

Finally, 24% of parents failed to regularly or ever limit the amount of time students were allowed to go out with friends on school nights.

Clearly, the areas of lack of parental supervision that impact students' freedom to spend unstructured and unsupervised time out of school are expected to contribute directly to increased risk of ATOD use, abuse and problems among youth.

SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVEYED STUDENTS

- SEX - Students were evenly distributed by sex - 51% were female, and 49 % male.
- AGE - Most students were 15 to 17 with
 - 8% being age 14
 - 24% age 15
 - 28% age 16
 - 25% age 17
 - 13% age 18
 - 2% age 19Very few students were under 14 or over 19 years of age.
- GRADE - Freshman represented 28% of the students surveyed; sophomores, 27%; juniors, 24%, and seniors, 21%.
- FAMILY BACKGROUND - In about 26% of students' families, fathers were not living in the household, and in 12%, mothers were not present. Forty-two percent of these youth had brothers, 38% sisters, 6.5% grandparents, 5% other relatives and 2.6% non-relatives living in their households. Some students had spouses (1%) and/or had children (1%) living with them. And about 560 students or less than 1% lived alone.
- RACE - Eighty-two percent of students were white, 15% were black, 1% Native-American, 1% Asian and 2% reported being of other races.
- RELIGION - More than half of students were Baptist (51%), with 12% reporting their religion as Church of Christ, 8% as Methodist, 3% as Presbyterian, and 5% were Protestants of other denominations (including 1% Episcopalian, 1% Lutheran, 1% Seventh-Day Adventist, and less than 1% Jehovah's Witness). Another 4% were Roman Catholic. Jews, Moslems, and Buddhists together made up 1% of students. The remainder of students belonged to "other religions." Eight percent of students reported no religious preference.
- RELIGIOSITY/SPIRITUALITY - For about half of the students (47%), religion or spirituality was reported as "very important" in their lives. For 39%, it was "somewhat important"; for 10%, "not very important"; and for about 4% "not important at all".