2014
FLORIDA YOUTH
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SURVEY
Brevard County
Methodology

- Survey administration: February of 2014.
- Sampling strategy: schools and classrooms were selected to generate statistically representative county-level estimates.
- Final sample size was 1,578 across grades 6 through 12.
- The margin of error is less than 4.5 percentage points for M.S. prevalence rates and 5.3 percentage points for H.S. prevalence rates.
Lifetime and Past-30-Day ATOD Prevalence Rates

2014 Results
Graph 1

Lifetime use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among Brevard County students, 2014

- Alcohol: 40.2%
- Marijuana or Hashish: 22.2%
- Cigarettes: 17.7%
- Synthetic Marijuana*: 17.7%
- Blacking Out from Drinking*: 8.9%
- Prescription Pain Relievers: 6.3%
- Over-the-Counter Drugs: 6.2%
- Inhalants: 5.6%
- Depressants: 5.4%
- Prescription Amphetamines: 3.4%
- LSD, PCP or Mushrooms: 3.0%
- Club Drugs: 1.5%
- Cocaine or Crack Cocaine: 1.2%
- Heroin: 0.4%
- Methamphetamine: 0.3%

* High School Only
Past-30-day use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among Brevard County students, 2014

* Past Two Weeks
Key Findings

- With overall prevalence rates of 40.2% for lifetime use and 18.4% for past-30-day use, alcohol is the most commonly used drug among Brevard County students.

- After alcohol, students reported marijuana (22.2% lifetime and 12.0% past-30-day) and cigarettes (17.7% lifetime and 6.3% past-30-day) as the most commonly used drugs.

- 17.7% of high school students reported blacking out after drinking on one or more occasions.

- For other ATOD categories, past-30-day prevalence ranges from 2.6% for depressants to 0.0% for club drugs.
Alcohol, Cigarettes and Marijuana

2004-2014 Trends
Early Initiation and Risk of Harm
ATODs and Driving
Past-30-day alcohol use, Brevard County 2004-2014 and Florida Statewide 2014
Binge Drinking, Brevard County 2004-2014 and Florida Statewide 2014
Alcohol trends summary for Brevard County, 2004-2014
Usual source of alcohol within the past 30 days among high school drinkers, Brevard County and Florida Statewide, 2014
Usual drinking location within the past 30 days among high school drinkers, Brevard County and Florida Statewide, 2014
Past-30-day cigarette use, Brevard County 2004-2014 and Florida Statewide 2014
Cigarette trends summary for Brevard County, 2004-2014
Past-30-day marijuana use, Brevard County 2004-2014 and Florida Statewide 2014
Marijuana trends summary for Brevard County, 2004-2014
ATOD Use Before or During School, Brevard County and Florida Statewide, 2014

- Alcohol: Brevard County 6.3%, Florida Statewide 5.7%
- Marijuana: Brevard County 10.0%, Florida Statewide 9.6%
- Another Drug: Brevard County 3.3%, Florida Statewide 3.1%
DUI or riding with a driver under the influence, Brevard County 2012-2014 and Florida Statewide 2014

Note: DUI does not imply intoxication but only indicates use prior to driving.
Key Findings

- In Brevard County, past-30-day alcohol use was reported at 18.4%, compared to 24.6% across the statewide sample.

- While binge drinking showed little change from 2004 to 2008 (15.7% to 15.5%), it declined in 2014 to 8.0%.

- After increasing from 2006 to 2010 (from 10.2% to 13.5%), past-30-day marijuana use decreased to 12.0% in 2014.

- 19.0% of high school students have ridden in a car with a driver who was under the influence of alcohol, and 21.7% have ridden with a driver under the influence of marijuana.
Other Illicit, Over-the-Counter, and Prescription Drugs

2004-2014 Trends
Past-30-day inhalant use, Brevard County 2004-2014 and Florida Statewide 2014
Past-30-day over-the-counter drug use, Brevard County 2010-2014 and Florida Statewide 2014
Past-30-day depressants use, Brevard County 2004-2014 and Florida Statewide 2014
Past-30-day prescription pain reliever use, Brevard County 2004-2014 and Florida Statewide 2014

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Past-30-day prescription amphetamines use, Brevard County 2004-2014 and Florida Statewide 2014
Past-30-day drug combination rates for Brevard County and Florida Statewide, 2014

- Any illicit drug: Brevard County 15.4%, Florida Statewide 16.4%
- Any illicit drug other than marijuana: Brevard County 6.7%, Florida Statewide 7.5%
- Alcohol only: Brevard County 9.3%, Florida Statewide 10.9%
- Alcohol or any illicit drug: Brevard County 24.3%, Florida Statewide 27.0%
- Any illicit drug, but no alcohol: Brevard County 5.9%, Florida Statewide 6.7%
Key Findings

- In Brevard County, 6.7% of surveyed students reported the use of any illicit drug other than marijuana in the past 30 days, compared to 8.2% across the statewide sample.

- Past-30-day inhalant use decreased from 2.1% in 2012 to 1.5% in 2014.

- Past-30-day Rx pain reliever use was reported at 1.9%, compared to 2.3% across the statewide survey.

- Among middle school students, 2.4% reported the use of inhalants in the past 30 days, a rate higher than any other illicit drug (except marijuana).
Other Antisocial Behaviors, Including Bullying-Related Behaviors

2014 Results
Comparisons of past-12-month delinquent behavior for Brevard County and Florida Statewide, 2014

- Carrying a handgun: Brevard County 7.7%, Florida Statewide 5.3%
- Selling drugs: Brevard County 6.6%, Florida Statewide 4.9%
- Attempting to steal a vehicle: Brevard County 2.5%, Florida Statewide 1.4%
- Being arrested: Brevard County 2.9%, Florida Statewide 2.8%
- Taking a handgun to school: Brevard County 14%, Florida Statewide 7%
- Getting suspended: Brevard County 8.0%, Florida Statewide 10.3%
- Attacking someone with intent to harm: Brevard County 6.8%, Florida Statewide 6.9%
Bullying-related behaviors among Brevard County middle and high school students, 2014
Gang involvement, Brevard County and Florida Statewide, 2014

- Have you ever belonged to a gang?
  - Brevard County: 3.1%
  - Florida Statewide: 3.7%

- Did that gang have a name?
  - Brevard County: 23.9%
  - Florida Statewide: 20.0%

- Are you a gang member now?
  - Brevard County: 2.5%
  - Florida Statewide: 2.1%
Key Findings

- In Brevard County, prevalence rates for Being Arrested (2.9%), Attempting to Steal a Vehicle (2.5%) and Taking a Handgun to School (1.4%) are 3.0% or less.

- Higher prevalence rates were reported for Getting Suspended (8.0%) and Carrying a Handgun (7.7%).

- In Brevard County, 28.5% of students have been socially bullied, 12.1% have been physically bullied, and 8.1% have been cyber bullied.

- 3.1% of students have belonged to a gang, and 2.5% of high school students are currently gang members.
Risk and Protective Factor
Prevalence Rates for
M.S. and H.S. Students

2014 Results
Protective factor prevalence rates for Brevard County and Florida Statewide middle school students, 2014
Community domain and family domain risk factor prevalence rates for Brevard County and Florida Statewide middle school students, 2014.

- Community Disorganization
  - Brevard County: 40%
  - Florida Statewide: 44%

- Transitions and Mobility
  - Brevard County: 58%
  - Florida Statewide: 62%

- Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use
  - Brevard County: 36%
  - Florida Statewide: 35%

- Perceived Availability of Drugs
  - Brevard County: 40%
  - Florida Statewide: 44%

- Perceived Availability of Handguns
  - Brevard County: 29%
  - Florida Statewide: 24%

- Poor Family Management
  - Brevard County: 40%
  - Florida Statewide: 35%

- Family Conflict
  - Brevard County: 38%
  - Florida Statewide: 38%
School domain and peer and individual domain risk factor prevalence rates for Brevard County and Florida Statewide middle school students, 2014

- Poor Academic Performance
  - Brevard County: 33
  - Florida Statewide: 42

- Lack of Commitment to School
  - Brevard County: 47
  - Florida Statewide: 52

- Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior
  - Brevard County: 35
  - Florida Statewide: 38

- Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use
  - Brevard County: 32
  - Florida Statewide: 32

- Early Initiation of Drug Use
  - Brevard County: 25
  - Florida Statewide: 21
Protective factor prevalence rates for Brevard County and Florida Statewide high school students, 2014

- Community Rewards for Prosocial Involvement: 62 (Brevard County), 61 (Florida Statewide)
- Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement: 55 (Brevard County), 58 (Florida Statewide)
- Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement: 56 (Brevard County), 55 (Florida Statewide)
- School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement: 69 (Florida Statewide), 62 (Brevard County)
- School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement: 61 (Brevard County), 60 (Florida Statewide)
- Religiosity: 57 (Brevard County), 52 (Florida Statewide)
Community domain and family domain risk factor prevalence rates for Brevard County and Florida Statewide high school students, 2014

- **Community Disorganization**: Brevard County = 41, Florida Statewide = 46
- **Transitions and Mobility**: Brevard County = 65, Florida Statewide = 62
- **Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use**: Brevard County = 33, Florida Statewide = 38
- **Perceived Availability of Drugs**: Brevard County = 31, Florida Statewide = 31
- **Perceived Availability of Handguns**: Brevard County = 41, Florida Statewide = 37
- **Poor Family Management**: Brevard County = 40, Florida Statewide = 38
- **Family Conflict**: Brevard County = 36, Florida Statewide = 33
School domain and peer and individual domain risk factor prevalence rates for Brevard County and Florida Statewide high school students, 2014

- Poor Academic Performance
  - Brevard County: 41%
  - Florida Statewide: 43%

- Lack of Commitment to School
  - Brevard County: 52%
  - Florida Statewide: 54%

- Favorable Attitudes toward Antisocial Behavior
  - Brevard County: 36%
  - Florida Statewide: 40%

- Favorable Attitudes toward ATOD Use
  - Brevard County: 38%
  - Florida Statewide: 39%

- Early Initiation of Drug Use
  - Brevard County: 25%
  - Florida Statewide: 26%
Key Findings

- Protective factor prevalence rates—opportunities for improvement:
  
  ➔ Middle school students reported the lowest rates of protection for the School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement (53%) and Religiosity (43%) scales.

  ➔ High school students reported the lowest rates of protection for the Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement (55%), Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement (55%) and Religiosity (52%) scales.
Key Findings

- Risk factor prevalence rates—opportunities for improvement:
  - Middle school students reported the highest rates of risk for the *Transitions and Mobility* (62%) and *Lack of Commitment to School* (47%) scales.
  - High school students reported the highest rates of risk for the *Transitions and Mobility* (65%) and *Lack of Commitment to School* (54%) scales.