

Now What?

A Youth Risk Behavior Task Force has been created to address these problem areas.

Members of this task force include representatives from schools, local agencies, and parents.

Their goal is to inform and educate residents about what our children have told us and what we can all do about it.

For more information about the survey and results, please call

Carroll County Family and Children First Council at

(330) 627-3201

Sources:

2011 Ohio Youth Risk Behavior Survey
2011 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

2009 and 2012



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What is the Youth Risk Behavior Survey?

The YRBS is a questionnaire designed for students in 6th-12th grade. It asks students about substance abuse, bullying, sexual behavior and health-related subjects. It provides a great opportunity to get information directly from the youth in our county. The survey has been conducted in 2009 and 2012. This allows us to compare responses and determine what has changed. From the responses, the Family and Children First Council determined areas that need to be addressed in order to make our community a safer and healthier place to raise children.

Why is it important?

The YRBS gets straight answers from the children who live and go to school here. We can celebrate the positive things our children are doing and do something about the negative activities.

DEMOGRAPHICS

2009

Middle school: 494 students
52% male, 48% female
12-13 years old: 62%

High school: 970 students
52% male, 48% female
16 years or older: 60%

Brown Local School District
Buckeye Career Center
Carrollton E.V. School District
R.G. Drage

2012

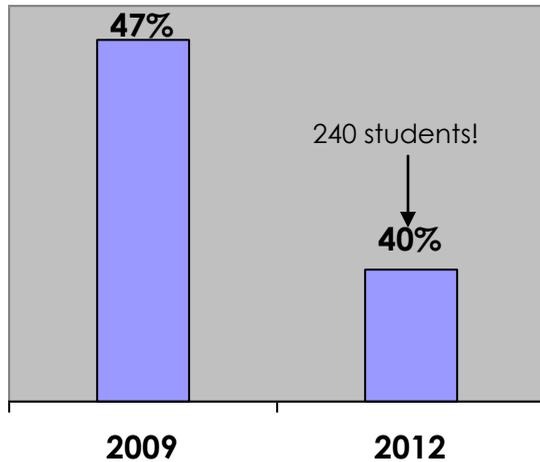
Middle school: 599 students
50% male, 50% female
12-13 years old: 64%

High school: 707 students
53% male, 47% female
16 years or older: 70%

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Conotton Valley School District
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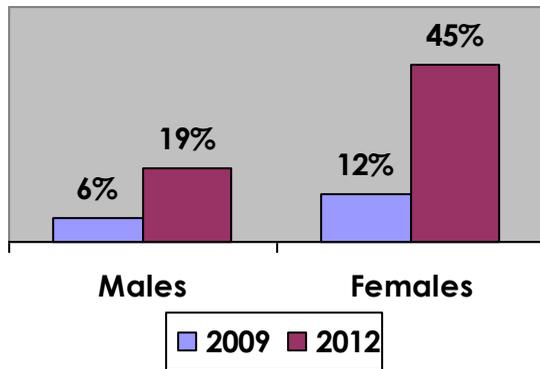
BULLYING

Fewer middle school students reported being bullied at school in 2012 compared to 2009.



There were 33% of middle school students and 25% of high school students that told their parents about being bullied.

About 33% of high school and middle school students told no one at all about being bullied. **That is at least 215 secrets!**



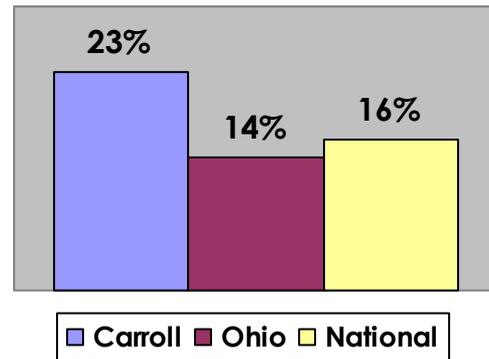
High school students, especially females, reported a dramatic increase in electronic bullying, such as through texting and websites.

SUICIDE

In 2009, 142 high school students had considered suicide. In 2012, this number increased to 161, which is nearly 25% of the students. **This means that 1 out of every 4 students has considered suicide.**

Also in the recent survey, 129 students reported actually attempting suicide.

How do we compare?



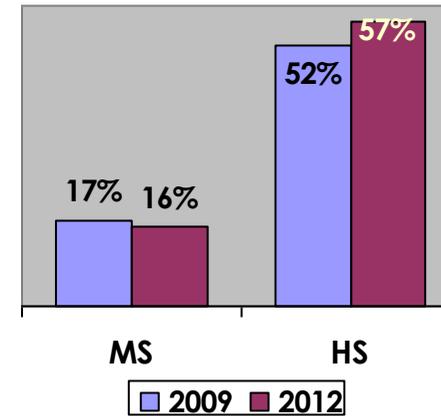
As you can see, more students in Carroll County are considering suicide than students across the state and even the country.



Nearly 43% of middle school and 48% of high school students reported that another student has confided in them about suicidal thoughts.

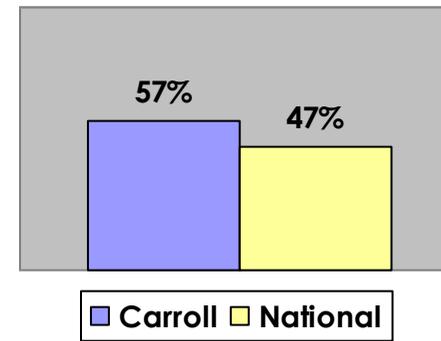
That is almost half of all students!

SEXUAL ACTIVITY



Sexual activity among middle school students dropped slightly in 2012 while activity among high school students increased.

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Sexual activity among high school students is higher than the national average. About 400 students are having sex!

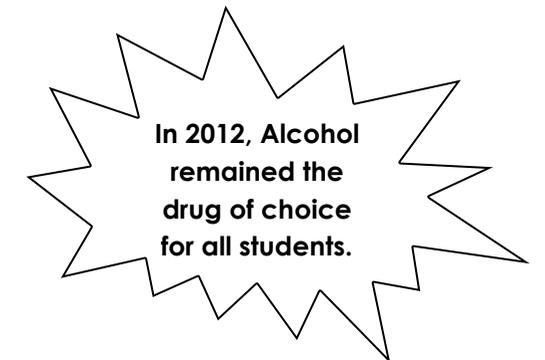
Of the middle and high school students that have had sexual intercourse, 172 of them reported having only 1 partner. However, there were 228 students that reported having **4 or more** partners!

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL



A whopping 79% of high school students reported drinking alcohol at least one time.

**#2 Inhalants-Middle school
#2 Marijuana-High school**



Alcohol stayed at the top of preferred substances with 29% of middle school students and 69% of high school reported having tried it.

**#2 Inhalants/Marijuana (tie)-Middle school
#2 Marijuana-High school**