

MetroWest Region High School Students (Grades 9-12)
Key Indicators Among Youth by HS Sexual Orientation
2014 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

	HS Sexual Orientation (%)		p-value
	Heterosexual <i>(21,256)</i>	Sexual Minority* <i>(2,443)</i>	
SUBSTANCE USE			
Lifetime cigarette smoking	16.0	27.3	<0.001
Current cigarette smoking (past 30 days)	5.1	14.7	<0.001
Lifetime alcohol use	53.8	55.3	0.139 NS
Current alcohol use (past 30 days)	33.1	31.0	0.031
Binge drinking (past 30 days)	17.8	15.5	0.004
Rode with driver who had been drinking (past 30 days)	16.2	20.1	<0.001
Lifetime marijuana use	29.9	34.5	<0.001
Current marijuana use (past 30 days)	19.8	24.2	<0.001
Lifetime prescription drug misuse	6.4	13.8	<0.001
VIOLENCE			
Physical fighting (past 12 months)	13.2	20.3	<0.001
Physical fighting on school property (past 12 months)	3.5	8.7	<0.001
Carried a weapon (past 30 days)	5.9	11.4	<0.001
Carried a weapon on school property (past 30 days)	1.5	5.6	<0.001
BULLYING VICTIMIZATION			
Bullying victim (past 12 months)	21.9	38.2	<0.001
Bullying victim on school property (past 12 months)	18.2	34.4	<0.001
Cyberbullying victim (past 12 months)	20.2	29.9	<0.001
MENTAL HEALTH			
Life "very" stressful (past 30 days)	33.5	46.9	<0.001
Depressive symptoms (past 12 months)	19.2	45.2	<0.001
Self-injury (past 12 months)	12.3	39.7	<0.001
Considered suicide (past 12 months)	10.3	34.1	<0.001
Attempted suicide (past 12 months)	3.2	15.3	<0.001
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR			
Lifetime sexual intercourse	23.5	30.5	<0.001
Currently sexually active (past 3 months)	18.6	22.7	<0.001
Condom use at last intercourse (among sexually active youth)	67.2	51.4	<0.001
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND OVERWEIGHT			
Exercised for 60+ minutes on 5+ days/week	49.7	28.3	<0.001
Overweight or obese	19.2	30.1	<0.001

* Gay, lesbian, bisexual, or not sure

NS = not statistically significant (anything above $p = 0.05$)