

Table 3.55

High school students reporting involvement in delinquent and risk-related behaviors, and drug, alcohol, and cigarette use

United States, selected years, 1991-2003

(Percent reporting engaging in or experiencing the behavior)

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003
Delinquent/risk-related behavior							
Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol ^a	39.9%	35.3%	38.8%	36.6%	33.1%	30.7%	30.2%
Drove after drinking alcohol ^a	16.7	13.5	15.4	16.9	13.1	13.3	12.1
Carried a weapon ^b	26.1	22.1	20.0	18.3	17.3	17.4	17.1
Carried a gun ^c	NA	7.9	7.6	5.9	4.9	5.7	6.1
In a physical fight ^d	42.5	41.8	38.7	36.6	35.7	33.2	33.0
Felt unsafe at school or on way to or from school ^c	NA	4.4	4.5	4.0	5.2	6.6	5.4
Carried a weapon on school property ^b	NA	11.8	9.8	8.5	6.9	6.4	6.1
Threatened or injured with a weapon on school property ^d	NA	7.3	8.4	7.4	7.7	8.9	9.2
Engaged in a physical fight on school property ^d	NA	16.2	15.5	14.8	14.2	12.5	12.8
Seriously considered suicide ^e	29.0	24.1	24.1	20.5	19.3	19.0	16.9
Made a suicide plan ^a	18.6	19.0	17.7	15.7	14.5	14.8	16.5
Attempted suicide ^d	7.3	8.6	8.7	7.7	8.3	8.8	8.5
Drug, alcohol, cigarette use							
Marijuana use, lifetime ^f	31.3	32.8	42.4	47.1	47.2	42.4	40.2
Marijuana use, current ^d	14.7	17.7	25.3	26.2	26.7	23.9	22.4
Cocaine use, lifetime ^g	5.9	4.9	7.0	8.2	9.5	9.4	8.7
Cocaine use, current ^a	1.7	1.9	3.1	3.3	4.0	4.2	4.1
Illegal steroid use, lifetime ⁱ	2.7	2.2	3.7	3.1	3.7	5.0	6.1
Inhalant use, lifetime ^h	NA	NA	20.3	16.0	14.6	14.7	12.1
Alcohol use, current ^c	50.8	48.0	51.6	50.8	50.0	47.1	44.9
Episodic heavy drinking ^j	31.3	30.0	32.6	33.4	31.5	29.9	28.3
Cigarette use, lifetime ^j	70.1	69.5	71.3	70.2	70.4	63.9	58.4
Cigarette use, current ^c	27.5	30.5	34.8	36.4	34.8	28.5	21.9
Cigarette use, frequent ^k	12.7	13.8	16.1	16.7	16.8	13.8	9.7
On school property							
Alcohol use ^c	NA	5.2	6.3	5.6	4.9	4.9	5.2
Marijuana use ^a	NA	5.6	8.8	7.0	7.2	5.4	5.8
Offered, sold, or given an illegal drug ^e	NA	24.0	32.1	31.7	30.2	28.5	28.7

Note: These data are from the national school-based survey conducted biennially as part of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS). The data were collected and analyzed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For survey methodology and sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aOne or more times during the 30 days preceding the survey.

^bCarried a weapon (e.g., a gun, knife, or club) on 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

^cOn 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

^dOne or more times during the 12 months preceding the survey.

^eDuring the 12 months preceding the survey.

^fEver used.

^gEver tried any form of cocaine (e.g., powder, crack, or freebase).

^hEver sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high.

ⁱDrank five or more drinks of alcohol in a row on 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

^jEver tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs.

^kSmoked cigarettes on 20 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Trend Fact Sheets: Prevalence Trends, 1991-2003* [Online]. Available: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/factsheets.htm> [Aug. 31, 2004]; Jo Anne Grunbaum et al., "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance--United States, 2001," CDC Surveillance Summaries, *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 51 No. SS-4 (Washington, DC: USGPO, June 28, 2002), pp. 25-27, 29, 31, 33, 38, 40, 42, 46; and Jo Anne Grunbaum et al., "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance--United States, 2003," CDC Surveillance Summaries, *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 53 No. SS-2 (Washington, DC: USGPO, May 21, 2004), pp. 33-69. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.