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External Assets

2002 Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors Survey

- Twenty percent of youth reported feeling valued by the community, **Community Values Youth** asset. Additionally, 25% of respondents indicated they are given useful roles in the community, **Youth as Resources** asset. Although there was no major difference between the way males and females respond to these questions, 8th graders were much more likely to report feeling valued by the community and given useful roles in the community than both 10th and 12th grade students.
- Twenty-seven percent of students reported the **Adult Role Models** asset - *parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior*. Females (31%) were much more likely than males (22%) to have this asset and 8th grade youth were much more likely to have the Adult Role Models asset than both 10th and 12th grade youth.
- **High Expectations** asset - *both parent(s) and teachers encourage the young person to do well*. This is an important asset in motivating our youth to achieve their highest potential. Forty-five percent of our youth reported having this asset with no significant difference between males and females. Fifty-nine percent of 8th grade youth had this asset, but this number dropped to 36% by 12th grade.
- With limited access, rural communities struggle to bring the **Creative Activities** asset to young people. According to the data, this held true for the youth in Marquette and Alger Counties with only 20% of youth having this asset. Females (25%) were more likely than males (14%) to report having this asset.
- While 68% of youth reported the **Family Support** asset, 24% of youth claimed the **Positive Family Communication** asset. Both assets decreased from 8th to 12th grade.



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Internal Assets

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- Females (32%) were more likely than males (20%) to have the **Reading for Pleasure** asset (aggregate 27%). However, 26% of youth reported the **TV Overexposure** deficit - *watch TV or videos three or more hours per day*. Males were much more likely than females to report this deficit.
- About half of the youth reported being **Alone at Home** two or more hours per school day.
- Forty-three percent of youth reported the **Caring** asset - *young person places high value on helping other people*. Females (55%) were much more likely to have this asset than males (30%).
- Thirty-five percent of youth reported the **Cultural Competence** asset - *young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/ racial/ethnic backgrounds*. There was a significant difference between females (44%) and males (25%). Eighth grade students (39%) were more likely to have this asset than both 10th (35%) and 12th grade (31%) students.
- **Achievement and Motivation, School Engagement, Homework and Bonding to School** are important assets in the **Commitment to Learning** category. More than half of Marquette and Alger Counties' youth reported having these assets; however, females were much more likely to have these assets than males.
- Forty-two percent of youth reported having the **Self-Esteem** asset: males (48%) and females (38%). The percent of youth reporting a high self-esteem dropped from 8th grade (43%) to 10th grade (37%), yet this increased to 47% by 12th grade.

- Seventy-four percent of females and 67% of males reported the **Positive View of Personal Future** asset. This asset increased from 8th through 12th grade.



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Risk-Taking Behaviors

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- According to the 2002 data, 25% of youth reported that they have "**smoked cigarettes** once or more during the last 30 days." This was down from 35% of youth in 2000. The 2002 data indicated females are using tobacco at higher rates than males and 13% of 8th graders have smoked cigarettes.
- Thirty-six percent of youth responded they "**rode with a driver who had been drinking** once or more during the last 12 months."
- According to the 2002 data, 10% of youth indicated they "**sniffed or inhaled substances** to get high once or more during the last 12 months." Eighth graders were more likely than 10th or 12th graders to report this behavior.
- Thirty-one percent of youth reported that they have had **sexual intercourse** one or more times. There was not a significant difference between males and females reporting sexual intercourse. This behavior was reported by 11% of 8th graders, 31% of 10th graders and 53% of 12th graders.
- Females were much more likely than males to report having attempted **suicide** one or more times. This behavior peaked in 10th grade (20%).
- Eighteen percent of youth reported that they "have been in a **group fight** once or more during the last 12 months." Males (21%) were more likely to report this behavior than females (17%). Eighth grade youth were much more likely than 10th or 12th grade youth to report this behavior.
- Eighth grade youth (38%) were more likely than 10th (30%) or 12th (28%) grade youth to report having "**hit someone** once or more during the last 12 months."

- Thirteen percent of males reported that they "have **carried a weapon** for protection once or more during the last 12 months." Males (13%) were significantly more likely than females (5%) to report this behavior.



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Thriving Indicators

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- Females were much more likely than males to have the **Succeeds in School** thriving indicator. Thirty percent of 8th grade students had this thriving indicator. This declined in 10th grade (29%) and again in 12th grade (26%).
- The majority of youth (82%) reported helping friends or neighbors one or more hours per week, **Helps Others**. This behavior was consistent across grades. However, females were significantly more likely than males to report this behavior.
- Females (70%) were more likely than males (46%) to have the **Values Diversity** thriving indicator - *places high importance on getting to know people of other racial/ethnic groups*. There was a significant decline in this thriving indicator from 6th grade (65%) to 10th grade (60%) and to 12th grade (53%).
- Less than half of the young people (48%) who took the survey reported having the **Maintains Good Health** thriving indicator.
- Forty-three percent of youth had the **Delays Gratification** thriving indicator - *saves money for something special rather than spending it all right away*.
- Most young people (72%) indicated that they do not give up when things get difficult, **Overcomes Adversity**.



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Five Deficits

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- Fifty-one percent of youth reported being **Alone at Home** two or more hours per school day.
- Twenty-six percent of youth reported one or more incidents of **Physical Abuse** (*Have you every been physically harmed where someone caused you to have a scar, black and blue marks, welts, bleeding, or a broken bone by someone in your family or someone living with you?*). Eighth grade youth were significantly more likely than 10th or 12th grade youth to report that they have been physically abused.
There was no difference reported between males and females.
- Twenty-nine percent of youth reported one or more incidents of being the **Victim of Violence** (*How many times in the last 2 years have you been the victim of physical violence where someone caused you physical pain or injury?*) Males (32%) were significantly more likely than females (26%) to report they have been the victim of violence.
- Half of youth reported the **Drinking Parties** deficit - *attending one or more parties in the last year where other kids their age were drinking*. There was not a significant difference between males and females. The behavior increased dramatically from 8th grade (23%) to 10th grade (55%) and to 12th grade (73%).