

Comparison Between Orange County, Florida Students and U.S. Students 2007 YRBS

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) monitors priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. The national YRBS is conducted every two years during the spring semester and provides data representative of 9th through 12th grade students in public and private schools throughout the United States. The Orange County, Florida YRBS also is conducted every 2 years and provides data representative of 9th through 12th grade students in public schools throughout Orange County, Florida.

	Orange County Students %	U.S. Students %	Orange County Students Are At: ¹
Behaviors that Contribute to Unintentional Injur	ries and Violence		
Rarely or never wore a seat belt (When riding in a car driven by someone else.)	10.5 (8.8 - 12.5) ²	11.1 (8.9 - 13.8)	Equal risk
Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol (In a car or other vehicle one or more times during the 30 days before the survey.)	27.0 (24.2 - 29.9)	29.1 (27.2 - 31.2)	Equal risk
Carried a weapon (For example, a gun, knife, or club on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.)	15.8 (13.6 - 18.3)	18.0 (16.3 - 19.8)	Equal risk
In a physical fight (One or more times during the 12 months before the survey.)	32.4 (29.1 - 35.9)	35.5 (34.0 - 37.1)	Equal risk
Did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school (On at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.)	6.8 (5.2 - 8.9)	5.5 (4.7 - 6.3)	Equal risk
Seriously considered attempting suicide (During the 12 months before the survey.)	13.4 (11.3 - 15.7)	14.5 (13.4 - 15.6)	Equal risk
Attempted suicide (One or more times during the 12 months before the survey.)	8.0 (6.0 - 10.6)	6.9 (6.3 - 7.6)	Equal risk
Tobacco Use			
Lifetime cigarette use (Ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs.)	41.3 (36.9 - 45.7)	50.3 (47.2 - 53.5)	Less risk
Current cigarette use (Smoked cigarettes on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.)	13.1 (10.5 - 16.4)	20.0 (17.6 - 22.6)	Less risk
Current smokeless tobacco use (Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.)	4.0 (2.8 - 5.5)	7.9 (6.3 - 9.8)	Less risk
Alcohol and Other Drug Use			
Lifetime alcohol use (Had at least one drink of alcohol on at least 1 day during their life.)	69.3 (64.9 - 73.3)	75.0 (72.4 - 77.4)	Less risk
Current alcohol use (Had at least one drink of alcohol on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.)	36.2 (32.0 - 40.6)	44.7 (42.4 - 47.0)	Less risk
Episodic heavy drinking (Had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row within a couple hours on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.)	18.5 (15.4 - 22.0)	26.0 (24.0 - 28.0)	Less risk
Lifetime marijuana use (Used marijuana one or more times during their life.)	31.3 (27.4 - 35.4)	38.1 (35.5 - 40.7)	Less risk

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38.5 (36.4 - 40.6)	Equal risk
35.4 (33.1 - 37.7)	Greater risk
69.7 (64.2 - 74.6)	Greater risk
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78.6 (76.9 - 80.2)	Equal risk
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^{1.} Compared to U.S. students, based on t-test analyses, p < .05.





^{2. 95%} confidence interval.