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Monitoring the Future (National Institute on Drug Abuse)	National sample; regional data are also available	Annual since 1985	1985 – present high school seniors and graduates; since 1991, added eighth, ninth, and tenth graders	Prevalence and incidence of ATOD use, perceived harm, disapproval of use, perceived availability, etc.
National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health) (National Institute on Child Health and Human Development)	National sample; regional data are also available	The Add Health study is longitudinal, with adolescents interviewed for a second time at a one-year interval	Data are gathered from adolescents in grades 7 – 12 and from their parents, siblings, friends, romantic partners, fellow students, and school administrators	The influences of individual and environmental factors on health and health-related behavior in such areas as diet, physical activity, health service use, morbidity, injury, violence, sexual behavior, contraception, sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, suicidal intentions/thoughts, substance use/abuse, and runaway behavior
Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)	National sample; some state and local data are also available	National school-based version biennial since 1990; states vary	Grades 9 – 12 since 1990; recently added grades 6 – 8	Incidence and prevalence of ATOD use, sexual activity, vehicle safety, weapons, violence, suicide, etc. (YRBSS measures behavior vs. knowledge/ attitudes)

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Fast Response Survey System: Principal/ School Disciplinarian Survey on School Violence (National Center for Education Statistics)	National sample	Conducted in 1997	Principals or persons most knowledgeable about school discipline issues at public elementary, middle, and high schools	Incidents of specific crimes/offenses and a variety of specific discipline issues in public schools
School – Associated Violent Death Study (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Departments of Education and Justice)	National	Since 1992	Police and school officials	Details about the school, event, victim, and offender(s) involved in all school – associated violent deaths
School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey (National Center for Education Statistics and Bureau of Justice Statistics)	National sample (same as sample for National Crime Victimization Survey)	Conducted in 1989, 1995, and 1999	Household members who had attended school during the six months preceding interview	Experiences with and perceptions of crime and violence that occurred inside school, on school grounds, or on the way to or from school; preventive measures used by schools and school rules, afterschool activities, availability of drugs and alcohol at school, etc.

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National Crime Victimization Survey (Bureau of Justice Statistics)	National sample	Annual	Various sources; Primarily adults, but youth data are available	Frequency and nature of rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated and simple assault, theft, household burglary, and motor vehicle theft
National Household Education Survey (National Center for Education Statistics)	National sample	Conducted in 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, and 1999	Household members, dependent on topic (e.g., parents of children in grades 3 – 12 and youth in grades 6 – 12 participated in the School Safety and Discipline survey)	Adult education and lifelong learning, civic involvement, early childhood education and school readiness, household library use, parent involvement in education, and school safety and discipline
National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)	National sample; state data are available since 1999	Annual since 1973	Household members; data sorted by ages 12 – 17, 18 – 25, 26 – 34, over 35	Mainly incidence and prevalence of alcohol and drug use
U.S. Census (U.S. Census Bureau)	National, regional, state, community, and census tract samples	Every 10 years; interim estimates are available	Household members (adults)	Population, race or ethnicity, age, income, education, number of children, etc.