

Executive Summary
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Elyria, OH



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1 Introduction

We at PRIDE Surveys have reviewed the new education legislation, No Child Left Behind (NCLB), and attended meetings in Washington, D.C., with USDOE for briefings on the legislation. This summary and the complete report on your CD-ROM are intended to assist you in meeting the requirements of NCLB.

Under the NCLB, schools are required to establish a Uniform Management and Information Reporting System. The collected data, from *anonymous student surveys*, shall include:

"...the incidence and prevalence, age of onset, perception of social disapproval of drug use and violence by youth in schools and communities".

The graphs and tables in this summary are compiled from data collected in your school(s) using the **Communities That Care Youth Survey**. These graphs and tables cover the areas typically of most interest for school systems. The areas covered are demographics, prevalence of 30-day use, perception of risk, students' perception of parental disapproval of use, age of first use, and risk and protective factors. The drugs covered in this summary are *cigarette* use, *alcohol* use, and *marijuana* use during the past year. Marijuana is typically used as a measure of illicit drug use as it is by far the most commonly used of the illicit drugs.

This summary and the accompanying CD-ROM (full report) will assist you in meeting the requirements of NCLB and requirements from agencies that have similar requirements in assessment and evaluation.

NOTE: THIS IS ONLY A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR RESULTS. YOUR FULL AND COMPLETE REPORT CAN BE FOUND ON YOUR CD-ROM.

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2 Demographics

Total number of students surveyed: **10,883**

Grade Levels

- Number of 6th grade students surveyed: **2,960 (27.2%)**
- Number of 8th grade students surveyed: **3,070 (28.2%)**
- Number of 10th grade students surveyed: **2,918 (26.8%)**
- Number of 12th grade students surveyed: **1,935 (17.8%)**

Sex

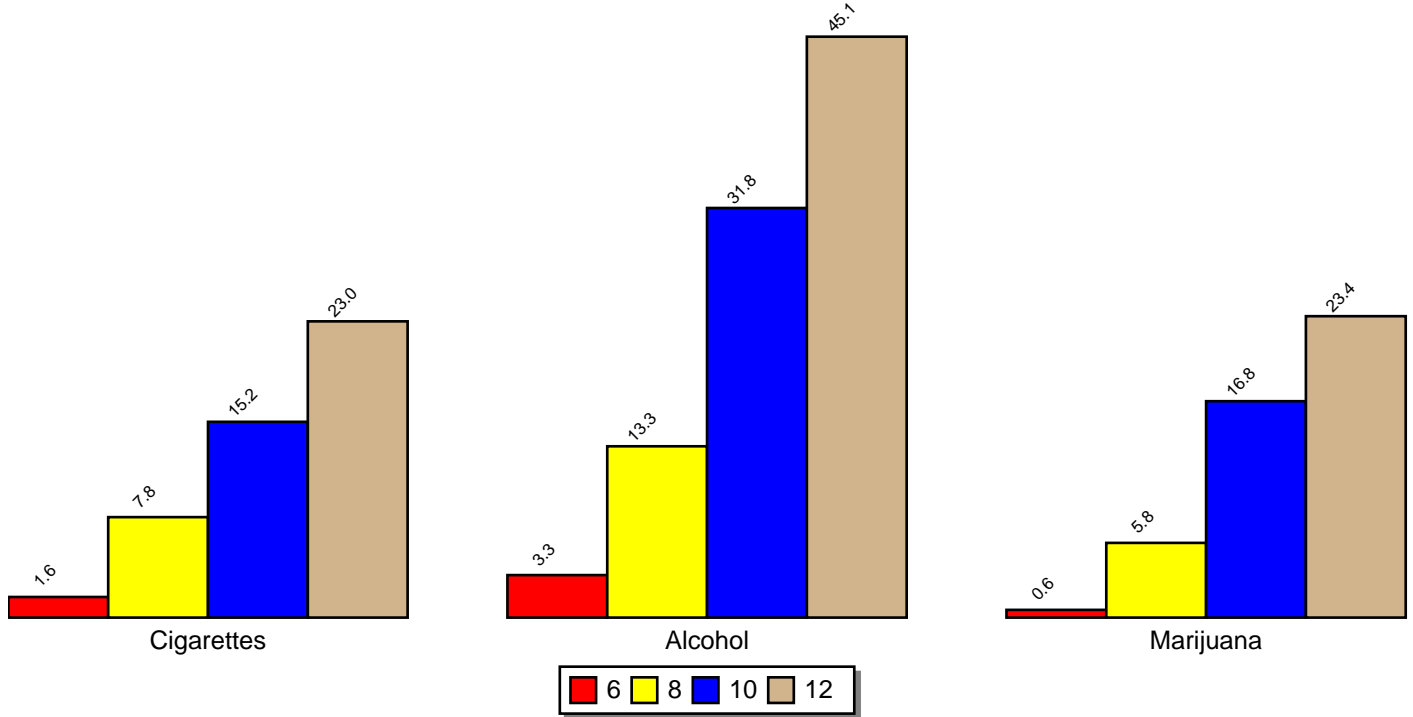
- Number of Female students surveyed: **5,480 (50.7%)**
- Number of Male students surveyed: **5,330 (49.3%)**

Race

- Number of White students surveyed: **7,476 (75.3%)**
- Number of African American students surveyed: **902 (9.1%)**
- Number of Native American students surveyed: **137 (1.4%)**
- Number of Hispanic/Latino students surveyed: **826 (8.3%)**
- Number of Asian/Pacific Islander students surveyed: **111 (1.1%)**
- Number of Other students surveyed: **476 (4.8%)**

3 30-Day Drug Use

% Students Who Have Used Cigarettes, Alcohol & Marijuana in the Past 30 Days



Source: Pride Surveys

NOTE: For tables, *N of Valid* is the number of students who answered the question and *N of Missing* is the number of students who did not answer the question.

Table 1: Use of Any **Cigarettes** in the Past 30 Days

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	1-9 Times	10-19 Times	20-39	40 or More	TOTAL
6th	2886	74	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.6
8th	3030	40	6.9	0.5	0.2	0.2	7.8
10th	2886	32	13.0	1.5	0.4	0.3	15.2
12th	1918	17	19.1	3.1	0.5	0.3	23.0
6-8	5916	114	4.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	4.8
9-12	4804	49	15.4	2.1	0.4	0.3	18.3
Total	10720	163	9.3	1.1	0.3	0.2	10.8

Table 2: Use of Any **Alcohol** in the Past 30 Days

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	1-9 Times	10-19 Times	20-39	40 or More	TOTAL
6th	2877	83	3.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.3
8th	3024	46	12.0	0.6	0.3	0.4	13.3
10th	2880	38	28.6	1.7	0.7	0.8	31.8
12th	1915	20	38.6	3.7	1.1	1.6	45.1
6-8	5901	129	7.7	0.4	0.1	0.3	8.4
9-12	4795	58	32.6	2.5	0.9	1.1	37.1
Total	10696	187	18.8	1.3	0.5	0.6	21.3

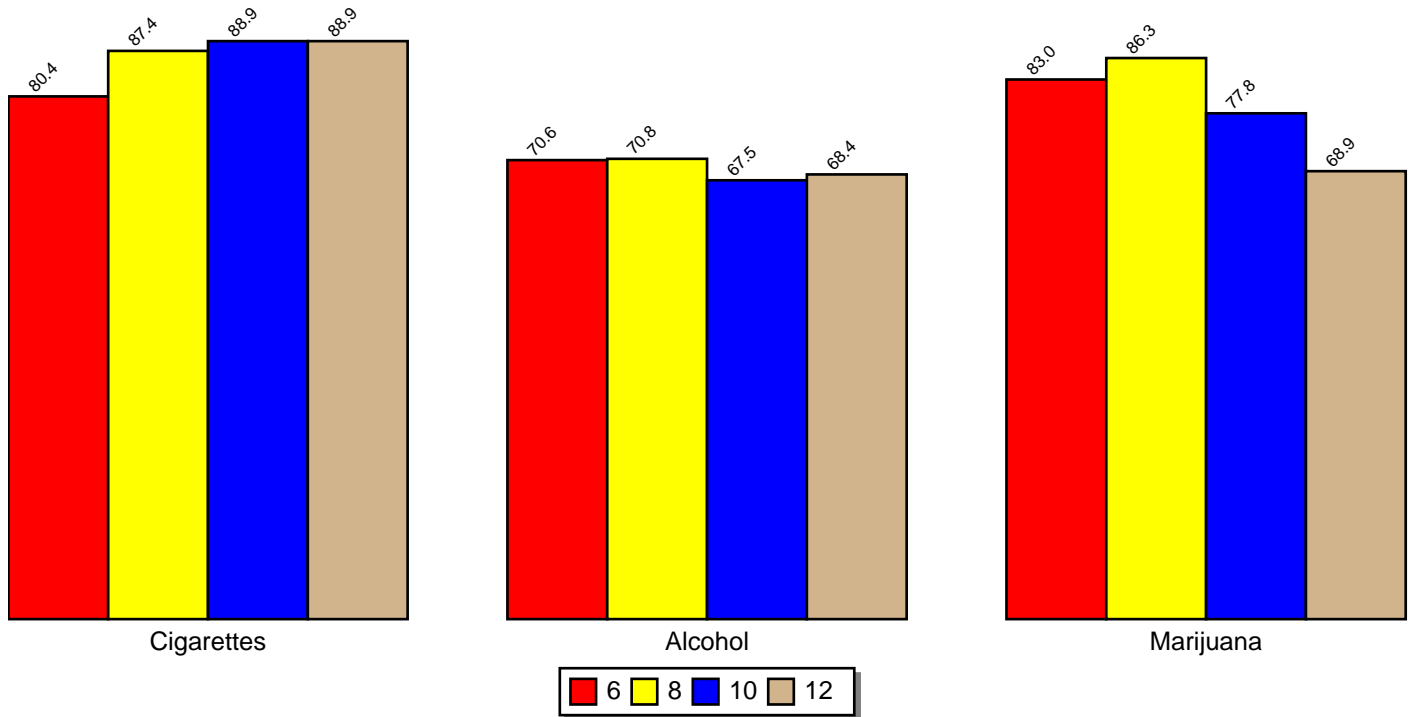
Table 3: Use of Any **Marijuana** in the Past 30 Days

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	1-9 Times	10-19 Times	20-39	40 or More	TOTAL
6th	2871	89	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.6
8th	3015	55	4.2	0.6	0.4	0.6	5.8
10th	2875	43	10.9	1.6	1.5	2.9	16.8
12th	1915	20	13.4	2.7	2.6	4.8	23.4
6-8	5886	144	2.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	3.2
9-12	4790	63	11.9	2.0	1.9	3.6	19.5
Total	10676	207	6.7	1.1	1.0	1.8	10.5

4 Students' Perception of Risk

Past analysis of national statistics indicates that as students' perception of risk increases, use of substances decreases. It is also typical for the perception of risk as (*Moderate Risk* or *Great Risk*) to decrease as a child gets older. Your students' responses are detailed in the following tables.

Perception of Risk of Using Cigarettes, Alcohol & Marijuana As Moderate Risk or Great Risk



Source: Pride Surveys

Table 4: Perception of Risk of **Cigarettes** of Using

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Moderate or Great Risk
6th	2511	449	80.4
8th	2788	282	87.4
10th	2682	236	88.9
12th	1832	103	88.9
6-8	5299	731	84.1
9-12	4514	339	88.9
Total	9813	1070	86.3

Table 5: Perception of Risk of **Alcohol** of Using

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Moderate or Great Risk
6th	2474	486	70.6
8th	2774	296	70.8
10th	2673	245	67.5
12th	1832	103	68.4
6-8	5248	782	70.7
9-12	4505	348	67.9
Total	9753	1130	69.4

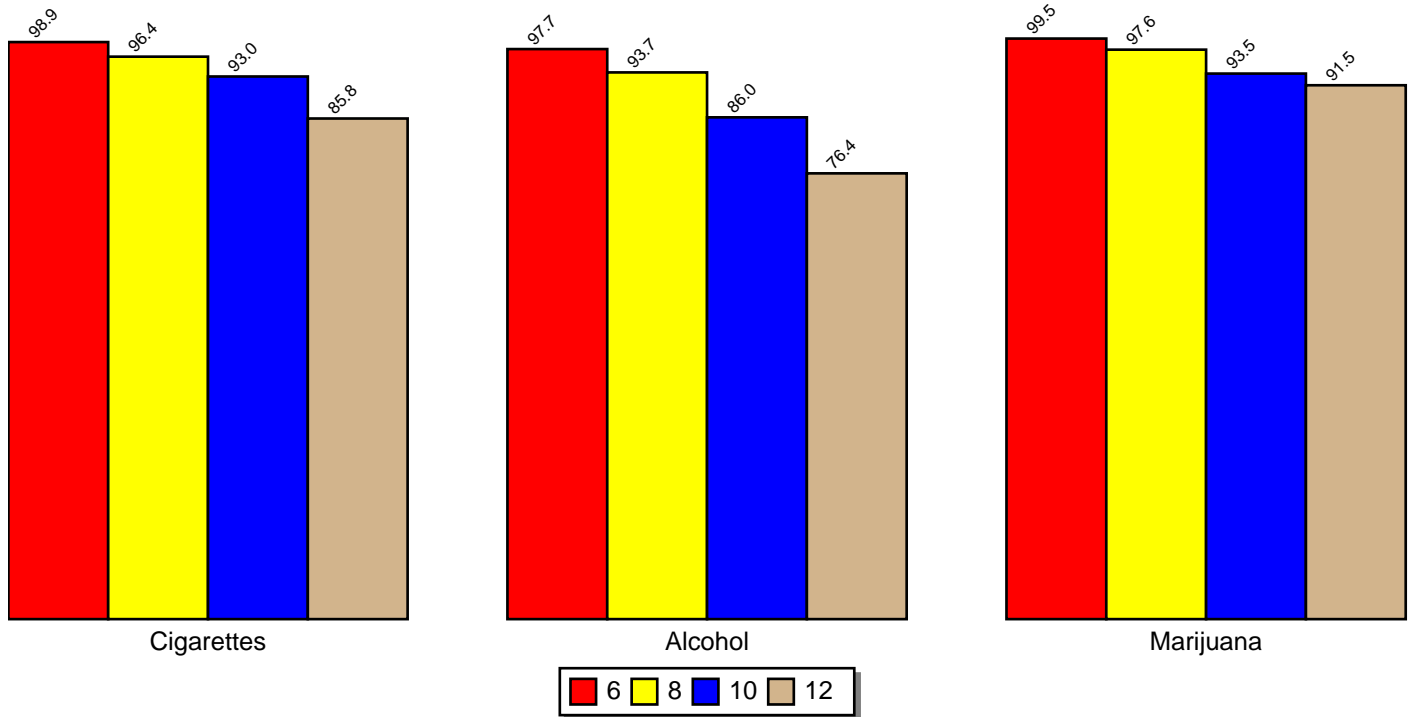
Table 6: Perception of Risk of **Marijuana** of Using

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Moderate or Great Risk
6th	2453	507	83.0
8th	2760	310	86.3
10th	2662	256	77.8
12th	1822	113	68.9
6-8	5213	817	84.7
9-12	4484	369	74.2
Total	9697	1186	79.8

5 Perception of Parental Disapproval

Past analysis of national statistics indicates that students tend to perceive parents as *Disapproving* or *Strongly Disapproving* of students use of tobacco, alcohol and marijuana for all grade levels. Your students' responses are detailed in the following tables.

Perception That Parents Would Feel It To Be Wrong or Very Wrong To Use Cigarettes, Alcohol & Marijuana



Source: Pride Surveys

Table 7: Perception of Parents' Disapproval of Using **Cigarettes**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
6th	2276	684	98.9
8th	2598	472	96.4
10th	2471	447	93.0
12th	1727	208	85.8
6-8	4874	1156	97.6
9-12	4198	655	90.0
Total	9072	1811	94.1

Table 8: Perception of Parents' Disapproval of Using **Alcohol**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
6th	2282	678	97.7
8th	2607	463	93.7
10th	2479	439	86.0
12th	1735	200	76.4
6-8	4889	1141	95.6
9-12	4214	639	82.0
Total	9103	1780	89.3

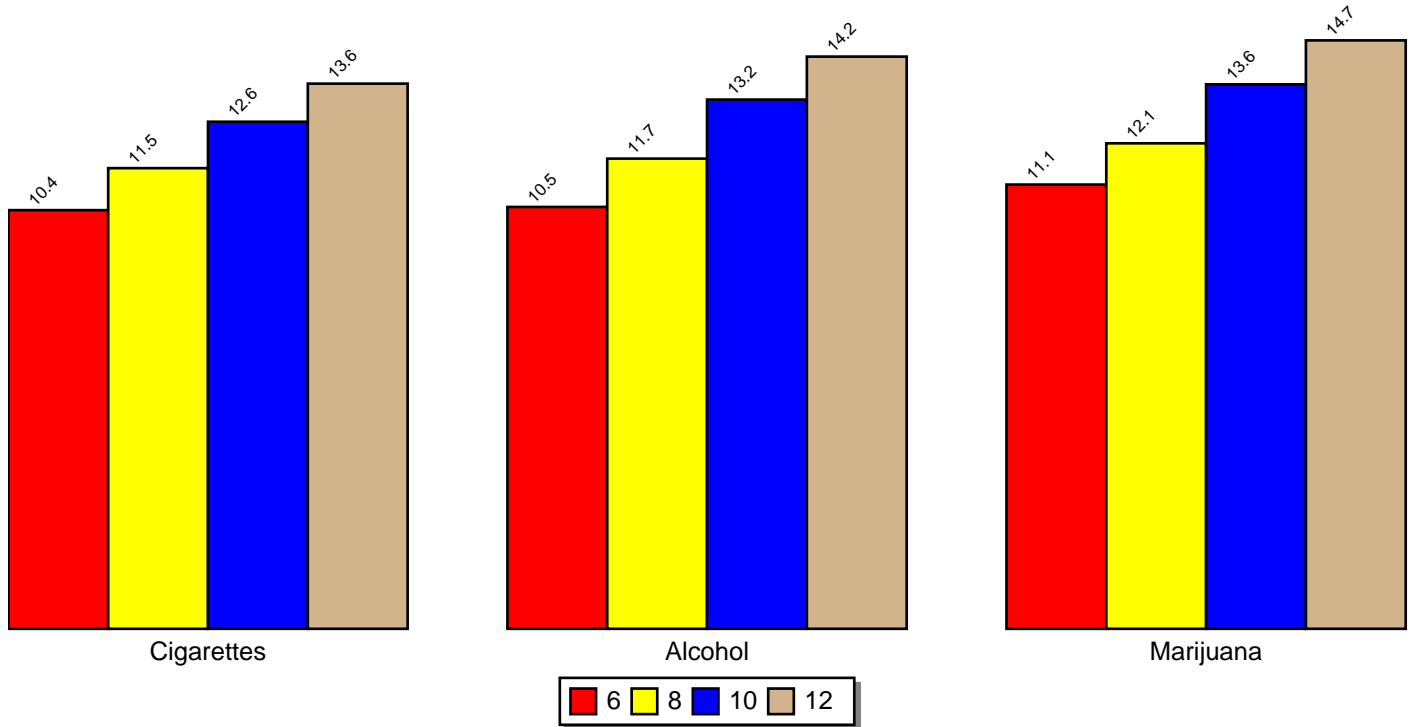
Table 9: Perception of Parents' Disapproval of Using **Marijuana**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
6th	2237	723	99.5
8th	2575	495	97.6
10th	2450	468	93.5
12th	1722	213	91.5
6-8	4812	1218	98.5
9-12	4172	681	92.7
Total	8984	1899	95.8

6 Age of First Use

The question *How old were you when you first...* is used to measure this statistic. The possible responses to this question range from *10 or Under* to *17 or Older*. The table shows the average age of use for this question of those students who answered the question with a response other than *Never Have*.

Average Age of First Use of Cigarettes, Alcohol and Marijuana



Source: Pride Surveys

Table 10: How old were you when you first used **tobacco**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Avg Age
6th	235	2725	10.426
8th	717	2353	11.471
10th	1092	1826	12.627
12th	934	1001	13.576
6-8	952	5078	11.213
9-12	2026	2827	13.065
Total	2978	7905	12.473

Table 11: How old were you when you first used **alcohol**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Avg Age
6th	408	2552	10.505
8th	1036	2034	11.708
10th	1715	1203	13.179
12th	1409	526	14.249
6-8	1444	4586	11.368
9-12	3124	1729	13.662
Total	4568	6315	12.937

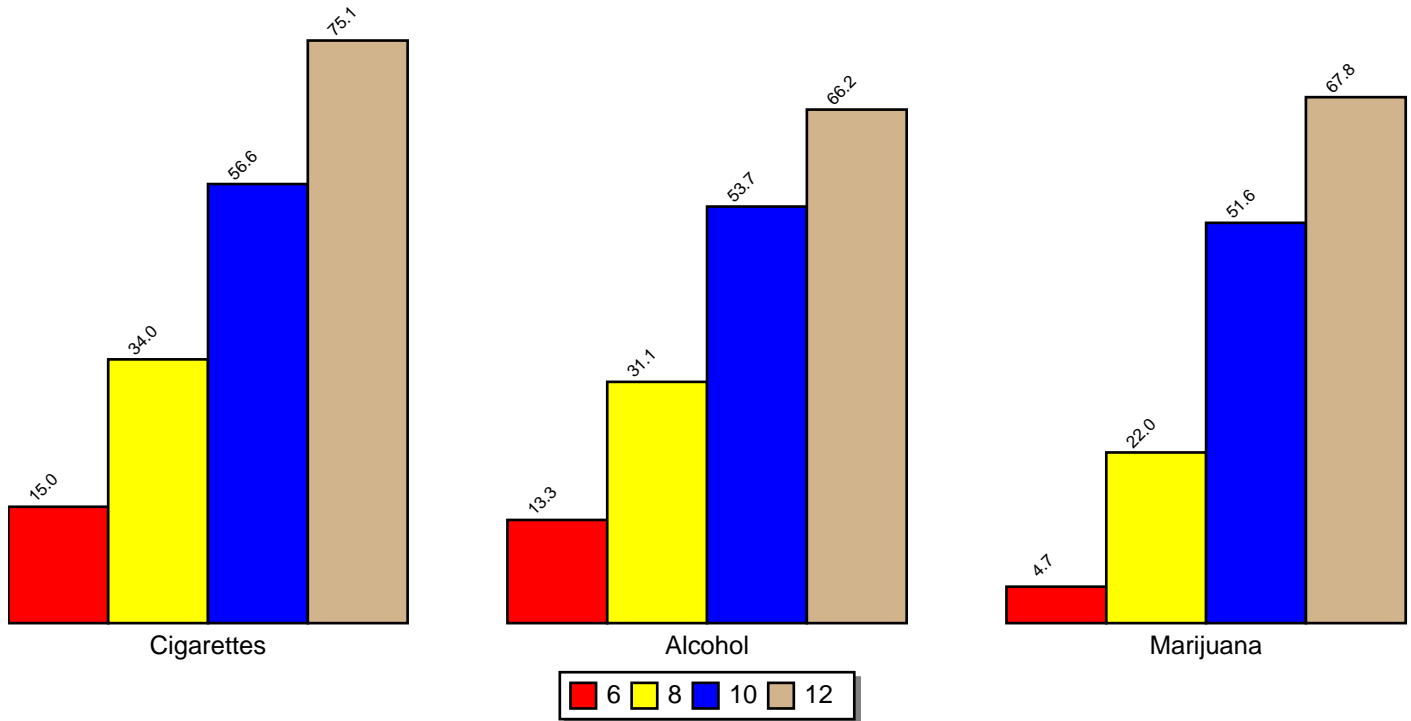
Table 12: How old were you when you first used **marijuana**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Avg Age
6th	32	2928	11.062
8th	322	2748	12.090
10th	830	2088	13.559
12th	891	1044	14.653
6-8	354	5676	11.997
9-12	1721	3132	14.126
Total	2075	8808	13.762

7 Students' Perception of Availability

Past analysis of national statistics indicates that as students get older a larger percentage of them tend to perceive tobacco, alcohol and marijuana as *Sort of Easy* or *Very Easy* to get. Your students' responses are detailed in the following tables.

Perception That Cigarettes, Alcohol and Marijuana Is Sort of Easy or Very Easy To Get



Source: Pride Surveys

Table 13: Perceived Availability of **Cigarettes**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Get
6th	2326	634	15.0
8th	2700	370	34.0
10th	2627	291	56.6
12th	1792	143	75.1
6-8	5026	1004	25.2
9-12	4419	434	64.1
Total	9445	1438	43.4

Table 14: Perceived Availability of **Alcohol**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Get
6th	2348	612	13.3
8th	2716	354	31.1
10th	2643	275	53.7
12th	1798	137	66.2
6-8	5064	966	22.9
9-12	4441	412	58.8
Total	9505	1378	39.7

Table 15: Perceived Availability of **Marijuana**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Get
6th	2309	651	4.7
8th	2692	378	22.0
10th	2626	292	51.6
12th	1795	140	67.8
6-8	5001	1029	14.0
9-12	4421	432	58.2
Total	9422	1461	34.7

8 The PRIDE Surveys

Since 1982, the PRIDE Surveys Questionnaire has been used by schools in 49 of the 50 states and several foreign countries to gather data on student tobacco, alcohol and illicit drug use and related behaviors. A decade ago we added questions on violence to explore the relationship between students who used various drugs and their violence. We now archive more than 8 million completed questionnaires, making the PRIDE Surveys database on student drug use and violence the largest in the world.

Other PRIDE Surveys that we hope you will consider for your assessment and evaluation needs are: Faculty and Staff, Parents, and Grade 4-6. Copies of the questionnaires are available on the PRIDE Surveys web site www.pridesurveys.com and can be downloaded or you can call 1-800-279-6361 and we will send you copies for review.

9 Why Schools Use PRIDE Surveys

The following are some of the reasons school systems use PRIDE Surveys:

Used by more than 8,000 school systems. For more than two decades, schools across the nation have used the PRIDE Survey to identify student levels of drug use, violence, and related behaviors.

Designated by Federal Law as a measure of illicit drug use by youth. This law can be reviewed in Congressional Record, October 19, 1998, Page H11228. (see www.pridesurveys.com)

40-50 minutes to administer. School time is an important consideration. The survey can be administered during a portion of only one class period.

Evaluates most prevention goals and objectives. Changes in student behavior can be measured over time, allowing an individual school, system, or state to measure most of their goals and objectives.

Helps write winning grants. Schools can match their data against the PRIDE Surveys national database to indicate need for grant monies, or to indicate success in their drug education programs.

Meets most of the needs of evaluation required by the U.S. Department of Education as expressed in NCLB legislation – Principles of Effectiveness. The requirement for information on: the incidence and prevalence, age of onset, perception of health risk, and perception of social disapproval of drug use and violence by youth in schools and communities. Drug use and these related behaviors are available through the use of the PRIDE Survey.

Also, the new legislation, under the Uniform Management Information and Reporting System (UMIRS) part (C) COMPILATION OF STATISTICS: states the collected data shall include incident reports by school officials, anonymous student surveys, and anonymous teacher surveys. The PRIDE Questionnaire for Faculty & Staff and Faculty and Staff Survey reports for the past year, can be reviewed on our web site.

Allows multi-year comparisons of your data. The data is archived for 10 or more years and through our computer software the data can be compared over multiple years of administrations. The multi-year analysis allows a school, system, or state to track the changes in data over extended periods of time by sex, race, age, grade, and many other variables.

Data belong to the customer. Local data will not be released without written permission from the customer (school official). PRIDE Surveys will use data to build a national sample of data for an annual release to the public. The individual school or state data is not identified in the release.

Report includes 120+ pages of tables, charts, and reports. With software developed by PRIDE Surveys, we create tables, charts and special reports on variables of special concern to schools and administrators. (Ex. One graph shows drug use to occur most often on the weekend when schools are not in session.)

Anonymous, voluntary, protects pupil confidentiality. By following the instruction sheet for administering the questionnaire, the students confidentiality will be protected.

Recognized by National News Media. On our website you will find print media from the PRIDE Survey and a press release following the Jonesboro, Arkansas shooting at a local Jr. High school.

Independent evaluators used for instrument and methodology evaluation. Independent evaluators were utilized to test for reliability and validity of the PRIDE Questionnaire. A copy of this evaluation can be obtained from www.pridesurveys.com under the validity hyperlink.

National database for White, African American, and Hispanic students. The only national database that is available on African American and Hispanic students. Comparison of behaviors between races may be compared to the PRIDE national database.

Lie detection system built into survey. When answers to questions are indicating that the student is not being honest the software will eliminate the questionnaire. Ex. If the student marks getting high when–, and then denies use of drugs, computer programs will eliminate the questionnaire from the data set.

Protection from negative or blaming reports of school administrators and teachers for student drug use. Often we hear, "*what are we going to do about the schools' drug problem*", this statement needs to be followed with PRIDE Survey data which indicates drug use is more likely to occur "*at home*" than "*at school*" and drug use occurs most often on "*weekends*" and "*at night*" when school is not in session. Teachers are more likely to teach students about the harmful effects of drugs/alcohol than are parents. All students do not use drugs. This information will be available to schools that choose PRIDE Surveys for data collection.

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