

Student Wellness Survey Data



Why Prevention? It's proven and cost effective.



Addiction Policy Forum

90% of Americans with a substance use disorder began using substances before the age of 18.

Community and school-based prevention helps decrease risk factors & increase protective factors....

An Ounce of Prevention = A Pound of Cure. Prevention programming could save \$18 for every \$1 spent!

[-SAMHSA Substance Abuse Prevention Dollars and Cents: A Cost-Benefit Analysis](#)

What is the Student Wellness Survey?

Collects comprehensive, accurate, and reliable information about attitudes towards and usage trends regarding student substance use and abuse, mental health, risk and protective factors. This survey is administered every 2 years.

15,474 Butler County students participated across 8 school districts.

Data helps us:

- Identify trends, patterns, and priority issues
- Develop and evaluate effective policy and programs
- Use prevention strategies to save time and money
- Empower youth, educators, parents & community members

Data informs our strategies: Key Measures

- *Prevalence (30-Day Use)*
- *Youth Perceived Risks (Self/Parental/Friend Disapproval)*
- *Access and Age of First Use*



Alcohol decreased:

12.2% in 2020
10.2% in 2022
8.3% in 2024
5.4% in 2026



Tobacco decreased:

3.2% in 2020
2.3% in 2022
1.6% in 2024
1.2% in 2026



Marijuana decreased:

10.2% in 2020
7.2% in 2022
6.8% in 2024
4.1% in 2026



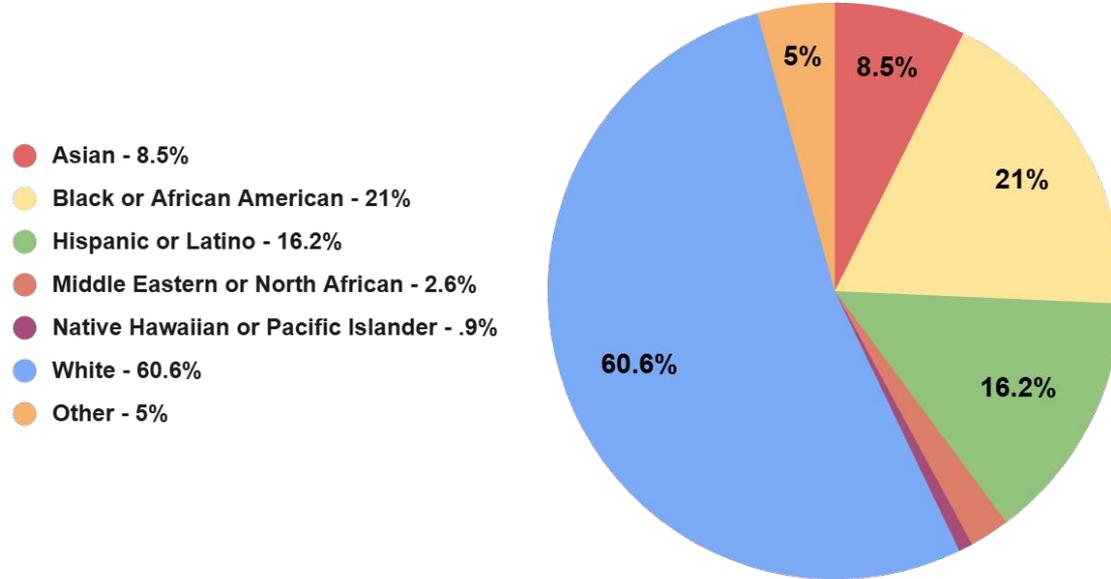
E-Vapor decreased:

14.1% in 2020
10.9% in 2022
8.7% in 2024
5.6% in 2026

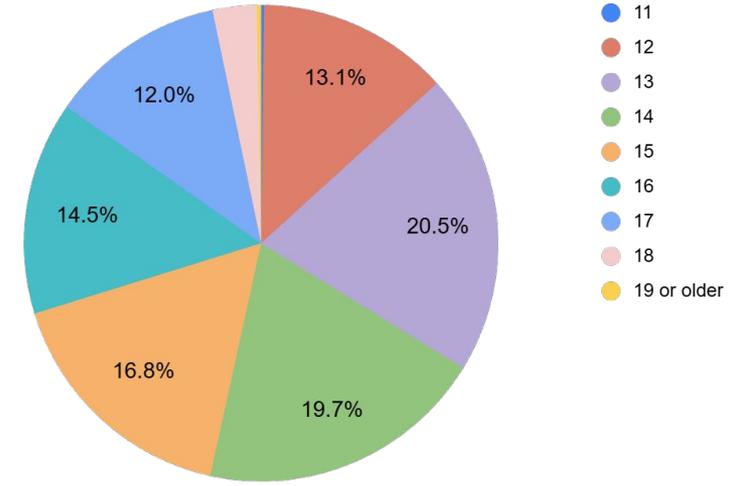
Past 30 Day Use Decreased Across the Board!

Demographics

Race/Ethnicity



Age



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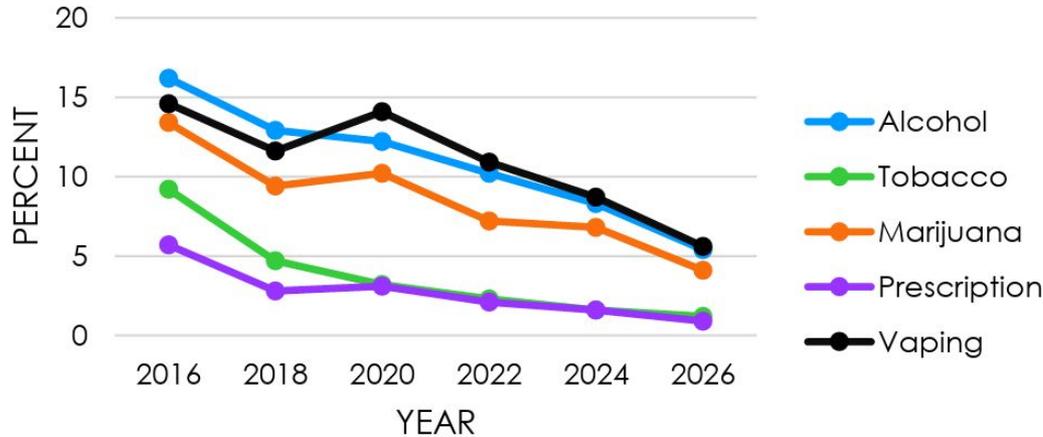
Prevalence of Use

Past 30-day Use	2024 Student Survey	2026 Student Survey
Alcohol	8.3%	5.4%
Cigarettes/Tobacco	1.6%	1.2%
Marijuana	6.8%	4.1%
Vaping	8.7%	5.6%
Prescription Drugs	1.6%	0.9%

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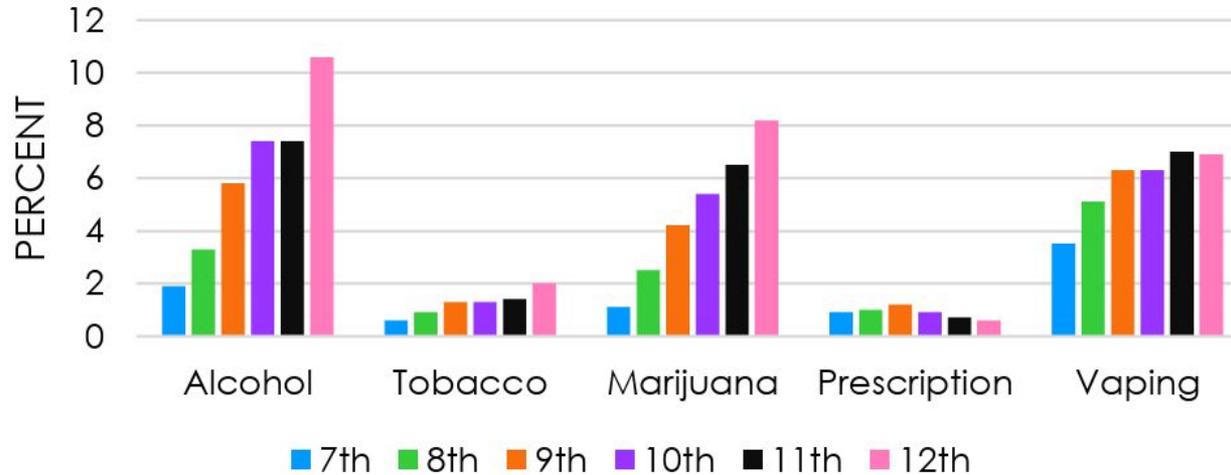
Butler: 30-Day Use of Alcohol, Cigarettes, Marijuana, Prescription Drugs and Vaping

Past 30-Day Use of Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana, Prescription Drugs, and Vaping



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Past 30-Day use of Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana, Prescription Drugs, and Vaping by Grade



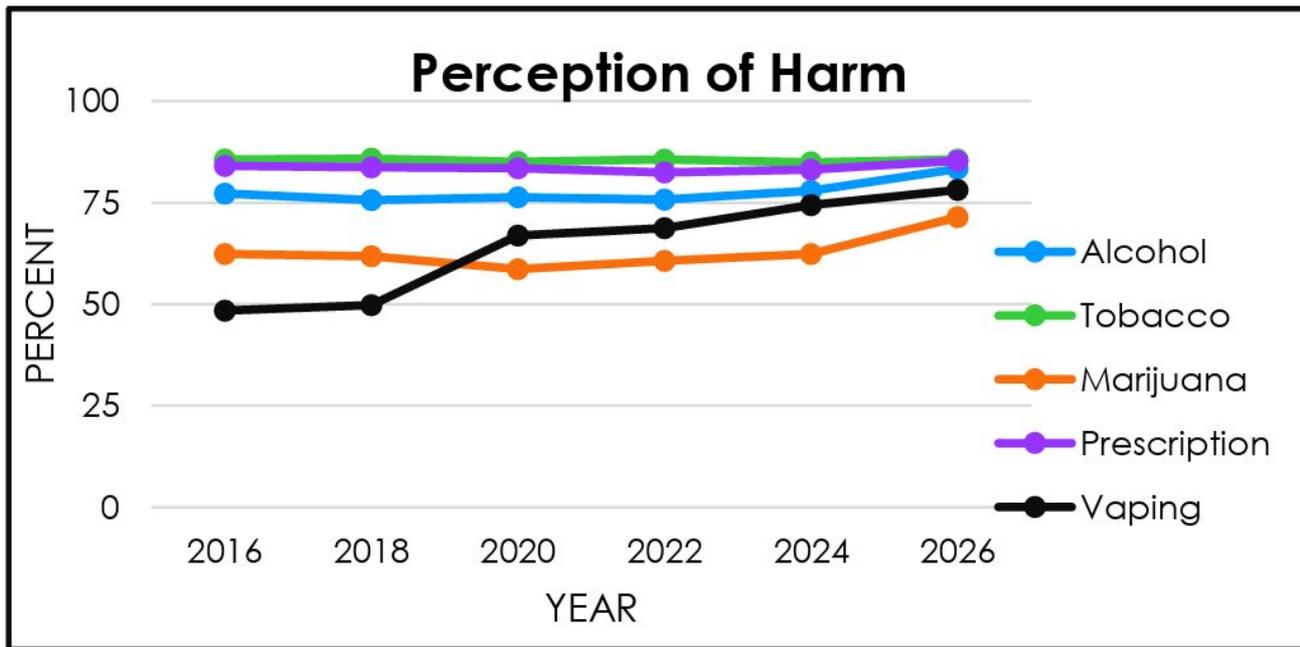
Past 30-Day Use By Grade

Youth Perception of Harm

Perception of Harm - Harmful/Very Harmful	2024 Student Survey	2026 Student Survey
Tobacco	84.9%	85.6%
Vaping	74.4%	78%
Alcohol	77.9%	83.3%
Marijuana	62.4%	71.4%
Prescription Drugs	83.1%	85%

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Butler County Youth Perception of Harm



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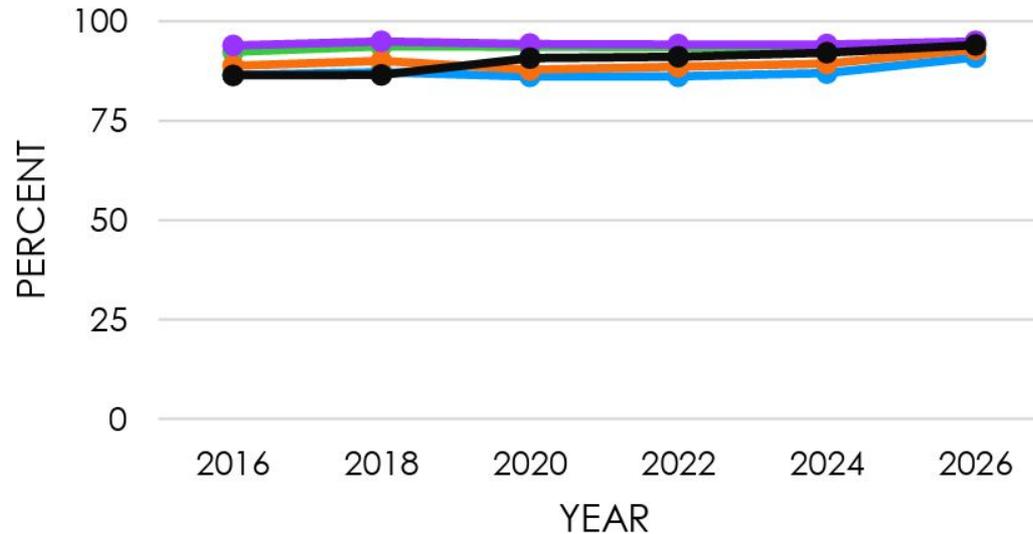
Perception of Parental Disapproval

Perception of Parent Disapproval - Very Wrong/Wrong	2024 Student Survey	2026 Student Survey
Alcohol	86.9%	90.9%
Tobacco	93.2%	94.6%
Vaping	92.1%	94%
Marijuana	89.4%	92.9%
Prescription Drugs	94.1%	94.9%

Data from 2026 ISA Student Wellness Surveys

Butler County Perception of Parental Disapproval

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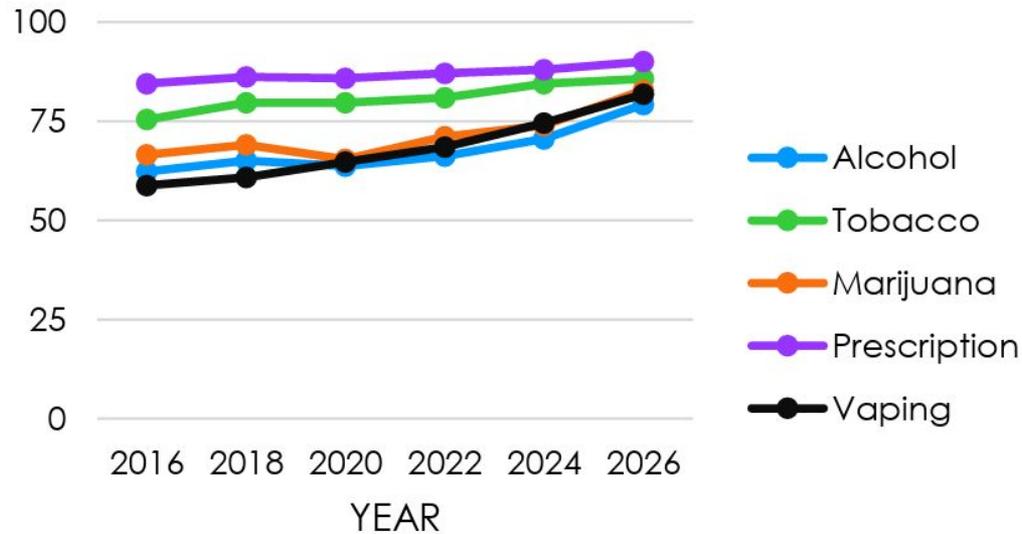
Perception of Friend Disapproval

Perception of Friend Disapproval - Very Wrong/Wrong	2024 Student Survey	2026 Student Survey
Alcohol	70.5%	79.2%
Tobacco	84.5%	85.7%
Vaping	71%	81.8%
Marijuana	88%	82.8%
Prescription Drugs	74.5%	90%

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Butler County Perception of Friend Disapproval

Perception of Peer Disapproval



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Perception of Availability

Perception of Availability - Fairly Easy/Very Easy	2024 Student Survey	2026 Student Survey
Alcohol	21.6%	21.4%
Tobacco	23.3%	18.5%
Electronic Vapor Product	21.7%	24.0%
Marijuana	17.0%	15.8%
Prescription Drugs	31.9%	14.0%

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2026 Mental Health & School Climate Questions

Mental Health Markers

In the Past 30 days have you felt... All of the time/Most of the Time	2024 Student Survey	2026 Student Survey
Nervous or anxious	37.4%	30.8%
Depressed, sad, hopeless	20.6%	17.8%
Isolation	27.6%	23.8%
Suicide Ideation	7.8%	6.8%
How often do you experience... A lot/Often	2024 Student Survey	2026 Student Survey
Stress	47.5%	42.0%
Treated badly/unfairly due to race or ethnicity	8.6%	8.4%

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Social Media Use

My social media use negatively impacts...	Definitely/Somewhat True
How I feel about my body	28.8%
My grades in school	18.7%
My relationships with friends/family	18.3%
My mental health/well-being	26.8%
My sleep	44.0%

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I can discuss my personal problems with...

I can discuss my personal problems with... A lot/Often	2024 Student Survey	2026 Student Survey
One adult in my home	54.0%	59.2%
One adult at school	28.5%	33.6%
One adult outside my home and school	35.5%	38.1%
One friend	61.5%	63.5%

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Butler County School Climate Trends

School Climate	Definitely/Somewhat True
Students help each other	60.7%
One adult in my school really cares about me	67.1%
Teachers help cope w/ stress	54.0%
Teachers say its ok to feel feelings	58.4%
I feel like I belong at my school	65.3%

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Butler County School Climate Trends

- **15.4%** of students reported being afraid another student will hurt them.
- **13.2%** of students reported getting hurt while at school.

Students carrying a gun to school:

.8% in 2025

.8% in 2023

2.7% in 2021

- Students reported feeling safest at school while in the classroom - **76.9%**



- Students reported feeling less safe while at school in the parking lot - **62.7%**

Sleep and Youth Homelessness

Where do you usually sleep?	2024 Student Survey	2026 Student Survey
In my parent/guardian(s) home	96.4%	97.5%
Friend, family member, other	2.9%	1.8%
Shelter or emergency housing	0.0%	0.1%
Motel/Hotel	0.1%	0.2%
Car, park, campground, other	0.1%	0.1%
I do not have a usual place to sleep	0.2%	0.1%
Somewhere else	0.4%	0.2%

55% of students report sleeping **7-8** hours on a school night.

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Questions? Thoughts? Concerns?

THANK YOU!

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Save the Date!
2026 Youth Summit
June 5th, 10am-5pm
@ Miami University, Oxford

