# Health Risk Behaviors among Missouri Middle and High School Students

Results from the
2013 Missouri Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
and the
2013 Missouri Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS)

## About the 2013 surveys....

- Public middle schools and classes were randomly selected to participate in the YTS
- Public high schools and classes were randomly selected to participate in the YRBS
- School and student participation was voluntary, anonymous and confidential
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention developed and tested the questions. Also, CDC weighted and analyzed data for states.
- Sufficient school and student responses were obtained to generalize the data to all public middle and high school students in Missouri

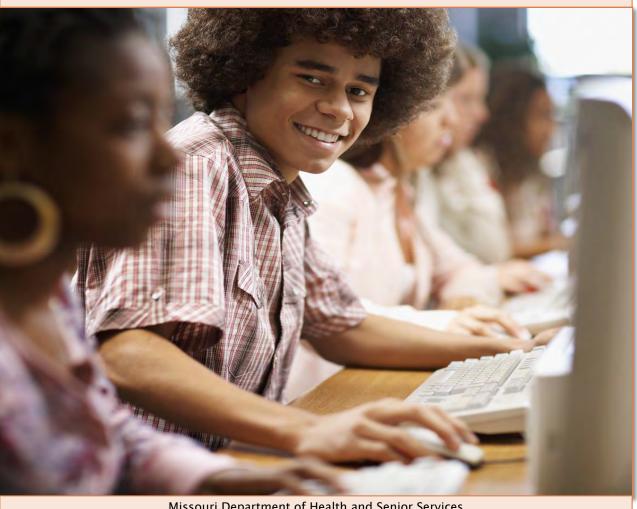
## Health Risk Behaviors

Behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of morbidity and mortality of youth:

- Unhealthy dietary behaviors
- Inadequate physical activity
- Tobacco use
- Alcohol and other drug use
- Sexual behaviors
- Behaviors that contribute to unintentional and intentional injuries and violence
- Also obesity and asthma

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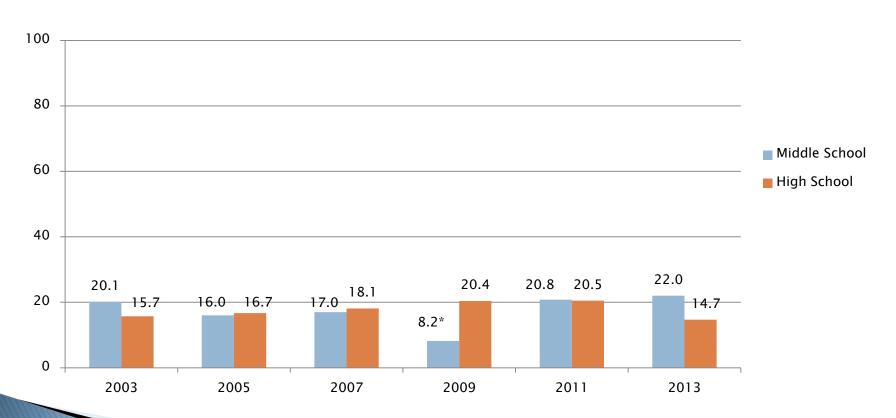
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# **Dietary Behaviors**

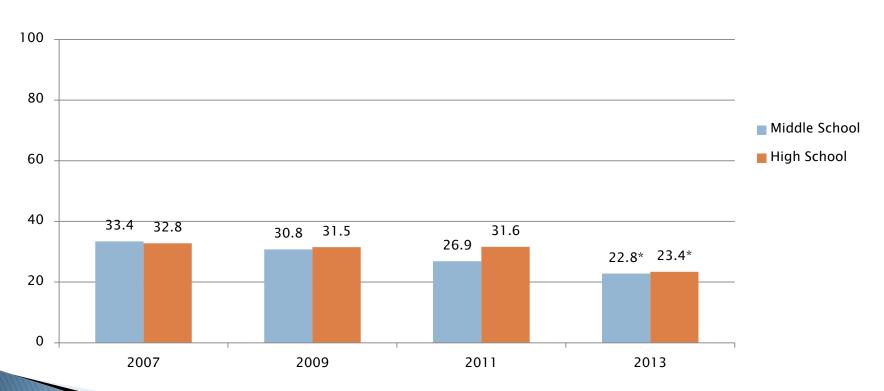
Percentage of middle and high school students who ate fruits and vegetables 5 or more times per day in past 7 days, 2003-2013



\*Different question: Five or more servings of fruits and vegetables eaten the day before the survey.

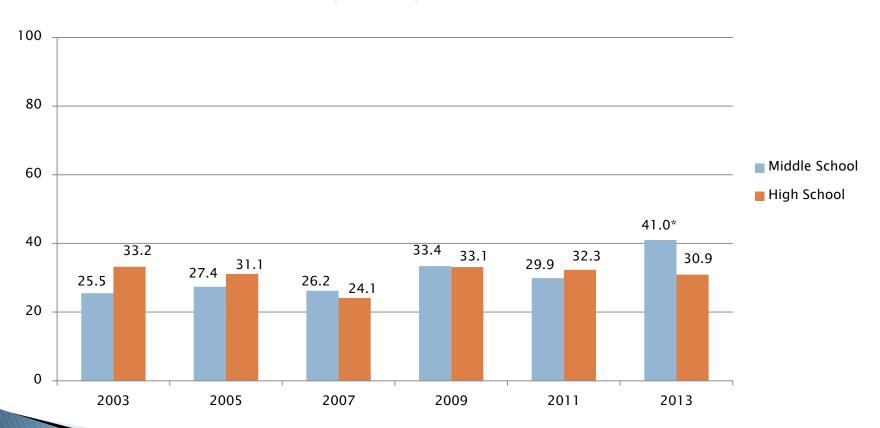
## **Dietary Behaviors**

Percentage of middle and high school students who drank sugar-added drinks or non-diet soda one or more times per day during the past 7days, 2007-2013



# Physical Education

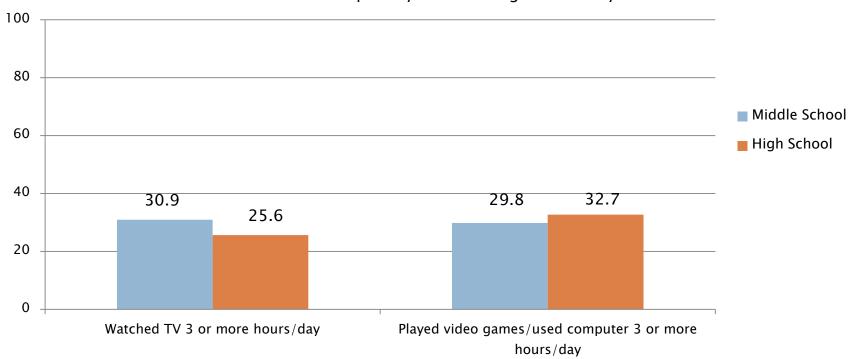
Percentage of middle and high school students who went to physical education classes daily during an average school week, 2003-2013



# **Physical Inactivity**

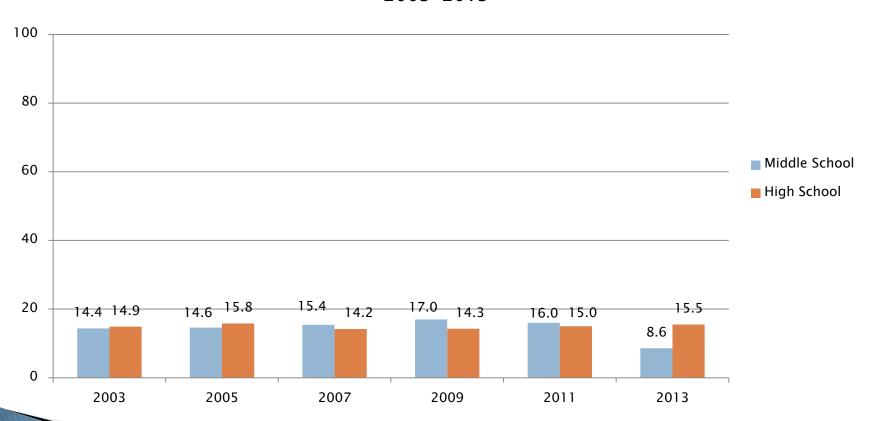
#### Percentage of middle and high school students, 2013

Watched television for 3 or more hours per day on an average school day
Played video or computer games or used a computer for other than school work for 3
or more hours per day on an average school day



# Overweight

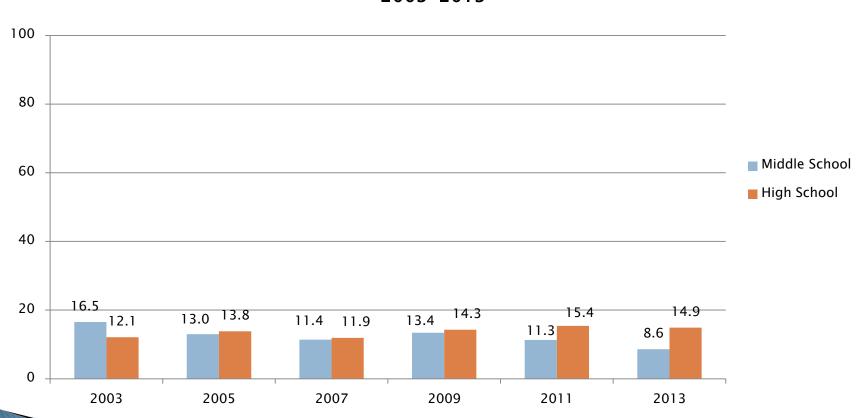
Percentage of middle and high school students who were overweight\* 2003-2013



\*BMI between 85th and 95th percentile on CDC growth chart

## Obese

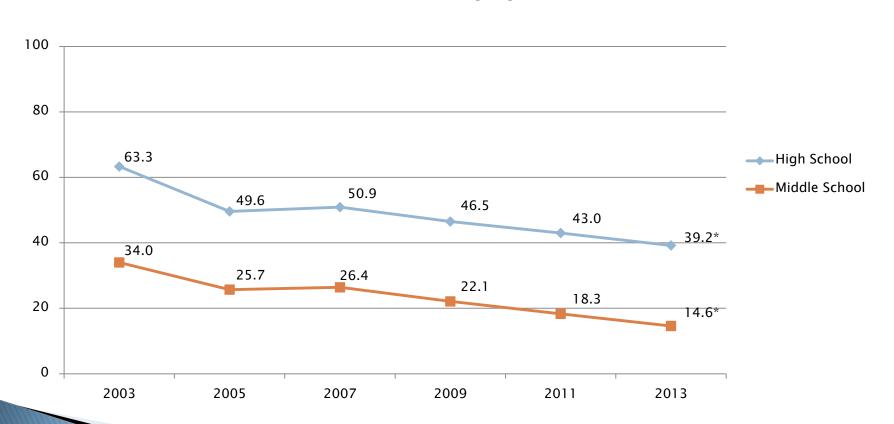
## Percentage of middle and high school students who were obese\* 2003-2013



\*BMI at or above the 95th percentile on CDC growth chart

## Tobacco Use

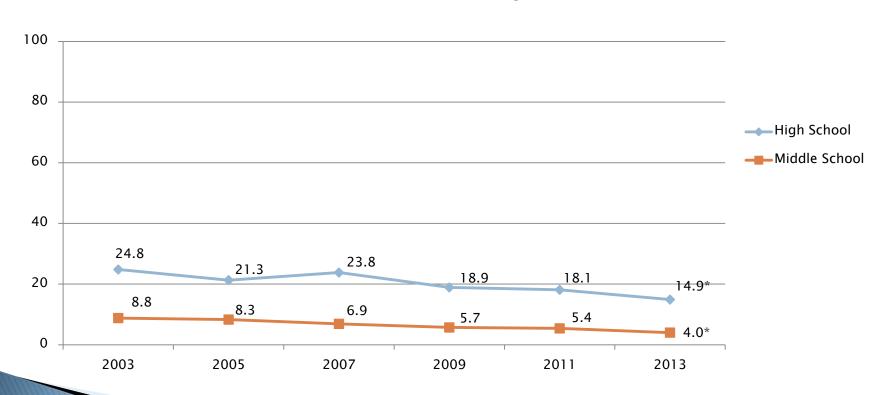
## Percentage of middle and high school students, 2003-2013 Ever tried smoking cigarettes



### Tobacco Use

### Percentage of middle and high school students, 2003-2013

Smoked cigarettes on 1 or more of past 30 days (Current Smoking)

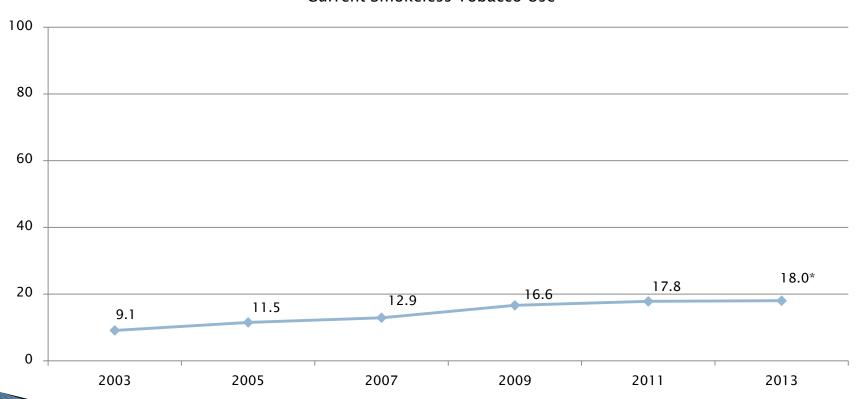


## Tobacco Use

#### Percentage of high school males, 2003-2013

Used smokeless tobacco on 1 or more of the past 30 days

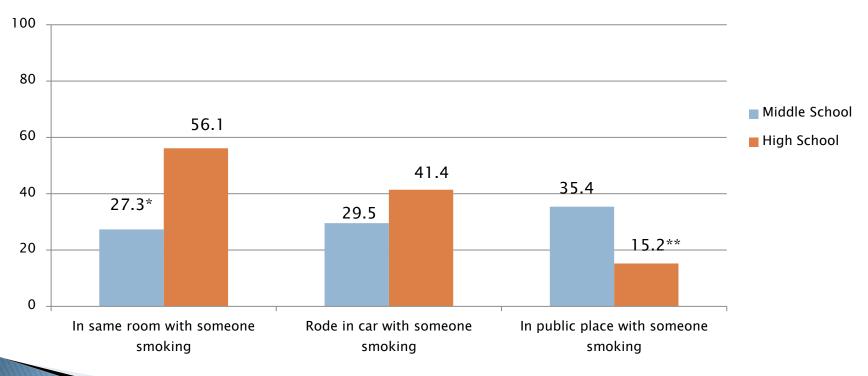
Current Smokeless Tobacco Use



## Secondhand Smoke

#### Percentage of middle and high school students, 2013

In same room with someone smoking in past 7 days Rode in car with someone smoking in past 7 days In public place with someone smoking in past 7 days



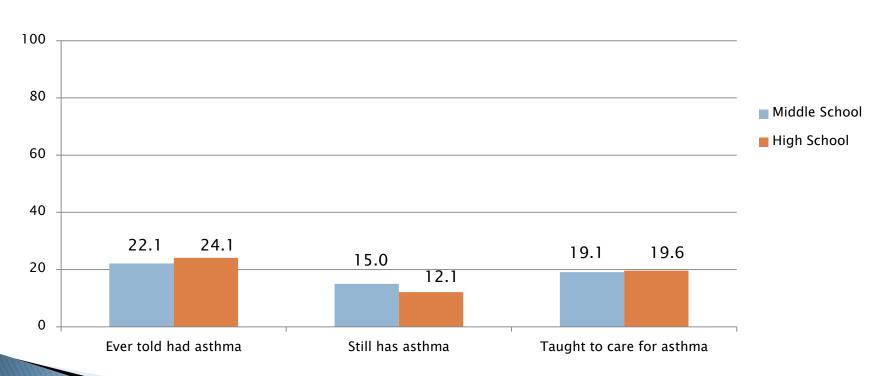
<sup>\*</sup>In home with someone smoking tobacco in past 7 days \*\*Among high school students that work, breathed smoke in place where work in past 7 days

## **Asthma**

#### Percentage of middle and high school students, 2013

Ever been told by a doctor or nurse they had asthma Still has asthma

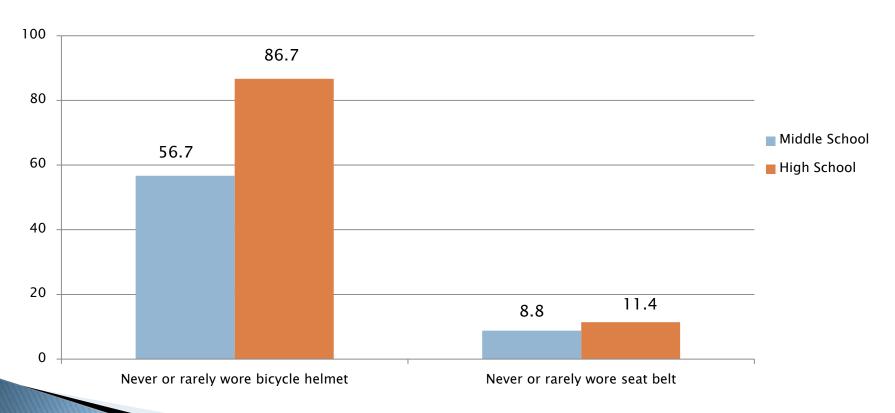
Ever taught by a doctor or nurse how to manage their asthma



## Bicycle Helmet and Seat Belt Use

#### Percentage of middle and high school students, 2013

Never or rarely wore a helmet, among students who rode a bicycle in past 12 months Never or rarely wore a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else

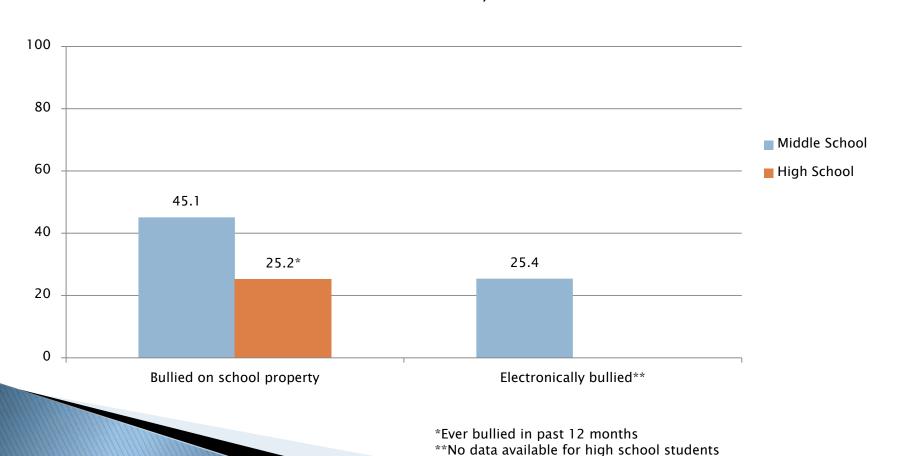


# Bullying

#### Percentage of middle and high school students, 2013

Ever been bullied on school property

Ever electronically bullied



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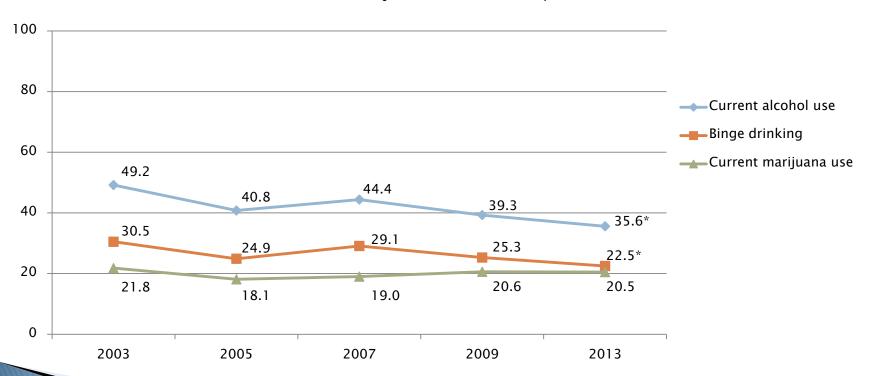
# Alcohol and Marijuana Use

#### Percentage of high school students in past 30 days, 2003-2013

Had at least 1 drink of alcohol on 1 or more days

Drank 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row on 1 or more days

Used marijuana on 1 or more days



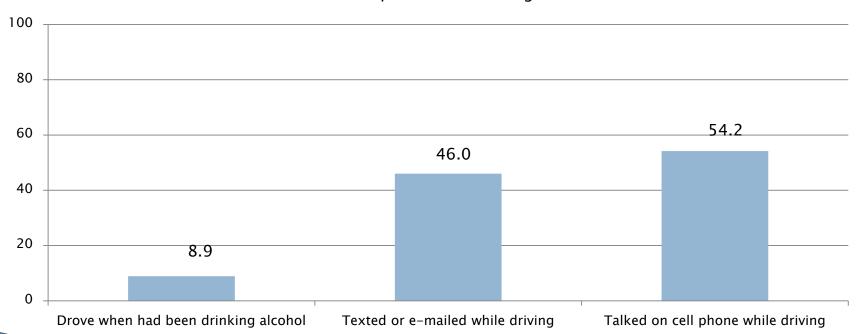
# Driving when Drinking or Using a Mobile Device

Among high school students who had driven a car or other vehicle in the past 30 days in 2013, percentage that:

Drove when had been drinking alcohol 1 or more times

Texted or e-mailed while driving on 1 or more days

Talked on cell phone while driving on 1 or



## Alcohol Use and Seat Belt Use

#### Percentage of high school students by race and ethnicity, 2013

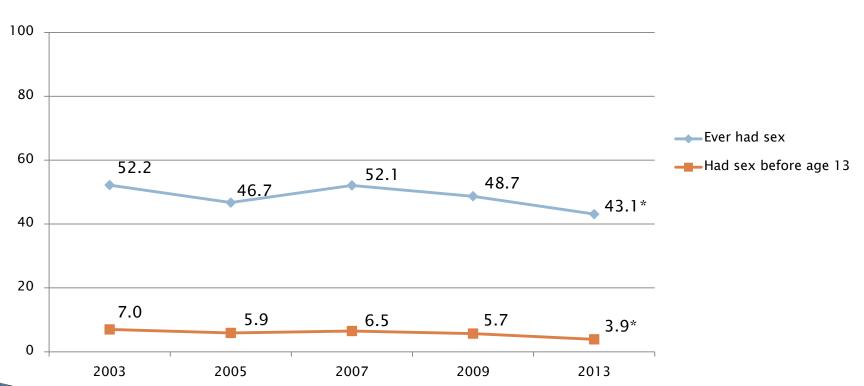
First tried alcohol before age 13

Rode with someone who had been drinking alcohol in past 30 days Never or rarely wore a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else



#### Percentage of high school students, 2003-2013

Ever had sexual intercourse Had sexual intercourse for first time before age 13

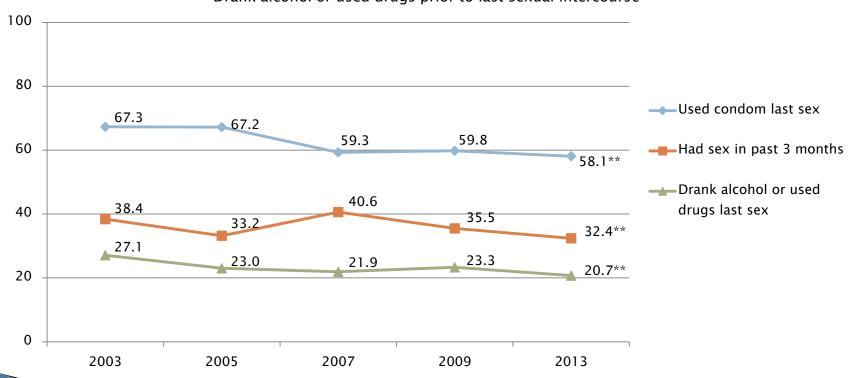


#### Percentage of high school students, 2003-2013

Had sexual intercourse with 1 or more people in last 3 months (Current intercourse)

Student or partner used a condom during last sexual intercourse\*

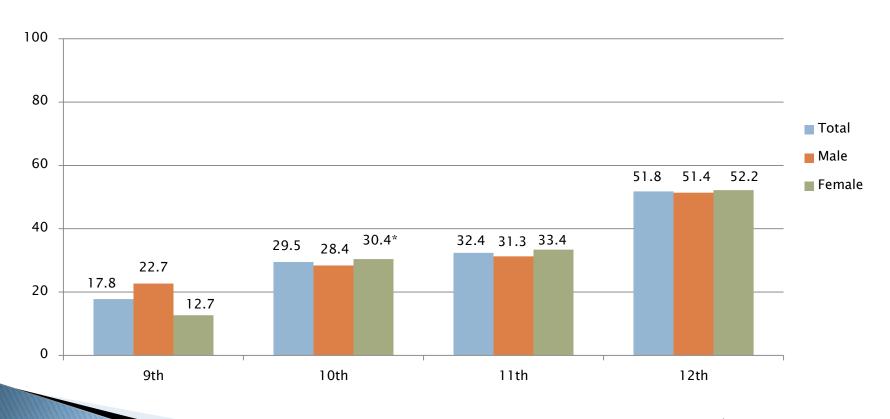
Drank alcohol or used drugs prior to last sexual intercourse\*



<sup>\*</sup>Among students who had sexual intercourse in past 3 months
\*\*Statistically significant decline from 2003

#### Percentage of high school students by grade and gender, 2013

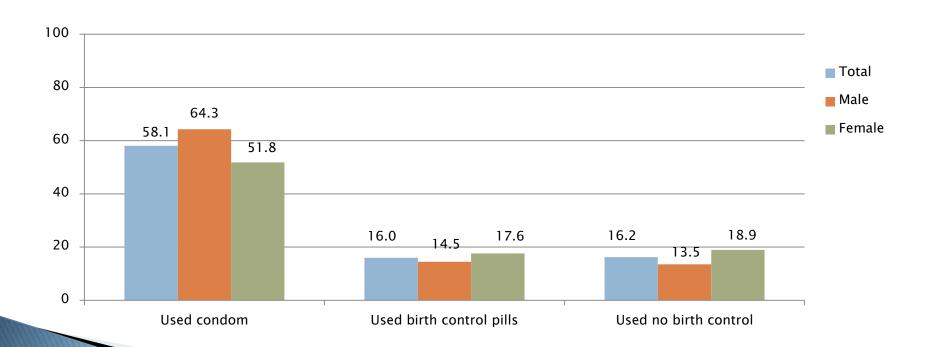
Had sexual intercourse with 1 or more people in past 3 months (Current intercourse)



\*Statistically significant increase from 9<sup>th</sup> grade Statistically significant increase from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade among both males and females

Among high school students who had sexual intercourse in past 3 months in 2013, percentage by gender who used the following method to prevent pregnancy:

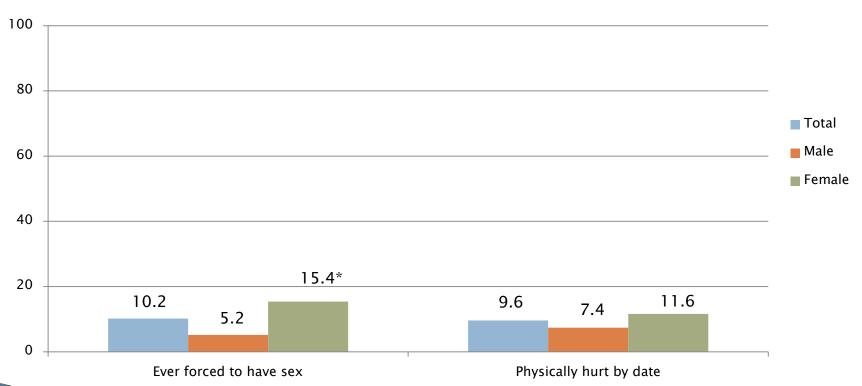
Student or partner: Used a condom; Used birth control pills; Used no birth control



# Forced Sexual Intercourse and Dating Violence

#### Percentage of high school students by gender, 2013

Ever forced to have unwanted sexual intercourse Physically hurt by someone they were dating 1 or more times in past year

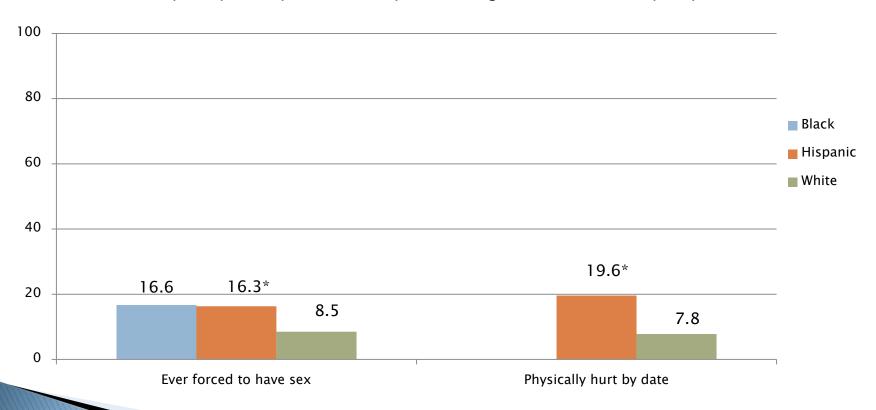


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# Forced Sexual Intercourse and Dating Violence

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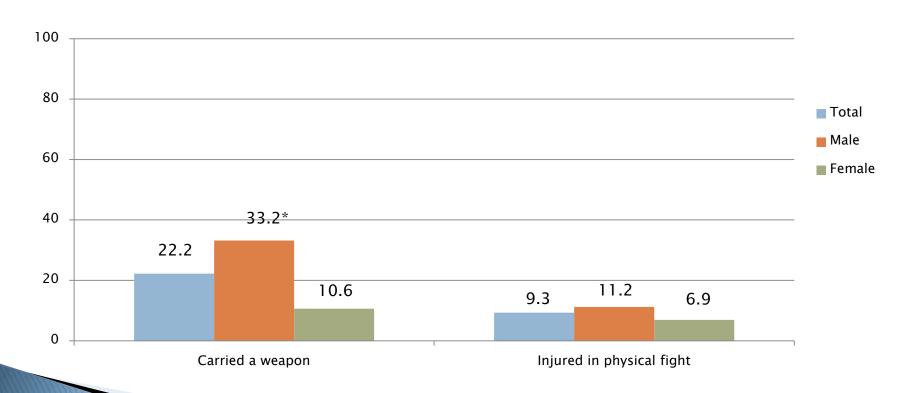


\*Statistically significantly different from non-Hispanic white students Insufficient data to report hurt by date for non-Hispanic black students

# Weapon Carrying and Physical Fighting

#### Percentage of high school students by gender, 2013

Carried a weapon (e.g., gun, knife or club) on 1 or more of the past 30 days Were in a physical fight that required medical treatment in past year

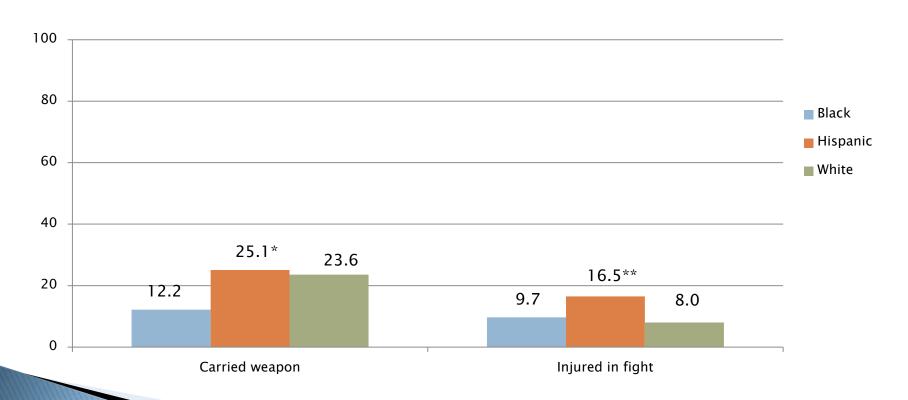


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# Weapon Carrying and Physical Fighting

Percentage of high school students by race and ethnicity, 2013

Carried a weapon (e.g., gun, knife or club) during past 30 days Were injured in a physical fight that required medical treatment in past year



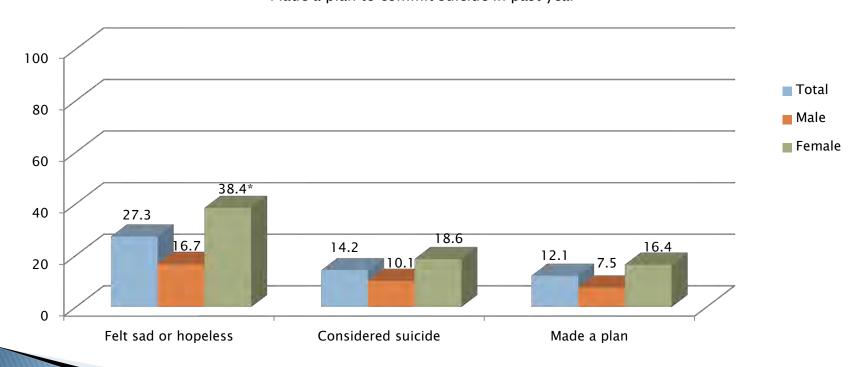
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## Depression and Suicide

#### Percentage of high school students by gender, 2013

Felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or more in a row during past 12 months
that they stopped doing usual activities
Considered suicide in past year
Made a plan to commit suicide in past year

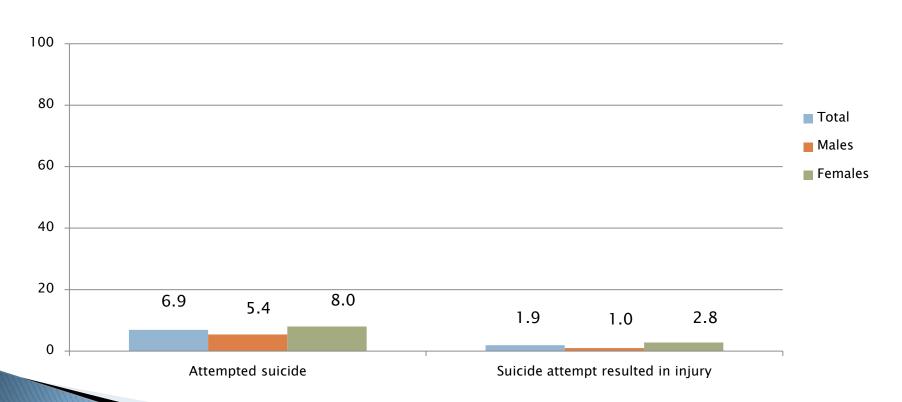


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# Suicide Attempts

#### Percentage of high school students by gender, 2013

Attempted suicide 1 or more times in past year Suicide attempt in past year resulted in injury, poisoning or overdose

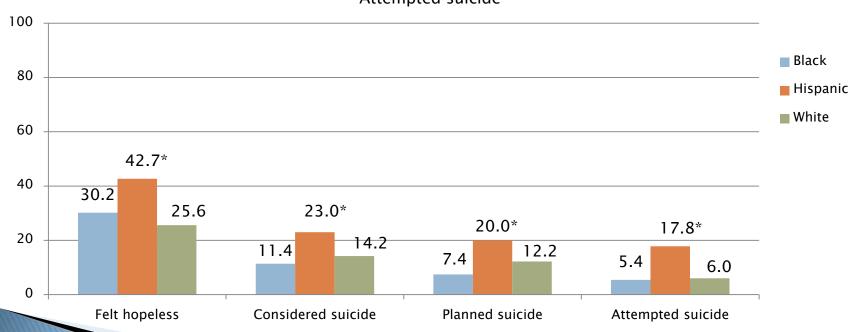


## Depression and Suicide

#### Percentage of high school students by race and ethnicity, 2013

Felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or more in a row in past year that they stopped doing their usual activities

Considered suicide Planned suicide Attempted suicide



# Summary of Findings

### The good news, over the past decade...

- Sugar-added/non-diet soft drink consumption declined significantly among middle and high school students since 2007
- Current cigarette smoking declined significantly among middle and high school students
- Current alcohol use and binge drinking declined significantly among high school students
- Current sexual intercourse declined significantly among high school students

# Summary of Findings

### Of concern....

- Almost one-half of middle school students and a quarter of high school students had been bullied on school property
- About one-half of high school students texted or e-mailed, or talked on a cell phone while driving
- Condom use declined significantly over the past decade
- Sixteen percent of high school students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months used no method of birth control
- Fifteen percent of high school females had been forced to have unwanted sexual intercourse; twelve percent had been physically hurt by someone they were dating
- A third of high school males carried a weapon in the past 30 days
- A significantly greater percentage of Hispanic high school students than non-Hispanic white students engaged in behaviors that put them at risk for intentional or unintentional injuries

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