

2022 Knox County Youth Risk Behavior Survey

AT A GLANCE

The 2022 Knox County Youth Risk Behavior Survey polled Knox County Schools' high school students. Here were some of the key takeaways. More results, including methodology, can be found in the full report.

One out of seven (15%) students were in a physical fight during the past 12 months.

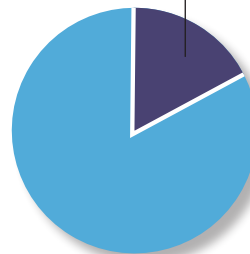


This is a **12% decrease** compared to results from 2019.

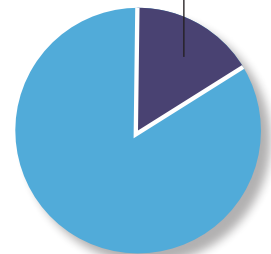


One out of five (22%) students have seen someone physically attacked, beaten, stabbed, or shot in their neighborhood.

Nearly 17% of students were bullied on school property during the past 12 months,

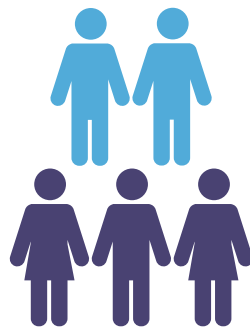


and approximately 16% of students say they've been bullied electronically during that same period.



More female students (21%) reported being bullied electronically than male students (10%).

Almost 40% of students felt so sad or hopeless that they stopped doing normal activities for two or more weeks in a row.



Female students (49.6%) were more likely to report this behavior than male students (28%).

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9% of students reported they attempted suicide during the past 12 months.

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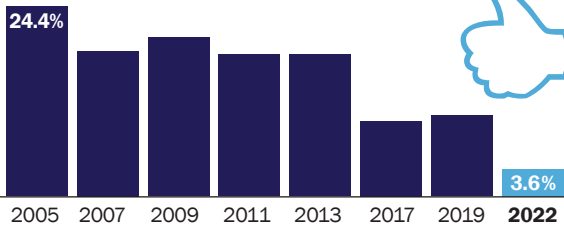
This is a significant **decrease** from 2019 when 18% of students reported this behavior.

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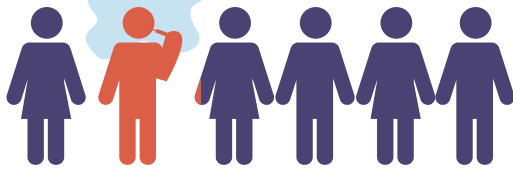
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Fewer than **4%** of students smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days.



Cigarette use among KCS students has seen a significant **decline** since 2005.



More than one out of six students (**18%**) used an electronic vapor product in the past 30 days.

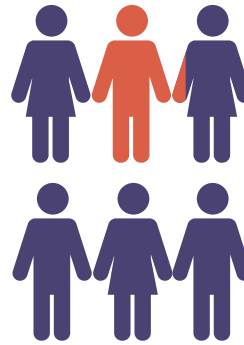
This percentage has **decreased** since 2019, when it was nearly 29%.



Almost **50%** of students reported they were trying to lose weight.



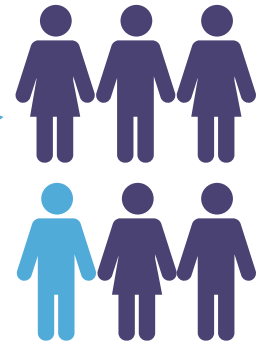
More female students (**59%**) reported this than male students (**37%**).



More than one out of six students (**19%**) drank alcohol during the past 30 days.



This is an **improvement** from 2019 when nearly 31% reported they engaged in this behavior.

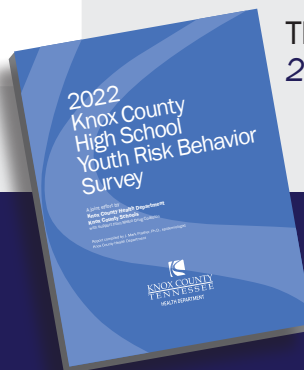


One out of six students (**17%**) used some form of illicit drug (excluding alcohol or tobacco) during the past 30 days.

One out of four students (**27%**) were offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property during the past 12 months.



The full survey can be found at [2022_YRBS_Report.pdf \(knoxcounty.org\)](https://www.knoxcounty.org/health/2022_YRBS_Report.pdf)



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