

# The 2017 National **YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS) DATA SUMMARY & TRENDS REPORT**

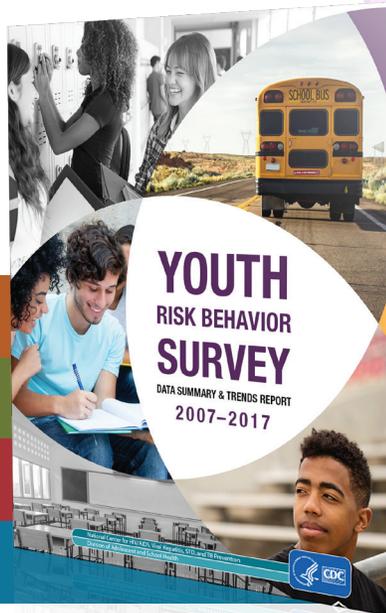
focuses on four  
priority areas that are  
closely linked to HIV  
and STD risks:

**HIGH-RISK SUBSTANCE USE**

**SEXUAL BEHAVIOR**

**VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION**

**MENTAL HEALTH & SUICIDE**



Risk behaviors co-occur, and some students experience multiple risks across the four focus areas. Studies show:

- Adolescents who have a history of being bullied or who experience mental health problems or suicide ideation are more likely to engage in risky behavior, including sexual risk and drug use.
- Adolescents' misuse of prescription drugs is associated with having sex without a condom, having four or more sexual partners, and experiencing dating violence.
- Adolescents' substance use is related to sexual risk behavior and violence.
- Adolescents who are bullied are more likely to have multiple sexual partners, have sex without a condom, use substances, and experience depression.



CDC works with education and public health agencies and national nongovernmental organizations to address health risk behaviors among adolescents.

Together we are working to help youth become safer, healthier adults.

CDC data show that high school students are making better decisions about sexual behaviors and drug use, but it is not enough to protect them from HIV and STDs.

- In 2007, 15% of students had four or more sex partners compared to 10% in 2017. Condom use decreased among sexually active students from 62% in 2007 to 54% in 2017.
- The percentage of students who reported using select illicit drugs was down from 23% in 2007 to 14% in 2017; however, nearly 1 in 7 students reported misusing prescription opioids.
- In 2017 nearly 1 in 5 students were bullied at school.
- 17% of students reported seriously considering suicide in the past year.

The report and related information are available on the following websites:

Data Summary and Trends Report: 2007-2017:  
[www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/pdf/trendsreport.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/pdf/trendsreport.pdf)

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