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2008 Substance Use Prevalences for Illinois Youth
Percent of Respondents Using Indicated Substance

	Grade	Grade			Gender		Total Percent ^b
	6	8	10	12	Male ^b	Female ^b	
Used Past Year							
Any Substance		45.6%	61.0%	73.0%	57.3%	61.0%	59.2%
Alcohol	14.9%	41.0%	56.6%	69.9%	52.3%	57.9%	55.2%
Cigarettes	2.6%	10.3%	19.1%	27.9%	18.7%	18.5%	18.7%
Other Tobacco Products	3.3%	8.5%	17.2%	26.7%	20.7%	13.2%	17.0%
Inhalants	6.9%	10.2%	6.2%	4.2%	5.7%	8.2%	7.0%
Marijuana	2.5%	11.7%	27.9%	35.4%	24.6%	24.3%	24.6%
Any Illicit (Ex. MJ)*		3.4%	5.1%	8.2%	5.9%	4.8%	5.4%
Crack/Cocaine		1.7%	2.9%	5.5%	3.5%	3.0%	3.2%
Hallucinogens		0.9%	2.0%	3.4%	2.6%	1.5%	2.0%
Ecstasy		1.6%	2.0%	3.3%	2.4%	1.9%	2.2%
Methamphetamine		0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Heroin		0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%	0.8%
Any Prescription Drug		4.5%	6.9%	9.6%	7.4%	6.3%	6.8%
Uppers		1.2%	2.9%	4.1%	2.9%	2.5%	2.7%
Downers		1.0%	3.0%	4.5%	2.9%	2.7%	2.8%
Steroids		1.4%	0.4%	0.8%	1.3%	0.2%	0.8%
Other Rx Drugs		2.8%	4.5%	6.0%	4.9%	4.0%	4.4%
OTC Perform. Enh. [†]		3.3%	5.4%	7.7%	8.1%	2.8%	5.4%
OTC Weight Loss Aids		2.0%	3.0%	4.6%	2.1%	4.2%	3.1%
Other OTC Drugs		14.6%	16.5%	15.4%	13.6%	17.2%	15.5%
Used Past Month							
Alcohol	5.9%	21.3%	34.9%	48.4%	33.1%	35.3%	34.3%
Cigarettes	1.3%	5.3%	12.6%	21.0%	12.8%	12.1%	12.5%
Other Tobacco Products	2.0%	4.0%	10.2%	17.3%	13.5%	6.8%	10.1%
Inhalants	4.4%	6.5%	3.3%	2.3%	3.5%	4.5%	4.1%
Marijuana	1.4%	7.8%	16.7%	21.8%	15.5%	14.7%	15.2%
# of Respondents	2,137	2,101	2,162	1,797	2,934	3,045	6,060

^bIncludes 8th, 10th, & 12th grades

*Any Illicit Substance (Excluding Marijuana): See Report Chapter 7 for details

[†]Over-the-Counter Performance Enhancement Supplements

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2008 Substance Use Prevalences: Gender and Metro Chicago vs Downstate by Grade
Percent of Respondents Using Indicated Substance

	Gender by Grade								Region by Grade							
	6		8		10		12		6		8		10		12	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Metro Chicago	Down-state	Metro Chicago	Down-state	Metro Chicago	Down-state	Metro Chicago	Down-state
Used Past Year																
Any Substance			42.9%	47.9%	58.5%	63.6%	72.8%	73.1%			44.6%	47.6%	61.2%	60.5%	74.7%	69.6%
Alcohol	17.1%	13.0%	36.7%	44.8%	53.6%	59.6%	69.0%	70.6%	16.2%	11.9%	40.3%	42.6%	56.8%	56.2%	72.3%	64.9%
Cigarettes	2.4%	2.9%	9.6%	10.6%	18.5%	19.7%	29.6%	26.2%	2.8%	2.2%	8.7%	13.9%	17.3%	23.0%	26.8%	30.0%
Other Tobacco Products	3.6%	3.2%	8.7%	7.6%	20.9%	13.9%	34.7%	19.0%	3.7%	2.5%	7.9%	9.8%	15.0%	21.9%	26.2%	27.6%
Inhalants	6.8%	7.3%	9.0%	10.9%	3.7%	8.6%	4.1%	4.4%	7.7%	5.3%	10.0%	10.5%	6.1%	6.4%	4.9%	3.0%
Marijuana	2.7%	2.5%	11.0%	11.8%	28.1%	27.8%	36.4%	34.3%	3.0%	1.4%	11.7%	11.9%	27.8%	28.3%	36.6%	32.9%
Any Illicit (Ex. MJ)*			2.4%	3.8%	5.6%	4.5%	10.4%	6.2%			3.4%	3.4%	4.8%	5.8%	9.0%	6.7%
Crack/Cocaine			1.2%	2.2%	3.2%	2.6%	6.7%	4.5%			1.8%	1.4%	3.0%	2.6%	5.8%	4.9%
Hallucinogens			0.8%	1.1%	2.4%	1.6%	4.9%	1.9%			0.6%	1.6%	2.0%	2.1%	4.1%	2.0%
Ecstasy			1.2%	1.5%	2.2%	1.8%	4.1%	2.6%			1.6%	1.4%	1.9%	2.3%	3.8%	2.5%
Methamphetamine			0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.2%	0.7%	0.3%			0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%	0.4%
Heroin			0.7%	0.6%	0.9%	0.4%	0.9%	0.6%			1.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.9%	0.5%
Any Prescription Drug			4.6%	3.9%	7.0%	6.9%	11.0%	8.4%			3.7%	6.1%	5.5%	9.7%	9.2%	10.2%
Uppers			1.3%	1.2%	3.2%	2.6%	4.3%	3.9%			1.0%	1.6%	2.0%	4.8%	4.0%	4.2%
Downers			0.9%	1.2%	3.2%	2.9%	4.9%	4.2%			0.8%	1.5%	2.3%	4.6%	4.6%	4.4%
Steroids			1.9%	0.3%	0.6%	0.1%	1.5%	0.2%			1.4%	1.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.9%	0.7%
Other Rx Drugs			2.6%	3.1%	4.8%	4.4%	7.8%	4.4%			2.2%	4.3%	3.7%	6.1%	5.6%	6.8%
OTC Perform. Enh.†			4.5%	2.2%	7.3%	3.5%	13.1%	2.6%			2.8%	4.4%	4.8%	6.7%	8.7%	5.8%
OTC Weight Loss Aids			1.8%	2.3%	1.2%	4.6%	3.4%	5.8%			1.8%	2.4%	2.6%	3.9%	4.3%	5.1%
Other OTC Drugs			11.3%	17.6%	13.9%	18.9%	16.1%	14.7%			14.0%	15.9%	16.5%	16.4%	16.8%	12.4%
Used Past Month																
Alcohol	6.8%	5.2%	17.5%	24.4%	33.7%	36.0%	50.2%	46.7%	6.5%	4.7%	20.9%	22.3%	35.7%	33.2%	50.0%	45.3%
Cigarettes	0.9%	1.7%	5.4%	4.8%	11.7%	13.3%	23.0%	19.1%	1.6%	0.8%	4.0%	8.0%	11.2%	15.6%	19.6%	23.9%
Other Tobacco Products	1.8%	2.3%	4.2%	3.1%	14.1%	6.8%	23.7%	11.3%	2.3%	1.3%	3.4%	5.4%	8.2%	14.5%	16.7%	18.3%
Inhalants	4.6%	4.5%	6.1%	6.4%	2.0%	4.5%	2.2%	2.4%	5.2%	2.6%	6.5%	6.5%	2.9%	4.1%	2.7%	1.4%
Marijuana	1.7%	1.2%	7.4%	7.7%	17.1%	16.1%	22.8%	21.0%	1.5%	1.3%	7.1%	9.4%	17.0%	16.2%	21.9%	21.5%
# of Respondents	1,037	1,053	1,039	1,039	1,015	1,110	881	896	1489	648	1,435	666	1,470	691	1,200	597

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2008 Substance Use Prevalences: Regional Sub-groups by Grade
Percent of Respondents Using Indicated Substance

	Metro Chicago Schools by Grade								Downstate Schools by Grade							
	6		8		10		12		6		8		10		12	
	Chicago	Suburban Chicago	Chicago	Suburban Chicago	Chicago	Suburban Chicago	Chicago	Suburban Chicago	Other Urban Counties	Rural Counties	Other Urban Counties	Rural Counties	Other Urban Counties	Rural Counties	Other Urban Counties	Rural Counties
Used Past Year																
Any Substance			56.4%	40.2%	57.3%	62.6%	65.5%	77.0%			51.4%	41.8%	60.3%	60.8%	70.4%	68.6%
Alcohol	24.7%	12.8%	51.1%	36.3%	50.9%	58.9%	63.6%	74.5%	9.6%	15.2%	47.0%	35.8%	56.0%	56.6%	66.0%	63.4%
Cigarettes	6.8%	1.2%	10.3%	8.1%	14.6%	18.2%	16.4%	29.5%	2.1%	2.3%	14.2%	13.4%	20.1%	27.2%	27.0%	34.0%
Other Tobacco Products	5.9%	2.8%	11.5%	6.6%	12.8%	15.8%	15.6%	29.0%	2.5%	2.4%	10.2%	9.2%	21.9%	21.9%	27.2%	28.0%
Inhalants	9.2%	7.0%	9.2%	10.3%	3.9%	6.9%	3.4%	5.2%	5.1%	5.5%	10.4%	10.7%	5.5%	7.8%	2.4%	3.8%
Marijuana	5.7%	2.0%	21.1%	8.1%	31.5%	26.4%	26.3%	39.2%	1.8%	0.7%	14.2%	8.4%	30.5%	25.0%	38.6%	25.2%
Any Illicit (Ex. MJ)**			3.0%	3.5%	3.3%	5.3%	3.2%	10.4%			3.6%	2.9%	5.6%	6.1%	8.1%	4.8%
Crack/Cocaine			1.4%	1.9%	1.4%	3.6%	1.7%	6.9%			1.9%	0.7%	2.6%	2.5%	5.7%	3.9%
Hallucinogens			1.0%	0.4%	1.3%	2.2%	1.0%	4.8%			1.7%	1.6%	2.0%	2.2%	2.2%	1.8%
Ecstasy			1.2%	1.8%	1.6%	2.0%	1.9%	4.2%			1.2%	1.7%	2.4%	2.3%	3.6%	0.9%
Methamphetamine			0.9%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.8%	0.5%			0.3%	0.6%	0.1%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Heroin			0.9%	1.1%	0.7%	0.6%	1.0%	0.8%			0.5%	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%
Any Prescription Drug			4.6%	3.4%	2.7%	6.5%	3.5%	10.7%			5.7%	6.8%	9.8%	9.6%	11.1%	9.1%
Uppers			1.9%	0.7%	0.6%	2.5%	1.4%	4.7%			1.5%	1.7%	5.2%	4.1%	4.2%	4.4%
Downers			1.6%	0.5%	0.6%	2.8%	1.5%	5.4%			1.5%	1.5%	4.9%	4.3%	4.8%	4.0%
Steroids			0.3%	1.9%	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%			1.5%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.1%	1.6%
Other Rx Drugs			3.4%	1.7%	1.3%	4.6%	1.5%	6.7%			4.1%	4.6%	6.1%	6.2%	8.1%	5.1%
OTC Perform. Enh.†			2.8%	2.8%	3.9%	5.2%	3.6%	10.0%			5.4%	2.8%	6.9%	6.4%	5.0%	6.9%
OTC Weight Loss Aids			2.5%	1.6%	1.4%	3.1%	2.3%	4.8%			3.0%	1.4%	2.8%	5.5%	5.8%	4.2%
Other OTC Drugs			14.3%	13.9%	14.6%	17.2%	17.0%	16.8%			15.2%	16.9%	15.7%	17.3%	14.7%	9.3%
Used Past Month																
Alcohol	12.3%	4.2%	29.3%	17.9%	35.1%	36.0%	39.5%	52.7%	3.0%	7.2%	26.8%	15.5%	34.3%	31.6%	48.8%	40.6%
Cigarettes	3.8%	0.7%	5.5%	3.4%	7.0%	12.7%	10.3%	22.0%	0.9%	0.7%	8.1%	8.0%	12.6%	19.9%	20.5%	28.4%
Other Tobacco Products	4.8%	1.3%	4.4%	3.0%	6.2%	9.0%	7.6%	19.1%	1.3%	1.2%	5.6%	5.1%	15.1%	13.7%	18.5%	18.0%
Inhalants	6.4%	4.8%	5.2%	7.0%	2.8%	3.0%	2.1%	2.9%	2.7%	2.4%	6.6%	6.3%	3.0%	5.7%	0.9%	2.0%
Marijuana	2.7%	1.0%	12.3%	5.2%	19.8%	16.0%	13.0%	24.2%	1.8%	0.4%	11.3%	6.4%	19.0%	12.1%	25.8%	15.6%
# of Respondents	438	1,051	394	1,041	394	1,076	248	952	395	253	404	262	408	283	343	254

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2008 Substance Use Prevalences:

Metro Chicago: Chicago Public vs. Suburban Chicago Schools and Downstate: Other Urban vs Rural Schools by Gender
Percent of Respondents^b Using Indicated Substance

	Metro Chicago Schools by Gender						Downstate Schools by Gender					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	Chicago	Suburban Chicago	Chicago	Suburban Chicago	Chicago	Suburban Chicago	Other Urban Counties	Rural Counties	Other Urban Counties	Rural Counties	Other Urban Counties	Rural Counties
	Used Past Year											
Any Substance	57.5%	56.6%	60.3%	62.0%	58.9%	59.5%	59.3%	56.6%	61.0%	58.4%	60.2%	57.1%
Alcohol	51.9%	52.4%	55.8%	59.6%	54.1%	56.2%	54.2%	50.0%	57.5%	54.8%	55.9%	52.0%
Cigarettes	15.0%	17.7%	12.3%	18.4%	13.4%	18.3%	20.2%	24.5%	20.1%	25.2%	20.1%	24.8%
Other Tobacco Products	11.9%	20.6%	13.6%	12.2%	13.0%	16.7%	24.0%	26.4%	15.3%	13.5%	19.4%	19.7%
Inhalants	4.3%	6.4%	7.1%	8.5%	5.8%	7.5%	4.5%	6.2%	8.1%	8.9%	6.3%	7.5%
Marijuana	26.6%	24.8%	25.9%	23.3%	26.3%	24.2%	25.9%	19.8%	28.1%	19.8%	27.3%	19.7%
Any Illicit (Ex. MJ)**	5.2%	6.6%	1.6%	5.6%	3.2%	6.3%	5.5%	4.7%	6.0%	4.7%	5.7%	4.6%
Crack/Cocaine	2.6%	4.1%	0.6%	4.1%	1.5%	4.1%	3.5%	2.4%	3.1%	2.3%	3.3%	2.4%
Hallucinogens	1.8%	3.2%	0.6%	1.6%	1.1%	2.4%	2.2%	1.7%	1.8%	2.1%	1.9%	1.9%
Ecstasy	2.4%	2.7%	0.8%	2.2%	1.5%	2.6%	2.3%	1.7%	2.5%	1.6%	2.3%	1.7%
Methamphetamine	1.1%	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%
Heroin	1.8%	0.7%	0.1%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%	0.8%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%
Any Prescription Drug	3.6%	7.0%	3.7%	6.3%	3.6%	6.8%	10.4%	8.6%	7.3%	8.6%	8.7%	8.5%
Uppers	1.9%	2.7%	0.9%	2.5%	1.3%	2.6%	4.6%	2.5%	2.8%	4.4%	3.6%	3.4%
Downers	1.0%	3.0%	1.4%	2.8%	1.2%	2.8%	4.8%	2.1%	2.7%	4.5%	3.7%	3.3%
Steroids	0.9%	1.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	1.0%	1.3%	1.5%	0.3%	0.0%	0.8%	0.7%
Other Rx Drugs	2.2%	4.9%	2.2%	3.7%	2.1%	4.3%	6.4%	6.0%	5.8%	4.7%	6.0%	5.3%
OTC Perform. Enh.†	5.5%	8.9%	1.9%	2.8%	3.4%	5.9%	8.5%	7.3%	3.2%	3.5%	5.8%	5.3%
OTC Weight Loss Aids	2.4%	2.2%	1.7%	4.1%	2.0%	3.1%	1.9%	1.5%	5.5%	6.0%	3.8%	3.7%
Other OTC Drugs	14.1%	14.4%	15.8%	17.4%	15.0%	16.0%	12.3%	11.8%	18.1%	17.2%	15.3%	14.6%
	Used Past Month											
Alcohol	33.5%	33.2%	34.6%	36.5%	34.0%	35.1%	34.7%	29.6%	37.3%	29.0%	36.1%	29.2%
Cigarettes	7.8%	12.6%	6.8%	11.8%	7.2%	12.4%	13.1%	19.1%	13.6%	18.5%	13.4%	18.7%
Other Tobacco Products	5.6%	13.0%	6.0%	6.7%	5.8%	10.1%	17.5%	18.8%	8.5%	6.1%	12.8%	12.2%
Inhalants	3.1%	3.7%	3.8%	4.7%	3.6%	4.3%	3.0%	4.0%	4.3%	5.5%	3.6%	4.7%
Marijuana	15.9%	16.1%	14.8%	13.3%	15.3%	14.9%	16.9%	10.7%	19.5%	12.3%	18.4%	11.4%
# of Respondents	451	1,544	573	1,482	1,036	3,069	591	400	550	390	1,155	799

^bIncludes 8th, 10th, & 12th grades

*Any Illicit Substance (Excluding Marijuana): See Report Chapter 7 for details

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2008 Metro Chicago Prevalences: Three Major Race-Ethnic Groups^a by Grade
Percent of Respondents Using Indicated Substance

	6th Grade			8th Grade			10th Grade			12th Grade			Total ^b		
	White	African American	Hispanic	White	African American	Hispanic	White	African American	Hispanic	White	African American	Hispanic	White	African American	Hispanic
Used Past Year															
Any Substance				35.0%	47.0%	58.9%	62.1%	51.1%	71.8%	80.0%	64.6%	71.4%	59.3%	53.0%	66.7%
Alcohol	9.5%	16.5%	28.1%	31.3%	38.7%	58.4%	59.3%	43.1%	67.7%	77.5%	61.8%	69.9%	56.4%	46.2%	64.7%
Cigarettes	0.5%	3.2%	6.3%	5.3%	5.2%	19.2%	19.5%	7.8%	22.6%	33.3%	11.8%	25.2%	19.5%	7.8%	21.9%
Other Tobacco Products	1.3%	4.8%	6.6%	3.8%	9.2%	15.5%	16.0%	11.8%	17.9%	33.1%	13.1%	21.7%	17.7%	11.2%	17.9%
Inhalants	4.9%	7.2%	12.6%	6.8%	12.5%	12.3%	6.6%	2.3%	9.1%	5.4%	2.4%	6.2%	6.3%	6.1%	9.6%
Marijuana	0.6%	4.0%	6.5%	3.4%	18.7%	20.9%	25.6%	27.7%	34.0%	40.8%	34.0%	28.5%	23.5%	26.0%	27.6%
Any Illicit (Ex. MJ)**				2.1%	3.7%	5.5%	5.6%	2.3%	5.2%	12.2%	1.7%	7.1%	6.6%	2.6%	5.8%
Crack/Cocaine				0.9%	1.3%	3.8%	3.1%	1.4%	4.7%	7.7%	0.0%	6.3%	3.9%	1.0%	4.8%
Hallucinogens				0.7%	0.7%	0.4%	2.6%	1.3%	1.3%	6.7%	0.4%	0.6%	3.4%	0.8%	0.8%
Ecstasy				1.1%	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%	1.6%	1.3%	5.2%	1.3%	2.2%	2.8%	1.8%	1.8%
Methamphetamine				0.0%	1.0%	0.8%	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.9%	0.2%	0.7%	0.5%
Heroin				0.1%	2.6%	1.5%	0.3%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.4%	1.4%	0.4%	1.5%	1.3%
Any Prescription Drug				3.6%	3.8%	3.1%	7.3%	3.7%	2.7%	13.3%	3.8%	2.6%	8.1%	3.7%	2.9%
Uppers				1.0%	1.0%	1.1%	3.6%	0.4%	0.3%	6.4%	0.3%	0.9%	3.7%	0.6%	0.8%
Downers				0.8%	1.1%	0.7%	3.4%	1.0%	0.8%	7.2%	0.4%	1.3%	3.8%	0.9%	0.9%
Steroids				1.5%	2.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.7%	0.3%	0.7%	1.9%	0.0%	0.7%	1.5%	0.5%
Other Rx Drugs				2.3%	1.4%	1.7%	5.3%	1.8%	2.0%	8.3%	2.0%	1.4%	5.3%	1.7%	1.7%
OTC Perform. Enh. [†]				3.6%	1.0%	3.4%	5.2%	3.7%	4.8%	11.1%	4.5%	6.6%	6.6%	2.9%	4.7%
OTC Weight Loss Aids				1.8%	1.0%	2.5%	2.8%	1.5%	2.9%	5.7%	1.4%	3.4%	3.4%	1.3%	2.9%
Other OTC Drugs				13.0%	15.3%	12.3%	15.3%	15.0%	19.3%	18.5%	14.4%	13.8%	15.6%	14.9%	15.2%
Used Past Month															
Alcohol	2.4%	3.9%	15.9%	15.9%	16.7%	34.5%	36.4%	24.9%	46.2%	58.1%	34.3%	46.6%	37.0%	24.4%	41.9%
Cigarettes	0.4%	2.3%	2.6%	2.1%	3.4%	8.6%	14.4%	4.1%	11.7%	25.9%	7.8%	13.5%	14.2%	4.8%	10.9%
Smokeless Tobacco	0.5%	3.2%	4.3%	1.3%	3.1%	7.9%	9.9%	7.1%	6.4%	22.5%	7.0%	11.1%	11.3%	5.6%	8.2%
Inhalants	2.8%	4.8%	9.1%	4.1%	9.7%	7.6%	2.3%	1.3%	6.0%	2.2%	2.4%	4.3%	2.8%	4.6%	6.2%
Marijuana	0.3%	1.4%	3.9%	2.2%	10.5%	12.7%	15.0%	18.7%	20.0%	25.9%	20.2%	13.8%	14.4%	16.1%	15.7%
# of Respondents	631	350	389	642	333	348	690	349	327	656	230	221	1988	912	896

^aExcludes Native American, Asian, and Other

^bIncludes 8th, 10th, & 12th grades

*Any Illicit Substance (Excluding Marijuana): See Report Chapter 7 for details

[†]Over-the-Counter Performance Enhancement Supplements

Gray background indicates item not measured for 6th grade

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Changes were made in sample methodology for 2008, which will also be used in 2010 and future rounds of the Illinois Youth Survey. One change in 2008 was that the school sample was a new random sample where schools were selected using probability proportional to sample based on grade-level enrollment and region. The other change was in the way of handling instances in which a student indicated they used a substance in the past year but not the past month. This applies to the five substances for which past month use was measured. For alcohol, the difference also applies to conflicting responses to the binge drinking survey question. The 2006 and previous figures had been based on the assumption that responses to the most recent use questions (past month and, in regard to alcohol, binge drinking in the past two weeks) are correct, with past year figures adjusted accordingly. The 2008 figures are based on the assumption that conflicting responses should not be counted, so both responses are considered to be missing when they conflict.

The final sample was weighted by grade within region and school type in order to ensure that the sample of students for this study represented, as closely as possible, the statewide student population. Weights were based on enrollment in one of the following locations: Chicago, Suburban Chicago, Other Urban Counties, or Rural Counties.

As in the earlier studies, responses were also weighted to account for rates of absenteeism within and across the location/grade strata, giving greater weight to students who missed more days of school. Weighting by absenteeism is especially important due to the correlation between substance abuse and missing days of school.

It was also necessary to weight by race to more closely represent the actual student population of these schools. Weights were computed for race within each grade level.

Rounding due to weighting and missing values accounts for minor discrepancies within and across tables. First, total percentages may not always total exactly 100%. Second, on occasion a value that appears as a total in one table is a sub-category in another. In these cases, the percents reported in the two tables may differ slightly. In each table, the value used was the one most appropriate for the particular table. In addition, since most tables include multiple comparisons, the total number of respondents reported in these tables represents the total number in the category rather than the total responses for a particular comparison (which may differ due to missing values).