

# 2010 PIMA COUNTY YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY RESULTS

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) consists of questions related to health risk behaviors such as tobacco use, physical activity and education, nutrition, obesity and weight management activities, alcohol and substance use, risky sexual behaviors, and behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence amongst adolescents. The results are representative of all students in grades 9-12 in Pima County.

## *What is happening in Pima County High Schools?*

*This fact sheet highlights results from the YRBS pertaining to activities taking place on school campus that affect the health of students.*

### **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS**

- \* 33% of students were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug by someone on school property during the past 12 months.
- \* 18.3% of students have attended school under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs, such as marijuana or cocaine, one or more times during the past 12 months.
- \* 6.6% of students used marijuana on school property one or more times during the past 30 days.
- \* 4.6% of students had at least one drink of alcohol on school property on one or more of the past 30 days.

### **TOBACCO USE**

- \* 3.3% of students have smoked cigarettes on school property on one or more of the past 30 days.

### **VIOLENCE**

- \* 10.3% of students were in a physical fight on school property one or more times during the past 12 months.

### **BULLYING**

- \* 5.5% of students have been harassed or bullied on school property weekly or daily during the past 12 months.
- \* 1.3% of students' property such as their car, clothing, or books was stolen or deliberately damaged on school property weekly or daily during the past 12 months.

### **SAFETY**

- \* 7.3% of students had been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property one or more times during the past 12 months.
- \* 5.5% of students carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property on one or more of the past 30 days.
- \* 4.6% of students did not go to school on one or more of the past 30 days because they felt they would be unsafe at school or on their way to or from school.

### **SEXUAL AWARENESS**

- \* 16.5 % of students received the most information during their life about sexual activity from a health teacher, school nurse, counselor, or some other adults at school.

### **SENSE OF CONNECTION TO THE SCHOOL**

- \* 59.9% of students participate in school activities such as sports, or clubs one or more hours during an average week when they are in school.
- \* 20.5% of students disagree or strongly disagree that students help decide what goes on in their school.



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