

Swaziland

2003 Fact Sheet



The **2003 Swaziland GSHS** measured alcohol and other drug use; sexual behaviours that contribute to HIV infections, other STIs, and unintended pregnancies; unintentional injuries and violence; hygiene; dietary behaviours and overweight; and protective factors.

The 2003 Swaziland GSHS was a school-based survey of students in grades 6 and 7 and forms 1, 2, 3, and 4. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce data representative of all students in grades 6 and 7 and forms 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Swaziland. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 97%, the student response rate was 99%, and the overall response rate was 96%. A total of 7,341 students participated in the Swaziland GSHS. Students self-reported their responses to each question on a computer scannable answer sheet. For comparison purposes, only students aged 13-15 years are included in the analyses for this fact sheet.

| Results for students aged 13-15 years | Total | Boys | Girls |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Alcohol and Other Drug Use | | | |
| Percentage of students who had at least one drink containing alcohol on one or more days during the past 30 days | 16.0 ± 2.0 | 19.6 ± 3.4 | 14.3 ± 1.8 |
| Percentage of students who drank so much alcohol that they were really drunk one or more times during their life | 18.6 ± 1.8 | 23.7 ± 2.6 | 15.9 ± 1.6 |
| Percentage of students who had a hang-over, felt sick, got into trouble with family or friends, missed school, or got into fights one or more times as a result of drinking alcohol during their life | 16.9 ± 1.2 | 20.6 ± 2.1 | 15.0 ± 1.2 |
| Percentage of students who used drugs one or more times during their life | 7.0 ± 1.2 | 10.3 ± 2.0 | 5.3 ± 1.0 |
| Dietary Behaviours and Overweight | | | |
| Percentage of students who went hungry most of the time or always during the past 30 days because there was not enough food in their home | 9.4 ± 1.2 | 10.2 ± 2.3 | 8.8 ± 1.5 |
| Hygiene | | | |
| Percentage of students who never or rarely washed their hands before eating during the past 30 days | 4.8 ± 0.7 | 5.5 ± 1.1 | 4.3 ± 0.8 |
| Percentage of students who never or rarely washed their hands after using the toilet or latrine during the past 30 days | 7.1 ± 1.0 | 9.5 ± 1.5 | 5.9 ± 1.1 |
| Protective Factors | | | |
| Percentage of students who missed classes or school without permission on one or more days during the past 30 days | 21.3 ± 2.3 | 27.3 ± 2.3 | 17.8 ± 2.1 |
| Percentage of students who reported that most of the students in their school were never or rarely kind and helpful during the past 30 days | 35.9 ± 2.4 | 41.9 ± 3.1 | 32.8 ± 2.3 |
| Percentage of students whose parents or guardians never or rarely really knew what they were doing with their free time during the past 30 days | 35.0 ± 1.4 | 38.2 ± 2.1 | 33.2 ± 1.8 |
| Sexual Behaviours that contribute to HIV Infections, Other STIs, and Unintended Pregnancies | | | |
| Percentage of students who have ever had sexual intercourse | 11.1 ± 2.2 | 19.9 ± 3.0 | 6.7 ± 0.9 |
| Percentage of students who ever had sexual intercourse with two or more people during their life | 6.2 ± 1.6 | 12.4 ± 2.4 | 3.0 ± 0.7 |
| Among students who ever had sexual intercourse, the percentage who used a condom the last time they had sexual intercourse | 43.9 ± 4.1 | 40.6 ± 5.4 | 47.4 ± 7.0 |



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| Unintentional Injuries and Violence | | | |
| Percentage of students who were in a physical fight one or more times during the past 12 months | 27.8 ± 2.7 | 37.3 ± 2.8 | 22.6 ± 2.1 |
| Percentage of students who were seriously injured one or more times during the past 12 months | 38.6 ± 1.8 | 47.1 ± 2.5 | 34.1 ± 2.0 |
| Percentage of students who were bullied on one or more days during the past 30 days | 39.6 ± 2.4 | 43.0 ± 3.0 | 37.8 ± 2.5 |

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