



## Illinois Youth Survey 2026 Survey Revision Summary

Each administration year, IYS questions are added, removed, or reworded to maintain survey length and grade level appropriateness while keeping pace with trends in substance use behaviors, attitudes and perceptions, and other indicators measured by the survey.

### Questions Changed

#### Age and Grade – 8<sup>th</sup> grade only

Response options removed.

- How old are you?  
*12, 13, 14 or older*
- What grade are you in?  
*8<sup>th</sup>*

#### Gender

Question revised.

- Are you:  
*Female, Male, Prefer not to answer*

#### Race

Response options changed/expanded.

- What is your race? (select all that apply)  
*White, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino/Latina, Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern or North African, Other*

#### How Wrong (You, Parents, Friends)

Three sets of questions revised, changing 'how wrong' to 'approve/disapprove'.

- How much do you approve or disapprove of someone your age:
- How much would your parents approve or disapprove of you:
- How much would your friends approve or disapprove of you:

*Strongly disapprove, Disapprove, Approve, Strongly Approve*

## Recovery – High School only

Questions revised.

- Do you consider yourself to be in recovery? (Recovery means a person had an addiction or substance use disorder and made significant changes to their use and lifestyle.)

*Yes, No*

- Which substances are you in recovery from?

*Alcohol, Marijuana, Opioids, Others*

## Carrying a Weapon

Question reworded.

- How many times in the past year (12 months) have you:
  - b. Carried a weapon such as a gun or knife (Do not count hunting or target shooting.)

*Never*

*1-2 times*

*3-5 times*

*6 or more times*

## Questions Deleted

### Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation

- Does your current gender identity match your sex assigned at birth?
- What sexual orientation do you most identify with?

## Questions Added

### Past 30 day marijuana use

- In the past 30 days, have you used marijuana in any of the following ways?
  - e. Drank it (in a THC drink)

*Yes, No*

### **Cannabinoid hyperemesis – *High School only***

- Has a health provider ever told you that your intense repeated vomiting was related to marijuana use?

*Yes, No*

### **Unknown substances**

- Have you ever taken or used any of the following without knowing what it was?  
A pill or capsule (Do not count something your parents gave you for medical reasons.)  
Something vaped or inhaled  
A powder (swallowed, snorted, or mixed in)

*Yes or No*

### **Recovery – High School Only**

- How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about recovery?  
Recovery is a part of part of “who I am.”  
Recovery is part of my personality.  
Recovery is part of my daily life.  
Others view recovery as part of my personality.

*Strongly agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly disagree*

### **Gambling – High School Only**

Gambling question (2020, 2022, and 2024) replaced.

- During the past 12 months, how often have you bet/gambled for money in the following ways?
  - a. Sports betting; daily fantasy sports; online slots, poker or other online casino games; lottery scratch-offs or instant tickets; skins betting; or buying loot boxes
  - b. Any other type of betting to win something

*Never, Less than once a month (1-11 times), Monthly (12 or more times), Weekly (50-150 times), Daily or almost daily (180-364)*

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