

PREVENTION WORKS!

PAYS 2025 Data

What is PAYS?

The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) is a student survey administered in odd-numbered years (e.g. 2021, 2023, 2025) to youth in 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades in participating schools throughout the state. The questions asked in the survey cover many types of attitudes, knowledge, behaviors, and experiences.

2025 DASD PAYS Participation

6th	924
8th	842
10th	798
12th	544

Total student participation:
3,108

In 2025, DASD Youth in Grades 6-12 Reported:

"Felt depressed and sad MOST days in the past 12 months" – decreased from 25% in 2023 to 20% in 2025.

"At times I think I am no good at all" - decreased from 27% in 2023 to 21% in 2025.

30 day use rate and lifetime use rate decreased from 2023 to 2025 for use of alcohol, marijuana, and vaping products.



Students report it is "sort of hard" or "very hard" to get beer, wine, or hard liquor (i.e: vodka, whiskey, gin, or rum) more often in 2025 (77%) than in 2023 (67%).



Over 90% of students reported that people are at moderate or great risk of harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they use alcohol, tobacco or marijuana regularly, vape, or use prescription drugs not prescribed to them.

93% of all students report "my family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use."

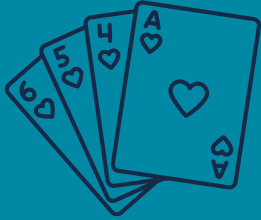


Adults at your school stop bullying when they see or hear it or a student tells them about it – 4% increase from 2023 (71%) to 2025 (75%).



95% of DASD students have never used marijuana or a vaping/ e-cigarette in their life.

MORE WORK TO DO...



12% of DASD 12th grade students reported gambling in the past 30 days (up from 9% in 2023).

Of students that reported using a vape product in the past year, **24%** stated their vaping substance was just flavoring (up from 19% in 2023).



13% of DASD students reported spending **4+ hours a day** on social media.



Among students taking drugs not prescribed to them, **20%** took them without permission from their home.

Of students that reported alcohol use in the last year, **31%** said "a parent/caregiver gave it to me for free"



and **42%** reported "a friend or sibling gave it to me for free".



25%, or 1 out of 4, 6th grade DASD students reported feeling sad or depressed MOST days in the past 12 months.



20% of DASD students reported that they never have to follow rules about screen time.

Of students who vaped in the last year, **51%** said "a friend or sibling gave it to me for free", **26%** said "they bought it from a friend or someone at school",



and **36%** said "they bought it from a store or online".



55% of DASD 12th graders and **43%** of DASD 10th graders have known one or more adults who have gotten drunk or high.

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