



SIDEBAR SURVEY – 2012

The Great Lakes Center for Youth Development Sidebar Survey was developed to provide supplementary information to the Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors Survey (created by the Search Institute) on key youth environment issues. The information is used by schools, community agencies and organizations for planning and evaluating programs and services. The topics include:

- Current Youth Employment and Career Pathways
- Internet Use and Safety
- Substance Use and Perceptions
- Nutrition/Weight and Exercise

Please note that questions may have been changed from previous survey editions and totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.

This Sidebar Survey was given to 1,763 middle and high school students in Marquette and Alger Counties in the fall of the year. The number of students and characteristics were as follows:

		Number of Youth	Percent
Total Sample		1,763	100%
Gender	Male	846	49%
	Female	886	51%
Race/Ethnicity	White	1,606	92%
	Black	47	3%
	Hispanic Latino	53	3%
	American Indian	157	9%
	Asian	45	3%

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Youth Employment and Career Pathways

1. During the school year, how many hours per week (on average) do you spend working for money? (At a job, babysitting, and odd jobs)

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
None	48%	48%	48%	50%	54%	41%
1-4 hours	31%	31%	31%	38%	33%	23%
5-8 hours	9%	7%	10%	8%	6%	11%
9-20 hours	9%	9%	8%	3%	5%	18%
>20	4%	5%	2%	2%	2%	7%

2. Choose the one response that BEST fits your current situation:

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
I don't work for money and I don't want to.	15%	15%	16%	18%	17%	12%
I want to work, but have not been able to find a job.	40%	42%	38%	38%	44%	37%
I work for personal money (e.g., personal spending money, saving for college, etc.)	39%	39%	39%	34%	35%	48%
I work because my family needs my income to help with family expenses	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
I work because my family needs me to help (e.g., work in a family business, babysitting, caring for family members, etc.)	5%	3%	6%	9%	3%	2%

3. What are your plans following high school?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Employment (not planning on continuing education)	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Military service	9%	15%	4%	10%	9%	9%
1-2 yr. tech. program or comm. college	7%	9%	5%	5%	6%	9%
4 or more years of college	64%	55%	73%	57%	66%	70%
Undecided	16%	17%	16%	23%	15%	10%
Other	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	2%

4. If you are planning to attend a college or trade school, how much planning have you and your family done on how you are going to pay for it? (number of students who answered: 1,678)

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
None	29%	29%	30%	41%	29%	17%
Some, but we are not done yet	57%	56%	58%	50%	59%	62%
We have a complete plan	14%	15%	13%	9%	12%	21%

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5. If you are not intending to attend college or trade school – what is your reason? Choose all that apply. (number of students who answered: 364)

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
It is not part of my career plan	35%	36%	33%	25%	40%	39%
I can't afford it	25%	23%	27%	32%	21%	23%
I don't know how to apply	8%	8%	8%	10%	7%	6%
I don't think I'm ready	21%	21%	22%	24%	17%	22%
I don't like school	24%	26%	22%	22%	23%	28%

6. What Career Pathway are you planning after you complete your education? Note: This is the career pathway that you might be researching in your school using www.mydreamexplorer.org.

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Health sciences	20%	12%	29%	12%	21%	28%
Arts and communications	10%	7%	13%	11%	11%	8%
Human services	13%	7%	19%	12%	11%	16%
Engineering, manufacturing and industrial technology	16%	29%	4%	14%	17%	16%
Natural resources, agriscience	3%	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%
Business management marketing	7%	9%	5%	4%	8%	9%
Undecided	18%	16%	20%	24%	19%	11%
Other	13%	15%	10%	20%	10%	9%

Internet Use and Safety

7. How much time each day do you spend on the Internet (including smart phone use) outside of school – not doing homework?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
I have no access to a computer outside of school	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%
<1 hour	20%	24%	16%	26%	18%	16%
1-2 hours	37%	39%	36%	36%	39%	37%
3-5 hours	25%	22%	29%	21%	24%	30%
>5 hours	14%	12%	17%	13%	15%	14%

8. Do you have an account on a “social networking site” (i.e. Facebook, MySpace, Pinterest, Tumblr, Twitter, etc.)

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Yes	90%	86%	94%	84%	92%	95%
No	10%	14%	6%	16%	8%	5%

9. Have you ever given your full name, address or location to someone that you've met online without your parents knowing?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Yes	15%	16%	14%	8%	17%	18%
No	85%	84%	86%	92%	83%	82%

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10. Have you ever been asked to meet someone who you've met online?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Yes	17%	14%	19%	12%	15%	22%
No	83%	86%	81%	88%	85%	78%

11. In the past year, have you seen a post or received a message online or via text message from a peer that was meant to threaten, embarrass or harass you?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Yes	23%	18%	28%	23%	24%	23%
No	77%	82%	72%	77%	76%	77%

12. Choose the one response that BEST fits your current situation:

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
I do not have a cell phone or similar device	13%	16%	10%	22%	11%	7%
I have a cell phone, but it cannot connect to the Internet or send text messages	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%
I have a cell phone that can send text messages, but I cannot use it for Internet browsing	35%	34%	35%	35%	38%	32%
I have a cell phone with which I browse the Internet and send text messages	49%	46%	52%	39%	48%	58%

13. How closely is your text messaging and/or recreational use of the Internet outside of school monitored by your parents?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
I have no access to a computer outside of school	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	1%
Not at all	46%	48%	44%	30%	42%	64%
A little bit	42%	40%	44%	51%	47%	30%
Very closely	10%	9%	11%	15%	10%	5%

14. If your parents knew everything you saw, did, or posted online and read all of your incoming and outgoing text messages, how do you think they would feel?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Very happy	6%	5%	7%	8%	5%	5%
Happy	14%	15%	14%	17%	14%	14%
Neutral	46%	47%	45%	46%	45%	47%
Unhappy	19%	19%	20%	16%	21%	20%
Very unhappy	14%	14%	14%	12%	15%	14%

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Substance use

15. How many times have you used prescription pills to get high in your lifetime?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Never did it	86%	86%	86%	94%	88%	78%
1 time	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	4%
2 times	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%
3-9 times	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	5%
10-19 times	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%
>20 times	5%	5%	4%	2%	3%	7%

16. How many times have you used prescription pills to get high during the last year?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Never did it	88%	88%	89%	95%	89%	83%
1 time	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	4%
2 times	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	4%
3-9 times	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%
10-19 times	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
>20 times	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	5%

17. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to drink beer, wine or hard liquor regularly?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Very wrong	40%	39%	42%	65%	35%	25%
Wrong	24%	24%	24%	22%	28%	24%
A little bit wrong	24%	22%	25%	10%	28%	32%
Not wrong at all	12%	14%	9%	4%	10%	20%

18. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to smoke cigarettes?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Very wrong	57%	58%	55%	73%	57%	42%
Wrong	22%	22%	22%	16%	24%	25%
A little bit wrong	11%	10%	12%	7%	11%	15%
Not wrong at all	10%	10%	10%	4%	7%	17%

19. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to smoke marijuana?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Very wrong	51%	49%	53%	75%	50%	32%
Wrong	17%	15%	17%	12%	17%	21%
A little bit wrong	15%	14%	15%	7%	15%	21%
Not wrong at all	18%	21%	15%	7%	18%	26%

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20. If you wanted to, how hard would it be for you to get cigarettes?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Very hard	26%	25%	26%	44%	24%	11%
Hard	16%	17%	16%	20%	19%	11%
Sort of easy	24%	22%	25%	19%	31%	21%
Very easy	34%	36%	32%	17%	26%	57%

21. If you wanted to, how hard would it be for you to get prescription drugs?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Very hard	30%	29%	30%	47%	28%	15%
Hard	24%	25%	22%	20%	26%	25%
Sort of easy	24%	22%	26%	18%	26%	29%
Very easy	22%	23%	21%	15%	20%	30%

22. If you wanted to, how hard would it be for you to get beer, wine or hard liquor?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Very hard	19%	19%	20%	38%	14%	8%
Hard	14%	15%	12%	18%	15%	9%
Sort of easy	29%	28%	31%	25%	32%	31%
Very easy	38%	39%	36%	19%	39%	53%

23. If you wanted to, how hard would it be for you to get marijuana?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Very hard	39%	36%	42%	63%	36%	20%
Hard	13%	14%	12%	13%	15%	11%
Sort of easy	18%	17%	20%	10%	21%	24%
Very easy	30%	33%	26%	15%	28%	45%

24. If you wanted to, how hard would it be for you to get beer, wine, or hard liquor from your home without your parents knowing it?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
No alcohol in my home	13%	15%	12%	14%	13%	13%
Very hard	23%	22%	24%	30%	18%	21%
Hard	20%	21%	19%	18%	22%	21%
Sort of easy	26%	25%	27%	25%	29%	26%
Very easy	17%	17%	17%	14%	18%	20%

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25. Thinking about the last time you had at least one whole drink, how did you get alcohol at that time? Select only one response. (If you have not drunk alcohol, skip question.) (*number of students who answered: 809*)

	Total	Male	Female	8 th	10 th	12 th
Purchased with fake ID	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Purchased without a fake ID	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
A stranger bought it	5%	6%	3%	4%	3%	6%
I got it from my parents	14%	11%	16%	21%	13%	13%
From home without my parents' permission	12%	11%	12%	29%	13%	5%
Someone under 21 and not a relative	23%	20%	27%	16%	29%	21%
Someone over 21 and not a relative	31%	32%	30%	11%	23%	43%
Relative under 21	3%	4%	2%	7%	5%	1%
Relative over 21	9%	11%	7%	11%	12%	7%

26. Thinking about the last time you got cigarettes, how did you get them at that time? Select only one response. (If you have not smoked cigarettes, skip question.) (*number of students who answered: 399*)

	Total	Male	Female	8 th	10 th	12 th
Purchased with fake ID	4%	4%	2%	2%	2%	5%
Purchased without a fake ID	14%	18%	10%	2%	5%	26%
A stranger bought it	5%	7%	2%	5%	3%	5%
I got it from my parents	9%	7%	10%	13%	8%	6%
From home without my parents' permission	10%	12%	9%	24%	10%	3%
Someone under 18 and not a relative	24%	19%	28%	25%	36%	16%
Someone over 18 and not a relative	26%	25%	28%	15%	26%	31%
Relative under 18	3%	3%	2%	7%	3%	1%
Relative over 18	7%	5%	9%	6%	8%	7%

Nutrition/Weight and Exercise

27. How would you describe your weight?

	Total	Male	Female	8 th	10 th	12 th
Very underweight	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%
Slightly underweight	9%	10%	8%	12%	9%	7%
About the right weight	69%	71%	68%	69%	71%	69%
Overweight	19%	16%	22%	17%	18%	21%
Very overweight	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%

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28. What are you doing about your weight right now?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Lose weight	37%	23%	51%	38%	34%	39%
Maintain weight	32%	32%	31%	35%	32%	28%
Gain weight	14%	25%	4%	10%	16%	16%
Not paying attention to weight	17%	20%	14%	17%	17%	17%

29. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? (Add up all the time you spend in any kind of physical activity that increases your heart rate and make you breathe hard some of the time.)

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
None	10%	7%	13%	7%	10%	14%
1 day	7%	5%	8%	5%	10%	6%
2 days	12%	9%	14%	11%	13%	11%
3 days	12%	11%	14%	12%	12%	13%
4 days	11%	10%	11%	10%	11%	11%
5 days	16%	18%	15%	16%	17%	16%
6 days	10%	11%	10%	12%	9%	10%
7 days	21%	28%	15%	27%	19%	19%

30. How many fruit and/or vegetable servings do you typically eat each day? One serving of fruit might be things such as one banana, one apple, fifteen grapes, one half cup of orange or other fruit juice (don't count fruit flavored punch or fruit flavored pop). One serving of vegetables might be things such as one ear of corn, one carrot or ten baby carrots, five pieces of broccoli, half of a baked sweet potato (don't count french fries or potato chips).

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
0	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%
1-2	43%	43%	44%	42%	43%	44%
3-4	36%	36%	36%	35%	36%	37%
5-8	10%	10%	11%	10%	10%	10%
9 or more	6%	7%	5%	8%	5%	4%

31. How many days per week do you eat breakfast?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
0 days	12%	10%	15%	11%	11%	14%
1 day	6%	5%	6%	6%	5%	7%
2 days	7%	6%	8%	6%	7%	9%
3 days	9%	8%	9%	8%	9%	9%
4 days	5%	4%	6%	4%	6%	5%
5 days	12%	11%	12%	10%	13%	12%
6 days	8%	10%	6%	9%	8%	7%
7 days	41%	46%	37%	46%	42%	37%

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More About You

32. In the past year, have you had a physical check-up in a doctor's office?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Yes	84%	85%	83%	87%	85%	81%
No	16%	15%	17%	13%	15%	19%

33. In the past year, has an immediate family member or someone very close to you died?

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Yes	48%	45%	50%	49%	48%	46%
No	52%	55%	50%	51%	52%	54%

34. If you've experienced sadness, anger or grief due to the death of a family member or someone close to you, do you feel you've received enough support? (number of students who answered: 1,610)

	Total	Male	Female	8th	10th	12th
Yes	73%	73%	73%	69%	73%	76%
No	27%	27%	27%	31%	27%	24%