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Youth with 0-10 Assets - External Assets 2000 Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors Survey

- Three percent of youth who had 0-10 assets indicated they have the **Positive Family Communication** asset - *young person and her/his parent(s) communicate positively, and young person willing to seek advice and counsel from parent(s).*
- Starting as early as 8th grade, only 2% of low asset youth reported their school provided a caring, encouraging environment, **Caring School Climate** asset.
- Only 1% of 0-10 asset youth have the **Community Values Youth** asset and 2% have the **Youth as Resources** asset.
- Three percent of youth with 0-10 assets reported having parents and other adult's model positive, responsible behavior, **Adult Role Models** asset.
- Only 15% of 8th grade youth who had 0-10 assets believed that both parents and teachers encourage the young person to do well, **High Expectations** asset.
- According to the 2000 data, 52% of youth from the aggregate sample spent one or more hours per week in a religious institution, **Religious Community** asset. This compared to only 24% of youth with 0-10 assets.



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- Of youth reporting 0-10 assets, 11% reported they care about his or her school; 15% reported doing at least one hour of homework every school day; and 22% indicated they are actively involved in learning.
- Of 8th grade youth who had 0-10 assets:
 - 3% reported placing high value on helping other people, **Caring**
 - 13% placed high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty, **Equality and Social Justice**
 - 4% believed it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs, **Restraint**
- Thirty-two percent of aggregate youth reported the **Planning and Decision Making** asset while only 7% of low asset youth reported this asset.
- Six percent of low asset youth could resist negative peer pressure, **Resistance Skills**.
- **Positive Identity** assets:
 - **Personal Power** - Young person feels he or she has control over "things that happen to me"
 - % Aggregate = 49% % 0-10 Asset Youth= 18%
 - **Self-Esteem** - Young person reports having a high self-esteem
 - % Aggregate = 47% % 0-10 Asset Youth = 21%
 - **Sense of Purpose** - Young person reports "my life has a purpose"
 - % Aggregate = 56% % 0-10 Asset Youth = 21%



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Youth with 0-10 Assets - Risk-Taking Behaviors 2000 Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors Survey

- Of youth having 0-10 assets, 77% of males and 86% of females reported attending one or more **parties** in the last year "where other kids their age were drinking."
- Low asset youth tend to begin using substances at a young age. Sixty-three percent of 8th grade youth reported "attending one or more **parties** in the last year where other kids their age were drinking." This grew to 90% by 12th grade.
- Of youth with 0-10 assets, females (74%) were more likely to report "having used **alcohol** one or more times during the last 30 days" than males (65%).
- Of the youth who reported having 0-10 assets, females (68%) were more likely than males (57%) to report "having smoked **cigarettes** once or more during the last 30 days."
- Eighth grade youth (27%) with 0-10 assets were more likely to report they "**sniffed or inhaled substances** to get high once or more in the last 12 months" than 12th grade youth (10%) with 0-10 assets.
- Thirty-nine percent of 0-10 asset youth indicated they "have used illicit drugs once or more during the last 12 months." This behavior started early with 23% of 8th graders reporting **illicit drug use**.
- Fifty-two percent of 12th grade youth who had 0-10 assets reported "**driving after drinking** once or more during the last 12 months."
- Females (73%) who had 0-10 assets were much more likely than males (59%) to indicate they "**rode with a driver who had been drinking** once or more during the last 12 months." Fifty-seven percent of 8th grade youth indicated they rode with someone who had been drinking.

- Eighth grade (51%) 0-10 asset youth were more likely than 12th grade (44%) 0-10 asset youth to report they "**shoplifted** once or more during the last 12 months."
- Eighth grade (49%) 0-10 asset youth were more likely than 12th grade (37%) 0-10 asset youth to report they "**committed vandalism** once or more during the last 12 months."
- Eighth grade youth were more likely than 10th or 12th grade youth to report **violent behaviors**. Eighth grade youth reported the following:
 - 76% hit someone once or more during the last 12 months
 - 36% physically hurt someone once or more during the last 12 months
 - 49% have been in a group fight once or more during the last 12 months
 - 27% carried a weapon for protection once or more during the last 12 months
- Of youth who reported having 0-10 assets, 32% of females and 13% of males reported having engaged in **bulimic or anorexic behavior**.
- Of 0-10 asset youth, 8th graders (26%) were more likely to report they felt sad or depressed most or all of the time during the last month than 12th graders (22%). Females (38%) were more likely than males (14%) to report **depression**.
- Twenty-six percent of 8th grade youth who had 10 assets or fewer reported they have **attempted suicide** one or more times.
- Forty-five percent of youth who had 10 or fewer assets reported they **exhibit leadership**. Additionally, 62% reported they help friends or neighbors one or more hours per week.



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Youth with 0-10 Assets - Thriving Indicators 2000 Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors Survey

- Of eighth grade students having 0-10 assets, 11% reported that they "get mostly A's on report card." For these students, this dropped notably in 10th grade with only 5% of students reporting having the **Succeeds in School** Thriving Indicator.
- Females who had 0-10 assets (71%) were much more likely than males with 0-10 assets (57%) to report that they help friends or neighbors one or more hours per week. Eighth grade students (59%) were much less likely than 12th grade students (63%) to report having the **Helps Others** thriving indicator.
- Of the youth in this data set, 8th graders (37%) were more likely than 12th graders (23%) to **Value Diversity**. There was also a significant spread between males (24%) and females (39%) to place high importance on getting to know people of other racial/ethnic groups.
- By 12th grade, only 13% of 0-10 asset youth reported they pay attention to healthy nutrition and exercise. This reflects a drop in this thriving indicator across grades from 8th (26%) to 10th (28%) and to 12th (13%). Females were much less likely than males to report they **Maintain Good Health**.
- Although 50% of males who had 0-10 assets reported they have been a leader of a group or organization in the last 12 months, only 36% of females reported having the **Exhibits Leadership** Thriving Indicator.



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Youth with 0-10 Assets - Five Deficits 2000 Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors Survey

- More than half (57%) of youth who had 0-10 assets reported being **Alone at Home** two or more hours per school day. There was no significant difference between males and females; however, 10th grade youth (63%) were most likely than 8th grade youth (57%) or 12th grade youth (50%) to report being home alone.
- Males who had 0-10 assets (43%) were much more likely than females (24%) to report watching TV or videos three or more hours per school day. Eighth grade students (43%) had the highest rates of **TV Overexposure**.
- Thirty-seven percent of youth with 0-10 assets reported one or more incidents of **Physical Abuse** - *Have you ever been physically harmed where someone caused you to have a scar, black and blue marks, welts, bleeding, or a broken bone by someone in your family or someone living with you?* Females (41%) were more likely than males (34%) to report this deficit.
- Eighth grade students (53%) were much more likely than 10th (39%) and 12th grade (33%) students to report experience one or more incidents of being the **Victim of Violence** - *How many times in the last two years have you been the victim of physical violence where someone caused you physical pain or injury?* This deficit was not significantly different between males and females.
- **Drinking Parties** - 80% of youth reported "attending one or more parties in the last year where other kids their age were drinking." Females with 0-10 assets (86%) were more likely than males (77%) to report this deficit. The behavior started young, 8th grade (63%) and escalated in 10th grade (87%) and again in 12th grade (90%).