## Pennsylvania Youth Survey

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this survey. The survey asks your opinion about a number of things in your life, including your friends, your family, your neighborhood and your community. Your answers to these questions will be confidential and anonymous. This means your answers will stay secret. Your name will never be asked. Please do not write your name on this survey form.

This survey is completely voluntary. You may skip any question.

## Instructions

1. This is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers.
2. Each question should be answered by marking only one of the answer spaces. If you don't find an answer that fits exactly, use one that comes closest. If any question does not apply to you, or you are not sure of what it means, just leave it blank.
3. Your answers will be read by a computer. Please follow these instructions carefully.

- Use a \#2 pencil only.
- Make heavy marks inside the circles.
- Completely erase any answer you want to change.
- Make no other markings or comments on the answer pages.

4. Some of the questions have the following format:

Please fill in the circle for the word that best describes how you feel. NO! no yes YES!


Mark (the Big) NO! if you think the statement is definitely not true for you.
Mark (the little) no if you think the statement is mostly not true for you.
Mark (the little) yes if you think the statement is mostly true for you.
Mark (the Big) YES! if you think the statement is definitely true for you.

## THE SURVEY BEGINS WITH ITEM ONE, BELOW

1. How old are you?
○ 10
○ 11
○ 1
○ 13
○ 14
○ 15
○ 16
○ 17
○ 18
O 19 or older
2. What grade are you in?
O 6th
○ 7th
O 8th
O 9th
O 10th
11th
O 12th
3. Are you? O Female $\bigcirc$ Male
4. What do you consider yourself to be? (Choose all that apply)

O White
O Black or African American
O American Indian/Native American, Eskimo or Aleut
O Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
O Asian or Pacific Islander
O Other
5. What is the language you use most often at home?

O English
O Spanish
O Another language
6. Think of where you live most of the time. Which of the following people live there with you? (Choose all that apply)

| O Mother | O Stepmother | O Foster mother |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O Grandmother | O Aunt | O Father |
| O Stepfather | ○ Foster father | O Grandfather |
| O Uncle | O Other adults | O Brother(s) |
| O Stepbrother(s) | O Sister(s) | O Stepsister(s) |
| O Other children |  |  |


7. What are the chances you would be seen as cool if you:
a. Smoked cigarettes?

O No or very little chance
O Little chance
O Some chance
O Pretty good chance
O Very good chance
b. Began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly, that is, at least once or twice a month?
O No or very little chance
O Little chance
O Some chancePretty good chance
O Very good chance
c. Smoked marijuana?

O No or very little chance
O Little chanceSome chancePretty good chanceVery good chance
d. Carried a handgun?

O No or very little chance
O Little chanceSome chancePretty good chanceVery good chance
8. How interesting are most of your courses to you?

O Very dullSlightly dullFairly interestingQuite interestingVery interesting and stimulating
9. How important do you think the things you are learning in school are going to be for your later life?

O Not at all importantSlightly importantFairly important
O Quite importantVery important
10. During the LAST FOUR WEEKS, how many whole days have you missed because you skipped or "cut"?

O None
O 1
○ 2
○ 3

- 4-5

○ 6-10
O 11 or more
11. How often do you feel that the schoolwork you are assigned is meaningful and important?

O Never
O SeldomSometimesOftenAlmost always
12. Putting them all together, what were your grades like last year?

O Mostly F's
O Mostly D's
O Mostly C's
O Mostly B's
O Mostly A's
13. Are your school grades better than the grades of most students in your class?

O NO!
O no
O yes
○ YES!
14. Which of the following activities for people your age are available in your community? (Choose all that apply.)

O Sports teams
O ScoutingBoys and girls clubs
O 4-H clubs
O Service clubs


29. How old were you when you first:
a. Smoked marijuana?

O Never have
O 10 or younger
○ 11
○ 12
$\bigcirc 13$
○ 14
$\bigcirc 15$
$\bigcirc 16$
O 17 or older
b. Smoked a cigarette, even just a puff?

O Never have
O 10 or younger
$\bigcirc 11$
○ 12
$\bigcirc 13$
$\bigcirc 14$
$\bigcirc 15$
○ 16
O 17 or older
c. Had more than a sip or two of beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin)?
O Never have
O 10 or younger
○ 11
$\bigcirc 12$
$\bigcirc 13$
○ 14
$\bigcirc 15$
○ 16
O 17 or older
d. Began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly, that is, at least once or twice a month?
O Never have
O 10 or younger
○ 11
○ 12
$\bigcirc 13$
○ 14
$\bigcirc 15$
○ 16
O 17 or older
30. How frequently have you smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days?

O Not at all
O Less than one cigarette per day
O One to five cigarettes per day
O About one-half pack per day
O About one pack per day
O About one and one-half packs per day
O Two packs or more per day
31. On how many occasions (if any) have you had beer, wine, or hard liquor during the past 30 days?

O occasions1-2 occasions

- 3-5 occasions

O 6-9 occasions
O 10-19 occasions
O 20-39 occasions
O 40 or more occasions
32. On how many occasions (if any) have you used marijuana during the past 30 days?

O occasions
O 1-2 occasions

- 3-5 occasions

O 6-9 occasions
O 10-19 occasions
O 20-39 occasions
O 40 or more occasions
33. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they:
a. Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day?
O No risk
O Slight risk
O Moderate risk
O Great risk
b. Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?

O No riskSlight riskModerate risk
O Great risk
c. Try marijuana once or twice?

O No risk
O Slight risk
O Moderate risk
O Great risk
d. Smoke marijuana regularly?

O No risk
O Slight risk
O Moderate risk
O Great risk

34. How much do each of the following statements describe your neighborhood?
a. If a kid smoked marijuana in your neighborhood, would he or she be caught by the police?
b. Crime and/or drug selling
c. Fights
d. Lots of empty or abandoned buildings
e. Lots of graffiti
NO! no yes YES!
f. I feel safe in my neighborhood.
 gin) in your neighborhood, would he or she be caught by the police?
35. Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year ( 12 months), how many of your best friends have:
a. Smoked cigarettes?
b. Used marijuana?
c. Used LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or other illegal drugs?
d. Been suspended from school?
e. Carried a handgun?
f. Sold illegal drugs?
g. Been arrested?
h. Dropped out of school?
i. Been a member of a gang?
j. Stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle such as a car or motorcycle?
k. Tried beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) when their parents didn't know about it?
36. How wrong would most adults (over 21) in your neighborhood think it was for kids your age:
a. To use marijuana?
b. To drink alcohol?
c. To smoke cigarettes?

Very hard
37. If you wanted to get some marijuana, how easy would it be for you to get some?
38. If you wanted to get a handgun, how easy would it be for you to get one?
39. If you wanted to get some beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey,or gin), how easy would it be for you to get some?
40. If you wanted to get some cigarettes, how easy would it be for you to get some?
41. If you wanted to get a drug like cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines, how easy would it be for you to get some?
42. I like to see how much I can get away with.
43. I ignore rules that get in my way.
44. I do the opposite of what people tell me, just to get them mad.
45. How many times have you done the following things?
a. Done what feels good no matter what.

O
Never
O l've done it, but not in the past year
O Less than once a month
O About once a month
O 2 or 3 times a month
O Once a week or more
b. Done something dangerous because someone dared you to do it.
O Never
O l've done it, but not in the past year
O Less than once a month
O About once a month
O 2 or 3 times a month
O Once a week or more
c. Done crazy things even if they are a little dangerous.

O Never
O l've done it, but not in the past year
O Less than once a month
O About once a month
O 2 or 3 times a month
O Once a week or more
46. Have you ever belonged to a gang?

O Yes
O No
47. If you have ever belonged to a gang, did that gang have a name?

O Yes
O No
O I have never belonged to a gang.
48. How old were you when you first belonged to a gang?

O Never have
O 10 or younger
○ 11
○ 12
$\bigcirc 13$
○ 14
$\bigcirc 15$
○ 16
O 17 or older
49. This year at school, how often have other students:
a. Told lies or spread false rumors about you?

O Not at all
O Only once or twice2 or 3 times a monthAbout once a weekSeveral times a week
b. Taken money or other things from you or damaged your things?Not at allOnly once or twice2 or 3 times a monthAbout once a weekSeveral times a week
c. Threatened or forced you to do things you did not want to do?Not at allOnly once or twice2 or 3 times a monthAbout once a weekSeveral times a week
d. Used the Internet or a cell phone to threaten or embarrass you by posting or sending mean or hurtful messages or photos of you?Not at all
O Only once or twice2 or 3 times a monthAbout once a weekSeveral times a week
50. In the past 12 months, did anyone on the Internet ever try to get you to talk online about sex, look at sexual pictures, or do something else sexual when you did not want to?

O Yes
O No

51. This year at school, how often have you been:
a. Called mean names, made fun of, or teased in a hurtful way?
O Not at all
O Only once or twice
O 2 or 3 times a month
O About once a week
O Several times a week
b. Left out of things on purpose by other students, excluded from their group of friends, or completely ignored?
O Not at all
O Only once or twice
O 2 or 3 times a monthAbout once a weekSeveral times a week
c. Hit, kicked, pushed, shoved around, or locked indoors?
O Not at all
O Only once or twice
O 2 or 3 times a month
O About once a week
O Several times a week
52. I think it is okay to take something without asking if you can get away with it.

O NO!
O no
O yes
○ YES!
53. It is all right to beat up people if they start the fight.

O NO!
O no
O yes
O YES!
54. I think sometimes it's okay to cheat at school.

O NO!
O no
O yes
○ YES!
55. It is important to be honest with your parents, even if they become upset or you get punished.

O NO!
O no
O yes
○ YES!

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56. Have you ever smoked cigarettes?

O NeverOnce or twiceOnce in a while but not regularlyRegularly in the pastRegularly now
57. Have you ever used smokeless tobacco (chew, snuff, plug, dipping tobacco, chewing tobacco)?

O Never
O Once or twice
O Once in a while but not regularly
O Regularly in the past
O Regularly now
58. How frequently have you used smokeless tobacco during the past 30 days?NeverOnce or twiceOnce or twice per week
O About once a dayMore than once a day
59. Think back over the last two weeks. How many times have you had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row?

O None
O OnceTwice
O 3-5 times
O 6-9 times10 or more times
60. How many times in the past year ( 12 months) have you been drunk or high at school?

O Never
O 1 or 2 times3 to 5 times
O 6 to 9 times
O 10 to 19 times20 to 29 times
O 30 to 39 times
O 40+ times

61. On how many occasions (if any) have you:
$0 \quad 1$ or $2 \quad 3$ to 5 to 9 to 1920 to 39
a. Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays in order to get high during the past 30 days?

| $d 0$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

62. On how many occasions (if any) have you:

$0 \quad 1$ or $2 \quad 3$ to $5 \quad 6$ to $9 \quad 10$ to $19 \quad 20$ to 39 | 40 or |
| :--- |
| more |

a. Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays in order to get high in your lifetime?
b. Had beer, wine, or hard liquor in your lifetime?
c. Used marijuana in your lifetime?
d. Used cocaine in your lifetime?
e. Used crack in your lifetime?
f. Used heroin in your lifetime?
g. Used derbisol in your lifetime?
h. Used Ecstasy in your lifetime?
i. Used hallucinogens (acid, LSD, shrooms) in your lifetime?
j. Taken steroids without a doctor's orders in your lifetime?
k. Used methamphetamine (meth, crystal meth, crank) in your lifetime?
I. Used prescription pain relievers, such as Vicodin, OxyContin or Tylox, without a doctor's orders, in your lifetime?
m. Used prescription tranquilizers, such as Xanax, Valium or Ambien, without a doctor's orders, in your lifetime?
n. Used prescription stimulants, such as Ritalin or Adderall, without a doctor's orders, in your lifetime?

63. How willing are you to try or use the drugs listed below. These are not questions about current or past use of these drugs.
a. ALCOHOL (beer, wine, coolers, hard liquor)

O I would never use it
O I probably wouldn't use it
O I'm not sure whether or not I would use it
O I would like to try it or use it
O I would use it any chance I got
b. MARIJUANA (pot, hash, hemp, weed)

O I would never use it
O I probably wouldn't use it
O I'm not sure whether or not I would use it
O I would like to try it or use it
O I would use it any chance I got
c. COCAINE (coke, snow, blow, dust)

O I would never use it
O I probably wouldn't use it
O I'm not sure whether or not I would use it
O I would like to try it or use it
O I would use it any chance I got
d. HALLUCINOGENS (acid, trip, LSD, shrooms)

O I would never use it
O I probably wouldn't use it
O I'm not sure whether or not I would use it
O I would like to try it or use it
O I would use it any chance I got
e. INHALANTS (whippets, butane, paint thinner)

O I would never use it
O I probably wouldn't use it
O I'm not sure whether or not I would use it
O I would like to try it or use it
O I would use it any chance I got
64. How many times in the past year ( 12 months) have you been arrested?

O Never
O 1 or 2 times
O 3 to 5 times
O 6 to 9 times
O 10 to 19 times
O 20 to 29 times
O 30 to 39 times
O 40+ times
65. How old were you when you first got arrested?

O Never have
O 10 or younger
○ 11
○ 12
○ 13
○ 14
○ 15
○ 16
O 17 or older
66. How many times in the past year (12 months) have you:
a. Been offered, given, or sold an illegal drug on school property?
O Never
O Once
O 2 or 3 times
O 4 or 5 times
O 6 to 9 times
O 10 times or more
b. Sold illegal drugs?

O Never
O 1 or 2 times
O 3 to 5 times
O 6 to 9 times10 to 19 times
O 20 to 29 times
O 30 to 39 times
O 40+ times
c. Stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle such as a car or motorcycle?Never1 or 2 times3 to 5 times6 to 9 times10 to 19 times20 to 29 times30 to 39 times40+ times
67. Have you changed homes in the past year?

O Yes
O No
68. How many times have you changed homes since kindergarten?

O Never
O 1 or 2 times
O 3 or 4 times
O 5 or 6 times
O 7 or more times

69. Have you changed schools (including changing from elementary to middle and middle to high school) in the past year?

O Yes
O No
70. How many times have you changed schools (including changing from elementary to middle and middle to high school) since kindergarten?

O Never
O 1 or 2 times
O 3 or 4 times
O 5 or 6 times
O 7 or more times
71. How often do you attend religious services or activities?

O Never
O Rarely
O 1-2 times a month
O About once a week or more
72. How often have you:
a. Driven a car while or shortly after drinking?

O I don't drive
O Never
O Before, but not in the past year
O About once or twice a year
O About once or twice a month
O About once or twice a week
O Almost every day
b. Driven a car while or shortly after smoking pot?

O I don't drive
O Never
O Before, but not in the past year
O About once or twice a year
O About once or twice a month
O About once or twice a week
O Almost every day
73. How many times in the past 30 days have you brought a weapon (such as a gun, knife, or club) to school?

[^0]74. How old were you when you first carried a handgun?
O Never have
$\bigcirc 10$ or younger
$\bigcirc 11$
$\bigcirc 12$
$\bigcirc 13$
$\bigcirc 14$
$\bigcirc 15$
$\bigcirc 16$
$\bigcirc 17$ or older
75. How many times in the past year ( 12 months) have you attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?

O Never
O 1 or 2 times
O 3 to 5 times
O 6 to 9 times
O 10 to 19 times
O 20 to 29 times
O 30 to 39 times
O 40+ times
76. How old were you when you first attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?

O Never have
O 10 or younger
○ 11
○ 12
O 13
○ 14
○ 15
○ 16
O 17 or older
77. How many times in the past year (12 months) have you been suspended from school?

O Never
O 1 or 2 times
O 3 to 5 times
O 6 to 9 times
O 10 to 19 times
O 20 to 29 times
O 30 to 39 times
O 40+ times
78. How old were you when you first got suspended from school?

O Never have
O 10 or younger
$\bigcirc 11$
○ 12
$\bigcirc 13$
○ 14
$\bigcirc 15$
○ 16
O 17 or older
79. In the past $\mathbf{1 2}$ months, how often have you:

Never Once 2 or $3 \quad 4$ or $5 \quad 6$ to $9 \quad$| 10 times |
| :--- |
| or more |

a. Been threatened to be hit or beaten up on school property?
$\bigcirc \bigcirc$

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

d. Been attacked by someone with a weapon on school property?
?
O
b. Been attacked and hit by someone or beaten up on school property?
c. Been threatened by someone with a weapon on school property?

0
O


| NO! | no | yes | YES! |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

81. Sometimes I think that life is not worth it.

O
82. At times I think I am no good at all.
83. All in all, I am inclined to think that I am a failure.
84. In the past year, have you...
Yes No
a. Bet money or anything of value on sporting events (includes participating in sports pools)?
b. Gambled for money or anything of value?
c. Bought lottery tickets?
d. Bet money using the Internet?O
O
e. Bet money or anything of value on table games like poker or other card games, dice, backgammon, or dominoes?
85. In the last 30 days have you gambled for money or anything of value?

|  | NO! | no | yes | YES! |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I like my neighborhood. | O | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| If I had to move, I would miss the neighborhood I now live in. | $\bigcirc$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| I'd like to get out of my neighborhood. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | 0 | $\bigcirc$ |
| My neighbors notice when I am doing a good job and let me know. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | 0 | $\bigcirc$ |
| There are people in my neighborhood who are proud of me when I do something well. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| There are people in my neighborhood who encourage me to do my best. | O | 0 | 0 | 0 |

92. My parents notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it.

Never or almost neverSometimesOften
All the time
93. How often do your parents tell you they're proud of you for something you've done?

O Never or almost never
Sometimes
O Often
All the time
94. Has anyone in your family ever had a severe alcohol or drug problem?
O Ye O No

95. About how many adults (over 21) have you known personally who in the past year have:
a. Used marijuana, crack, cocaine, or other drugs?
b. Sold or dealt drugs?
c. Gotten drunk or high?
d. Done other things that could get them in trouble with the police, like stealing, selling stolen goods, mugging or assaulting others, etc.?
None 1

3 or $4 \quad 5$ or more

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

96. 

| Have any of your brothers or sisters ever: | Yes | No | I don't have any brothers or sisters |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Drunk beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin)? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| b. Smoked marijuana? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| c. Smoked cigarettes? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| d. Taken a handgun to school? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| e. Been suspended or expelled from school? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
|  | NO! | no | yes YES! |

97. If you drank some beer or wine or liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?
98. The rules in my family are clear.
99. When I am not at home, one of my parents knows where I am and who I am with.
100. My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use.
101. My parents ask if l've gotten my homework done.
102. Would your parents know if you did not come home on time?
103. People in my family often insult or yell at each other.
104. We argue about the same things in my family over and over.
105. People in my family have serious arguments.
106. Do you enjoy spending time with your:
a. Mother?
b. Father?
$0 \quad 0$
107. Do you feel very close to your:
a. Mother?
$0 \quad 0$
0
b. Father?
108. Do you share your thoughts and feelings with your:
a. Mother?

109. My parents give me lots of chances to do fun things with them.


[^0]:    O Never
    O 1 or 2 times
    O 3 to 5 times
    O 6 to 9 times
    O 10 to 19 times
    O 20 to 29 times
    O 30 to 39 times
    ○ 40+ times

