



The 2012 Ghana Senior High GSHS was a school-based survey of students in Grades SHS 1-4, which are typically attended by students aged 13 - 17 years. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce data representative of all students in Grades SHS 1-4 in Ghana Senior High. 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 Ghana Senior High GSHS measured alcohol use; dietary behaviors; drug use; hygiene; mental health; physical activity; protective factors; sexual behaviors; tobacco use; and violence and unintentional injury. Students self-reported their responses to each question on a computer scanable answer sheet. The school response rate was 96%, the student response rate was 74%, and the overall response rate was 71%. A total of 1984 students participated in the Ghana Senior High GSHS. Prevalence estimates (percentages) and 95% confidence intervals are presented below.

	Students Aged 13-15 Years			Students Aged 16-17 Years			Students Aged 13-17 Years		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Alcohol Use									
Among students who ever had a drink of alcohol (other than a few sips), the percentage who had their first drink of alcohol before age 14 years	*	*	*	48.2 (37.4-59.1)	45.1 (33.6-57.1)	*	56.4 (45.9-66.3)	50.2 (39.2-61.2)	*
Percentage of students who drank at least one drink containing alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days	5.7 (2.2-13.9)	*	8.6 (3.7-18.5)	12.1 (9.3-15.7)	13.7 (9.6-19.3)	10.5 (7.8-14.0)	10.6 (8.5-13.2)	11.3 (8.4-15.1)	10.0 (7.4-13.4)
Percentage of students who drank so much alcohol that they were really drunk one or more times during their life	9.4 (4.8-17.5)	*	11.5 (5.9-21.3)	10.0 (7.7-12.8)	11.4 (8.6-15.1)	7.8 (4.9-12.2)	9.8 (7.7-12.4)	10.5 (8.2-13.3)	8.7 (5.5-13.5)
Dietary Behaviors									
Percentage of students who were underweight (<-2SD from median for BMI by age and sex)	1.5 (0.3-5.8)	0.9 (0.1-11.5)	1.8 (0.3-10.3)	3.4 (2.5-4.7)	5.9 (3.9-8.9)	0.9 (0.3-2.6)	3.0 (2.2-4.0)	4.9 (3.0-7.9)	1.2 (0.5-2.5)
Percentage of students who were overweight (>+1SD from median for BMI by age and sex)	12.1 (9.4-15.4)	6.3 (2.9-13.3)	16.2 (11.8-21.8)	8.6 (5.9-12.3)	3.7 (2.3-5.9)	13.6 (9.6-18.9)	9.4 (6.9-12.7)	4.2 (2.5-6.9)	14.3 (10.8-18.5)
Percentage of students who were obese (>+2SD from median for BMI by age and sex)	0.8 (0.2-2.9)	0.0	1.4 (0.4-5.0)	1.4 (0.5-3.8)	0.8 (0.2-2.6)	2.1 (0.8-5.6)	1.3 (0.5-3.2)	0.6 (0.2-2.0)	1.9 (0.7-4.9)
Percentage of students who usually drank carbonated soft drinks one or more times per day during the past 30 days	45.3 (38.7-52.1)	34.1 (23.7-46.2)	53.3 (45.6-60.9)	40.4 (34.0-47.1)	39.9 (31.4-49.1)	41.7 (33.9-49.8)	41.5 (36.2-47.1)	38.8 (31.7-46.4)	44.7 (37.8-51.8)



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	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Drug Use									
Percentage of students who used marijuana one or more times during their life	2.1 (0.5-7.9)	2.5 (0.3-18.0)	1.8 (0.4-7.5)	4.0 (2.2-7.4)	3.4 (2.0-5.7)	3.9 (1.7-8.7)	3.6 (1.9-6.8)	3.2 (1.6-6.3)	3.3 (1.5-7.3)
Hygiene									
Percentage of students who usually cleaned or brushed their teeth less than one time per day during the past 30 days	3.8 (2.3-6.3)	3.9 (1.6-9.2)	3.7 (1.7-8.2)	3.4 (2.3-4.9)	3.6 (2.3-5.6)	3.0 (1.4-6.3)	3.5 (2.5-4.8)	3.6 (2.4-5.5)	3.2 (1.8-5.4)
Percentage of students who never or rarely washed their hands after using the toilet or latrine during the past 30 days	5.7 (4.3-7.6)	7.2 (3.0-16.4)	4.6 (2.6-8.1)	4.8 (3.1-7.4)	5.4 (3.5-8.1)	4.2 (2.1-8.0)	5.0 (3.6-7.0)	5.7 (4.0-8.1)	4.3 (2.6-7.1)
Mental Health									
Percentage of students who ever seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months	18.5 (11.6-28.2)	13.4 (7.7-22.4)	22.1 (11.4-38.4)	18.9 (16.1-22.0)	15.7 (12.6-19.4)	22.1 (18.1-26.6)	18.8 (16.1-21.8)	15.3 (11.9-19.4)	22.1 (17.7-27.1)
Percentage of students who actually attempted suicide one or more times during the past 12 months	17.4 (10.7-26.9)	14.0 (6.7-26.9)	19.9 (10.9-33.5)	27.0 (20.5-34.6)	23.9 (15.4-35.0)	29.5 (22.0-38.4)	24.8 (18.7-32.2)	22.0 (13.8-33.1)	27.0 (20.5-34.8)
Percentage of students who had no close friends	15.9 (11.5-21.5)	13.8 (8.0-22.7)	17.4 (11.3-25.8)	14.3 (10.6-19.1)	9.3 (6.6-13.0)	18.7 (11.9-28.2)	14.7 (11.4-18.7)	10.2 (7.1-14.4)	18.4 (12.4-26.4)
Physical Activity									
Percentage of students who were physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day on five or more days during the past seven days	33.4 (28.3-38.9)	*	33.4 (28.5-38.8)	21.2 (16.7-26.5)	25.5 (19.6-32.4)	16.8 (11.9-23.1)	23.9 (19.8-28.6)	26.9 (21.9-32.6)	21.1 (16.3-26.9)
Percentage of students who went to physical education (PE) class on three or more days each week during this school year	20.8 (16.9-25.4)	*	16.4 (10.4-25.0)	23.4 (20.6-26.5)	22.3 (18.0-27.3)	24.6 (19.9-30.1)	22.8 (20.0-25.9)	23.2 (18.9-28.1)	22.5 (18.0-27.8)
Percentage of students who spent three or more hours per day during a typical or usual day doing sitting activities	26.2 (18.2-36.1)	26.2 (15.3-41.0)	26.2 (18.6-35.5)	23.1 (17.8-29.4)	28.1 (20.8-36.8)	17.8 (13.0-23.8)	23.8 (18.1-30.6)	27.8 (20.0-37.1)	19.9 (14.4-26.9)



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Protective Factors									
Percentage of students who missed classes or school without permission on one or more of the past 30 days	17.0 (13.2-21.5)	19.8 (12.1-30.6)	14.9 (11.7-18.8)	28.2 (24.5-32.3)	29.9 (23.7-37.0)	25.8 (21.3-30.9)	25.7 (22.8-28.9)	27.9 (23.0-33.5)	23.0 (19.0-27.5)
Percentage of students whose parents or guardians understood their problems and worries most of the time or always during the past 30 days	48.1 (41.5-54.9)	*	41.7 (34.4-49.4)	44.8 (37.2-52.6)	43.4 (35.0-52.2)	46.3 (37.9-54.9)	45.5 (39.4-51.9)	46.0 (39.2-53.0)	45.1 (37.6-52.8)
Percentage of students whose parents or guardians really knew what they were doing with their free time most of the time or always during the past 30 days	52.1 (44.3-59.8)	51.3 (40.4-62.1)	52.6 (43.4-61.6)	43.8 (38.2-49.6)	40.9 (36.0-46.0)	47.2 (38.3-56.3)	45.7 (40.7-50.8)	42.9 (38.2-47.8)	48.6 (41.1-56.3)
Sexual Behaviors									
Percentage of students who ever had sexual intercourse	15.2 (11.4-20.0)	*	15.1 (11.4-19.6)	33.0 (27.0-39.6)	39.8 (32.1-48.0)	25.7 (19.6-32.9)	28.9 (23.0-35.7)	35.1 (27.1-44.1)	22.8 (17.8-28.7)
Among students who ever had sexual intercourse, the percentage who had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 14 years	*	*	*	33.9 (21.3-49.2)	37.0 (23.6-52.8)	*	35.0 (22.7-49.6)	37.4 (23.8-53.3)	*
Among students who ever had sexual intercourse, the percentage who used a condom the last time they had sexual intercourse	*	*	*	38.5 (30.5-47.2)	35.9 (26.4-46.7)	*	39.1 (31.8-47.0)	34.5 (26.4-43.5)	*
Tobacco Use									
Percentage of students who smoked cigarettes on one or more days during the past 30 days	0.7 (0.2-3.1)	0.8 (0.1-6.3)	0.6 (0.1-4.7)	3.2 (2.0-5.4)	3.2 (2.0-5.0)	2.7 (1.4-5.3)	2.7 (1.6-4.4)	2.7 (1.7-4.3)	2.2 (1.2-3.9)
Percentage of students who reported people smoked in their presence on one or more days during the past seven days	25.1 (21.0-29.8)	25.5 (18.1-34.6)	24.9 (19.1-31.7)	33.4 (27.5-40.0)	35.1 (26.8-44.3)	31.3 (24.9-38.6)	31.6 (26.2-37.5)	33.2 (26.0-41.2)	29.6 (24.4-35.5)



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	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Violence and Unintentional Injury									
Percentage of students who were in a physical fight one or more times during the past 12 months	27.1 (18.6-37.7)	31.0 (22.0-41.7)	24.4 (14.7-37.7)	31.5 (27.9-35.3)	35.0 (29.2-41.2)	28.2 (22.5-34.6)	30.5 (26.6-34.7)	34.2 (29.5-39.2)	27.2 (21.2-34.1)
Percentage of students who were seriously injured one or more times during the past 12 months	54.7 (45.2-64.0)	*	57.2 (42.5-70.7)	60.2 (51.8-68.0)	59.3 (48.5-69.2)	60.7 (51.4-69.4)	58.9 (51.0-66.4)	57.7 (47.0-67.7)	59.8 (50.5-68.4)
Percentage of students who were bullied on one or more days during the past 30 days	54.4 (44.9-63.7)	*	52.5 (34.6-69.7)	47.5 (41.2-53.9)	44.9 (38.9-51.1)	50.7 (41.0-60.3)	49.1 (42.6-55.6)	47.3 (41.0-53.7)	51.1 (40.3-61.9)

* Less than 100 students in the subgroup.

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