

# **2007 Minnesota Student Survey County Tables**

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## **2007 MINNESOTA STUDENT SURVEY**

### **Survey Participation**

The 2007 Minnesota Student Survey was administered in the spring of 2007 to public school students in Grades 6, 9, and 12 statewide. All public school districts in Minnesota were invited to participate. Of the 338 public operating districts, 309 agreed to participate (91% of public operating school districts).

Student participation was voluntary and surveys were anonymous. Across the state, approximately 81% of public school sixth graders, 76% of public school ninth graders, and 58% of public school twelfth graders participated in the 2007 Minnesota Student Survey. Overall participation across the three grades was approximately 72% of total enrollment.

The majority of schools in the state used an opt-out consent procedure for the survey (meaning that parents could decline to have their children take the survey). A few school districts used an active consent process (meaning parents were required to return a signed permission slip before their children took the survey). Not every student who participated in the survey answered every question.

### **Items on the Tables**

The accompanying set of tables includes the responses for all survey items. Items are ordered within the tables according to meaningful domains; the order items appear on the tables is not necessarily the order they appeared in the survey. A Table of Contents is provided on page iv. The Grade 6 survey version was shorter than the Grade 9-12 version and did not include items appropriate only for older students. Items found on one version of the survey but not the other are identified on the tables.

### **New Questions and Year-to-Year Comparisons**

Some of the 2007 survey instrument questions were changed from the 2004 survey instrument. While many questions stayed the same, there were questions that had updated or improved wording. Some entirely new questions were added and some questions were dropped. New questions and questions with changed wording are noted on each table. Caution must be used when making comparisons over time for any questions in which the wording has changed.

Please note that although these surveys are given repeatedly over time, student populations may change between administrations of the survey.

### **Validity of Responses**

Approximately 3% of the surveys were eliminated from analyses because gender was missing, responses were highly inconsistent, or there was a pattern of likely exaggeration.

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## Locating Minnesota Student Survey Items/Domains in the 2007 and 2004 Tables

SURVEY ITEM OR DOMAIN	Table #	
	2007	2004
Total number of surveys	1	1
Gender	1	1
Age	1	1
Race/ethnicity	1	1
Feelings about school	2	2
School plans	2	2
Truancy/skipping days of school	2	2
Grades received in school	3	3
Have or ever had an IEP	3	NA
Free/reduced-price lunch	3	NA
Changed schools	3	NA
Students are friendly	4	4
Students behave well	4	4
Students threatened students	4	4
Teachers interested in student	4	4
Teachers show respect for students	4	4
Feel safe going to and from school	5	5
Feel safe at school	5	5
Feel safe in neighborhood	5	NA
Bathrooms in school are safe	5	5
Illegal gang activity at school	5	5
Alcohol/drug use at school	5	5
Sold or given drug at school	6	6
Property stolen/damaged at school	6	6
Skipped school/felt unsafe	6	6
Threatened/assaulted at school	6	6
Sexual harassment at school	6	NA
Victim of bullying	7	NA
Being a bully	7	NA
Time on homework/study	8A	7A
Time reading	8A	7B
Time doing volunteer work	8A	7C
Time working for pay	8A	7C
Time watching TV/DVDs/videos	8B	7B
Time playing computer/video games	8B	7B
Time talking on phone/text messaging	8B	NA
Time online	8B	NA
Time hanging out	8B	7C
Fine arts activities	9A	NA
Private lessons	9A	NA
Club/community sports teams	9A	NA
School sports teams	9A	NA
Hobby/academic clubs	9B	NA
Community clubs/programs	9B	NA
Mentoring programs	9B	NA
Religious activities	9B	NA

SURVEY ITEM OR DOMAIN	Table #	
	2007	2004
Reasons for participating	10	NA
Reasons for not participating	10	NA
Which adults do you live with	11	9
Talk with father about problems	11	9
Talk with mother about problems	11	9
Parents care about you	12	10
Other adult relatives care about you	12	10
Friends care about you	12	11
Teachers/other adults at school care	12	11
Church or spiritual leaders care	12	11
Other adults in community care	12	11
Family alcohol use problems	13	12
Family drug use problems	13	12
Perpetrator of relationship violence	14A	NA
Victim of relationship violence	14A	NA
Victim of relationship sexual assault	14A	NA
Victim of physical abuse at home	14B	13
Witness to physical abuse at home	14B	13
Victim of extrafamilial sexual abuse	14B	14
Victim of intrafamilial sexual abuse	14B	14
Recency of last physical exam	15	15
Ever told had asthma	15	NA
Physical health problem	15	NA
Mental/emotional health problem	15	NA
Ever treated for mental/emotional	15	NA
Ever treated for alcohol/drug problem	15	15
Perception of current weight	16	16
Activities to control weight*	16	16
Weight status according to BMI	16	NA
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Physical activity lasting 30 minutes	17	17
Beverage consumption	18	18
Servings of fruits/vegetables	18	18
Use of seat belts	19	19
Information sources/risk behaviors	20	20
Headaches/stomachaches/sickness	21A	NA
Irritable/angry	21A	NA
Many fears/easily scared	21A	NA
Trouble concentrating	21A	NA
Restless	21A	NA
Sleep trouble	21A	NA
Impulsive	21A	NA
Unhappy/depressed/tearful	21A	NA
Emotional well-being /distress	21B	22
Self-inflicted injury	22	NA
Suicidal thoughts and attempts	22	23

NA Not asked in 2004; new item(s) in 2007

\* Question changes in 2007

## Locating Minnesota Student Survey Items/Domains in the 2007 and 2004 Tables

SURVEY ITEM OR DOMAIN	Table #	
	2007	2004
Played cards for money	23	24
Bet on games of skill	23	24
Bet on sports teams/horseracing*	23	24
Bought lottery tickets	23	24
Gambled in a casino	23	24
Gambled for money online	23	NA
Running away from home	24	26
Vandalism	24	26
Physical fights	24	26
Shoplifting	24	26
Carrying a gun or other weapon	24	26
Use of any tobacco product past month	25	NA
Frequent use of any tobacco product	25	NA
Frequent binge drinking	25	27
Any alcohol/drug use past year	25	27
Frequency of cigarette use past month	26	28
Quantity of cigarettes past month	26	28
Age of first use of cigarettes	26	NA
Use of smokeless tobacco past month	27	NA
Use of cigars/cigarillos past month	27	NA
Age of first use of cigars/smokeless	27	NA
Sources for obtaining tobacco	28	30
Use of fake ID to purchase tobacco	28	30
Frequency of alcohol use past year	29	31
Frequency of alcohol use past month	29	31
Typical alcohol use quantity	29	31
Binge drinking past 2 weeks	29	31
Age of first alcohol use	30	NA
Sources for obtaining alcohol	31	32
Use of fake ID to purchase alcohol	31	32
Drinking and driving	32	33
Marijuana use past month	33	34
Age of first use of marijuana	33	NA
Use of other drugs past month	33	NA
Age of first use of other drugs	33	NA

SURVEY ITEM OR DOMAIN	Table #	
	2007	2004
Marijuana use past year*	34	34
Inhalant use past year*	34	34
LSD/hallucinogen use past year*	34	36
Heroin use past year*	34	36
Methamphetamine use past year*	35	35
Cocaine/crack use past year*	35	35
MDMA/ecstasy use past year*	35	35
Stimulant use past year	36A	NA
ADHD/ADD drug use past year	36A	NA
Pain reliever use past year	36A	NA
Tranquilizer use past year	36A	NA
Prescription drug use past year	36B	NA
Substance use before/during school	37	38
Talked about dangers of substance use	38	NA
Social disapproval of substance use	38	NA
Perceived risks from substance use	39	NA
Need more substance to get effect	40A	41A
Tried to reduce substance use	40A	41A
Substance use hurt relationships*	40A	41A
All day substance use or effects	40A	41A
Given up activities to use substances*	40A	41A
Use related emotional distress	40A	41A
Use related neglect of responsibilities*	40B	41B
Use related legal problems	40B	41B
Use related violent behavior	40B	41B
Use related memory problems	40B	41B
Substance use greater than intended	40B	41B
Sexual intercourse ever	41A	42A
Number of sexual partners	41A	42A
Pregnant or caused pregnancy	41A	42A
Talk with partner about STD risk	41B	42B
Talk about pregnancy prevention	41B	42B
Frequency of birth control	41B	42B
Frequency of condom use	41B	42B
Use of condom during last intercourse	41B	42B
Reasons for sexual abstinence*	42	43

NA Not asked in 2004; new item(s) in 2007

\* Question changes in 2007



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**TABLE 1**  
**DEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Total number of surveys</b>		498	100%	590	100%	400	100%
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Male</b>	258	52%	288	49%	202	51%
	<b>Female</b>	240	48%	302	51%	198	50%
<b>Age</b>	<b>11 or younger</b>	175	35%	0	0%	0	0%
	<b>12</b>	302	61%	0	0%	0	0%
	<b>13</b>	20	4%	1	0%	0	0%
	<b>14</b>	0	0%	183	31%	0	0%
	<b>15</b>	0	0%	380	64%	0	0%
	<b>16</b>	0	0%	26	4%	0	0%
	<b>17</b>	0	0%	0	0%	126	32%
	<b>18</b>	0	0%	0	0%	264	66%
	<b>19-20</b>	0	0%	0	0%	7	2%
	<b>No answer</b>	1	0%	0	0%	3	1%
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>	<b>American Indian</b>	8	2%	3	1%	5	1%
	<b>Black or African American</b>	4	1%	6	1%	4	1%
	<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	18	4%	15	3%	17	4%
	<b>Asian American or Pacific Islander</b>	6	1%	3	1%	4	1%
	<b>White</b>	388	78%	512	87%	356	89%
	<b>Mixed race (checked more than one race/ethnicity)</b>	23	5%	33	6%	8	2%
	<b>I don't know / no answer</b>	51	10%	18	3%	6	2%

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**TABLE 2**  
**FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL, SCHOOL PLANS, AND TRUANCY**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>How do you feel about going to school?</b>	<b>I like school very much</b>	22%	10%	10%
	<b>I like school quite a bit</b>	35%	36%	34%
	<b>I like school a little</b>	27%	33%	34%
	<b>I don't like school very much</b>	9%	15%	14%
	<b>I hate school</b>	6%	6%	8%
<b>Which of these best describes your school plans? *</b>	<b>I would like to quit school as soon as I can</b>		1%	1%
	<b>I plan to finish high school but won't go to college</b>		7%	5%
	<b>I'd like to go to some kind of trade or vocational school</b>		4%	12%
	<b>I'd like to go to college after high school</b>		62%	59%
	<b>I'd like to go to college and then to graduate school</b>		26%	23%
<b>During the last 30 days, how often have you skipped or cut full days of school?</b>	<b>Never</b>	77%	78%	65%
	<b>Once or twice</b>	16%	17%	22%
	<b>3 to 5 times</b>	4%	3%	8%
	<b>6 to 10 times</b>	2%	1%	3%
	<b>More than 10 times</b>	1%	1%	3%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 3**  
**ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND SCHOOL PROGRAMS**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>Mark the two grades you get the most often.</b>	<b>A only</b>	1%	2%	4%
	<b>A and B only</b>	67%	57%	62%
	<b>B only</b>	3%	2%	1%
	<b>B and C only</b>	10%	19%	22%
	<b>C only</b>	1%	2%	1%
	<b>C and D only</b>	2%	8%	4%
	<b>D only</b>	1%	0%	0%
	<b>D and F only</b>	1%	3%	1%
	<b>F only</b>	0%	1%	1%
	<b>Not applicable or no answer</b>	13%	6%	4%
<b>Do you have or have you ever had an IEP (Individualized Education Plan)? *^</b>	<b>Yes</b>		14%	17%
	<b>No</b>		86%	83%
<b>Do you currently get free or reduced-price lunch at school? ^</b>	<b>Yes</b>	28%	28%	22%
	<b>No</b>	72%	72%	78%
<b>Since the beginning of this school year, how many times have you changed schools? ^</b>	<b>0 times</b>	94%	96%	97%
	<b>1 time</b>	4%	2%	1%
	<b>2 times</b>	2%	1%	1%
	<b>3 or more times</b>	1%	1%	1%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2007.

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**TABLE 4**  
**PERCEPTIONS OF SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
How many students in your school are friendly?	All	4%	2%	4%
	Most	62%	59%	71%
	Some	27%	31%	17%
	A few	7%	7%	6%
	None	0%	0%	2%
How many students in your school behave well in the hallways and lunchroom?	All	4%	3%	4%
	Most	37%	46%	49%
	Some	43%	32%	34%
	A few	15%	17%	11%
	None	1%	1%	2%
How many students in your school have made fun of or threatened students of different races or backgrounds?	All	0%	2%	2%
	Most	5%	7%	10%
	Some	14%	23%	20%
	A few	46%	49%	52%
	None	35%	20%	17%
How many of your teachers are interested in you as a person?	All	29%	9%	10%
	Most	32%	33%	39%
	Some	19%	28%	29%
	A few	16%	22%	16%
	None	5%	8%	6%
How many of your teachers show respect for students?	All	59%	28%	20%
	Most	31%	49%	52%
	Some	6%	13%	16%
	A few	3%	8%	9%
	None	1%	2%	3%

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**TABLE 5**  
**PERCEPTIONS OF SCHOOL AND NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY**  
*Otter Tail County*

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?</i>		<b>Grade</b>		
		<b>6th</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>I feel safe going to and from school</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	50%	53%	59%
	<b>Agree</b>	44%	43%	38%
	<b>Disagree</b>	5%	4%	2%
	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>I feel safe at school</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	54%	46%	52%
	<b>Agree</b>	42%	48%	43%
	<b>Disagree</b>	3%	5%	4%
	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	0%	1%	2%
<b>I feel safe in my neighborhood <sup>^</sup></b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	57%	62%	62%
	<b>Agree</b>	34%	35%	35%
	<b>Disagree</b>	8%	3%	2%
	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	1%	0%	2%
<b>Bathrooms in this school are a safe place to be</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	30%	32%	40%
	<b>Agree</b>	53%	51%	42%
	<b>Disagree</b>	13%	13%	12%
	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	4%	4%	6%
<b>Illegal gang activity is a problem at this school</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	5%	3%	3%
	<b>Agree</b>	7%	12%	6%
	<b>Disagree</b>	27%	42%	35%
	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	61%	43%	57%
<b>Student use of alcohol or drugs is a problem at this school</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	5%	19%	21%
	<b>Agree</b>	10%	41%	40%
	<b>Disagree</b>	37%	31%	28%
	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	48%	10%	11%

<sup>^</sup> New question in 2007.

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**TABLE 6**  
**VICTIMIZATION AT SCHOOL**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade			
		6th	9th	12th	
		%	%	%	
During the last 12 months, has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug on school property?	Yes	1%	11%	17%	
	No	99%	89%	83%	
During the last 12 months, how many times has someone stolen or deliberately damaged your property on school property?	0 times	72%	70%	76%	
	1 time	15%	17%	16%	
	2 or 3 times	11%	10%	6%	
	4 or 5 times	1%	2%	1%	
	6 or more times	2%	2%	2%	
During the last 30 days, how many days did you not go to school because you felt unsafe at school or going to/from school?	0 days	97%	96%	96%	
	1 day	2%	3%	3%	
	2 or 3 days	1%	1%	1%	
	4 or 5 days	0%	0%	1%	
	6 or more days	0%	1%	0%	
During the last 12 months, which of the following has happened to you on school property? Has a student:	Threatened you?	Yes	19%	21%	17%
		No	81%	79%	83%
	Pushed, shoved, or grabbed you?	Yes	49%	48%	36%
		No	51%	52%	64%
	Kicked, bitten, or hit you?	Yes	36%	28%	21%
		No	64%	72%	79%
	Stabbed you or fired a gun at you?	Yes	0%	1%	4%
		No	100%	99%	96%
	Touched, grabbed, or pinched you in a sexual way? *^	Yes		21%	26%
		No		79%	74%
	Made unwanted sexual comments, jokes, gestures, or looks toward you? *^	Yes		29%	24%
		No		71%	76%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2007.

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**TABLE 7  
BULLYING ^  
Otter Tail County**

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
During the last 30 days, how often has another student or group of students made fun of or teased you in a hurtful way, or excluded you from friends or activities?	Never	48%	54%	73%
	Once or twice	37%	32%	18%
	About once a week	7%	7%	2%
	Several times a week	5%	4%	3%
	Every day	3%	4%	4%
During the last 30 days, how often have you, on your own or as part of a group, made fun of or teased another student in a hurtful way or excluded another student from friends or activities?	Never	53%	53%	62%
	Once or twice	41%	37%	26%
	About once a week	3%	5%	3%
	Several times a week	1%	2%	4%
	Every day	1%	2%	5%

^ New questions in 2007.

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**TABLE 8A  
USE OF TIME  
Otter Tail County**

<i>During the school year, how many hours in a typical week do you spend doing the following?</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>Homework or study</b>	<b>0 hours</b>	9%	6%	16%
	<b>1-2 hours</b>	54%	40%	41%
	<b>3-5 hours</b>	25%	33%	23%
	<b>6-10 hours</b>	9%	16%	10%
	<b>11-20 hours</b>	2%	4%	7%
	<b>21 hours or more</b>	1%	1%	4%
<b>Reading for pleasure</b>	<b>0 hours</b>	31%	46%	47%
	<b>1-2 hours</b>	43%	33%	30%
	<b>3-5 hours</b>	14%	12%	10%
	<b>6-10 hours</b>	7%	4%	7%
	<b>11-20 hours</b>	2%	3%	2%
	<b>21 hours or more</b>	3%	2%	4%
<b>Volunteer work or community service</b>	<b>0 hours</b>	70%	63%	57%
	<b>1-2 hours</b>	21%	27%	28%
	<b>3-5 hours</b>	6%	6%	7%
	<b>6-10 hours</b>	1%	2%	3%
	<b>11-20 hours</b>	1%	1%	2%
	<b>21 hours or more</b>	0%	1%	2%
<b>Work for pay (including babysitting for others)</b>	<b>0 hours</b>	44%	40%	22%
	<b>1-2 hours</b>	25%	22%	9%
	<b>3-5 hours</b>	18%	16%	10%
	<b>6-10 hours</b>	9%	11%	16%
	<b>11-20 hours</b>	3%	6%	23%
	<b>21 hours or more</b>	2%	4%	20%

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**TABLE 8B  
USE OF TIME  
Otter Tail County**

<i>During the school year, how many hours in a typical week do you spend doing the following?</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>Watching TV, DVDs or videos</b>	<b>0 hours</b>	4%	2%	3%
	<b>1-2 hours</b>	28%	21%	18%
	<b>3-5 hours</b>	35%	31%	35%
	<b>6-10 hours</b>	20%	23%	28%
	<b>11-20 hours</b>	7%	13%	9%
	<b>21 hours or more</b>	6%	9%	6%
<b>Playing computer or video games</b>	<b>0 hours</b>	19%	26%	36%
	<b>1-2 hours</b>	38%	27%	27%
	<b>3-5 hours</b>	23%	19%	18%
	<b>6-10 hours</b>	10%	14%	8%
	<b>11-20 hours</b>	7%	8%	6%
	<b>21 hours or more</b>	4%	6%	6%
<b>Talking on the phone or text messaging ^</b>	<b>0 hours</b>	53%	25%	11%
	<b>1-2 hours</b>	32%	37%	36%
	<b>3-5 hours</b>	7%	14%	23%
	<b>6-10 hours</b>	5%	10%	14%
	<b>11-20 hours</b>	1%	7%	9%
	<b>21 hours or more</b>	2%	7%	7%
<b>Online activities (e-mail, instant messaging, blogging, web surfing, etc.) ^</b>	<b>0 hours</b>	39%	18%	19%
	<b>1-2 hours</b>	39%	30%	38%
	<b>3-5 hours</b>	11%	21%	22%
	<b>6-10 hours</b>	6%	15%	11%
	<b>11-20 hours</b>	3%	8%	6%
	<b>21 hours or more</b>	2%	6%	3%
<b>Hanging out</b>	<b>0 hours</b>	11%	5%	5%
	<b>1-2 hours</b>	27%	19%	11%
	<b>3-5 hours</b>	29%	24%	27%
	<b>6-10 hours</b>	18%	23%	25%
	<b>11-20 hours</b>	6%	13%	17%
	<b>21 hours or more</b>	10%	16%	16%

^ New question in 2007.

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TABLE 9A  
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES ^

Otter Tail County

During the school year, how often have you participated in the following?		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Fine arts activities (band, choir, dance, drama, etc.)	Not available in my community	0%	1%	3%
	Never	27%	23%	40%
	A few times a year	6%	7%	9%
	Monthly	1%	2%	1%
	1-2 times per week	31%	4%	4%
	3-4 times per week	26%	24%	7%
	Every day	9%	38%	37%
Private lessons (music, dance, etc.)	Not available in my community	4%	5%	5%
	Never	58%	62%	70%
	A few times a year	4%	8%	8%
	Monthly	2%	3%	4%
	1-2 times per week	27%	16%	9%
	3-4 times per week	4%	3%	3%
	Every day	1%	2%	2%
Club or community sports teams	Not available in my community	3%	5%	3%
	Never	36%	43%	51%
	A few times a year	14%	12%	10%
	Monthly	4%	7%	7%
	1-2 times per week	19%	6%	9%
	3-4 times per week	16%	11%	6%
	Every day	8%	15%	13%
School sports teams	Not available in my community	2%	1%	2%
	Never	36%	23%	38%
	A few times a year	11%	10%	8%
	Monthly	4%	5%	6%
	1-2 times per week	23%	3%	3%
	3-4 times per week	16%	19%	8%
	Every day	8%	40%	34%

^ New questions in 2007.

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TABLE 9B  
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES ^

Otter Tail County

During the school year, how often have you participated in the following?		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Hobby and academic clubs (chess, history, debate, math team, etc.)	Not available in my community	8%	8%	8%
	Never	67%	69%	68%
	A few times a year	7%	9%	9%
	Monthly	2%	3%	6%
	1-2 times per week	10%	5%	5%
	3-4 times per week	3%	3%	2%
	Every day	2%	3%	3%
Community clubs and programs (4-H, Park and Rec, Community Ed., etc.)	Not available in my community	3%	3%	2%
	Never	60%	67%	63%
	A few times a year	11%	12%	13%
	Monthly	12%	11%	11%
	1-2 times per week	10%	4%	6%
	3-4 times per week	3%	2%	1%
	Every day	3%	2%	4%
Mentoring programs	Not available in my community	7%	8%	7%
	Never	84%	79%	67%
	A few times a year	4%	4%	10%
	Monthly	2%	5%	4%
	1-2 times per week	3%	3%	3%
	3-4 times per week	0%	0%	6%
	Every day	0%	1%	4%
Religious activities (religious services, education, youth group, etc.)	Not available in my community	3%	2%	4%
	Never	29%	23%	34%
	A few times a year	11%	9%	16%
	Monthly	7%	8%	14%
	1-2 times per week	44%	48%	27%
	3-4 times per week	5%	8%	5%
	Every day	3%	2%	2%

^ New questions in 2007.

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**TABLE 10**  
**REASONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES <sup>^</sup>**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>In general, why do you participate in school-based or community-based activities and clubs? (Mark all that apply)</b>	<b>To have fun</b>	85%	86%	85%
	<b>To learn new skills</b>	62%	53%	41%
	<b>My parents or guardians want me to</b>	19%	25%	19%
	<b>My friends participate</b>	37%	48%	39%
	<b>To help me get into college</b>	19%	39%	28%
	<b>Participate for other reasons</b>	21%	25%	18%
<b>In general, why don't you participate in any school-based or community-based activities and clubs? (Mark all that apply)</b>	<b>Activities are not available in my community</b>	2%	3%	9%
	<b>Activities cost too much</b>	15%	14%	11%
	<b>My parents or guardians won't let me</b>	9%	5%	4%
	<b>My friends don't participate</b>	10%	13%	6%
	<b>I'm not interested</b>	55%	56%	54%
	<b>I am too busy with other things</b>	43%	52%	49%
	<b>I didn't make the team/pass the audition, etc.</b>	4%	2%	3%
	<b>I was kicked off or removed</b>	1%	1%	1%
	<b>Don't participate for other reasons</b>	26%	21%	12%

<sup>^</sup> New questions in 2007.

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**TABLE 11**  
**FAMILY COMPOSITION AND PARENTAL COMMUNICATION**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>Which adults do you live with?</b>	<b>Both biological parents</b>	62%	64%	63%
	<b>Both adoptive parents</b>	2%	2%	2%
	<b>Mother and stepfather</b>	5%	6%	6%
	<b>Father and stepmother</b>	1%	1%	2%
	<b>Mother only</b>	11%	13%	14%
	<b>Father only</b>	3%	4%	5%
	<b>Sometimes with mother, sometimes with father</b>	12%	6%	3%
	<b>Other</b>	2%	4%	6%
	<b>No adults or no answer</b>	2%	1%	1%
<b>Can you talk to your father about problems you are having?</b>	<b>Yes, most of the time</b>	42%	38%	33%
	<b>Yes, some of the time</b>	34%	33%	36%
	<b>No, not very often</b>	15%	16%	18%
	<b>No, not at all</b>	4%	6%	6%
	<b>My father is not around</b>	5%	6%	6%
<b>Can you talk to your mother about problems you are having?</b>	<b>Yes, most of the time</b>	66%	54%	47%
	<b>Yes, some of the time</b>	24%	30%	33%
	<b>No, not very often</b>	6%	9%	12%
	<b>No, not at all</b>	3%	5%	3%
	<b>My mother is not around</b>	2%	2%	5%

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**TABLE 12**  
**PERCEPTIONS OF FAMILY AND OTHERS CARING**  
*Otter Tail County*

<i>How much do you feel ...</i>		<b>Grade</b>		
		<b>6th</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>... your parents care about you?</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	0%	1%	2%
	<b>A little</b>	1%	3%	2%
	<b>Some</b>	1%	5%	6%
	<b>Quite a bit</b>	5%	10%	12%
	<b>Very much</b>	93%	80%	78%
<b>... other adult relatives care about you?</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	0%	2%	3%
	<b>A little</b>	1%	4%	3%
	<b>Some</b>	4%	7%	14%
	<b>Quite a bit</b>	16%	26%	25%
	<b>Very much</b>	78%	61%	56%
<b>... friends care about you?</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	1%	1%	2%
	<b>A little</b>	8%	8%	5%
	<b>Some</b>	16%	20%	19%
	<b>Quite a bit</b>	36%	36%	38%
	<b>Very much</b>	39%	35%	36%
<b>... teachers/ other adults at school care about you? ^</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	2%	5%	6%
	<b>A little</b>	9%	19%	17%
	<b>Some</b>	22%	33%	32%
	<b>Quite a bit</b>	35%	32%	36%
	<b>Very much</b>	32%	12%	9%
<b>... religious or spiritual leaders care about you? ^</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	8%	11%	16%
	<b>A little</b>	9%	9%	13%
	<b>Some</b>	17%	17%	22%
	<b>Quite a bit</b>	27%	36%	26%
	<b>Very much</b>	39%	27%	23%
<b>... other adults in your community care about you?</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	4%	9%	9%
	<b>A little</b>	15%	19%	18%
	<b>Some</b>	25%	35%	36%
	<b>Quite a bit</b>	33%	28%	28%
	<b>Very much</b>	23%	10%	8%

^ Variations in wording for this item may affect year-to-year comparisons.

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**TABLE 13**  
**FAMILY SUBSTANCE ABUSE**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Has alcohol use by any family member repeatedly caused family, health, job, or legal problems?	Yes	8%	13%	18%
	No	92%	87%	82%
Has drug use by any family member repeatedly caused family, health, job, or legal problems?	Yes	7%	9%	11%
	No	93%	91%	89%

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**TABLE 14A  
PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE \*<sup>^</sup>  
Otter Tail County**

		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
Have you ever physically or sexually hurt someone you were going out with? (This might include shoving, slapping, hitting or forcing them into sexual activities. This also includes threatening to do these things.)	Yes	2%	4%
	No	98%	96%
Has someone you were going out with ever hit you, hurt you, threatened you or made you feel afraid?	Yes	6%	10%
	No	94%	90%
Has someone you were going out with ever forced you to have sex or do something sexual when you didn't want to?	Yes	5%	8%
	No	95%	92%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

<sup>^</sup> New questions in 2007.

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**TABLE 14B  
PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
Otter Tail County**

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Has any adult in your household ever hit you so hard or so often that you had marks or were afraid of that person?	Yes	9%	7%	7%
	No	91%	93%	93%
Has anyone in your family ever hit anyone else in the family so hard or so often that they had marks or were afraid of that person?	Yes	9%	9%	9%
	No	91%	91%	91%
Has any older person outside the family touched you sexually against your wishes or forced you to touch them sexually?	Yes	4%	6%	6%
	No	96%	94%	94%
Has any older/stronger member of your family touched you sexually or had you touch them sexually?	Yes	1%	2%	3%
	No	99%	98%	97%

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**TABLE 15**  
**GENERAL HEALTH ISSUES**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>When was the last time you had a physical exam?</b>	<b>Within the last 12 months</b>	38%	34%	32%
	<b>1-2 years ago</b>	25%	52%	50%
	<b>3-4 years ago</b>	7%	7%	11%
	<b>More than 4 years ago</b>	7%	1%	4%
	<b>I have never had a physical exam</b>	22%	5%	4%
<b>Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma? ^</b>	<b>Yes</b>	9%	14%	16%
	<b>No</b>	91%	86%	84%
<b>Do you have a physical health condition or problem that has lasted at least 12 months? ^</b>	<b>No</b>	86%	87%	89%
	<b>Yes</b>	14%	13%	11%
<b>Do you have a mental or emotional health problem that has lasted at least 12 months? ^</b>	<b>No</b>	93%	90%	89%
	<b>Yes</b>	7%	10%	11%
<b>Have you ever been treated for a mental or emotional health problem? *^</b>	<b>No</b>		85%	86%
	<b>Yes, during the last year</b>		7%	7%
	<b>Yes, more than a year ago</b>		8%	7%
<b>Have you ever been treated for an alcohol or other drug problem? **^</b>	<b>No</b>		96%	94%
	<b>Yes, during the last year</b>		4%	3%
	<b>Yes, more than a year ago</b>		0%	3%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

^ New question in 2007.

^^ New response options in 2007.

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TABLE 16  
WEIGHT-RELATED ISSUES

Otter Tail County

		Grade			
		6th	9th	12th	
		%	%	%	
At the present time, do you think you are...	Underweight	11%	7%	7%	
	About the right weight	69%	70%	67%	
	Overweight	20%	24%	26%	
During the last 12 months, have you done any of the following to lose or control weight? (Mark all that apply) *A	I am not trying to lose weight or control my weight	Yes	38%	44%	
		No	62%	56%	
	Fast or skip meals	Yes	17%	19%	
		No	83%	81%	
	Smoke cigarettes	Yes	4%	8%	
		No	96%	92%	
	Exercise	Yes	53%	46%	
		No	47%	55%	
	Use diet pills, speed or other drugs	Yes	2%	5%	
		No	98%	95%	
	Eat healthier	Yes	46%	37%	
		No	54%	63%	
	Vomit on purpose after eating	Yes	3%	4%	
		No	97%	96%	
	Use laxatives	Yes	1%	2%	
		No	99%	99%	
	Weight status * according to Body Mass Index (BMI) **	Not overweight		74%	77%
		At risk for overweight		15%	14%
Overweight			12%	9%	

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Variations in the number and order of these response options may affect year-to-year comparisons. Two response options are new in 2007.

\*\* Body Mass Index (BMI) is a number calculated from a child's self-reported weight and height. BMI can be used as a screening tool to identify possible weight problems for children and teens. The BMI number is calculated using a standard formula. BMI-for-age percentiles are used to interpret BMI numbers because, unlike adults, BMI is both age-and sex-specific for children and teens. The CDC BMI-for-age growth charts take into account these differences and allow translation of a BMI number into a percentile for a child's sex and age. The CDC growth charts were used to determine weight status according to BMI for participants in the Minnesota Student Survey. New questions in 2007.

Not overweight: Less than the 85th percentile

At risk of overweight: 85th to less than the 95th percentile

Overweight: Equal to or greater than the 95th percentile

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**TABLE 17  
EXERCISE**

*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>On how many of the last 7 days did you exercise or play sports that made you sweat or breathe hard for at least 20 minutes?</b>	<b>0 days</b>	10%	13%	15%
	<b>1 day</b>	9%	6%	11%
	<b>2 days</b>	9%	8%	14%
	<b>3 days</b>	13%	12%	14%
	<b>4 days</b>	13%	9%	12%
	<b>5 days</b>	20%	24%	14%
	<b>6 days</b>	8%	13%	8%
	<b>7 days</b>	17%	16%	12%
<b>On how many of the last 7 days were you physically active for a combined total of at least 30 minutes?</b>	<b>0 days</b>	8%	7%	11%
	<b>1 day</b>	7%	5%	10%
	<b>2 days</b>	11%	9%	13%
	<b>3 days</b>	13%	11%	14%
	<b>4 days</b>	13%	9%	12%
	<b>5 days</b>	20%	21%	13%
	<b>6 days</b>	7%	14%	9%
	<b>7 days</b>	21%	24%	20%

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**TABLE 18  
NUTRITION**

*Otter Tail County*

<i>How many glasses of each of the following did you drink yesterday?</i>		<b>Grade</b>		
		<b>6th</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Milk</b>	<b>0 glasses</b>	12%	12%	20%
	<b>1-2 glasses</b>	47%	46%	51%
	<b>3-4 glasses</b>	29%	30%	21%
	<b>5 or more glasses</b>	12%	12%	8%
<b>100% fruit juice</b>	<b>0 glasses</b>	48%	47%	50%
	<b>1-2 glasses</b>	40%	41%	40%
	<b>3-4 glasses</b>	7%	9%	7%
	<b>5 or more glasses</b>	4%	3%	3%
<b>Fruit juice drinks</b>	<b>0 glasses</b>	53%	57%	63%
	<b>1-2 glasses</b>	35%	34%	29%
	<b>3-4 glasses</b>	8%	8%	6%
	<b>5 or more glasses</b>	3%	2%	2%
<b>Pop or soda</b>	<b>0 glasses</b>	53%	48%	46%
	<b>1-2 glasses</b>	36%	36%	36%
	<b>3-4 glasses</b>	6%	10%	11%
	<b>5 or more glasses</b>	5%	6%	7%
<b>Sports drinks</b>	<b>0 glasses</b>	70%	65%	69%
	<b>1-2 glasses</b>	23%	24%	21%
	<b>3-4 glasses</b>	4%	7%	5%
	<b>5 or more glasses</b>	3%	5%	4%
<b>Water</b>	<b>0 glasses</b>	5%	8%	8%
	<b>1-2 glasses</b>	27%	23%	31%
	<b>3-4 glasses</b>	26%	31%	28%
	<b>5 or more glasses</b>	43%	38%	33%
<b>How many servings of fruits, fruit juices, or vegetables did you eat yesterday?</b>	<b>0 servings</b>	8%	7%	7%
	<b>1 serving</b>	14%	12%	15%
	<b>2 servings</b>	21%	24%	24%
	<b>3 servings</b>	25%	24%	23%
	<b>4 servings</b>	17%	17%	17%
	<b>5 or more servings</b>	15%	17%	14%

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**TABLE 19**  
**SEAT BELT USE**  
*Otter Tail County*

<i>How often do you wear a seat belt when you ...</i>		<b>Grade</b>		
		<b>6th</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>...ride in a car?</b>	<b>Never</b>	2%	2%	7%
	<b>Sometimes</b>	12%	16%	23%
	<b>Often</b>	28%	29%	26%
	<b>Always</b>	58%	52%	44%
<b>...drive a car? *</b>	<b>I never do this activity</b>		36%	6%
	<b>Never</b>		4%	6%
	<b>Sometimes</b>		7%	14%
	<b>Often</b>		6%	14%
	<b>Always</b>		48%	60%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 20**  
**SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON RISK BEHAVIORS**  
*Otter Tail County*

<i>Where have you received most of your information about...</i>		<b>Grade</b>		
		<b>6th</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>...alcohol and other drugs? (Mark all that apply)</b>	<b>Friends or peers</b>	24%	58%	72%
	<b>Parents</b>	60%	58%	47%
	<b>Brothers or sisters</b>	19%	29%	29%
	<b>School/teachers/ counselors</b>	78%	68%	58%
	<b>Clinics/doctors/ nurses</b>	17%	12%	6%
	<b>Religious/ community groups ^</b>	10%	18%	10%
	<b>Internet</b>	9%	16%	17%
	<b>TV/radio/magazines/ newspapers/books</b>	35%	39%	39%
	<b>I do not know much about alcohol or other drugs</b>	5%	6%	5%
<b>...sex? (Mark all that apply)</b>	<b>Friends or peers</b>	35%	61%	75%
	<b>Parents</b>	39%	45%	32%
	<b>Brothers or sisters</b>	12%	19%	16%
	<b>School/teachers/ counselors</b>	37%	57%	44%
	<b>Clinics/doctors/ nurses</b>	9%	11%	11%
	<b>Religious/ community groups ^</b>	3%	16%	12%
	<b>Internet</b>	11%	18%	23%
	<b>TV/radio/magazines/ newspapers/books</b>	24%	35%	39%
	<b>I do not know much about sex</b>	19%	3%	4%

^ New response option in 2007.

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**TABLE 21A**  
**EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING/DISTRESS ^**  
*Otter Tail County*

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
I get a lot of headaches, stomachaches or sickness.	Agree	18%	18%	14%
	Mostly agree	21%	20%	17%
	Mostly disagree	32%	32%	27%
	Disagree	30%	31%	41%
I am often irritable and angry.	Agree	9%	10%	8%
	Mostly agree	14%	15%	16%
	Mostly disagree	39%	39%	40%
	Disagree	38%	35%	37%
I have many fears and am easily scared.	Agree	8%	8%	3%
	Mostly agree	11%	11%	9%
	Mostly disagree	30%	32%	28%
	Disagree	51%	49%	60%
I often have trouble concentrating.	Agree	14%	17%	13%
	Mostly agree	20%	21%	21%
	Mostly disagree	29%	30%	33%
	Disagree	36%	32%	33%
I am restless and cannot stay still for long.	Agree	15%	15%	12%
	Mostly agree	20%	21%	23%
	Mostly disagree	29%	27%	28%
	Disagree	36%	37%	38%
I often have trouble getting to sleep and staying asleep.	Agree	14%	14%	10%
	Mostly agree	16%	19%	14%
	Mostly disagree	29%	29%	31%
	Disagree	41%	38%	44%
I do things before I think.	Agree	15%	15%	10%
	Mostly agree	27%	27%	25%
	Mostly disagree	36%	35%	36%
	Disagree	22%	23%	28%
I am often unhappy, depressed or tearful.	Agree	6%	8%	4%
	Mostly agree	9%	12%	8%
	Mostly disagree	23%	25%	29%
	Disagree	62%	55%	58%

^ New questions in 2007.

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**TABLE 21B**  
**EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING/DISTRESS**  
*Otter Tail County*

<i>During the last 30 days ...</i>		<b>Grade</b>		
		<b>6th</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
... have you felt you were under any stress or pressure?	Yes, almost more than I could take	7%	15%	15%
	Yes, quite a bit of pressure	10%	15%	25%
	Yes, more than usual	11%	15%	19%
	Yes, a little	47%	39%	28%
	Not at all	25%	16%	14%
... have you felt sad?	All the time	3%	4%	4%
	Most of the time	6%	9%	7%
	Some of the time	22%	26%	28%
	Little of the time	52%	44%	44%
	None of the time	17%	17%	18%
... have you felt so discouraged or hopeless that you wondered if anything was worthwhile?	Extremely so, to the point that I have just about given up	5%	5%	6%
	Quite a bit	5%	9%	5%
	Some, enough to bother me	8%	14%	13%
	A little bit	30%	25%	22%
	Not at all	52%	47%	54%
... have you felt nervous, worried, or upset?	All the time	2%	4%	3%
	Most of the time	8%	11%	8%
	Some of the time	22%	27%	27%
	Little of the time	51%	44%	45%
	None of the time	18%	15%	17%

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**TABLE 22**  
**SELF-INFLICTED INJURY, SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>Have you ever hurt yourself on purpose ("cutting", burns, bruises)? ^</b>	<b>No</b>	84%	80%	83%
	<b>Yes, during the last year</b>	10%	15%	9%
	<b>Yes, more than a year ago</b>	6%	5%	8%
<b>Have you ever thought about killing yourself?</b>	<b>No</b>	86%	75%	77%
	<b>Yes, during the last year</b>	8%	16%	11%
	<b>Yes, more than a year ago</b>	6%	10%	11%
<b>Have you ever tried to kill yourself?</b>	<b>No</b>	98%	94%	94%
	<b>Yes, during the last year</b>	1%	3%	2%
	<b>Yes, more than a year ago</b>	1%	3%	4%

^ New question in 2007.

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**TABLE 23**  
**GAMBLING BEHAVIOR \***  
*Otter Tail County*

<i>During the last 12 months, how often have you done these activities?</i>		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
<b>Played cards for money</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	67%	56%
	<b>Less than once a month</b>	21%	23%
	<b>About once a month</b>	8%	12%
	<b>About once a week</b>	2%	5%
	<b>Daily</b>	1%	3%
<b>Bet on games of personal skill like pool, golf, or bowling</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	74%	71%
	<b>Less than once a month</b>	15%	15%
	<b>About once a month</b>	7%	6%
	<b>About once a week</b>	3%	5%
	<b>Daily</b>	1%	3%
<b>Bet money on sports teams or horseracing <sup>^</sup></b>	<b>Not at all</b>	82%	81%
	<b>Less than once a month</b>	11%	9%
	<b>About once a month</b>	5%	5%
	<b>About once a week</b>	1%	4%
	<b>Daily</b>	1%	2%
<b>Bought lottery tickets or scratch offs</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	90%	58%
	<b>Less than once a month</b>	5%	19%
	<b>About once a month</b>	3%	11%
	<b>About once a week</b>	1%	7%
	<b>Daily</b>	1%	5%
<b>Gambled in a casino</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	97%	76%
	<b>Less than once a month</b>	2%	14%
	<b>About once a month</b>	1%	7%
	<b>About once a week</b>	0%	1%
	<b>Daily</b>	0%	2%
<b>Gambled for money online <sup>^^</sup></b>	<b>Not at all</b>	97%	95%
	<b>Less than once a month</b>	1%	2%
	<b>About once a month</b>	1%	1%
	<b>About once a week</b>	0%	1%
	<b>Daily</b>	0%	1%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

<sup>^</sup> Variations in wording for this item may affect year-to-year comparisons.

<sup>^^</sup> New question in 2007.

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**TABLE 24  
DESTRUCTIVE AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR  
Otter Tail County**

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
During the last 12 months, how often have you run away from home?	Never	94%	92%	92%
	Once or twice	5%	7%	5%
	3 to 5 times	1%	1%	1%
	6 to 10 times	0%	0%	1%
	More than 10 times	0%	0%	2%
During the last 12 months, how often have you damaged or destroyed property at school or somewhere else?	Never	92%	86%	84%
	Once or twice	7%	11%	11%
	3 to 5 times	0%	2%	3%
	6 to 10 times	0%	1%	0%
	More than 10 times	1%	1%	2%
During the last 12 months, how often have you hit or beat up another person?	Never	76%	81%	82%
	Once or twice	17%	14%	13%
	3 to 5 times	3%	2%	2%
	6 to 10 times	1%	1%	1%
	More than 10 times	2%	2%	3%
During the last 12 months, how often have you taken something from a store without paying for it?	Never	95%	85%	80%
	Once or twice	4%	10%	12%
	3 to 5 times	1%	2%	3%
	6 to 10 times	0%	1%	1%
	More than 10 times	0%	2%	5%
On how many of the last 30 days did you carry a gun on school property?	0 days	100%	99%	97%
	1 day	0%	1%	1%
	2 or 3 days	0%	0%	1%
	6 or more days	0%	0%	1%
On how many of the last 30 days did you carry a weapon (other than a gun) on school property?	0 days	97%	91%	91%
	1 day	3%	3%	2%
	2 or 3 days	0%	3%	1%
	4 or 5 days	0%	1%	0%
	6 or more days	0%	2%	6%

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**TABLE 25**  
**SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE USE \*\***  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
Use of any tobacco products during the past 30 days ^	No	99%	83%	62%
	Yes	1%	17%	38%
Frequent use of any tobacco products during the past 30 days (used tobacco on 20 or more of the past 30 days) ^	No	100%	96%	82%
	Yes	0%	4%	18%
Frequent binge drinking in the past year (typically drank 5 or more drinks at a time and drank on 10 or more occasions during the past year)	No	100%	96%	80%
	Yes	0%	4%	20%
Any alcohol and/or other drug use during the past year (excluding tobacco)	No alcohol or other drug use in the past year	84%	60%	35%
	Used only alcohol in the past year	12%	26%	36%
	Used only marijuana/other drugs in the past year	2%	1%	1%
	Used both alcohol and marijuana/other drugs in the past year	1%	13%	28%

\*\* These are all computed variables based on combinations of responses to two or more survey items.

^ New computed variables in 2007.

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**TABLE 26**  
**CIGARETTE USE AND AGE OF FIRST USE**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>During the last 30 days, on how many days did you smoke a cigarette?</b>	<b>0 days</b>	99%	87%	72%
	<b>1 or 2 days</b>	1%	4%	7%
	<b>3 to 5 days</b>	0%	2%	3%
	<b>6 to 9 days</b>	0%	1%	4%
	<b>10 to 19 days</b>	0%	3%	3%
	<b>20 to 29 days</b>	0%	1%	3%
	<b>All 30 days</b>	0%	3%	9%
<b>During the last 30 days, how frequently have you smoked cigarettes?</b>	<b>Never</b>	99%	89%	75%
	<b>Less than one cigarette per day</b>	0%	5%	9%
	<b>One to five cigarettes per day</b>	0%	3%	8%
	<b>About one-half pack per day</b>	0%	1%	4%
	<b>About one pack per day</b>	0%	1%	3%
	<b>About one and one-half packs per day</b>	0%	0%	1%
	<b>Two packs or more per day</b>	0%	0%	1%
<b>How old were you the first time you smoked part or all of a cigarette? <sup>^</sup></b>	<b>I have never smoked part or all of a cigarette</b>	94%	72%	50%
	<b>10 years old or younger</b>	4%	9%	9%
	<b>11 years old</b>	2%	4%	2%
	<b>12 years old</b>	0%	3%	4%
	<b>13 years old</b>	0%	5%	4%
	<b>14 years old</b>	0%	5%	7%
	<b>15 years old</b>	0%	2%	7%
	<b>16 years old</b>	0%	0%	8%
	<b>17 years old or older</b>	0%	0%	10%

<sup>^</sup> New question in 2007.

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**TABLE 27**  
**CIGAR AND SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE AND AGE OF FIRST USE ^**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff or dip?	0 days	99%	93%	84%
	1 or 2 days	0%	3%	3%
	3 to 5 days	0%	2%	2%
	6 to 9 days	0%	0%	2%
	10 to 19 days	0%	1%	3%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	2%
	All 30 days	0%	1%	5%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos or little cigars?	0 days	99%	94%	80%
	1 or 2 days	1%	3%	11%
	3 to 5 days	0%	2%	5%
	6 to 9 days	0%	0%	1%
	10 to 19 days	0%	0%	1%
	20 to 29 days	0%	1%	1%
	All 30 days	0%	1%	1%
How old were you the first time you smoked a cigar or used chewing tobacco?	I have never smoked a cigar or used chewing tobacco	97%	80%	56%
	10 years old or younger	1%	3%	5%
	11 years old	1%	1%	2%
	12 years old	1%	2%	1%
	13 years old	0%	4%	3%
	14 years old	0%	5%	6%
	15 years old	0%	4%	8%
	16 years old	0%	0%	9%
	17 years old or older	0%	0%	10%

^ New questions in 2007.

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### TABLE 28 ACCESS TO TOBACCO \*

*Otter Tail County*

<b>INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED TOBACCO IN THE LAST 30 DAYS</b>		<b>Grade</b>	
		<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>If you used tobacco, how did you get it in the last 30 days? (Mark all that apply)</b>	<b>Bought it at gas stations or convenience stores</b>	14%	72%
	<b>Bought it at bars or restaurants</b>	2%	5%
	<b>Bought it at grocery, discount, or drug stores</b>	2%	19%
	<b>Bought it at places like bowling alleys, video arcades, or pool halls</b>	1%	1%
	<b>Bought it from vending machines</b>	3%	1%
	<b>Got it from friends</b>	56%	44%
	<b>Got it from my parents ^</b>	6%	6%
	<b>Got it from other family members ^</b>	14%	5%
	<b>Got it by getting someone else to buy for me</b>	33%	13%
	<b>Took it from my home</b>	16%	7%
	<b>Took it from a friend's home</b>	9%	3%
	<b>Took it from stores</b>	5%	8%

<b>INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO BOUGHT TOBACCO IN THE LAST 30 DAYS</b>		<b>Grade</b>	
		<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>If you bought tobacco in the last 30 days, did you use a fake ID?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	5%	4%
	<b>No</b>	95%	96%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New response option in 2007.

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**TABLE 29**  
**ALCOHOL USE FREQUENCY AND QUANTITY**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you had alcoholic beverages to drink?</b>	<b>0</b>	88%	62%	37%
	<b>1-2</b>	10%	14%	13%
	<b>3-5</b>	2%	8%	9%
	<b>6-9</b>	0%	7%	9%
	<b>10-19</b>	0%	5%	11%
	<b>20-39</b>	0%	2%	8%
	<b>40+</b>	0%	1%	13%
<b>During the last 30 days, on how many days did you drink one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage?</b>	<b>0 days</b>	96%	78%	51%
	<b>1 or 2 days</b>	4%	12%	20%
	<b>3 to 5 days</b>	0%	6%	13%
	<b>6 to 9 days</b>	0%	2%	9%
	<b>10 to 19 days</b>	0%	2%	4%
	<b>20 to 29 days</b>	0%	0%	2%
	<b>All 30 days</b>	0%	0%	1%
<b>If you drink beer/wine/wine coolers/hard liquor, generally, how much (if any) do you drink at one time?</b>	<b>I don't drink beer/wine/wine coolers/hard liquor</b>	91%	64%	40%
	<b>1 glass, can, or drink</b>	8%	13%	10%
	<b>2 glasses, cans, or drinks</b>	1%	6%	7%
	<b>3 glasses, cans, or drinks</b>	0%	4%	8%
	<b>4 glasses, cans, or drinks</b>	0%	4%	8%
	<b>5 glasses, cans, or drinks</b>	0%	4%	6%
	<b>6 or more glasses, cans, or drinks</b>	0%	6%	21%
<b>Over the last 2 weeks, how many times (if any) have you had five or more drinks in a row? *</b>	<b>Never</b>		86%	68%
	<b>Once</b>		7%	12%
	<b>Twice</b>		4%	7%
	<b>3 - 5 times</b>		2%	8%
	<b>6 or more times</b>		1%	5%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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TABLE 30  
AGE OF FIRST ALCOHOL USE ^

*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?</b>	<b>I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips</b>	82%	51%	24%
	<b>10 years old or younger</b>	13%	9%	11%
	<b>11 years old</b>	4%	3%	3%
	<b>12 years old</b>	1%	7%	8%
	<b>13 years old</b>	0%	13%	6%
	<b>14 years old</b>	0%	14%	10%
	<b>15 years old</b>	0%	3%	16%
	<b>16 years old</b>	0%	0%	13%
	<b>17 years old or older</b>	0%	0%	10%

^ New question in 2007.

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**TABLE 31  
ACCESS TO ALCOHOL \*  
Otter Tail County**

<b>INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS **</b>		<b>Grade</b>	
		<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>If you used alcohol, how did you get it in the last 30 days? (Mark all that apply)</b>	<b>Bought it at gas stations or convenience stores ^</b>	2%	3%
	<b>Bought it at bars or restaurants</b>	2%	5%
	<b>Bought it at stores</b>	4%	7%
	<b>Bought it on the Internet</b>	0%	1%
	<b>Got it from friends</b>	51%	63%
	<b>Got it from my parents ^</b>	15%	10%
	<b>Got it from other family members ^</b>	19%	13%
	<b>Got it by getting someone else to buy for me</b>	30%	41%
	<b>Got it at parties</b>	52%	38%
	<b>Took it from my home</b>	22%	10%
	<b>Took it from a friend's home</b>	13%	5%
	<b>Took it from stores</b>	4%	4%

<b>INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO BOUGHT ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS</b>		<b>Grade</b>	
		<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>If you bought alcohol in the last 30 days, did you use a fake ID?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	6%	6%
	<b>No</b>	94%	94%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

\*\* Percentages are comparable to the 2001 and 2004 survey results. Percentages are based on all recent alcohol users, even if they skipped this question.

^ New response option in 2007.

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**TABLE 32**  
**DRINKING AND DRIVING \***  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
<b>During the last 12 months, how many times have you driven a motor vehicle after using alcohol or other drugs?</b>	<b>0 times or no use</b>	96%	72%
	<b>Once</b>	2%	7%
	<b>Twice</b>	1%	6%
	<b>3 or more times</b>	1%	15%
<b>Do you ever ride with friends after they have been using alcohol or drugs?</b>	<b>No</b>	71%	55%
	<b>Yes, but rarely</b>	15%	30%
	<b>Yes, often</b>	5%	13%
	<b>None of my friends use alcohol or other drugs</b>	9%	2%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 33**  
**MARIJUANA AND OTHER DRUG USE AND AGE OF FIRST USE ^**  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
<b>During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana or hashish?</b>	<b>0 days</b>	100%	92%	85%
	<b>1 or 2 days</b>	0%	3%	5%
	<b>3 to 5 days</b>	0%	2%	2%
	<b>6 to 9 days</b>	0%	2%	2%
	<b>10 to 19 days</b>	0%	1%	3%
	<b>20 to 29 days</b>	0%	0%	2%
	<b>All 30 days</b>	0%	0%	2%
<b>How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?</b>	<b>I have never tried marijuana</b>	99%	86%	65%
	<b>10 years old or younger</b>	1%	2%	1%
	<b>11 years old</b>	0%	1%	1%
	<b>12 years old</b>	0%	2%	2%
	<b>13 years old</b>	0%	4%	4%
	<b>14 years old</b>	0%	5%	6%
	<b>15 years old</b>	0%	1%	5%
	<b>16 years old</b>	0%	0%	8%
	<b>17 years old or older</b>	0%	0%	8%
<b>During the last 30 days, on how many days did you use any of these "other drugs"?</b>	<b>0 days</b>	100%	96%	93%
	<b>1 or 2 days</b>	0%	1%	4%
	<b>3 to 5 days</b>	0%	1%	2%
	<b>6 to 9 days</b>	0%	0%	0%
	<b>10 to 19 days</b>	0%	1%	1%
	<b>20 to 29 days</b>	0%	0%	0%
<b>How old were you when you tried any of these "other drugs" for the first time?</b>	<b>I have never tried "other drugs"</b>	97%	93%	88%
	<b>10 years old or younger</b>	2%	1%	1%
	<b>11 years old</b>	1%	1%	0%
	<b>12 years old</b>	0%	1%	1%
	<b>13 years old</b>	0%	1%	1%
	<b>14 years old</b>	0%	2%	1%
	<b>15 years old</b>	0%	1%	2%
	<b>16 years old</b>	0%	0%	2%
	<b>17 years old or older</b>	0%	0%	5%

^ New questions in 2007.

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**TABLE 34**  
**MARIJUANA, INHALANTS, HALLUCINOGENS AND HEROIN ^**  
**Otter Tail County**

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...</i>		Grade		
		6th	9th	12th
		%	%	%
... used marijuana (bud, weed, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil)?	0	100%	88%	73%
	1-2	0%	4%	8%
	3-5	0%	2%	5%
	6-9	0%	2%	2%
	10-19	0%	1%	2%
	20-39	0%	1%	2%
	40+	0%	2%	8%
... sniffed glue, or breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any other gases or sprays in order to get high?	0	98%	97%	97%
	1-2	2%	1%	2%
	3-5	0%	1%	1%
	6-9	0%	0%	0%
	10-19	0%	1%	0%
	20-39	0%	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%	0%
... used LSD ("acid"), PCP (wet sticks or dipped joints), or other psychedelics (like mescaline, mushrooms, peyote)? *	0		97%	95%
	1-2		1%	3%
	3-5		0%	1%
	6-9		1%	0%
	10-19		0%	0%
	20-39		0%	1%
	40+		0%	0%
... used heroin? *	0		99%	99%
	1-2		1%	0%
	3-5		0%	1%
	6-9		0%	0%
	10-19		0%	1%
	20-39		0%	0%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ Variations in wording for these items may affect year-to-year comparisons.

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**TABLE 35**  
**METHAMPHETAMINE, COCAINE AND ECSTASY \*^**  
*Otter Tail County*

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...</i>		<b>Grade</b>	
		<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>... used methamphetamine (meth, glass, crank, crystal meth, ice) by any method?</b>	<b>0</b>	99%	98%
	<b>1-2</b>	0%	1%
	<b>3-5</b>	0%	0%
	<b>6-9</b>	0%	1%
	<b>10-19</b>	0%	0%
	<b>20-39</b>	0%	0%
<b>... used "crack" (cocaine in chunk or rock form), or cocaine in any other form?</b>	<b>0</b>	98%	97%
	<b>1-2</b>	0%	2%
	<b>3-5</b>	1%	1%
	<b>6-9</b>	0%	1%
	<b>10-19</b>	0%	0%
	<b>40+</b>	1%	0%
<b>... used MDMA (E, X, "ecstasy"), GHB (G, Liquid E, Liquid X) or Ketamine ("Special K")?</b>	<b>0</b>	98%	98%
	<b>1-2</b>	1%	1%
	<b>3-5</b>	0%	0%
	<b>6-9</b>	0%	0%
	<b>10-19</b>	0%	1%
	<b>20-39</b>	0%	0%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 36A**  
**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS \*^**  
*Otter Tail County*

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...</i>		<b>Grade</b>	
		<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>... used stimulants like Benzedrine or diet pills that were not prescribed for you by a doctor, or that you took only to get high?</b>	<b>0</b>	98%	96%
	<b>1-2</b>	1%	2%
	<b>3-5</b>	1%	0%
	<b>6-9</b>	1%	1%
	<b>10-19</b>	0%	1%
	<b>40+</b>	0%	0%
<b>... used your own or someone else's ADHD or ADD drugs like Ritalin (hyper pills) to get high?</b>	<b>0</b>	96%	95%
	<b>1-2</b>	2%	2%
	<b>3-5</b>	1%	1%
	<b>6-9</b>	1%	1%
	<b>10-19</b>	0%	0%
	<b>20-39</b>	0%	1%
<b>... used OxyContin, Percocet, Percodan, Vicodin or other pain relievers that were not prescribed for you by a doctor, or that you took only to get high?</b>	<b>0</b>	97%	93%
	<b>1-2</b>	2%	3%
	<b>3-5</b>	1%	2%
	<b>6-9</b>	1%	1%
	<b>10-19</b>	0%	1%
	<b>20-39</b>	0%	1%
	<b>40+</b>	0%	0%
<b>... used tranquilizers (Valium, Xanax, nerve pills) or sedatives or barbituates that were not prescribed for you by a doctor, or that you took only to get high?</b>	<b>0</b>	97%	97%
	<b>1-2</b>	2%	1%
	<b>3-5</b>	1%	1%
	<b>6-9</b>	0%	1%
	<b>10-19</b>	0%	0%
	<b>20-39</b>	0%	0%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

^ New questions in 2007.

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**TABLE 36B**  
**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS \*^**  
*Otter Tail County*

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...</i>		Grade
		6th
		%
... used any prescription drugs that were not prescribed for you by a doctor, or that you took only to get high?	0	99%
	1-2	1%
	3-5	0%

\* 9th-12th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 37**  
**SUBSTANCE USE PATTERNS**  
*Otter Tail County*

<i>Do you ever use alcohol or other drugs ...</i>		<b>Grade</b>		
		<b>6th</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>...before school?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	1%	4%	11%
	<b>No</b>	99%	96%	89%
<b>...during school?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	1%	4%	12%
	<b>No</b>	99%	96%	88%
<b>...right after school?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	1%	10%	20%
	<b>No</b>	99%	90%	80%

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**TABLE 38**  
**SOCIAL DISAPPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE USE ^**  
*Otter Tail County*

			Grade		
			6th	9th	12th
			%	%	%
During the last 12 months, have you talked with at least one of your parents (or guardians) about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use?	Yes		60%	53%	46%
	No		40%	47%	54%
How do you think your close friends would feel if you...	... smoked one or more packs of cigarettes per day?	They would approve	2%	2%	4%
		They would not care at all	4%	10%	20%
		They would disapprove	10%	18%	30%
		They would strongly disapprove	84%	69%	46%
	... have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?	They would approve	2%	4%	10%
		They would not care at all	4%	20%	35%
		They would disapprove	14%	18%	20%
		They would strongly disapprove	80%	58%	34%
	... smoked marijuana once or twice a week?	They would approve	1%	3%	5%
		They would not care at all	2%	10%	19%
		They would disapprove	6%	11%	19%
		They would strongly disapprove	90%	76%	57%
	... used other drugs once or twice a week?	They would approve	2%	1%	2%
		They would not care at all	3%	6%	11%
		They would disapprove	8%	13%	15%
		They would strongly disapprove	87%	79%	72%

^ New questions in 2007.

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**TABLE 39**  
**PERCEIVED RISK OF HARM FROM SUBSTANCE USE ^**  
*Otter Tail County*

			Grade		
			6th	9th	12th
			%	%	%
<b>How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they...</b>	<b>... smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?</b>	<b>No risk</b>	3%	4%	6%
		<b>Slight risk</b>	6%	5%	7%
		<b>Moderate risk</b>	24%	20%	21%
		<b>Great risk</b>	67%	71%	66%
	<b>... have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?</b>	<b>No risk</b>	4%	6%	6%
		<b>Slight risk</b>	12%	14%	21%
		<b>Moderate risk</b>	37%	30%	33%
		<b>Great risk</b>	47%	50%	39%
	<b>... smoke marijuana once or twice a week?</b>	<b>No risk</b>	4%	7%	11%
		<b>Slight risk</b>	3%	6%	15%
		<b>Moderate risk</b>	18%	16%	22%
		<b>Great risk</b>	76%	71%	52%

^ New questions in 2007.

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**TABLE 40A  
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE \***  
*Otter Tail County*

<i>During the last 12 months ...</i>		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
... have you found that you had to use a lot more alcohol or other drugs than before to get the same effect?	No or no use	94%	86%
	Yes	6%	14%
... have you tried to cut down on your use of alcohol or other drugs but couldn't?	No or no use	94%	93%
	Yes	6%	7%
... have you continued to use alcohol or other drugs even though you knew it was hurting your relationships with friends or family? ^	No or no use	94%	92%
	Yes	6%	8%
... how many times have you spent all or most of the day using alcohol or other drugs, or getting over their effects?	0 times or no use	86%	70%
	Once	9%	14%
	Twice	3%	7%
	3 or more times	3%	9%
... how many times have you given up important social or recreational activities like sports or being with friends or relatives in order to use alcohol or other drugs or to get over their effects? ^	0 times or no use	94%	86%
	Once	4%	7%
	Twice	2%	2%
	3 or more times	1%	5%
... how many times has alcohol or other drug use left you feeling depressed, agitated, paranoid, or unable to concentrate?	0 times or no use	92%	85%
	Once	5%	7%
	Twice	2%	2%
	3 or more times	1%	6%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 40B  
CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE \***

*Otter Tail County*

<i>During the last 12 months ...</i>		<b>Grade</b>	
		<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
... how many times have you missed work or school, or neglected other major responsibilities because of alcohol or other drug use? ^	<b>0 times or no use</b>	95%	89%
	<b>Once</b>	2%	5%
	<b>Twice</b>	1%	3%
	<b>3 or more times</b>	1%	3%
... how many times has alcohol or other drug use caused you problems with the law?	<b>0 times or no use</b>	97%	91%
	<b>Once</b>	2%	6%
	<b>Twice</b>	1%	2%
	<b>3 or more times</b>	1%	1%
... how many times have you hit someone or become violent while using alcohol or other drugs?	<b>0 times or no use</b>	97%	92%
	<b>Once</b>	2%	5%
	<b>Twice</b>	0%	1%
	<b>3 or more times</b>	1%	2%
... how many times have you used so much alcohol or other drugs that later you could not remember what you had said or done?	<b>0 times or no use</b>	85%	74%
	<b>Once</b>	7%	10%
	<b>Twice</b>	3%	5%
	<b>3 or more times</b>	4%	12%
... how many times have you used more alcohol or other drugs than you intended to?	<b>0 times or no use</b>	87%	74%
	<b>Once</b>	8%	10%
	<b>Twice</b>	3%	5%
	<b>3 or more times</b>	2%	11%

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**TABLE 41A**  
**SEXUAL BEHAVIOR \***  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
Have you ever had sexual intercourse ("had sex")? ^	No	85%	52%
	Yes, once or twice	7%	8%
	Yes, 3 times or more	9%	40%
During the last 12 months, with how many different male partners have you had sexual intercourse?	None	91%	75%
	1 person	5%	16%
	2 persons	1%	5%
	3 persons	0%	2%
	4 persons	1%	1%
	5 persons	0%	0%
	6 or more persons	2%	2%
During the last 12 months, with how many different female partners have you had sexual intercourse?	None	91%	74%
	1 person	3%	14%
	2 persons	2%	5%
	3 persons	1%	3%
	4 persons	1%	1%
	5 persons	1%	1%
	6 or more persons	2%	3%
How many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?	0 times	98%	94%
	1 time	1%	2%
	2 or more times	1%	1%
	Not sure	0%	3%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 41B  
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR \*  
Otter Tail County**

<b>SEXUALLY ACTIVE STUDENTS ONLY</b>		<b>Grade</b>	
		<b>9th</b>	<b>12th</b>
		<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Have you talked with your partner(s) about protecting yourselves from getting STDs/HIV/AIDS? **</b>	<b>Never</b>	34%	41%
	<b>Not with every partner</b>	22%	14%
	<b>At least once with every partner</b>	44%	45%
<b>Have you talked with partner(s) about preventing pregnancy? **</b>	<b>Never</b>	39%	23%
	<b>Not with every partner</b>	15%	18%
	<b>At least once with every partner</b>	45%	59%
<b>If you have sexual intercourse, how often do you and/or your partner use any birth control method?</b>	<b>Never</b>	28%	15%
	<b>Rarely</b>	9%	4%
	<b>Sometimes</b>	6%	5%
	<b>Usually</b>	18%	11%
	<b>Always</b>	39%	65%
<b>If you have sexual intercourse, how often is a condom used?</b>	<b>Never</b>	9%	15%
	<b>Rarely</b>	7%	9%
	<b>Sometimes</b>	5%	13%
	<b>Usually</b>	15%	15%
	<b>Always</b>	65%	49%
<b>The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	73%	60%
	<b>No</b>	27%	40%

\* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

\*\* The results for these questions are comparable to the 2001 and 2004 survey results.

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**TABLE 42**  
**REASONS FOR SEXUAL ABSTINENCE \***  
*Otter Tail County*

		Grade	
		9th	12th
		%	%
<b>If you do not have sexual intercourse, what factors influence your choice not to? (Mark all that apply)</b>	<b>One or both of my parents would object</b>	64%	47%
	<b>I don't want to have sex</b>	45%	38%
	<b>Most students in my school don't have sex</b>	12%	2%
	<b>My friends don't have sex</b>	37%	17%
	<b>I don't think it's right for a person my age to have sex</b>	66%	38%
	<b>I'm afraid of getting caught</b>	24%	18%
	<b>My religious or spiritual beliefs</b>	49%	43%
	<b>Sex education at school has shown me the advantages of waiting until I'm older</b>	39%	21%
	<b>I don't want to get a sexually transmitted disease</b>	61%	48%
	<b>Fear of pregnancy ^</b>	57%	52%
	<b>My parents have taught me the advantages of waiting until I'm older</b>	44%	28%
	<b>I have chosen to wait until I'm married</b>	50%	44%
	<b>Other reason(s) ^^</b>	36%	40%

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^^ New response option in 2007.