USE	0	0
Lifetime methamphetamine use	1.0	0.8
Lifetime ecstasy use	1.7	1.2
Lifetime cocaine use <sup>‡</sup>	1.4	1.0
Lifetime heroin use	1.0	0.8

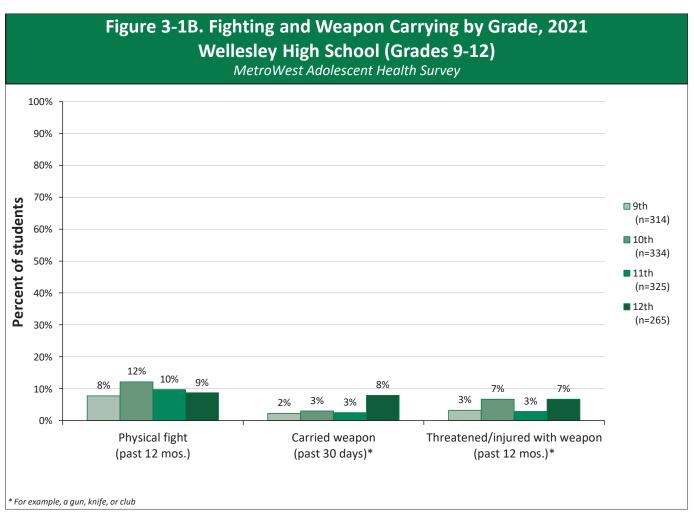
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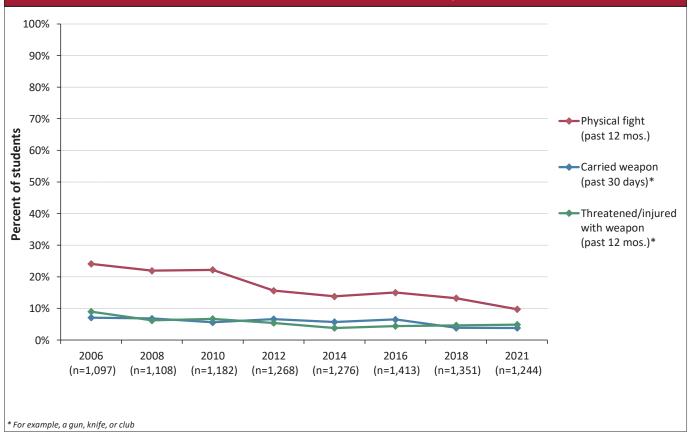
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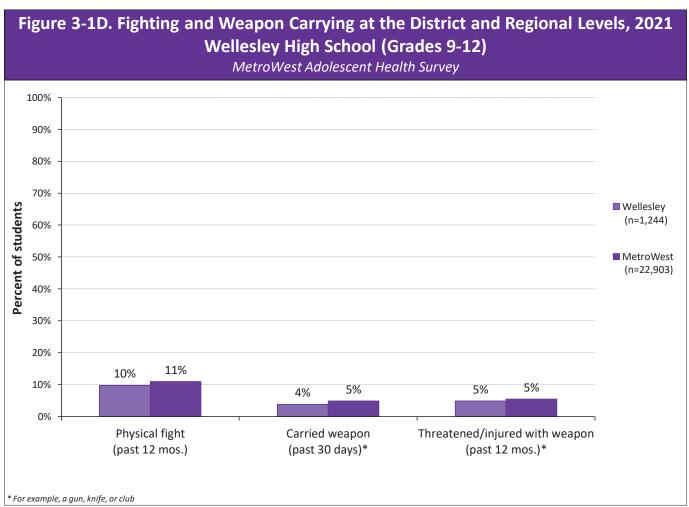


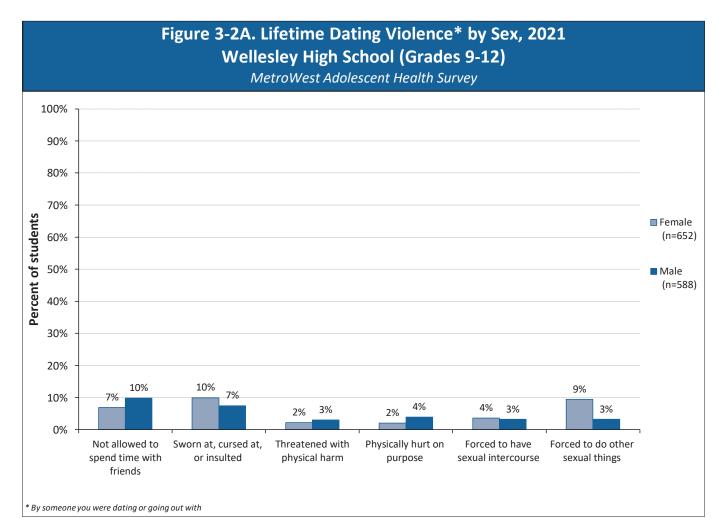


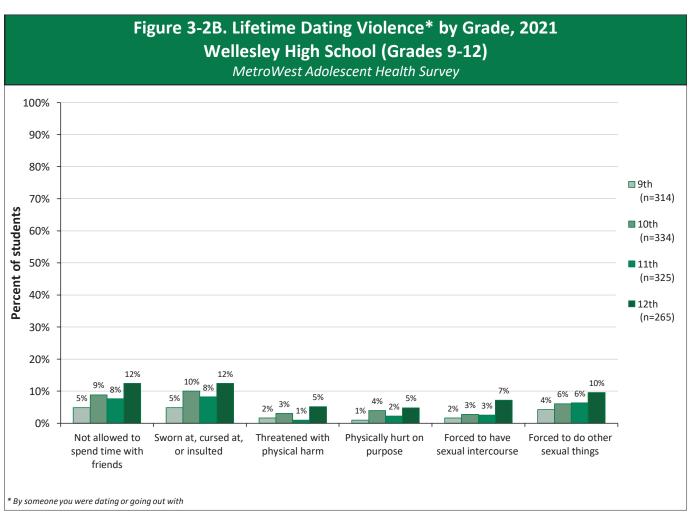


# Figure 3-1C. Fighting and Weapon Carrying , 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)









#### Figure 3-2C. Lifetime Dating Violence\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

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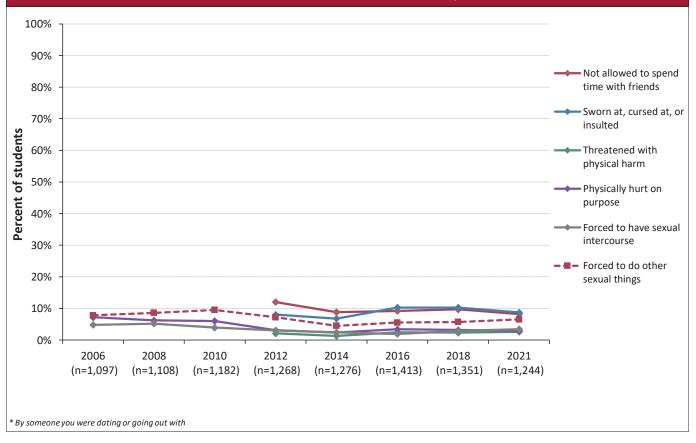
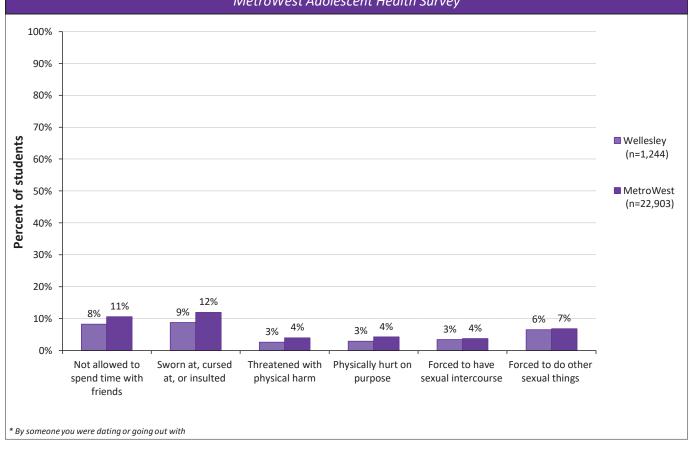
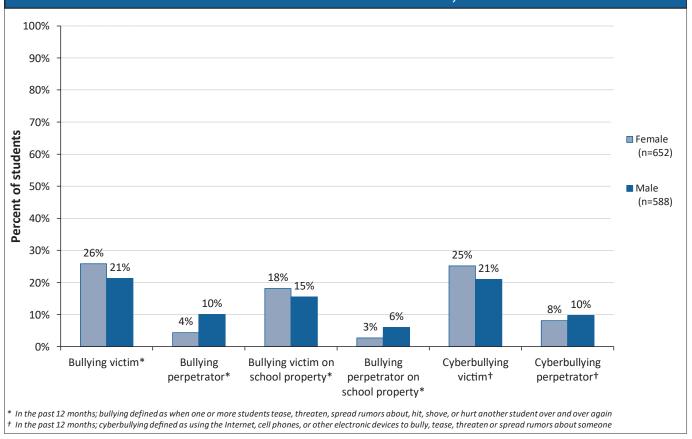
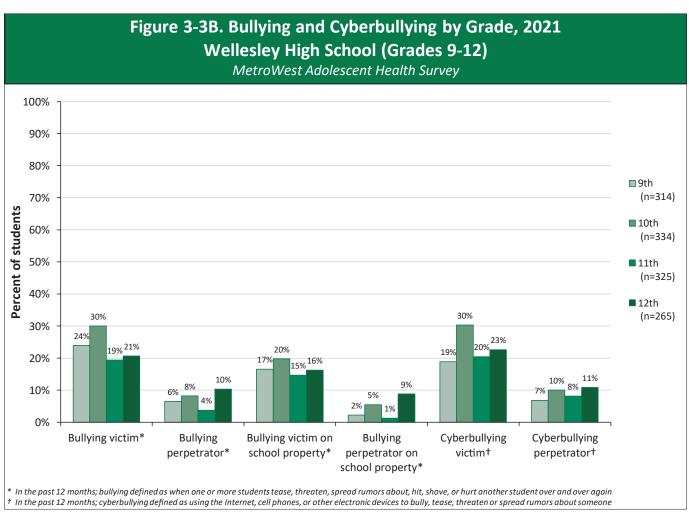


Figure 3-2D. Lifetime Dating Violence\* at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

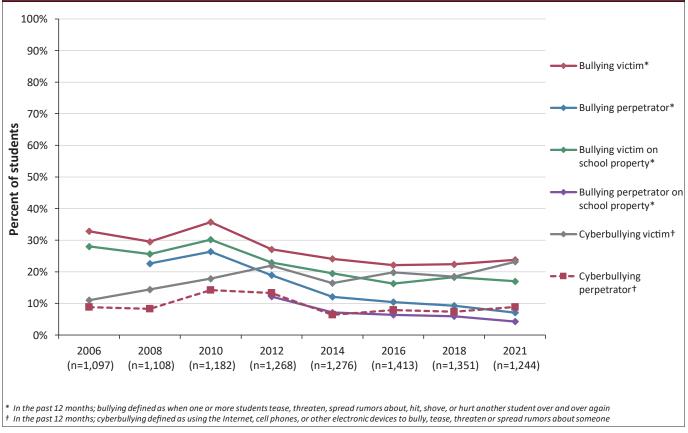


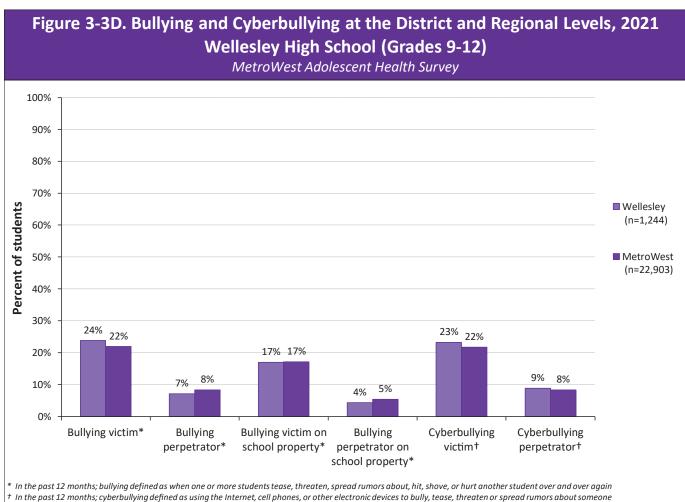
# Figure 3-3A. Bullying and Cyberbullying by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)



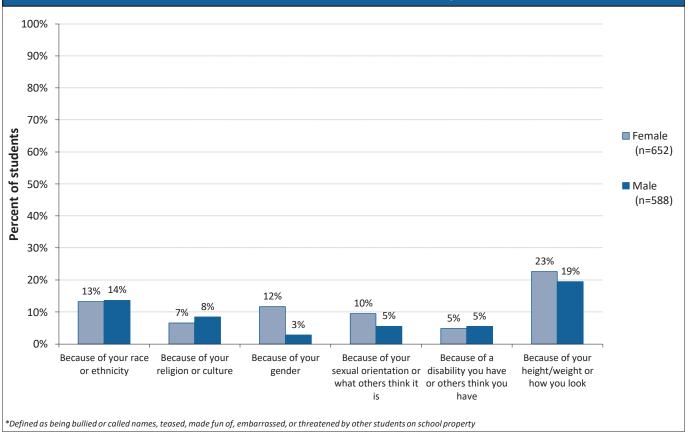


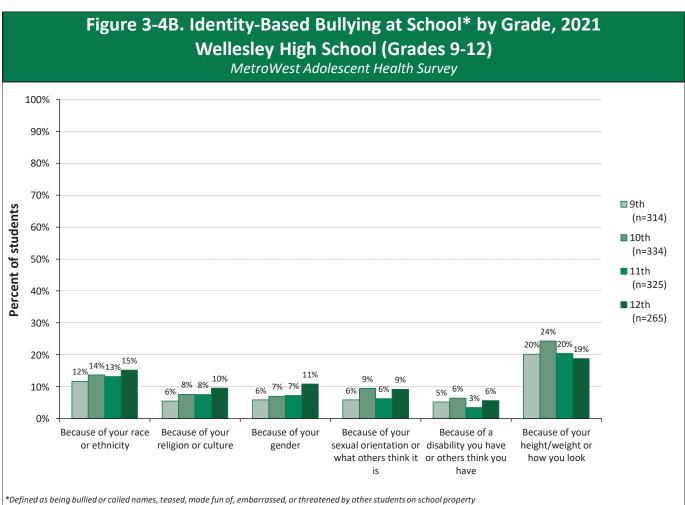
# Figure 3-3C. Bullying and Cyberbullying, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





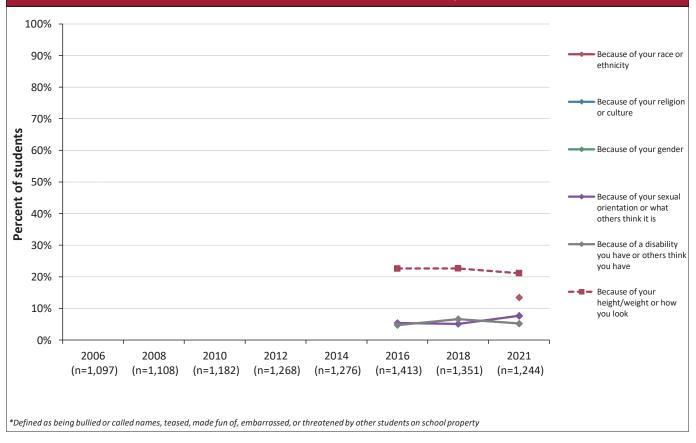
# Figure 3-4A. Identity-Based Bullying at School\* by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

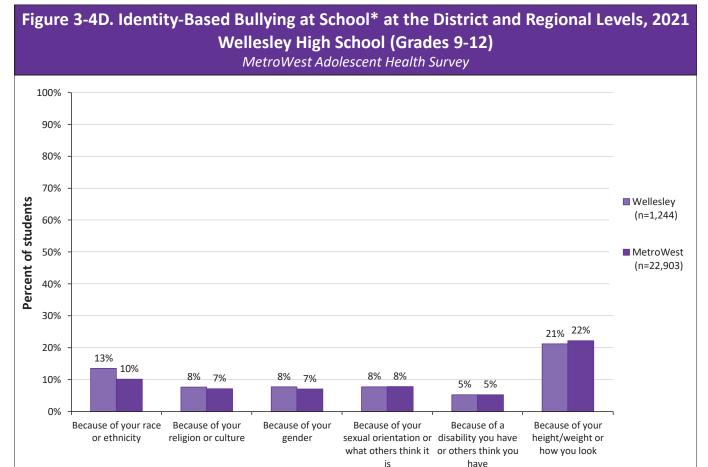




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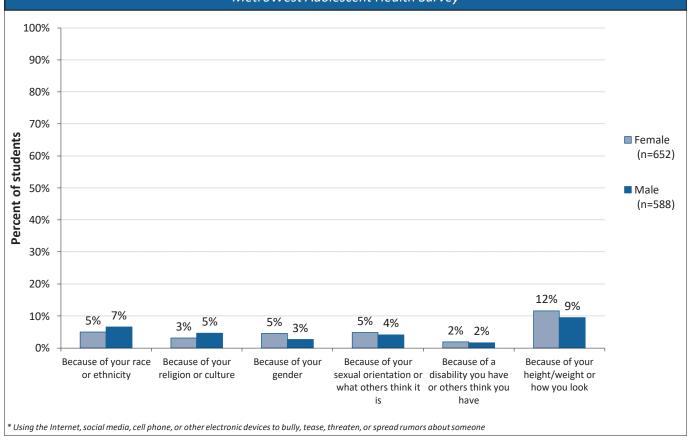
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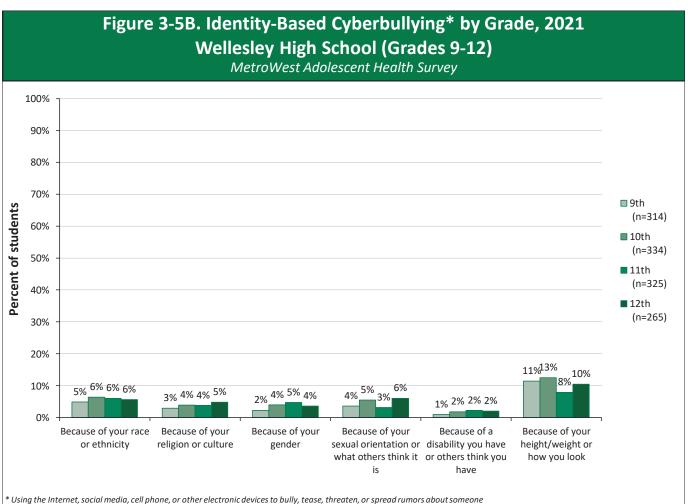




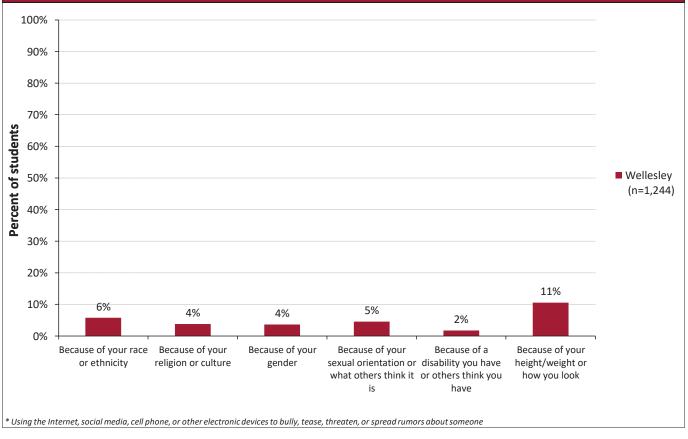
\*Defined as being bullied or called names, teased, made fun of, embarrassed, or threatened by other students on school property

# Figure 3-5A. Identity-Based Cyberbullying\* by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





# Figure 3-5C. Identity-Based Cyberbullying\*, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)



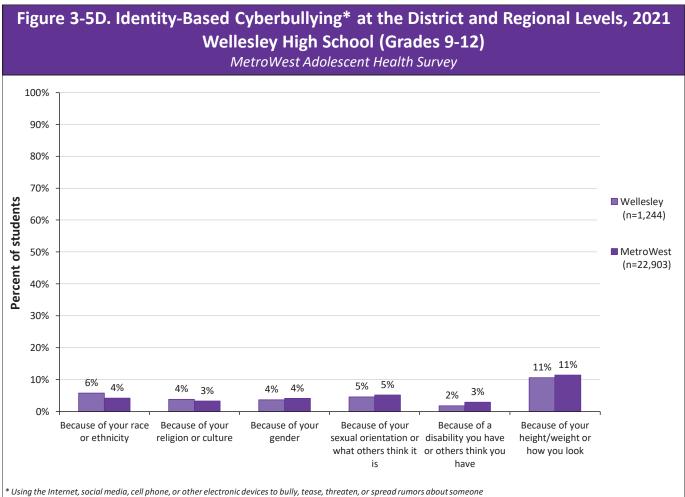


Table 3-1A. Safety, Weapons, and Violence by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	e (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
SAFETY							
Didn't go to school because of safety concerns (past 30 days)*	3.7	3.8	3.7	1.9	4.6	5.0	3.2
WEAPONS <sup>†</sup>							
Threatened or injured with a weapon (past 12 months)	4.9	3.1	6.7	3.2	6.7	2.8	6.7
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (past 12 months)	1.9	1.2	2.5	1.6	2.4	0.9	2.4
Carried a weapon (past 30 days)	3.8	2.0	5.6	2.3	3.0	2.5	7.9
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days)	1.1	0.5	1.6	0.0	0.9	0.6	2.8
Carried a gun (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	0.9	0.3	1.4	0.3	1.2	0.6	1.2
PHYSICAL FIGHTING (past 12 months)							
In a physical fight	9.7	4.2	15.8	7.8	12.1	9.7	8.7
In a physical fight on school property	2.8	1.1	4.6	2.3	3.4	1.9	3.6
DATING VIOLENCE §							
Not allowed to spend time with friends (lifetime)	8.2	6.9	9.8	4.9	8.8	7.6	12.4
Sworn at, cursed at, or insulted (lifetime)	8.7	9.9	7.4	4.9	10.1	8.2	12.4
Threatened with physical harm (lifetime)	2.6	2.2	3.0	1.6	3.0	1.0	5.2
Physically hurt on purpose (lifetime)	2.9	2.0	3.9	1.0	4.0	2.2	4.8
Physically hurt on purpose (past 12 months)	2.1	1.7	2.5	1.0	2.4	1.9	3.2
Forced to have sexual intercourse (lifetime)	3.4	3.6	3.2	1.6	2.7	2.5	7.2
Forced to do other sexual things (lifetime)	6.5	9.4	3.2	4.2	6.1	6.3	9.6
Forced you to do sexual things you did not want to do (kissing, touching, or forced	6.3	8.8	3.5	3.3	6.4	7.3	8.4
intercourse) (past 12 months)							
EXPERIENCES OF VIOLENCE AT HOME	22.2	22.2	24.4	20.6	24.2	22.4	26.0
Ever been hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt by an adult in your home	23.8	23.2	24.4	22.4	24.2	22.4	26.2
Adults in your home have ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up	10.4	10.4	10.4	8.8	9.4	10.4	13.9

<sup>\*</sup> Because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on the way to or from school

<sup>†</sup> For example, a gun, knife, or club

<sup>‡</sup> Does not include carrying a gun only for hunting or for a sport, such as target shooting

<sup>§</sup> By a boyfriend, girlfriend, date, or someone you were going out with

#### Table 3-1B. Safety, Weapons, and Violence, 2006-2021 **Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)**

	Wellesley (%)								
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021	
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)	
SAFETY									
Didn't go to school because of safety concerns (past 30 days)*	2.7	3.5	3.8	3.3	2.1	2.5	4.2	3.7	
WEAPONS <sup>†</sup>									
Threatened or injured with a weapon (past 12 months)	9.0	6.2	6.7	5.4	3.8	4.4	4.7	4.9	
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (past 12 months)	4.7	4.1	3.6	3.0	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	
Carried a weapon (past 30 days)	7.1	6.8	5.6	6.6	5.7	6.5	3.8	3.8	
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days)	2.7	2.7	3.1	3.3	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.1	
Carried a gun (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	0.9	1.0	0.9	
PHYSICAL FIGHTING (past 12 months)									
In a physical fight	24.1	21.9	22.2	15.6	13.8	15.0	13.2	9.7	
In a physical fight on school property	6.7	7.1	7.1	5.0	3.2	3.3	3.5	2.8	
DATING VIOLENCE §									
Not allowed to spend time with friends (lifetime)	-	_	_	12.0	8.8	9.2	9.7	8.2	
Sworn at, cursed at, or insulted (lifetime)	-	-	-	8.0	6.8	10.3	10.3	8.7	
Threatened with physical harm (lifetime)	_	_	_	2.1	1.3	2.4	2.3	2.6	
Physically hurt on purpose (lifetime)	7.2	6.2	6.0	3.1	2.4	3.4	3.1	2.9	
Physically hurt on purpose (past 12 months)	-	_	_	_	_	_	-	2.1	
Forced to have sexual intercourse (lifetime)	4.8	5.2	3.9	3.0	2.4	1.9	2.8	3.4	
Forced to do other sexual things (lifetime)	7.8	8.6	9.5	7.2	4.5	5.5	5.7	6.5	
Forced you to do sexual things you did not want to do (kissing, touching, or forced intercourse) (past 12 months)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.3	
EXPERIENCES OF VIOLENCE AT HOME									
Ever been hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt by an adult in your home	-	-	-	_	_	_	_	23.8	
Adults in your home have ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.4	

<sup>\*</sup> Because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on the way to or from school

<sup>†</sup> For example, a gun, knife, or club

<sup>‡</sup> Does not include carrying a gun only for hunting or for a sport, such as target shooting § By a boyfriend, girlfriend, date, or someone you were going out with

### Table 3-1C. Safety, Weapons, and Violence at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
SAFETY		
Didn't go to school because of safety concerns (past 30 days)*	3.7	3.6
WEAPONS <sup>†</sup>		
Threatened or injured with a weapon (past 12 months)	4.9	5.4
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (past 12 months)	1.9	2.5
Carried a weapon (past 30 days)	3.8	4.8
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days)	1.1	1.2
Carried a gun (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	0.9	1.2
PHYSICAL FIGHTING (past 12 months)	0	
In a physical fight	9.7	10.9
In a physical fight on school property	2.8	3.1
DATING VIOLENCE §	0	
Not allowed to spend time with friends (lifetime)	8.2	10.6
Sworn at, cursed at, or insulted (lifetime)	8.7	11.9
Threatened with physical harm (lifetime)	2.6	3.9
Physically hurt on purpose (lifetime)	2.9	4.2
Physically hurt on purpose (past 12 months)	2.1	3.1
Forced to have sexual intercourse (lifetime)	3.4	3.7
Forced to do other sexual things (lifetime)	6.5	6.8
Forced you to do sexual things you did not want to do (kissing, touching, or forced intercourse) (past 12 months)	6.3	6.1
EXPERIENCES OF VIOLENCE AT HOME	0	
Ever been hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt by an adult in your home	23.8	22.1
Adults in your home have ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up	10.4	10.0

<sup>\*</sup> Because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on the way to or from school

<sup>†</sup> For example, a gun, knife, or club

<sup>‡</sup> Does not include carrying a gun only for hunting or for a sport, such as target shooting

<sup>§</sup> By a boyfriend, girlfriend, date, or someone you were going out with

### Table 3-2A. Bullying and Cyberbullying by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
BULLYING (past 12 months)*							
Been a victim of bullying	23.8	25.9	21.2	23.9	30.0	19.4	20.6
Been a victim of bullying on school property	17.0	18.1	15.5	16.6	19.8	14.7	16.3
Bullied someone else	7.1	4.4	10.1	6.5	8.2	3.8	10.3
Bullied someone else on school property	4.3	2.7	6.0	2.3	5.5	1.3	8.8
Talked to a teacher/adult from school about being bullied	6.0	7.0	4.9	5.5	6.7	6.3	5.6
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being bullied	11.7	14.2	8.8	12.0	17.9	8.2	7.6
CYBERBULLYING (past 12 months) †							
Been a victim of cyberbullying	23.2	25.1	21.0	18.9	30.3	20.4	22.6
Cyberbullied someone else	8.9	8.1	9.7	6.8	10.0	8.2	10.8
Talked to a teacher/adult from school about being cyberbullied	3.5	3.4	3.5	2.3	4.2	3.1	4.4
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being cyberbullied	6.8	8.2	5.3	6.2	10.6	5.4	4.4

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again

<sup>†</sup> Defined as using the Internet, cell phones, or other electronic devices to bully, tease, threaten, or spread rumors about someone; includes being bullied through texting, email, and social media (such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, and TikTok)

### Table 3-2B. Bullying and Cyberbullying, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

		Wellesley (%)								
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021		
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)		
BULLYING (past 12 months)*										
Been a victim of bullying	32.8	29.5	35.7	27.1	24.1	22.1	22.4	23.8		
Been a victim of bullying on school property	28.0	25.6	30.2	22.9	19.5	16.3	18.3	17.0		
Bullied someone else	_	22.6	26.4	18.9	12.1	10.4	9.3	7.1		
Bullied someone else on school property	_	-	-	12.2	7.1	6.4	5.9	4.3		
Talked to a teacher/adult from school about being bullied	_	-	9.8	6.7	5.5	5.6	5.7	6.0		
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being bullied	_	-	14.0	12.6	11.1	10.6	11.1	11.7		
CYBERBULLYING (past 12 months) †										
Been a victim of cyberbullying	11.0	14.4	17.8	21.9	16.4	19.8	18.4	23.2		
Cyberbullied someone else	8.8	8.3	14.2	13.3	6.4	7.9	7.4	8.9		
Talked to a teacher/adult from school about being cyberbullied	_	_	4.1	3.5	2.4	3.1	3.6	3.5		
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being cyberbullied	-	-	5.3	6.1	5.5	6.8	5.7	6.8		

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again

<sup>†</sup> Defined as using the Internet, cell phones, or other electronic devices to bully, tease, threaten, or spread rumors about someone; includes being bullied through texting, email, and social media (such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, and TikTok)

### Table 3-2C. Bullying and Cyberbullying at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
BULLYING (past 12 months)*		
Been a victim of bullying	23.8	22.0
Been a victim of bullying on school property	17.0	17.1
Bullied someone else	7.1	8.3
Bullied someone else on school property	4.3	5.4
Talked to a teacher/adult from school about being bullied	6.0	5.6
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being bullied	11.7	10.8
CYBERBULLYING (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>		
Been a victim of cyberbullying	23.2	21.7
Cyberbullied someone else	8.9	8.3
Talked to a teacher/adult from school about being cyberbullied	3.5	3.1
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being cyberbullied	6.8	6.3

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again

<sup>†</sup> Defined as using the Internet, cell phones, or other electronic devices to bully, tease, threaten, or spread rumors about someone; includes being bullied through texting, email, and social media (such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, and TikTok)

### Table 3-3A. Identity-Based Bullying and Cyberbullying by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
IDENTITY-BASED BULLYING AT SCHOOL (past 12 months)*							
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your race or ethnicity	13.5	13.2	13.6	11.7	13.7	13.2	15.2
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your religion or culture	7.6	6.6	8.5	5.5	7.6	7.5	9.6
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your gender	7.7	11.7	2.8	5.8	7.0	7.2	10.8
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your sexual identity or orientation or what others think it is	7.7	9.5	5.5	5.8	9.5	6.3	9.2
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of a disability you have or others think you have	5.2	4.8	5.5	5.2	6.4	3.4	5.6
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your height or weight or how you look	21.2	22.6	19.5	20.1	24.3	20.4	18.8
IDENTITY-BASED CYBERBULLYING (past 12 months) †							
Cyberbullied because of your race or ethnicity	5.7	5.0	6.6	4.9	6.4	6.0	5.6
Cyberbullied because of your religion or culture	3.8	3.1	4.6	2.9	3.9	3.8	4.8
Cyberbullied because of your gender	3.7	4.5	2.7	2.3	4.0	4.8	3.6
Cyberbullied because of your sexual identity or orientation or what others think it is	4.6	4.9	4.1	3.6	5.5	3.2	6.0
Cyberbullied because of a disability you have or others think you have	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.0	1.8	2.2	2.0
Cyberbullied because of your height or weight, or how you look	10.6	11.6	9.4	11.4	12.5	7.9	10.4

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as being bullied or called names, teased, made fun of, embarrassed, or threatened one or more times by others at your school

<sup>†</sup> Defined as being bullied or called names, teased, threatened, or gossiped about by someone using the internet, social media, cell phone, or other electronic device

### Table 3-3B. Identity-Based Bullying and Cyberbullying, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
IDENTITY-BASED BULLYING AT SCHOOL (past 12 months)*								
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your race or ethnicity	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	13.5
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your religion or culture	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	7.6
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your gender	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	7.7
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your sexual identity or orientation or what others think it is	-	-	-	-	-	5.4	5.1	7.7
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of a disability you have or others think you have	_	_	_	_	_	4.7	6.6	5.2
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your height or weight or how you look	-	_	-	-	-	22.6	22.6	21.2
IDENTITY-BASED CYBERBULLYING (past 12 months) †								
Cyberbullied because of your race or ethnicity	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	5.7
Cyberbullied because of your religion or culture	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.8
Cyberbullied because of your gender	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.7
Cyberbullied because of your sexual identity or orientation or what others think it is	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6
Cyberbullied because of a disability you have or others think you have	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.7
Cyberbullied because of your height or weight, or how you look	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	10.6

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as being bullied or called names, teased, made fun of, embarrassed, or threatened one or more times by others at your school

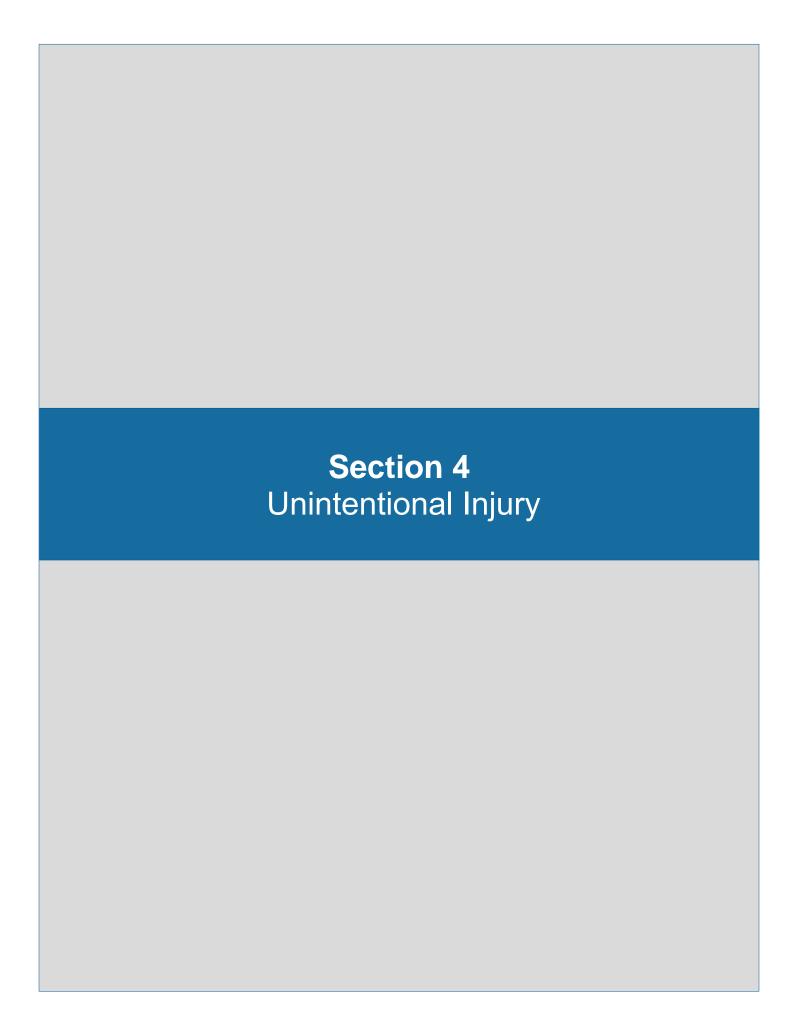
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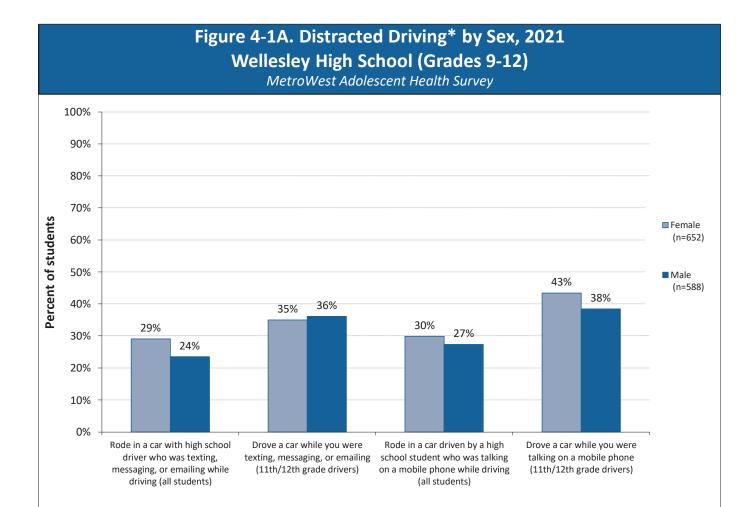
### Table 3-3C. Identity-Based Bullying and Cyberbullying at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

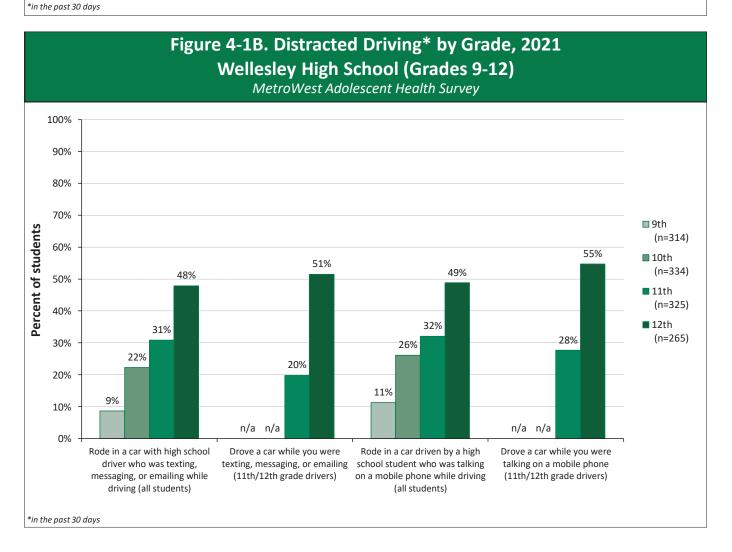
	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
IDENTITY-BASED BULLYING AT SCHOOL (past 12 months)*		
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your race or ethnicity	13.5	10.1
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your religion or culture	7.6	7.1
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your gender	7.7	7.0
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your sexual identity or orientation or what others think it is	7.7	7.7
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of a disability you have or others think you have	5.2	5.2
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your height or weight or how you look	21.2	22.2
IDENTITY-BASED CYBERBULLYING (past 12 months) †		
Cyberbullied because of your race or ethnicity	5.7	4.2
Cyberbullied because of your religion or culture	3.8	3.3
Cyberbullied because of your gender	3.7	4.1
Cyberbullied because of your sexual identity or orientation or what others think it is	4.6	5.1
Cyberbullied because of a disability you have or others think you have	1.7	2.9
Cyberbullied because of your height or weight, or how you look	10.6	11.4

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as being bullied or called names, teased, made fun of, embarrassed, or threatened one or more times by others at your school

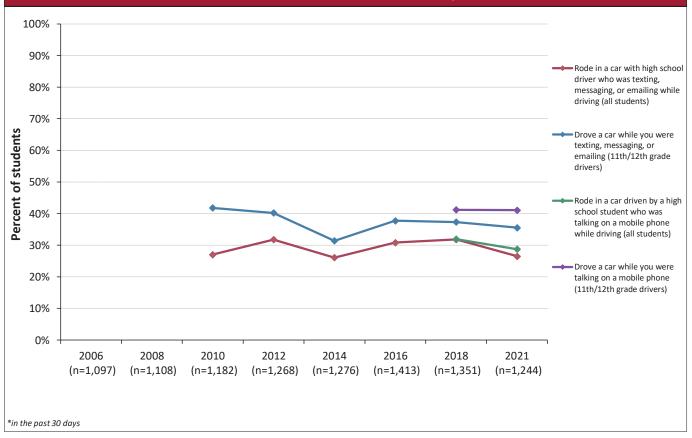
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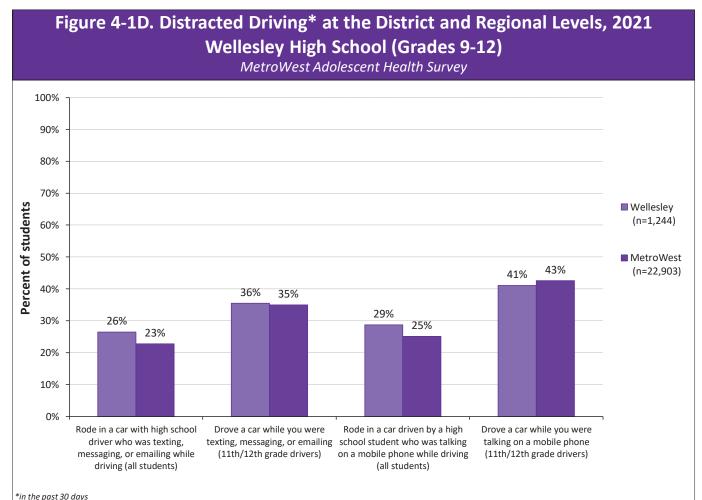


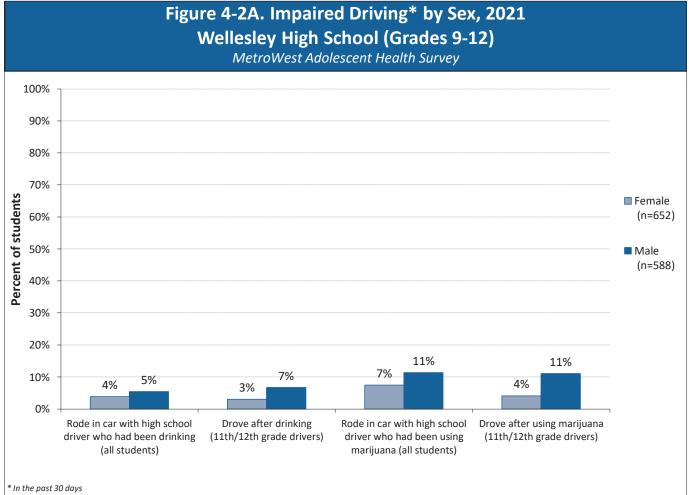


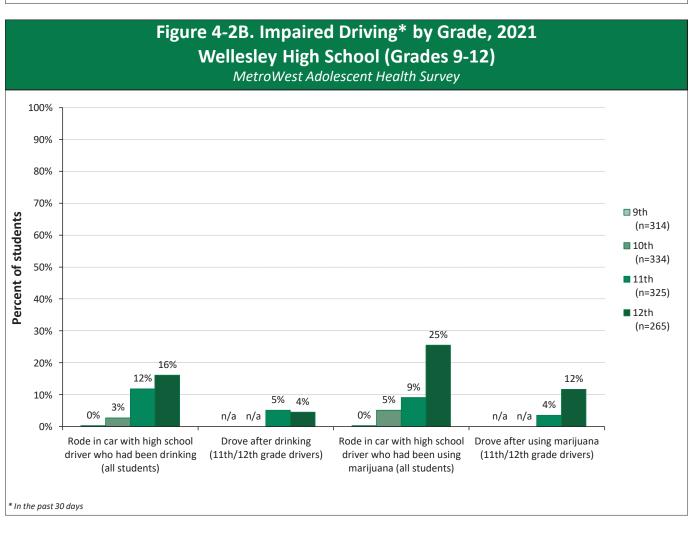


## Figure 4-1C. Distracted Driving\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

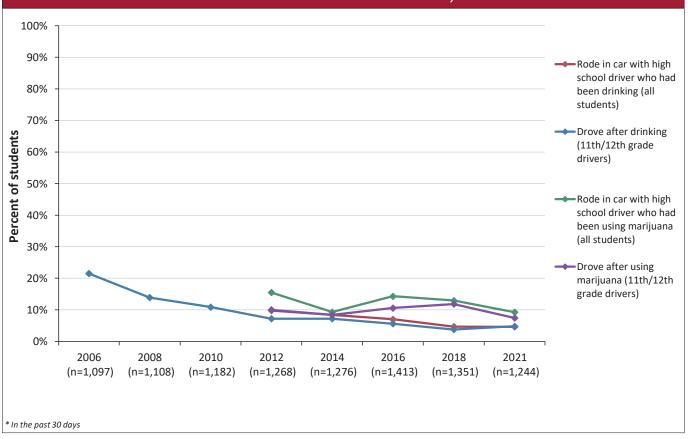


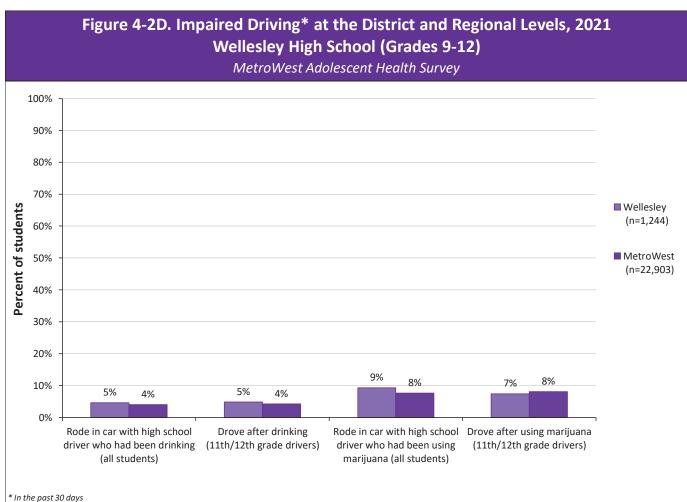






# Figure 4-2C. Impaired Driving\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





# Table 4-1A. Behaviors Related to Unintentional Injury by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

2021 Wetto West Adolescent Health Survey										
	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	le (%)				
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>			
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)			
SAFETY-RELATED BEHAVIORS										
Never/rarely wore a helmet when riding a bicycle (past 12 months, among students who rode a bicycle)	50.4	50.0	50.9	39.5	54.1	58.1	50.5			
Never/rarely wear a seatbelt when riding as a passenger in a car	2.6	1.6	3.6	2.6	2.1	3.1	2.3			
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (past 30 days)										
Rode in a car with a driver who had been drinking	12.0	12.6	11.4	11.0	9.9	11.8	16.1			
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been drinking	4.6	3.9	5.4	0.3	2.7	6.3	10.2			
Drove a car when you had been drinking*	4.8	3.1	6.7	_	_	5.1	4.5			
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana	9.3	7.5	11.4	0.3	5.1	9.1	25.5			
Drove a car when you had been using marijuana*	7.4	4.1	11.0	_	_	3.6	11.7			
Think riding in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana is "very dangerous"	65.6	68.0	62.7	77.1	65.2	64.3	53.7			
DISTRACTED DRIVING (past 30 days)										
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who was texting, messaging, or emailing while driving	26.5	29.1	23.5	8.7	22.3	30.8	47.8			
Drove a car while you were texting, messaging, or emailing*	35.5	35.0	36.1	_	-	19.8	51.5			
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who was talking on a mobile phone while driving	28.7	29.9	27.4	11.3	26.1	32.1	48.8			
Drove a car while you were talking on a mobile phone*	41.1	43.4	38.4	-	-	27.7	54.7			

<sup>\*</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade youth who drove in the past 30 days

### Table 4-1B. Behaviors Related to Unintentional Injury, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

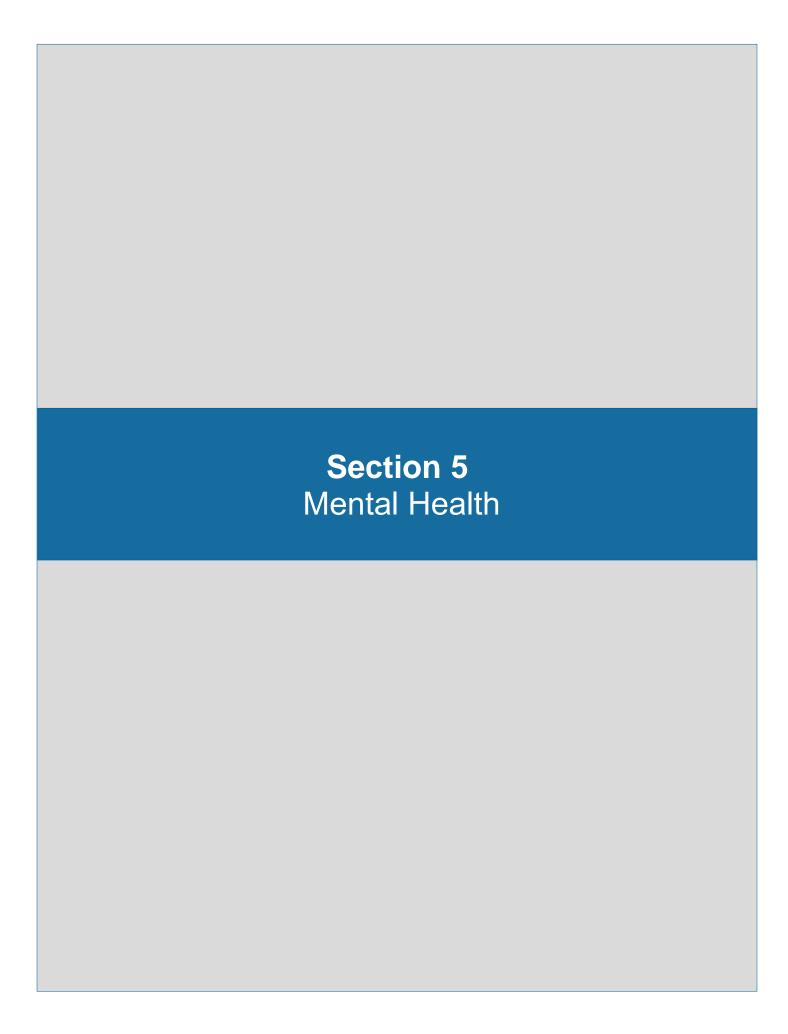
	Wellesley (%)							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
SAFETY-RELATED BEHAVIORS								
Never/rarely wore a helmet when riding a bicycle (past 12 months, among students who rode a bicycle)	43.2	45.8	44.6	43.2	44.7	48.9	49.9	50.4
Never/rarely wear a seatbelt when riding as a passenger in a car	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.6	2.5	3.5	3.6	2.6
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (past 30 days)								
Rode in a car with a driver who had been drinking	23.6	22.1	21.5	18.7	16.5	14.5	13.4	12.0
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been drinking	-	-	-	9.8	8.4	7.0	4.7	4.6
Drove a car when you had been drinking*	21.5	13.9	10.9	7.2	7.2	5.6	3.8	4.8
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana	-	_	-	15.5	9.3	14.3	12.9	9.3
Drove a car when you had been using marijuana*	_	_	_	10.0	8.4	10.6	11.9	7.4
Think riding in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana is "very dangerous"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65.6
DISTRACTED DRIVING (past 30 days)								
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who was texting, messaging, or emailing while driving	_	_	27.0	31.8	26.1	30.8	31.8	26.5
Drove a car while you were texting, messaging, or emailing*	_	_	41.8	40.2	31.4	37.7	37.3	35.5
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who was talking on a mobile phone while driving	_	_	_	_	_	_	31.9	28.7
Drove a car while you were talking on a mobile phone*	-	-	_	_	-	-	41.2	41.1

<sup>\*</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade youth who drove in the past 30 days

### Table 4-1C. Behaviors Related to Unintentional Injury at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

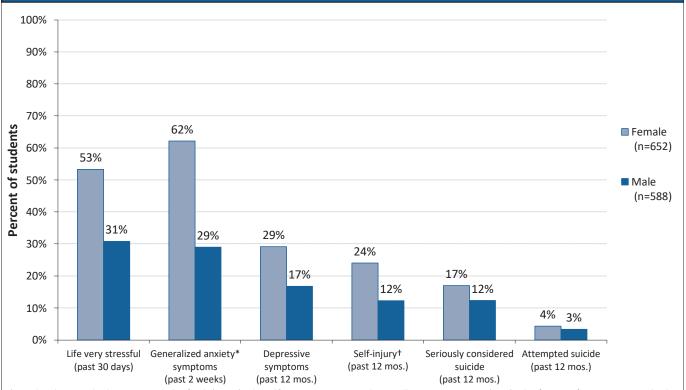
	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
SAFETY-RELATED BEHAVIORS	(1,244)	(22,903)
Never/rarely wore a helmet when riding a bicycle (past 12 months, among students who rode a bicycle)	50.4	48.0
Never/rarely wear a seatbelt when riding as a passenger in a car	2.6	2.4
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (past 30 days)		
Rode in a car with a driver who had been drinking	12.0	12.2
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been drinking	4.6	4.0
Drove a car when you had been drinking*	4.8	4.2
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana	9.3	7.6
Drove a car when you had been using marijuana*	7.4	8.1
Think riding in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana is "very dangerous"	65.6	65.2
DISTRACTED DRIVING (past 30 days)		
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who was texting, messaging, or emailing while driving	26.5	22.8
Drove a car while you were texting, messaging, or emailing*	35.5	34.9
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who was talking on a mobile phone while driving	28.7	25.1
Drove a car while you were talking on a mobile phone*	41.1	42.5

<sup>\*</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade youth who drove in the past 30 days



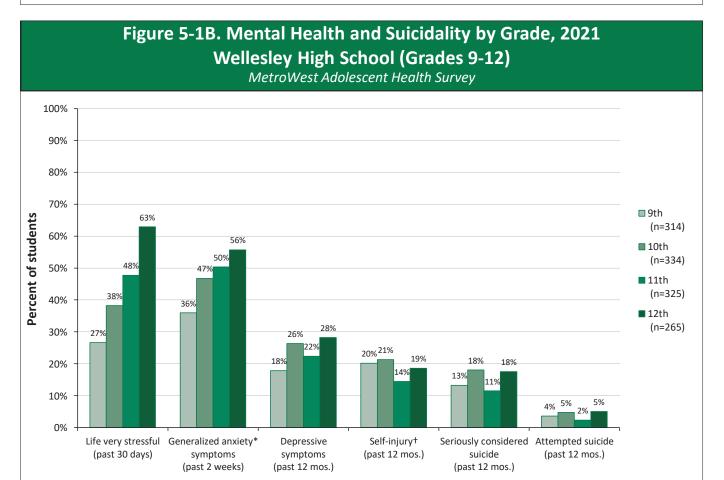
## Figure 5-1A. Mental Health and Suicidality by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey



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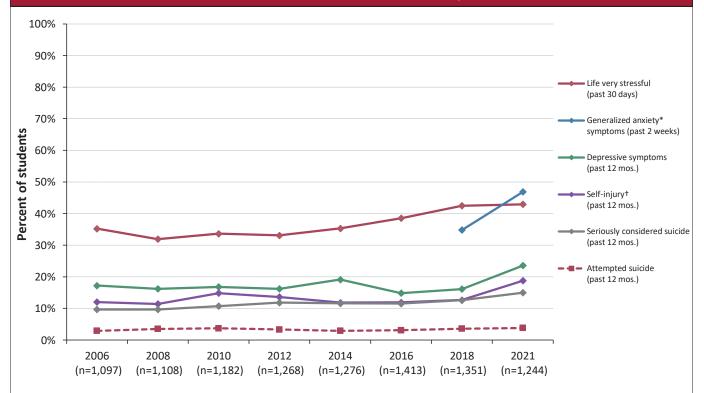


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## Figure 5-1C. Mental Health and Suicidality, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

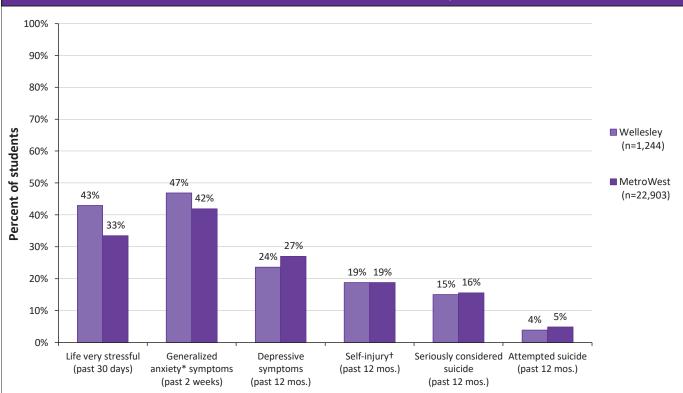
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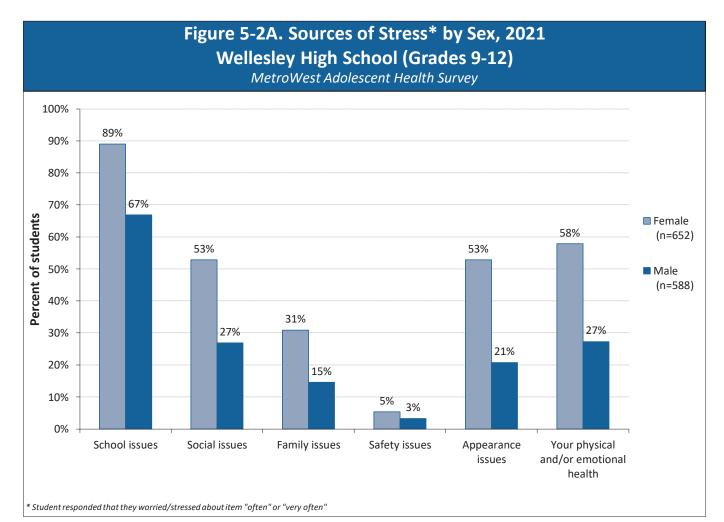
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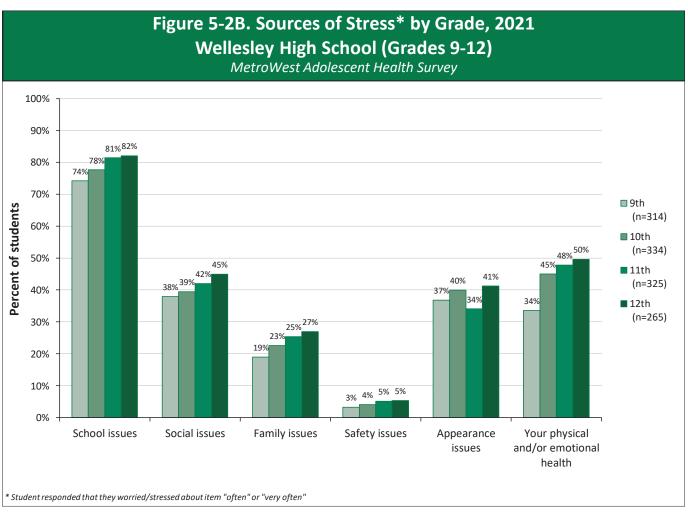




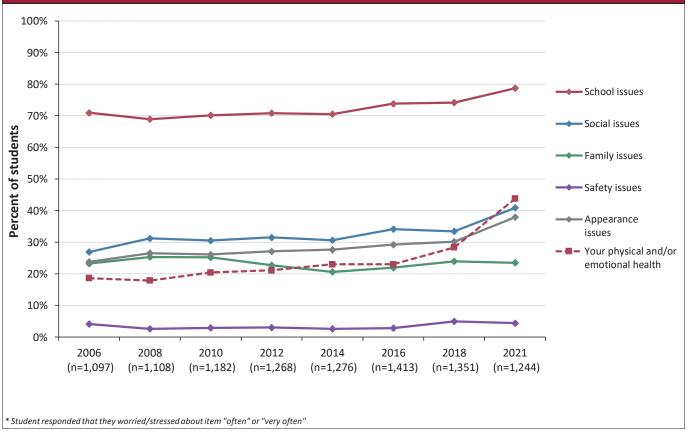
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# Figure 5-2C. Sources of Stress\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)



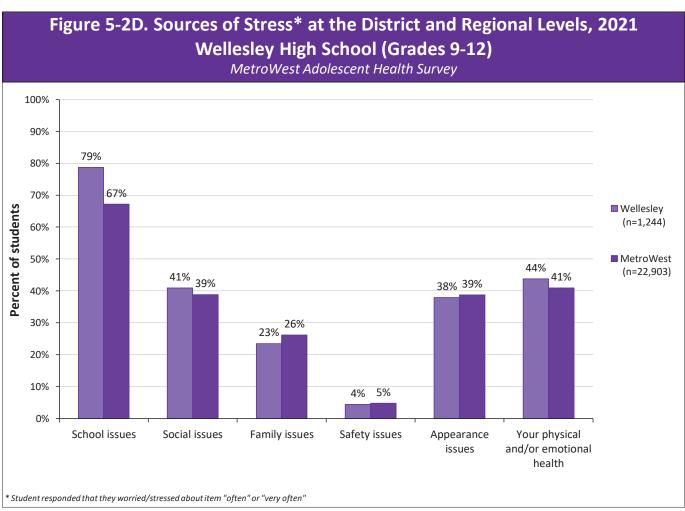
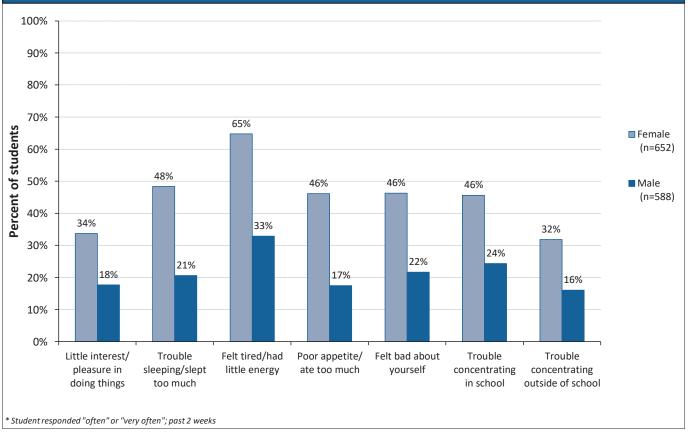


Figure 5-3A. Symptoms of Being Stressed, Anxious, or Worried\* by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)



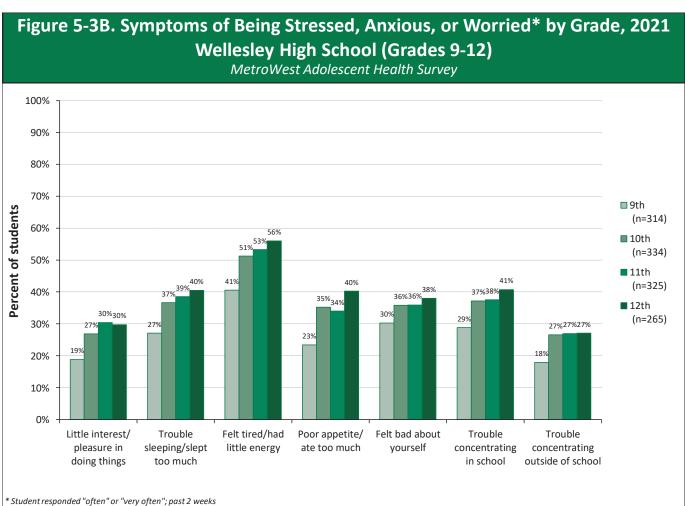
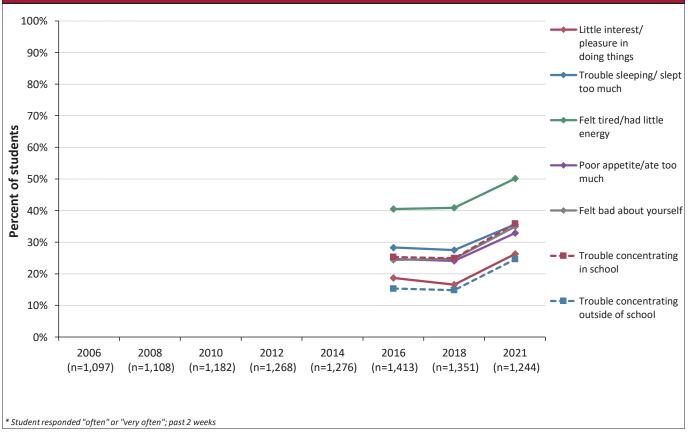


Figure 5-3C. Symptoms of Being Stressed, Anxious, or Worried\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)



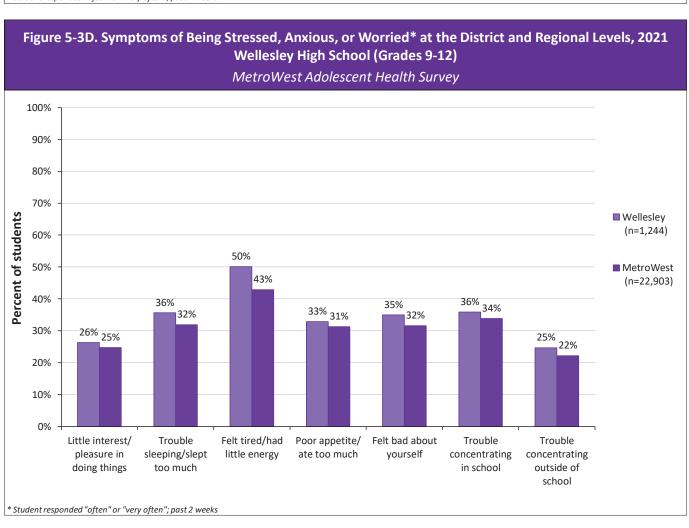
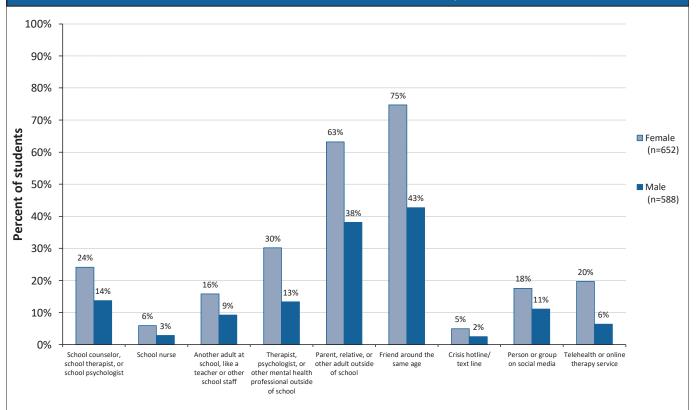
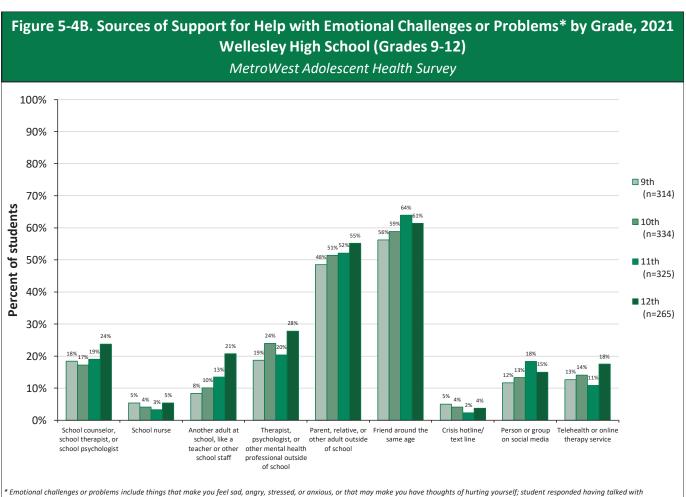


Figure 5-4A. Sources of Support for Help with Emotional Challenges or Problems\* by Sex, 2021
Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)



<sup>\*</sup> Emotional challenges or problems include things that make you feel sad, angry, stressed, or anxious, or that may make you have thoughts of hurting yourself; student responded having talked with individual/group one or more times in the past 12 months



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Figure 5-4C. Sources of Support for Help with Emotional Challenges or Problems\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

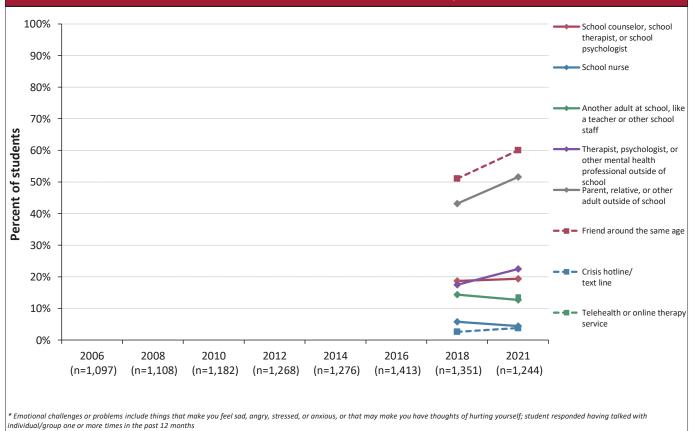


Figure 5-4D. Sources of Support for Help with Emotional Challenges or Problems\* at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey 100% 90% 80% 70% Percent of students ■ Wellesley 60% 59% (n=1,244) 60% 52% <sub>50%</sub> 50% ■ MetroWest (n=22,903)40% 30% 22% 23% 19% 19% 20% 15% 15% 14% 13% 12% 10% 4% 4% 4% 4% 0% Person or group Telehealth or online on social media therapy service School counselor. School nurse Another adult at Therapist. Parent, relative, or Friend around the Crisis hotline/ school therapist, or school, like a psychologist, or other adult outside text line same age school psychologist teacher or other other mental health of school school staff professional outside of school Emotional challenges or problems include things that make you feel sad, angry, stressed, or anxious, or that may make you have thoughts of hurting yourself; student responded having talked with individual/group one or more times in the past 12 months

Figure 5-5A. Barriers to Seeking Help at School for Emotional Challenges\* by Sex, 2021
Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

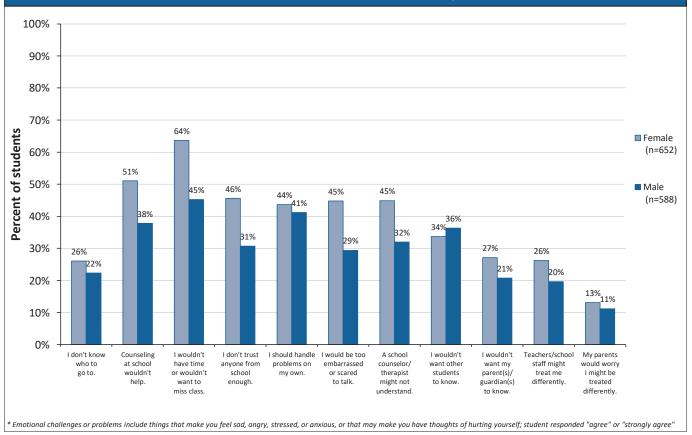


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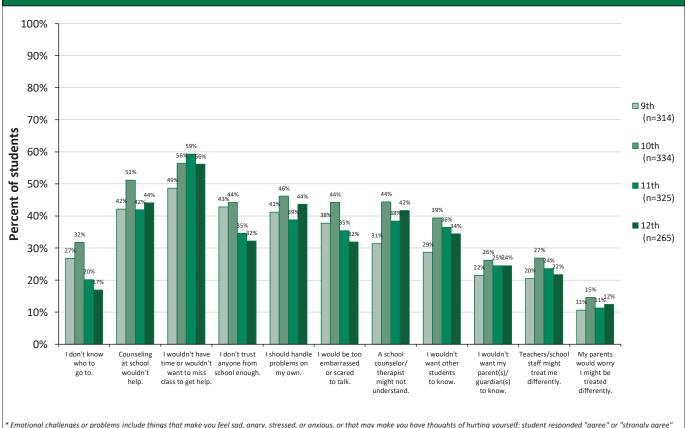
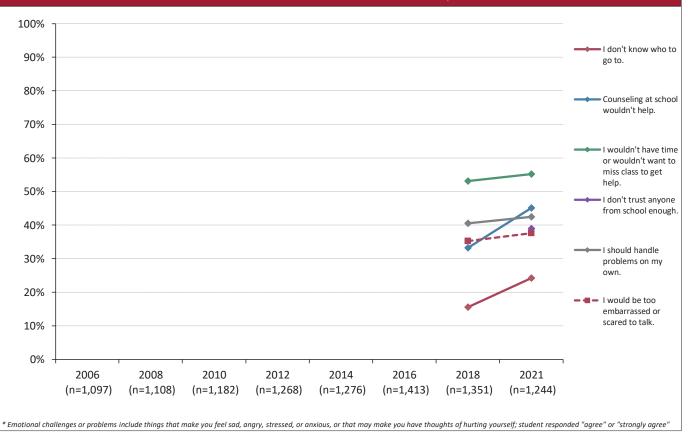
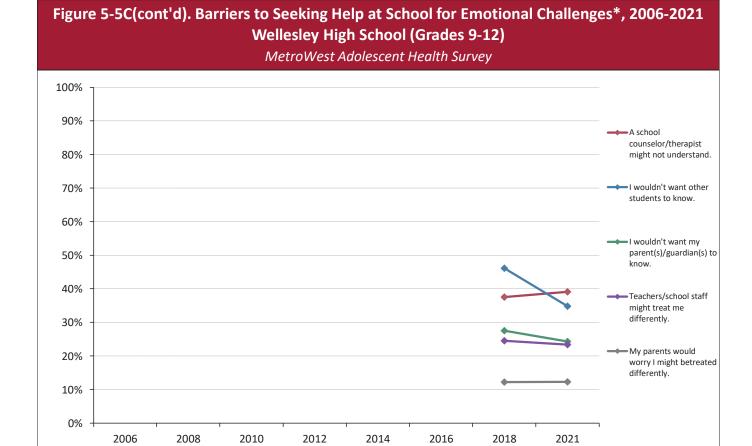


Figure 5-5C. Barriers to Seeking Help at School for Emotional Challenges\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





(n=1,276)

\* Emotional challenges or problems include things that make you feel sad, angry, stressed, or anxious, or that may make you have thoughts of hurting yourself; student responded "agree" or "strongly agree"

(n=1,413)

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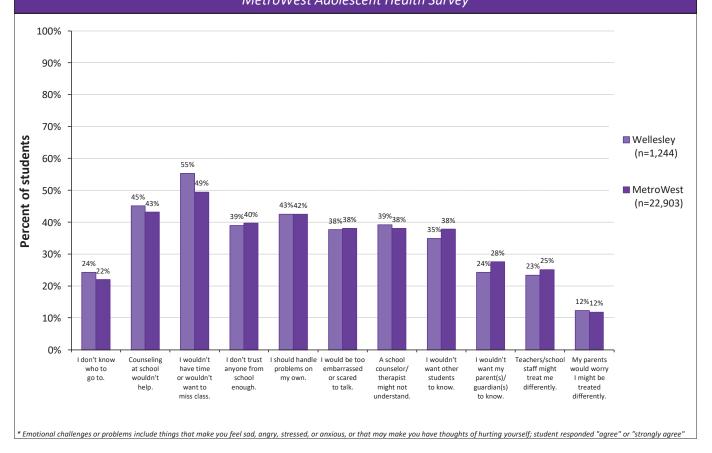
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(n=1,268)

Figure 5-5D. Barriers to Seeking Help at School for Emotional Challenges\* at the District and Regional Levels, 2021

Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey



### Table 5-1A. Stress and Coping Strategies by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
STRESS							
Life "very" stressful (past 30 days)	42.9	53.3	30.8	26.6	38.2	47.7	62.9
Worry/feel stressed about school issues*	78.7	89.0	66.8	74.2	77.6	81.4	82.0
Worry/feel stressed about social issues*	40.9	52.8	26.9	37.9	39.4	42.0	44.9
Worry/feel stressed about family issues*	23.5	30.9	14.6	19.0	22.6	25.3	26.9
Worry/feel stressed about safety issues*	4.4	5.3	3.3	3.3	4.0	5.1	5.3
Worry/feel stressed about appearance issues*	37.9	52.8	20.8	36.8	39.9	34.1	41.2
Worry/feel stressed about your physical and/or emotional health*	43.8	57.9	27.3	33.6	45.0	47.8	49.6
SYMPTOMS OF BEING STRESSED, ANXIOUS, OR WORRIED (often/very often, past 2 week	s)						
Had little interest or pleasure in doing things	26.3	33.7	17.6	18.8	26.9	30.4	29.8
Had trouble falling asleep or staying asleep or slept too much	35.6	48.3	20.6	27.1	36.6	38.5	40.5
Felt tired or had little energy	50.1	64.7	32.8	40.5	51.2	53.2	56.0
Had a poor appetite or ate too much	32.9	46.1	17.5	23.4	35.2	34.0	40.2
Felt bad about yourself or that you were a failure	34.9	46.3	21.7	30.3	35.8	35.9	38.0
Had trouble concentrating in school	35.8	45.6	24.4	28.8	37.2	37.5	40.7
Had trouble concentrating on things outside of school	24.6	31.8	16.0	17.9	26.5	26.9	27.1
REACTIONS AND COPING STRATEGIES WHEN FEELING STRESSED, ANXIOUS, OR WORRIED							
Manage stress "poorly" or "very poorly" (among students who experience stress)	33.8	39.7	26.3	30.7	31.4	37.3	36.2
Exercise to make yourself feel better <sup>†</sup>	38.6	34.4	43.6	35.2	40.3	38.2	41.1
Use alcohol or drugs to make yourself feel better <sup>†</sup>	3.9	3.8	4.1	0.7	3.1	3.6	9.3
Distract yourself from your worries (e.g. watch TV, read, do a hobby, sleep)	67.5	71.6	62.8	67.7	64.8	67.3	71.6
Get help or advice from someone else <sup>†</sup>	24.7	29.5	19.1	19.3	25.2	23.0	32.9
Get emotional support from someone else <sup>†</sup>	21.9	30.0	12.1	14.0	23.0	21.8	29.8
Get angry or upset with yourself <sup>†</sup>	35.8	47.3	22.0	27.4	37.4	40.5	37.9
Get angry or upset with others around you <sup>†</sup>	19.9	29.2	9.1	16.4	17.9	21.8	24.8
Try to see things in a different light, to make it seem more positive	22.8	22.9	22.6	17.7	20.4	22.4	32.5
Make jokes about your feelings or situation <sup>†</sup>	41.0	49.1	31.3	32.3	40.8	43.2	48.8
Find comfort in your religion or spiritual beliefs <sup>†</sup>	8.3	9.0	7.6	6.7	6.0	8.7	13.1

<sup>\*</sup> Student responded "often" or "very often" † Do this "often" or "very often" when you are feeling stressed, worried, or anxious

### Table 5-1B. Stress and Coping Strategies, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
STRESS								
Life "very" stressful (past 30 days)	35.2	31.9	33.6	33.1	35.3	38.5	42.4	42.9
Worry/feel stressed about school issues*	70.9	68.9	70.1	70.8	70.5	73.8	74.1	78.7
Worry/feel stressed about social issues*	26.9	31.2	30.5	31.5	30.6	34.1	33.4	40.9
Worry/feel stressed about family issues*	23.2	25.3	25.2	22.7	20.6	21.9	23.9	23.5
Worry/feel stressed about safety issues*	4.1	2.6	2.9	3.0	2.6	2.8	5.0	4.4
Worry/feel stressed about appearance issues*	23.8	26.5	26.1	27.1	27.6	29.2	30.2	37.9
Worry/feel stressed about your physical and/or emotional health*	18.6	17.9	20.4	21.1	23.0	23.0	28.4	43.8
SYMPTOMS OF BEING STRESSED, ANXIOUS, OR WORRIED (often/very often, past 2 weeks)								
Had little interest or pleasure in doing things	-	-	-	-	-	18.7	16.6	26.3
Had trouble falling asleep or staying asleep or slept too much	_	_	_	_	_	28.3	27.5	35.6
Felt tired or had little energy	-	-	-	-	-	40.5	40.9	50.1
Had a poor appetite or ate too much	_	_	_	_	_	24.7	24.1	32.9
Felt bad about yourself or that you were a failure	-	-	-	-	-	24.4	24.8	34.9
Had trouble concentrating in school	-	-	_	_	_	25.3	25.0	35.8
Had trouble concentrating on things outside of school	-	-	-	-	-	15.3	14.8	24.6
REACTIONS AND COPING STRATEGIES WHEN FEELING STRESSED, ANXIOUS, OR WORRIED								
Manage stress "poorly" or "very poorly" (among students who experience stress)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	33.8
Exercise to make yourself feel better <sup>†</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38.6
Use alcohol or drugs to make yourself feel better <sup>†</sup>	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	3.9
Distract yourself from your worries (e.g. watch TV, read, do a hobby, sleep) $^{\dagger}$	-	-	-	_	_	_	_	67.5
Get help or advice from someone else <sup>†</sup>	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	24.7
Get emotional support from someone else <sup>†</sup>	-	-	_	_	_	_	-	21.9
Get angry or upset with yourself <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	35.8
Get angry or upset with others around you <sup>†</sup>	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.9
Try to see things in a different light, to make it seem more positive <sup>†</sup>	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	22.8
Make jokes about your feelings or situation <sup>†</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41.0
Find comfort in your religion or spiritual beliefs <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	8.3

<sup>\*</sup> Student responded "often" or "very often" † Do this "often" or "very often" when you are feeling stressed, worried, or anxious

### Table 5-1C. Stress and Coping Strategies at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
STRESS		
Life "very" stressful (past 30 days)	42.9	33.5
Worry/feel stressed about school issues*	78.7	67.2
Worry/feel stressed about social issues*	40.9	38.8
Worry/feel stressed about family issues*	23.5	26.2
Worry/feel stressed about safety issues*	4.4	4.8
Worry/feel stressed about appearance issues*	37.9	38.7
Worry/feel stressed about your physical and/or emotional health*	43.8	40.9
SYMPTOMS OF BEING STRESSED, ANXIOUS, OR WORRIED (often/very often, past 2 weeks)		
Had little interest or pleasure in doing things	26.3	24.7
Had trouble falling asleep or staying asleep or slept too much	35.6	31.9
Felt tired or had little energy	50.1	42.8
Had a poor appetite or ate too much	32.9	31.3
Felt bad about yourself or that you were a failure	34.9	31.6
Had trouble concentrating in school	35.8	33.8
Had trouble concentrating on things outside of school	24.6	22.2
REACTIONS AND COPING STRATEGIES WHEN FEELNG STRESSED, ANXIOUS, OR WORRIED		
Manage stress "poorly" or "very poorly" (among students who experience stress)	33.8	32.3
Exercise to make yourself feel better <sup>†</sup>	38.6	34.6
Use alcohol or drugs to make yourself feel better <sup>†</sup>	3.9	3.5
Distract yourself from your worries (e.g. watch TV, read, do a hobby, sleep)	67.5	64.9
Get help or advice from someone else <sup>†</sup>	24.7	20.5
Get emotional support from someone else <sup>†</sup>	21.9	20.1
Get angry or upset with yourself <sup>†</sup>	35.8	33.5
Get angry or upset with others around you <sup>†</sup>	19.9	18.5
Try to see things in a different light, to make it seem more positive <sup>†</sup>	22.8	22.9
Make jokes about your feelings or situation <sup>†</sup>	41.0	38.9
Find comfort in your religion or spiritual beliefs <sup>†</sup>	8.3	10.0

<sup>\*</sup> Student responded "often" or "very often"

<sup>†</sup> Do this "often" or "very often" when you are feeling stressed, worried, or anxious

### Table 5-2A. Mental Health and Suicidality by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grade (%)				
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>		
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)		
GENERALIZED ANXIETY (past 2 weeks)									
Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge (more than half the days/nearly every day)	46.9	60.8	30.6	37.5	45.3	50.8	55.3		
Unable to stop or control worrying (more than half the days/nearly every day)	37.4	50.9	21.7	26.1	39.8	39.6	45.1		
Generalized Anxiety Disorder brief scale (GAD-2) suggests need for further diagnostic evaluation*	46.9	62.1	29.0	35.9	46.7	50.3	55.7		
DEPRESSIVE SYMPTOMS, SELF-INJURY, AND SUICIDALITY									
Felt sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks (past 12 months)	23.6	29.1	16.8	17.8	26.3	22.4	28.2		
Hurt or injured yourself on purpose (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	18.8	24.0	12.3	20.1	21.3	14.4	18.6		
Seriously considered attempting suicide (past 12 months)	15.0	17.0	12.4	13.2	18.0	11.5	17.5		
Made a plan about attempting suicide (past 12 months)	11.2	12.8	9.2	10.9	12.7	7.9	13.8		
Attempted suicide (past 12 months)	3.8	4.3	3.4	3.6	4.7	2.3	5.0		
Made a suicide attempt requiring medical treatment (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	1.5	2.1	0.7	1.3	1.9	1.0	1.7		
Took medicine prescribed by a doctor/health professional for mental health or emotional problems (past 12 months)	12.4	15.9	8.2	9.6	12.3	10.2	18.8		
Ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal	32.0	40.3	22.2	26.9	33.2	33.3	34.9		
MENTAL HEALTH RELATED TO COVID-19									
Experienced poor mental health <sup>§</sup> during the COVID-19 pandemic (most of the time, or always)	33.7	46.6	18.2	23.8	36.1	32.9	42.8		
Mental health became "a little worse" or "a lot worse" since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic	49.9	59.1	39.0	45.8	49.2	53.5	51.7		

<sup>\*</sup> GAD-2 is adapted from: Spitzer, R. L., Kroenke, K., Williams, J. B., & Löwe, B. (2006). A brief measure for assessing generalized anxiety disorder: the GAD-7. Archives of internal medicine, 166(10), 1092–1097. https://doi.org/10.1001/archinte.166.10.1092

<sup>†</sup> For example, by cutting, burning, or bruising yourself on purpose

<sup>‡</sup> Resulting in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse

<sup>§</sup> Poor mental health includes anxiety, stress, and depression

### Table 5-2B. Mental Health and Suicidality, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
GENERALIZED ANXIETY (past 2 weeks)								
Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge (more than half the days/nearly every day)	-	_	-	_	_	29.2	36.1	46.9
Unable to stop or control worrying (more than half the days/nearly every day)	-	-	-	-	-	22.5	27.2	37.4
Generalized Anxiety Disorder brief scale (GAD-2) suggests need for further diagnostic evaluation*	_	_	-	_	_	_	34.8	46.9
DEPRESSIVE SYMPTOMS, SELF-INJURY, AND SUICIDALITY								
Felt sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks (past 12 months)	17.2	16.2	16.8	16.2	19.1	14.8	16.1	23.6
Hurt or injured yourself on purpose (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	12.0	11.4	14.8	13.6	11.8	11.9	12.6	18.8
Seriously considered attempting suicide (past 12 months)	9.7	9.7	10.7	11.8	11.6	11.5	12.6	15.0
Made a plan about attempting suicide (past 12 months)	8.4	7.2	7.8	8.6	9.2	9.5	8.4	11.2
Attempted suicide (past 12 months)	2.9	3.5	3.7	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.6	3.8
Made a suicide attempt requiring medical treatment (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.4	1.1	1.5
Took medicine prescribed by a doctor/health professional for mental health or emotional problems (past 12 months)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	12.4
Ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal	-	_	-	_	_	_	_	32.0
MENTAL HEALTH RELATED TO COVID-19								
Experienced poor mental health <sup>§</sup> during the COVID-19 pandemic (most of the time, or always)	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	33.7
Mental health became "a little worse" or "a lot worse" since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic	_	-	-		-		-	49.9

<sup>\*</sup> GAD-2 is adapted from: Spitzer, R. L., Kroenke, K., Williams, J. B., & Löwe, B. (2006). A brief measure for assessing generalized anxiety disorder: the GAD-7. Archives of internal medicine, 166(10), 1092–1097. https://doi.org/10.1001/archinte.166.10.1092

<sup>†</sup> For example, by cutting, burning, or bruising yourself on purpose

<sup>‡</sup> Resulting in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse

<sup>§</sup> Poor mental health includes anxiety, stress, and depression

## Table 5-2C. Mental Health and Suicidality at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
GENERALIZED ANXIETY (past 2 weeks)		
Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge (more than half the days/nearly every day)	46.9	41.8
Unable to stop or control worrying (more than half the days/nearly every day)	37.4	33.9
Generalized Anxiety Disorder brief scale (GAD-2) suggests need for further diagnostic evaluation*	46.9	41.9
DEPRESSIVE SYMPTOMS, SELF-INJURY, AND SUICIDALITY		
Felt sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks (past 12 months)	23.6	27.0
Hurt or injured yourself on purpose (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	18.8	18.7
Seriously considered attempting suicide (past 12 months)	15.0	15.6
Made a plan about attempting suicide (past 12 months)	11.2	11.9
Attempted suicide (past 12 months)	3.8	4.9
Made a suicide attempt requiring medical treatment (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	1.5	1.4
Took medicine prescribed by a doctor/health professional for mental health or emotional problems (past 12 months)	12.4	13.7
Ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal	32.0	33.0
MENTAL HEALTH RELATED TO COVID-19		
Experienced poor mental health <sup>§</sup> during the COVID-19 pandemic (most of the time, or always)	33.7	33.6
Mental health became "a little worse" or "a lot worse" since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic	49.9	48.3

<sup>\*</sup> GAD-2 is adapted from: Spitzer, R. L., Kroenke, K., Williams, J. B., & Löwe, B. (2006). A brief measure for assessing generalized anxiety disorder: the GAD-7. Archives of internal medicine, 166(10), 1092–1097. https://doi.org/10.1001/archinte.166.10.1092

<sup>†</sup> For example, by cutting, burning, or bruising yourself on purpose

<sup>‡</sup> Resulting in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse

<sup>§</sup> Poor mental health includes anxiety, stress, and depression

### Table 5-3A. Support for Emotional Challenges or Problems\* by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			de (%)		
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
SOURCES OF SUPPORT FOR HELP WITH EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES OR PROBLEMS (past 1	2 months) <sup>†</sup>						
School counselor, school therapist, or school psychologist	19.4	24.1	13.7	18.4	17.2	19.0	23.8
School nurse	4.5	5.9	2.8	5.4	4.1	3.3	5.4
Another adult from school, like a teacher or other school staff	12.7	15.8	9.2	8.4	10.1	13.4	20.7
Therapist, psychologist, or other mental health professional outside of school	22.5	30.2	13.3	18.7	24.0	20.3	27.8
Parent, relative, or other adult outside of school	51.6	63.2	38.1	48.5	51.4	52.1	55.2
Friend around the same age	60.0	74.7	42.7	56.2	58.9	63.9	61.4
Crisis hotline/text line	3.8	4.9	2.4	5.0	4.1	2.3	3.8
Person or group on social media (such as, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat)	14.5	17.5	11.0	11.7	13.3	18.4	15.0
Used telehealth or online therapy services for help with emotional challenges or problems	13.6	19.7	6.4	12.7	14.1	10.8	17.5
BARRIERS TO SEEKING HELP FROM SOMEONE AT SCHOOL FOR EMOTIONAL CHALLENGE.	S OR PROBLEMS (	agree/stron	gly agree)				
I don't know who to go to for help.	24.3	26.1	22.3	26.8	31.7	20.1	16.9
I don't think counseling with someone at school would help.	45.1	51.0	37.8	42.2	51.1	41.9	44.1
I wouldn't have time or wouldn't want to miss class to get help.	55.3	63.6	45.2	48.6	56.4	59.3	56.1
I don't trust anyone from my school enough to talk about my emotional problems.	39.0	45.6	30.7	42.9	44.2	34.6	32.2
I should handle problems on my own.	42.5	43.7	41.2	41.2	46.2	38.7	43.6
I would be too embarrassed or scared to talk about it.	37.7	44.8	29.4	37.8	44.2	35.4	31.9
A school counselor/therapist might not understand me or the challenges I was having.	39.1	44.9	32.0	31.4	44.4	38.4	41.7
I wouldn't want other students to know I was meeting with a school counselor/therapist.	34.9	33.7	36.3	28.7	39.4	36.4	34.5
I wouldn't want my parent(s)/guardian(s) to know I was meeting with a school counselor/therapist.	24.3	27.1	20.8	21.5	26.2	24.5	24.5
Teachers or other school staff might treat me differently or give me fewer opportunities at school.	23.4	26.2	19.6	20.5	26.9	23.6	21.7
My parents wouldn't want me to get help at school because they would be worried I might be treated differently or given fewer opportunities at school.	12.3	13.1	11.2	10.6	14.6	11.3	12.4

<sup>\*</sup> Emotional challenges or problems include things that make you feel sad, angry, stressed, or anxious, or that may make you have thoughts of hurting yourself

<sup>†</sup> Student responded having talked with individual/group one or more times

### Table 5-3B. Support for Emotional Challenges or Problems\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
SOURCES OF SUPPORT FOR HELP WITH EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES OR PROBLEMS (past 12	? months) <sup>†</sup>							
School counselor, school therapist, or school psychologist	_	_	_	_	_	_	18.7	19.4
School nurse	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8	4.5
Another adult from school, like a teacher or other school staff	_	_	_	_	_	_	14.4	12.7
Therapist, psychologist, or other mental health professional outside of school	-	_	_	_	_	_	17.5	22.5
Parent, relative, or other adult outside of school	-	-	_	_	_	_	43.2	51.6
Friend around the same age	-	-	-	-	-	-	51.0	60.0
Crisis hotline/text line	_	_	_	_	_	_	2.6	3.8
Person or group on social media (such as, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat)	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.8	14.5
Used telehealth or online therapy services for help with emotional								42.6
challenges or problems	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	13.6
BARRIERS TO SEEKING HELP FROM SOMEONE AT SCHOOL FOR EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES	OR PROBLEN	1S (agree/	strongly a	gree)				
I don't know who to go to for help.	_	-	-	_	_	_	15.6	24.3
I don't think counseling with someone at school would help.	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.3	45.1
I wouldn't have time or wouldn't want to miss class to get help.	-	-	-	_	_	_	53.1	55.3
I don't trust anyone from my school enough to talk about my emotional problems.	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	39.0
I should handle problems on my own.	-	-	_	_	_	_	40.6	42.5
I would be too embarrassed or scared to talk about it.	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.3	37.7
A school counselor/therapist might not understand me or the challenges							37.5	39.1
I was having.	_	_	_	_	_	_	37.5	39.1
I wouldn't want other students to know I was meeting with a	_	_	_	_	_	_	46.2	34.9
school counselor/therapist.							40.2	54.5
I wouldn't want my parent(s)/guardian(s) to know I was meeting with a	_	_	_	_	_	_	27.6	24.3
school counselor/therapist.								
Teachers or other school staff might treat me differently or give me fewer opportunities at school.	-	-	-	_	_	_	24.6	23.4
My parents wouldn't want me to get help at school because they would be worried I								
might be treated differently or given fewer opportunities at school.	_	_	_	_	_	_	12.3	12.3

<sup>\*</sup> Emotional challenges or problems include things that make you feel sad, angry, stressed, or anxious, or that may make you have thoughts of hurting yourself

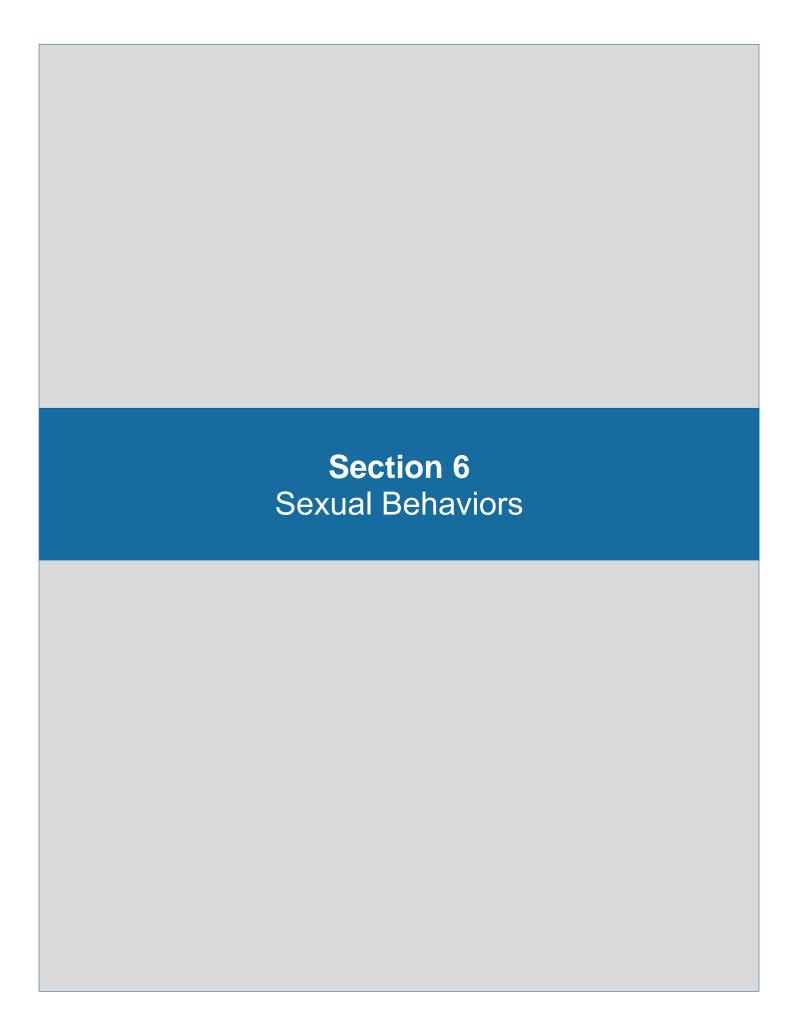
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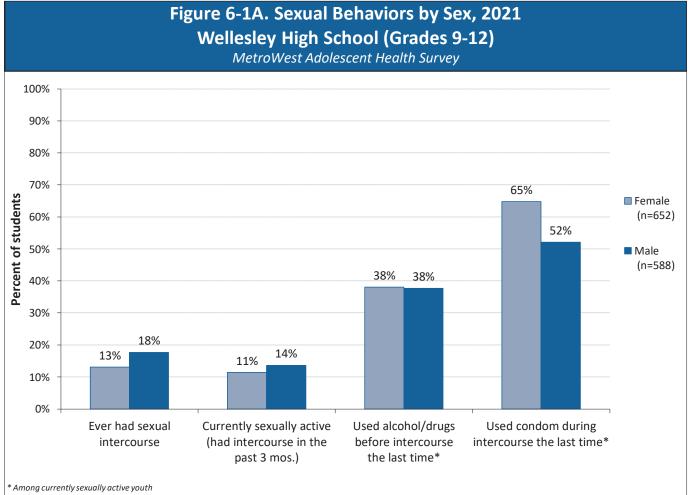
### Table 5-3C. Support for Emotional Challenges or Problems\* at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

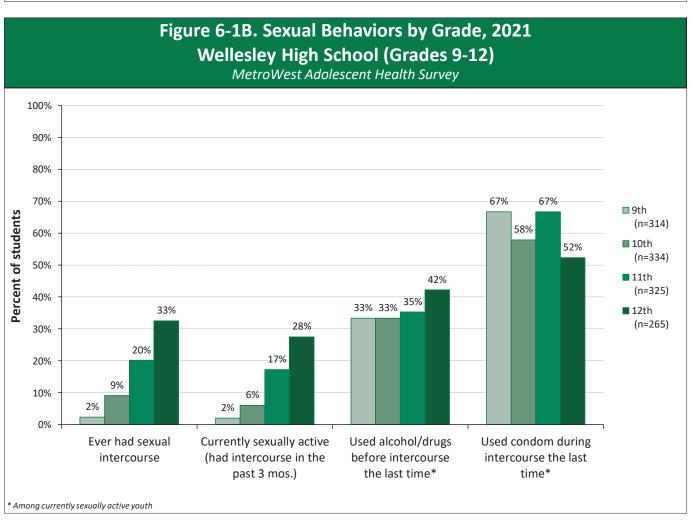
	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
SOURCES OF SUPPORT FOR HELP WITH EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES OR PROBLEMS (past 12 month.	•	()
School counselor, school therapist, or school psychologist	19.4	18.8
School nurse	4.5	4.1
Another adult from school, like a teacher or other school staff	12.7	12.3
Therapist, psychologist, or other mental health professional outside of school	22.5	23.2
Parent, relative, or other adult outside of school	51.6	50.1
Friend around the same age	60.0	59.4
Crisis hotline/text line	3.8	3.7
Person or group on social media (such as, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat)	14.5	16.7
Used telehealth or online therapy services for help with emotional	42.6	45.0
challenges or problems	13.6	15.3
BARRIERS TO SEEKING HELP FROM SOMEONE AT SCHOOL FOR EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES OR PRO	BLEI	
I don't know who to go to for help.	24.3	22.0
I don't think counseling with someone at school would help.	45.1	43.1
I wouldn't have time or wouldn't want to miss class to get help.	55.3	49.4
I don't trust anyone from my school enough to talk about my emotional problems.	39.0	39.7
I should handle problems on my own.	42.5	42.5
I would be too embarrassed or scared to talk about it.	37.7	38.1
A school counselor/therapist might not understand me or the challenges	39.1	38.0
I was having.	39.1	38.0
I wouldn't want other students to know I was meeting with a	34.9	37.8
school counselor/therapist.		
I wouldn't want my parent(s)/guardian(s) to know I was meeting with a school counselor/therapist.	24.3	27.6
Teachers or other school staff might treat me differently or give me fewer		
opportunities at school.	23.4	25.1
My parents wouldn't want me to get help at school because they would be worried I	42.2	11.0
might be treated differently or given fewer opportunities at school.	12.3	11.8

<sup>\*</sup> Emotional challenges or problems include things that make you feel sad, angry, stressed, or anxious, or that may make you have thoughts of hurting yourself

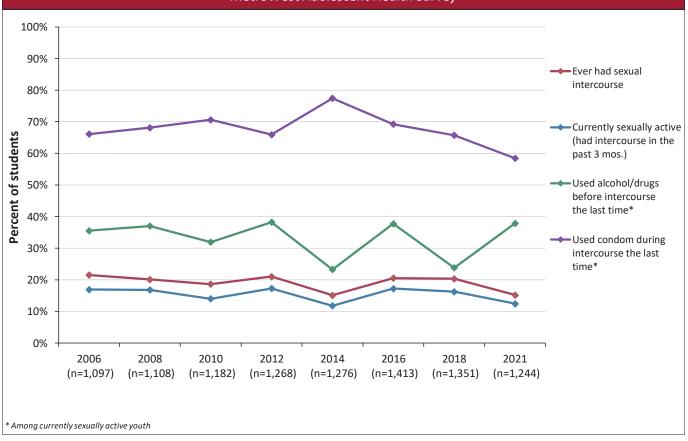
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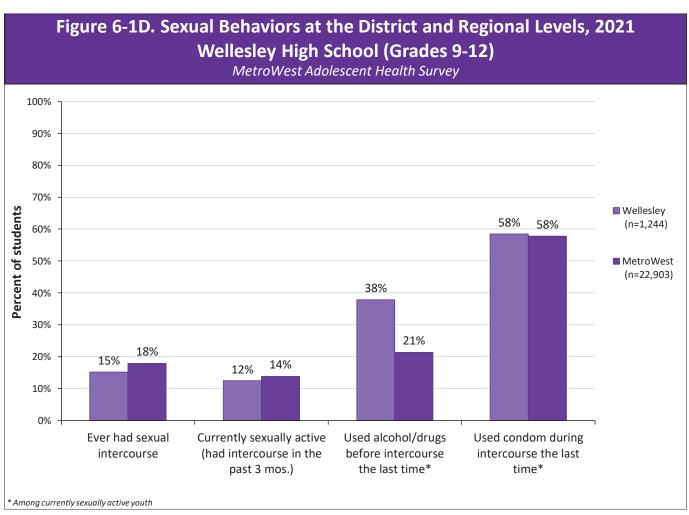


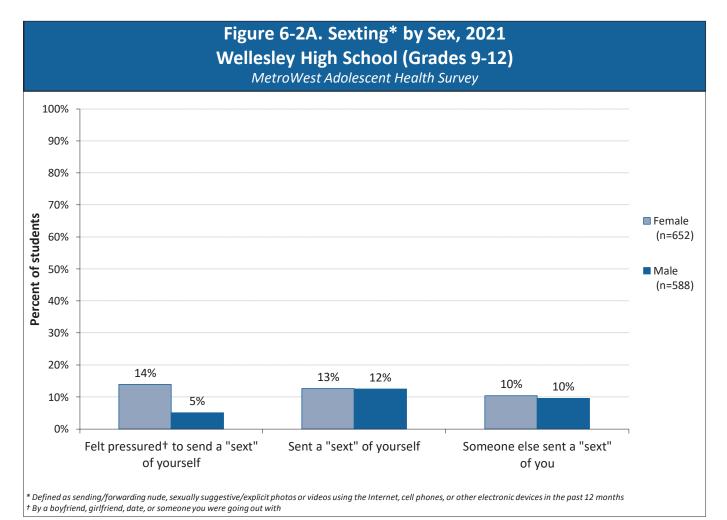


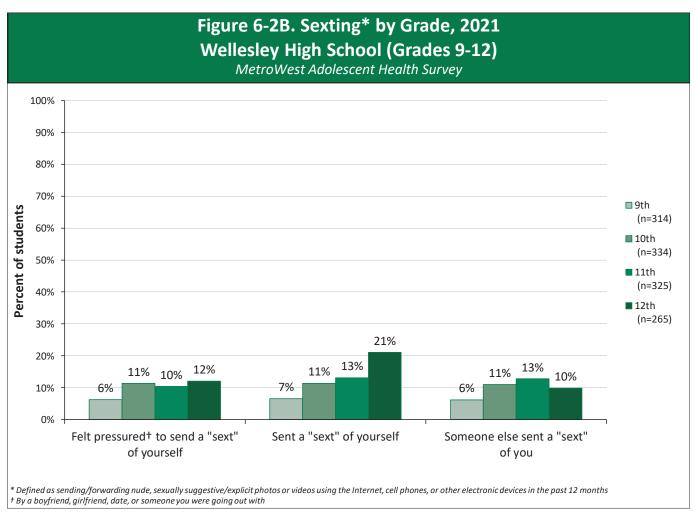


# Figure 6-1C. Sexual Behaviors, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

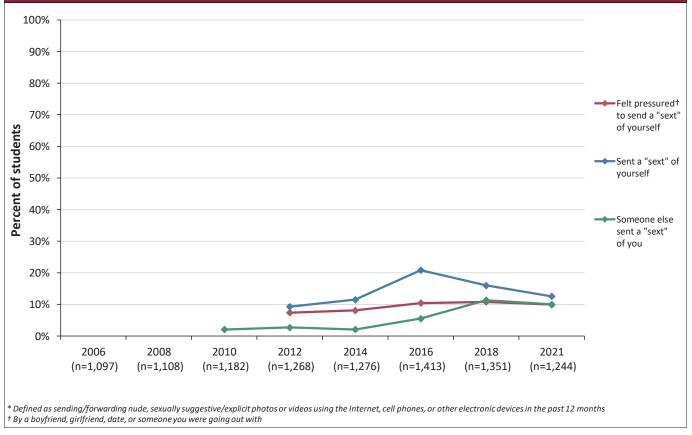


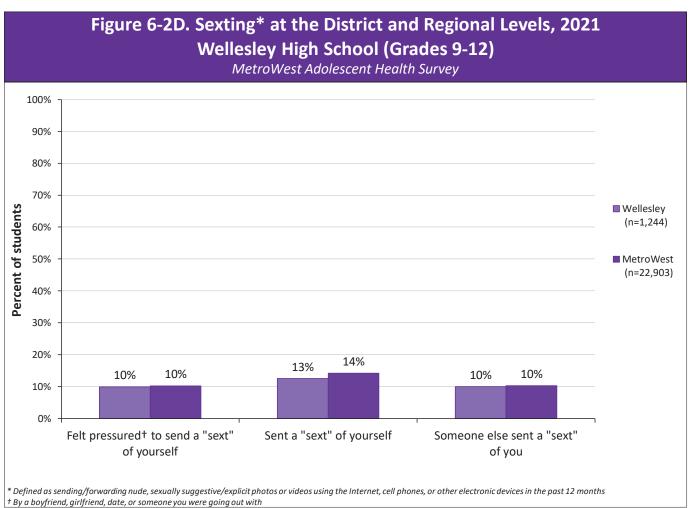


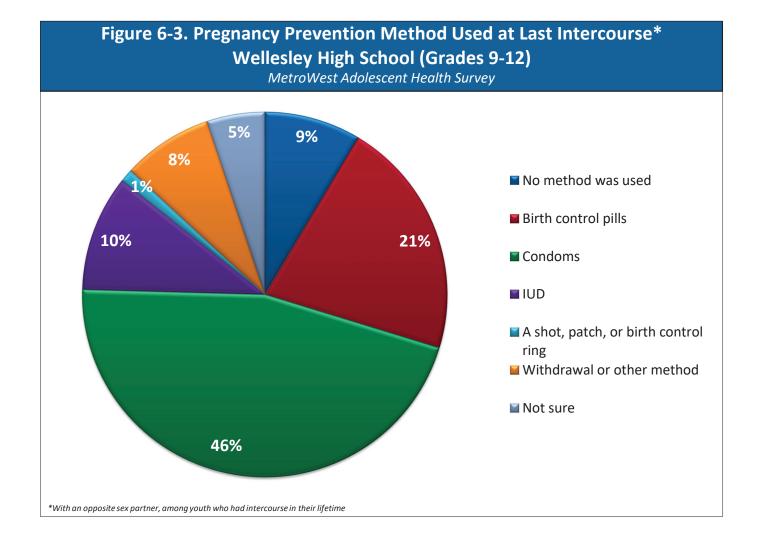




## Figure 6-2C. Sexting\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)







## Table 6-1A. Sexual Behaviors and Sexting by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grade (%)			
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)	
SEXUAL BEHAVIORS								
Ever had sexual intercourse	15.2	13.1	17.6	2.3	9.1	20.1	32.5	
Had first sexual intercourse before age 13 years	0.9	0.2	1.9	0.7	1.3	1.0	0.8	
Had sexual intercourse with 4 or more people (lifetime)	2.8	1.6	4.3	1.0	1.3	2.6	7.5	
Had sexual contact with someone of the same sex (lifetime)	6.1	7.9	3.9	3.0	8.2	5.0	8.4	
Currently sexually active (had intercourse in the past 3 months)	12.4	11.4	13.6	2.0	6.0	17.2	27.5	
Used alcohol or drugs before sexual intercourse the last time*	37.9	38.0	37.7	33.3	33.3	35.3	42.2	
Used a condom during sexual intercourse the last time*	58.5	64.8	52.1	66.7	57.9	66.7	52.3	
Used birth control pills during sexual intercourse the last time*	17.7	23.6	12.7	6.3	3.6	12.3	28.8	
Been pregnant/gotten someone pregnant (lifetime)	1.3	0.3	2.4	0.0	1.6	2.0	1.7	
Had sexual contact against your will (lifetime)	10.0	12.5	7.1	6.4	8.9	8.3	17.6	
Been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to (lifetime)	3.7	4.2	3.2	1.3	3.8	3.3	6.7	
"SEXTING" (past 12 months) †								
Felt pressured by a boyfriend/girlfriend/date to send, forward, or post	9.9	13.9	5.1	6.2	11.3	10.4	12.0	
a "sext" of yourself	12.6	12.7	12.5	6.5	11.4	12.1	24.0	
Sent, forwarded, or posted a "sext" of yourself	12.6	12.7	12.5	6.5	11.4	13.1	21.0	
Someone else sent or posted a "sext" of you	10.0	10.4	9.5	6.2	11.0	12.8	9.9	

<sup>\*</sup> Among youth who are currently sexually active (had intercourse in the past 3 months)

<sup>†</sup> Defined as sending or forwarding nude, sexually suggestive, or explicit photos or videos using the Internet, cell phones, or other electronic devices

## Table 6-1B. Sexual Behaviors and Sexting, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
SEXUAL BEHAVIORS								
Ever had sexual intercourse	21.5	20.1	18.6	21.0	15.1	20.5	20.3	15.2
Had first sexual intercourse before age 13 years	3.0	3.0	2.4	3.7	1.2	1.4	1.0	0.9
Had sexual intercourse with 4 or more people (lifetime)	6.5	5.8	4.9	7.0	2.8	5.1	4.2	2.8
Had sexual contact with someone of the same sex (lifetime)	-	-	-	2.7	3.0	4.7	3.7	6.1
Currently sexually active (had intercourse in the past 3 months)	16.9	16.8	14.0	17.3	11.8	17.2	16.2	12.4
Used alcohol or drugs before sexual intercourse the last time*	35.5	37.0	31.9	38.2	23.3	37.7	23.8	37.9
Used a condom during sexual intercourse the last time*	66.1	68.1	70.6	65.9	77.4	69.2	65.7	58.5
Used birth control pills during sexual intercourse the last time*	47.5	48.1	29.9	24.2	28.8	38.6	29.8	17.7
Been pregnant/gotten someone pregnant (lifetime)	2.7	1.2	2.0	2.1	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.3
Had sexual contact against your will (lifetime)	-	-	-	_	_	7.5	10.5	10.0
Been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to (lifetime)	4.2	5.2	4.0	3.6	2.7	2.5	3.4	3.7
"SEXTING" (past 12 months) †								
Felt pressured by a boyfriend/girlfriend/date to send, forward, or post	_	_	_	7.4	8.1	10.4	10.8	9.9
a "sext" of yourself								
Sent, forwarded, or posted a "sext" of yourself	-	-	-	9.3	11.5	20.8	16.0	12.6
Someone else sent or posted a "sext" of you	-	_	2.1	2.7	2.1	5.5	11.3	10.0

<sup>\*</sup> Among youth who are currently sexually active (had intercourse in the past 3 months)

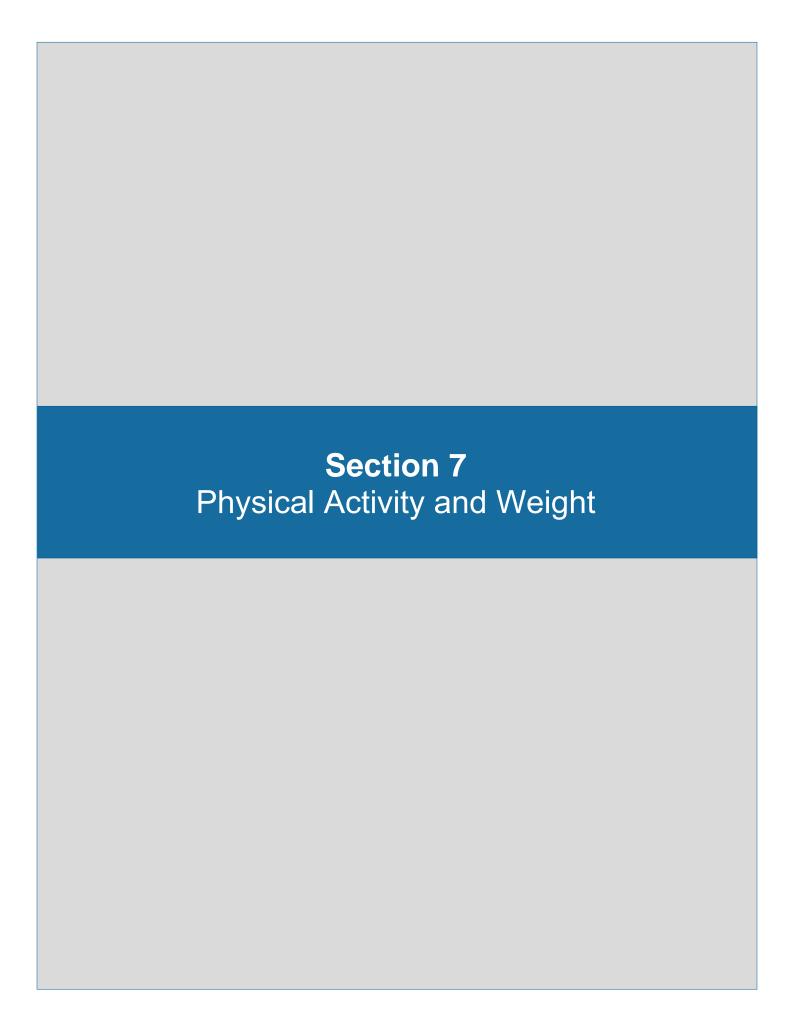
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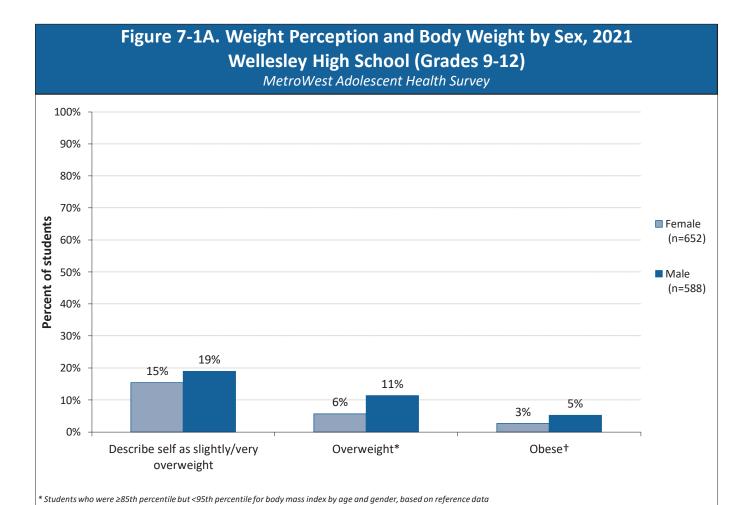
## Table 6-1C. Sexual Behaviors and Sexting at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

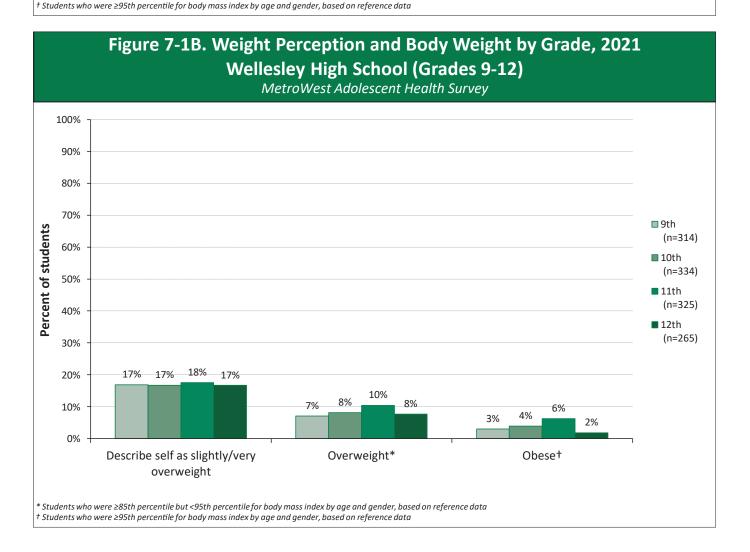
	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
SEXUAL BEHAVIORS		
Ever had sexual intercourse	15.2	17.8
Had first sexual intercourse before age 13 years	0.9	1.5
Had sexual intercourse with 4 or more people (lifetime)	2.8	3.4
Had sexual contact with someone of the same sex (lifetime)	6.1	6.0
Currently sexually active (had intercourse in the past 3 months)	12.4	13.8
Used alcohol or drugs before sexual intercourse the last time*	37.9	21.3
Used a condom during sexual intercourse the last time*	58.5	57.8
Used birth control pills during sexual intercourse the last time*	17.7	21.8
Been pregnant/gotten someone pregnant (lifetime)	1.3	1.0
Had sexual contact against your will (lifetime)	10.0	10.1
Been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to (lifetime)	3.7	4.4
"SEXTING" (past 12 months) $^{\dagger}$		
Felt pressured by a boyfriend/girlfriend/date to send, forward, or post a "sext" of yourself	9.9	10.2
Sent, forwarded, or posted a "sext" of yourself	12.6	14.2
Someone else sent or posted a "sext" of you	10.0	10.2

<sup>\*</sup> Among youth who are currently sexually active (had intercourse in the past 3 months)

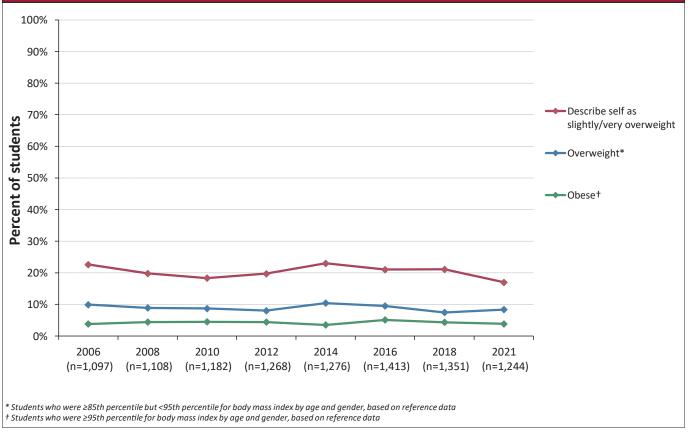
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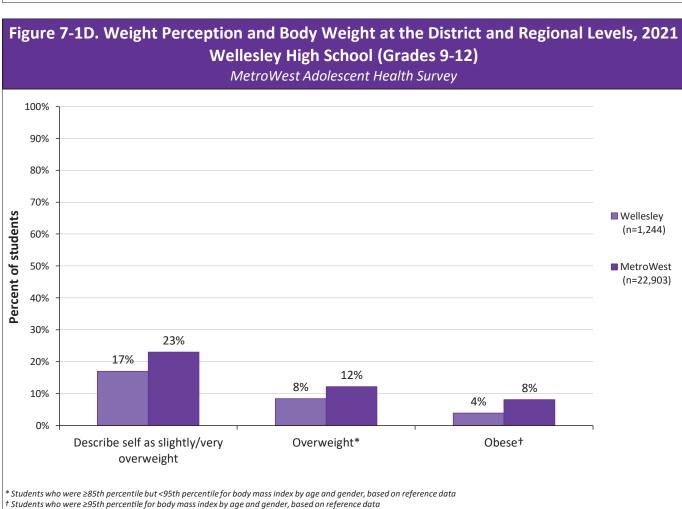




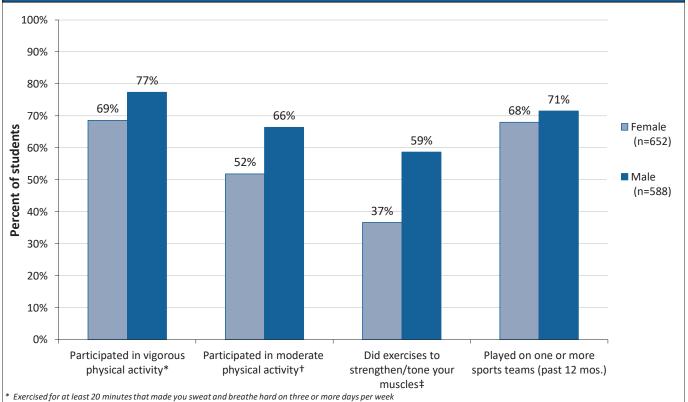


## Figure 7-1C. Weight Perception and Body Weight, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

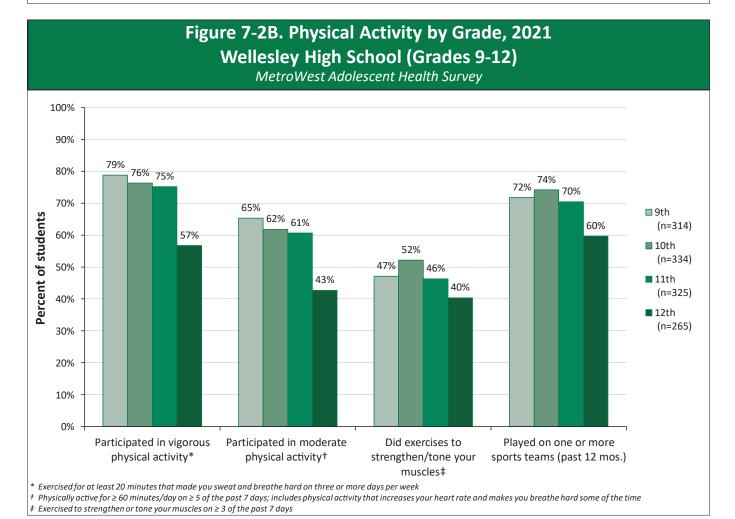




### Figure 7-2A. Physical Activity by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

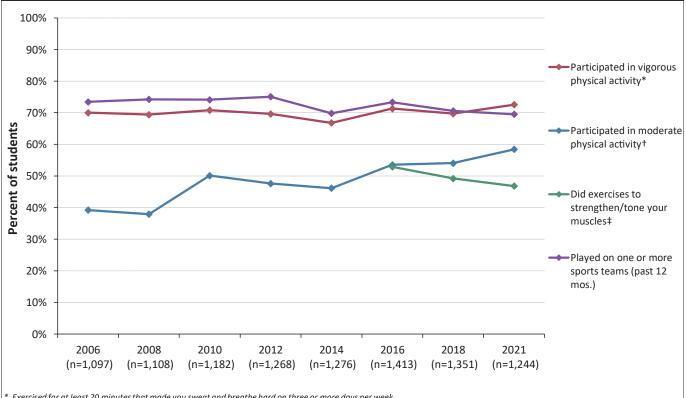


- † Physically active for ≥ 60 minutes/day on ≥ 5 of the past 7 days; includes physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time
- ‡ Exercised to strengthen or tone your muscles on ≥ 3 of the past 7 days



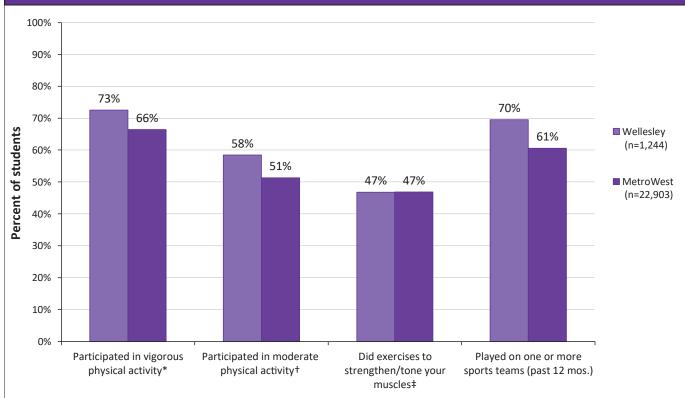
### Figure 7-2C. Physical Activity, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

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- \* Exercised for at least 20 minutes that made you sweat and breathe hard on three or more days per week
- † Physically active for ≥ 60 minutes/day on ≥ 5 of the past 7 days; includes physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time
- $\ddagger$  Exercised to strengthen or tone your muscles on  $\ge$  3 of the past 7 days





- \* Exercised for at least 20 minutes that made you sweat and breathe hard on three or more days per week
- $Physically\ active\ for\ \geq\ 60\ minutes/day\ on\ \geq\ 5\ of\ the\ past\ 7\ days;\ includes\ physical\ activity\ that\ increases\ your\ heart\ rate\ and\ makes\ you\ breathe\ hard\ some\ of\ the\ time\ past\ 7\ days;\ includes\ physical\ activity\ that\ increases\ your\ heart\ rate\ and\ makes\ you\ breathe\ hard\ some\ of\ the\ time\ past\ 7\ days;\ includes\ physical\ activity\ that\ increases\ you\ heart\ rate\ and\ makes\ you\ breathe\ hard\ some\ of\ the\ time\ past\ past$
- ‡ Exercised to strengthen or tone your muscles on ≥ 3 of the past 7 days

### Table 7-1A. Weight, Nutrition, and Physical Activity by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grade (%)				
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>		
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)		
WEIGHT PERCEPTION									
Describe self as slightly or very overweight	17.0	15.4	18.9	16.8	16.7	17.5	16.7		
BODY MASS INDEX									
Overweight*	8.4	5.7	11.4	7.1	8.1	10.4	7.7		
Obese <sup>†</sup>	3.8	2.7	5.2	3.0	3.9	6.2	1.8		
EATING PATTERNS (past 7 days)									
Ate breakfast on all 7 days	41.1	37.9	44.9	41.9	40.7	45.3	35.7		
Ate dinner at home with parent(s)/guardian(s) on 5 or more days	74.9	71.6	78.9	83.2	74.3	74.0	66.8		
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY									
Participated in vigorous physical activity for at least 20 minutes on 3 or more of the past 7 days <sup>‡</sup>	72.6	68.6	77.3	78.8	76.3	75.2	56.7		
Participated in moderate physical activity for at least 60 minutes per day on 5 or more of the past 7 days <sup>§</sup>	58.4	51.8	66.3	65.3	61.8	60.7	42.7		
Did exercises to strengthen or tone your muscles (on 3 or more of the past 7 days)**	46.8	36.6	58.6	47.1	52.1	46.3	40.3		
Played on one or more sports teams (past 12 months)	69.6	68.0	71.5	71.8	74.2	70.5	59.7		

<sup>\*</sup> Students who were ≥85th percentile but <95th percentile for body mass index by age and gender, based on reference data

<sup>†</sup> Students who were ≥95th percentile for body mass index by age and gender, based on reference data

<sup>‡</sup> Includes physical activity that made you sweat and breathe hard, such as basketball, soccer, running, swimming laps, fast bicycling, fast dancing, or similar aerobic activities

<sup>§</sup> Includes any physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time

<sup>\*\*</sup> Such as push-ups, sit-ups, or weightlifting

### Table 7-1B. Weight, Nutrition, and Physical Activity, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
WEIGHT PERCEPTION								
Describe self as slightly or very overweight	22.6	19.8	18.3	19.7	23.0	21.0	21.1	17.0
BODY MASS INDEX								
Overweight*	9.9	8.9	8.7	8.0	10.4	9.5	7.5	8.4
Obese <sup>†</sup>	3.8	4.4	4.5	4.4	3.5	5.1	4.3	3.8
EATING PATTERNS (past 7 days)								
Ate breakfast on all 7 days	-	_	_	_	53.8	50.4	45.8	41.1
Ate dinner at home with parent(s)/guardian(s) on 5 or more days	-	-	-	76.2	76.2	71.5	71.7	74.9
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY								
Participated in vigorous physical activity for at least 20 minutes on 3 or more of the past 7 days <sup>‡</sup>	70.0	69.4	70.8	69.6	66.8	71.3	69.7	72.6
Participated in moderate physical activity for at least 60 minutes per day on 5 or more of the past 7 days <sup>§</sup>	39.2	37.9	50.1	47.6	46.1	53.5	54.0	58.4
Did exercises to strengthen or tone your muscles (on 3 or more of the past 7 days)**	_	_	_	_	_	52.9	49.2	46.8
Played on one or more sports teams (past 12 months)	73.4	74.2	74.1	75.1	69.8	73.3	70.6	69.6

<sup>\*</sup> Students who were ≥85th percentile but <95th percentile for body mass index by age and gender, based on reference data

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### Table 7-1C. Weight, Nutrition, and Physical Activity at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
WEIGHT PERCEPTION		
Describe self as slightly or very overweight	17.0	23.0
BODY MASS INDEX		
Overweight*	8.4	12.1
Obese <sup>†</sup>	3.8	8.1
EATING PATTERNS (past 7 days)		
Ate breakfast on all 7 days	41.1	38.0
Ate dinner at home with parent(s)/guardian(s) on 5 or more days	74.9	68.7
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY		
Participated in vigorous physical activity for at least 20 minutes on 3 or more of the past 7 days <sup>‡</sup>	72.6	66.4
Participated in moderate physical activity for at least 60 minutes per day on 5 or more of the past 7 days <sup>§</sup>	58.4	51.3
Did exercises to strengthen or tone your muscles (on 3 or more of the past 7 days)**	46.8	46.8
Played on one or more sports teams (past 12 months)	69.6	60.5

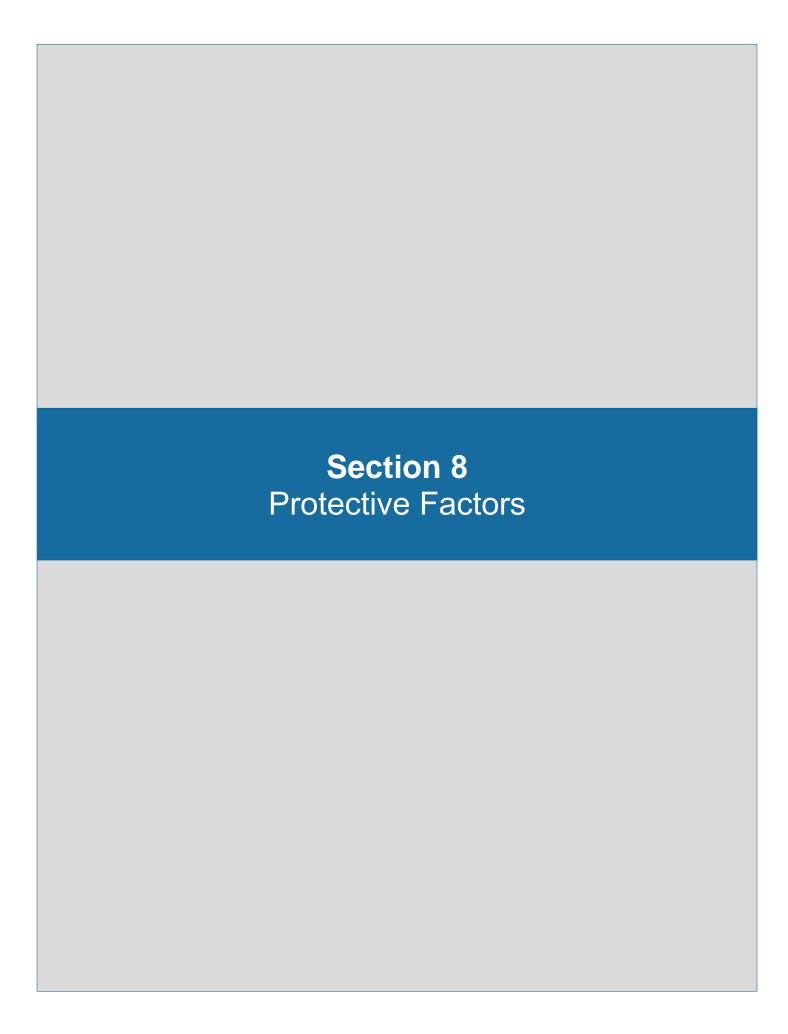
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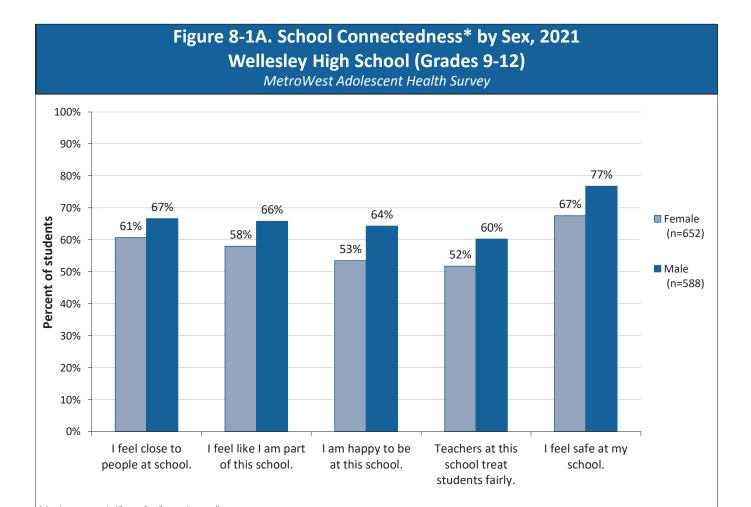
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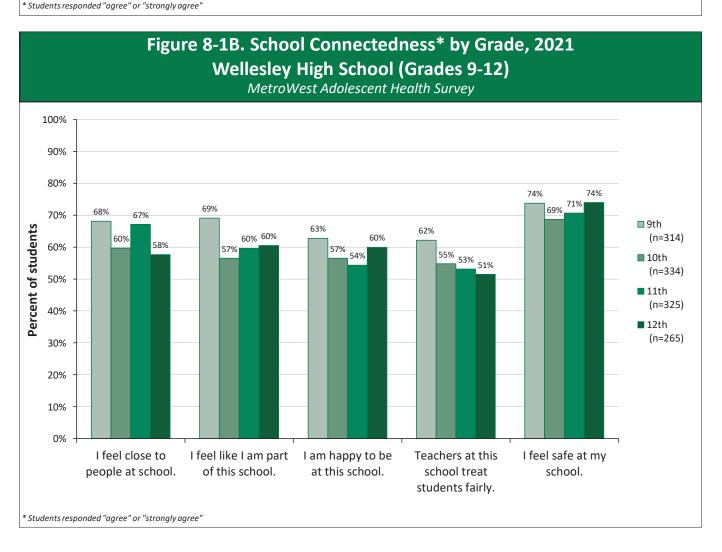
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#### Figure 8-1C. School Connectedness\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

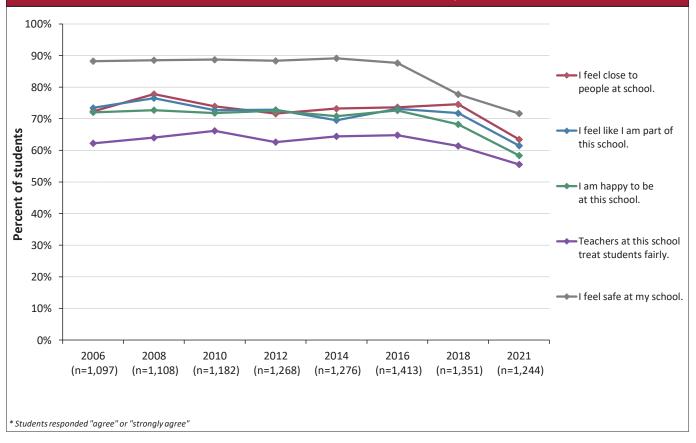
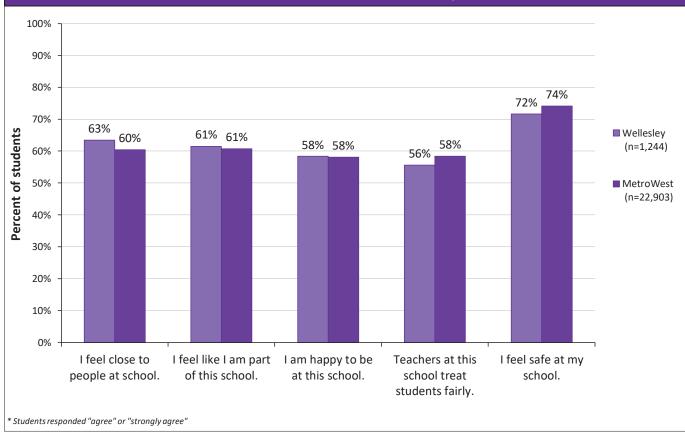
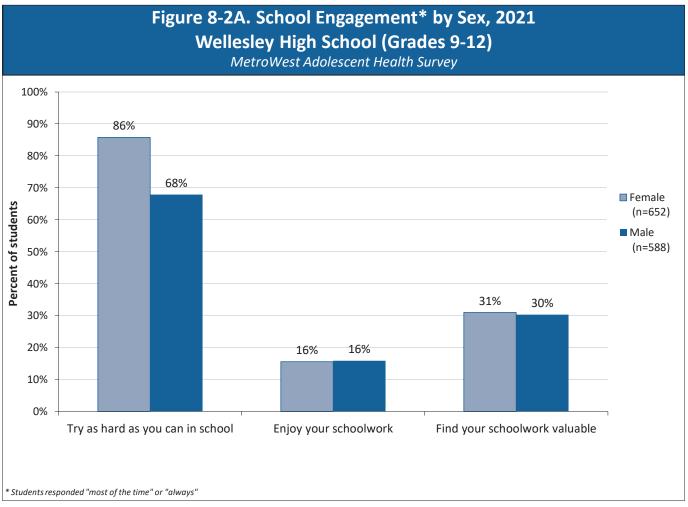


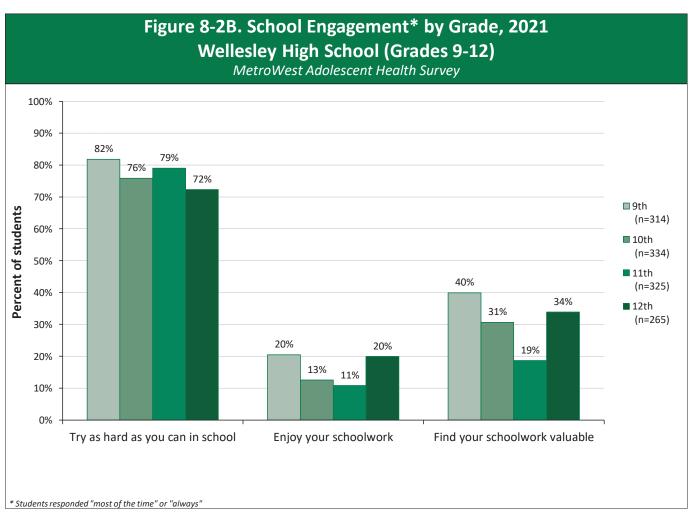
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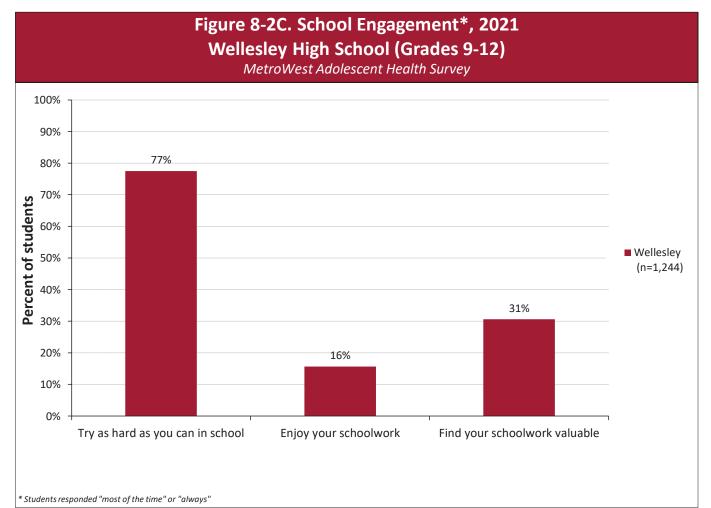
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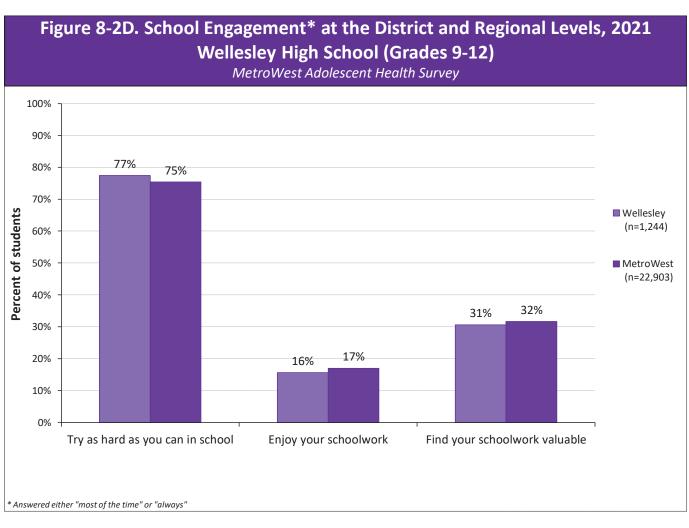
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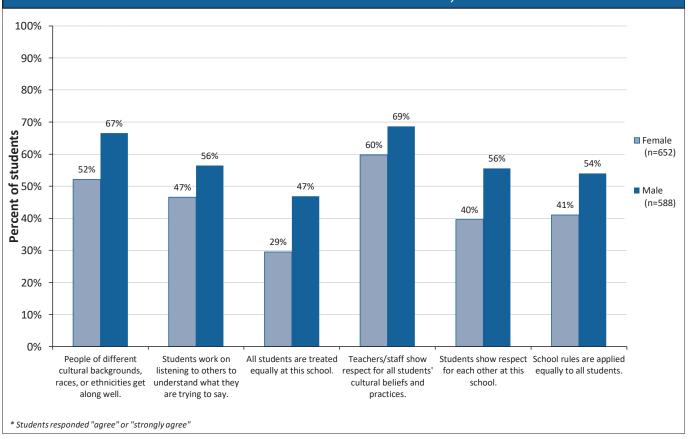


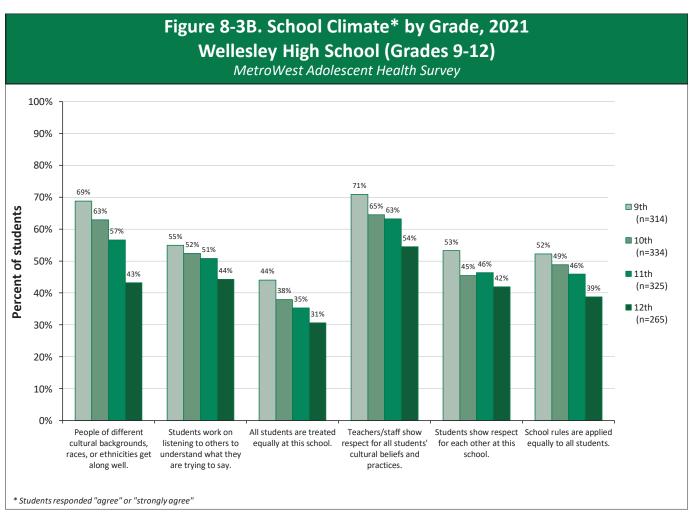




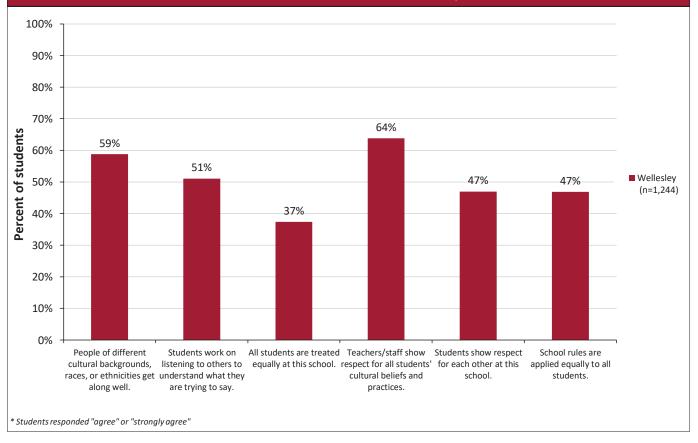


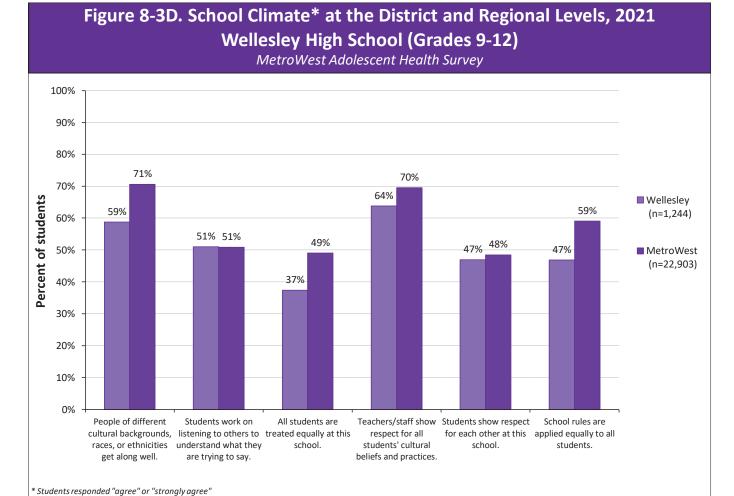
#### Figure 8-3A. School Climate\* by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





## Figure 8-3C. School Climate\*, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





#### Figure 8-4A. Adult Support by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey 100% 89% 88% 90% 80% 70% 67% 70% Percent of students Female 60% (n=652)50% Male (n=588)40% 40% 29% 30% 20% 10%

Talked to adult at school about

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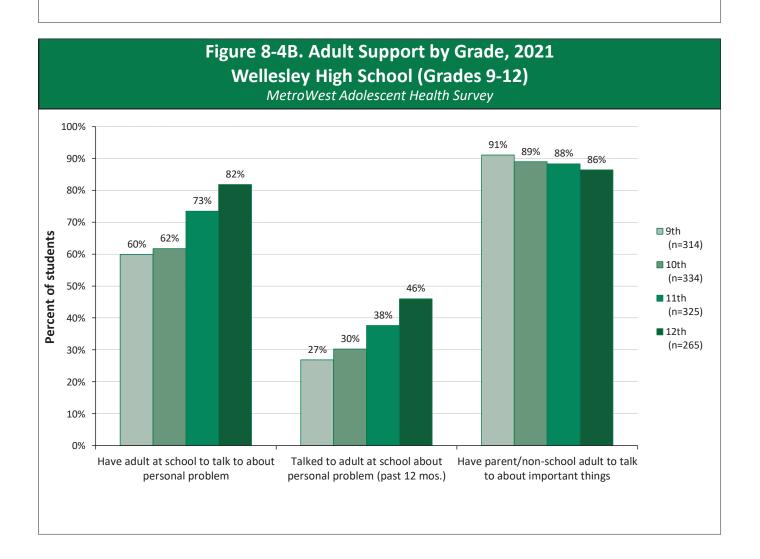
Have parent/non-school adult to talk

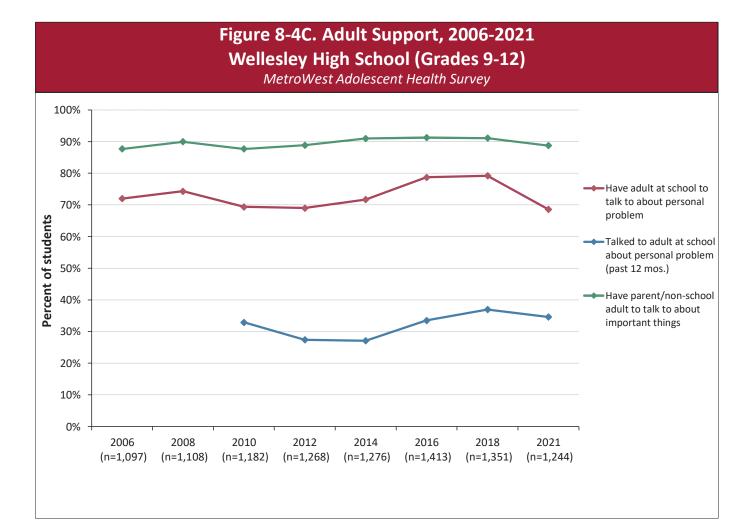
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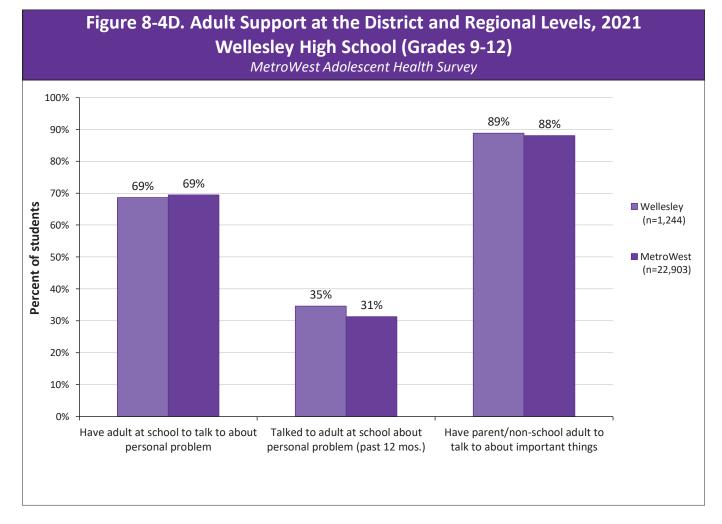
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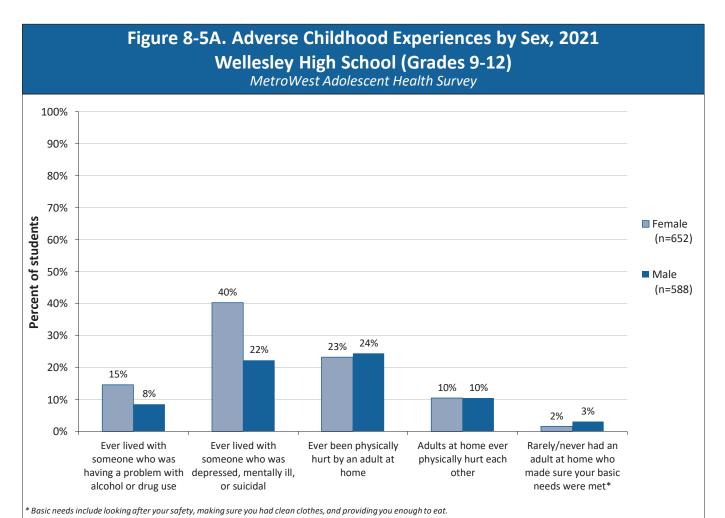
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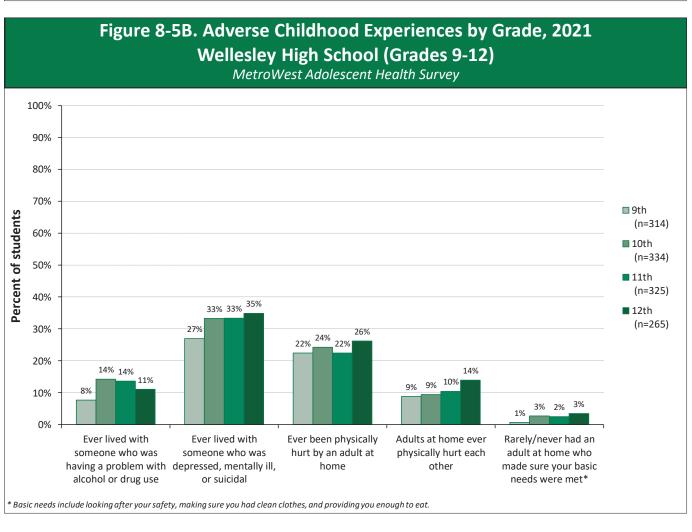
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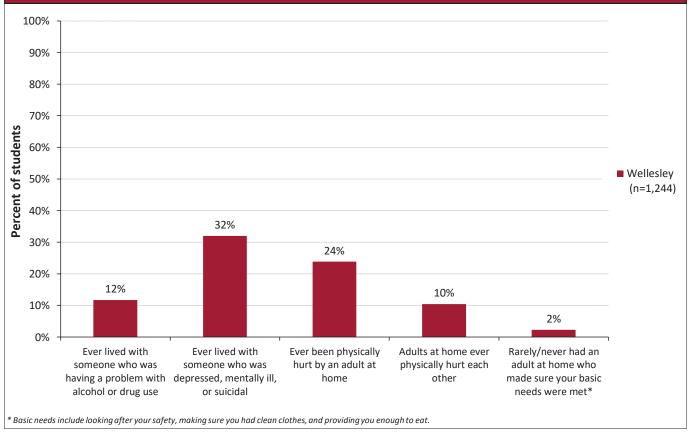


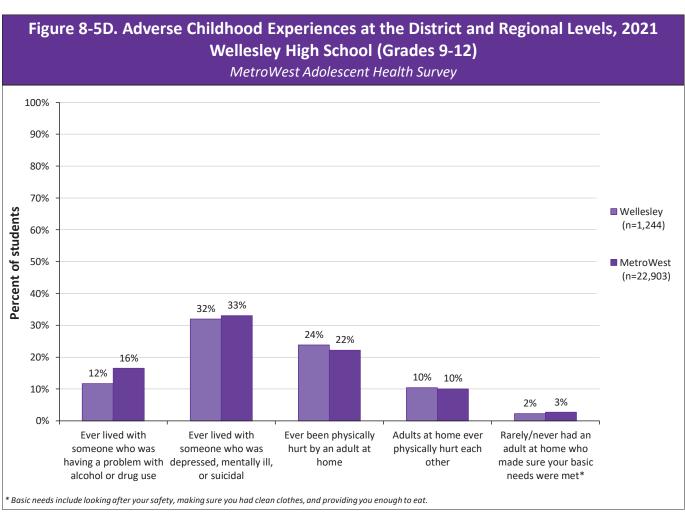


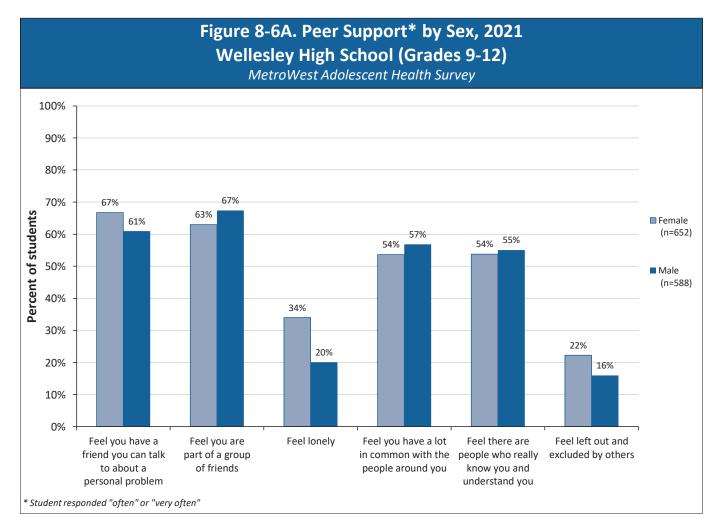


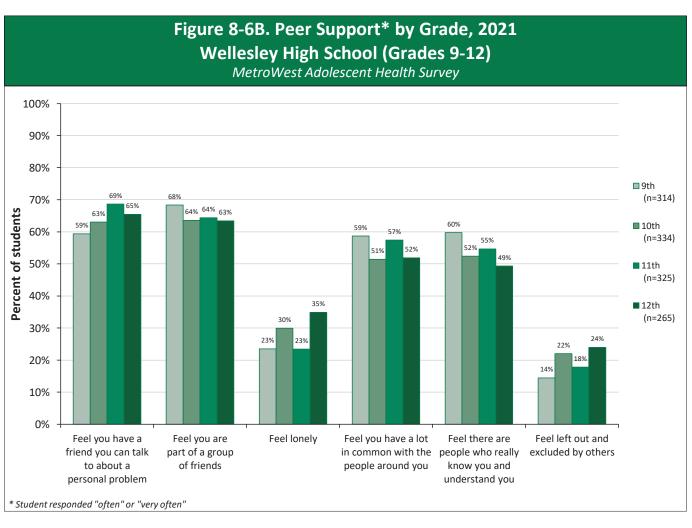


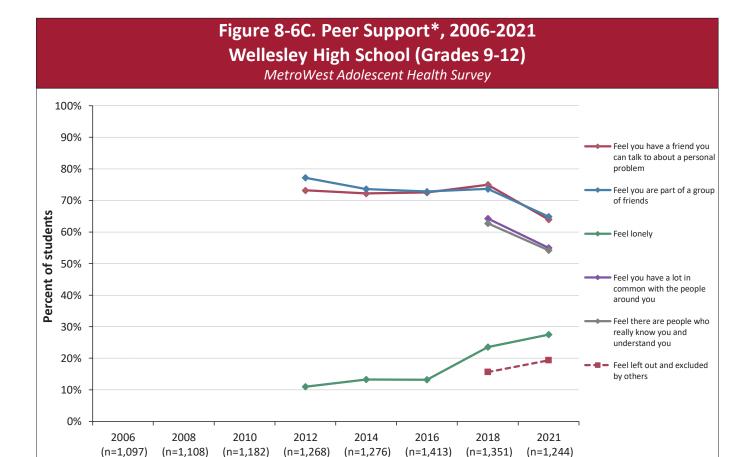
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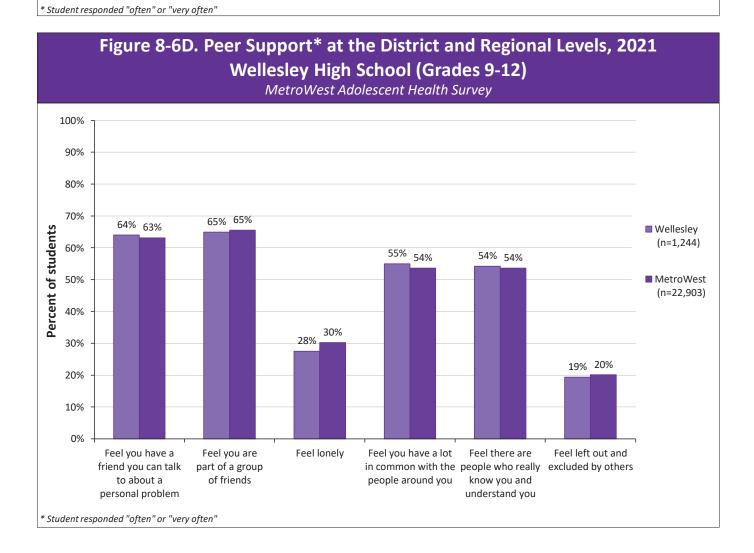


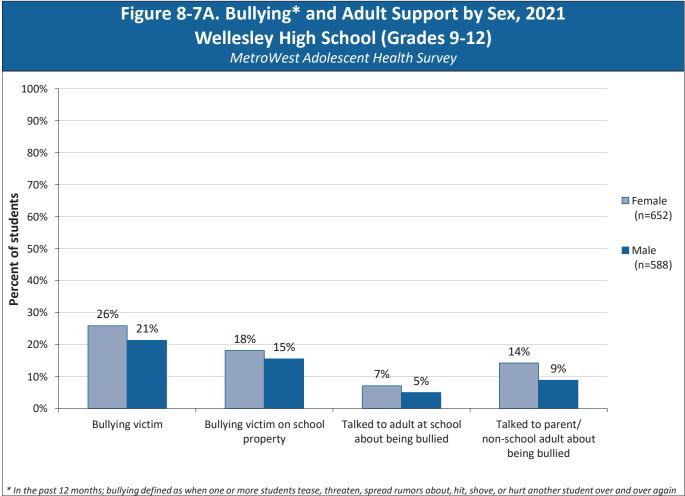


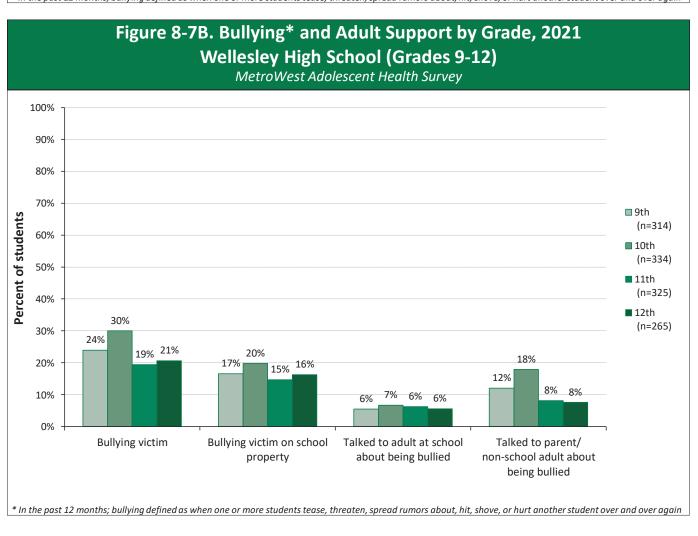




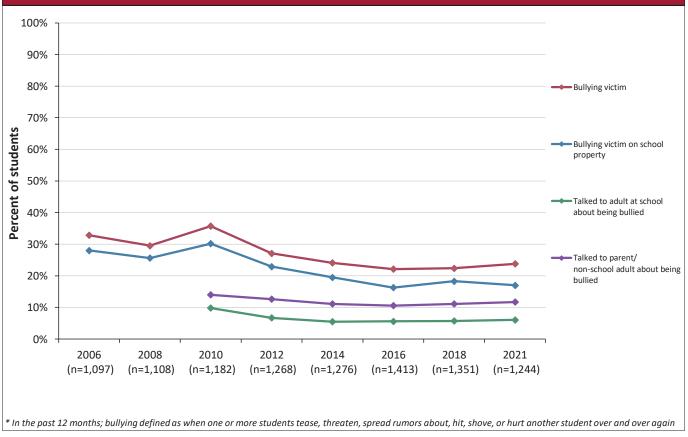


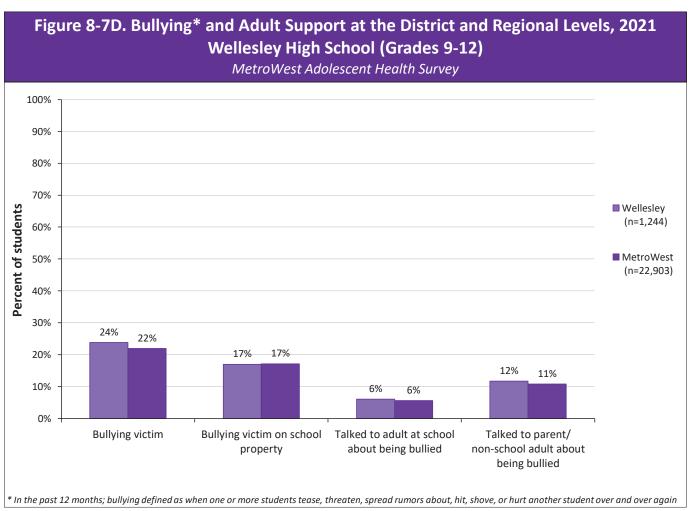


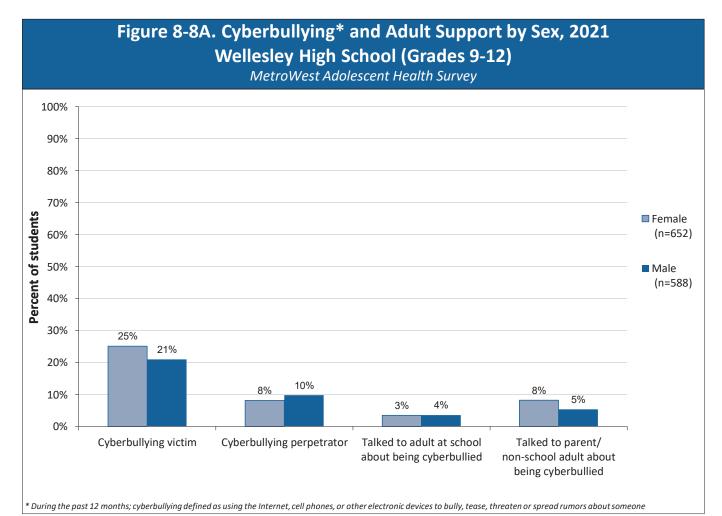


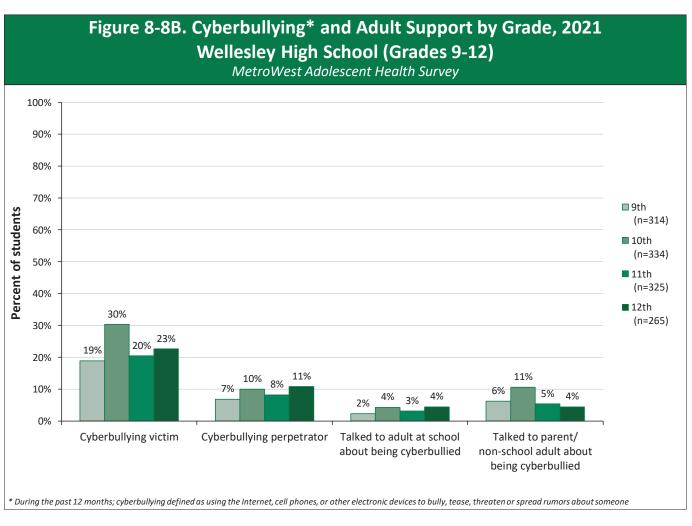


## Figure 8-7C. Bullying\* and Adult Support, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)









#### Figure 8-8C. Cyberbullying\* and Adult Support, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

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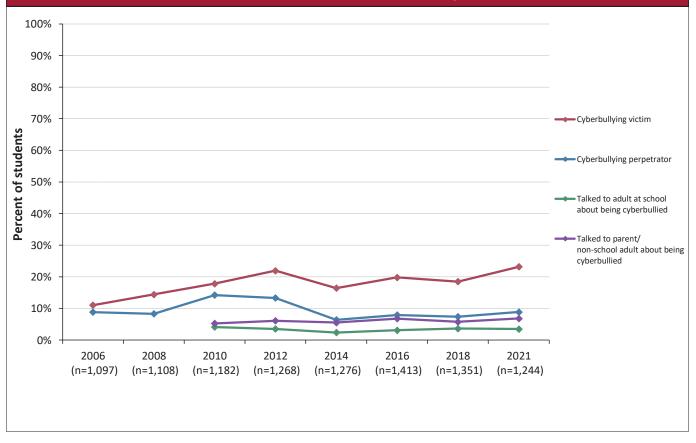
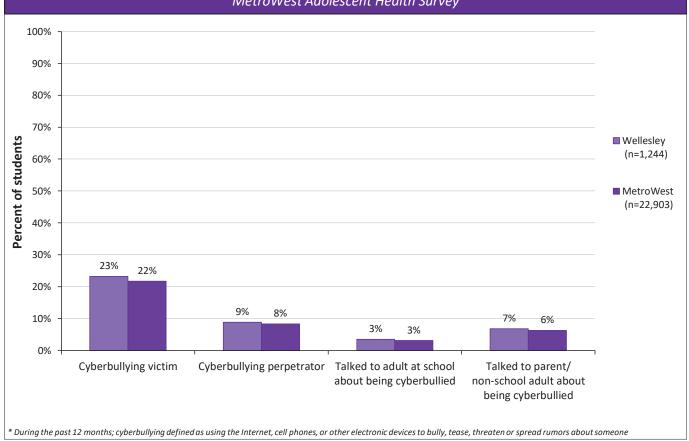
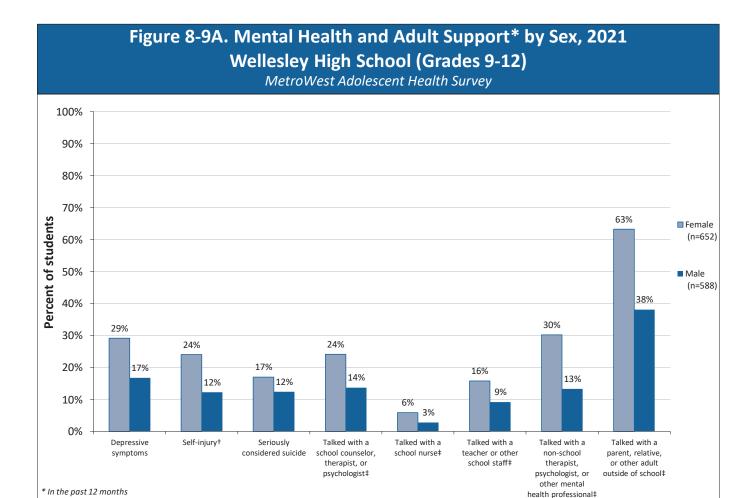
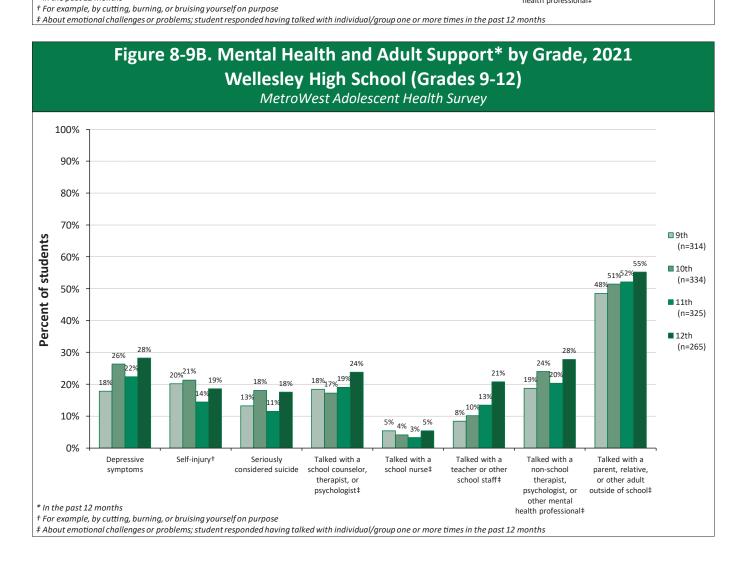


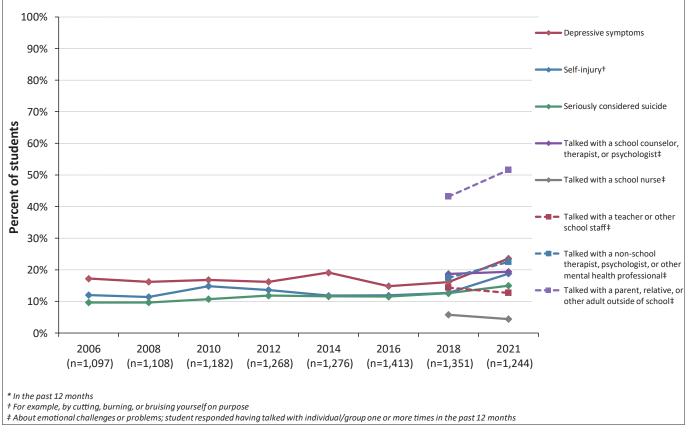
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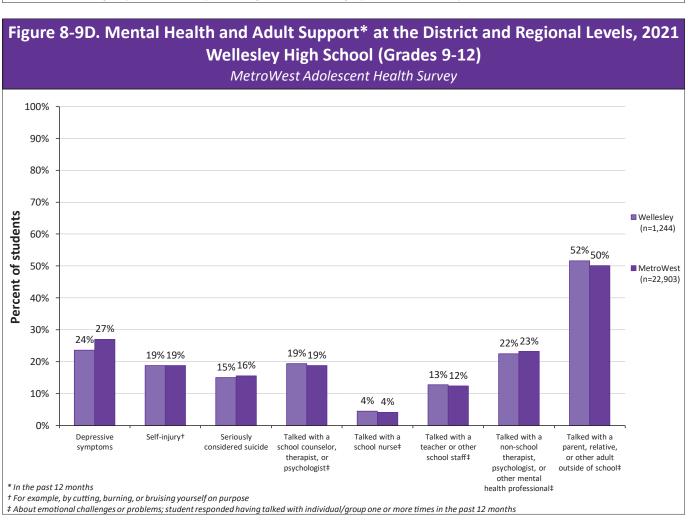






## Figure 8-9C. Mental Health and Adult Support\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





### Table 8-1A. School Connectedness, Engagement, and Climate by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	e (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
SCHOOL CONNECTEDNESS (agree/ strongly agree)							
I feel close to people at school.	63.4	60.7	66.6	68.1	59.7	67.1	57.6
I feel like I am part of this school.	61.5	58.0	65.7	69.1	56.5	59.6	60.5
I am happy to be at this school.	58.3	53.4	64.2	62.8	56.5	54.3	59.9
The teachers at this school treat students fairly.	55.6	51.7	60.2	62.1	54.8	53.1	51.5
I feel safe in my school.	71.7	67.5	76.7	73.8	68.7	70.6	74.0
SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT (most of the time/always)							
Try as hard as you can in school	77.4	85.7	67.9	81.8	75.9	79.0	72.3
Enjoy your schooolwork	15.6	15.5	15.8	20.5	12.5	10.8	19.9
Find your schoolwork valuable	30.6	30.9	30.3	39.9	30.6	18.7	33.9
SCHOOL CLIMATE (agree/ strongly agree)							
People of different cultural backgrounds, races, or ethnicities get along well at this school.	58.7	52.1	66.5	68.8	62.9	56.6	43.2
At this school, students work on listening to others to understand what they are trying to say.	51.0	46.5	56.4	54.9	52.4	50.8	44.3
At this school, all students are treated equally.	37.4	29.5	46.8	44.0	37.9	35.3	30.6
At this school, teachers/school staff show respect for all students' cultural beliefs and practices.	63.8	59.8	68.7	70.9	64.5	63.2	54.5
At this school, students show respect for each other.	46.9	39.6	55.6	53.2	45.5	46.4	41.9
School rules are applied equally to all students.	46.9	41.0	53.9	52.2	48.9	45.9	38.7

## Table 8-1B. School Connectedness, Engagement, and Climate, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

		Wellesley (%)						
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
SCHOOL CONNECTEDNESS (agree/ strongly agree)								
I feel close to people at school.	72.3	77.8	73.9	71.6	73.2	73.6	74.5	63.4
I feel like I am part of this school.	73.4	76.5	72.7	72.8	69.5	73.1	71.7	61.5
I am happy to be at this school.	72.0	72.7	71.8	72.5	70.8	72.6	68.2	58.3
The teachers at this school treat students fairly.	62.2	64.0	66.2	62.6	64.4	64.8	61.4	55.6
I feel safe in my school.	88.2	88.5	88.7	88.3	89.1	87.6	77.7	71.7
SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT (most of the time/always)								
Try as hard as you can in school	_	-	-	-	_	_	_	77.4
Enjoy your schooolwork	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.6
Find your schoolwork valuable	_	-	-	-	_	_	_	30.6
SCHOOL CLIMATE (agree/ strongly agree)								
People of different cultural backgrounds, races, or ethnicities get along well at this school.	_	-	-	-	_	-	_	58.7
At this school, students work on listening to others to understand what they are trying to say.	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	51.0
At this school, all students are treated equally.	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	37.4
At this school, teachers/school staff show respect for all students' cultural beliefs and practices.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63.8
At this school, students show respect for each other.	_	-	-	_	_	_	_	46.9
School rules are applied equally to all students.	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	46.9

### Table 8-1C. School Connectedness, Engagement, and Climate at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
SCHOOL CONNECTEDNESS (agree/ strongly agree)		
I feel close to people at school.	63.4	60.4
I feel like I am part of this school.	61.5	60.7
I am happy to be at this school.	58.3	58.1
The teachers at this school treat students fairly.	55.6	58.4
I feel safe in my school.	71.7	74.1
SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT (most of the time/always)		
Try as hard as you can in school	77.4	75.4
Enjoy your schooolwork	15.6	17.0
Find your schoolwork valuable	30.6	31.6
SCHOOL CLIMATE (agree/ strongly agree)		
People of different cultural backgrounds, races, or ethnicities get along well at this school.	58.7	70.6
At this school, students work on listening to others to understand what they are trying to say.	51.0	50.9
At this school, all students are treated equally.	37.4	49.0
At this school, teachers/school staff show respect for all students' cultural beliefs and practices.	63.8	69.5
At this school, students show respect for each other.	46.9	48.5
School rules are applied equally to all students.	46.9	59.0

## Table 8-2A. Adult Support at School by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad		
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
ADULT SUPPORT AT SCHOOL							
Have at least one teacher/adult at school to talk to if you have a problem	68.6	69.8	67.4	59.9	61.7	73.5	81.8
Talked to a teacher/adult from your school about a personal problem*	34.6	40.1	28.5	26.8	30.2	37.7	46.0
Talked to a teacher/adult at school about being bullied*	6.0	7.0	4.9	5.5	6.7	6.3	5.6
Talked to a teacher/adult at school about being cyberbullied*	3.5	3.4	3.5	2.3	4.2	3.1	4.4
Talked with a school counselor, school therapist, or school psychologist about emotional challenges or problems*	19.4	24.1	13.7	18.4	17.2	19.0	23.8
Talked with a school nurse about emotional challenges or problems*	4.5	5.9	2.8	5.4	4.1	3.3	5.4
Talked with a teacher or other school staff about emotional challenges or problems*	12.7	15.8	9.2	8.4	10.1	13.4	20.7
There is a teacher or some other adult who really cares about me. †	52.1	50.9	53.7	43.1	49.5	57.1	60.0
There is a teacher or some other adult who tells me when I do a good job. †	66.8	65.8	68.1	67.9	61.4	66.7	72.3
There is a teacher or some other adult who notices when I'm not there. †	57.6	54.7	61.2	54.2	54.2	57.9	66.0
There is a teacher or some other adult who always wants me to do my best. †	72.6	71.4	74.2	73.6	71.1	71.9	73.9
There is a teacher or some other adult who listens to me when I have something to say. †	69.9	70.1	69.8	70.2	69.4	68.2	72.0
There is a teacher or some other adult who believes that I will be a success. †	65.4	65.1	65.8	64.2	63.2	65.3	69.5
TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT <sup>‡</sup>							
Teachers/adults at school notice when students are in distress. §	45.6	49.7	40.5	44.5	51.9	45.7	38.0
Teachers/adults at school understand how being in distress can affect a student's behavior in class.§	43.4	49.7	35.7	38.1	45.7	44.0	45.1
Teachers/adults at school help students in distress get help and support at school. §	39.9	44.1	34.7	33.3	43.3	43.9	37.7

<sup>\*</sup> During the past 12 months

<sup>+</sup> Students responded "pretty true" or "very true"

<sup>‡</sup> Recognition of the presence of students at school who may be experiencing distress or trauma that is related to a terrible event or ongoing serious problem in their lives, such as violence, abuse, a serious accident, losing a close friend or family member, or lack of food or basic needs

<sup>§</sup> Students responded "unlikely" or "very unlikely"

#### Table 8-2B. Adult Support at School, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
ADULT SUPPORT AT SCHOOL								
Have at least one teacher/adult at school to talk to if you have a problem	72.0	74.3	69.4	69.0	71.7	78.7	79.2	68.6
Talked to a teacher/adult from your school about a personal problem*	-	_	32.9	27.4	27.1	33.5	37.0	34.6
Talked to a teacher/adult at school about being bullied*	_	_	9.8	6.7	5.5	5.6	5.7	6.0
Talked to a teacher/adult at school about being cyberbullied*	_	-	4.1	3.5	2.4	3.1	3.6	3.5
Talked with a school counselor, school therapist, or school psychologist about emotional challenges or problems*	_	_	_	_	_	_	18.7	19.4
Talked with a school nurse about emotional challenges or problems*	-	_	_	_	_	_	5.8	4.5
Talked with a teacher or other school staff about emotional challenges or problems*	-	_	_	_	_	_	14.4	12.7
There is a teacher or some other adult who really cares about me. †	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	52.1
There is a teacher or some other adult who tells me when I do a good job. †	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	66.8
There is a teacher or some other adult who notices when I'm not there. †	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	57.6
There is a teacher or some other adult who always wants me to do my best. †	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	72.6
There is a teacher or some other adult who listens to me when I have something to say. †	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69.9
There is a teacher or some other adult who believes that I will be a success. †	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	65.4
TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT ‡								
Teachers/adults at school notice when students are in distress.§	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	45.6
Teachers/adults at school understand how being in distress can affect a student's behavior in class.§	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43.4
Teachers/adults at school help students in distress get help and support at school. §	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	39.9

<sup>\*</sup> During the past 12 months

<sup>†</sup> Students responded "pretty true" or "very true"

<sup>‡</sup> Recognition of the presence of students at school who may be experiencing distress or trauma that is related to a terrible event or ongoing serious problem in their lives, such as violence, abuse, a serious accident, losing a close friend or family member, or lack of food or basic needs

<sup>§</sup> Students responded "unlikely" or "very unlikely"

## Table 8-2C. Adult Support at School at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
ADULT SUPPORT AT SCHOOL		
Have at least one teacher/adult at school to talk to if you have a problem	68.6	69.4
Talked to a teacher/adult from your school about a personal problem*	34.6	31.3
Talked to a teacher/adult at school about being bullied*	6.0	5.6
Talked to a teacher/adult at school about being cyberbullied*	3.5	3.1
Talked with a school counselor, school therapist, or school psychologist about emotional challenges or problems*	19.4	18.8
Talked with a school nurse about emotional challenges or problems*	4.5	4.1
Talked with a teacher or other school staff about emotional challenges or problems*	12.7	12.3
There is a teacher or some other adult who really cares about me. †	52.1	52.6
There is a teacher or some other adult who tells me when I do a good job. $^{^\dagger}$	66.8	67.6
There is a teacher or some other adult who notices when I'm not there. †	57.6	57.3
There is a teacher or some other adult who always wants me to do my best. †	72.6	74.5
There is a teacher or some other adult who listens to me when I have something to say. †	69.9	69.4
There is a teacher or some other adult who believes that I will be a success. †	65.4	67.6
TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT <sup>‡</sup>		
Teachers/adults at school notice when students are in distress.§	45.6	40.7
Teachers/adults at school understand how being in distress can affect a student's behavior in class.§	43.4	37.6
Teachers/adults at school help students in distress get help and support at school. §	39.9	34.4

<sup>\*</sup> During the past 12 months

<sup>†</sup> Students responded "pretty true" or "very true"

<sup>‡</sup> Recognition of the presence of students at school who may be experiencing distress or trauma that is related to a terrible event or ongoing serious problem in their lives, such as violence, abuse, a serious accident, losing a close friend or family member, or lack of food or basic needs § Students responded "unlikely" or "very unlikely"

Table 8-3A. Adult Support and Peer Support by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
ADULT SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL							
Have at least one parent/adult outside of school to talk to about things that are important to you	88.8	89.4	88.2	91.1	88.9	88.3	86.4
Ate dinner at home with parent(s)/guardian(s) on 5 or more days (past 7 days)	74.9	71.6	78.9	83.2	74.3	74.0	66.8
Parents/adults in your family have clear rules and consequences for your behavior (agree/strongly agree)	80.1	80.4	79.8	86.9	79.2	79.9	73.2
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being bullied*	11.7	14.2	8.8	12.0	17.9	8.2	7.6
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being cyberbullied*	6.8	8.2	5.3	6.2	10.6	5.4	4.4
Talked with a parent, relative, or other adult outside of school about emotional challenges or problems*	51.6	63.2	38.1	48.5	51.4	52.1	55.2
ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES							
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol or drug use	11.7	14.6	8.5	7.6	14.2	13.7	11.0
Ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal	32.0	40.3	22.2	26.9	33.2	33.3	34.9
Ever been hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt by an adult in your home	23.8	23.2	24.4	22.4	24.2	22.4	26.2
Adults in your home have ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up	10.4	10.4	10.4	8.8	9.4	10.4	13.9
There has been an adult in your household who tried hard to make sure your basic needs were met (rarely/never) <sup>†</sup>	2.3	1.5	3.1	0.6	2.7	2.5	3.5
PEER SUPPORT (often/very often)							
Feel you have a friend you can talk to about a personal problem	64.0	66.7	60.9	59.4	63.1	68.6	65.4
Feel you are part of a group of friends	64.9	63.0	67.4	68.4	63.6	64.4	63.4
Feel lonely	27.5	34.0	20.0	23.5	29.9	23.4	34.9
Feel you have a lot in common with the people around you	54.9	53.6	56.8	58.7	51.4	57.4	51.9
Feel there are people who really know you and understand you	54.2	53.8	55.0	59.7	52.4	54.6	49.4
Feel left out and excluded by others	19.4	22.2	15.9	14.4	22.0	17.8	23.9

<sup>\*</sup> During the past 12 months

<sup>†</sup> Basic needs include looking after your safety, making sure you had clean clothes, and providing you enough to eat.

### Table 8-3B. Adult Support and Peer Support, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

				Welles	sley (%)			
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
ADULT SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL								
Have at least one parent/adult outside of school to talk to about things that are important to you	87.7	90.0	87.7	88.9	91.0	91.3	91.1	88.8
Ate dinner at home with parent(s)/guardian(s) on 5 or more days (past 7 days)	-	_	_	76.2	76.2	71.5	71.7	74.9
Parents/adults in your family have clear rules and consequences for your behavior (agree/strongly agree)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	80.1
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being bullied*	-	_	14.0	12.6	11.1	10.6	11.1	11.7
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being cyberbullied*	-	_	5.3	6.1	5.5	6.8	5.7	6.8
Talked with a parent, relative, or other adult outside of school about emotional challenges or problems*	-	-	-	-	-	-	43.2	51.6
ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES								
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol or drug use	-	_	_	_	_	_	-	11.7
Ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.0
Ever been hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt by an adult in your home	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	23.8
Adults in your home have ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up	-	_	-	-	_	_	-	10.4
There has been an adult in your household who tried hard to make sure your basic needs were met (rarely/never) <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2.3
PEER SUPPORT (often/very often)								
Feel you have a friend you can talk to about a personal problem	_	_	_	73.2	72.2	72.5	75.0	64.0
Feel you are part of a group of friends	-	-	-	77.2	73.6	72.8	73.6	64.9
Feel lonely	-	_	-	11.0	13.3	13.2	23.6	27.5
Feel you have a lot in common with the people around you	-	-	-	-	-	_	64.3	54.9
Feel there are people who really know you and understand you	_	_	_	_	_	_	62.8	54.2
Feel left out and excluded by others	-	_	_	-	_	_	15.6	19.4

<sup>\*</sup> During the past 12 months

<sup>†</sup> Basic needs include looking after your safety, making sure you had clean clothes, and providing you enough to eat.

## Table 8-3C. Adult Support and Peer Support at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
ADULT SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL		
Have at least one parent/adult outside of school to talk to about things that are important to you	88.8	88.1
Ate dinner at home with parent(s)/guardian(s) on 5 or more days (past 7 days)	74.9	68.7
Parents/adults in your family have clear rules and consequences for your behavior (agree/strongly agree)	80.1	81.5
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being bullied*	11.7	10.8
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being cyberbullied*	6.8	6.3
Talked with a parent, relative, or other adult outside of school about emotional challenges or problems*	51.6	50.1
ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES		
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol or drug use	11.7	16.5
Ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal	32.0	33.0
Ever been hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt by an adult in your home	23.8	22.1
Adults in your home have ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up	10.4	10.0
There has been an adult in your household who tried hard to make sure your basic needs were met $(rarely/never)^{\dagger}$	2.3	2.7
PEER SUPPORT (often/very often)		
Feel you have a friend you can talk to about a personal problem	64.0	63.1
Feel you are part of a group of friends	64.9	65.5
Feel lonely	27.5	30.3
Feel you have a lot in common with the people around you	54.9	53.6
Feel there are people who really know you and understand you	54.2	53.6
Feel left out and excluded by others	19.4	20.1

<sup>\*</sup> During the past 12 months

<sup>†</sup> Basic needs include looking after your safety, making sure you had clean clothes, and providing you enough to eat.

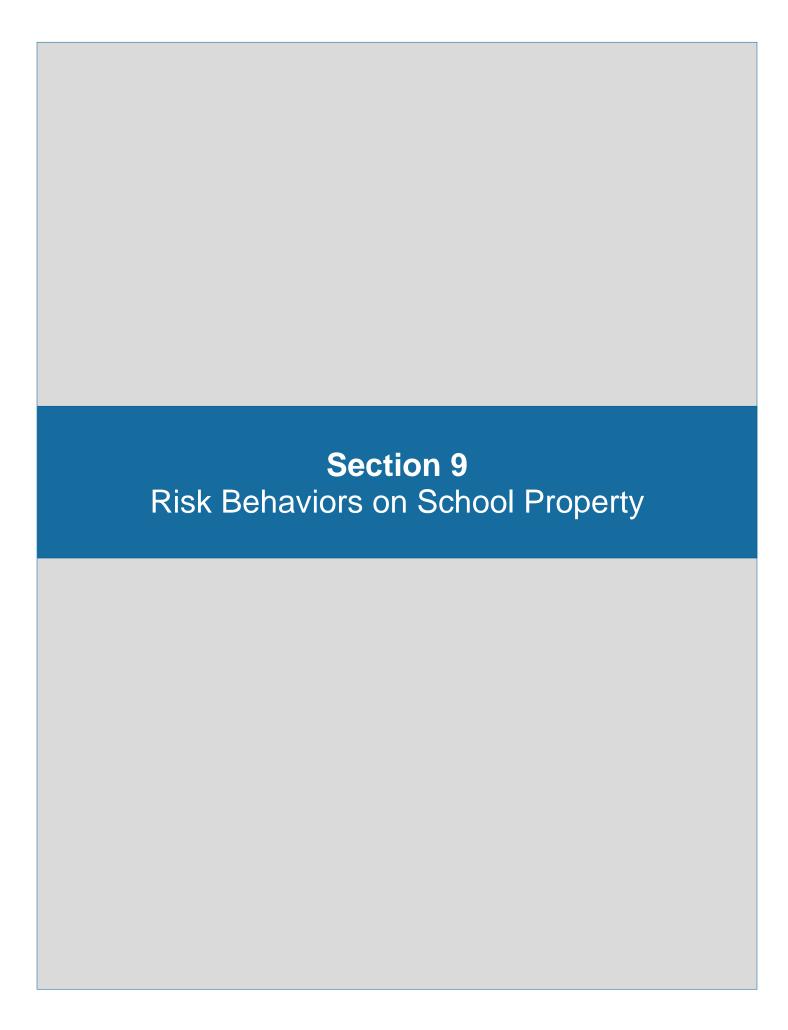


Figure 9-1A. Substance Use and Drug Availability on School Property by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey 100% 90% 80% 70% Percent of students Female 60% (n=652)50% Male (n=588)40% 30% 20% 10% 6% 6% 5% 5% 5% 4% 3% 3% 1% 2% 0% Used electronic Used alcohol Used marijuana Offered, sold, or Offered, sold, or vapor products (past 30 days) (past 30 days) given marijuana given prescription (past 12 mos.) (past 30 days) pain medicine (past 12 mos.)

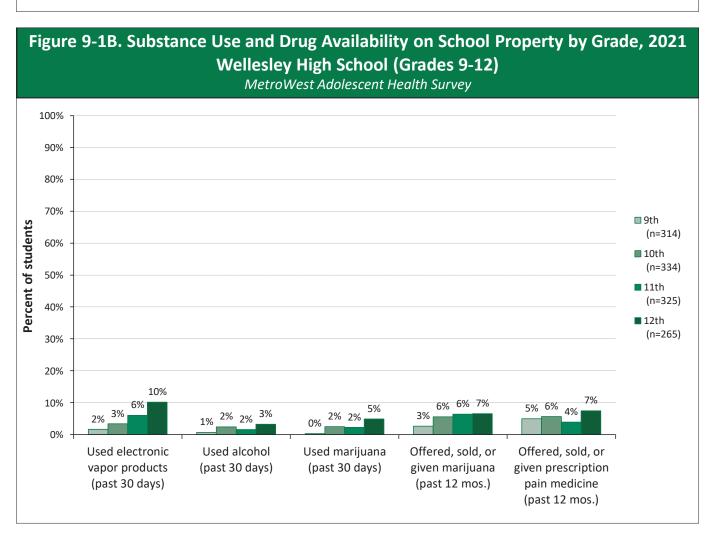
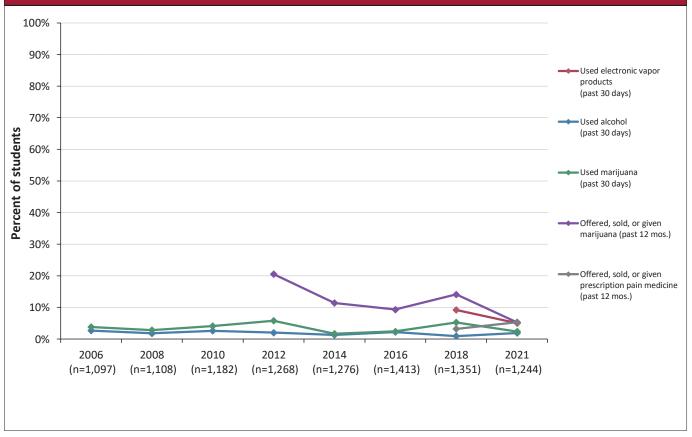
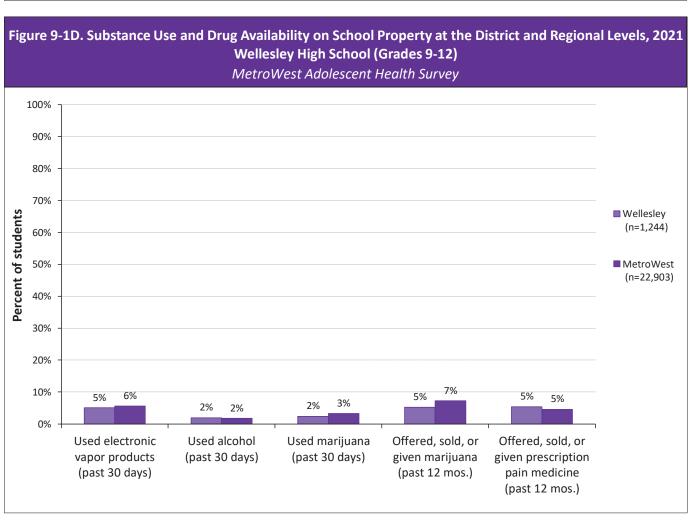
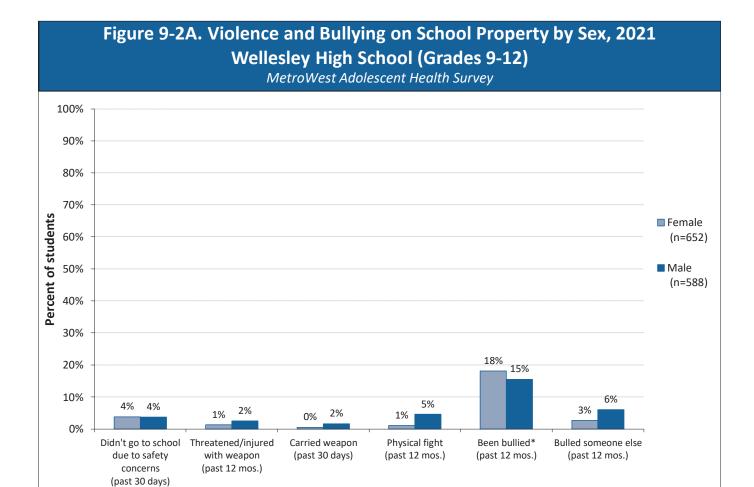
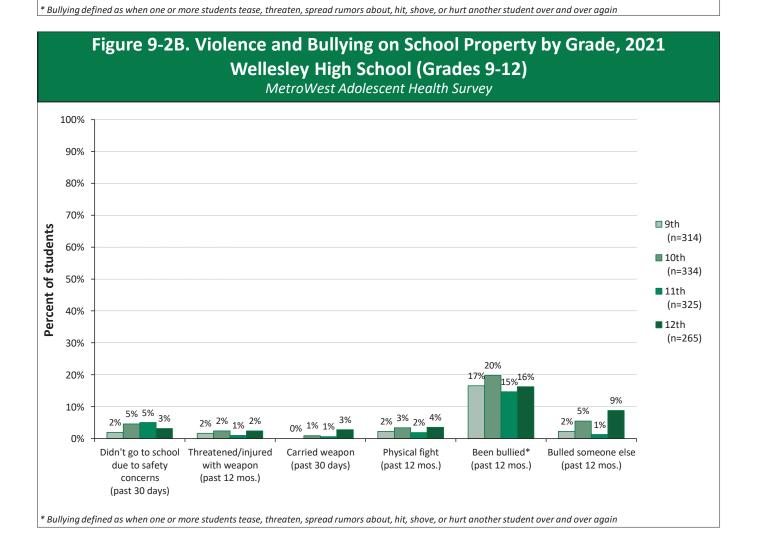


Figure 9-1C. Substance Use and Drug Availability on School Property, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)









## Figure 9-2C. Violence and Bullying on School Property, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

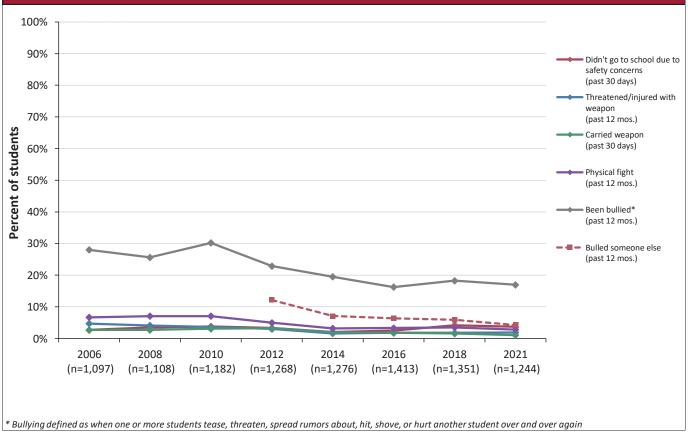


Figure 9-2D. Violence and Bullying on School Property at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey 100% 90% 80% 70% Percent of students ■ Wellesley 60% (n=1,244) ■ MetroWest 50% (n=22,903) 40% 30% 17% 17% 20% 10% 5% 4% 4% 4% 3% 3% 2% 2% 1% 1% 0% Didn't go to school Threatened/injured Been bullied\* Bulled someone else Carried weapon Physical fight due to safety with weapon (past 30 days) (past 12 mos.) (past 12 mos.) (past 12 mos.) concerns (past 12 mos.) (past 30 days) \* Bullying defined as when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again

## Table 9-1A. Risk Behaviors on School Property by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grade (%)		
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
SUBSTANCE USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 30 days)							
Used electronic vapor products on school property	5.0	4.8	5.3	1.6	3.4	6.0	10.2
Used alcohol on school property	1.9	1.3	2.7	0.7	2.4	1.6	3.2
Used marijuana on school property	2.4	1.6	3.2	0.3	2.5	2.2	4.9
DRUG AVAILABILITY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 12 months)							
Offered, sold, or given marijuana on school property	5.2	4.9	5.6	2.7	5.6	6.4	6.5
Offered, sold, or given prescription pain medicine on school property	5.4	6.2	4.5	5.0	5.6	3.9	7.4
SAFETY, WEAPONS, AND VIOLENCE AT SCHOOL							
Didn't go to school because of safety concerns (past 30 days)*	3.7	3.8	3.7	1.9	4.6	5.0	3.2
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	1.9	1.2	2.5	1.6	2.4	0.9	2.4
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	1.1	0.5	1.6	0.0	0.9	0.6	2.8
In a physical fight on school property (past 12 months)	2.8	1.1	4.6	2.3	3.4	1.9	3.6
Been bullied on school property (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	17.0	18.1	15.5	16.6	19.8	14.7	16.3
Bullied someone else on school property (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	4.3	2.7	6.0	2.3	5.5	1.3	8.8

<sup>\*</sup> Because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on the way to or from school

<sup>†</sup> For example, a gun, knife, or club

<sup>‡</sup> Defined as when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again

#### Table 9-1B. Risk Behaviors on School Property, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
SUBSTANCE USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 30 days)								
Used electronic vapor products on school property	-	_	_	_	-	-	9.2	5.0
Used alcohol on school property	2.7	1.8	2.6	2.0	1.3	2.2	0.9	1.9
Used marijuana on school property	3.8	2.8	4.1	5.8	1.7	2.4	5.2	2.4
DRUG AVAILABILITY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 12 months)								
Offered, sold, or given marijuana on school property	-	_	_	20.5	11.4	9.3	14.1	5.2
Offered, sold, or given prescription pain medicine on school property	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	5.4
SAFETY, WEAPONS, AND VIOLENCE AT SCHOOL								
Didn't go to school because of safety concerns (past 30 days)*	2.7	3.5	3.8	3.3	2.1	2.5	4.2	3.7
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	4.7	4.1	3.6	3.0	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.9
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days)	2.7	2.7	3.1	3.3	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.1
In a physical fight on school property (past 12 months)	6.7	7.1	7.1	5.0	3.2	3.3	3.5	2.8
Been bullied on school property (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	28.0	25.6	30.2	22.9	19.5	16.3	18.3	17.0
Bullied someone else on school property (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	-	-	-	12.2	7.1	6.4	5.9	4.3

<sup>\*</sup> Because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on the way to or from school

<sup>†</sup> For example, a gun, knife, or club

<sup>‡</sup> Defined as when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again

## Table 9-1C. Risk Behaviors on School Property at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region	
	(1,244)	(22,903)	
SUBSTANCE USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 30 days)			
Used electronic vapor products on school property	5.0	5.6	
Used alcohol on school property	1.9	1.7	
Used marijuana on school property	2.4	3.3	
DRUG AVAILABILITY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 12 months)			
Offered, sold, or given marijuana on school property	5.2	7.2	
Offered, sold, or given prescription pain medicine on school property	5.4	4.6	
SAFETY, WEAPONS, AND VIOLENCE AT SCHOOL			
Didn't go to school because of safety concerns (past 30 days)*	3.7	3.6	
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	1.9	2.5	
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	1.1	1.2	
In a physical fight on school property (past 12 months)	2.8	3.1	
Been bullied on school property (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	17.0	17.1	
Bullied someone else on school property (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	4.3	5.4	

<sup>\*</sup> Because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on the way to or from school

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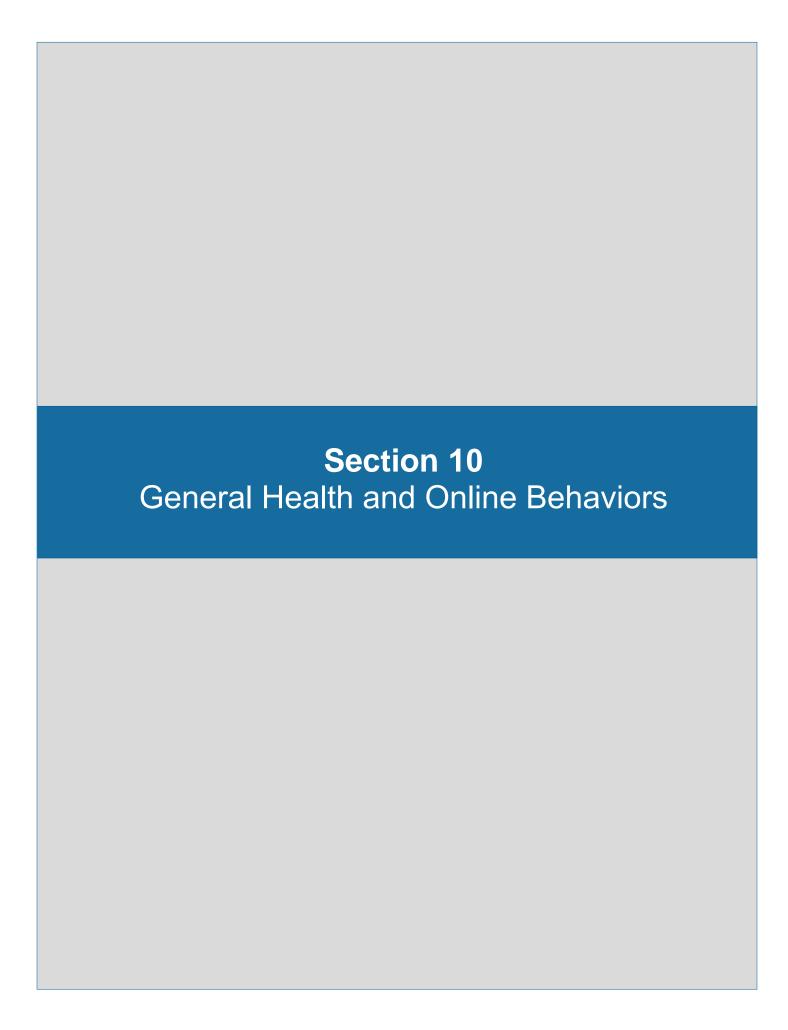


Figure 10-1A. Attitudes and Experiences Related to Social Media Use\* by Sex, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

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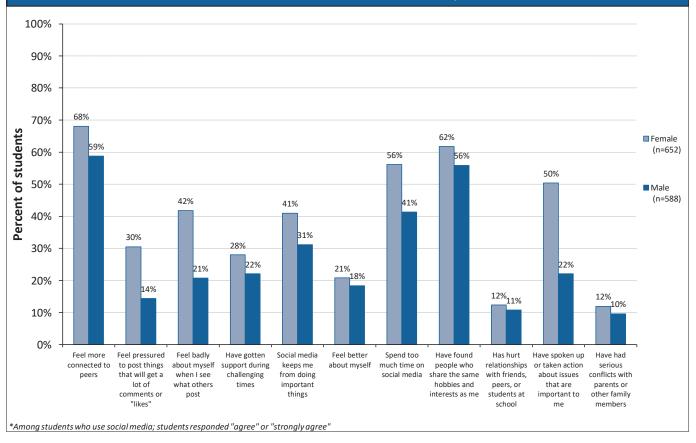


Figure 10-1B. Attitudes and Experiences Related to Social Media Use\* by Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

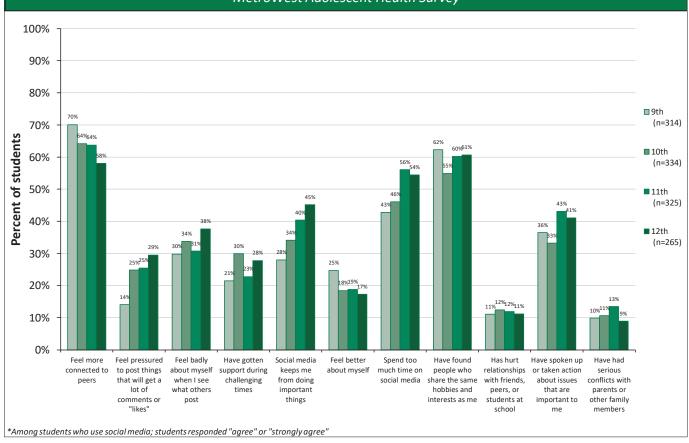
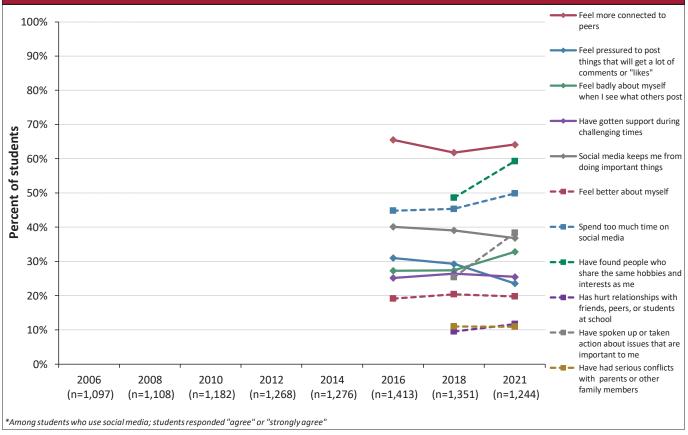
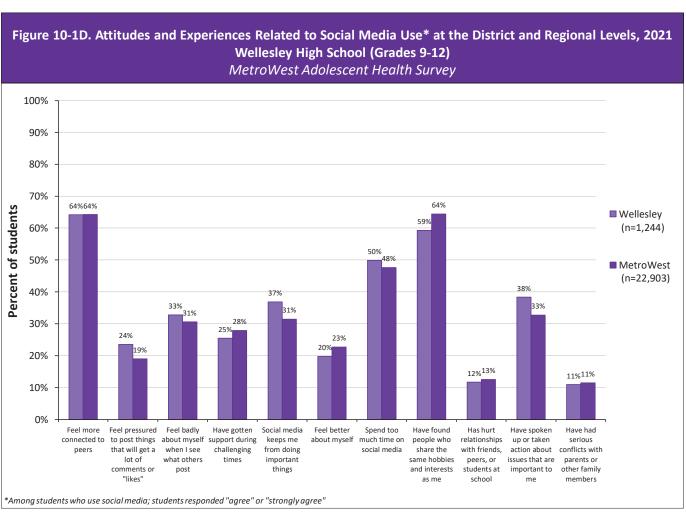
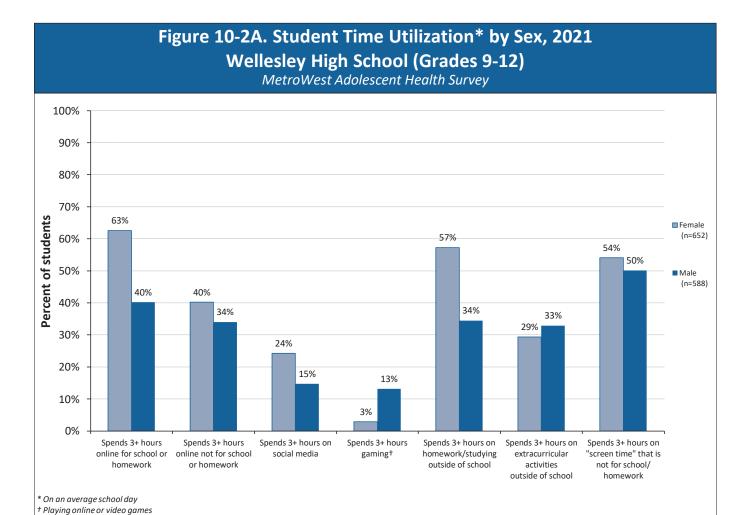
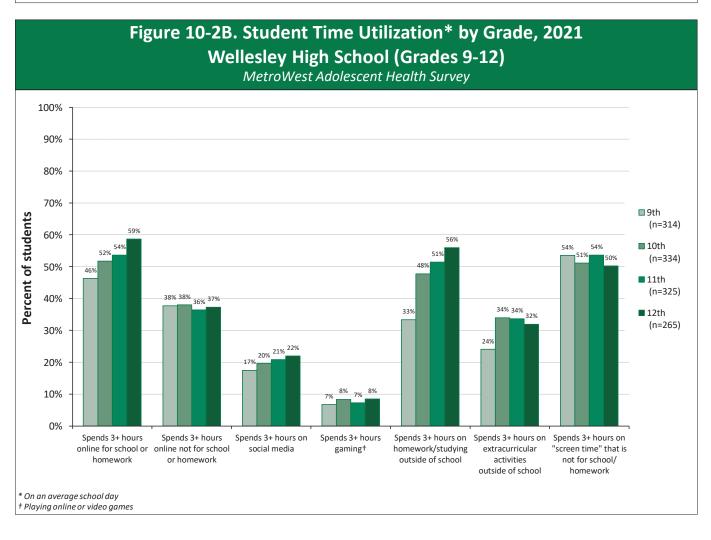


Figure 10-1C. Attitudes and Experiences Related to Social Media Use\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

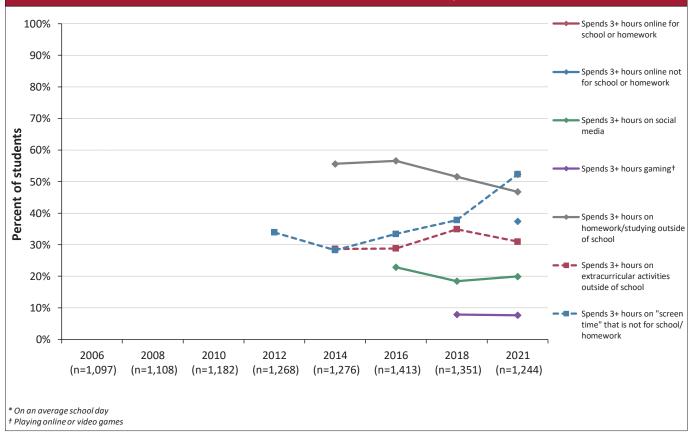


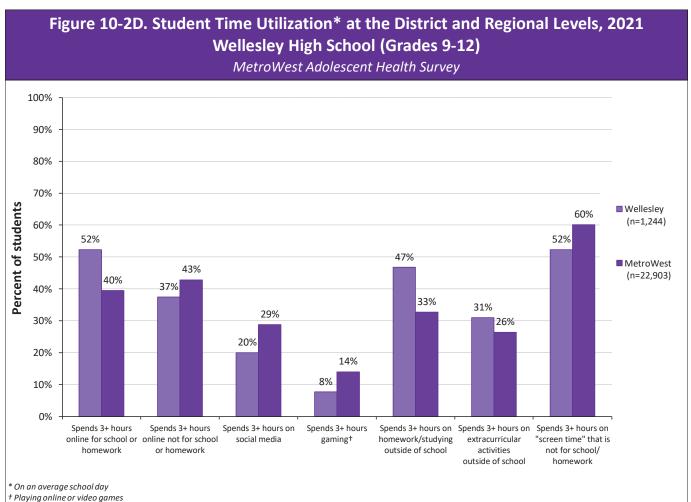


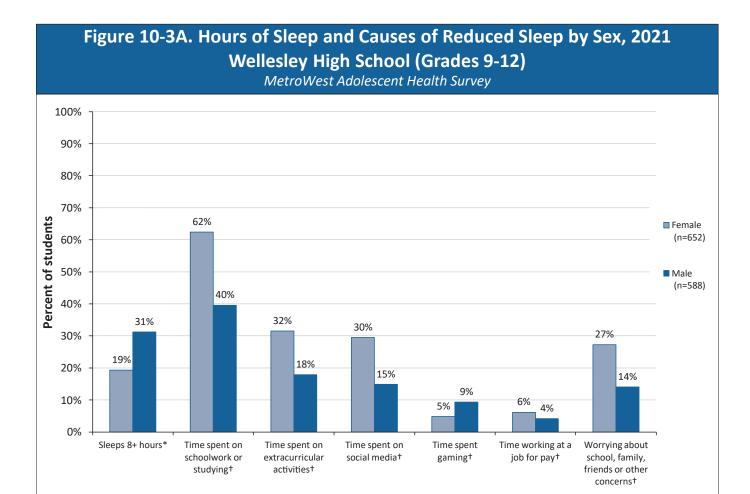


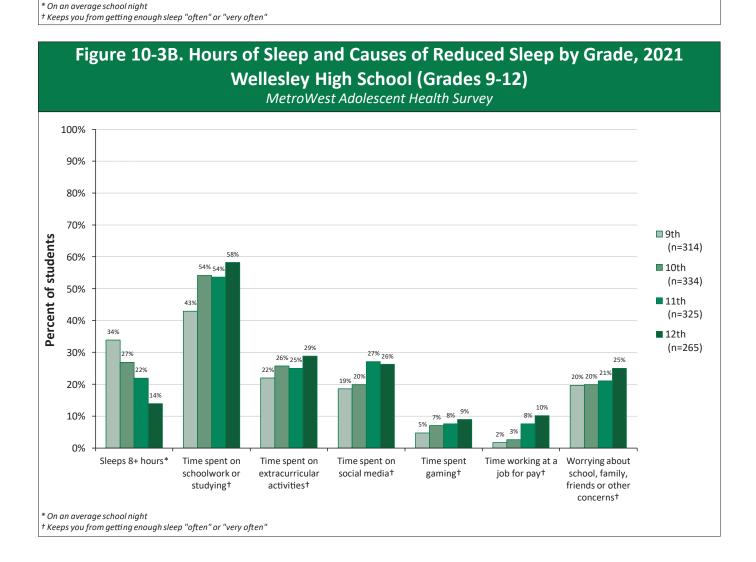


## Figure 10-2C. Student Time Utilization\*, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

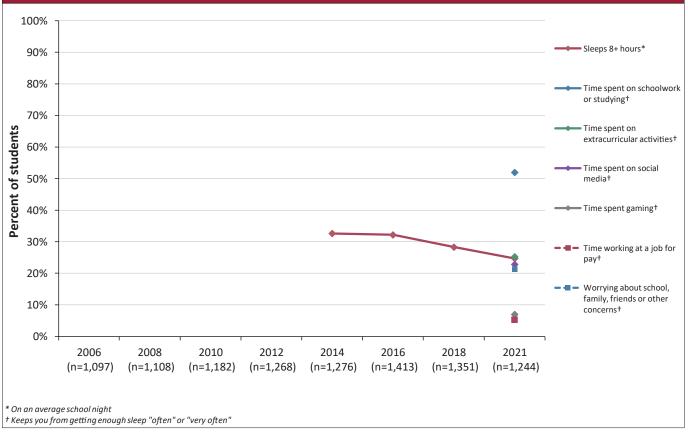


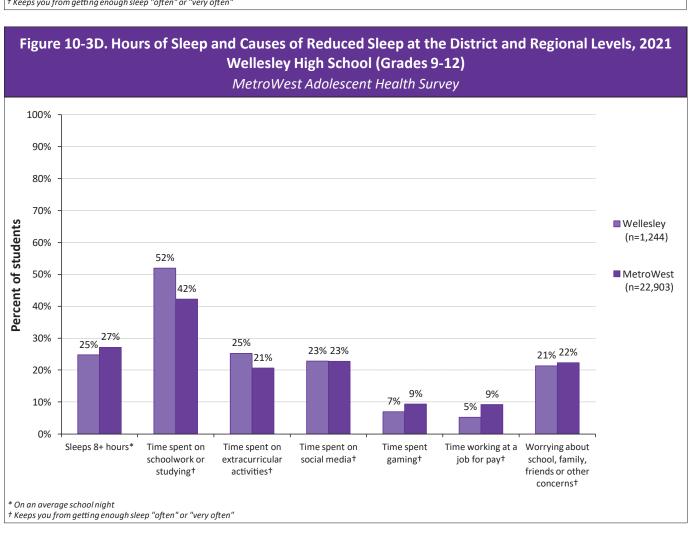






## Figure 10-3C. Hours of Sleep and Causes of Reduced Sleep, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





### Table 10-1A. Online Behaviors by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex (%)		Sex (%) Grade (%)				
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)	
ONLINE BEHAVIORS AND USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA (on an average school day)								
Spend 3 or more hours online for school or homework	52.3	62.6	40.2	46.3	51.8	53.6	58.6	
Spend 3 or more hours online not for school or homework	37.4	40.2	34.0	37.8	38.0	36.4	37.3	
Spend 3 or more hours on social media	19.9	24.2	14.7	17.5	19.6	20.9	21.9	
Spend 3 or more hours gaming	7.7	2.9	13.1	6.8	8.4	7.3	8.4	
ATTITUDES AND EXPERIENCES RELATED TO SOCIAL MEDIA USE (agree/strongly agree)								
I feel more connected to peers because of social media.	64.1	68.1	58.8	70.1	64.2	63.7	58.1	
I feel pressure to post things that will be popular and get a lot of comments or "likes."	23.5	30.5	14.4	14.0	24.8	25.5	29.5	
I feel badly about myself, excluded, or left out when I see what others post on social media.	32.8	41.8	20.7	29.8	33.7	30.7	37.6	
I have gotten support on social media when I've been going through a tough or challenging time.	25.5	28.0	22.1	21.5	29.9	22.8	27.8	
Social media keeps me from doing other things that are important, like homework or family responsibilities.	36.8	40.9	31.1	28.0	34.1	40.4	45.2	
Being on social media helps me feel better about myself.	19.7	20.8	18.4	24.7	18.4	18.8	17.3	
I spend too much time on social media.	49.9	56.2	41.3	42.8	46.0	56.1	54.4	
I have found people who share the same hobbies and interests as me on social media.	59.3	61.8	55.9	62.3	54.9	60.2	60.6	
Social media has hurt my relationships with friends, peers, or students at my school.	11.7	12.3	10.8	11.1	12.5	11.9	11.2	
I have spoken up or taken action on social media about issues that are important to me.	38.3	50.4	22.1	36.5	33.2	43.1	41.0	
I have had serious conflicts with my parents or other members of my family because of my social media use.	10.9	11.9	9.6	9.9	10.6	13.4	8.9	

### Table 10-1B. Online Behaviors, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley (%)							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
ONLINE BEHAVIORS AND USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA (on an average school day)								
Spend 3 or more hours online for school or homework	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	52.3
Spend 3 or more hours online not for school or homework	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	37.4
Spend 3 or more hours on social media	-	_	_	_	_	22.9	18.5	19.9
Spend 3 or more hours gaming	-	_	-	_	_	_	7.9	7.7
ATTITUDES AND EXPERIENCES RELATED TO SOCIAL MEDIA USE (agree/strongly agree)								
I feel more connected to peers because of social media.	-	-	-	-	-	65.5	61.8	64.1
I feel pressure to post things that will be popular and get a lot of comments or "likes."	-	-	-	-	_	31.0	29.3	23.5
I feel badly about myself, excluded, or left out when I see what others post on social media.	_	-	-	_	_	27.3	27.4	32.8
I have gotten support on social media when I've been going through a tough or challenging time.	-	-	-	-	-	25.2	26.4	25.5
Social media keeps me from doing other things that are important, like homework or family responsibilities.	-	-	-	-	-	40.1	39.0	36.8
Being on social media helps me feel better about myself.	-	-	-	-	-	19.1	20.4	19.7
I spend too much time on social media.	_	_	_	_	_	44.8	45.3	49.9
I have found people who share the same hobbies and interests as me on social media.	-	_	-	_	_	_	48.6	59.3
Social media has hurt my relationships with friends, peers, or students at my school.	_	_	_	_	_	_	9.5	11.7
I have spoken up or taken action on social media about issues that are	_							
important to me.	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.4	38.3
I have had serious conflicts with my parents or other members of my family because of my social media use.	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.0	10.9

### Table 10-1C. Online Behaviors at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
ONLINE BEHAVIORS AND USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA (on an average school day)		
Spend 3 or more hours online for school or homework	52.3	39.5
Spend 3 or more hours online not for school or homework	37.4	42.8
Spend 3 or more hours on social media	19.9	28.8
Spend 3 or more hours gaming	7.7	14.0
ATTITUDES AND EXPERIENCES RELATED TO SOCIAL MEDIA USE (agree/strongly agree)		
I feel more connected to peers because of social media.	64.1	64.2
I feel pressure to post things that will be popular and get a lot of comments or "likes."	23.5	19.0
I feel badly about myself, excluded, or left out when I see what others post on social media.	32.8	30.6
I have gotten support on social media when I've been going through a tough or challenging time.	25.5	27.9
Social media keeps me from doing other things that are important, like homework or family responsibilities.	36.8	31.5
Being on social media helps me feel better about myself.	19.7	22.7
I spend too much time on social media.	49.9	47.6
I have found people who share the same hobbies and interests as me on social media.	59.3	64.4
Social media has hurt my relationships with friends, peers, or students at my school.	11.7	12.5
I have spoken up or taken action on social media about issues that are important to me.	38.3	32.7
I have had serious conflicts with my parents or other members of my family because of my social media use.	10.9	11.5

## Table 10-2A. General Health, Sleep, and Student Use of Time by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grade (%)				
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>		
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)		
GENERAL HEALTH & SLEEP									
Describes general health (emotional and physical wellbeing) as very good/excellent	52.7	44.6	61.8	56.7	52.4	47.5	54.7		
Absent from school on 3 or more days (past 30 days)	14.9	16.9	12.5	11.4	13.7	15.5	19.6		
Sleeps 8 or more hours on an average school night	24.7	19.3	31.2	33.9	26.9	21.9	13.9		
STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND USE OF TIME									
Spend 3 or more hours on homework/studying before or after school*	46.8	57.3	34.5	33.3	47.8	51.5	55.9		
Spend 3 or more hours on extracurricular activities outside of school*	31.0	29.3	32.9	24.1	34.0	33.7	32.0		
Spend 3 or more hours on "screen time" that is not for school work/homework*,†	52.3	54.1	50.1	53.5	51.1	53.6	50.2		
Participated in volunteer or community service activities on 3 or more days (past 12 months)	65.2	70.3	59.0	55.3	57.5	76.1	73.8		
CAUSES OF REDUCED SLEEP ‡									
Time spent on schoolwork or studying	52.0	62.4	39.6	42.9	54.2	53.6	58.2		
Time spent on extracurricular activities	25.2	31.5	17.9	22.0	25.7	25.0	28.8		
Time spent on social media	22.8	29.5	14.9	18.6	19.9	27.1	26.3		
Time spent gaming	7.0	4.8	9.3	4.7	7.1	7.6	8.9		
Time working at a job for pay	5.2	6.1	4.2	1.7	2.6	7.6	10.2		
Worrying about school, family, friends, or other concerns	21.3	27.3	14.1	19.7	19.9	21.1	25.0		

<sup>\*</sup> On an average school day

<sup>†</sup> Includes watching TV, going on the Internet, playing video games, or using a computer, tablet, or smartphone

<sup>‡</sup> Keeps you from getting enough sleep "often" or "very often"

## Table 10-2B. General Health, Sleep, and Student Use of Time, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

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	Wellesley (%)							
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
GENERAL HEALTH & SLEEP								
Describes general health (emotional and physical wellbeing) as very good/excellent	80.0	80.7	77.5	79.5	78.0	76.2	75.7	52.7
Absent from school on 3 or more days (past 30 days)	-	-	-	_	12.9	13.7	12.5	14.9
Sleeps 8 or more hours on an average school night	-	_	_	_	32.6	32.2	28.3	24.7
STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND USE OF TIME								
Spend 3 or more hours on homework/studying before or after school*	-	-	-	_	55.6	56.6	51.6	46.8
Spend 3 or more hours on extracurricular activities outside of school*	-	-	-	-	28.7	28.8	34.9	31.0
Spend 3 or more hours on "screen time" that is not for school work/homework*,†	-	_	_	33.9	28.3	33.4	37.8	52.3
Participated in volunteer or community service activities on 3 or more days	_	_	_	_	_	72.3	70.8	65.2
(past 12 months)						72.5	70.8	03.2
CAUSES OF REDUCED SLEEP <sup>‡</sup>								
Time spent on schoolwork or studying	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	52.0
Time spent on extracurricular activities	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	25.2
Time spent on social media	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	22.8
Time spent gaming	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0
Time working at a job for pay	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	5.2
Worrying about school, family, friends, or other concerns	-		-		-		_	21.3

<sup>\*</sup> On an average school day

<sup>†</sup> Includes watching TV, going on the Internet, playing video games, or using a computer, tablet, or smartphone

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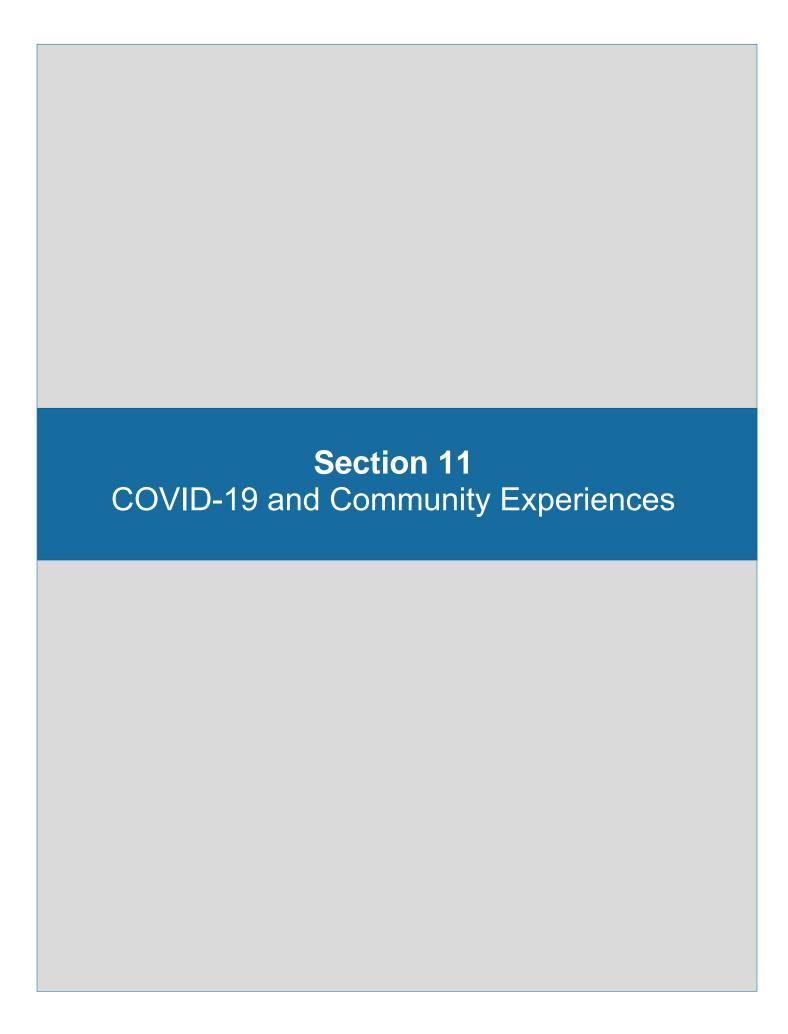
### Table 10-2C. General Health, Sleep, and Student Use of Time at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

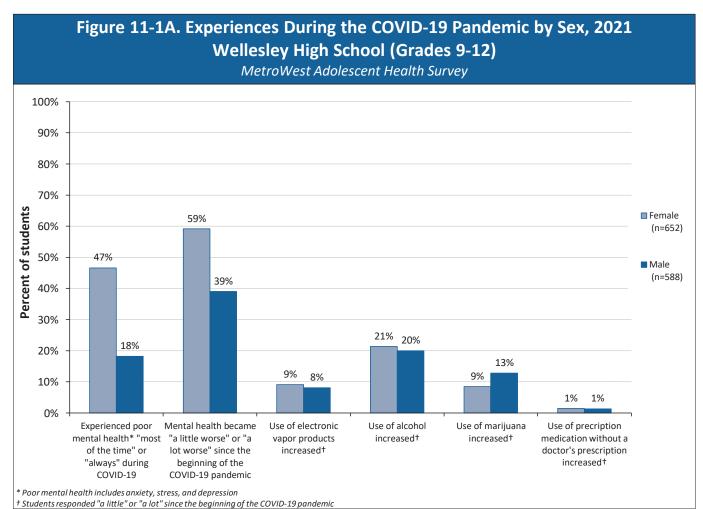
	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
GENERAL HEALTH & SLEEP	(2)2 + 1)	(22)300)
Describes general health (emotional and physical wellbeing) as very good/excellent	52.7	51.2
Absent from school on 3 or more days (past 30 days)	14.9	17.9
Sleeps 8 or more hours on an average school night	24.7	27.1
STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND USE OF TIME		
Spend 3 or more hours on homework/studying before or after school*	46.8	32.7
Spend 3 or more hours on extracurricular activities outside of school*	31.0	26.4
Spend 3 or more hours on "screen time" that is not for school work/homework*,†	52.3	60.1
Participated in volunteer or community service activities on 3 or more days (past 12 months)	65.2	60.2
CAUSES OF REDUCED SLEEP <sup>‡</sup>		
Time spent on schoolwork or studying	52.0	42.2
Time spent on extracurricular activities	25.2	20.6
Time spent on social media	22.8	22.8
Time spent gaming	7.0	9.3
Time working at a job for pay	5.2	9.2
Worrying about school, family, friends, or other concerns	21.3	22.3

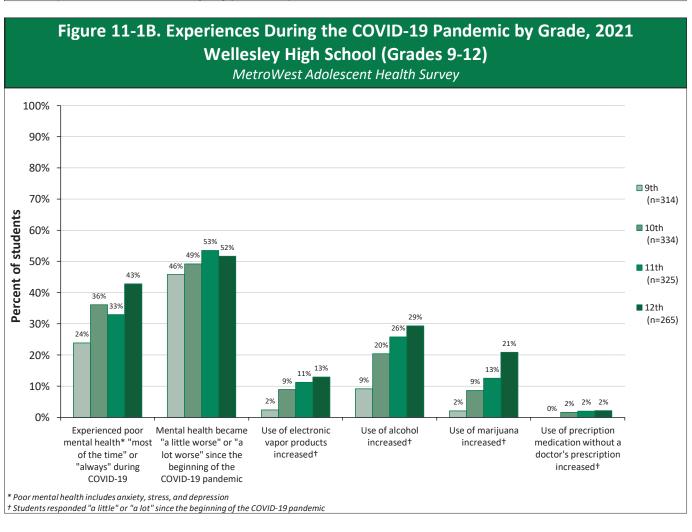
<sup>\*</sup> On an average school day

<sup>†</sup> Includes watching TV, going on the Internet, playing video games, or using a computer, tablet, or smartphone

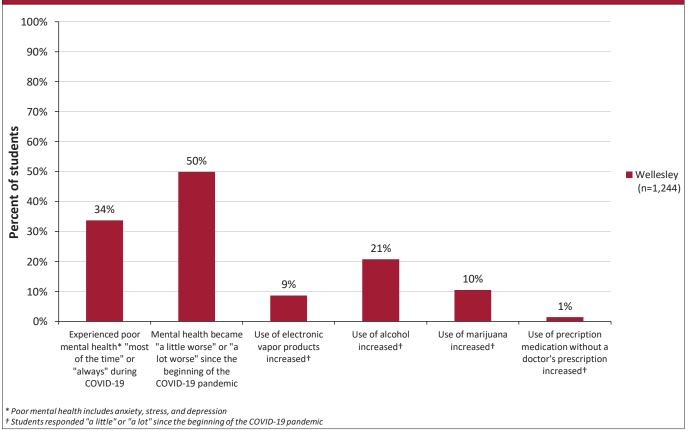
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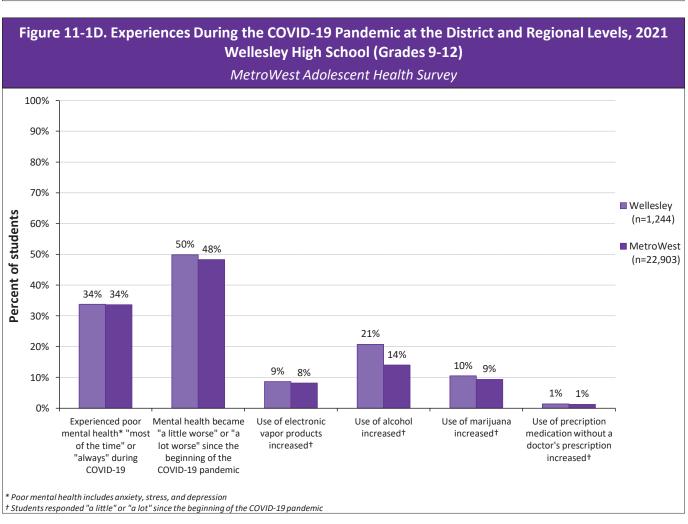


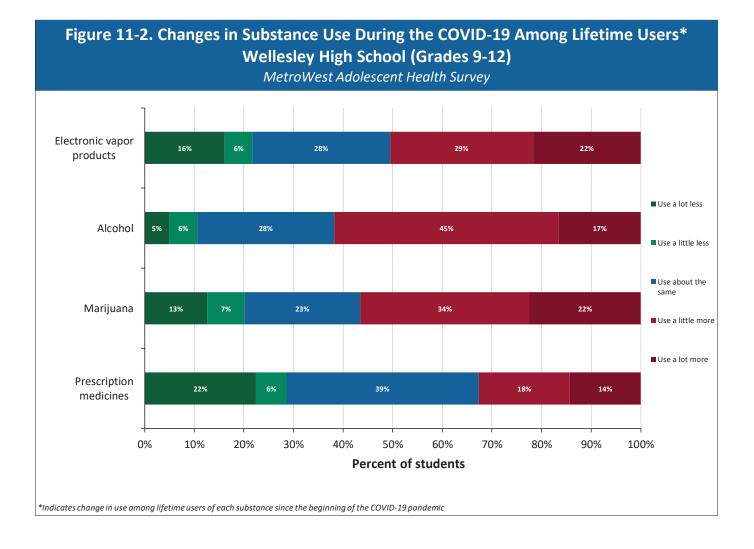




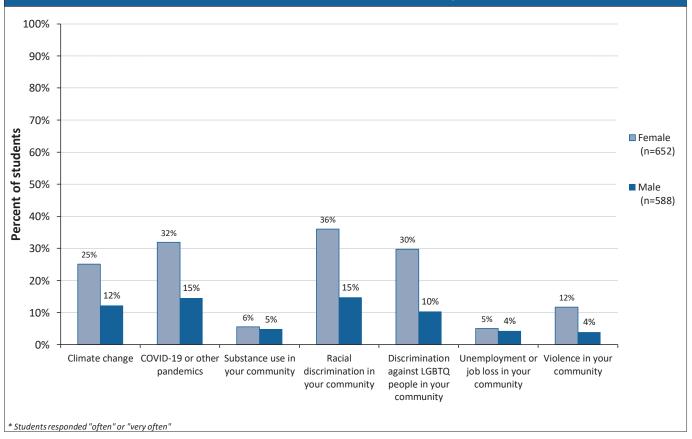
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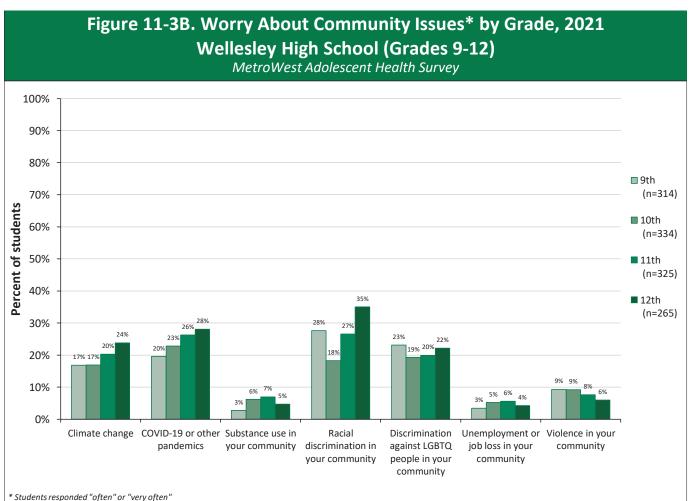




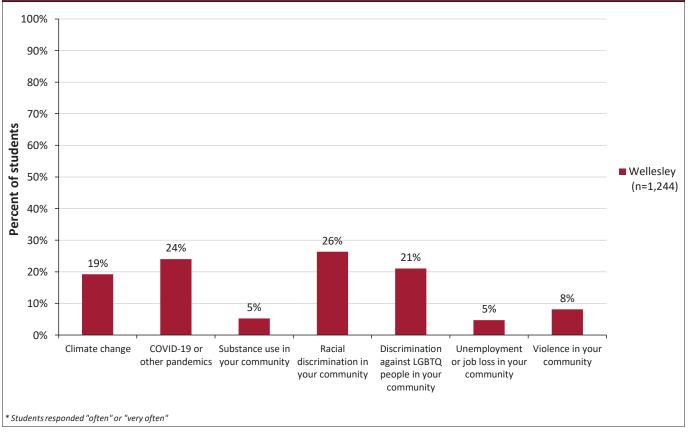


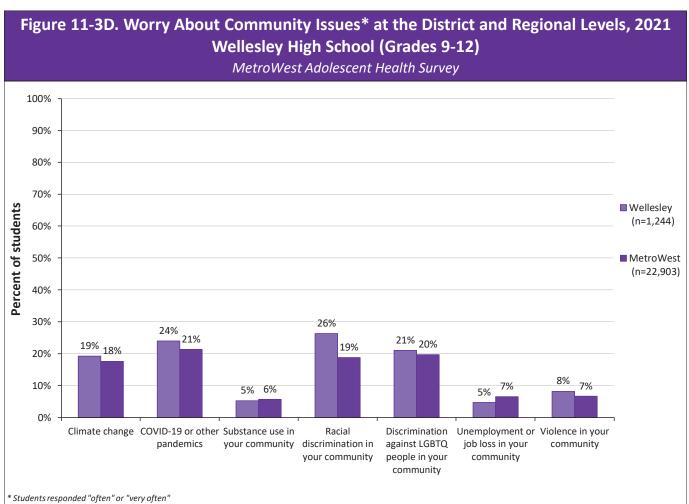
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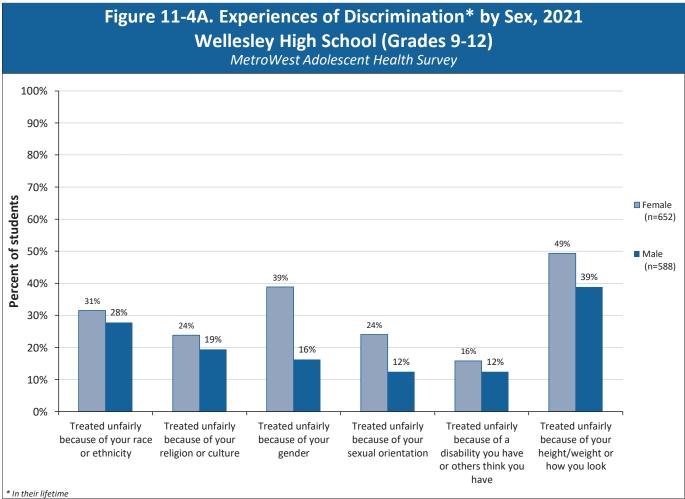


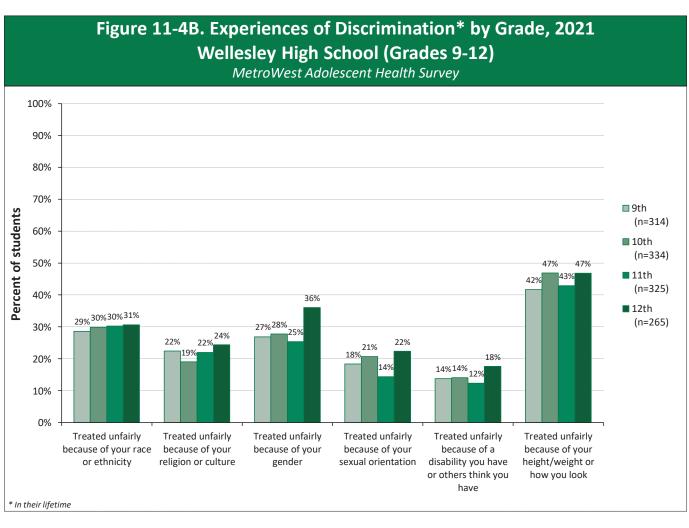


## Figure 11-3C. Worry About Community Issues\*, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

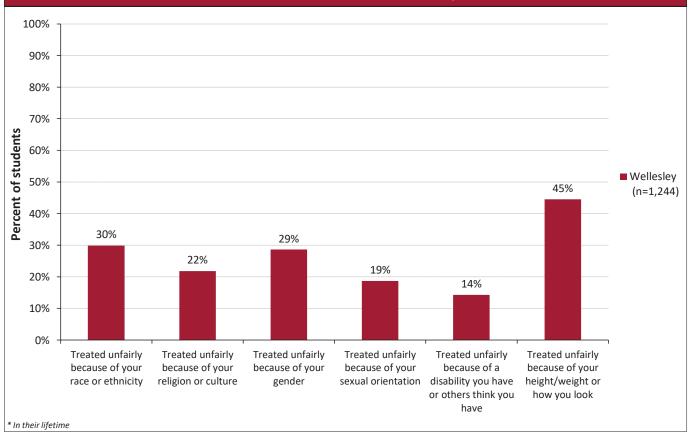


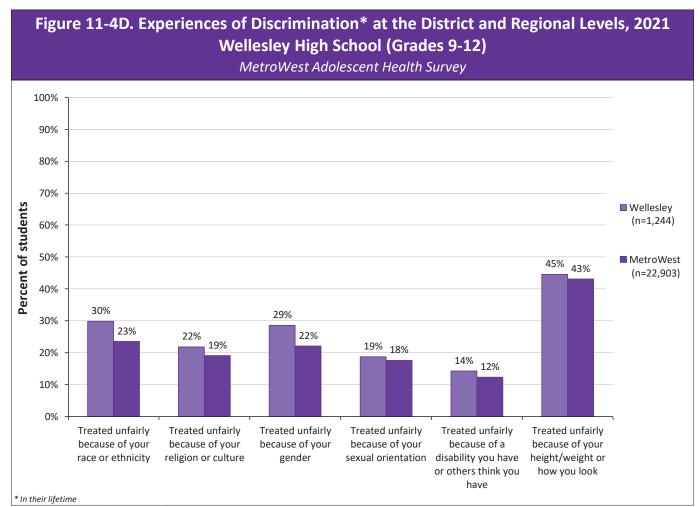






## Figure 11-4C. Experiences of Discrimination\*, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)





## Table 11-1A. COVID-19 and Community Issues/Experiences by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
EXPERIENCES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC							
Experienced poor mental health "most of the time" or "always" during COVID-19 pandemic*	33.7	46.6	18.2	23.8	36.1	32.9	42.8
Mental health became "a little worse" or "a lot worse"	49.9	59.1	39.0	45.8	49.2	53.5	51.7
Use of electronic vapor products increased (a little/a lot)	8.6	9.1	8.1	2.4	8.9	11.2	12.9
Use of alcohol increased (a little/a lot)	20.7	21.4	20.0	9.2	20.4	25.7	29.3
Use of marijuana increased (a little/a lot)	10.5	8.5	12.8	2.0	8.6	12.5	20.8
Use of precription medication without a doctor's prescription increased (a little/a lot)	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	1.6	2.0	2.1
WORRY ABOUT COMMUNITY ISSUES (often/very often)							
Climate change	19.2	25.0	12.2	16.8	16.9	20.3	23.8
COVID-19 (coronavirus) or other pandemics	24.0	31.9	14.5	19.6	22.8	26.2	28.1
Substance use in your community	5.2	5.5	4.9	2.8	6.2	7.0	4.7
Racial discrimination in you community	26.3	36.0	14.8	27.6	18.3	26.6	35.0
Discrimination against LGBTQ people in your community	21.0	29.7	10.3	23.1	19.3	19.9	22.1
Unemployment or job loss in your community	4.7	5.0	4.3	3.4	5.2	5.6	4.3
Violence in your community	8.1	11.7	3.9	9.3	9.2	7.7	6.0
EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION (lifetime)							
Treated badly/unfairly because of your race or ethnicity	29.9	31.5	27.8	28.6	29.9	30.2	30.6
Treated badly/unfairly because of your religion or culture	21.8	23.8	19.4	22.4	19.0	22.0	24.4
Treated badly/unfairly because of your gender or gender identity	28.6	38.8	16.3	26.9	27.8	25.3	36.1
Treated badly/unfairly because of your sexual identity or sexual orientation	18.7	24.0	12.4	18.3	20.7	14.3	22.3
Treated badly/unfairly because of a disability you have or others think you have	14.2	15.8	12.4	13.8	14.1	12.3	17.6
Treated badly/unfairly because of your height or weight, or how you look	44.5	49.4	38.8	41.7	46.9	42.9	46.8

<sup>\*</sup> Poor mental health includes anxiety, stress, and depression

## Table 11-1B. COVID-19 and Community Issues/Experiences, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

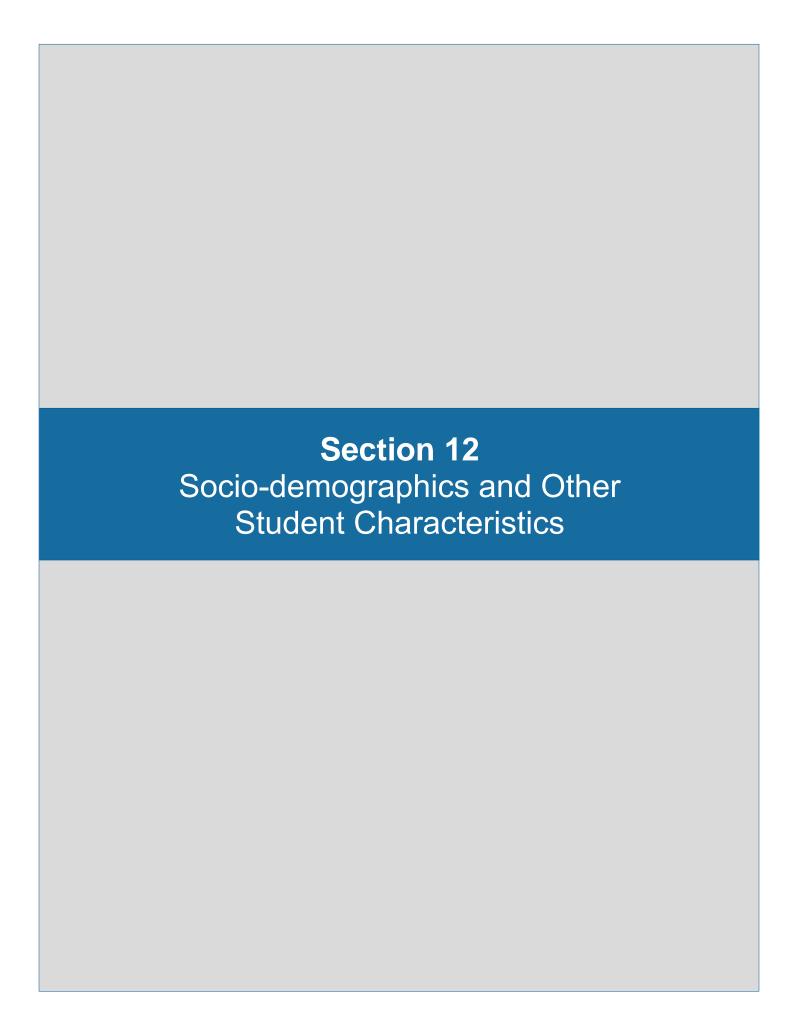
				Welles	sley (%)			
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
EXPERIENCES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC								
Experienced poor mental health "most of the time" or "always" during COVID-19 pandemic*	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	33.7
Mental health became "a little worse" or "a lot worse"	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	49.9
Use of electronic vapor products increased (a little/a lot)	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	8.6
Use of alcohol increased (a little/a lot)	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	20.7
Use of marijuana increased (a little/a lot)	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	10.5
Use of precription medication without a doctor's prescription increased (a little/a lot)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
WORRY ABOUT COMMUNITY ISSUES (often/very often)								
Climate change	-	-	_	-	_	_	-	19.2
COVID-19 (coronavirus) or other pandemics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.0
Substance use in your community	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	5.2
Racial discrimination in you community	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	26.3
Discrimination against LGBTQ people in your community	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	21.0
Unemployment or job loss in your community	-	_	_	_	_	_	-	4.7
Violence in your community	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	8.1
EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION (lifetime)								
Treated badly/unfairly because of your race or ethnicity	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	29.9
Treated badly/unfairly because of your religion or culture	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	21.8
Treated badly/unfairly because of your gender or gender identity	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	28.6
Treated badly/unfairly because of your sexual identity or sexual orientation	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	18.7
Treated badly/unfairly because of a disability you have or others think you have	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	14.2
Treated badly/unfairly because of your height or weight, or how you look	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	44.5

<sup>\*</sup> Poor mental health includes anxiety, stress, and depression

## Table 11-1C. COVID-19 and Community Issues/Experiences at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region
	(1,244)	(22,903)
EXPERIENCES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC		
Experienced poor mental health "most of the time" or "always" during COVID-19 pandemic*	33.7	33.6
Mental health became "a little worse" or "a lot worse"	49.9	48.3
Use of electronic vapor products increased (a little/a lot)	8.6	8.2
Use of alcohol increased (a little/a lot)	20.7	14.0
Use of marijuana increased (a little/a lot)	10.5	9.3
Use of precription medication without a doctor's prescription increased (a little/a lot)	1.4	1.2
WORRY ABOUT COMMUNITY ISSUES (often/very often)		
Climate change	19.2	17.6
COVID-19 (coronavirus) or other pandemics	24.0	21.3
Substance use in your community	5.2	5.6
Racial discrimination in you community	26.3	18.7
Discrimination against LGBTQ people in your community	21.0	19.7
Unemployment or job loss in your community	4.7	6.5
Violence in your community	8.1	6.6
EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION (lifetime)		
Treated badly/unfairly because of your race or ethnicity	29.9	23.5
Treated badly/unfairly because of your religion or culture	21.8	19.1
Treated badly/unfairly because of your gender or gender identity	28.6	22.1
Treated badly/unfairly because of your sexual identity or sexual orientation	18.7	17.6
Treated badly/unfairly because of a disability you have or others think you have	14.2	12.3
Treated badly/unfairly because of your height or weight, or how you look	44.5	43.1

<sup>\*</sup> Poor mental health includes anxiety, stress, and depression



## Table 12-1A. Socio-demographics and Other Student Characteristics by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grad	Grade (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)
SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS AND OTHER STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS							
Identify as transgender	2.6	4.2	0.7	3.2	2.7	2.2	2.3
Identify as nonbinary*	3.1	5.1	0.9	4.8	3.0	2.5	2.3
Identify as gay/lesbian, bisexual, not sure/questioning, or describe sexual identity in another way (not heterosexual)	23.1	35.3	9.4	21.7	25.2	22.0	23.7
Have any physical disabilities or physical long-term health problems †	8.4	9.5	7.1	4.7	10.8	9.0	9.2
Have any long-term learning disabilities <sup>†</sup>	12.4	11.6	13.2	9.2	12.8	9.9	18.5
Have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)	16.6	12.9	21.0	15.0	17.5	14.9	19.9
Ever been told by a doctor or health care professional that you have an attention disorder, such as Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD)	18.1	17.3	19.0	15.6	20.3	15.9	21.1
Language other than English spoken "most of the time" at home	12.0	12.7	11.1	13.1	11.7	10.2	12.9
Have not always lived in the United States	15.2	14.6	15.9	15.0	12.9	13.6	20.1

<sup>\*</sup> Non-binary also includes identifying as gender-queer, gender-fluid, or gender non-conforming

<sup>†</sup> Long-term means 6 months or more

## Table 12-1B. Socio-demographics and Other Student Characteristics, 2006-2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

				Welles	ley (%)			
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(1,097)	(1,108)	(1,182)	(1,268)	(1,276)	(1,413)	(1,351)	(1,244)
SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS AND OTHER STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS								
Identify as transgender	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	1.2	2.6
Identify as nonbinary*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
Identify as gay/lesbian, bisexual, not sure/questioning, or describe sexual identity in another way (not heterosexual)	7.1	5.9	5.8	7.8	9.1	12.9	12.5	23.1
Have any physical disabilities or physical long-term health problems <sup>†</sup>	-	_	_	8.5	10.2	11.8	9.7	8.4
Have any long-term learning disabilities <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	9.4	9.9	11.6	12.0	12.4
Have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)	-	-	-	-	15.3	15.9	18.7	16.6
Ever been told by a doctor or health care professional that you have an attention disorder, such as Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	18.1
Language other than English spoken "most of the time" at home	-	_	_	_	_	-	-	12.0
Have not always lived in the United States	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	15.2

<sup>\*</sup> Non-binary also includes identifying as gender-queer, gender-fluid, or gender non-conforming

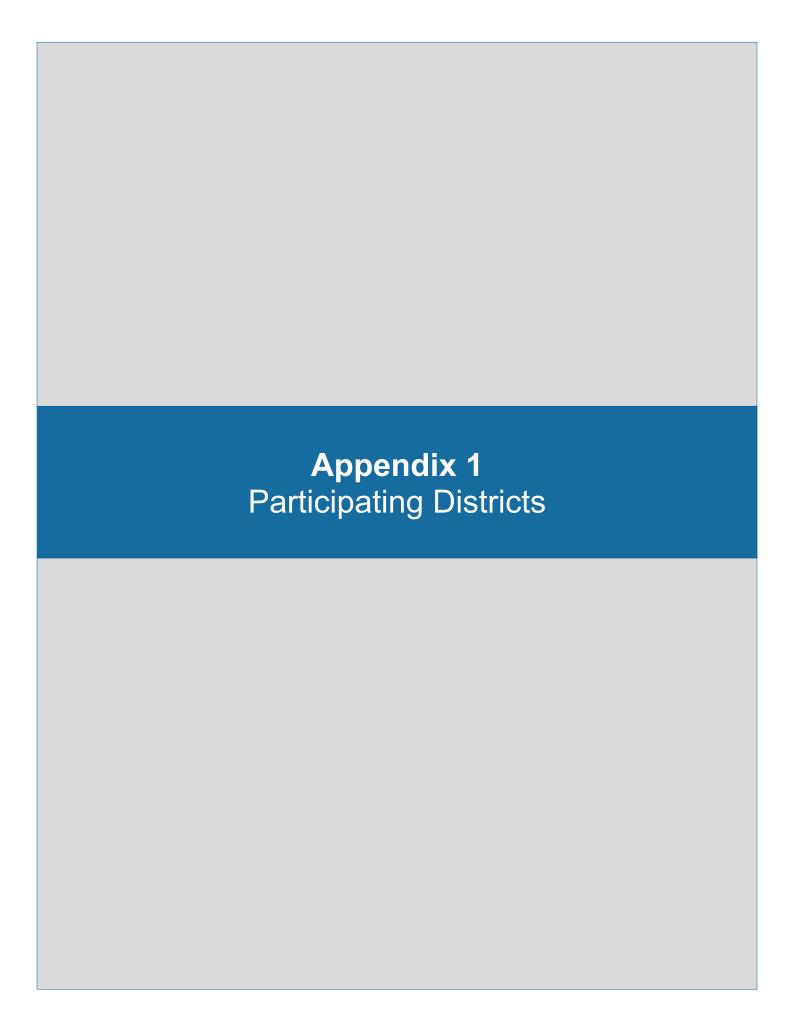
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### Table 12-1C. Socio-demographics and Other Student Characteristics at the District and Regional Levels, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

	Wellesley	MetroWest Region	
	(1,244)	(22,903)	
SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS AND OTHER STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS			
Identify as transgender	2.6	3.3	
Identify as nonbinary*	3.1	3.1	
Identify as gay/lesbian, bisexual, not sure/questioning, or describe sexual identity in another way (not heterosexual)	23.1	22.5	
Have any physical disabilities or physical long-term health problems <sup>†</sup>	8.4	9.5	
Have any long-term learning disabilities <sup>†</sup>	12.4	11.6	
Have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)	16.6	15.9	
Ever been told by a doctor or health care professional that you have an attention disorder, such as Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD)	18.1	17.3	
Language other than English spoken "most of the time" at home	12.0	18.2	
Have not always lived in the United States	15.2	13.5	

<sup>\*</sup> Non-binary also includes identifying as gender-queer, gender-fluid, or gender non-conforming

<sup>†</sup> Long-term means 6 months or more



## 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

### **Participating Districts**

### Middle School Survey

Ashland Hudson Natick

Bellingham King Philip Needham

Dedham\* Marlborough Northborough

Dover-Sherborn McAuliffe Norwood\*

Framingham Medfield Southborough

Franklin Medway Sudbury
Holliston Mendon-Upton Wayland
Wallaclay

Hopedale Milford Wellesley
Hopkinton Millis Westborough

Weston\*

### High School Survey

Algonquin Regional Hopedale Milford

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Bellingham Keefe Technical Needham

Blackstone Valley King Philip Norwood\*

Dedham\* Lincoln-Sudbury Tri-County\*

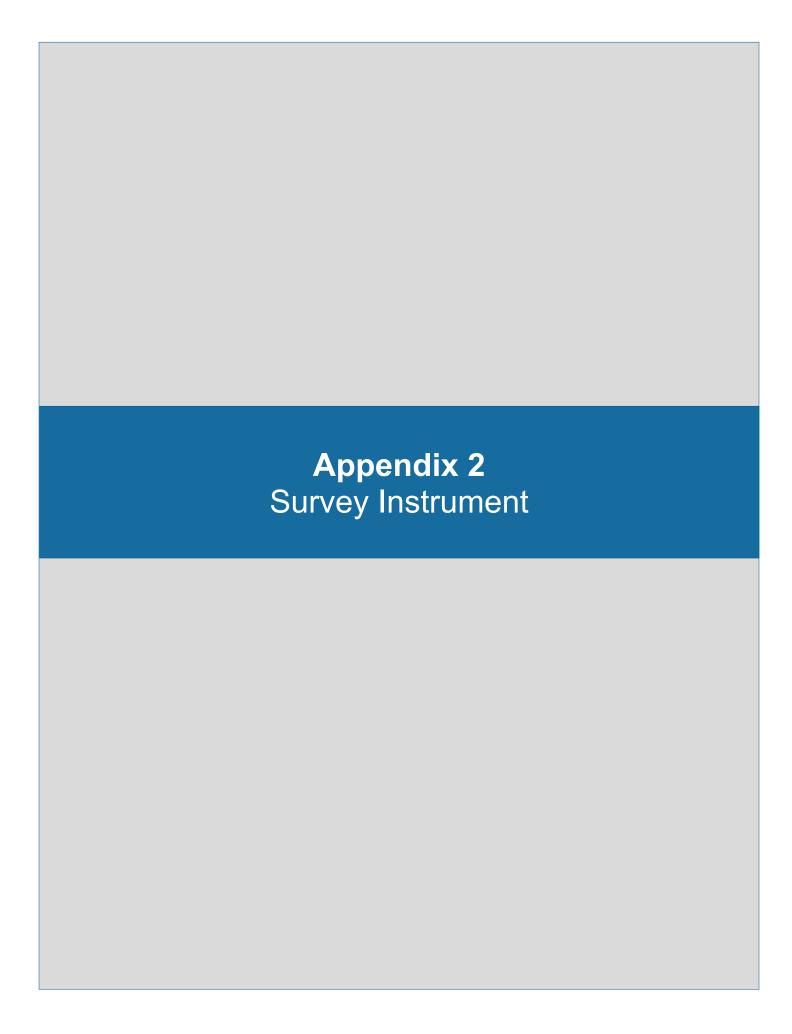
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Holliston Mendon-Upton Weston\*

<sup>\*</sup>Data from these districts is not included in the aggregate regional data because these communities are not served by the MetroWest Health Foundation.



# 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey WELLESLEY HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

This survey is about health behavior. The information you give will be used to improve health education for young people like yourself.

**This survey is anonymous.** The answers you give will be kept private. No one will know how you answered the questions, and there is no way to link your responses to who you are. Your responses will be combined with those of other students. There are no right or wrong answers. Please answer the questions based on what you really do.

**Completing this survey is voluntary**. Whether or not you answer the questions will not affect your grade in this class. If you are not comfortable answering a question, just leave it blank.

Questions about your background will be used only to describe the types of students completing this survey. The information will not be used to find out your name.

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Make sure to read each question carefully.
- Click on a response to choose your answer. Choose only <u>one</u> answer for each question unless the instructions say otherwise.
- Once you complete a section of the survey, click on "next."
- At the end of the survey, click on "submit".

Click "Next" to continue.

#### 8. What language is spoken most of the time in your PART A. BACKGROUND home? 1. How old are you? O English O 13 years old or younger O Spanish O 14 years old O Portuguese O 15 years old Another language O 16 years old 9. How long have you lived in the United States? O 17 years old O Less than 1 year O 18 years old or older O 1 to 3 years 2. In what grade are you? O 4 to 6 years O 9th grade O More than 6 years, but not my whole life O 10<sup>th</sup> grade O I have always lived in the United States O 11th grade 10. Which of the following best describes you? O 12th grade O Heterosexual (straight) O Ungraded or other grade O Gay or lesbian 3. What is your sex? (This question is asking about O Bisexual your biological sex at birth, that is, what the O I describe my sexual identity some other way. doctor put on your birth certificate.) O I am not sure about my sexual identity (questioning). O Female O I do not know what this question is asking. O Male 11. How do you describe your health in general? By health, How do you identify your gender? we mean your emotional and physical well-being. O Girl or woman O Excellent Boy or man Non-binary (including gender-queer, gender-fluid, O Very good gender non-conforming) O Good I am not sure about my gender identity O Fair (questioning). O Poor O I do not know what this question is asking. During the past 12 months, how would you describe A transgender person is someone whose your grades in school? biological sex at birth does not match the way O Mostly A's O Mostly F's they think or feel about themselves. Are you O Mostly B's O None of these grades transgender? O Mostly C's O Not sure O No, I am not transgender. O Mostly D's O Yes, I am transgender and I think of myself as really a boy or man. 13. Is there at least one teacher or other adult at your O Yes, I am transgender and I think of myself as school that you can talk to if you have a problem? really a girl or woman. O Yes, one O Yes, I am transgender and I think of myself in O Yes, more than one some other way. O No O I do not know if I am transgender. Not sure O I do not know what this question is asking. 14. During the past 12 months, did you talk to a teacher or Are you Hispanic or Latino/a? other adult from your school about a personal problem O Yes you had? 0 No O Yes, once 7. How do you describe yourself? Mark all that apply. O American Indian or Alaska Native

O Asian

O Black or African American

O Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

O White

O Other

_	Yes, more than once No
	itside of school, is there an adult (or adults) you can k to about things that are important to you?
0	Yes, parent or other adult family member
0	Yes, non-family adult (such as religious leader, club advisor, neighbor, etc.)
0	Yes, both family and non-family adults
0	No
0	Not sure

15.

	<ul><li>Strongly agree</li><li>Agree</li><li>Not sure</li><li>Disagree</li><li>Strongly disagree</li></ul>						
	During your life, how often has there been an adult in you needs were met, such as looking after your safety and monopole Never Rarely Sometimes Most of the time Always						
PA	RT B. PERSONAL SAFETY						
	When you rode a bicycle during the past 12 months, how  ☐ I did not ride a bicycle in the past 12 months.  ☐ Never wore a helmet  ☐ Rarely wore a helmet  ☐ Sometimes wore a helmet  ☐ Most of the time wore a helmet  ☐ Always wore a helmet	often did	you wear	a helmet?			
19.	How often do you wear a seat belt when riding in a car di	riven by so	meone el	se?			
	O Never O Rarely O Sometimes O Most of the time O Always	90	,				
	During the past 30 days, how many times did you ride in drinking alcohol?  O times  1 time  2 or 3 times  4 or 5 times  6 or more times	a car or of	her vehic	le <u>driven k</u>	oy someor	ne who had	<u>d been</u>
21.	During the past 30 days, how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by another high school student:	Didn't ride with a high school driver	0 times	1 time	2 or 3 times	4 or 5 times	6 or more times
a.	Who was texting, messaging, or emailing while driving?	0	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Who was talking on a mobile phone while driving?	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	Who had been drinking alcohol?	0	0	0	0	0	0

16. Do you agree or disagree that your parents or other adults in your family have clear rules and consequences for

your behavior?

d. Who had been using marijuana?

22.	<u>During the past 30 days</u> , how many times did you <u>drive</u> a car or other vehicle when:	Didn't drive in the past 30 days	0 times	1 time	2 or 3 times	4 or 5 times	6 or more times
a.	You were texting, messaging, or emailing while driving?	0	0	0	0	0	0
b.	You were talking on a mobile phone while driving?	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.	You had been drinking alcohol?	0	0	0	0	0	0
d.	You had been using marijuana?	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART C. VIOLENCE							
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The	se questions ask about weapons, fighting, and other vi	olence-rela	ted behav	iors.		<u> </u>	
23.	During the past 30 days, on how many days did you not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe due to violence at school or on your way to or from school?  O days  1 day  2 or 3 days  4 or 5 days	27. During you in  O 0 ti  O 1 ti  O 2 o  O 4 o  O 6 o	the past a physical mes me or 3 times or 5 times or more time the past a weapon says	12 months I fight on es	school pro	operty? ny days d	id you

O 2 or 3 times

O 4 or 5 times

property?

O 0 times O 1 time

2 or 3 times4 or 5 times6 or more times

O 0 times

2 or 3 times4 or 5 times6 or more times

O 1 time

you in a physical fight?

O 6 or more times

25. During the past 12 months, how many times has

someone threatened or injured you with a

26. During the past 12 months, how many times were

weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school

	0	4 or 5 days
	0	6 or more days
30.		ring the past 12 months, on how many days did you
		ry a <u>gun</u> ? (Do <u>not</u> count the days when you carried
	_	un only for hunting or for a sport, such as target
	sho	ooting.)

29. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you

carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school

O 0 days

O 1 day

property?
O 0 days

O 1 day

2 or 3 days

These questions are about some negative things that can happen with boyfriends/girlfriends, dates, or people you've gone out with.

31.	<u>During your life</u> , did someone you were dating or going out with ever:	I have never dated or gone out with someone.	Yes, once	Yes, more than once	No
a.	Refuse to let you spend time with other friends when you wanted to?	0	0	0	0
b.	Swear or curse at you, or call you names like fat, ugly, stupid, or some other insult?	0	0	0 /	0
c.	Threaten to hurt you physically?	0	0	0	0
d.	Hit, slap, or physically hurt you on purpose?	0	0	0	0
e.	Force you to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?	0	0	0	0
f.	Force you to do other sexual things you did not want to do?	0	0	0	0
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d.	Hit, slap, or physically hurt you on purpose?	0	0	0	0
e.	Force you to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?	0	0	0	0
f.	Force you to do other sexual things you did not want to do?	0	0	0	0
32.	During the past 12 months, how many times did someone you on purpose? (Count such things as being hit, slammed weapon.)  O I did not date or go out with anyone during the past 12 month O 0 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times O 4 or 5 times O 6 or more times	into somethir			
33.	During the past 12 months, how many times did someone you sexual things that you did not want to do? (Count such things to have sexual intercourse.)  O I did not date or go out with anyone during the past 12 months  O times  O 1 time  O 2 or 3 times  O 4 or 5 times  O 6 or more times	gs as kissing,			
Th	ese next 2 questions ask about experiences with adults in you	ır home.			
34.	During your life, how often has an adult in your home hit, be O Never O Rarely O Sometimes O Most of the time O Always	at, kicked, or	physically hu	urt you in any	way?
35.	During your life, how often have adults in your home slappe O Never O Rarely O Sometimes O Most of the time O Always	d, hit, kicked,	punched, or	beat each otl	ner up?

### PART D. BULLYING

The next questions ask about bullying. Bullying is when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again.

<b>5</b> 0.	<b>During the past</b>	12 months, how many times have you been bullied?
	O 0 times	O 6 or 7 times
	O 1 time	O 8 or 9 times
		O 10 or 11 times
	O 4 or 5 times	O 12 or more times
37.	During the past	12 months, how many times have you been bullied on school property?
	O 0 times	O 6 or 7 times
	O 1 time	O 8 or 9 times
	O 2 or 3 times	O 10 or 11 times
	O 4 or 5 times	O 12 or more times
38.	During the past	12 months, how many times did you talk to an adult from school about being bullied?
	O Never	
	O Once	
	O 2 or more tim	nes
39.	During the past	12 months, how many times did you talk to a parent or other adult outside of school about
	being bullied?	
	-	
	O Never	
	O Never O Once	
	O Never O Once O 2 or more tim	
40.	<ul><li>Never</li><li>Once</li><li>2 or more tim</li></ul> During the past	12 months, how many times have <u>you</u> bullied <u>someone else</u> ?
40.	O Never O Once O 2 or more tim  During the past O 0 times	12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else?  O 6 or 7 times
40.	O Never O Once O 2 or more tim  During the past O 0 times O 1 time	2 12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else?  O 6 or 7 times O 8 or 9 times
40.	O Never O Once O 2 or more tim  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times	<ul> <li>12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else?</li> <li>6 or 7 times</li> <li>8 or 9 times</li> <li>10 or 11 times</li> </ul>
	O Never O Once O 2 or more tim  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times O 4 or 5 times	12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else?  0 6 or 7 times 0 8 or 9 times 0 10 or 11 times 0 12 or more times
	O Never O Once O 2 or more tim  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times O 4 or 5 times  During the past	12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else?  0 6 or 7 times 0 8 or 9 times 0 10 or 11 times 0 12 or more times 12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else on school property?
	O Never O Once O 2 or more tim  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times O 4 or 5 times  During the past O 0 times	12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else?  6 or 7 times  8 or 9 times  10 or 11 times  12 or more times  12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else on school property?  6 or 7 times
	O Never O Once O 2 or more tim  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times O 4 or 5 times  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 1 time	12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else?  0 6 or 7 times 0 8 or 9 times 0 10 or 11 times 12 or more times 12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else on school property?  0 6 or 7 times 0 8 or 9 times
	O Never O Once O 2 or more tim  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times O 4 or 5 times  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times	2 12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else?  0 6 or 7 times 0 8 or 9 times 10 or 11 times 12 or more times 2 12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else on school property?  0 6 or 7 times 0 8 or 9 times 0 8 or 9 times 10 or 11 times
	O Never O Once O 2 or more tim  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times O 4 or 5 times  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 1 time	12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else?  0 6 or 7 times 0 8 or 9 times 0 10 or 11 times 12 or more times 12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else on school property?  0 6 or 7 times 0 8 or 9 times
	O Never O Once O 2 or more tim  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times O 4 or 5 times  During the past O 0 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times O 1 time O 2 or 3 times	2 12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else?  0 6 or 7 times 0 8 or 9 times 10 or 11 times 12 or more times 2 12 months, how many times have you bullied someone else on school property?  0 6 or 7 times 0 8 or 9 times 0 8 or 9 times 10 or 11 times

42.	<u>During the past 12 months</u> , how many times have you been bullied or called names, teased, made fun of, embarrassed, or threatened by other students on school property for the following reasons:	Never	Once	2 or more times
a.	Because of your race or ethnicity?	0	0	0
b.	Because of your religion or culture?	0	0	0
C.	Because of your gender?	0	0	0
d.	Because of your sexual identity or orientation (such as being gay, lesbian, or bisexual) or what others think it is?	0	0	0
e.	Because of a disability you have or others think you have?	0	0	0
f.	Because of your height or weight, or how you look?	0	0	0

These questions ask about electronic bullying, also called "cyberbullying." This is using the Internet, cell phones, or other electronic devices to bully, tease, threaten, or spread rumors about someone. Include being bullied through texting, email, and social media, like Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, and TikTok.

During the past 12 months, how many times has someone used the Internet, social media, cell phones, or

	O times O times O times O times O 2 or 3 times O 4 or 5 times O 6 or 7 times O 8 or 9 times O 10 or 11 times O 12 or more times	s about you?		JE C
44.	During the past 12 months, how many times did you talk to an adu  ○ Never  ○ Once  ○ 2 or more times	ult from school	about being cy	berbullied?
45.	During the past 12 months, how many times did you talk to a pare being cyberbullied?  O Never  O Once  O 2 or more times	nt or other adu	lt outside of sc	<u>hool</u> about
46.	During the past 12 months, how many times have you used the Intelectronic devices to bully, tease, threaten, or spread rumors about 0 times 0 times 0 time 0 2 or 3 times 0 4 or 5 times 0 6 or 7 times 0 8 or 9 times 0 10 or 11 times 0 12 or more times			es, or other
47.	During the past 12 months, how many times has someone used the internet, social media, cell phone, or other electronic device to bully, tease, threaten, or spread rumors about you for the following reasons:	Never	Once	2 or more times
a.	Because of your race or ethnicity?	0	0	0
b.	Because of your religion or culture?	0	0	0
c.	Because of your gender?	0	0	0
d.	Because of your sexual identity or orientation (such as being gay, leshian, or bisexual) or what others think it is?	0	0	0

e.

Because of a disability you have or others think you have?

Because of your height or weight, or how you look?

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### PART E. SUBSTANCE USE

O 6 to 9 days

These questions ask about tobacco use. 48. Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs? O Yes O No 49. How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time? O I have never smoked a whole cigarette. O 8 years old or younger O 9 or 10 years old O 11 or 12 years old O 13 or 14 years old O 15 or 16 years old O 17 years old or older 50. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes? O 0 days O 1 or 2 days O 3 to 5 days O 6 to 9 days O 10 to 19 days O 20 to 29 days O All 30 days 51. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigarettes? (Select only one response.) O I did not try to get cigarettes during the past 30 days O I bought them myself in a store (such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station) in the town where I live. O I bought them in a store in another town. O I gave someone else money to buy them for me. O I borrowed or bummed them from someone else. O A person 18 years old or older gave them to me. O I took them from a store or family member. O I got them some other way. 52. Have you ever smoked cigarettes daily, that is, at least one cigarette every day for 30 days? O Yes O No 53. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip? O 0 days O 10 to 19 days O 1 or 2 days O 20 to 29 days O 3 to 5 days O All 30 days O 6 to 9 days 54. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars? O 0 days O 10 to 19 days O 1 or 2 days O 20 to 29 days O 3 to 5 days O All 30 days

These questions ask about vaping, which means using electronic vapor products, such as JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Vuse, and blu. Electronic vapor products include e-cigarettes, vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods. They also include disposable products that you can only use once, such as Puff Bars, Stig, or Viigo.

55.	Have you ever used an electronic vapo  ○ Yes  ○ No	r produc	t?	
56.	How old were you when you used an el  I have never used an electronic vapor  8 years old or younger  9 or 10 years old  11 or 12 years old  13 or 14 years old  15 or 16 years old  17 years old or older		vapor	product for the first time?
57.	During the past 30 days, on how many  O 0 days  O 10 to 19 days  O 1 or 2 days  O 20 to 29 days  O 3 to 5 days  O All 30 days  O 6 to 9 days	days did	l you us	se an electronic vapor product?
58.	During the past 30 days, on how many  O 0 days  O 10 to 19 days  O 1 or 2 days  O 20 to 29 days  O 3 to 5 days  O All 30 days  O 6 to 9 days	days dic	I you us	te an electronic vapor product on school property?
59.	<u>During the past 30 days</u> , did you get electronic vapor products in any of the following ways?	Yes	No	
a.	I got or bought them from a friend, family member, or someone else.	0	0	
b.	I bought them myself on the Internet.	0	0	
C.	I bought them myself in a store (such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, gas station, or vape shop) in Massachusetts.	0	0	
d.	I bought them in a store in another state.	0	0	
e.	I took them from a store or another person.	0	0	
f.	I got them some other way.	0	0	
60.	Have you ever used electronic vapor progressing of the control of	roducts	daily, th	at is, at least once every day for 30 days?

61. <u>During the past 30 days</u> , on how many days did you use each of the following types of electronic vapor products?	0 days	1 or 2 days	3 to 9 days	10 to 19 days	20 or more days			
Vapor products that contain <u>nicotine</u> (nicotine is a chemical in tobacco that can make you have cravings and become addicted)	0	0	0	0	0			
b. Vapor products that contain <u>a flavor</u> (like mint, fruit, vanilla, bubble gum, candy, or any other non-tobacco flavor)	0	0	0	0	0			
c. Vapor products that contain <u>THC</u> (THC is the chemical in marijuana that gives you the feeling of being high)	0	0	0	0	0			
d. <u>Disposable</u> vapor products that you only use once (like Puff Bars, Stig, or Viigo)	0	0	0	0	0			
				2				
62. <u>During the past 30 days</u> , how often did you:	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often			
a. Feel a strong craving or need to vape?	0	0	0	0	0			
<ul> <li>b. Want to vape soon after you wake up in the morning?</li> </ul>	0	0 /	0	0	0			
<ul> <li>63. During the past 30 days, did you use gum that contained nicotine? (This includes flavored gums like ZYN or other nicotine gums like Nicorette.)</li> <li>Yes, to help me quit vaping or smoking</li> <li>Yes, when I am having a craving for nicotine but can't vape (not trying to quit vaping or smoking)</li> <li>Yes, for some other reason</li> <li>No</li> <li>64. During the past 12 months, did you try to quit using electronic vapor products?</li> <li>I did not use any electronic vapor products in the past 12 months.</li> <li>No, I did not try to quit.</li> <li>Yes, I tried to quit but I was not successful.</li> <li>Yes, I tried to quit and I was able to quit.</li> <li>65. How difficult or easy would it be for you to get electronic vapor products if you wanted to?</li> <li>Very difficult</li> <li>Fairly difficult</li> <li>Fairly easy</li> <li>Very easy</li> <li>Very easy</li> <li>66. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they use electronic vapor products?</li> <li>No risk</li> <li>Slight risk</li> <li>Moderate risk</li> </ul>								
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These questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, or whiskey. It also includes drinking hard seltzers (seltzer water that contains alcohol, like White Claw or Truly), hard lemonade, and hard cider that contain alcohol. For these

O 3 to 5 times O 20 or more times

	estions, drinking alcohol does <u>not</u> include drinking www.sips.of.wine.for religious purposes.	74	. <u>During the past 30 days</u> , did you get alcohol in any of the following ways?	Y
67.	<u>During your life</u> , on how many days have you had at least one drink of alcohol?	a.	I got it at a party.	
	O days O 20 to 39 days	b.	A friend gave it to me (not at a party).	
	O 1 or 2 days O 40 to 99 days O 3 to 9 days O 100 or more days	C.	I got it from home, with my parent's/guardian's knowledge.	
	O 10 to 19 days	d.	I got it from home, without my	,
68.	How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?	e.	parent's/guardian's knowledge.  I bought it at a store, tavern, bar, or public	
	O I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips.		event (like a concert or sporting event) with a fake ID.	
	<ul><li>8 years old or younger</li><li>9 or 10 years old</li></ul>	f.	I bought it at a store, tavern, bar, or public event without a fake ID.	
	<ul><li>11 or 12 years old</li><li>13 or 14 years old</li></ul>	g.	A friend or someone I know who is over 21 gave it to me/purchased it for me.	(
	O 15 or 16 years old	h.	I asked a stranger to buy it for me.	
69.	O 17 years old or older  During the past 30 days, on how many days did	i.	My friends or I bought it from an <u>alcohol</u> <u>delivery service</u> (by using an app or ordering	,
	you have at least one drink of alcohol?	j.	online).  My friends or I bought it online through	
	O 0 days O 10 to 19 days O 1 or 2 days O 20 to 29 days	J.	another type of website.	'
	O 3 to 5 days O All 30 days			
	O 6 to 9 days		<u>During the past 12 months</u> , how many times drinking alcohol interfere with school, work,	
70.	During the past 30 days, on how many days did	(	other responsibilities (like being late or miss	ing
	you have 4 or more drinks of alcohol in a row (if		school or work, making it hard to concentrat	e,
	you are <u>female</u> ) or <u>5</u> or more drinks of alcohol in a row (if you are <u>male</u> )? "In a row" means within a		etc.)? ○ 0 times   ○ 10 to 19 times	
	couple of hours.		O 1 or 2 times  O 20 to 39 times	
	O 0 days O 6 to 9 days	(	3 to 5 times 0 40 or more times	
	O 1 day O 10 to 19 days	(	O 6 to 9 times	
	O 2 days O 20 or more days	76	How much do you think people risk harming	
	O 3 to 5 days		themselves (physically or in other ways) if the	
71.	<u>During the past 30 days</u> , on how many days did	I	have five or more drinks of an alcohol	•
	you have at least one drink of alcohol on school property?		beverage once or twice a week?	
	0 0 days 0 10 to 19 days		O No risk	
	O 1 or 2 days O 20 to 29 days		O Slight risk O Moderate risk	
	O 3 to 5 days O All 30 days		O Great risk	
	O 6 to 9 days			
72.	During the past 30 days, how many times have			
	you been <u>drunk</u> from drinking alcoholic beverages?			
	O 0 times O 6 to 9 times			
	O 1 or 2 times O 10 to 19 times			

73. During the past 30 days, how many times did you

1 or 2 times O 10 to 19 times

3 to 5 times O 20 or more times

O 6 to 9 times

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drink alcohol by yourself?

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These questions are about marijuana use. Marijuana also is called weed, pot, or cannabis. For these questions, do not count CBD-only or hemp products, which come from the same plant as marijuana, but do not cause a high when used alone.

77.	During your life, O timeshow many times have your ○ 20 to 39 times○ 1 or 2 times○ 40 to 99 times○ 3 to 9 times○ 100 or more time○ 10 to 19 times		uana?					
78.	How old were you when you tried marijuana  O I have never tried marijuana.  O 8 years old or younger  O 9 or 10 years old  O 17 years  O 13 or 14  O 15 or 16  O 17 years	years old years old	st time?			,^	OU	
79.	<u>During your life</u> , how many times have you used marijuana in any of the following ways?	0 times	1 or 2 times	3 to 9 times	10 to 19 times	20 to 39 times	40 to 99 times	100 or more times
a.	Smoked it (like in a joint or blunt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Vaped it (used it with an electronic vaping device)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.	Ate or drank it in goods or products made with marijuana (This includes edibles, such as candy, baked goods, snacks, or drinks that contain marijuana.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Used a concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov	v, here are some questions about marijuana	use in the	past 30 da	ays.				
80.	During the past 30 days, how many times di	d vou use	mariiuana	1?				
	O 0 times O 10 to 19	-	,					
	O 1 or 2 times O 20 to 39							
	O 3 to 5 times O 40 or mo	re times						
	O 6 to 9 times							
81.	During the past 30 days, how many times di	d you use	marijuana	on schoo	ol property	?		
	O 0 times O 10 to 19	-	•			-		
	O 1 or 2 times O 20 to 39	times						
	O 3 to 5 times O 40 or mo	re times						
	O 6 to 9 times							
82.	<u>During the past 30 days</u> , how many times di (within a couple of hours)?	d you use	marijuana	and alcol	nol <u>during</u>	the same	time perio	<u>d</u>
	O 0 times O 10 to 19	times						
	O 1 or 2 times O 20 or mo	re times						
	O 3 to 9 times							
83.	<u>During the past 30 days</u> , how many times diavailable?	d you go t	o a party o	or hang ou	ıt with frie	nds where	marijuana	a was
	O 0 times O 10 to 19	times						
	O 1 or 2 times O 20 or mo	re times						
	O 3 to 9 times							

84	During the past 30 days, how many times have you used marijuana in any of the following ways?	0 times	1 or 2 times	3 to 9 times	10 to 19 times	20 to 39 times	40 or more times
a.	Smoked it (like in a joint or blunt)	0	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Vaped it (used it with an electronic vaping device)	0	0	0	0	0	0
c.	Ate or drank it in goods or products made with marijuana (This includes edibles, such as candy, baked goods, snacks, or drinks that contain marijuana.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Used a concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter)	0	0	0	0	0	0

85. <u>During the past 30 days</u> , did you get marijuana in any of the following ways?	Yes	No
a. I got it at a party.	0	0
b. A friend gave it to me (not at a party).	0	0
c. I bought it at a marijuana dispensary.	0	0
d. Someone age 21 or older bought it for me at a marijuana dispensary.	0	0
e. I bought it from a friend or someone else.	0	0
f. I got it from home, with my parent's/guardian's knowledge.	0	0
g. I got it from home, without my parent's/guardian's knowledge.	0	0

### Here are some additional questions about marijuana use and attitudes.

86	During the past 6 months, how often have you:	Never	Rarely	Some- times	Often	Very often
a.	Used marijuana before noon?	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Used marijuana when you were alone?	0	0	0	0	0
c.	Had memory problems when you used marijuana?	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Had friends or family members tell you to reduce or stop your marijuana use?	0	0	0	0	0
e.	Tried to reduce or stop your marijuana use without succeeding?	0	0	0	0	0
f.	Had problems because of your marijuana use (arguments, fights, problems at school or work)?	0	0	0	0	0

87.	During the past 12 months, has anyone offered, sold, or given you marijuana on school property?
	O Yes
	O No
88.	How difficult or easy would it be for you to get marijuana if you wanted to?
	O Very difficult
	O Fairly difficult
	O Fairly easy
	O Very easy
89.	Among the adults you know, how many of them do you think use marijuana?
	O None
	O 1 adult
	O 2 or 3 adults
	O 4 or 5 adults
	O 6 or more adults
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90.	Have you ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol or drug use?  O Yes
	O No
91.	How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they use marijuana once
	or twice a week?
	O No risk
	O Slight risk
	O Moderate risk
	O Great risk
92.	How much do you think people your age risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they use
	marijuana every day or almost every day?
	O No risk
	O Slight risk
	O Moderate risk
	O Great risk
a2	How dangerous do you think it is to <u>ride</u> in a car driven by a <u>high school student</u> who had been using marijuana?
	O Not at all dangerous
	O A little dangerous
	O Somewhat dangerous
	O Very dangerous
	Very dangerous
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94.	In your opinion, how likely is it that people your age who use marijuana several times a week will:	Very unlikely	Unlikely	Not sure	Likely	Very Likely
a.	Harm their brain development?	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Harm other parts of their body, like their lungs or heart?	0	0	0	0	0
c.	Do worse in school than students who don't use marijuana?	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Have more mental health problems than other students who don't use marijuana (like anxiety or depression)?	0	0	0	0	0
e.	Become addicted to marijuana?	0	0	0	0	0

These questions ask about using prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it. This includes using someone else's prescription or obtaining the medicine illegally.

95.	<u>During your life</u> , how many times have you used the following drugs <u>without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it</u> :	0 times	1 or 2 times	3 to 9 times	10 to 19 times	20 to 39 times	40 or more times
a.	Any prescription drug? This includes using someone else's prescription or obtaining it illegally.	0	0	0	0	0	0
b.	A prescription <u>stimulant</u> (something that increases your alertness, attention, and energy, like Ritalin, Adderall, or Concerta)?	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.	A prescription <u>tranquilizer</u> or sedative (something that decreases anxiety or tension, like Xanax, Klonopin, Ativan, or Valium)?	0	0	0	0	0	0
The	prescription or differently than a doctor told you to use it?  O 0 times						
than how a doctor told you to use it. Prescription pain medicine includes opioids like codeine, Vicodin, OxyContin, Hydrocodone, and Percocet.							
97. During your life, how many times have you used prescription pain medicine without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it?  ○ 0 times ○ 1 or 2 times ○ 3 to 9 times ○ 20 to 39 times ○ 40 or more times  98. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use a prescription pain medicine without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it? ○ 0 times 10 to 19 times ○ 1 or 2 times 20 to 39 times ○ 3 to 9 times 40 or more times  99. During the past 12 months, has anyone offered, sold, or given you prescription pain medicine that you did not have a prescription for on school property? ○ Yes ○ No							
100.	During the past 12 months, were you prescribed pain med surgery, or dental procedure?  O No O Yes, once O Yes, more than once O Not sure	<u>licine</u> by a	a doctor to	o relieve p	oain due to	o an injur	y,

(Select only one response.)		-	-	-		-
O I have never used prescription pain medicine without a doctor's prescription.						
O I got it from a friend.						
O I took it from my parents, <u>without</u> them knowing.						
O I took it from somebody else, <u>without</u> them knowing.						
O I bought it on the Internet.						
O I bought it someplace else.						
O I got it some other way.						
These questions ask about other drugs. Again, whether or n you.	ot you ha	ve used th	nese drug	s, there	is an answ	ver for
you.					/ 4	7
				10 to	20 to	40 or
102. <u>During your life</u> , how many times have you used the following drugs?	0 times	1 or 2 times	3 to 9 times	19	39	more
		unes	unes	times	times	times
Methamphetamines (also called speed, crystal meth, crank, ice, or meth)	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Ecstasy (also called MDMA, Molly, "E", or "X")	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. Any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Heroin	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART F. MENTAL HEALTH						
These questions ask about worrying and stress.						
103. <u>During the past 30 days</u> , how stressful has your life be	252					
Not at all stressful	#II					
O A little stressful						
O Somewhat stressful						
O Very stressful						
104. How often do you worry or feel stressed about:  Never Rarely Sometimes Often Very often						
a. School issues (like grades, homework, or tests)?	0	(	)	0	0	0
b. Social issues (like friendships, dating, or teasing)?	0	(	)	0	0	0
c. Family issues (like your relationship with your parent(s), you family's financial situation, or family health concerns)?	o O	(	)	0	0	0
d. Safety issues (like violence or fear for your safety at home,	0		)	0	0	0

101. If you have ever used prescription pain medicine without a doctor's prescription, how did you usually get it?

school, or in your neighborhood)?

Your physical and/or emotional health?

e.

f.

Appearance issues (like your weight or how you look)?

105. Over the last 2 weeks how often have you been bothered by the following problems?	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
a. Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge	0	0	0	0
b. Not being able to stop or control worrying	0	0	0	0

106	S. <u>During the past two weeks</u> , how often have you felt so stressed, anxious, or worried that you:	Never	Rarely	Some- times	Often	Very often
a.	Had little interest or pleasure in doing things?	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Had trouble falling asleep or staying asleep, or slept too much?	0	0	0	0	0
c.	Felt tired or had little energy?	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Had a poor appetite or ate too much?	0	0	0.4	0	0
e.	Felt bad about yourself or that you were a failure or had let yourself or your family down?	0	0	0	0	0
f.	Had trouble concentrating on school?	0	0	0	0	0
g.	Had trouble concentrating on things <u>outside of school</u> , such as watching videos or shows or reading for pleasure?	0	0	0	0	0

107. When you are feeling stressed, anxious, or worried, how well do you manage these feeling	07.	. When you are fe	eling stressed, anxious	, or worried, how well d	lo you manage these feelings
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O Very poorly
O Poorly
O Fairly well
O Well
O Very well

108.	When you feel stressed, worried, or anxious, how often do you:	Never	Rarely	Some- times	Often	Very often
a.	Exercise to make yourself feel better (like running, playing sports, dancing, or doing yoga)?	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Use alcohol or drugs to make yourself feel better?	0	0	0	0	0
C.	Do something to take your mind off your worries (like watching TV or videos, reading, doing a hobby, sleeping)?	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Get help or advice from someone else?	0	0	0	0	0
e.	Get emotional support from someone else?	0	0	0	0	0
f.	Get angry or upset with yourself?	0	0	0	0	0
g.	Get angry or upset with others around you?	0	0	0	0	0
h.	Try to see things in a different light, to make it seem more positive?	0	0	0	0	0
i.	Make jokes about your feelings or situation?	0	0	0	0	0
j.	Find comfort in your religion or spiritual beliefs?	0	0	0	0	0

These questions ask about sad feelings, deliberately hurting yourself, and attempted suicide. Sometimes people feel so depressed about the future that they may consider attempting suicide, that is, taking some action to end their own life.

109.	. <u>During the past 12 months,</u> did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for <u>two weeks or more in a</u> <u>row</u> that you stopped doing some usual activities?
	O Yes
	O No
110.	. <u>During the past 12 months</u> , how many times did you hurt or injure yourself <u>on purpose</u> ? (For example, by cutting, burning, or bruising yourself on purpose.)
	O 0 times
	O 1 or 2 times
	O 3 to 5 times
	O 6 to 9 times
	O 10 to 19 times
	O 20 or more times
111.	. <u>During the past 12 months</u> , did you ever <u>seriously</u> consider attempting suicide?
	O Yes
	O No
112.	. <u>During the past 12 months,</u> did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?
	O Yes
	O No
113	During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?
	O 0 times
	O 1 time
	O 2 or 3 times
	O 4 or 5 times
	O 6 or more times
111	If you attempted suicide during the past 12 months, did any attempt result in an injury, poisoning, or overdose
	that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse?
	O <u>I did not attempt suicide</u> during the past 12 months.
	O Yes
	O No
115.	During the past 12 months, did you take medicine prescribed by a doctor or other health professional for any type
	of mental health or emotional problem?
	O Yes
	O No
	O Not sure
116.	Have you ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal?
	O Yes
	O No

These questions are about emotional challenges or problems. Emotional challenges include things that make you feel sad, angry, stressed, or anxious, or that may make you have thoughts of hurting yourself.

117.	<u>During the past 12 months</u> , how many times did you talk with any of the following for help with emotional challenges or problems?	0 times	1 time	2 or 3 times	4 or more times
a.	School counselor, school therapist, or school psychologist (Do <u>not</u> include talking about class scheduling or college or career preparation.)	0	0	0	0
b.	School nurse	0	0	0	0
C.	Another adult from school, like a teacher or other school staff	0	0	0	0
d.	Therapist, psychologist, or other mental health professional <u>outside of school</u>	0	0	0	0
e.	Parent, relative, or other adult outside of school	0	0	0	0
f.	Friend around the same age as you	0	0	0	0
g.	Crisis hotline/text line	0	0	0	0
h.	Person or group on social media (such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat)	0	00	0	0

118	s. <u>During the past 12 months,</u> how many times did you use <u>telehealth or online therapy</u> services for help with
	emotional challenges or problems? This means talking to a therapist, psychologist, or mental health
	professional using a phone, computer, or other electronic device. It can include talking with a provider you
	already know, or using an online service like Talkspace or Betterhelp.

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O 1 time

O 2 or 3 times

O 4 or more times

These statements are about seeking help for emotional challenges or problems from a <u>counselor</u>, therapist, or <u>psychologist</u> at school.

119.	How much do you agree or disagree with each statement about getting help from someone at school?	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a.	I don't know who to go to for help at school.	0	0	0	0	0
b.	I don't think counseling with someone at school would help.	0	0	0	0	0
C.	I wouldn't have time or wouldn't want to miss class to get help.	0	0	0	0	0
d.	I don't trust anyone from my school enough to talk about my emotional challenges or problems.	0	0	0	0	0
e.	I should handle problems on my own.	0	0	0	0	0
f.	I would be too embarrassed or scared to talk about it.	0	0	0	0	0
g.	A school counselor/therapist might not understand me or the challenges I was having.	0	0	0	0	0
h.	I wouldn't want other students to know I was meeting with a school counselor/therapist.	0	0	0	0	0
i.	I wouldn't want my parent(s)/guardian(s) to know I was meeting with a school counselor/therapist.	0	0	0	0	0
j.	Teachers or other school staff might treat me differently or give me fewer opportunities at school.	0	0	0	0	0
k.	My parents wouldn't want me to get help at school because they would be worried I might be treated differently or given fewer opportunities at school.	0	0	0	0	0

The next questions are about students experiencing distress or trauma that is related to a terrible event or ongoing serious problem in their lives. Some examples include violence, abuse, a serious accident, losing a close friend or family member, or lack of food or basic needs.

120.	How likely is it that teachers or other adults at your school:	Very unlikely	Unlikely	Neither	Likely	Very likely
a.	Notice when students are in distress (experiencing extreme anxiety, sorrow, or emotional pain)?	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Understand how being in distress can affect a student's behavior in class?	0	0	0	0	0
C.	Help students who are in distress get help and support at school?	0	0	0	0	0

### Indicate how often each of the statements below describes you.

	How often do you:	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often
a.	Feel like you have a friend you can talk to about a personal problem?	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Feel like you are part of a group of friends?	0	0	0	0	0
C.	Feel lonely?	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Feel like you have a lot in common with the people around you?	0	0	0	0	0
e.	Feel like there are people who really know you and understand you?	0	0	0	0	0
f.	Feel left out and excluded by others?	0	0	0	0	0
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### PART G. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Become a little betterBecome a lot better

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The next questions ask about your experiences since the beginning of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, which began early in 2020 in the United States.

122. <u>During the COVID-19 pandemic</u> , how often have you e includes stress, anxiety, and depression.)	experienced poor mental health? (Poor mental health
O Never	
O Rarely	
O Sometimes	
O Most of the time	
O Always	X
123. How has your mental and emotional health change	d since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic?
O Become a lot worse	
O Become a little worse	
O About the same	

124	4. How has your use of the following substances changed since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic?	I have never used this substance	Use a <u>lot</u> more now	Use a <u>little</u> <u>more</u> now	Use about the same	Use a <u>little</u> <u>less</u> now	Use a <u>lot</u> <u>less</u> now
a.	Electronic vapor products	0	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0
c.	Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Any prescription medicine without a doctor's prescription	0	0	0	0	0	0

### **PART H. SEXUAL BEHAVIOR**

O No

These questions ask about sexual behavior. Whether or not you have ever had sexual intercourse, there is an answer for you.	131. The <u>last time</u> you had sexual intercourse with an opposite-sex partner, what <u>one</u> method did you or your partner use to <u>prevent pregnancy</u> ? (Select only
125. Have you ever had sexual intercourse (gone all the way)?  O Yes O No	<ul> <li>one response.)</li> <li>I have never had sexual intercourse with an opposite-sex partner.</li> <li>No method was used to prevent pregnancy.</li> <li>Birth control pills (Do not count emergency.</li> </ul>
126. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?  O I have never had sexual intercourse.  O 11 years old or younger  O 12 years old  O 13 years old  O 14 years old  O 15 years old  O 16 years old  O 17 years old or older	contraception such as Plan B or the "morning after" pill.)  Condoms  An IUD (such as Mirena or ParaGard) or implant (such as Implanon or Nexplanon)  A shot (such as Depo-Provera), patch (such as Ortho Evra), or birth control ring (such as NuvaRing)  Withdrawal or some other method  Not sure  132. How many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?
127. During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?  O I have never had sexual intercourse.  O 1 person  O 2 people  O 3 people  O 4 people  O 5 people  O 6 or more people	<ul> <li>I have never been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant.</li> <li>1 time</li> <li>2 or more times</li> <li>Not sure</li> <li>133. During your life, has anyone ever had sexual contact with you against your will?</li> <li>Yes, once</li> <li>Yes, more than once</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>128. During the past 3 months, with how many people did you have sexual intercourse?</li> <li> I have never had sexual intercourse.</li> <li> I have had sexual intercourse, but not during the past 3 months.</li> <li> 1 person</li> <li> 2 people</li> <li> 3 people</li> <li> 4 people</li> <li> 5 people</li> <li> 6 or more people</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No</li> <li>134. <u>During your life</u>, have you ever been physically forced to have sexual <u>intercourse</u> when you did not want to? <ul> <li>Yes, once</li> <li>Yes, more than once</li> <li>No</li> </ul> </li> <li>135. <u>During your life</u>, with whom have you had sexual contact? <ul> <li>I have never had sexual contact.</li> <li>Females</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>129. Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the <u>last time</u>?</li> <li>O I have never had sexual intercourse.</li> <li>O Yes</li> <li>O No</li> </ul>	O Females O Males O Females and males
<ul> <li>130. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?</li> <li>O I have never had sexual intercourse.</li> <li>Yes</li> </ul>	

### PART I. SCHOOL ATTITUDES AND EXPERIENCES

These questions are about your feelings and experiences related to school. The questions about school refer to how you are participating in school right now.

136	6. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about school?	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a.	I feel close to people at this school.	0	0	0	0	0
b.	I feel like I am part of this school.	0	0	0	0	0
C.	I am happy to be at this school.	0	0	0	0	0
d.	The teachers at this school treat students fairly.	0	0	0	0/	0
e.	I feel safe in my school.	0	0	0	0	0

137	7. At my school, there is a teacher or some other adult who:	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty true	Very true
a.	Really cares about me.	0	0	0	0
b.	Tells me when I do a good job.	0	0	0	0
C.	Notices when I'm not there.	0	0	0	0
d.	Always wants me to do my best.	0	0	0	0
e.	Listens to me when I have something to say.	0	0	0	0
f.	Believes that I will be a success.	0	0	0	0

138. How often do you:	Never Rarely		Sometimes	Most of the time	Always
a. Try as hard as you can in school?	0	0	0	0	0
b. Enjoy your schoolwork?	0	0	0	0	0
c. Find your schoolwork valuable?	0	0	0	0	0

139. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
People of different cultural backgrounds, races, or ethnicities get along well at this school.	0	0	0	0	0
b. At this school, students work on listening to others to understand what they are trying to say.	0	0	0	0	0
c. At this school, all students are treated equally.	0	0	0	0	0
d. At this school, teachers/school staff show respect for all students' cultural beliefs and practices.	0	0	0	0	0
e. At this school, students show respect for each other.	0	0	0	0	0
f. School rules are applied equally to all students.	0	0	0	0	0

140.	During the past 30 days, on now many days were you absent from school?
	O 0 days
	O 1 or 2 days
	O 3 to 5 days
	O 6 to 9 days
	O 10 or more days
141.	Do you have any <u>physical disabilities or physical, long-term health problems</u> ? (Long-term means 6 months or more.)  O Yes
	O No
	O Not sure
142.	Do you have any <u>long-term learning disabilities</u> ? (Long-term means 6 months or more.)
	O Yes
	O No
	O Not sure
143.	Do you have an IEP (Individualized Education Program) at school?
	O Yes
	O No
	O Not sure
144.	Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health care professional that you have an attention disorder, such as Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD)?
	O Yes
	O No O Not sure
145.	Are you eligible to get a free or reduced-price lunch at school? (Receiving free or reduced-price lunches means that lunch at school is provided to you for free or you pay less for it.)
	O Yes
	O No
	O Not sure
146.	How many advanced placement (AP) classes are you taking this school year?
	O None
	O One AP class
	O Two AP classes
	O Three or more AP classes
	How many honors-level classes are you taking this school year? (Do not include advanced placement classes.)
	O None O One honors class
	O Two honors classes
	O Three or more honors classes
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#### PART J. ACTIVITIES AND SLEEP

14	3. On an average school day, how many hours do you spend:	None	Less than 1 hour per day	1 hour per day	2 hours per day	3 hours per day	4 hours per day	5 or more hours per day
a.	On extracurricular activities outside of school, like sports, clubs, music lessons, or other nonacademic activities?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b.	On "screen time" that is not for school work or homework? Count time spent watching TV, going on the Internet, playing video games, or using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.	0	0	0	0	0	° × ¢	0
C.	On homework or studying before or after school?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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149.	During the past 12 mor service activities outside							nunity
	O 0 days	O 10 to 19 days				· Ò		
	O 1 or 2 days	<ul><li>20 to 39 days</li></ul>					<b>D</b>	
	O 3 to 9 days	O 40 or more days			4			
150.	On an average school	<u>night,</u> how many hou	rs of sleep	do you g	jet?			
	O 4 or less hours	O 8 hours				,		
	O 5 hours	O 9 hours		4				
	O 6 hours	O 10 or more hours						
	O 7 hours							

15 <sup>-</sup>	151. How often do each of the following things keep you from getting enough sleep?		Rarely	Some- times	Often	Very often
a.	The amount of schoolwork and studying you have	0	0	0	0	0
b.	The amount of time you spend on extracurricular activities (like sports, clubs, music lessons, hobbies, or other nonacademic activities)	0	0	0	0	0
c.	The amount of time you spend on social media	0	0	0	0	0
d.	The amount of time you spend gaming	0	0	0	0	0
e.	The amount of time you work at a job for pay	0	0	0	0	0
f.	Worrying about school, family, friends, or other concerns	0	0	0	0	0

### PART K. ONLINE BEHAVIORS

These questions ask about using cell phones, computers, and other electronic devices to talk, send messages, go online, or use social media. Social media includes Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, TikTok, and other platforms where you can share messages, photos/videos, or other information online.

15	2. On an average school day, how many hours do you:	None	Less than 1 hour per day	1 hour per day	2 hours per day	3 hours per day	4 hours per day	5 or more hours per day
a.	Spend online for school or homework?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Spend online <u>not</u> for school or homework?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c.	Spend on social media?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Spend gaming (playing online or video games)?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

153.	Do you agree or disagree with these statements about social media?	I don't use social media.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a.	I feel more connected with my peers because of social media.	0	0	0	0	0	0
b.	I feel pressured to post things that will be popular and get a lot of comments or "likes."	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.	I feel badly about myself, excluded, or left out when I see what others post on social media.	0	0	0	0	0	0
d.	I have gotten support on social media when I've been going through a tough or challenging time.	0	0	0	0	0	0
e.	Social media keeps me from doing other things that are important, like homework or family responsibilities.	0	0	0	0	0	0
f.	Being on social media helps me feel better about myself.	0	0	0	9	0	0
g.	I spend too much time on social media.	0	0	0	0	0	0
h.	I have found people who share the same hobbies and interests as me on social media.	0	0	0	0	0	0
i.	Social media has hurt my relationships with friends, peers, or students at my school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
j.	I have spoken up or taken action on social media about issues that are important to me.	0	0	0	0	0	0
k.	I have had serious conflicts with my parents or other members of my family because of my social media use.	0	0	0	0	0	0

The next questions are about "sexting." That means sending or forwarding nude, semi-nude, or sexually suggestive <u>photos or videos</u> using the Internet, cell phones, or other electronic devices.

15	154. <u>During the past 12 months</u> , how many times:		1 time	2 times	3 or more times
a.	Did you feel pressured by a boyfriend/girlfriend, date or someone you were going out with to send, forward, or post a nude, seminude, or sexually suggestive photo/video of yourself?	0	0	0	0
b.	Did you <u>send, forward, or post</u> a nude, semi-nude, or sexually suggestive photo/video <u>of yourself</u> ?	0	0	0	0
c.	Did <u>someone else send or post</u> a nude, semi-nude, or sexually suggestive photo/video <u>of you</u> ?	0	0	0	0

#### PART L. COMMUNITY ISSUES AND EXPERIENCES

Sometimes, young people worry about things that may affect themselves or others. The following questions ask how much you worry about these things.

15	5. How often do you worry or feel stressed about:	Never	Rarely	Some- times	Often	Very often
a.	Climate change?	0	0	0	0	0
b.	COVID-19 (coronavirus) or other pandemics?	0	0	0	0	0
c.	Substance use in your community?	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Racial discrimination in your community?	0	0	0	0	0
e.	Discrimination against LGBTQ people in your community (LGBTQ means lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning)?	0	0	0	0	0
f.	Unemployment or job loss in your community?	0	0	0	0	0
g.	Violence in your community?	0	0	0	0	0
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15	6. <u>During your life</u> , how often have you felt that you were treated badly or unfairly because of:	Never	Rarely	Some- times	Often	Very ofter
a.	Your race or ethnicity?	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Your religion or culture?	0	0	0	0	0
c.	Your gender or gender identity?	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Your sexual identity or sexual orientation?	0	0	0	0	0
e.	A disability you have or others think you have?	0	0	0	0	0
f.	Your height or weight, or how you look?	0	0	0	0	0
Th	RT M. NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY  ese questions ask about body weight and eating pattern  7. How do you describe your weight?					
13	<ul> <li>New do you describe your weight?</li> <li>Very underweight</li> <li>Slightly underweight</li> <li>About the right weight</li> <li>Slightly overweight</li> <li>Very overweight</li> </ul>					
158	B. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you ear  O 0 days O 1 day O 5 days O 2 days O 6 days O 3 days O 7 days	t breakfast?	,			
159	9. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you ear guardians?  O 0 days O 1 day O 5 days O 2 days O 3 days O 7 days	t dinner <u>at l</u>	nome with <u>a</u>	t least one	of your par	ents or

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160.	minutes per da	ay? (Add up all the tir		Ily active for a total of <u>at least 60</u> of physical activity that increased your
	O 0 days	O 4 days	•	
	O 1 day	O 5 days		
	•	O 6 days		_
	•	O 7 days		
	•	•		
161.				or participate in physical activity for <u>at</u> n as basketball, soccer, running,
			dancing, or similar aerobi	
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	O 1 day	O 5 days		
	_ *	O 6 days		
	•	O 7 days		
	O 5 days	O 7 days		
162.				ses to <u>strengthen or tone your muscles</u>
	-	ups, sit-ups, or weigh	it lifting?	
	O 0 days	O 4 days		
	O 1 day	O 5 days	<b>*</b>	
		O 6 days		
	O 3 days	O 7 days		
163.		st 12 months, on how r community groups.)		ou play? (Include any teams run by
	O 0 teams	community groups.		
	O 1 team			
	O 2 teams			
	O 3 or more to	name		
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164	How tall are vo	ou without your shoe	s on? Write your height in	the shaded blank boxes.
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	Example:	~O>	Fill in <u>your</u> height here:	
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	Feet	Inches	Feet Inches	
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165.	How much do	you weigh <u>without</u> yo	our shoes on? Write your	weight in the shaded blank boxes.
	Example:		Fill in <u>your</u> weight	
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	Weight						
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#### **PART N. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

Now here is the final set of questions. These questions will help us learn more about the health and behaviors of students.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic:	Yes	No
Did a parent or other adult in your home lose their job, even for a short amount of time?	0	0
Did someone who lives with you test positive for COVID-19?	0	0
Was someone close to you (close friend or family member) hospitalized with COVID-19?	0	0

How have the following things changed since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic?	Become <u>a</u> lot worse	Become <u>a</u> little worse	About the same	Become <u>a</u> little better	Become <u>a</u> lot better
The level of effort you put into your school work	0	0	0	0	0
The quality of your relationships with teachers and other staff from your school	0	0	0	0	0
The quality of your relationships with friends	0	0	0	0	0
The quality of your relationships with your family members	0	0	0	0	0

During the past 30 days, have you used electric vapor products on school property in any of the following places?	Yes	No
In the classroom	0	0
In the cafeteria/lunch room	0	0
In the locker rooms	0	0
In the hallways	0	0
In the bathroom	0	0
In the library	0	0
Outside on school property	0	0
N		

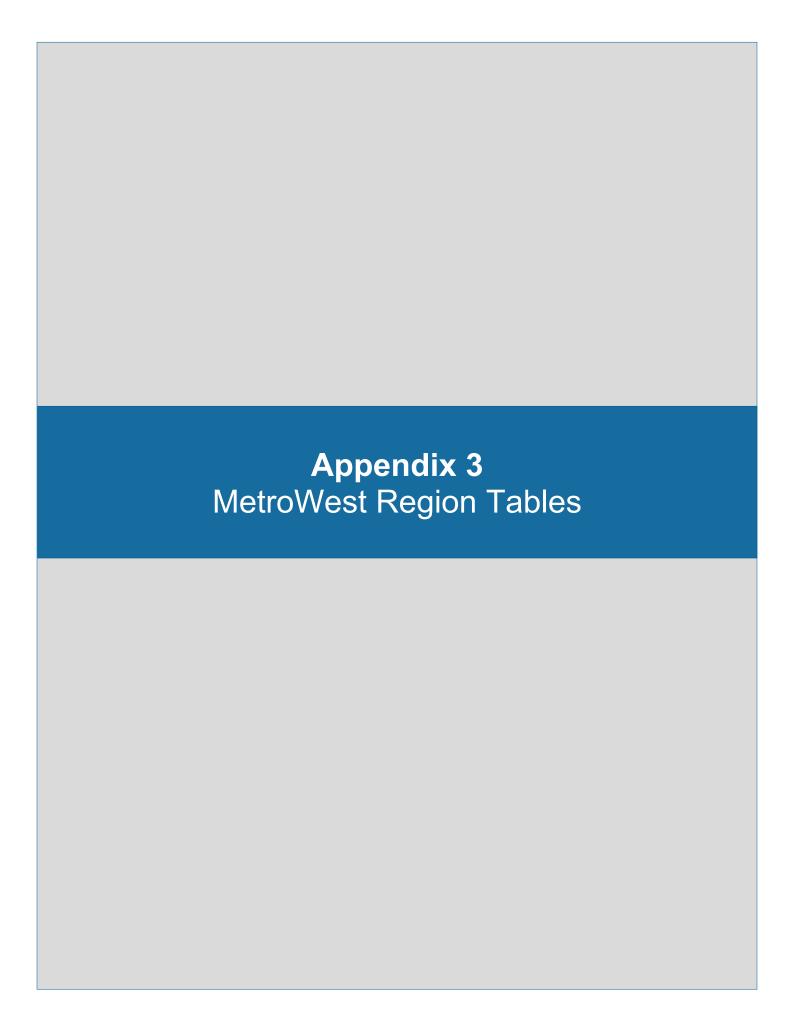
How important are each of the following things to you in making a decision whether or not to drink alcohol?	Not at all important	A little important	Somewhat important	Very important
Your parents do not approve of you drinking alcohol	0	0	0	0
Your friends/peers do not approve of you drinking alcohol	0	0	0	0
Your sports coach would not approve of you drinking alcohol	0	0	0	0
You don't want to harm yourself by drinking	0	0	0	0
You are worried about getting caught by your parents	0	0	0	0
You are worried about getting caught by your sports coach	0	0	0	0
You are worried about getting caught by someone at your school (teacher, school administrator, etc.)	0	0	0	0

<u>During the past 30 days</u> , how often did you worry or feel stressed about:	Never or hardly ever	Rarely	Some- times	Often	Very often
Getting good grades?	0	0	0	0	0
Being able to finish all of your work and study enough for tests?	0	0	0	0	0
Making plans for college or what you will do after high school?	0	0	0	0	0
Pressure from your parent(s)/guardian(s) to do well in school?	0	0	0	0	x 60
Pressure from your teachers or other school staff to do well in school?	0	0	0	0	0
Pressure or competition from other students to do well in school?	0	0	0	0	0
Being involved in afterschool/extracurricular activities, like sports and clubs?	0	0	0	0	0

This is the end of the survey. Please follow the instructions of the person giving you the survey.

Thank you very much for your help!

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## Table 2-1A. Lifetime and Current Substance Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)				Grade (%)		
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
LIFETIME USE *							
Cigarettes	10.5	10.6	10.4	6.2	7.8	12.1	17.1
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	23.5	26.4	20.5	12.3	19.0	27.4	38.3
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	44.5	47.9	40.9	28.6	39.9	51.2	62.5
Marijuana	20.6	21.7	19.6	7.1	14.7	25.4	39.2
Prescription drugs (any) <sup>§</sup>	4.2	4.9	3.3	3.1	4.0	4.5	5.4
Prescription pain medicines**	5.0	5.7	4.3	5.3	4.5	5.1	5.0
Prescription stimulants <sup>§</sup>	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.2	2.4	3.2	4.0
Prescription tranquilizers <sup>§</sup>	2.2	2.4	1.9	1.6	2.1	2.3	2.7
Methamphetamines	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.4	8.0	1.0	1.1
Ecstasy	1.2	1.0	1.5	0.6	1.1	1.4	1.9
Cocaine <sup>††</sup>	1.0	0.8	1.3	0.5	8.0	1.4	1.6
Heroin	0.8	0.5	1.2	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.2
CURRENT USE (past 30 days) <sup>‡‡</sup>							
Cigarettes	2.9	2.4	3.4	1.4	2.2	3.0	5.4
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	13.3	15.1	11.5	6.0	11.1	15.8	22.4
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	24.9	28.0	21.7	10.5	21.1	30.1	41.8
Marijuana	12.3	12.2	12.5	3.8	8.9	15.0	24.1
Prescription drugs (any) <sup>§</sup>	3.3	3.6	2.9	2.7	3.2	3.4	3.9
Prescription pain medicines	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.5
CURRENT USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 30 days) **							
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	5.6	6.0	5.1	2.8	4.4	6.4	9.5
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	1.7	1.3	2.1	1.0	1.2	1.7	3.1
Marijuana	3.3	2.7	3.9	1.4	2.5	3.8	6.0

<sup>\*</sup> Used one or more times in lifetime

<sup>†</sup> Includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) like JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Phix, Vuse, MarkTen, and blu, and other electronic vapor products, like vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods; also includes disposable products that you can only use once such as Puff Bars, Stig, or Viigo

<sup>‡</sup> Does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes

<sup>§</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it; includes using someone else's prescription or obtaining the medicine illegally

<sup>\*\*</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use; prescription pain medicine includes opioids like codeine, Vicodin, OxyContin, Hydrocodone, and Percocet.

<sup>††</sup> Includes using powder, crack, or freebase

<sup>##</sup> Used one or more times in the past 30 days

### Table 2-1B. Lifetime and Current Substance Use, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

		MetroWest Region (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021			
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)			
LIFETIME USE *											
Cigarettes	35.3	33.3	25.9	22.0	17.3	13.2	12.2	10.5			
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	-	_	_	_	30.5	27.9	41.1	23.5			
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	66.5	62.8	58.0	55.6	53.8	51.7	50.0	44.5			
Marijuana	33.2	33.4	34.6	32.3	30.4	27.8	31.3	20.6			
Prescription drugs (any) <sup>§</sup>	11.0	10.1	10.1	8.8	7.3	5.8	4.8	4.2			
Prescription pain medicines**	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	5.0			
Prescription stimulants <sup>§</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	5.2	3.8	2.9			
Prescription tranquilizers <sup>§</sup>	-	_	_	_	_	-	_	2.2			
Methamphetamines	3.8	3.2	3.3	2.9	2.0	1.7	0.9	0.8			
Ecstasy	5.1	5.4	5.7	4.9	3.9	2.7	1.6	1.2			
Cocaine <sup>††</sup>	6.0	5.3	4.4	3.8	3.2	2.7	1.7	1.0			
Heroin	2.4	2.6	2.2	2.3	1.7	1.4	0.9	0.8			
CURRENT USE (past 30 days) <sup>‡‡</sup>											
Cigarettes	14.7	13.9	12.1	9.1	6.2	4.7	3.2	2.9			
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	-	-	_	_	17.5	14.6	28.4	13.3			
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	42.2	39.1	34.7	33.4	32.9	31.5	27.7	24.9			
Marijuana	20.2	22.8	23.5	21.5	20.3	19.2	21.2	12.3			
Prescription drugs (any) <sup>§</sup>	_	5.7	5.7	5.0	4.1	3.2	2.6	3.3			
Prescription pain medicines	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.6			
CURRENT USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 30 days) ##											
Electronic vapor products <sup>†</sup>	_	-	_	-	_	_	12.1	5.6			
Alcohol <sup>‡</sup>	4.8	4.0	3.3	3.6	2.8	2.7	1.5	1.7			
Marijuana	4.4	5.2	6.0	5.0	4.3	3.4	5.6	3.3			

<sup>\*</sup> Used one or more times in lifetime

<sup>†</sup> Includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) like JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Phix, Vuse, MarkTen, and blu, and other electronic vapor products, like vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods; also includes disposable products that you can only use once such as Puff Bars, Stiq, or Viigo

<sup>‡</sup> Does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes

<sup>§</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it; includes using someone else's prescription or obtaining the medicine illegally

<sup>\*\*</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use; prescription pain medicine includes opioids like codeine, Vicodin, OxyContin, Hydrocodone, and Percocet.

<sup>††</sup> Includes using powder, crack, or freebase

<sup>##</sup> Used one or more times in the past 30 days

# Table 2-2A. Tobacco Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
CIGARETTE SMOKING							
Lifetime cigarette smoking*	10.5	10.6	10.4	6.2	7.8	12.1	17.1
Smoked a whole cigarette before age 13 years	1.6	1.2	2.0	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.8
Current cigarette use (past 30 days)	2.9	2.4	3.4	1.4	2.2	3.0	5.4
Current frequent cigarette use (on 20 or more of the past 30 days)	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.9
Ever smoked cigarettes daily (every day for 30 days)	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.7
USE OF OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS							
Current smokeless tobacco use (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	1.7	0.8	2.6	0.8	1.1	2.1	2.9
Current cigar use (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	1.8	0.8	2.9	0.8	1.5	1.8	3.4
Used cigarettes, cigars, and/or smokeless tobacco (past 30 days)	5.3	3.7	6.8	2.7	3.9	5.8	9.1
Used cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, and/or electronic vapor products (past 30 days)	14.4	15.7	13.1	6.7	12.2	16.7	24.0

<sup>\*</sup> Ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs

<sup>†</sup> Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip

<sup>‡</sup> Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars

### Table 2-2B. Tobacco Use, 2006-2021

#### **MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)**

			N	1etroWest	t Region (	%)		
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)
CIGARETTE SMOKING								
Lifetime cigarette smoking*	35.3	33.3	25.9	22.0	17.3	13.2	12.2	10.5
Smoked a whole cigarette before age 13 years	6.7	5.6	5.1	3.9	3.0	2.2	1.9	1.6
Current cigarette use (past 30 days)	14.7	13.9	12.1	9.1	6.2	4.7	3.2	2.9
Current frequent cigarette use (on 20 or more of the past 30 days)	5.6	4.6	4.0	2.9	1.7	1.2	0.8	0.6
Ever smoked cigarettes daily (every day for 30 days)	9.3	8.2	7.6	7.4	5.5	3.5	2.5	2.2
USE OF OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS								
Current smokeless tobacco use (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	5.1	6.3	6.3	5.4	4.4	3.8	2.5	1.7
Current cigar use (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	13.4	14.5	13.1	10.6	8.1	5.7	3.5	1.8
Used cigarettes, cigars, and/or smokeless tobacco (past 30 days)	21.8	22.4	19.8	16.0	12.4	8.9	6.0	5.3
Used cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, and/or electronic vapor products (past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.0	14.4

<sup>\*</sup> Ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs † Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip

<sup>‡</sup> Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars

## Table 2-3A. Electronic Vapor Product Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	e (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
ELECTRONIC VAPOR PRODUCT USE*							
Lifetime electronic vapor product use	23.5	26.4	20.5	12.3	19.0	27.4	38.3
Used an electronic vapor product before age 13 years	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.7
Current electronic vapor product use (past 30 days)	13.3	15.1	11.5	6.0	11.1	15.8	22.4
Current frequent electronic vapor product use (on 20 or more of the past 30 days)	3.5	3.8	3.2	1.2	2.3	4.1	7.1
Current daily electronic vapor product use (on all 30 of the past 30 days)	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.7	1.6	2.5	4.8
Current electronic vapor product use on school property (past 30 days)	5.6	6.0	5.1	2.8	4.4	6.4	9.5
Used electronic vapor products that contain nicotine (past 30 days)	9.8	11.6	7.9	4.1	7.6	12.0	17.1
Used electronic vapor products that contain a flavor (past 30 days)	10.1	12.1	8.0	4.6	8.4	12.1	16.8
Used electronic vapor products that contain THC (past 30 days)	7.4	7.6	7.2	2.5	6.4	8.8	13.1
Used disposable electronic vapor products (past 30 days)	9.7	11.6	7.6	4.1	7.6	11.7	16.7
Used gum that contains nicotine (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	1.7	1.2	2.1	0.7	1.1	2.1	2.8
Perceived risk of using electronic vapor products (moderate/great risk)	83.4	86.1	80.6	86.1	84.7	82.0	80.2
Ease of obtaining electronic vapor products (fairly/very easy)	56.2	57.1	55.3	39.8	52.7	63.7	72.5
BEHAVIORS RELATED TO FREQUENT USE							
Ever used electronic vapor products daily (at least once every day for 30 days)	6.0	6.6	5.3	2.5	3.9	7.1	11.5
Feel a strong craving or need to vape (often/very often, past 30 days)	2.2	2.7	1.7	0.9	1.7	2.6	4.0
Want to vape soon after you wake up (often/very often, past 30 days)	2.3	2.6	2.1	0.8	1.5	2.8	4.6
Tried to quit using electronic vapor products (among students who vaped, past 12 months)	47.9	48.6	47.0	56.0	50.6	46.3	44.1

<sup>\*</sup> Includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) like JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Phix, Vuse, MarkTen, and blu, and other electronic vapor products, like vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods; also includes disposable products that you can only use once such as Puff Bars, Stig, or Viigo

<sup>†</sup> Includes flavored gums like ZYN or other nicotine gums like Nicorette

### Table 2-3B. Electronic Vapor Product Use, 2006-2021 **MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)**

			N	1etroWest	Region (	%)		
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)
ELECTRONIC VAPOR PRODUCT USE*								
Lifetime electronic vapor product use	_	_	_	_	30.5	27.9	41.1	23.5
Used an electronic vapor product before age 13 years	-	-	-	_	_	_	2.4	3.1
Current electronic vapor product use (past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	17.5	14.6	28.4	13.3
Current frequent electronic vapor product use (on 20 or more of the past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	0.9	1.9	7.8	3.5
Current daily electronic vapor product use (on all 30 of the past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	0.8	1.6	5.0	2.3
Current electronic vapor product use on school property (past 30 days)	-	-	_	-	-	_	12.1	5.6
Used electronic vapor products that contain nicotine (past 30 days)	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	9.8
Used electronic vapor products that contain a flavor (past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.1
Used electronic vapor products that contain THC (past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	7.4
Used disposable electronic vapor products (past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	9.7
Used gum that contains nicotine (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.7
Perceived risk of using electronic vapor products (moderate/great risk)	-	-	-	-	42.2	47.9	67.2	83.4
Ease of obtaining electronic vapor products (fairly/very easy)	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	56.2
BEHAVIORS RELATED TO FREQUENT USE								
Ever used electronic vapor products daily (at least once every day for 30 days)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0
Feel a strong craving or need to vape (often/very often, past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	2.2
Want to vape soon after you wake up (often/very often, past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2.3
Tried to quit using electronic vapor products (among students who vaped, past 12 months)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47.9

<sup>\*</sup> Includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) like JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Phix, Vuse, MarkTen, and blu, and other electronic vapor products, like vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods; also includes disposable products that you can only use once such as Puff Bars, Stig, or Viigo

<sup>†</sup> Includes flavored gums like ZYN or other nicotine gums like Nicorette

# Table 2-4A. Alcohol Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grade (%)		
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
ALCOHOL USE*							
Lifetime alcohol use	44.5	47.9	40.9	28.6	39.9	51.2	62.5
Had first drink of alcohol before age 13 years	7.3	7.0	7.6	9.6	7.0	5.9	6.2
Current alcohol use (past 30 days)	24.9	28.0	21.7	10.5	21.1	30.1	41.8
Current alcohol use on school property (past 30 days)	1.7	1.3	2.1	1.0	1.2	1.7	3.1
Binge drinking (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	14.5	15.7	13.2	4.1	10.7	17.6	28.5
Was "drunk" from consuming alcohol (past 30 days)	16.4	18.5	14.1	4.9	12.4	20.0	31.3
Drank alcohol by yourself (past 30 days)	5.5	5.8	5.2	3.8	5.1	5.5	8.1
Drinking interfered with responsibilities (past 12 months)	3.1	3.2	3.0	1.5	2.3	3.7	5.3
Used marijuana and alcohol during the same time period (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	6.9	6.7	7.3	1.9	4.4	8.2	14.8
Percieved risk of having five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week (moderate/great risk)	77.6	82.1	73.0	81.3	78.9	77.1	72.2
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol/drug use	16.5	19.1	13.7	14.1	16.4	17.7	18.4
DRINKING AND DRIVING (past 30 days)							
Rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking	12.2	13.4	11.0	11.7	11.2	12.3	13.6
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been drinking	4.0	4.1	4.0	1.5	2.4	4.8	8.0
Drove a car when you had been drinking <sup>§</sup>	4.2	3.1	5.4	_	_	3.0	5.4

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes

<sup>†</sup> Consumed 4+ drinks in a row for females, or 5+ drinks in a row for males

<sup>‡</sup> Within a couple of hours

<sup>§</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade drivers only

### Table 2-4B. Alcohol Use, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

			N	1etroWes	t Region (	%)		
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)
ALCOHOL USE*								
Lifetime alcohol use	66.5	62.8	58.0	55.6	53.8	51.7	50.0	44.5
Had first drink of alcohol before age 13 years	15.5	13.5	12.1	10.2	9.0	8.9	8.1	7.3
Current alcohol use (past 30 days)	42.2	39.1	34.7	33.4	32.9	31.5	27.7	24.9
Current alcohol use on school property (past 30 days)	4.8	4.0	3.3	3.6	2.8	2.7	1.5	1.7
Binge drinking (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	25.1	23.2	20.8	18.7	17.5	16.9	15.8	14.5
Was "drunk" from consuming alcohol (past 30 days)	-	27.7	24.8	23.9	22.8	22.0	18.4	16.4
Drank alcohol by yourself (past 30 days)	_	_	6.6	7.1	6.7	6.9	5.5	5.5
Drinking interfered with responsibilities (past 12 months)	7.3	6.2	5.5	4.5	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.1
Used marijuana and alcohol during the same time period (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	_	_	_	13.4	12.5	11.4	10.8	6.9
Percieved risk of having five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week (moderate/great risk)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77.6
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol/drug use	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	16.5
DRINKING AND DRIVING (past 30 days)								
Rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking	25.2	25.8	22.5	19.5	16.7	14.1	13.5	12.2
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been drinking	-	-	-	10.3	8.4	6.5	5.1	4.0
Drove a car when you had been drinking §	18.6	16.1	13.1	9.1	7.5	5.7	3.9	4.2

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes

<sup>†</sup> Consumed 4+ drinks in a row for females, or 5+ drinks in a row for males

<sup>‡</sup> Within a couple of hours

<sup>§</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade drivers only

## Table 2-5A. Marijuana Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)			le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
MARIJUANA USE*							
Lifetime marijuana use	20.6	21.7	19.6	7.1	14.7	25.4	39.2
Tried marijuana before age 13 years	1.7	1.3	2.1	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.0
Current marijuana use (past 30 days)	12.3	12.2	12.5	3.8	8.9	15.0	24.1
Current marijuana use on school property (past 30 days)	3.3	2.7	3.9	1.4	2.5	3.8	6.0
Went to a party/hung out where marijuana was available (past 30 days)	19.4	21.4	17.2	7.9	15.7	23.6	33.5
Offered/sold/given marijuana on school property (past 12 months)	7.2	7.0	7.5	5.1	6.8	8.8	8.7
Used marijuana and alcohol during the same time period (past 30 days)	6.9	6.7	7.3	1.9	4.4	8.2	14.8
Think it would be "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain marijuana	47.6	48.8	46.3	28.3	41.9	56.7	68.2
Know one or more adults who use marijuana	46.5	49.7	43.1	35.9	43.0	51.7	58.2
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol/drug use	16.5	19.1	13.7	14.1	16.4	17.7	18.4
TYPES OF MARIJUANA USE							
Smoked marijuana (like in a joint or blunt) (lifetime)	15.7	15.8	15.7	4.7	10.0	19.2	32.3
Vaped marijuana (used marijuana in an electronic vaping device) (lifetime)	15.6	16.6	14.5	5.1	11.4	19.1	29.7
Ate or drank products made with marijuana (lifetime) <sup>‡</sup>	13.6	14.5	12.8	3.7	9.1	16.5	28.2
Used a marijuana concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter) (lifetime)	6.5	6.1	7.0	2.2	4.4	7.2	13.6
Smoked marijuana (like in a joint or blunt) (past 30 days)	8.4	7.8	8.9	2.3	5.3	10.1	17.6
Vaped marijuana (used marijuana in an electronic vaping device) (past 30 days)	8.5	8.6	8.4	2.8	6.8	10.8	15.2
Ate or drank products made with marijuana (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	5.3	5.0	5.5	1.5	4.1	6.0	10.4
Used a marijuana concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter) (past 30 days)	3.0	2.9	3.2	1.0	2.2	3.4	6.2
MARIJUANA USE AND DRIVING							
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana	7.6	7.4	7.9	2.0	4.2	8.3	17.6
(past 30 days)							
Drove a car when you had been using marijuana (past 30 days) <sup>§</sup>	8.1	5.8	10.5	-	_	4.5	11.5
Think riding in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana is "very dangerous"	65.2	69.7	60.4	70.1	67.9	66.2	54.8

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include CBD-only or hemp products

<sup>†</sup> Within a couple of hours

<sup>‡</sup> Includes edibles, such as candy, baked goods, snacks, or drinks that contain marijuana

<sup>§</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade drivers only

## Table 2-5B. Marijuana Use, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

	MetroWest Region (%)											
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021				
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)				
MARIJUANA USE*												
Lifetime marijuana use	33.2	33.4	34.6	32.3	30.4	27.8	31.3	20.6				
Tried marijuana before age 13 years	5.9	5.2	4.8	4.5	3.6	2.8	2.1	1.7				
Current marijuana use (past 30 days)	20.2	22.8	23.5	21.5	20.3	19.2	21.2	12.3				
Current marijuana use on school property (past 30 days)	4.4	5.2	6.0	5.0	4.3	3.4	5.6	3.3				
Went to a party/hung out where marijuana was available (past 30 days)	_	_	36.5	31.6	31.1	28.7	30.3	19.4				
Offered/sold/given marijuana on school property (past 12 months)	-	-	-	17.4	14.8	11.0	13.1	7.2				
Used marijuana and alcohol during the same time period (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	13.4	12.5	11.4	10.8	6.9				
Think it would be "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain marijuana	-	-	-	-	-	66.3	64.3	47.6				
Know one or more adults who use marijuana	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	46.5				
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol/drug use	-	_	_	_	_	-	_	16.5				
TYPES OF MARIJUANA USE												
Smoked marijuana (like in a joint or blunt) (lifetime)	_	_	_	_	_	_	25.6	15.7				
Vaped marijuana (used marijuana in an electronic vaping device) (lifetime)	-	_	_	_	_	_	25.8	15.6				
Ate or drank products made with marijuana (lifetime) <sup>‡</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	16.0	13.6				
Used a marijuana concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter) (lifetime)	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.9	6.5				
Smoked marijuana (like in a joint or blunt) (past 30 days)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	8.4				
Vaped marijuana (used marijuana in an electronic vaping device) (past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.5				
Ate or drank products made with marijuana (past 30 days) <sup>‡</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	5.3				
Used a marijuana concentrate or other high potency product (such as hash oil, dabs, wax, or shatter) (past 30 days)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0				
MARIJUANA USE AND DRIVING												
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana (past 30 days)	_	_	_	18.0	16.2	14.6	14.1	7.6				
Drove a car when you had been using marijuana (past 30 days)§	_	_	_	16.8	16.5	14.1	13.6	8.1				
Think riding in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana is "very dangerous"	_	_	_	52.0	55.2	57.7	57.6	65.2				

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include CBD-only or hemp products

<sup>†</sup> Within a couple of hours

<sup>‡</sup> Includes edibles, such as candy, baked goods, snacks, or drinks that contain marijuana

<sup>§</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade drivers only

# Table 2-6A. Consequences of Marijuana Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	le (%)	
	·	Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
PERCEIVED CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA USE							
Perceived risk of using marijuana once or twice a week (moderate/great risk)	50.7	56.0	45.1	64.5	53.8	45.4	35.5
Perceived risk for people your age using marijuana every day or almost every day (moderate/great risk)	77.9	82.2	73.4	85.3	81.2	75.1	68.2
Harm to brain development (likely/very likely)*	70.4	75.4	65.0	75.6	72.2	68.7	63.6
Harm to other parts of the body, like the lungs or heart (likely/very likely)*	74.2	80.5	67.6	78.5	75.8	73.1	68.3
Will do worse in school than students who don't use marijuana (likely/very likely)*	61.8	65.2	58.3	69.5	65.2	58.2	52.4
Will have more mental health problems than students who don't use marijuana (likely/very likely)*	59.4	64.1	54.4	68.8	62.4	55.9	48.2
Will become addicted to marijuana (likely/very likely)*	69.9	75.4	64.0	78.9	72.9	66.4	59.0
CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA USE (often/very often, past 6 months)							
Used marijuana before noon	2.1	2.0	2.3	0.9	1.7	2.5	3.9
Used marijuana when you were alone	3.6	3.4	3.9	1.2	2.4	4.4	7.3
Had memory problems when you used marijuana	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.0	1.7	2.1	3.2
Had friends or family members tell you to stop or reduce using marijuana	1.4	1.3	1.6	0.8	1.3	1.6	2.1
Tried to reduce or stop your marijuana use without succeeding	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.4
Had arguments, fights, or problems at school or work because of marijuana use	1.0	0.9	1.2	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.4

<sup>\*</sup> Percieved likelihood of consequence for people your age who use marijuana several times a week

### Table 2-6B. Consequences of Marijuana Use, 2006-2021 **MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)**

	MetroWest Region (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021		
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)		
PERCEIVED CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA USE										
Perceived risk of using marijuana once or twice a week (moderate/great risk)	-	-	-	-	-	-	55.7	50.7		
Perceived risk for people your age using marijuana every day or almost every day (moderate/great risk)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77.9		
Harm to brain development (likely/very likely)*	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	70.4		
Harm to other parts of the body, like the lungs or heart (likely/very likely)*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74.2		
Will do worse in school than students who don't use marijuana (likely/very likely)*	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	61.8		
Will have more mental health problems than students who don't use marijuana (likely/very likely)*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59.4		
Will become addicted to marijuana (likely/very likely)*	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	69.9		
CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA USE (often/very often, past 6 months)										
Used marijuana before noon	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	2.1		
Used marijuana when you were alone	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.6		
Had memory problems when you used marijuana	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.9		
Had friends or family members tell you to stop or reduce using marijuana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4		
Tried to reduce or stop your marijuana use without succeeding	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.1		
Had arguments, fights, or problems at school or work because of marijuana use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0		

<sup>\*</sup> Percieved likelihood of consequence for people your age who use marijuana several times a week

## Table 2-7A. Prescription Drug Misuse and Other Substance Use by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

2021 Wetrowest Adolesi	eene meanin e	un vey					
	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	e (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
OVERALL MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS*							
Lifetime prescription drug misuse	4.2	4.9	3.3	3.1	4.0	4.5	5.4
Current prescription drug misuse (past 30 days)	3.3	3.6	2.9	2.7	3.2	3.4	3.9
MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDICINE * AND STIMULANTS							
Lifetime prescription pain medication misuse	5.0	5.7	4.3	5.3	4.5	5.1	5.0
Current prescription pain medicine misuse (past 30 days)	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.5
Prescribed prescription pain medicine by a healthcare provider (past 12 months) †	18.4	19.6	17.2	18.5	19.1	17.8	18.1
Offered/sold/given prescription pain medicine on school property (past 12 months) †	4.6	5.3	3.7	3.8	5.0	4.8	4.6
Lifetime stimulant misuse*	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.2	2.4	3.2	4.0
Lifetime tranquilizer or sedative misuse*	2.2	2.4	1.9	1.6	2.1	2.3	2.7
OTHER SUBSTANCE USE							
Lifetime methamphetamine use	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.4	0.8	1.0	1.1
Lifetime ecstasy use	1.2	1.0	1.5	0.6	1.1	1.4	1.9
Lifetime cocaine use <sup>‡</sup>	1.0	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.8	1.4	1.6
Lifetime heroin use	0.8	0.5	1.2	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.2

<sup>\*</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it; this includes using someone else's prescription or obtaining the medicine illegally

<sup>†</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it; prescription pain medicine includes opioids like codeine, Vicodin, OxyContin, Hydrocodone, and Percocet

<sup>‡</sup> Includes using powder, crack, or freebase

## Table 2-7B. Prescription Drug Misuse and Other Substance Use, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

	MetroWest Region (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021		
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)		
OVERALL MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS*										
Lifetime prescription drug misuse	11.0	10.1	10.1	8.8	7.3	5.8	4.8	4.2		
Current prescription drug misuse (past 30 days)	-	5.7	5.7	5.0	4.1	3.2	2.6	3.3		
MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDICINE * AND STIMULANTS										
Lifetime prescription pain medication misuse	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	5.0		
Current prescription pain medicine misuse (past 30 days)	_	-	_	_	-	_	2.6	2.6		
Prescribed prescription pain medicine by a healthcare provider (past 12 months)	_	_	_	_	_	_	23.1	18.4		
Offered/sold/given prescription pain medicine on school property (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	-	-	_	6.8	5.3	5.1	2.6	4.6		
Lifetime stimulant misuse*	_	_	_	_	_	5.2	3.8	2.9		
Lifetime tranquilizer or sedative misuse*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2		
OTHER SUBSTANCE USE										
Lifetime methamphetamine use	3.8	3.2	3.3	2.9	2.0	1.7	0.9	0.8		
Lifetime ecstasy use	5.1	5.4	5.7	4.9	3.9	2.7	1.6	1.2		
Lifetime cocaine use <sup>‡</sup>	6.0	5.3	4.4	3.8	3.2	2.7	1.7	1.0		
Lifetime heroin use	2.4	2.6	2.2	2.3	1.7	1.4	0.9	0.8		

<sup>\*</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it; this includes using someone else's prescription or obtaining the medicine illegally

<sup>†</sup> Without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told you to use it; prescription pain medicine includes opioids like codeine, Vicodin, OxyContin, Hydrocodone, and Percocet

<sup>‡</sup> Includes using powder, crack, or freebase

# Table 3-1A. Safety, Weapons, and Violence by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
SAFETY							
Didn't go to school because of safety concerns (past 30 days)*	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7
WEAPONS <sup>†</sup>							
Threatened or injured with a weapon (past 12 months)	5.4	4.4	6.4	5.6	5.5	4.9	5.3
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (past 12 months)	2.5	1.9	3.1	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.7
Carried a weapon (past 30 days)	4.8	3.0	6.7	4.2	4.8	4.7	5.7
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days)	1.2	0.7	1.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.9
Carried a gun (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	1.2	0.5	1.9	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.5
PHYSICAL FIGHTING (past 12 months)							
In a physical fight	10.9	6.1	15.9	13.4	11.1	9.4	9.1
In a physical fight on school property	3.1	1.3	4.9	3.6	2.9	2.6	3.0
DATING VIOLENCE §							
Not allowed to spend time with friends (lifetime)	10.6	11.6	9.4	7.3	9.8	12.1	13.7
Sworn at, cursed at, or insulted (lifetime)	11.9	15.1	8.6	8.8	11.0	13.8	14.7
Threatened with physical harm (lifetime)	3.9	4.4	3.4	2.5	3.7	4.8	4.8
Physically hurt on purpose (lifetime)	4.2	4.1	4.3	2.8	3.6	4.7	6.0
Physically hurt on purpose (past 12 months)	3.1	2.8	3.3	2.1	2.7	3.5	4.2
Forced to have sexual intercourse (lifetime)	3.7	5.4	2.0	1.8	2.5	4.5	6.5
Forced to do other sexual things (lifetime)	6.8	10.7	2.7	3.9	5.6	8.2	10.0
Forced you to do sexual things you did not want to do (kissing, touching, or forced intercourse) (past 12 months)	6.1	9.2	2.8	4.0	5.4	7.2	8.2
EXPERIENCES OF VIOLENCE AT HOME							
Ever been hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt by an adult in your home	22.1	22.4	21.8	21.5	22.1	21.9	23.1
Adults in your home have ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up	10.0	11.4	8.6	9.3	9.8	9.7	11.5

<sup>\*</sup> Because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on the way to or from school

<sup>†</sup> For example, a gun, knife, or club

<sup>‡</sup> Does not include carrying a gun only for hunting or for a sport, such as target shooting

<sup>§</sup> By a boyfriend, girlfriend, date, or someone you were going out with

#### Table 3-1B. Safety, Weapons, and Violence, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	MetroWest Region (%)										
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021			
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)			
SAFETY											
Didn't go to school because of safety concerns (past 30 days)*	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.5	4.6	3.6			
WEAPONS <sup>†</sup>											
Threatened or injured with a weapon (past 12 months)	9.4	8.3	8.3	6.5	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.4			
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (past 12 months)	5.1	4.6	4.6	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.9	2.5			
Carried a weapon (past 30 days)	8.2	7.3	7.3	6.8	6.6	7.6	5.6	4.8			
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days)	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.9	1.4	1.2			
Carried a gun (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	1.5	1.2	1.2			
PHYSICAL FIGHTING (past 12 months)											
In a physical fight	26.0	23.9	21.7	16.8	14.1	13.6	13.5	10.9			
In a physical fight on school property	8.7	8.3	7.4	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.1			
DATING VIOLENCE §											
Not allowed to spend time with friends (lifetime)	_	_	_	13.9	13.0	12.0	12.5	10.6			
Sworn at, cursed at, or insulted (lifetime)	-	-	-	14.9	12.3	12.0	11.5	11.9			
Threatened with physical harm (lifetime)	_	_	_	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.9			
Physically hurt on purpose (lifetime)	9.4	9.5	9.3	5.8	5.2	4.3	4.4	4.2			
Physically hurt on purpose (past 12 months)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.1			
Forced to have sexual intercourse (lifetime)	5.6	5.6	5.9	3.7	3.8	3.0	3.0	3.7			
Forced to do other sexual things (lifetime)	8.3	9.0	9.2	6.7	6.1	5.6	5.5	6.8			
Forced you to do sexual things you did not want to do (kissing, touching, or forced	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	6.1			
intercourse) (past 12 months)								0.1			
EXPERIENCES OF VIOLENCE AT HOME											
Ever been hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt by an adult in your home	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	22.1			
Adults in your home have ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0			

<sup>\*</sup> Because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on the way to or from school

<sup>†</sup> For example, a gun, knife, or club

<sup>‡</sup> Does not include carrying a gun only for hunting or for a sport, such as target shooting

<sup>§</sup> By a boyfriend, girlfriend, date, or someone you were going out with

## Table 3-2A. Bullying and Cyberbullying by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

2021 Wellowest Na	orescent treaters	urvey					
	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
BULLYING (past 12 months)*							
Been a victim of bullying	22.0	26.0	17.7	24.8	22.3	20.6	19.4
Been a victim of bullying on school property	17.1	19.4	14.7	19.0	17.4	16.2	15.3
Bullied someone else	8.3	6.8	9.8	8.8	8.0	8.1	8.2
Bullied someone else on school property	5.4	4.1	6.8	5.2	4.8	5.5	6.0
Talked to a teacher/adult from school about being bullied	5.6	6.9	4.1	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.3
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being bullied	10.8	14.1	7.3	12.5	11.3	9.7	9.3
CYBERBULLYING (past 12 months) †							
Been a victim of cyberbullying	21.7	25.7	17.5	22.1	23.0	21.2	20.1
Cyberbullied someone else	8.3	7.7	8.9	8.1	8.6	8.3	8.1
Talked to a teacher/adult from school about being cyberbullied	3.1	3.8	2.4	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.2
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being cyberbullied	6.3	8.5	4.0	6.7	6.6	6.0	5.8

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again

<sup>†</sup> Defined as using the Internet, cell phones, or other electronic devices to bully, tease, threaten, or spread rumors about someone; includes being bullied through texting, email, and social media (such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, and TikTok)

## Table 3-2B. Bullying and Cyberbullying, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	MetroWest Region (%)								
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021	
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)	
BULLYING (past 12 months)*									
Been a victim of bullying	28.6	29.3	31.8	27.0	23.7	20.8	22.4	22.0	
Been a victim of bullying on school property	25.5	25.9	28.2	22.9	20.0	17.1	18.9	17.1	
Bullied someone else	_	26.7	24.9	15.9	10.7	9.4	9.0	8.3	
Bullied someone else on school property	-	_	_	11.4	7.3	6.2	6.1	5.4	
Talked to a teacher/adult from school about being bullied	_	_	9.0	8.4	6.8	6.6	6.9	5.6	
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being bullied	-	-	13.7	13.4	11.7	10.6	11.6	10.8	
CYBERBULLYING (past 12 months) †									
Been a victim of cyberbullying	14.6	15.8	20.0	21.5	21.2	19.3	18.3	21.7	
Cyberbullied someone else	10.6	10.7	12.1	10.0	8.7	7.6	7.5	8.3	
Talked to a teacher/adult from school about being cyberbullied	_	_	3.6	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.1	
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being cyberbullied	-	-	5.5	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.8	6.3	

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again

<sup>†</sup> Defined as using the Internet, cell phones, or other electronic devices to bully, tease, threaten, or spread rumors about someone; includes being bullied through texting, email, and social media (such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, and TikTok)

## Table 3-3A. Identity-Based Bullying and Cyberbullying by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
IDENTITY-BASED BULLYING AT SCHOOL (past 12 months)*							
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your race or ethnicity	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.5	9.9
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your religion or culture	7.1	7.1	7.2	6.5	7.3	7.3	7.4
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your gender	7.0	10.7	3.1	7.3	6.4	7.4	6.8
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your sexual identity or orientation or what others think it is	7.7	10.2	5.1	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.4
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of a disability you have or others think you have	5.2	5.7	4.6	4.5	5.0	5.3	6.0
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your height or weight or how you look	22.2	25.3	19.0	25.4	23.0	21.3	18.3
IDENTITY-BASED CYBERBULLYING (past 12 months) †							
Cyberbullied because of your race or ethnicity	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	3.8
Cyberbullied because of your religion or culture	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.2
Cyberbullied because of your gender	4.1	5.7	2.3	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.6
Cyberbullied because of your sexual identity or orientation or what others think it is	5.1	6.5	3.6	5.4	5.1	5.0	4.7
Cyberbullied because of a disability you have or others think you have	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.5	3.4	3.1
Cyberbullied because of your height or weight, or how you look	11.4	14.4	8.2	13.2	11.8	10.7	9.5

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as being bullied or called names, teased, made fun of, embarrassed, or threatened one or more times by others at your school

<sup>†</sup> Defined as being bullied or called names, teased, threatened, or gossiped about by someone using the internet, social media, cell phone, or other electronic device

## Table 3-3B. Identity-Based Bullying and Cyberbullying, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

	MetroWest Region (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021		
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)		
IDENTITY-BASED BULLYING AT SCHOOL (past 12 months)*										
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your race or ethnicity	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	10.1		
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your religion or culture	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	7.1		
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your gender	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	7.0		
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your sexual identity or orientation or what others think it is	-	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.2	7.7		
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of a disability you have or others think you have	_	_	_	_	_	5.7	6.5	5.2		
Bullied/verbally harrassed because of your height or weight or how you look	-	-	-	-	-	22.6	24.9	22.2		
IDENTITY-BASED CYBERBULLYING (past 12 months) †										
Cyberbullied because of your race or ethnicity	-	_	-	_	_	_	_	4.2		
Cyberbullied because of your religion or culture	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.3		
Cyberbullied because of your gender	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	4.1		
Cyberbullied because of your sexual identity or orientation or what others think it is	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1		
Cyberbullied because of a disability you have or others think you have	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2.9		
Cyberbullied because of your height or weight, or how you look	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	11.4		

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as being bullied or called names, teased, made fun of, embarrassed, or threatened one or more times by others at your school

<sup>†</sup> Defined as being bullied or called names, teased, threatened, or gossiped about by someone using the internet, social media, cell phone, or other electronic device

# Table 4-1A. Behaviors Related to Unintentional Injury by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex (%)		Total (%) Sex (%)			Total (%) Sex (%)			Grade (%)		
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>					
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)					
SAFETY-RELATED BEHAVIORS												
Never/rarely wore a helmet when riding a bicycle (past 12 months, among students who rode a bicycle)	48.0	45.1	50.6	42.7	48.0	52.0	51.4					
Never/rarely wear a seatbelt when riding as a passenger in a car	2.4	1.8	3.0	2.6	2.5	1.8	2.6					
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (past 30 days)												
Rode in a car with a driver who had been drinking	12.2	13.4	11.0	11.7	11.2	12.3	13.6					
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been drinking	4.0	4.1	4.0	1.5	2.4	4.8	8.0					
Drove a car when you had been drinking*	4.2	3.1	5.4	_	_	3.0	5.4					
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana	7.6	7.4	7.9	2.0	4.2	8.3	17.6					
Drove a car when you had been using marijuana*	8.1	5.8	10.5	_	_	4.5	11.5					
Think riding in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana is "very dangerous"	65.2	69.7	60.4	70.1	67.9	66.2	54.8					
DISTRACTED DRIVING (past 30 days)												
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who was texting, messaging, or emailing while driving	22.8	25.7	19.8	11.4	16.8	25.8	40.2					
Drove a car while you were texting, messaging, or emailing*	34.9	36.4	33.3	-	-	22.7	46.0					
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who was talking on a mobile phone while driving	25.1	28.2	21.9	14.3	19.3	28.3	41.7					
Drove a car while you were talking on a mobile phone*	42.5	46.4	38.4	-	-	29.7	54.1					

<sup>\*</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade youth who drove in the past 30 days

## Table 4-1B. Behaviors Related to Unintentional Injury, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

	MetroWest Region (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021		
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)		
SAFETY-RELATED BEHAVIORS										
Never/rarely wore a helmet when riding a bicycle (past 12 months, among students who rode a bicycle)	60.8	61.4	58.1	54.4	51.0	49.9	49.5	48.0		
Never/rarely wear a seatbelt when riding as a passenger in a car	7.1	6.8	6.0	5.5	4.5	3.7	3.5	2.4		
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (past 30 days)										
Rode in a car with a driver who had been drinking	25.2	25.8	22.5	19.5	16.7	14.1	13.5	12.2		
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been drinking	_	-	-	10.3	8.4	6.5	5.1	4.0		
Drove a car when you had been drinking*	18.6	16.1	13.1	9.1	7.5	5.7	3.9	4.2		
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana	_	_	_	18.0	16.2	14.6	14.1	7.6		
Drove a car when you had been using marijuana*	_	_	_	16.8	16.5	14.1	13.6	8.1		
Think riding in a car driven by a high school student who had been using marijuana is "very dangerous"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65.2		
DISTRACTED DRIVING (past 30 days)										
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who was texting, messaging, or emailing while driving	-	_	28.5	33.1	30.0	29.2	29.8	22.8		
Drove a car while you were texting, messaging, or emailing*	-	-	43.9	40.9	37.8	36.0	36.1	34.9		
Rode in a car driven by a high school student who was talking on a mobile phone while driving	_	_	_	_	_	_	31.4	25.1		
Drove a car while you were talking on a mobile phone*	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.0	42.5		

<sup>\*</sup> Among 11th and 12th grade youth who drove in the past 30 days

#### Table 5-1A. Stress and Coping Strategies by Sex and Grade, 2021 **MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)** 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex (%)		Grade (%			
	·	Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
STRESS							
Life "very" stressful (past 30 days)	33.5	44.6	21.4	22.3	30.3	38.1	46.2
Worry/feel stressed about school issues*	67.2	80.8	52.5	60.5	66.4	71.8	71.5
Worry/feel stressed about social issues*	38.8	49.3	27.4	34.0	38.3	42.3	41.7
Worry/feel stressed about family issues*	26.2	35.7	15.9	21.9	25.8	27.8	30.2
Worry/feel stressed about safety issues*	4.8	6.3	3.1	4.3	4.8	5.2	4.9
Worry/feel stressed about appearance issues*	38.7	55.0	21.2	36.6	38.4	40.1	40.5
Worry/feel stressed about your physical and/or emotional health*	40.9	56.2	24.4	33.7	39.7	44.6	47.4
SYMPTOMS OF BEING STRESSED, ANXIOUS, OR WORRIED (often/very often, past 2 weeks)							
Had little interest or pleasure in doing things	24.7	33.4	15.2	19.7	24.2	28.0	28.1
Had trouble falling asleep or staying asleep or slept too much	31.9	43.4	19.3	27.7	31.4	34.0	35.3
Felt tired or had little energy	42.8	56.9	27.6	36.0	41.8	45.8	49.4
Had a poor appetite or ate too much	31.3	45.1	16.4	27.1	29.6	33.6	36.1
Felt bad about yourself or that you were a failure	31.6	43.8	18.3	27.4	31.4	34.2	34.2
Had trouble concentrating in school	33.8	44.2	22.6	29.3	33.6	37.2	36.2
Had trouble concentrating on things outside of school	22.2	31.2	12.4	17.9	21.3	24.8	25.6
REACTIONS AND COPING STRATEGIES WHEN FEELING STRESSED, ANXIOUS, OR WORRIED							
Manage stress "poorly" or "very poorly" (among students who experience stress)	32.3	39.1	23.9	30.1	31.6	35.4	32.4
Exercise to make yourself feel better <sup>†</sup>	34.6	31.9	37.6	33.1	36.0	34.6	34.9
Use alcohol or drugs to make yourself feel better <sup>†</sup>	3.5	4.1	2.9	1.6	2.9	3.7	6.4
Distract yourself from your worries (e.g. watch TV, read, do a hobby, sleep)	64.9	69.2	60.3	63.7	65.5	65.4	65.3
Get help or advice from someone else <sup>†</sup>	20.5	26.3	14.2	17.0	19.8	21.3	24.6
Get emotional support from someone else <sup>†</sup>	20.1	26.8	12.7	15.3	18.8	22.2	25.0
Get angry or upset with yourself <sup>†</sup>	33.5	45.1	20.8	29.0	34.0	35.8	35.8
Get angry or upset with others around you <sup>†</sup>	18.5	27.6	8.7	16.6	18.2	20.3	19.4
Try to see things in a different light, to make it seem more positive	22.9	23.7	22.1	20.4	22.2	23.2	26.7
Make jokes about your feelings or situation <sup>†</sup>	38.9	48.9	28.1	33.2	38.6	42.1	43.0
Find comfort in your religion or spiritual beliefs <sup>†</sup>	10.0	10.5	9.4	9.8	10.4	9.8	9.9

<sup>\*</sup> Student responded "often" or "very often" † Do this "often" or "very often" when you are feeling stressed, worried, or anxious

### Table 5-1B. Stress and Coping Strategies, 2006-2021 **MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)**

	MetroWest Region (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021		
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)		
STRESS										
Life "very" stressful (past 30 days)	27.9	27.9	28.3	28.9	34.9	35.8	36.0	33.5		
Worry/feel stressed about school issues*	58.0	58.5	57.0	59.8	65.8	66.4	65.5	67.2		
Worry/feel stressed about social issues*	28.9	30.1	30.3	29.9	31.9	32.7	33.3	38.8		
Worry/feel stressed about family issues*	26.9	29.3	28.9	27.2	27.7	25.0	25.6	26.2		
Worry/feel stressed about safety issues*	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	4.3	4.5	5.1	4.8		
Worry/feel stressed about appearance issues*	27.3	27.8	27.4	28.7	30.1	28.9	29.6	38.7		
Worry/feel stressed about your physical and/or emotional health*	19.8	20.1	20.6	21.6	25.1	24.6	28.5	40.9		
SYMPTOMS OF BEING STRESSED, ANXIOUS, OR WORRIED (often/very often, past 2 weeks)										
Had little interest or pleasure in doing things	-	-	-	-	-	19.1	17.6	24.7		
Had trouble falling asleep or staying asleep or slept too much	_	-	_	_	_	30.1	28.1	31.9		
Felt tired or had little energy	_	-	_	_	_	39.6	36.9	42.8		
Had a poor appetite or ate too much	_	_	_	_	_	25.4	24.5	31.3		
Felt bad about yourself or that you were a failure	_	-	_	_	_	24.6	24.8	31.6		
Had trouble concentrating in school	_	-	_	_	_	26.9	25.9	33.8		
Had trouble concentrating on things outside of school	-	-	-	-	_	16.7	15.7	22.2		
REACTIONS AND COPING STRATEGIES WHEN FEELING STRESSED, ANXIOUS, OR WORRIED										
Manage stress "poorly" or "very poorly" (among students who experience stress)	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	32.3		
Exercise to make yourself feel better <sup>†</sup>	-	-	_	_	_	_	-	34.6		
Use alcohol or drugs to make yourself feel better <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.5		
Distract yourself from your worries (e.g. watch TV, read, do a hobby, sleep) †	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	64.9		
Get help or advice from someone else <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	20.5		
Get emotional support from someone else <sup>†</sup>	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	20.1		
Get angry or upset with yourself <sup>†</sup>	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	33.5		
Get angry or upset with others around you <sup>†</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.5		
Try to see things in a different light, to make it seem more positive to	_	-	-	_	_	_	-	22.9		
Make jokes about your feelings or situation <sup>†</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38.9		
Find comfort in your religion or spiritual beliefs <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	10.0		

<sup>\*</sup> Student responded "often" or "very often" † Do this "often" or "very often" when you are feeling stressed, worried, or anxious

## Table 5-2A. Mental Health and Suicidality by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grad	e (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
GENERALIZED ANXIETY (past 2 weeks)							
Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge (more than half the days/nearly every day)	41.8	57.9	24.3	34.8	40.6	46.1	47.1
Unable to stop or control worrying (more than half the days/nearly every day)	33.9	48.8	17.7	27.8	33.0	37.6	38.4
Generalized Anxiety Disorder brief scale (GAD-2) suggests need for further diagnostic evaluation*	41.9	58.5	24.0	34.9	41.0	46.1	47.2
DEPRESSIVE SYMPTOMS, SELF-INJURY, AND SUICIDALITY							
Felt sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks (past 12 months)	27.0	36.0	17.2	23.3	26.6	28.9	29.9
Hurt or injured yourself on purpose (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	18.7	26.2	10.7	19.3	19.0	19.0	17.4
Seriously considered attempting suicide (lifetime)	15.6	20.1	10.6	14.2	15.4	16.1	16.8
Made a plan about attempting suicide (lifetime)	11.9	14.9	8.5	11.6	12.1	11.7	12.1
Attempted suicide (lifetime)	4.9	6.2	3.4	4.7	5.2	4.6	4.8
Made a suicide attempt requiring medical treatment <sup>‡</sup>	1.4	1.8	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Took medicine prescribed by a doctor/health professional for mental health or emotional problems (past 12 months)	13.7	18.6	8.4	10.1	13.0	15.7	17.1
Ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal	33.0	40.4	25.0	27.2	31.8	35.9	38.7
MENTAL HEALTH RELATED TO COVID-19							
Experienced poor mental health <sup>§</sup> during the COVID-19 pandemic (most of the time, or always)	33.6	47.5	18.4	27.7	33.3	37.6	37.0
Mental health became "a little worse" or "a lot worse" since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic	48.3	57.6	38.1	46.6	48.7	50.6	47.5

<sup>\*</sup> GAD-2 is adapted from: Spitzer, R. L., Kroenke, K., Williams, J. B., & Löwe, B. (2006). A brief measure for assessing generalized anxiety disorder: the GAD-7. Archives of internal medicine, 166(10), 1092–1097. https://doi.org/10.1001/archinte.166.10.1092

<sup>†</sup> For example, by cutting, burning, or bruising yourself on purpose

<sup>‡</sup> Resulting in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse

<sup>§</sup> Poor mental health includes anxiety, stress, and depression

### Table 5-2B. Mental Health and Suicidality, 2006-2021 **MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)**

	MetroWest Region (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021		
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)		
GENERALIZED ANXIETY (past 2 weeks)										
Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge (more than half the days/nearly every day)	-	-	_	_	-	_	34.5	41.8		
Unable to stop or control worrying (more than half the days/nearly every day)	-	_	_	-	-	_	26.8	33.9		
Generalized Anxiety Disorder brief scale (GAD-2) suggests need for further diagnostic	_	_	_	_	_	_	34.7	41.9		
evaluation*							· · · ·			
DEPRESSIVE SYMPTOMS, SELF-INJURY, AND SUICIDALITY										
Felt sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks (past 12 months)	20.1	20.3	19.1	19.7	22.0	18.1	19.7	27.0		
Hurt or injured yourself on purpose (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	13.2	13.2	14.0	15.6	15.2	12.9	13.5	18.7		
Seriously considered attempting suicide (lifetime)	10.0	10.5	11.6	13.0	12.9	12.3	13.1	15.6		
Made a plan about attempting suicide (lifetime)	7.5	7.8	8.6	9.8	10.0	8.9	9.5	11.9		
Attempted suicide (lifetime)	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.7	4.5	4.0	3.9	4.9		
Made a suicide attempt requiring medical treatment <sup>‡</sup>	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.4		
Took medicine prescribed by a doctor/health professional for mental health or emotional problems (past 12 months)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	13.7		
Ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	33.0		
MENTAL HEALTH RELATED TO COVID-19										
Experienced poor mental health <sup>§</sup> during the COVID-19 pandemic	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	33.6		
(most of the time, or always)										
Mental health became "a little worse" or "a lot worse" since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	48.3		

<sup>\*</sup> GAD-2 is adapted from: Spitzer, R. L., Kroenke, K., Williams, J. B., & Löwe, B. (2006). A brief measure for assessing generalized anxiety disorder: the GAD-7. Archives of internal medicine, 166(10), 1092–1097. https://doi.org/10.1001/archinte.166.10.1092

<sup>†</sup> For example, by cutting, burning, or bruising yourself on purpose

<sup>‡</sup> Resulting in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse

<sup>§</sup> Poor mental health includes anxiety, stress, and depression

## Table 5-3A. Support for Emotional Challenges or Problems\* by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

Total (%) Sex (%) Grade (%) q<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> **Female** Male (22,903)(11,548)(11,283)(6,306)(5,913)(5,432)(5,181)SOURCES OF SUPPORT FOR HELP WITH EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES OR PROBLEMS (past 12 months)  $^{\dagger}$ 12.2 School counselor, school therapist, or school psychologist 18.8 24.8 16.2 18.0 20.0 21.6 School nurse 4.1 5.3 2.7 3.5 4.1 4.3 4.6 Another adult from school, like a teacher or other school staff 12.3 8.0 17.3 16.3 8.7 10.8 13.6 Therapist, psychologist, or other mental health professional outside of school 23.2 31.5 14.0 19.0 22.7 25.2 26.9 Parent, relative, or other adult outside of school 50.1 62.6 36.5 45.6 50.0 52.2 53.8 Friend around the same age 59.4 75.0 42.4 52.5 58.8 62.9 65.2 Crisis hotline/text line 3.7 3.7 5.2 1.9 3.2 3.7 4.1 Person or group on social media (such as, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat) 16.7 19.7 13.4 15.8 16.9 17.6 16.6 Used telehealth or online therapy services for help with emotional 15.3 21.7 8.3 12.2 14.7 17.0 18.1 challenges or problems BARRIERS TO SEEKING HELP FROM SOMEONE AT SCHOOL FOR EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES OR PROBLEMS (agree/stronaly agree) I don't know who to go to for help. 22.0 23.8 20.0 23.3 23.4 21.8 18.8 48.5 42.7 I don't think counseling with someone at school would help. 43.1 37.1 40.4 44.5 45.1 I wouldn't have time or wouldn't want to miss class to get help. 49.4 57.1 41.0 46.2 49.7 52.1 50.2 I don't trust anyone from my school enough to talk about my emotional problems. 39.7 45.8 40.3 36.7 32.8 39.5 41.6 I should handle problems on my own. 42.5 43.1 41.7 41.1 43.2 43.6 42.1 I would be too embarrassed or scared to talk about it. 38.1 45.5 29.8 38.4 39.7 38.0 35.8 A school counselor/therapist might not understand me or the challenges 38.0 30.9 39.2 39.8 37.7 44.4 35.5 I was having. I wouldn't want other students to know I was meeting with a 37.8 39.1 36.3 37.9 39.3 37.2 36.4 school counselor/therapist. I wouldn't want my parent(s)/guardian(s) to know I was meeting with a 27.6 30.8 24.1 27.9 29.1 27.2 25.7 school counselor/therapist. Teachers or other school staff might treat me differently or give me fewer 25.1 28.8 21.0 25.2 27.3 24.9 22.4 opportunities at school. My parents wouldn't want me to get help at school because they would be worried I 11.8 13.0 10.5 11.4 12.8 11.6 11.2 might be treated differently or given fewer opportunities at school.

<sup>\*</sup> Emotional challenges or problems include things that make you feel sad, angry, stressed, or anxious, or that may make you have thoughts of hurting yourself

<sup>†</sup> Student responded having talked with individual/group one or more times

### Table 5-3B. Support for Emotional Challenges or Problems\*, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

	MetroWest Region (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021		
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)		
SOURCES OF SUPPORT FOR HELP WITH EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES OR PROBLEMS (past 12	? months) <sup>†</sup>									
School counselor, school therapist, or school psychologist	_	_	_	_	_	_	17.4	18.8		
School nurse	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.2	4.1		
Another adult from school, like a teacher or other school staff	_	_	_	_	_	_	13.3	12.3		
Therapist, psychologist, or other mental health professional outside of school	-	-	-	-	_	-	17.7	23.2		
Parent, relative, or other adult outside of school	-	_	_	_	_	_	44.3	50.1		
Friend around the same age	_	_	_	_	_	_	52.7	59.4		
Crisis hotline/text line	_	_	_	_	_	_	2.8	3.7		
Person or group on social media (such as, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat)	_	_	_	_	_	_	14.6	16.7		
Used telehealth or online therapy services for help with emotional								4= 0		
challenges or problems	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	15.3		
BARRIERS TO SEEKING HELP FROM SOMEONE AT SCHOOL FOR EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES	OR PROBLEM	//S (agree	strongly a	gree)						
I don't know who to go to for help.	-	_	-	_	-	_	15.9	22.0		
I don't think counseling with someone at school would help.	_	_	_	_	_	_	32.8	43.1		
I wouldn't have time or wouldn't want to miss class to get help.	-	_	_	_	_	_	45.7	49.4		
I don't trust anyone from my school enough to talk about my emotional problems.	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	39.7		
I should handle problems on my own.	_	_	_	_	_	_	38.2	42.5		
I would be too embarrassed or scared to talk about it.	_	_	_	_	_	_	33.8	38.1		
A school counselor/therapist might not understand me or the challenges							245	20.0		
I was having.	_	_	_	_	_	_	34.5	38.0		
I wouldn't want other students to know I was meeting with a	_	_	_	_	_	_	41.5	37.8		
school counselor/therapist.							41.5	37.0		
I wouldn't want my parent(s)/guardian(s) to know I was meeting with a	_	_	_	_	_	_	25.1	27.6		
school counselor/therapist.										
Teachers or other school staff might treat me differently or give me fewer	-	_	_	_	_	_	23.2	25.1		
opportunities at school.  My parents wouldn't want me to get help at school because they would be worried I										
might be treated differently or given fewer opportunities at school.	_	_	_	_	_	_	10.8	11.8		

<sup>\*</sup> Emotional challenges or problems include things that make you feel sad, angry, stressed, or anxious, or that may make you have thoughts of hurting yourself

<sup>†</sup> Student responded having talked with individual/group one or more times

## Table 6-1A. Sexual Behaviors and Sexting by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%) Sex (%)			Total (%) Sex (%)				Grade (%)		
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>			
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)			
SEXUAL BEHAVIORS										
Ever had sexual intercourse	17.8	17.7	18.0	6.1	11.3	21.9	35.9			
Had first sexual intercourse before age 13 years	1.5	1.1	2.0	1.2	1.6	1.9	1.4			
Had sexual intercourse with 4 or more people (lifetime)	3.4	2.9	3.9	1.3	1.9	3.4	7.4			
Had sexual contact with someone of the same sex (lifetime)	6.0	8.1	3.6	3.5	5.7	6.4	8.8			
Currently sexually active (had intercourse in the past 3 months)	13.8	13.8	13.8	4.5	8.2	17.2	28.3			
Used alcohol or drugs before sexual intercourse the last time*	21.3	20.7	22.1	13.7	20.8	19.4	24.0			
Used a condom during sexual intercourse the last time*	57.8	54.1	61.9	62.9	64.6	59.6	53.6			
Used birth control pills during sexual intercourse the last time*	21.8	27.3	16.8	4.9	13.3	24.9	28.2			
Been pregnant/gotten someone pregnant (lifetime)	1.0	0.7	1.4	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.5			
Had sexual contact against your will (lifetime)	10.1	14.4	5.3	6.4	9.0	11.6	14.3			
Been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to (lifetime)	4.4	6.0	2.6	2.4	3.7	5.1	6.9			
"SEXTING" (past 12 months) †										
Felt pressured by a boyfriend/girlfriend/date to send, forward, or post	10.2	15.0	4.8	6.9	10.2	12.3	11.8			
a "sext" of yourself	10.2	15.0	4.0	0.9	10.2	12.5	11.0			
Sent, forwarded, or posted a "sext" of yourself	14.2	16.5	11.6	7.6	12.0	17.0	21.8			
Someone else sent or posted a "sext" of you	10.2	11.3	9.0	7.8	10.2	11.9	11.6			

<sup>\*</sup> Among youth who are currently sexually active (had intercourse in the past 3 months)

<sup>†</sup> Defined as sending or forwarding nude, sexually suggestive, or explicit photos or videos using the Internet, cell phones, or other electronic devices

#### Table 6-1B. Sexual Behaviors and Sexting, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	MetroWest Region (%)										
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021			
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)			
SEXUAL BEHAVIORS											
Ever had sexual intercourse	28.9	29.4	28.3	26.6	24.3	21.9	22.1	17.8			
Had first sexual intercourse before age 13 years	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.5			
Had sexual intercourse with 4 or more people (lifetime)	8.0	8.0	7.6	6.9	5.4	4.8	4.6	3.4			
Had sexual contact with someone of the same sex (lifetime)	-	-	-	3.3	4.4	3.9	3.7	6.0			
Currently sexually active (had intercourse in the past 3 months)	22.3	22.9	21.8	20.7	19.1	17.3	17.4	13.8			
Used alcohol or drugs before sexual intercourse the last time*	26.5	27.8	27.0	29.2	27.7	25.5	21.8	21.3			
Used a condom during sexual intercourse the last time*	66.6	65.0	63.2	66.3	65.1	62.2	63.9	57.8			
Used birth control pills during sexual intercourse the last time*	39.1	41.0	24.4	25.0	28.8	30.3	30.1	21.8			
Been pregnant/gotten someone pregnant (lifetime)	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.5	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.0			
Had sexual contact against your will (lifetime)	-	-	-	-	-	7.5	8.6	10.1			
Been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to (lifetime)	5.7	5.7	5.5	4.8	4.6	3.4	3.4	4.4			
"SEXTING" (past 12 months) †											
Felt pressured by a boyfriend/girlfriend/date to send, forward, or post a "sext" of yourself	_	-	-	8.1	9.3	9.1	11.6	10.2			
Sent, forwarded, or posted a "sext" of yourself	-	-	-	10.7	15.4	18.1	17.7	14.2			
Someone else sent or posted a "sext" of you	_	_	5.0	3.0	4.1	4.8	12.5	10.2			

<sup>\*</sup> Among youth who are currently sexually active (had intercourse in the past 3 months)

<sup>†</sup> Defined as sending or forwarding nude, sexually suggestive, or explicit photos or videos using the Internet, cell phones, or other electronic devices

## Table 7-1A. Weight, Nutrition, and Physical Activity by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	e (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
WEIGHT PERCEPTION							
Describe self as slightly or very overweight	23.0	24.4	21.4	22.6	22.5	23.2	23.6
BODY MASS INDEX							
Overweight*	12.1	11.7	12.6	12.8	11.8	12.4	11.5
Obese <sup>†</sup>	8.1	6.0	10.2	7.9	8.5	8.1	7.8
EATING PATTERNS (past 7 days)							
Ate breakfast on all 7 days	38.0	33.5	43.1	41.3	40.3	36.9	32.9
Ate dinner at home with parent(s)/guardian(s) on 5 or more days	68.7	63.5	74.4	76.6	72.8	65.4	57.9
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY							
Participated in vigorous physical activity for at least 20 minutes on 3 or more of the	66.4	60.7	72.7	70.9	69.2	64.6	59.5
past 7 days <sup>‡</sup>	00.1	00.7	, 2.,	70.5	03.2	0 1.0	33.3
Participated in moderate physical activity for at least 60 minutes per day on 5 or	51.3	43.9	59.5	55.8	53.5	48.6	45.9
more of the past 7 days <sup>§</sup>							
Did exercises to strengthen or tone your muscles (on 3 or more of the past 7 days)**	46.8	36.1	58.7	49.8	49.1	45.1	42.3
Played on one or more sports teams (past 12 months)	60.5	58.6	62.8	62.8	62.5	60.5	55.3

<sup>\*</sup> Students who were ≥85th percentile but <95th percentile for body mass index by age and gender, based on reference data

<sup>†</sup> Students who were ≥95th percentile for body mass index by age and gender, based on reference data

<sup>‡</sup> Includes physical activity that made you sweat and breathe hard, such as basketball, soccer, running, swimming laps, fast bicycling, fast dancing, or similar aerobic activities

<sup>§</sup> Includes any physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time

<sup>\*\*</sup> Such as push-ups, sit-ups, or weightlifting

### Table 7-1B. Weight, Nutrition, and Physical Activity, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

	MetroWest Region (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021		
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)		
WEIGHT PERCEPTION										
Describe self as slightly or very overweight	25.1	24.5	24.2	26.0	27.1	25.1	25.3	23.0		
BODY MASS INDEX										
Overweight*	12.2	12.1	12.1	11.9	12.4	12.8	12.5	12.1		
Obese <sup>†</sup>	7.7	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.9	8.2	8.3	8.1		
EATING PATTERNS (past 7 days)										
Ate breakfast on all 7 days	_	-	-	-	47.9	45.8	40.4	38.0		
Ate dinner at home with parent(s)/guardian(s) on 5 or more days	-	-	-	66.6	70.0	68.7	68.0	68.7		
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY										
Participated in vigorous physical activity for at least 20 minutes on 3 or more of the past 7 days <sup>‡</sup>	65.1	65.2	67.6	68.5	66.8	68.4	67.6	66.4		
Participated in moderate physical activity for at least 60 minutes per day on 5 or more of the past 7 days <sup>§</sup>	33.7	33.2	45.3	48.8	47.3	50.6	50.4	51.3		
Did exercises to strengthen or tone your muscles (on 3 or more of the past 7 days)**	_	_	_	_	_	50.0	47.9	46.8		
Played on one or more sports teams (past 12 months)	67.8	67.6	67.7	68.4	67.0	66.7	65.9	60.5		

<sup>\*</sup> Students who were ≥85th percentile but <95th percentile for body mass index by age and gender, based on reference data

<sup>†</sup> Students who were ≥95th percentile for body mass index by age and gender, based on reference data

<sup>‡</sup> Includes physical activity that made you sweat and breathe hard, such as basketball, soccer, running, swimming laps, fast bicycling, fast dancing, or similar aerobic activities

<sup>§</sup> Includes any physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time

<sup>\*\*</sup> Such as push-ups, sit-ups, or weightlifting

# Table 8-1A. School Connectedness, Engagement, and Climate by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	e (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
SCHOOL CONNECTEDNESS (agree/ strongly agree)							
I feel close to people at school.	60.4	56.9	64.3	61.2	61.8	59.7	58.7
I feel like I am part of this school.	60.7	56.3	65.5	63.4	61.1	58.5	59.2
I am happy to be at this school.	58.1	52.0	64.9	62.7	58.4	54.0	56.3
The teachers at this school treat students fairly.	58.4	53.5	63.7	64.3	56.3	54.8	57.3
I feel safe in my school.	74.1	70.6	78.1	74.0	73.2	73.5	76.1
SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT (most of the time/always)							
Try as hard as you can in school	75.4	83.0	67.1	78.4	75.8	74.4	72.4
Enjoy your schooolwork	17.0	17.4	16.5	18.5	15.7	15.2	18.3
Find your schoolwork valuable	31.6	32.9	30.2	36.6	31.9	26.9	30.0
SCHOOL CLIMATE (agree/ strongly agree)							
People of different cultural backgrounds, races, or ethnicities get along well at this school.	70.6	66.4	75.3	75.6	70.6	68.2	66.9
At this school, students work on listening to others to understand what they are trying to say.	50.9	46.7	55.5	54.9	50.2	49.0	48.6
At this school, all students are treated equally.	49.0	41.2	57.7	55.5	48.6	46.1	44.7
At this school, teachers/school staff show respect for all students' cultural beliefs and practices.	69.5	65.5	74.0	74.4	68.7	67.2	67.0
At this school, students show respect for each other.	48.5	41.9	55.7	52.8	48.0	45.7	46.6
School rules are applied equally to all students.	59.0	53.9	64.7	67.1	58.6	55.6	53.2

### Table 8-1B. School Connectedness, Engagement, and Climate, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

	MetroWest Region (%)										
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021			
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)			
SCHOOL CONNECTEDNESS (agree/ strongly agree)											
I feel close to people at school.	70.3	74.9	73.2	70.8	71.9	73.6	72.4	60.4			
I feel like I am part of this school.	70.9	72.3	71.7	70.6	69.4	71.0	66.8	60.7			
I am happy to be at this school.	70.5	70.5	70.2	69.5	68.2	68.8	62.6	58.1			
The teachers at this school treat students fairly.	61.1	61.3	61.8	64.4	62.6	65.9	59.1	58.4			
I feel safe in my school.	82.2	81.0	82.8	84.5	82.8	83.3	73.7	74.1			
SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT (most of the time/always)											
Try as hard as you can in school	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	75.4			
Enjoy your schooolwork	-	-	-	_	_	_	_	17.0			
Find your schoolwork valuable	-	-	-	_	_	_	_	31.6			
SCHOOL CLIMATE (agree/ strongly agree)											
People of different cultural backgrounds, races, or ethnicities get along well	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	70.6			
at this school.								70.0			
At this school, students work on listening to others to understand what they are	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	50.9			
trying to say.											
At this school, all students are treated equally.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	49.0			
At this school, teachers/school staff show respect for all students' cultural	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	69.5			
beliefs and practices.											
At this school, students show respect for each other.	_	-	-	_	_	_	_	48.5			
School rules are applied equally to all students.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59.0			

#### Table 8-2A. Adult Support at School by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	e (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
ADULT SUPPORT AT SCHOOL							
Have at least one teacher/adult at school to talk to if you have a problem	69.4	70.3	68.6	64.7	65.8	71.4	77.6
Talked to a teacher/adult from your school about a personal problem*	31.3	38.2	24.2	25.4	29.4	33.0	38.9
Talked to a teacher/adult at school about being bullied*	5.6	6.9	4.1	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.3
Talked to a teacher/adult at school about being cyberbullied*	3.1	3.8	2.4	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.2
Talked with a school counselor, school therapist, or school psychologist about emotional challenges or problems*	18.8	24.8	12.2	16.2	18.0	20.0	21.6
Talked with a school nurse about emotional challenges or problems*	4.1	5.3	2.7	3.5	4.1	4.3	4.6
Talked with a teacher or other school staff about emotional challenges or problems*	12.3	16.3	8.0	8.7	10.8	13.6	17.3
There is a teacher or some other adult who really cares about me. †	52.6	51.1	54.3	48.0	48.8	53.3	62.0
There is a teacher or some other adult who tells me when I do a good job. †	67.6	67.4	68.0	68.3	65.5	67.0	70.0
There is a teacher or some other adult who notices when I'm not there. †	57.3	54.4	60.6	56.8	55.4	57.1	60.7
There is a teacher or some other adult who always wants me to do my best. †	74.5	74.2	75.0	75.0	72.6	74.2	76.7
There is a teacher or some other adult who listens to me when I have something to say. †	69.4	68.5	70.6	68.8	67.4	69.1	73.1
There is a teacher or some other adult who believes that I will be a success. †	67.6	67.4	67.9	66.3	64.7	67.6	72.6
TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT *							
Teachers/adults at school notice when students are in distress.§	40.7	44.6	36.4	36.9	43.1	42.7	40.4
Teachers/adults at school understand how being in distress can affect a student's behavior in class.§	37.6	43.1	31.6	32.2	39.6	40.2	39.3
Teachers/adults at school help students in distress get help and support at school.§	34.4	38.0	30.4	27.9	36.4	37.0	37.3

<sup>\*</sup> During the past 12 months

<sup>†</sup> Students responded "pretty true" or "very true"

<sup>‡</sup> Recognition of the presence of students at school who may be experiencing distress or trauma that is related to a terrible event or ongoing serious problem in their lives, such as violence, abuse, a serious accident, losing a close friend or family member, or lack of food or basic needs

<sup>§</sup> Students responded "unlikely" or "very unlikely"

#### Table 8-2B. Adult Support at School, 2006-2021

**MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)** 

	MetroWest Region (%)											
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021				
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)				
ADULT SUPPORT AT SCHOOL												
Have at least one teacher/adult at school to talk to if you have a problem	66.3	67.1	67.0	69.4	71.0	74.9	75.1	69.4				
Talked to a teacher/adult from your school about a personal problem*	-	_	30.1	29.4	28.6	29.3	33.6	31.3				
Talked to a teacher/adult at school about being bullied*	_	_	9.0	8.4	6.8	6.6	6.9	5.6				
Talked to a teacher/adult at school about being cyberbullied*	-	-	3.6	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.1				
Talked with a school counselor, school therapist, or school psychologist about emotional challenges or problems*	_	_	_	_	_	_	17.4	18.8				
Talked with a school nurse about emotional challenges or problems*	-	_	_	_	_	-	5.2	4.1				
Talked with a teacher or other school staff about emotional challenges or problems*	_	_	_	_	_	_	13.3	12.3				
There is a teacher or some other adult who really cares about me. $^{^\dagger}$	-	_	_	_	_	-	-	52.6				
There is a teacher or some other adult who tells me when I do a good job. $^{^\dagger}$	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	67.6				
There is a teacher or some other adult who notices when I'm not there. $^{^\dagger}$	-	_	_	_	_	_	-	57.3				
There is a teacher or some other adult who always wants me to do my best. †	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	74.5				
There is a teacher or some other adult who listens to me when I have something to say. †	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69.4				
There is a teacher or some other adult who believes that I will be a success. †	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	67.6				
TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT <sup>‡</sup>												
Teachers/adults at school notice when students are in distress. §	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	40.7				
Teachers/adults at school understand how being in distress can affect a student's behavior in class.§	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	37.6				
Teachers/adults at school help students in distress get help and support at school.§	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	34.4				

<sup>\*</sup> During the past 12 months

<sup>†</sup> Students responded "pretty true" or "very true"

<sup>‡</sup> Recognition of the presence of students at school who may be experiencing distress or trauma that is related to a terrible event or ongoing serious problem in their lives, such as violence, abuse, a serious accident, losing a close friend or family member, or lack of food or basic needs

<sup>§</sup> Students responded "unlikely" or "very unlikely"

# Table 8-3A. Adult Support and Peer Support by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex (%)			Grad	le (%)	_ · · · ·	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)	
ADULT SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL								
Have at least one parent/adult outside of school to talk to about things that are important to you	88.1	87.3	88.9	88.0	87.7	88.3	88.4	
Ate dinner at home with parent(s)/guardian(s) on 5 or more days (past 7 days)	68.7	63.5	74.4	76.6	72.8	65.4	57.9	
Parents/adults in your family have clear rules and consequences for your behavior (agree/strongly agree)	81.5	79.9	83.1	82.5	82.6	81.3	79.3	
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being bullied*	10.8	14.1	7.3	12.5	11.3	9.7	9.3	
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being cyberbullied*	6.3	8.5	4.0	6.7	6.6	6.0	5.8	
Talked with a parent, relative, or other adult outside of school about emotional challenges or problems*	50.1	62.6	36.5	45.6	50.0	52.2	53.8	
ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES								
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol or drug use	16.5	19.1	13.7	14.1	16.4	17.7	18.4	
Ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal	33.0	40.4	25.0	27.2	31.8	35.9	38.7	
Ever been hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt by an adult in your home	22.1	22.4	21.8	21.5	22.1	21.9	23.1	
Adults in your home have ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up	10.0	11.4	8.6	9.3	9.8	9.7	11.5	
There has been an adult in your household who tried hard to make sure your basic needs were met (rarely/never) <sup>†</sup>	2.7	2.0	3.3	2.8	2.2	2.6	3.0	
PEER SUPPORT (often/very often)								
Feel you have a friend you can talk to about a personal problem	63.1	66.4	59.6	58.3	62.3	65.7	67.5	
Feel you are part of a group of friends	65.5	62.6	68.7	66.2	66.4	64.7	64.4	
Feel lonely	30.3	37.5	22.3	26.8	30.1	32.2	32.8	
Feel you have a lot in common with the people around you	53.6	52.3	55.1	53.6	54.5	53.3	53.0	
Feel there are people who really know you and understand you	53.6	53.8	53.4	53.0	53.6	53.3	54.6	
Feel left out and excluded by others	20.1	25.2	14.4	18.1	20.0	21.0	21.7	

<sup>\*</sup> During the past 12 months

<sup>†</sup> Basic needs include looking after your safety, making sure you had clean clothes, and providing you enough to eat.

# Table 8-3B. Adult Support and Peer Support, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	MetroWest Region (%)											
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021				
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)				
ADULT SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL												
Have at least one parent/adult outside of school to talk to about things that are important to you	88.1	88.2	87.9	89.0	89.7	91.0	90.5	88.1				
Ate dinner at home with parent(s)/guardian(s) on 5 or more days (past 7 days)	-	-	_	66.6	70.0	68.7	68.0	68.7				
Parents/adults in your family have clear rules and consequences for your behavior (agree/strongly agree)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81.5				
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being bullied*	_	_	13.7	13.4	11.7	10.6	11.6	10.8				
Talked to a parent/adult outside of school about being cyberbullied*	_	_	5.5	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.8	6.3				
Talked with a parent, relative, or other adult outside of school about emotional challenges or problems*	-	-	-	-	-	-	44.3	50.1				
ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES												
Ever lived with someone who was having a problem with alcohol or drug use	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	16.5				
Ever lived with someone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.0				
Ever been hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt by an adult in your home	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	22.1				
Adults in your home have ever slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	10.0				
There has been an adult in your household who tried hard to make sure your basic	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2.7				
needs were met (rarely/never) <sup>†</sup>								=.,				
PEER SUPPORT (often/very often)												
Feel you have a friend you can talk to about a personal problem	_	_	_	71.9	71.2	71.8	71.5	63.1				
Feel you are part of a group of friends	-	-	-	77.0	73.5	73.7	71.3	65.5				
Feel lonely	-	_	_	12.3	15.3	14.3	23.3	30.3				
Feel you have a lot in common with the people around you	-	-	-	-	-	-	59.9	53.6				
Feel there are people who really know you and understand you	_	_	_	_	_	_	59.5	53.6				
Feel left out and excluded by others	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.2	20.1				

<sup>\*</sup> During the past 12 months

<sup>†</sup> Basic needs include looking after your safety, making sure you had clean clothes, and providing you enough to eat.

# Table 9-1A. Risk Behaviors on School Property by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
SUBSTANCE USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 30 days)							
Used electronic vapor products on school property	5.6	6.0	5.1	2.8	4.4	6.4	9.5
Used alcohol on school property	1.7	1.3	2.1	1.0	1.2	1.7	3.1
Used marijuana on school property	3.3	2.7	3.9	1.4	2.5	3.8	6.0
DRUG AVAILABILITY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 12 months)							
Offered, sold, or given marijuana on school property	7.2	7.0	7.5	5.1	6.8	8.8	8.7
Offered, sold, or given prescription pain medicine on school property	4.6	5.3	3.7	3.8	5.0	4.8	4.6
SAFETY, WEAPONS, AND VIOLENCE AT SCHOOL							
Didn't go to school because of safety concerns (past 30 days)*	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	2.5	1.9	3.1	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.7
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days) <sup>†</sup>	1.2	0.7	1.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.9
In a physical fight on school property (past 12 months)	3.1	1.3	4.9	3.6	2.9	2.6	3.0
Been bullied on school property (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	17.1	19.4	14.7	19.0	17.4	16.2	15.3
Bullied someone else on school property (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	5.4	4.1	6.8	5.2	4.8	5.5	6.0

<sup>\*</sup> Because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on the way to or from school

<sup>†</sup> For example, a gun, knife, or club

<sup>‡</sup> Defined as when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again

### Table 9-1B. Risk Behaviors on School Property, 2006-2021 **MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)**

	MetroWest Region (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021		
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)		
SUBSTANCE USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 30 days)										
Used electronic vapor products on school property	_	_	_	_	_	_	12.1	5.6		
Used alcohol on school property	4.8	4.0	3.3	3.6	2.8	2.7	1.5	1.7		
Used marijuana on school property	4.4	5.2	6.0	5.0	4.3	3.4	5.6	3.3		
DRUG AVAILABILITY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (past 12 months)										
Offered, sold, or given marijuana on school property	_	_	_	17.4	14.8	11.0	13.1	7.2		
Offered, sold, or given prescription pain medicine on school property	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	4.6		
SAFETY, WEAPONS, AND VIOLENCE AT SCHOOL										
Didn't go to school because of safety concerns (past 30 days)*	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.5	4.6	3.6		
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (past 12 months) <sup>†</sup>	5.1	4.6	4.6	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.9	2.5		
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days)	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.9	1.4	1.2		
In a physical fight on school property (past 12 months)	8.7	8.3	7.4	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.1		
Been bullied on school property (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	25.5	25.9	28.2	22.9	20.0	17.1	18.9	17.1		
Bullied someone else on school property (past 12 months) <sup>‡</sup>	_	_	_	11.4	7.3	6.2	6.1	5.4		

<sup>\*</sup> Because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on the way to or from school

<sup>†</sup> For example, a gun, knife, or club

<sup>‡</sup> Defined as when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again

#### Table 10-1A. Online Behaviors by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
ONLINE BEHAVIORS AND USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA (on an average school day)							
Spend 3 or more hours online for school or homework	39.5	49.8	28.2	33.7	37.9	43.9	43.8
Spend 3 or more hours online not for school or homework	42.8	45.1	40.2	42.7	43.9	42.3	42.2
Spend 3 or more hours on social media	28.8	35.2	21.6	28.7	29.1	28.5	28.7
Spend 3 or more hours gaming	14.0	6.1	22.7	16.4	14.3	12.3	12.3
ATTITUDES AND EXPERIENCES RELATED TO SOCIAL MEDIA USE (agree/strongly agree)							
I feel more connected to peers because of social media.	64.2	65.7	62.5	63.8	65.2	64.7	63.2
I feel pressure to post things that will be popular and get a lot of comments or "likes."	19.0	25.6	11.0	15.5	18.0	20.9	22.0
I feel badly about myself, excluded, or left out when I see what others post on social media.	30.6	40.6	18.5	27.6	29.7	31.8	33.6
I have gotten support on social media when I've been going through a tough or challenging time.	27.9	30.5	24.8	26.0	28.7	28.2	29.1
Social media keeps me from doing other things that are important, like homework or family responsibilities.	31.5	34.9	27.3	28.1	29.6	32.6	36.4
Being on social media helps me feel better about myself.	22.7	22.3	23.1	26.5	23.5	21.0	19.4
I spend too much time on social media.	47.6	53.5	40.5	43.8	46.6	49.6	51.2
I have found people who share the same hobbies and interests as me on social media.	64.4	65.2	63.5	64.9	65.9	62.7	64.1
Social media has hurt my relationships with friends, peers, or students at my school.	12.5	14.9	9.6	12.0	13.1	13.4	11.5
I have spoken up or taken action on social media about issues that are important to me.	32.7	42.7	20.7	27.9	32.3	35.1	36.3
I have had serious conflicts with my parents or other members of my family because of my social media use.	11.5	13.7	8.8	12.9	12.2	11.4	9.0

### Table 10-1B. Online Behaviors, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

			N	1etroWes	t Region (	%)	MetroWest Region (%)									
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021								
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)								
ONLINE BEHAVIORS AND USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA (on an average school day)																
Spend 3 or more hours online for school or homework	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	39.5								
Spend 3 or more hours online not for school or homework	-	-	_	-	_	_	_	42.8								
Spend 3 or more hours on social media	_	_	_	_	_	28.5	28.5	28.8								
Spend 3 or more hours gaming	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.3	14.0								
ATTITUDES AND EXPERIENCES RELATED TO SOCIAL MEDIA USE (agree/strongly agree)																
I feel more connected to peers because of social media.	_	-	-	-	-	64.7	60.3	64.2								
I feel pressure to post things that will be popular and get a lot of comments or "likes."	-	-	-	-	-	26.1	24.8	19.0								
I feel badly about myself, excluded, or left out when I see what others post on social media.	_	-	-	-	-	23.7	24.8	30.6								
I have gotten support on social media when I've been going through a tough or challenging time.	-	-	-	-	-	29.9	31.0	27.9								
Social media keeps me from doing other things that are important, like homework or family responsibilities.	-	-	-	-	-	32.8	32.4	31.5								
Being on social media helps me feel better about myself.	_	-	-	-	-	22.4	21.1	22.7								
I spend too much time on social media.	_	_	_	_	_	42.0	43.3	47.6								
I have found people who share the same hobbies and interests as me on social media.	-	-	-	-	-	-	54.3	64.4								
Social media has hurt my relationships with friends, peers, or students at my school.	_	_	_	_	_	_	11.5	12.5								
I have spoken up or taken action on social media about issues that are important to me.	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.9	32.7								
I have had serious conflicts with my parents or other members of my family because of my social media use.	-	_	_	_	_	_	10.5	11.5								

### Table 10-2A. General Health, Sleep, and Student Use of Time by Sex and Grade, 2021 **MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)**

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad		
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
GENERAL HEALTH & SLEEP							
Describes general health (emotional and physical wellbeing) as very good/excellent	51.2	40.4	62.3	53.1	51.8	48.3	51.2
Absent from school on 3 or more days (past 30 days)	17.9	19.8	15.9	14.4	17.4	17.8	23.1
Sleeps 8 or more hours on an average school night	27.1	23.6	31.1	38.0	28.7	21.5	17.7
STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND USE OF TIME							
Spend 3 or more hours on homework/studying before or after school*	32.7	42.4	22.0	24.1	31.0	39.3	38.3
Spend 3 or more hours on extracurricular activities outside of school*	26.4	27.2	25.5	22.8	25.9	27.2	30.5
Spend 3 or more hours on "screen time" that is not for school work/homework*,†	60.1	61.1	59.1	60.9	61.5	59.3	58.5
Participated in volunteer or community service activities on 3 or more days	60.2	65.4	54.5	51.0	58.3	64.9	69.0
(past 12 months)	00.2	05.4	54.5	31.0	36.3	04.5	09.0
CAUSES OF REDUCED SLEEP <sup>‡</sup>							
Time spent on schoolwork or studying	42.2	52.1	31.3	32.6	42.2	48.8	47.2
Time spent on extracurricular activities	20.6	26.3	14.3	16.0	20.2	23.2	24.1
Time spent on social media	22.8	27.7	17.3	21.3	21.5	24.3	24.6
Time spent gaming	9.3	5.3	13.8	10.4	9.1	8.4	9.3
Time working at a job for pay	9.2	11.2	6.9	2.4	5.3	13.2	17.8
Worrying about school, family, friends, or other concerns	22.3	29.6	14.2	18.6	22.3	23.8	25.4

<sup>\*</sup> On an average school day

<sup>†</sup> Includes watching TV, going on the Internet, playing video games, or using a computer, tablet, or smartphone

<sup>‡</sup> Keeps you from getting enough sleep "often" or "very often"

### Table 10-2B. General Health, Sleep, and Student Use of Time, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

			N	1etroWest	t Region (	%)		
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)
GENERAL HEALTH & SLEEP								
Describes general health (emotional and physical wellbeing) as very good/excellent	72.6	72.3	71.7	73.1	72.4	71.5	68.7	51.2
Absent from school on 3 or more days (past 30 days)	-	-	-	_	11.9	11.0	12.1	17.9
Sleeps 8 or more hours on an average school night	_	-	_	_	29.2	26.7	24.2	27.1
STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND USE OF TIME								
Spend 3 or more hours on homework/studying before or after school*	_	_	_	_	40.4	40.3	34.5	32.7
Spend 3 or more hours on extracurricular activities outside of school*	_	-	_	_	28.2	25.5	30.5	26.4
Spend 3 or more hours on "screen time" that is not for school work/homework*,†	_	_	_	38.7	37.0	38.9	45.8	60.1
Participated in volunteer or community service activities on 3 or more days	_	_	_	_	_	67.3	66.2	60.2
(past 12 months)	_			_		07.3	00.2	00.2
CAUSES OF REDUCED SLEEP <sup>‡</sup>								
Time spent on schoolwork or studying	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	42.2
Time spent on extracurricular activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.6
Time spent on social media	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	22.8
Time spent gaming	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.3
Time working at a job for pay	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	9.2
Worrying about school, family, friends, or other concerns	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.3

<sup>\*</sup> On an average school day

<sup>†</sup> Includes watching TV, going on the Internet, playing video games, or using a computer, tablet, or smartphone

<sup>‡</sup> Keeps you from getting enough sleep "often" or "very often"

# Table 11-1A. COVID-19 and Community Issues/Experiences by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)			le (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
EXPERIENCES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC							
Experienced poor mental health "most of the time" or "always" during COVID-19 pandemic*	33.6	47.5	18.4	27.7	33.3	37.6	37.0
Mental health became "a little worse" or "a lot worse"	48.3	57.6	38.1	46.6	48.7	50.6	47.5
Use of electronic vapor products increased (a little/a lot)	8.2	10.0	6.2	3.8	7.6	10.6	11.8
Use of alcohol increased (a little/a lot)	14.0	16.5	11.3	5.5	12.9	18.3	21.6
Use of marijuana increased (a little/a lot)	9.3	9.5	9.2	3.0	7.2	11.9	17.1
Use of precription medication without a doctor's prescription increased (a little/a lot)	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.5
WORRY ABOUT COMMUNITY ISSUES (often/very often)							
Climate change	17.6	22.6	12.0	13.6	16.1	20.1	21.5
COVID-19 (coronavirus) or other pandemics	21.3	29.4	12.4	18.5	20.3	22.2	25.0
Substance use in your community	5.6	6.8	4.3	4.7	5.6	6.5	5.9
Racial discrimination in you community	18.7	27.7	8.8	16.6	17.3	20.7	21.0
Discrimination against LGBTQ people in your community	19.7	29.6	8.6	18.0	18.9	21.6	20.6
Unemployment or job loss in your community	6.5	8.1	4.8	5.0	6.7	7.5	7.1
Violence in your community	6.6	9.0	3.9	6.6	7.1	6.9	5.8
EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION (lifetime)							
Treated badly/unfairly because of your race or ethnicity	23.5	24.5	22.4	22.4	23.0	24.1	24.6
Treated badly/unfairly because of your religion or culture	19.1	21.0	17.0	17.8	18.7	20.0	20.1
Treated badly/unfairly because of your gender or gender identity	22.1	31.0	12.2	19.6	20.7	23.8	24.9
Treated badly/unfairly because of your sexual identity or sexual orientation	17.6	23.0	11.5	16.0	17.4	17.9	19.2
Treated badly/unfairly because of a disability you have or others think you have	12.3	13.5	11.0	11.0	11.5	13.1	13.8
Treated badly/unfairly because of your height or weight, or how you look	43.1	50.1	35.4	42.0	43.4	42.8	44.4

<sup>\*</sup> Poor mental health includes anxiety, stress, and depression

### Table 11-1B. COVID-19 and Community Issues/Experiences, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

	MetroWest Region (%)										
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021			
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)			
EXPERIENCES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC											
Experienced poor mental health "most of the time" or "always" during COVID-19 pandemic*	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	33.6			
Mental health became "a little worse" or "a lot worse"	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	48.3			
Use of electronic vapor products increased (a little/a lot)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	8.2			
Use of alcohol increased (a little/a lot)	-	_	_	_	_	-	_	14.0			
Use of marijuana increased (a little/a lot)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	9.3			
Use of precription medication without a doctor's prescription increased (a little/a lot)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2			
WORRY ABOUT COMMUNITY ISSUES (often/very often)											
Climate change	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	17.6			
COVID-19 (coronavirus) or other pandemics	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	21.3			
Substance use in your community	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	5.6			
Racial discrimination in you community	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	18.7			
Discrimination against LGBTQ people in your community	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	19.7			
Unemployment or job loss in your community	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	6.5			
Violence in your community	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	6.6			
EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION (lifetime)											
Treated badly/unfairly because of your race or ethnicity	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	23.5			
Treated badly/unfairly because of your religion or culture	-	_	_	_	_	-	_	19.1			
Treated badly/unfairly because of your gender or gender identity	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	22.1			
Treated badly/unfairly because of your sexual identity or sexual orientation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.6			
Treated badly/unfairly because of a disability you have or others think you have	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	12.3			
Treated badly/unfairly because of your height or weight, or how you look	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	43.1			

<sup>\*</sup> Poor mental health includes anxiety, stress, and depression

# Table 12-1A. Socio-demographics and Other Student Characteristics by Sex and Grade, 2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	e (%)	
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	(22,903)	(11,548)	(11,283)	(6,306)	(5,913)	(5,432)	(5,181)
SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS AND OTHER STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS							
Identify as transgender	3.3	4.6	1.8	3.9	3.3	3.0	2.7
Identify as nonbinary*	3.1	4.8	1.3	3.6	3.0	3.0	2.8
Identify as gay/lesbian, bisexual, not sure/questioning, or describe sexual identity in another way (not heterosexual)	22.5	34.0	10.6	22.4	22.3	22.7	22.8
Have any physical disabilities or physical long-term health problems †	9.5	10.7	8.1	7.8	8.7	10.6	11.2
Have any long-term learning disabilities <sup>†</sup>	11.6	11.4	11.8	9.6	11.0	12.6	13.8
Have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)	15.9	14.0	18.1	15.6	15.8	16.6	15.7
Ever been told by a doctor or health care professional that you have an attention disorder, such as Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD)	17.3	15.6	19.1	15.7	16.9	18.3	18.7
Language other than English spoken "most of the time" at home	18.2	18.3	18.0	21.6	18.4	16.7	15.1
Have not always lived in the United States	13.5	12.8	14.2	15.4	13.0	13.1	12.0

<sup>\*</sup> Non-binary also includes identifying as gender-queer, gender-fluid, or gender non-conforming

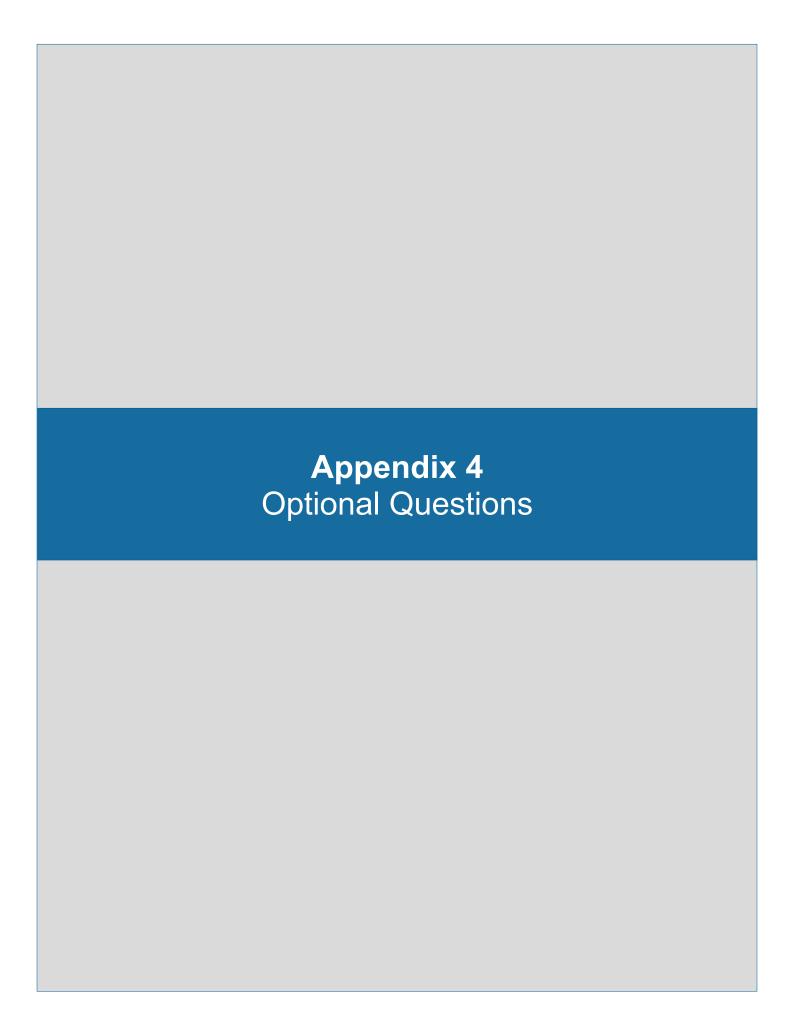
<sup>†</sup> Long-term means 6 months or more

### Table 12-1B. Socio-demographics and Other Student Characteristics, 2006-2021 MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)

			IV	letroWest	Region (	%)		
	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	(16,680)	(20,406)	(23,187)	(24,459)	(24,355)	(24,385)	(24,746)	(22,903)
SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS AND OTHER STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS								
Identify as transgender	-	-	-	-	_	1.5	1.4	3.3
Identify as nonbinary*	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	3.1
Identify as gay/lesbian, bisexual, not sure/questioning, or describe sexual identity in another way (not heterosexual)	6.1	6.3	7.4	8.3	10.3	13.0	13.9	22.5
Have any physical disabilities or physical long-term health problems <sup>†</sup>	-	-	-	10.2	11.2	11.2	10.5	9.5
Have any long-term learning disabilities <sup>†</sup>	_	_	_	8.6	9.8	10.4	11.2	11.6
Have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)	-	-	-	-	15.4	16.7	16.9	15.9
Ever been told by a doctor or health care professional that you have an attention disorder, such as Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	17.3
Language other than English spoken "most of the time" at home	-	_	_	_	_	_	-	18.2
Have not always lived in the United States	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	13.5

<sup>\*</sup> Non-binary also includes identifying as gender-queer, gender-fluid, or gender non-conforming

<sup>†</sup> Long-term means 6 months or more



#### High School Optional Questions by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey Total (%) Sex (%) Grade (%) 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Female Male (1.244)(652) (588) (314)(334)(325)(265)Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic: Did a parent or other adult in your home lose their job, even for a short amount of time? Yes 14.8 16.2 13.1 10.0 15.8 15.2 18.9 85.2 No 83.8 86.9 90.0 84.2 84.8 81.1 Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic: Did someone who lives with you test positive for COVID-19? Yes 17.3 16.0 18.8 14.4 21.4 14.0 19.4 82.7 84.0 81.2 85.6 78.6 86.0 80.6 No Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic: Was someone close to you (close friend or family member) hospitalized with COVID-19? Yes 18.4 21.1 15.1 19.9 18.9 18.9 15.3 No 81.6 78.9 84.9 80.1 81.1 81.1 84.7 How have the following things changed since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic: The level of effort you put into your school work Become a lot worse 15.0 15.0 14.8 9.4 14.3 18.6 17.4 Become a little worse 29.6 31.7 27.1 28.1 24.4 36.2 29.8 About the same 34.0 32.1 36.3 37.8 39.1 29.9 28.1 Become a little better 14.0 14.5 13.5 16.3 14.7 10.3 15.3 6.6 8.4 8.3 5.0 9.4 Become a lot better 7.4 7.5 How have the following things changed since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic: The quality of your relationships with teachers and other staff from your school 3.8 8.2 Become a lot worse 7.2 8.6 5.5 7.3 9.4 Become a little worse 27.4 27.7 26.9 21.9 27.8 30.9 29.4 48.0 49.1 54.5 48.4 About the same 47.1 48.5 38.7 Become a little better 11.2 11.2 11.3 12.5 8.0 14.5 10.8 5.5 7.2 7.3 Become a lot better 6.3 4.9 5.3 8.1 How have the following things changed since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic: The quality of your relationships with friends Become a lot worse 6.8 7.9 5.5 5.6 7.8 5.6 8.5 18.5 20.7 15.8 Become a little worse 17.7 17.3 16.6 23.4 About the same 37.5 35.3 40.4 38.2 36.6 40.5 34.5 21.2 Become a little better 22.0 21.4 22.8 23.9 21.9 20.9

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Become a lot better

## High School Optional Questions by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

2	2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey											
	Total (%)	Sex	(%)			e (%)						
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11</b> <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>					
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)					
How have the following things changed since the beginning	of the COVID-19 pandemic: The quality of yo	our relations	hips with y	our family me	embers							
Become a lot worse	5.9	6.8	4.9	5.6	5.9	6.3	6.0					
Become a little worse	12.0	13.2	10.5	11.8	13.0	9.6	14.0					
About the same	43.3	40.9	46.2	41.0	43.0	45.8	43.4					
Become a little better	25.7	25.7	25.7	24.0	26.4	27.2	25.1					
Become a lot better	13.1	13.4	12.7	17.7	11.7	11.0	11.5					
During the past 30 days, have you used electric vapor produc	cts on school property in any of the following	g places: In t	he classroc	om								
Yes	1.2	0.7	2.0	0.7	1.3	0.7	2.6					
No	98.8	99.3	98.0	99.3	98.7	99.3	97.4					
How important are each of the following things to you in making a decision whether or not to drink alcohol: Your parents do not approve of you drinking alcohol												
Not at all important	18.0	17.0	19.1	10.9	13.1	20.1	30.2					
A little important	20.5	21.8	19.1	12.0	18.2	24.3	29.3					
Somewhat important	22.5	24.5	20.0	18.6	25.8	24.0	20.9					
Very important	38.9	36.7	41.8	58.4	43.0	31.6	19.6					
How important are each of the following things to you in ma	king a decision whether or not to drink alco	hol: Your fri	ends/peers	do not appro	ove of you	drinking a	lcohol					
Not at all important	30.2	28.2	32.8	16.7	24.1	36.8	46.2					
A little important	21.6	23.6	19.1	18.5	19.6	21.5	28.4					
Somewhat important	20.4	20.0	20.8	19.6	24.7	21.9	13.8					
Very important	27.7	28.2	27.3	45.1	31.6	19.8	11.6					
How important are each of the following things to you in ma	king a decision whether or not to drink alco	hol: Your sp	orts coach	would not ap	prove of y	ou						
drinking alcohol												
Not at all important	38.6	38.2	39.1	25.9	33.9	41.1	57.1					
A little important	14.4	15.1	13.7	13.5	12.5	15.8	16.5					
Somewhat important	15.9	14.6	17.4	12.4	20.4	17.2	12.5					
Very important	31.1	32.2	29.9	48.2	33.2	26.0	13.8					

#### High School Optional Questions by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12)

2021	MetroWest Adolescent Health S	urvey									
	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	e (%)					
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>				
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)				
How important are each of the following things to you in making	a decision whether or not to drink alco	hol: You dor	n't want to l	harm yoursel	f by drinki	ng					
Not at all important	15.2	14.1	16.5	9.4	14.5	15.9	21.9				
A little important	13.0	14.6	11.0	8.0	10.3	14.9	20.1				
Somewhat important	17.7	17.7	17.9	12.7	16.9	22.5	19.2				
Very important	54.1	53.7	54.6	69.9	58.3	46.7	38.8				
How important are each of the following things to you in making a decision whether or not to drink alcohol: You are worried about getting caught by your parents											
Not at all important	20.5	18.2	23.1	13.5	15.2	21.3	34.8				
A little important	17.5	18.2	16.8	7.7	19.3	20.9	23.2				
Somewhat important	23.2	24.7	21.3	22.3	24.5	26.1	18.8				
Very important	38.8	38.8	38.9	56.6	41.0	31.7	23.2				
How important are each of the following things to you in making	a decision whether or not to drink alco	hol: You are	worried ab	out getting c	aught by	your sport	s coach				
Not at all important	38.6	38.2	39.1	25.9	33.9	41.1	57.1				
A little important	14.4	15.1	13.7	13.5	12.5	15.8	16.5				
Somewhat important	15.9	14.6	17.4	12.4	20.4	17.2	12.5				
Very important	31.1	32.2	29.9	48.2	33.2	26.0	13.8				
How important are each of the following things to you in making	a decision whether or not to drink alco	hol: You are	worried ab	out getting c	aught by	someone					
at your school (teacher, school administrator, etc.)											
Not at all important	31.8	29.3	34.5	19.7	24.5	36.7	49.1				
A little important	17.2	17.7	16.6	12.0	21.4	17.5	17.9				
Somewhat important	17.3	18.5	15.8	16.8	16.9	19.9	15.2				
Very important	33.8	34.5	33.1	51.5	37.2	25.9	17.9				
During the past 30 days, how often did you worry or feel stressed	about: Getting good grades?										
Never or hardly ever	2.8	1.0	5.0	1.4	3.0	3.1	3.9				
Rarely	3.8	1.5	6.6	4.2	5.7	3.1	1.7				
Sometimes	14.0	9.7	19.0	17.6	11.7	14.7	11.7				
Often	29.6	26.2	34.0	34.9	29.7	25.3	29.0				
Very often	49.8	61.7	35.4	41.9	50.0	53.8	53.7				

#### High School Optional Questions by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey Total (%) Sex (%) Grade (%) 9<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Female Male (1,244)(652)(588)(314)(334)(325)(265) During the past 30 days, how often did you worry or feel stressed about: Being able to finish all of your work and study enough for tests? Never or hardly ever 1.0 6.2 3.3 2.5 3.7 3.8 3.5 5.9 9.4 Rarely 3.0 7.1 6.7 5.8 3.5 Sometimes 16.4 10.1 23.9 19.1 13.7 18.9 13.4 Often 28.5 27.2 30.1 33.7 28.8 24.4 27.3 45.9 58.7 30.3 Very often 37.6 47.2 47.1 52.4 During the past 30 days, how often did you worry or feel stressed about: Making plans for college or what you will do after high school? Never or hardly ever 9.1 5.6 13.4 15.8 12.3 3.8 3.5 Rarely 11.6 8.7 15.2 18.3 14.3 8.9 3.5 Sometimes 19.4 15.2 24.6 19.3 10.8 24.4 21.2 Often 20.6 21.3 20.0 16.9 23.3 20.5 22.1 Very often 39.3 49.3 27.1 24.3 30.7 45.5 60.2 During the past 30 days, how often did you worry or feel stressed about: Pressure from your parent(s)/guardian(s) to do well in school? Never or hardly ever 10.9 8.4 14.0 12.3 11.0 8.2 12.6 Rarely 16.6 16.8 16.4 18.3 17.1 17.8 12.6 Sometimes 25.5 26.1 27.0 24.6 26.6 25.8 23.6 Often 21.2 20.1 22.4 18.0 25.1 18.5 23.9

Very often	25.8	30.0	20.6	25.4	21.1	31.8	23.9						
During the past 30 days, how often did you worry or feel stressed about: Pr	During the past 30 days, how often did you worry or feel stressed about: Pressure from your teachers or other school staff to do well in school?												
Never or hardly ever	15.8	10.2	22.6	18.0	16.0	13.7	15.6						
Rarely	22.7	22.1	23.6	21.1	24.3	22.3	23.4						
Sometimes	28.9	28.7	29.3	26.8	30.0	30.8	28.1						
Often	16.1	18.3	13.4	20.4	17.3	12.0	14.3						
Very often	16.4	20.8	11.2	13.7	12.3	21.2	18.6						

# High School Optional Questions by Sex and Grade, 2021 Wellesley High School (Grades 9-12) 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey Total (%) Sex (%)

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	Total (%)	Sex	(%)		Grad	le (%)						
		Female	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>					
	(1,244)	(652)	(588)	(314)	(334)	(325)	(265)					
During the past 30 days, how often did you worry or feel stressed about: Pressure or competition from other students to do well in school?												
Never or hardly ever	13.8	8.8	19.6	17.0	16.1	10.3	11.3					
Rarely	16.6	13.6	20.2	19.9	17.8	15.8	12.1					
Sometimes	22.3	19.6	25.6	23.0	19.8	23.4	22.9					
Often	21.0	23.9	17.6	17.7	23.8	19.2	23.8					
Very often	26.4	34.2	17.0	22.3	22.5	31.3	29.9					
During the past 30 days, how often did you worry or feel stressed (	about: Being involved in afterschool/ex	xtracurriculo	ar activitie:	s, like sports a	nd clubs?							
Never or hardly ever	13.1	8.6	18.5	13.5	15.1	12.0	11.7					
Rarely	17.8	14.5	21.9	21.0	19.1	13.0	18.2					
Sometimes	23.9	21.8	26.5	24.6	22.1	26.4	22.5					
Often	21.1	24.3	17.3	20.6	19.7	20.9	23.8					
Very often	24.1	30.9	15.9	20.3	24.1	27.7	23.8					

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