

Galvin Middle School

2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results



The 2023 Canton High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey was conducted on December 13, 2023. Procedures and results from 439 valid surveys are included in this report.

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Survey Design

The 2023 Galvin Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey was adapted from the 2023 Middle School National Youth Risk Behavior Survey and questions recommended by the CDC's Drug Free Communities Grant.

Questions and multiple choice answers are available verbatim within each frequency table in Appendices A, B, and C.

Survey Administration

The survey was administered on December 13, 2023 electronically using SurveyMonkey to Galvin Middle School students.

Data Cleaning

In total, there were 453 survey responses returned to the evaluator. The data underwent a three step validity process to remove surveys that showed a pattern of illogical and inconsistent answers.

1. Students were asked if they had been honest on the final question of the survey. If they reported that they had not been honest, their survey was removed.
2. Students who exclusively selected the highest option for risky behaviors were removed.
3. Students who had illogical or contradictory answers on three or more questions were removed.

The final sample included 439 valid surveys.

	Enrolled Students	Raw Surveys	Absent Students	Opted Out	Removed in Data Cleaning	Final Sample	Rate
7th	242	213	12	13	8	205	84.7%
8th	259	239	18	5	6	233	90.0%
Total	501	453	30	18	14	439	87.6%



Analysis

Each question was analyzed by creating frequency tables. The majority of questions were multiple choice in which respondents could select only one answer. The percentages for these questions represent the number of respondents that selected each answer out of all respondents that answered that question.

For the questions that offered for respondents to select all answers that apply, the frequencies are calculated by dividing the number of respondents that selected each answer by the total number of valid respondents. These frequency table columns will not add up to 100% as respondents could select no answer or more than one answer.

For question in which logic was offered, the columns will add up to substantially less than 100% as the number is calculated by dividing the number of respondents that selected an answer by all valid respondents. This happens when a student selects that they have never participated in a particular behavior (e.g. they have never used marijuana) and therefore are not asked follow up questions about marijuana use (e.g. “How many times in the last 30 days have you used marijuana”).

Additionally, cross-tabulations were conducted for each question by gender and grade. The frequencies in these tables are the percentage that selected each response of the total number of respondents in each gender or grade category.

Comparisons

Comparisons are made with the 2017, 2019, and 2021 Galvin Middle School School Youth Risk Behavior Surveys.

Legend

∧ Represents a statistically significant **change**



Demographics

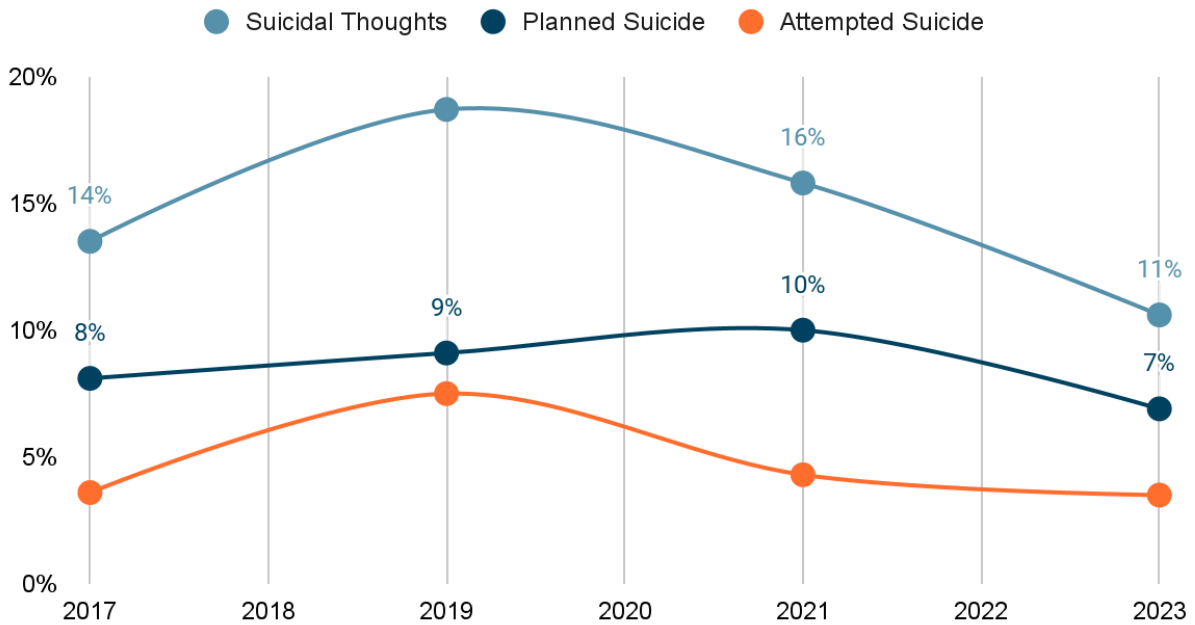
		Frequency	Rate
Grade	7th	205	46.8%
	8th	233	53.2%
Gender	Male	215	49.0
	Female	210	47.8%
	Non-Binary	4	0.9%
	Transgender	6	1.4%
	Prefer Not to Answer	5	1.1%
	Another Way	2	0.2%
Age	11 years or younger	3	0.7%
	12 years	132	30.1%
	13 years	229	52.2%
	14 years	72	16.4%
	15 years or older	3	0.7%
Race	American Indian or Alaska Native	9	2.1%
	Asian	60	13.7%
	Black or African American	76	17.3%
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	10	2.3%
	White	277	63.1%
	Prefer not to answer	37	8.4%
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	55	12.6%
	Not Hispanic or Latino	381	87.4%



Mental Health

	2017	2019	2021	2023
Suicidal Thoughts Have you ever seriously thought about killing yourself?	13.5%	18.7%	15.8%	10.6% ▲▼
Planned Suicide Have you ever made a plan about how you would kill yourself?	8.1%	9.1%	10.0%	6.9% ▲▼
Attempted Suicide Have you ever tried to kill yourself?	3.6%	7.5%	4.3%	3.5%

Mental Health



Violence and Safety

	2017	2019	2021	2023
Physical Fight During the past 12 months, were you in a physical fight?	19.7%	31.3%	26.6%	26.6%
Drunk Driving - Passenger During the past 30 days how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?	13.0%	12.9%	9.6%	10.8%
Riding in a Car - Seatbelts How often do you wear a seatbelt while riding in a car driven by someone else? (Answer: Always)	N/A	70.4%	74.2%	74.0%
Helmet - Bicycle When you ride a bicycle, how often do you wear a helmet? (Answer: Always)	N/A	19.4%	17.3%	25.9% <i>▲▼</i>
Helmet – Rollerblade/Skateboard When you rollerblade or ride a skateboard, how often do you wear a helmet? (Answer: Always)	N/A	7.5%	8.4%	9.8%

School Climate

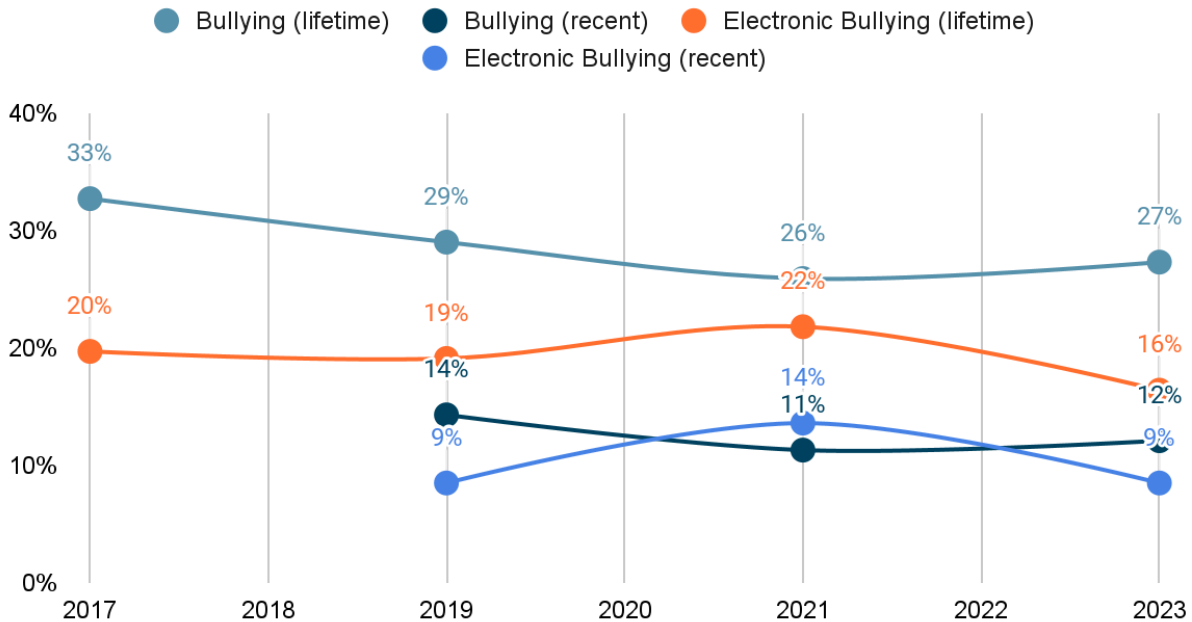
	2017	2019	2021	2023
Bullying Have you ever been bullied on school property?	32.7%	29%	25.9%	27.3%
Bullying (Recent) Have you been bullied on school property this year?	N/A	14.3%	11.3%	12.1%
Electronic Bullying Have you ever been electronically bullied? (Count being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media)	19.7%	19.1%	21.8%	16.4% <i>▲▼</i>
Electronic Bullying (Recent) Have you been electronically bullied this year? (Count being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media)	N/A	8.5%	13.6%	8.5% <i>▲▼</i>

When asked who students would tell if someone (including themselves) was being bullied at GMS, the top four responses in order were **a parent or other adult relative, a friend, a teacher, and a counselor.**

	Males	Females
I feel valued as a person at this school (agree or strongly agree)	58.6%	58.7%
Is there at least one teacher or adult in this school you can talk to if you have a problem? (yes)	74.0%	77.8%



School Climate: Bullying



Sexual Health and Safety

	2017	2019	2021	2023
Sexual Intercourse - Lifetime Have you ever had sexual intercourse?	5.9%	3.9%	0.9%	2.1% <i>AV</i>
Condom Use The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom? <i>(This number is calculated out of those that have reported that they have had sexual intercourse in their lifetime.)</i>	57.6%	66.7%	NA <i>(low sample size)</i>	75%

Nutrition and Physical Health

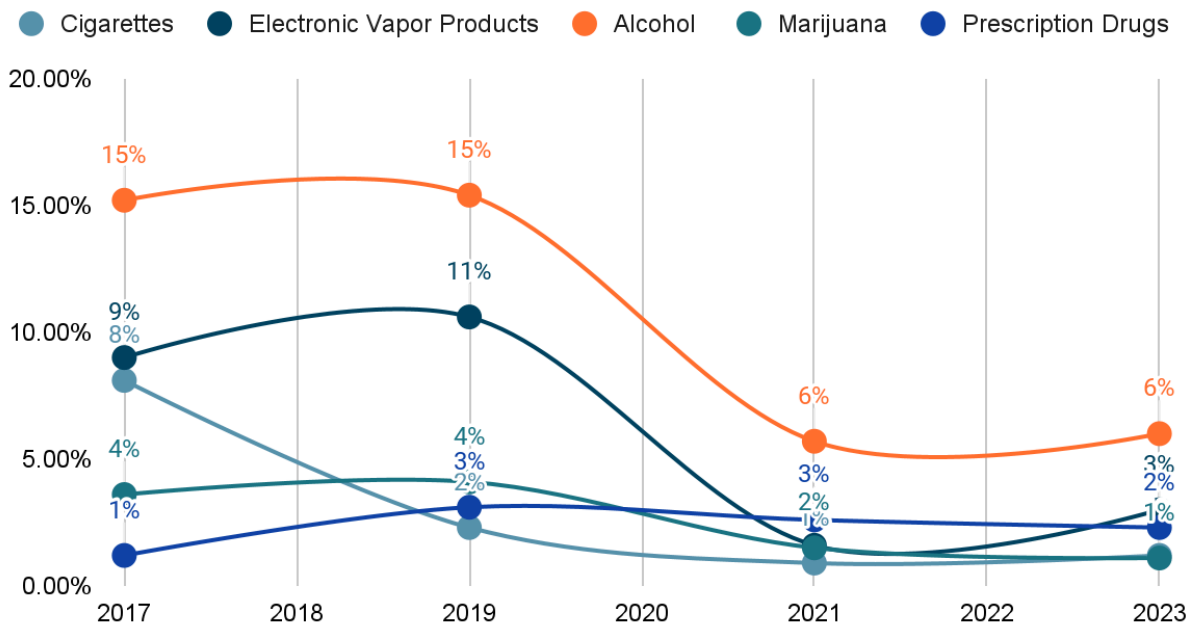
	0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days	6 Days	7 Days
Eat breakfast	9.2%	3.9%	11.3%	6.4%	6.9%	9.2%	13.1%	40.0%
Physically active 60+ minutes (last week)	4.4%	2.1%	7.7%	10.0%	12.1%	16.7%	12.8%	34.3%



Substance Use

		2017	2019	2021	2023
Cigarettes	Lifetime Use	8.1%	2.3%	0.9%	1.2%
	Past 30 Day Use	1.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%
Electronic Vapor Products	Lifetime Use	9.0%	10.6%	1.6%	3.0% ^v
	Past 30 Day Use	3.6%	6%	0.2%	1.1%
Alcohol	Lifetime Use	15.2%	15.4%	5.7%	6.0%
	Past 30 Day Use				1.8%
Marijuana	Lifetime Use	3.6%	4.1%	1.5%	1.1%
	Past 30 Day Use	N/A	N/A	0.2%	0.2%
Prescription Drugs	Lifetime Use	1.2%	3.1%	2.6%	2.3%

Substance Use (lifetime)



Other Substances - Lifetime Use

	2017	2019	2021	2023
Cocaine	0%	0.8%	0.2%	0.0%
Sniffing Glue, etc.	1.2%	3.6%	1.3%	0.7%

Daily Leisure Time Activities

		2017	2019	2021	2023
Sleep (School Night)	Average Hours of Sleep	7.6	7.3	7.2	7.2
	Percentage Getting 8 Hours or More	58.3%	49.7%	46.2%	48.4%
	Percentage Getting 5 Hours or Less	7.0%	12.4%	12.1%	12.0%
Screen Time	Average Hours of Screen Time	N/A	N/A	3.3	3.3
	Percentage Less than 1 Hour	N/A	N/A	2.6%	2.8%
	Percentage 3 Hours or More	N/A	N/A	70.2%	65.6%

