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**Obesity/Overweight Status**

- 11.9% of students are obese (i.e., at or above the 95th percentile for body mass index, by age and sex).
- 12.1% of students are overweight (i.e., at or above the 85th percentile for body mass index, by age and sex).
- 29.3% of students described themselves as slightly or very overweight.

**Weight Loss Behaviors**

- 43.9% of students are trying to lose weight.
- 13.1% of students have gone without eating for 24 hours or more to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days.
- 5.6% of students have taken any diet pills, powders, or liquids without a doctor’s advice to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days.
- 5.0% of students have vomited or took laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days.
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**Physical Activity**
- 47.5% of students played on one or more sports teams during the past 12 months.
- 45.2% of students are physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day on five or more of the past seven days.
- 26.4% of students watched three or more hours per day of TV on an average school day.
- 25.7% of students who played video or computer games or used a computer for something that was not school work three or more hours per day on an average school day.

**Physical Education**
- 22.6% of students attended physical education (PE) classes daily in an average week when they were in school.
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What are the dietary behaviors of high school students in Pima County?

Key Points:
- 76.1% of students drink 100% fruit juices one or more times during the past seven days.
- 21.5% of students drink a can, bottle, or glass of soda pop or pop one or more times per day during the past seven days.
- 14.2% of students eat fruits and vegetables five or more times per day during the past seven days.
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**Cigarette Smoking**
- 45.7% of students have ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs.
- 15.8% of students have smoked cigarettes on one or more of the past 30 days.
- 9.6% of students smoke cigarettes daily, that is, at least one cigarette every day for 30 days.
- 8.9% of students smoke a whole cigarette for the first time before age 13 years.
- 3.3% of students have smoked cigarettes on school property on one or more of the past 30 days.

**Cigarette Availability and Smoking Cessation**

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<td>Did not try to quit smoking cigarettes (among students who currently smoked</td>
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**What is the mental health status of high school students in Pima County?**

**Depression**

- 33.1% of students have felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or more in a row, that they stopped doing some usual activities during the past 12 months.
- 22.3% of students did something (e.g. cutting or burning themselves on purpose) to purposely hurt themselves without wanting to die one or more time during the past 12 months.

**Suicide**

- 18.1% of students seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months.
- 15.7% of students made a plan about how they would attempt suicide during the past 12 months.
- 9% of students actually attempted suicide one or more times during the past 12 months.
- 3.0% of students made a suicide attempt during the past 12 months that resulted in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse.