The 2023 Turks and Caicos GSHS was a school-based survey of students in grade 7 - grade 12 (typically attended by students aged 13 – 17 years). A census was used to produce data representative of all students in grade 7 - grade 12 in Turks and Caicos.

The Turks and Caicos GSHS measured dietary behaviours; drug use; hygiene; mental health; physical activity; protective factors; sexual behaviours; tobacco use; and violence and unintentional injury. Students self-reported their responses to each question on a computer scannable answer sheet.

The school response rate was 81.2%, the student response rate was 66.5%, and the overall response rate was 54.1%. A total of 1684 students participated in the Turks and Caicos GSHS. Weighted prevalence estimates (percentages) and 95% confidence intervals are presented below.

| **Results for Students Aged 13-17 Years** | **Total** | **Boys** | **Girls** |
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| **Alcohol Use** | | | |
| Percentage of students who currently drank alcohol (at least one drink containing alcohol on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey) | 31.8 (28.6 - 35.1) | 29.8 (25.7 - 34.3) | 33.9 (29.6 - 38.4) |
| Percentage of students who drank so much alcohol that they were really drunk (one or more times during their life) | 21.3 (18.5 - 24.3) | 19.3 (15.9 - 23.2) | 23.2 (19.4 - 27.5) |
| **Dietary Behaviours** | | | |
| Percentage of students who drank any sugar-sweetened drink one or more times per day (during the 7 days before the survey) | 47.8 (45.0 - 50.5) | 49.2 (45.9 - 52.6) | 46.1 (41.7 - 50.5) |
| **Drug Use** | | | |
| Percentage of students who used cannabis (one or more times during their life) | 19.3 (16.5 - 22.6) | 17.9 (15.0 - 21.3) | 20.6 (16.8 - 25.1) |
| Percentage of students who used amphetamines or methamphetamines for non-medical purposes (one or more times during their life) | 7.9 (6.5 - 9.7) | 8.9 (6.9 - 11.4) | 6.6 (4.9 - 8.9) |
| **Hygiene** | | | |
| Percentage of students who did not clean or brush their teeth or usually cleaned or brushed their teeth less than 1 time per day (during the 30 days before the survey) | 3.3 (2.4 - 4.4) | 3.1 (2.1 - 4.8) | 3.2 (2.0 - 5.1) |
| Percentage of students who never or rarely washed their hands after using the toilet or latrine (during the 30 days before the survey) | 3.3 (2.4 - 4.6) | 3.8 (2.4 - 5.9) | 2.7 (1.7 - 4.4) |
| **Mental Health** | | | |
| Percentage of students who have no close friends | 8.4 (6.7 - 10.5) | 8.7 (6.5 - 11.5) | 8.2 (6.0 - 11.2) |
| Percentage of students who seriously considered attempting suicide (during the 12 months before the survey) | 29.4 (26.6 - 32.3) | 17.0 (13.9 - 20.5) | 41.6 (37.6 - 45.8) |
| Percentage of students who attempted suicide (one or more times during the 12 months before the survey) | 23.1 (20.5 - 25.8) | 16.7 (13.5 - 20.4) | 29.5 (25.8 - 33.4) |
| **Physical Activity** | | | |
| Percentage of students who were not physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day (during the 7 days before the survey) | 82.5 (80.0 - 84.7) | 76.7 (73.2 - 80.0) | 88.0 (84.4 - 90.8) |
| Percentage of students who did not go to physical education class (each week during this school year) | 38.5 (32.1 - 45.3) | 35.5 (29.0 - 42.5) | 41.5 (34.3 - 49.1) |
| Percentage of students who spent three or more hours per day sitting or lying down (when they are not in school or doing homework or sleeping at night during a typical or usual day) | 72.1 (69.4 - 74.7) | 66.1 (62.0 - 69.9) | 78.3 (74.5 - 81.7) |
| Percentage of students who got less than eight hours of sleep on an average school night | 69.1 (66.1 - 71.9) | 68.6 (64.1 - 72.8) | 69.6 (65.5 - 73.5) |
| **Protective Factors** | | | |
| Percentage of students who missed classes or school without permission (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey) | 31.9 (28.7 - 35.2) | 34.4 (30.4 - 38.6) | 29.3 (25.4 - 33.6) |
| Percentage of students who reported that their parents or guardians never or rarely understood their problems and worries (during the 30 days before the survey) | 59.5 (56.8 - 62.2) | 56.8 (52.9 - 60.5) | 62.1 (58.1 - 66.0) |
| Percentage of students who reported that their parents or guardians never or rarely really knew what they were doing with their free time (during the 30 days before the survey) | 38.2 (35.4 - 41.1) | 37.5 (33.2 - 42.0) | 38.7 (34.8 - 42.8) |
| **Sexual Behaviours** | | | |
| Percentage of students who ever had sexual intercourse | 25.0 (21.8 - 28.4) | 31.0 (27.0 - 35.4) | 18.8 (15.1 - 23.2) |
| Percentage of students who used a condom during last sexual intercourse (among students who ever had sexual intercourse) | 52.2 (45.2 - 59.1) | 54.2 (45.1 - 63.0) | 48.6 (38.2 - 59.2) |
| **Tobacco Use** | | | |
| Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey) | 4.7 (3.5 - 6.2) | 5.5 (3.8 - 7.9) | 3.8 (2.5 - 5.7) |
| Percentage of students who currently used a tobacco product (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey) | 11.8 (10.0 - 14.0) | 11.9 (9.7 - 14.5) | 11.9 (9.6 - 14.7) |
| Percentage of students who currently used electronic cigarettes (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey) | 14.9 (12.6 - 17.5) | 14.9 (12.2 - 18.1) | 14.6 (11.7 - 18.0) |
| **Violence and Unintentional Injury** | | | |
| Percentage of students who were seriously injured (one or more times during the 12 months before the survey) | 53.0 (49.4 - 56.5) | 57.1 (52.5 - 61.6) | 49.0 (44.7 - 53.3) |
| Percentage of students who were in a physical fight (one or more times during the 12 months before the survey) | 31.5 (28.4 - 34.9) | 40.6 (36.4 - 44.9) | 22.2 (18.4 - 26.6) |
| Percentage of students who were bullied on school property (during the 12 months before the survey) | 23.7 (20.9 - 26.7) | 17.6 (14.2 - 21.5) | 29.3 (25.5 - 33.5) |
| Percentage of students who were cyber bullied (during the 12 months before the survey) | 16.1 (13.8 - 18.6) | 13.4 (10.6 - 16.8) | 18.5 (15.5 - 22.0) |

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