

Mauritius

2007 Fact Sheet



The **2007 Mauritius GSHS** measured alcohol and other drug use; unintentional injuries and violence; physical activity; tobacco use; and protective factors.

The 2007 Mauritius GSHS was a school-based survey of students in Forms 2, 3, and 4. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce data representative of all students in Forms 2, 3, and 4 in Mauritius. 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 96%, the student response rate was 91%, and the overall response rate was 88%. A total of 2,278 students participated in the Mauritius 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	17.9 ± 4.4	19.3 ± 4.3	16.8 ± 6.5
Percentage of students who drank so much alcohol that they were really drunk one or more times during their life	17.4 ± 5.3	21.3 ± 7.4	13.9 ± 5.1
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	7.4 ± 1.7	8.6 ± 1.7	6.3 ± 2.0
Percentage of students who used drugs one or more times during their life	5.2 ± 1.9	7.9 ± 2.7	2.6 ± 1.2
Physical Activity			
Percentage of students who were physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day on all 7 days during the past 7 days	15.2 ± 3.1	21.5 ± 2.7	9.6 ± 3.0
Percentage of students who spent three or more hours per day during a typical or usual day sitting and watching television, playing computer games, talking with friends, or doing other sitting activities	33.1 ± 4.0	32.8 ± 5.1	33.4 ± 6.2
Protective Factors			
Percentage of students who missed classes or school without permission on one or more days during the past 30 days	20.8 ± 3.1	26.4 ± 4.1	15.8 ± 3.4
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	38.4 ± 4.5	43.2 ± 4.7	34.1 ± 7.0
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	37.0 ± 3.6	40.3 ± 4.8	33.9 ± 3.7
Tobacco Use			
Percentage of students who smoked cigarettes on one or more days during the past 30 days	15.4 ± 3.6	23.1 ± 3.9	8.5 ± 3.1
Percentage of students who used any tobacco products other than cigarettes on one or more days during the past 30 days	5.3 ± 1.8	8.1 ± 2.9	2.7 ± 1.4
Percentage of students who reported people smoking in their presence on one or more days during the past 7 days	77.0 ± 2.8	79.2 ± 2.2	74.9 ± 5.5



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Unintentional Injuries and Violence			
Percentage of students who were physically attacked one or more times during the past 12 months	26.5 ± 4.4	36.2 ± 3.6	17.8 ± 5.3
Percentage of students who were in a physical fight one or more times during the past 12 months	41.2 ± 6.5	56.1 ± 3.4	27.6 ± 5.1
Percentage of students who were seriously injured one or more times during the past 12 months	51.6 ± 4.9	63.3 ± 5.4	41.2 ± 6.2
Percentage of students who were bullied on one or more days during the past 30 days	40.3 ± 6.4	46.8 ± 5.5	34.6 ± 7.3

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