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Substance Abuse in Minnesota:
A State Epidemiological Profile
Section 6. Mental Health and Shared Factors

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Substance Abuse in Minnesota: Mental Health and Shared Factors

Suicide and Mental Illness

About the Indicator

Suicide is closely associated with alcohol and drug abuse. The International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) measures all suicides, many of which are attributable to substance abuse.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides a measure of Alcohol-Attributable Fractions (AAFs). AAFs are estimates based on direct observations about the relationship between alcohol and a given health outcome. The AAF for suicide for both males and females is 23%.

In order to provide comprehensive data on suicides, both measures are presented.

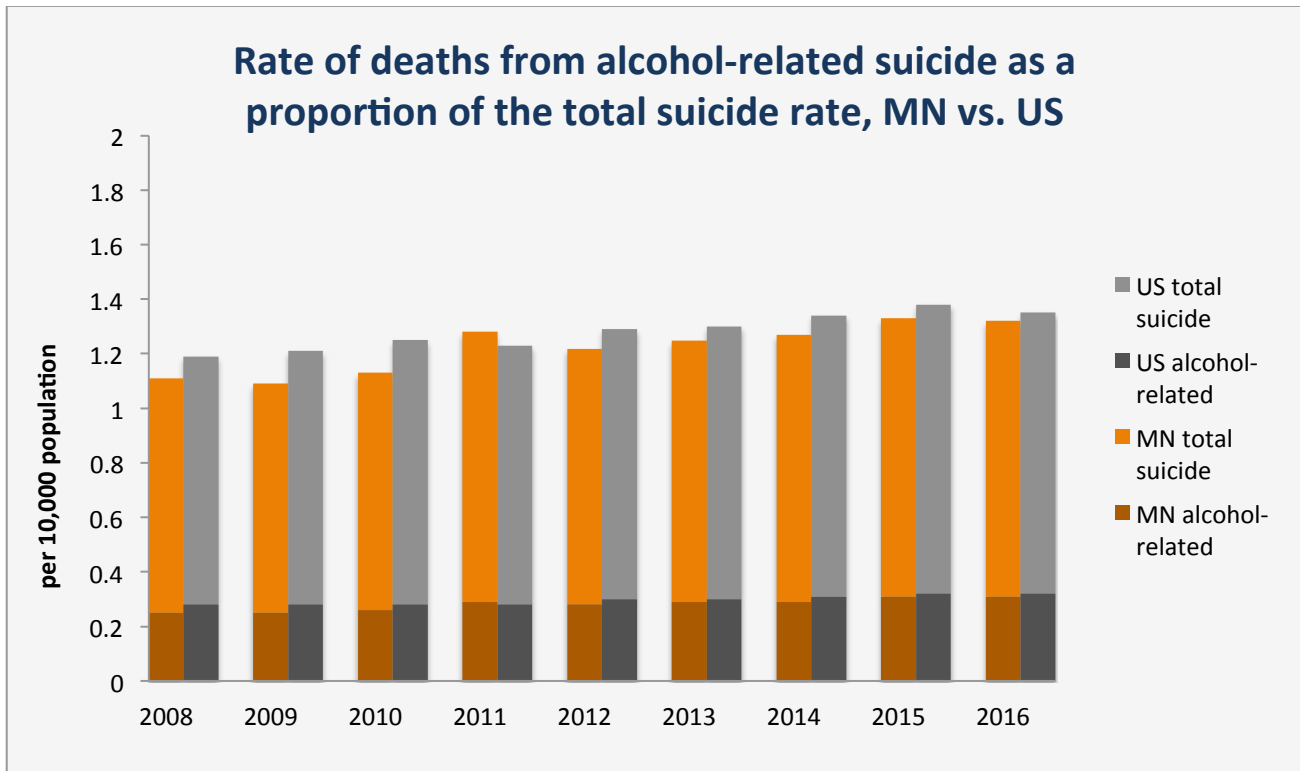
Data Source(s)

Minnesota Center for Health Statistics, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), CDC Wonder Compressed Mortality Data, the Alcohol-Related Disease Impact (ARDI), and National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)

Section Summary

- Minnesota's suicide rate is very close to the national average.
- Males are significantly more likely than females to commit suicide.

Data Source: Minnesota Department of Health, CDC Wonder, ARDI

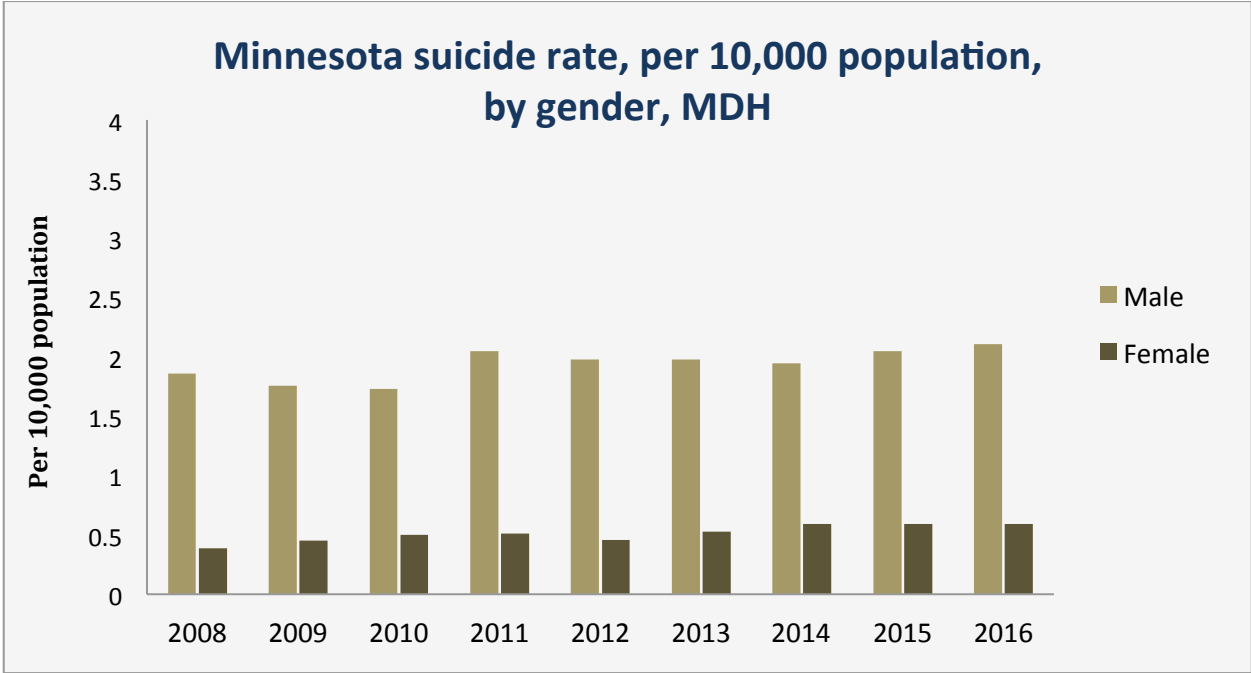


Deaths from Alcohol-Related Suicide per 10,000 Population, CDC Wonder

Minnesota	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Deaths from alcohol-related* suicide	137	134	139	157	151	155	157	168	171
Rate per 10,000 population	0.25	0.25	0.26	0.29	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.31	0.31
United States	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Deaths from alcohol-related* suicide	8,273	8,473	8,811	8,806	9,322	9,444	9,838	10,164	10,332
Rate per 10,000 population	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.3	0.3	0.31	0.32	0.32
MN:US rate ratio	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Deaths from alcohol-related* suicide	0.89	0.89	0.93	1.04	0.93	0.97	0.95	0.97	0.97

* Alcohol-related suicide data are calculated using the AAF for suicide, 23%

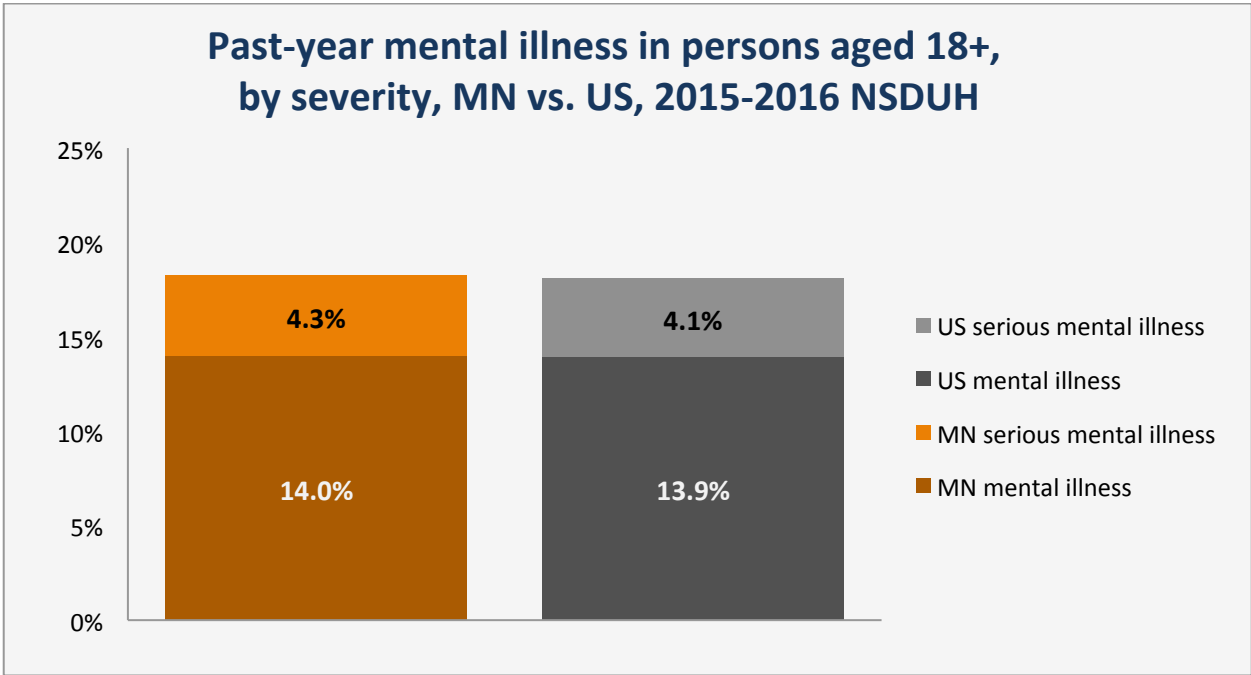
Data Source: Minnesota Department of Health



Total Minnesota Suicide Deaths by Gender, Number, and Age-Adjusted Rate per 10,000 Population, MDH

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Male	Number	490	468	464	544	530	532	522	563	581
	Rate	1.88	1.79	1.76	2.05	1.98	1.98	1.95	2.05	2.11
Female	Number	105	115	139	137	125	144	161	163	164
	Rate	0.4	0.43	0.52	0.51	0.46	0.53	0.59	0.59	0.59

Data Source: NSDUH



Serious Mental Illness in the Past Year, NSDUH					
MN	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
18+	3.90%	4.20%	4.50%	4.3%	4.3%
18-25	4.40%	4.30%	5.00%	5.5%	6.0%
26+	3.80%	4.20%	4.40%	4.2%	4.0%
US	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
18+	4.00%	4.10%	4.20%	4.1%	4.1%
18-25	4.00%	4.20%	4.50%	4.9%	5.5%
26+	4.00%	4.10%	4.10%	3.9%	3.9%
MN:US	2011-2012	2011-2012	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
12+	0.98	1.02	1.07	1.05	1.05

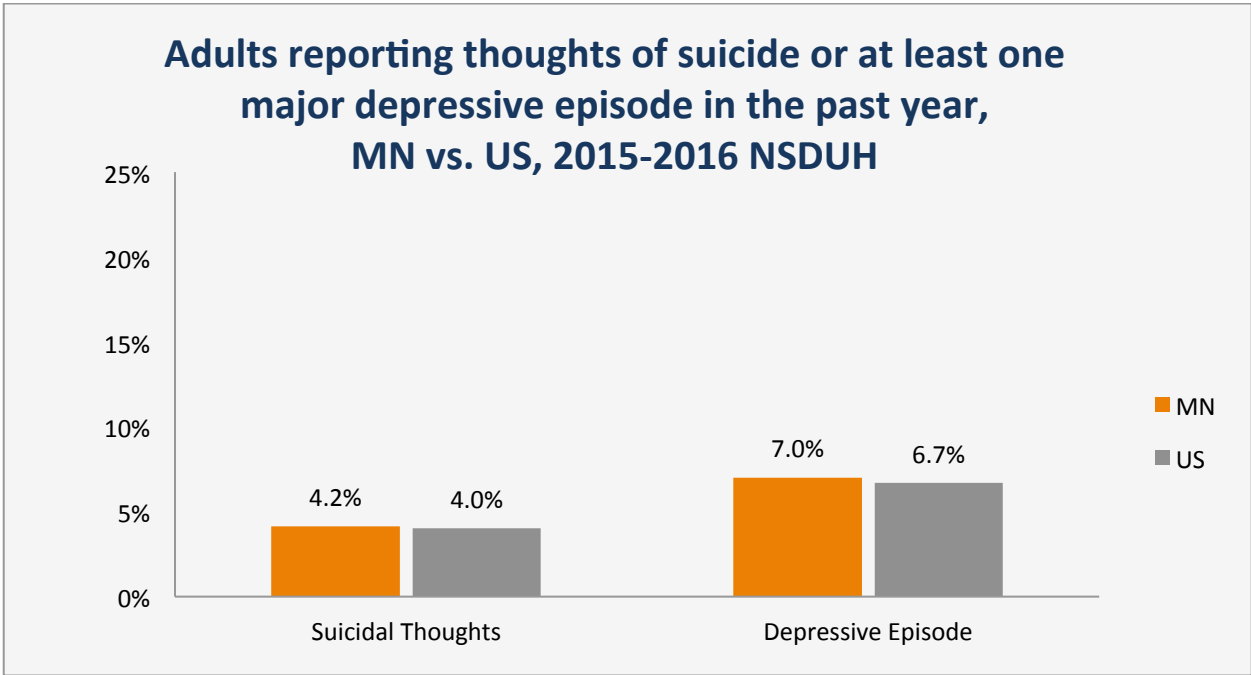
Mental Health and Shared Factors

Data Source: NSDUH

Any Mental Illness in the Past Year, NSDUH					
MN	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
18+	17.2%	18.0%	19.7%	18.8%	18.2%
18-25	20.1%	19.8%	21.3%	22.6%	24.5%
26+	16.7%	17.7%	19.4%	18.2%	17.2%
US	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
18+	18.2%	18.5%	18.3%	18.0%	18.1%
18-25	19.1%	19.5%	19.8%	20.9%	21.9%
26+	18.0%	18.4%	18.1%	17.5%	17.4%
MN:US	2011-2012	2011-2012	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
12+	0.95	0.97	1.08	1.04	1.01

Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide in the Past Year, NSDUH					
MN	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
18+	3.6%	3.9%	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%
18-25	7.3%	7.1%	7.4%	8.2%	8.8%
26+	3.0%	3.4%	3.7%	3.4%	3.4%
US	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
18+	3.8%	3.9%	3.9%	4.0%	4.0%
18-25	7.0%	7.3%	7.4%	7.9%	8.6%
26+	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%
MN:US	2011-2012	2011-2012	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
12+	0.95	1.00	1.08	1.03	1.05

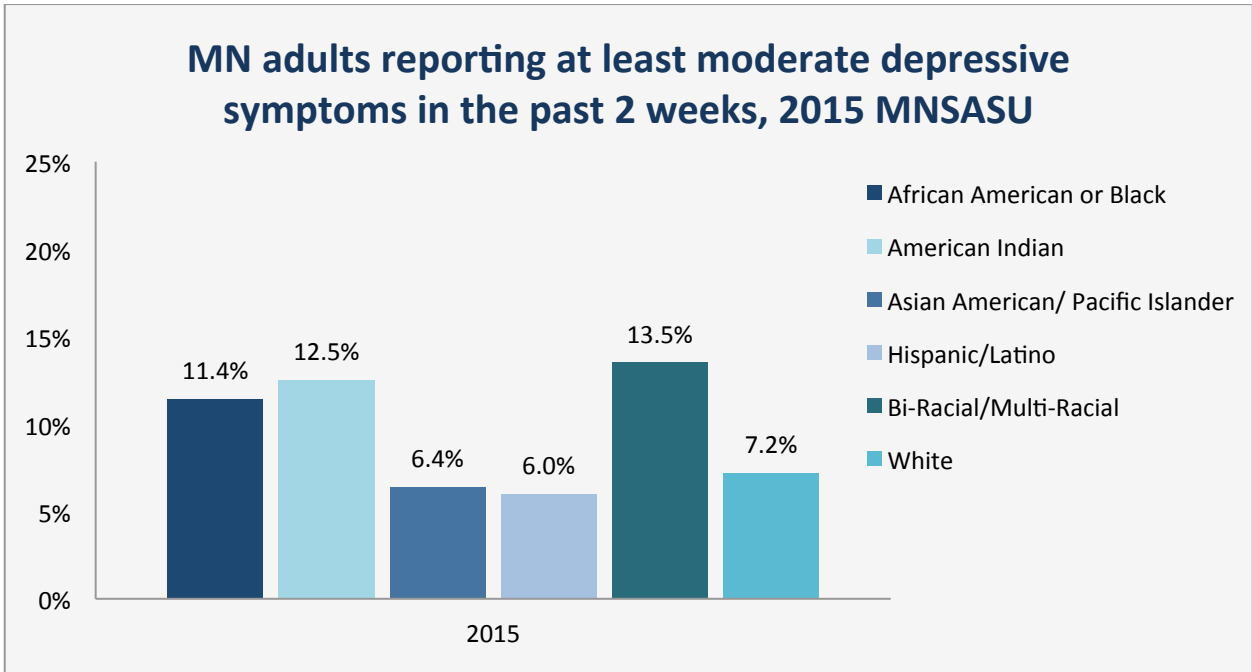
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At Least 1 Major Depressive Episode in the Past Year, NSDUH					
MN	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
18+	6.1%	6.6%	7.3%	7.4%	7.0%
12-17	8.3%	8.2%	11.0%	12.6%	13.4%
18-25	8.8%	8.8%	10.1%	9.8%	11.1%
26+	5.7%	6.2%	6.8%	7.0%	6.4%
US	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
18+	6.7%	6.8%	6.6%	6.6%	6.7%
12-17	8.7%	9.9%	11.0%	11.9%	12.6%
18-25	8.6%	8.8%	9.0%	9.8%	10.6%
26+	6.4%	6.4%	6.2%	6.1%	6.1%
MN:US	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
12+	0.91	0.97	1.11	1.12	1.04

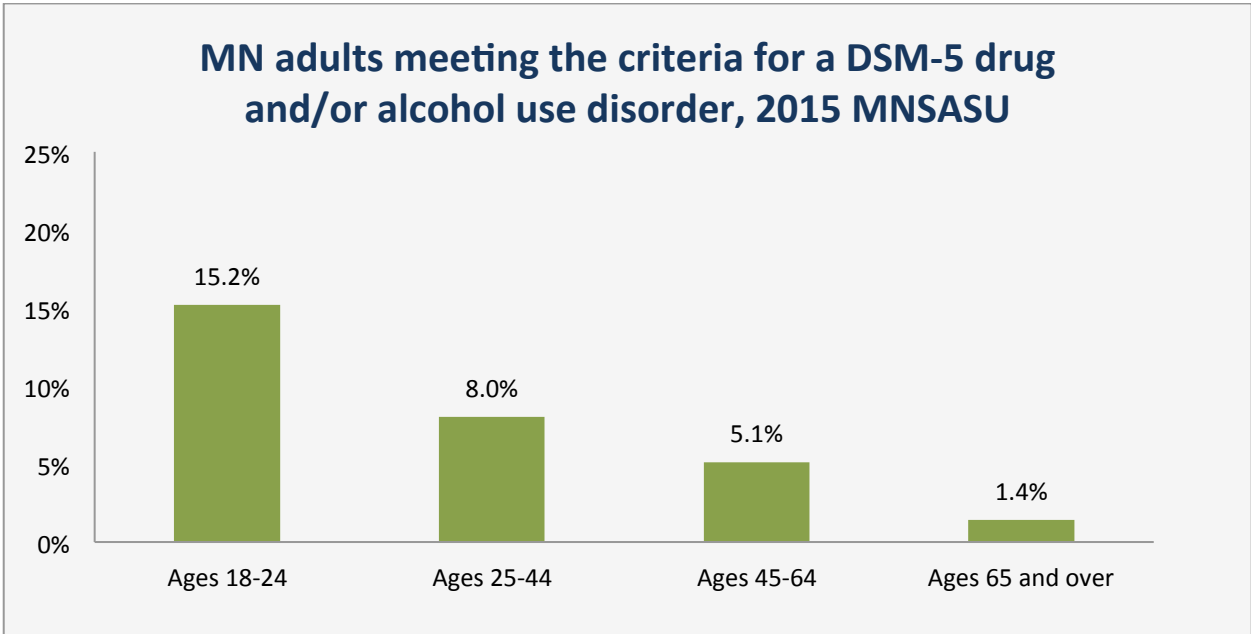
Data Source: MNSASU

Adults reporting at least moderate depressive symptoms in the past 2 weeks, 2015 MNSASU			
		2010	2015
Age	Ages 18 thru 24	9.8%	8.8%
	Ages 25 thru 44	8.2%	7.3%
	Ages 45 thru 64	9.5%	7.6%
	Ages 65 and over	5.6%	6.4%
Race/Ethnicity	African American or Black	14.6%	11.4%
	American Indian	21.0%	12.5%
	Asian American/ Pacific Islander	5.7%	6.4%
	Hispanic/Latino	10.2%	6.0%
	Bi-Racial/Multi-Racial	25.0%	13.5%
	White	7.9%	7.2%
Gender	Male	6.9%	7.1%
	Female	9.9%	7.6%
	Total	8.4%	7.4%
Sexual Orientation	Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual	N/A	16.5%
	Heterosexual	N/A	7.1%

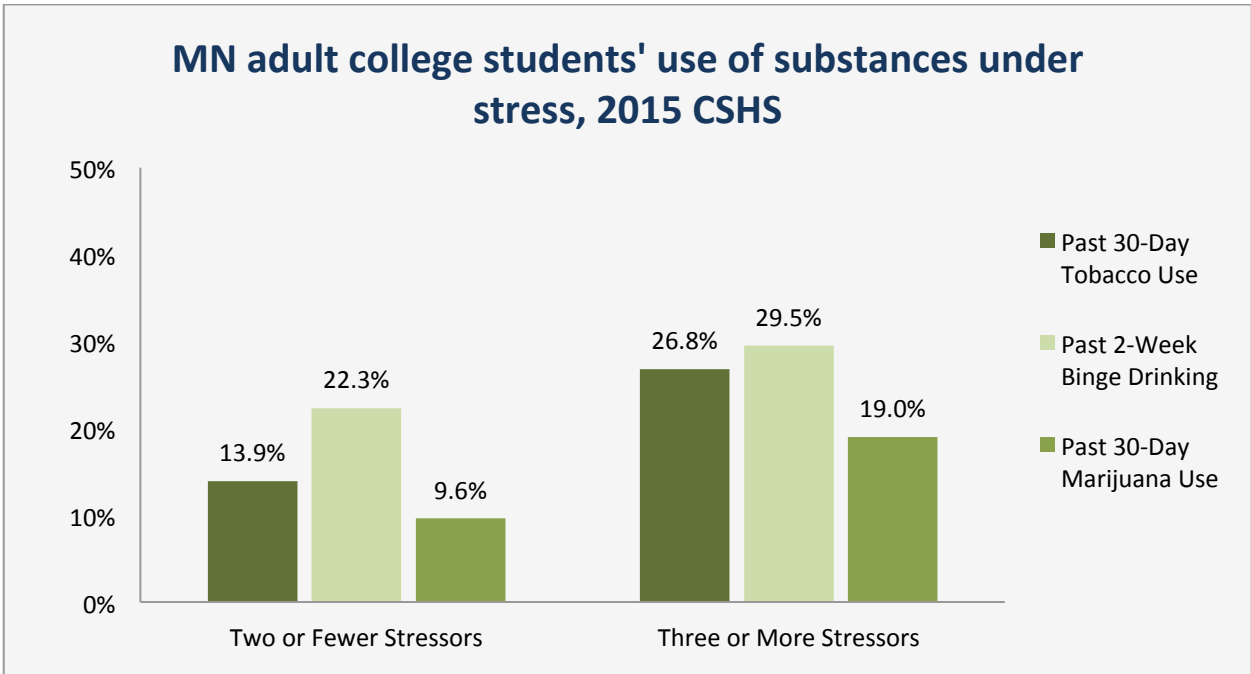
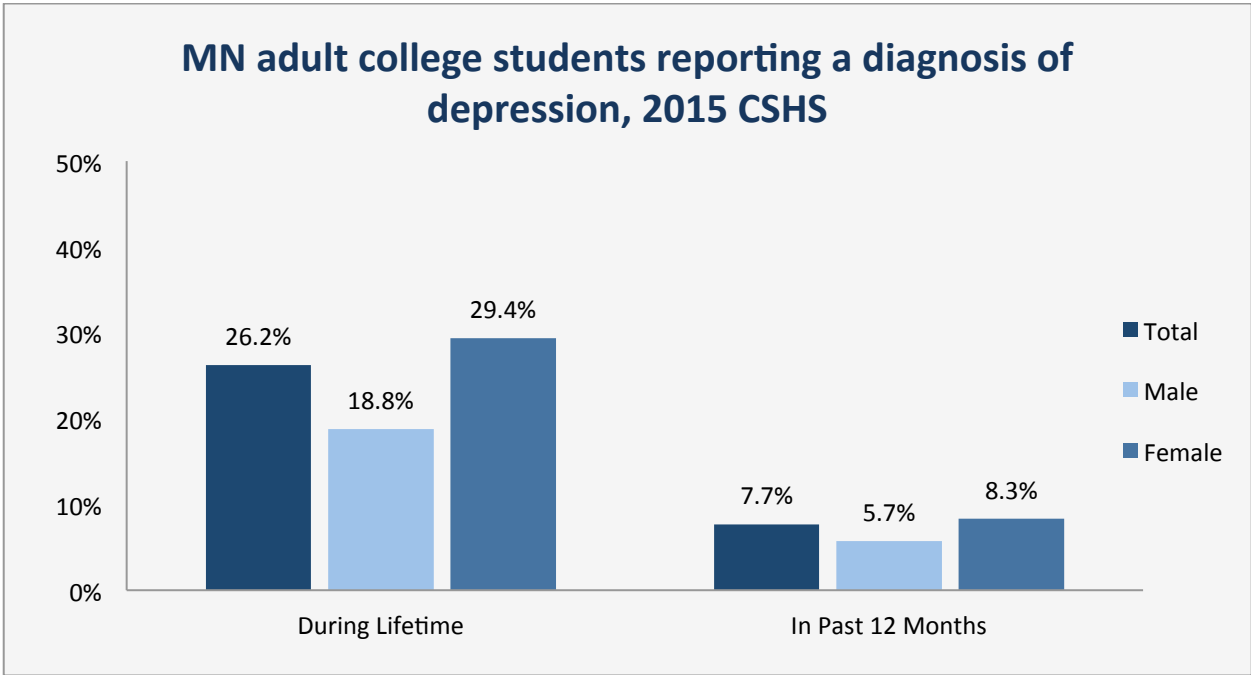


Data Source: MNSASU

Adults meeting the criteria for a DSM5 drug and/or alcohol use disorder, 2015 MNSASU		
		2015
Age	Ages 18 thru 24	15.2%
	Ages 25 thru 44	8.0%
	Ages 45 thru 64	5.1%
	Ages 65 and over	1.4%
Race/Ethnicity	African American or Black	6.5%
	American Indian	13.8%
	Asian American/ Pacific Islander	6.3%
	Hispanic/Latino	7.3%
	Bi-Racial/Multi-Racial	9.5%
	White	6.6%
Gender	Male	8.6%
	Female	4.8%
	Total	6.7%
Sexual Orientation	Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual	12.1%
	Heterosexual	6.6%



Data Source: CSHS



Youth: Mental Health, Substance Use, and Shared Risk and Protective Factors

About the Indicator

This section of the profile examines risk and protective factors that influence substance use and abuse behaviors.

Risk factors are characteristics at the biological, psychological, family, community, or cultural level that precede and are associated with a higher likelihood of problem outcomes; protective factors are characteristics associated with a lower likelihood of problem outcomes or that reduces the negative impact of a risk factors on problem outcomes.¹ Some risk factors are specifically associated with substance use, such as perceived risk of harm. On the other hand, some risk and protective factors are association with both substance use/abuse and with mental health. We also know from the research that substance use is a risk factor for mental health problems, and vice versa². Finally, many Minnesotans suffer from co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

While factors and behaviors are cross-linked across categories, data are organized and presented here in the following sections:

- Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- College Student Health Survey: Adult Students' ACE Scores
- Minnesota Student Survey: Youth ACE Scores
 - Alcohol Use
 - Mental Health
 - Family and Community
 - School

In 2013 and 2016, the MSS was administered to students in 5th, 8th, 9th, and 11th grades. Unless otherwise noted, data here are for students in 8th, 9th, and 11th grades.

For more information on the ACE questionnaire, please see:
www.health.state.mn.us/divs/cfh/program/ace/

Data Source(s)

College Student Health Survey (CSHS), Minnesota Student Survey (MSS)

Section Summary

- ACE scores are highly correlated with substance use and depression
- Protective factors for youth include feeling safe at school and in the community; being able to talk with parents about problems; and school engagement
- Risk factors for youth include being in an abusive relationship; experiencing bullying; and skipping class

1. National Research Council and Institute of Medicine. (2009). *Preventing mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders among young people: Progress and possibilities* (O'Connell, M.E., Boat, T., & Warner, K. E., Eds.) Washington, D.C: National Academies Press.
2. Gilbertson, L. & Dillon, K. (2012). *Integration of mental health, substance use, and primary care: opportunities and challenges*. Wilder Research: Saint Paul, MN

Introduction: the Adverse Childhood Events Score

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study was a collaboration between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Kaiser Permanente's Health Appraisal Clinic in San Diego. Members of the Kaiser Health Maintenance Organization provided detailed information about their childhood experiences of abuse, neglect, and family dysfunction. Study findings linked ACEs to leading causes of illness and death as well as poor quality life. The original ten ACEs used to calculate an "ACE Score" (score calculated by adding 1 point for each ACE experienced) included:

- Emotional abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional neglect
- Physical neglect
- Mother treated violently
- Household substance abuse
- Household mental illness
- Parental separation or divorce
- Incarcerated household member

In 2008, the CDC developed a set of ACE questions for states to use in the Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System (BRFSS). The ACEs module was added to the 2011 Minnesota Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey for adults in order to examine the relationships between such exposures and subsequent behavior, mental, and physical health outcomes. The Minnesota questions did not include the two neglect items, but did include separate questions for household alcohol abuse and household drug abuse. In 2015, the College Student Health Survey (CSHS) included the same indicators included on the BRFSS. Find more information about them here: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/cfh/program/ace/>

In 2013, some ACE questions were added to the Minnesota Student Survey and others were revised to better align with national surveys. Students' ACE scores, together with their responses to other questions in the MSS, provide insight into protective and risk factors associated with health, academic success, and substance use and abuse.

Note: Although ACEs can be used as a general measurement of household dysfunction, survey instruments can use a variety of different indicators; therefore, ACE scores should not be compared between surveys.

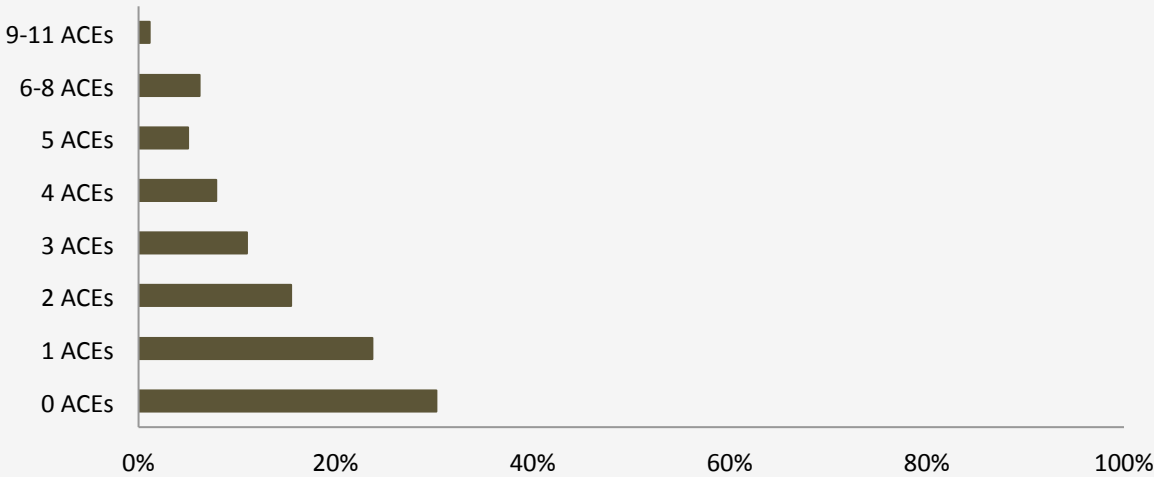
Data Source: CSHS

College Student Health Survey: The Adverse Childhood Events (ACE) Scale

The 11 ACE questions used in the College Student Health Survey ask about conditions that may have been experienced by students in childhood. Students reported whether...

- ...they lived with anyone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal
- ...they lived with anyone who was a problem drinker or an alcoholic
- ...they lived with anyone who used illegal street drugs or abused prescription medications
- ...they lived with anyone who served time or was sentenced to serve time in prison, jail, or other correctional facility
- ...their parents were divorced or separated
- ...their parents or adults in the home hit, beat, kicked, or physically hurt them in any way
- ...their parents or an adult ever swore at them, insulted them, or put them down
- ...anyone at least 5 years older than them, or an adult, ever touched them sexually
- ...anyone at least 5 years older than them, or an adult, tried to make the student touch them sexually
- ...anyone at least 5 years older than them, or an adult, ever forced them to have sex

Percent of MN adult college students with adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), 2015 CSHS



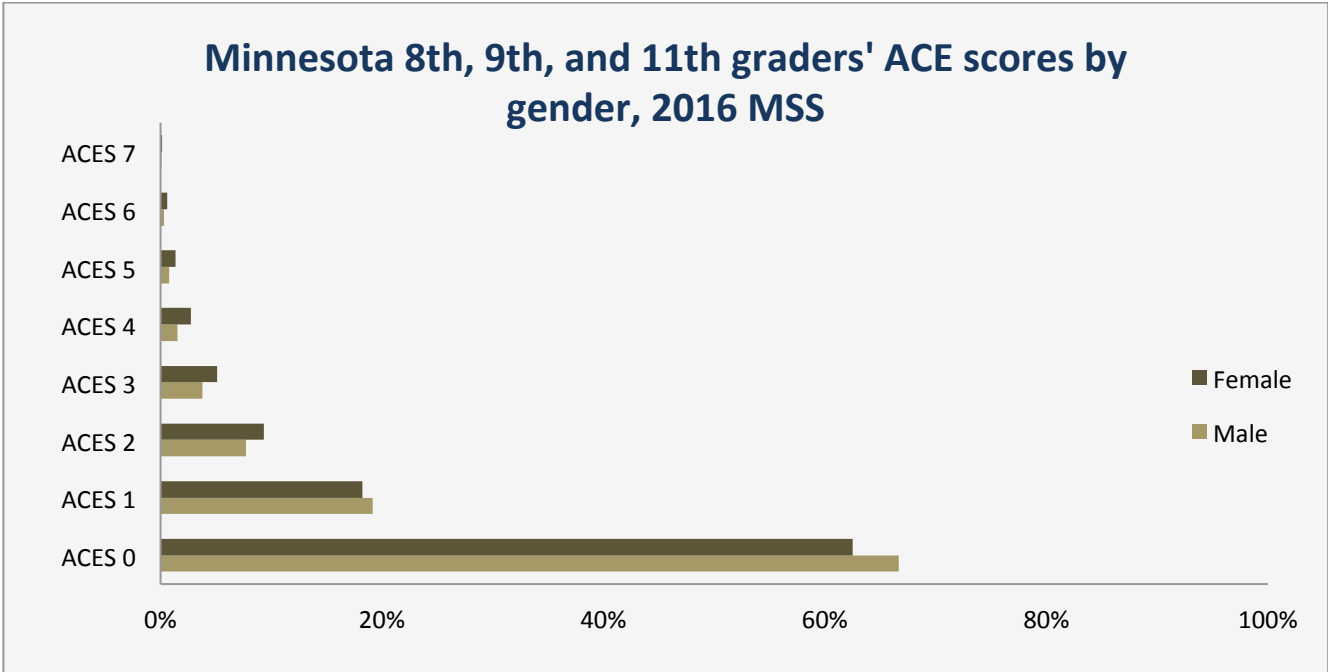
Data Source: MSS

Minnesota Student Survey: The Adverse Childhood Events (ACE) Scale

The ACE score, as used in the Minnesota Student Survey, ranges from 0 to 7, and is based on the number of the following conditions experienced by the student. They include students reporting...

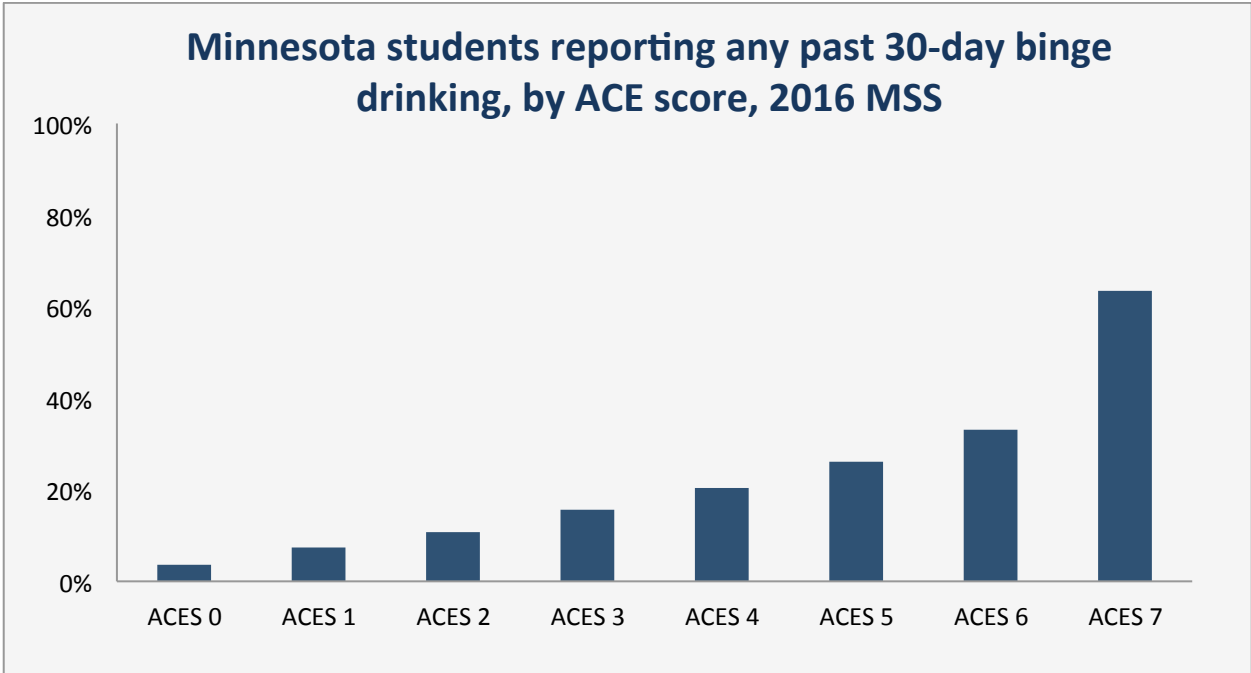
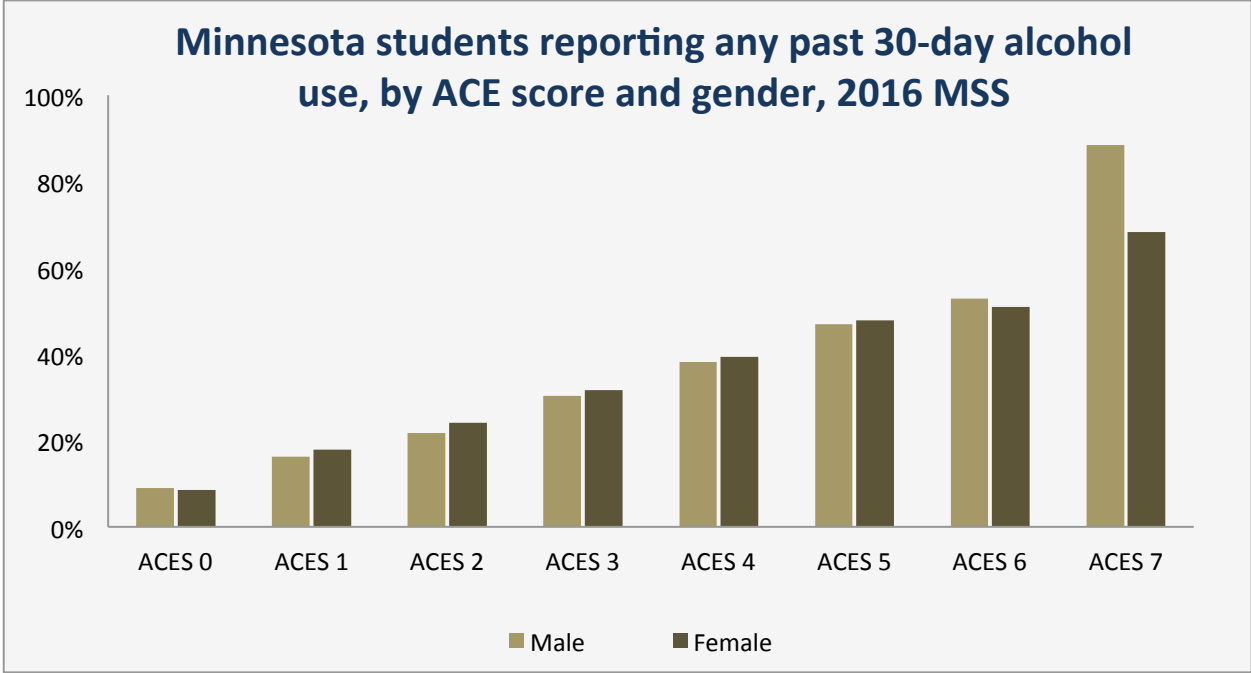
- ...they have a parent or guardian who is currently in jail, **and/or** who has been in jail in the past
- ...they live with someone who drinks too much alcohol
- ...they live with someone who uses illegal drugs or abuses prescription drugs
- ...a parent or other adult in the household has verbally abused them
- ...a parent or other adult in the household has physically abused them
- ...parents or other adults in the home physically abuse each other
- ...an adult or other person outside the family, **and/or** an older or stronger family member, has ever sexually abused them

33% of male students and 38.1% of female students had an ACE score of 1+



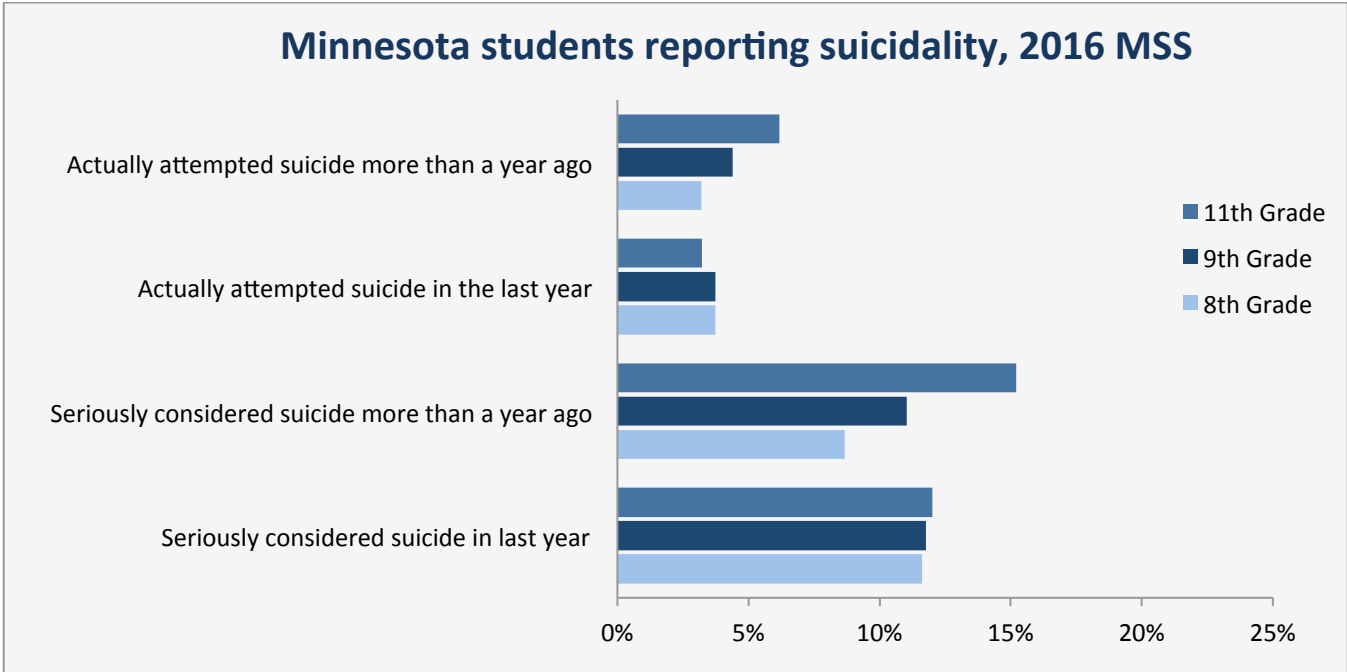
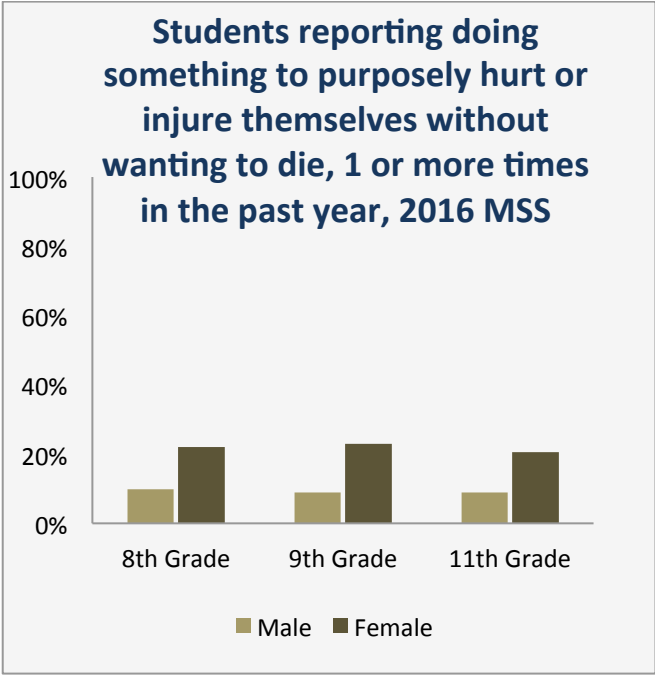
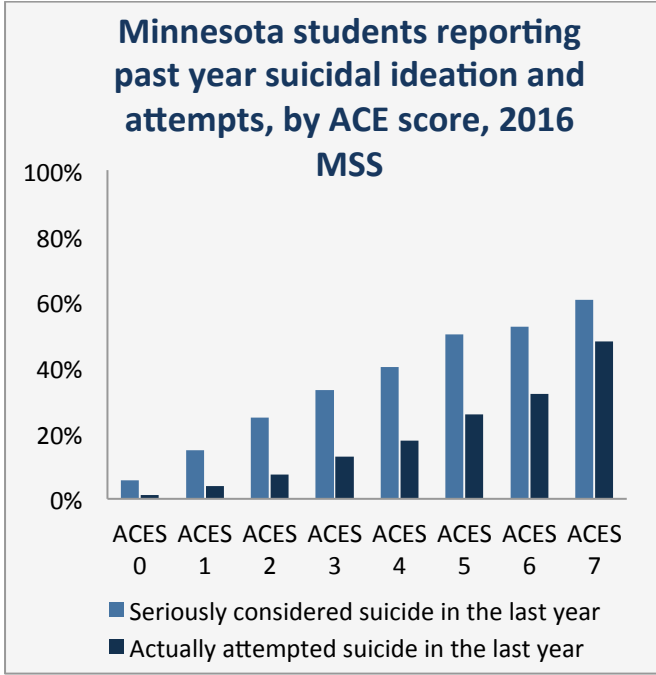
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Alcohol Use

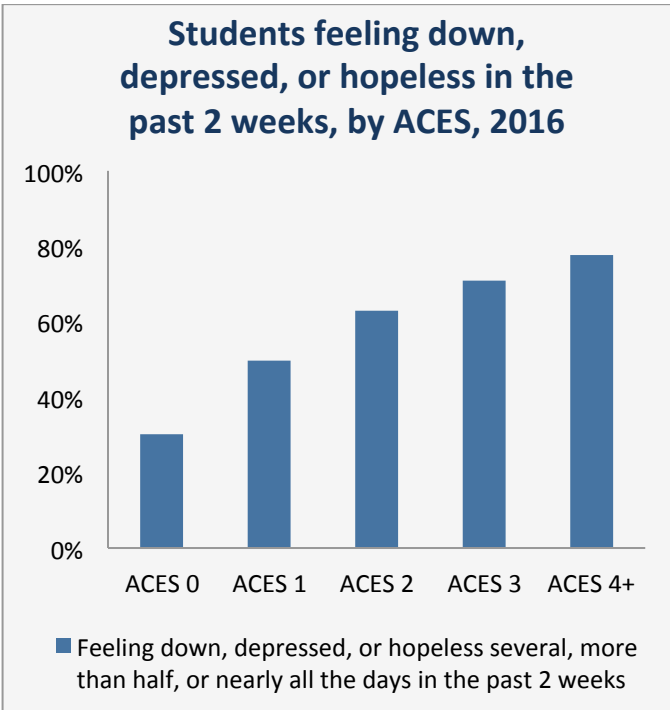
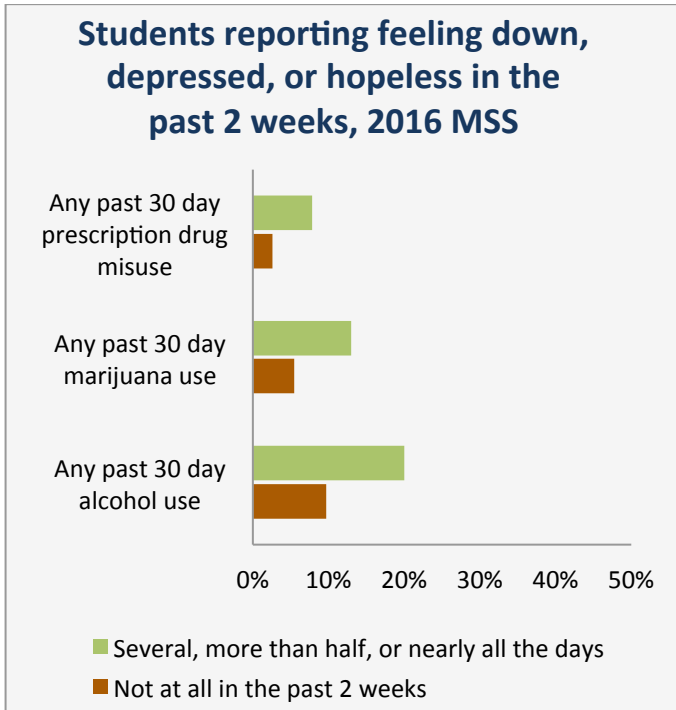
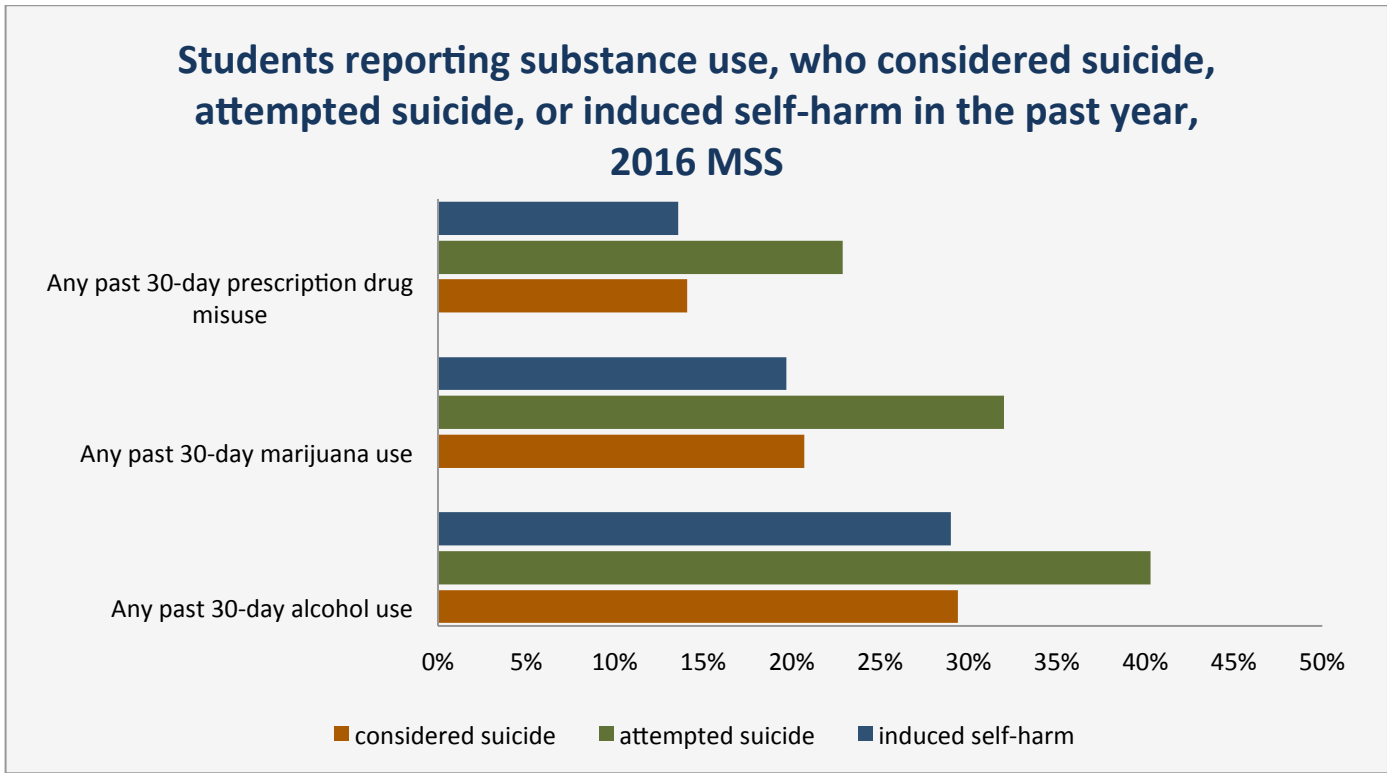


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Mental Health

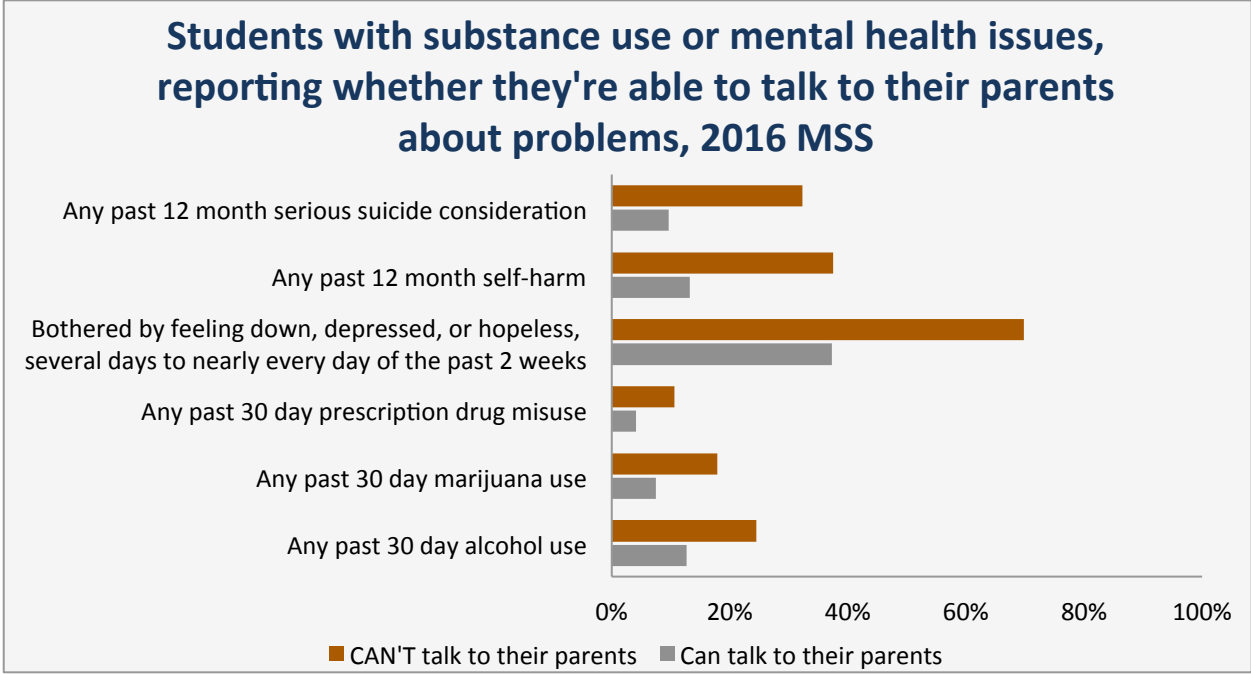


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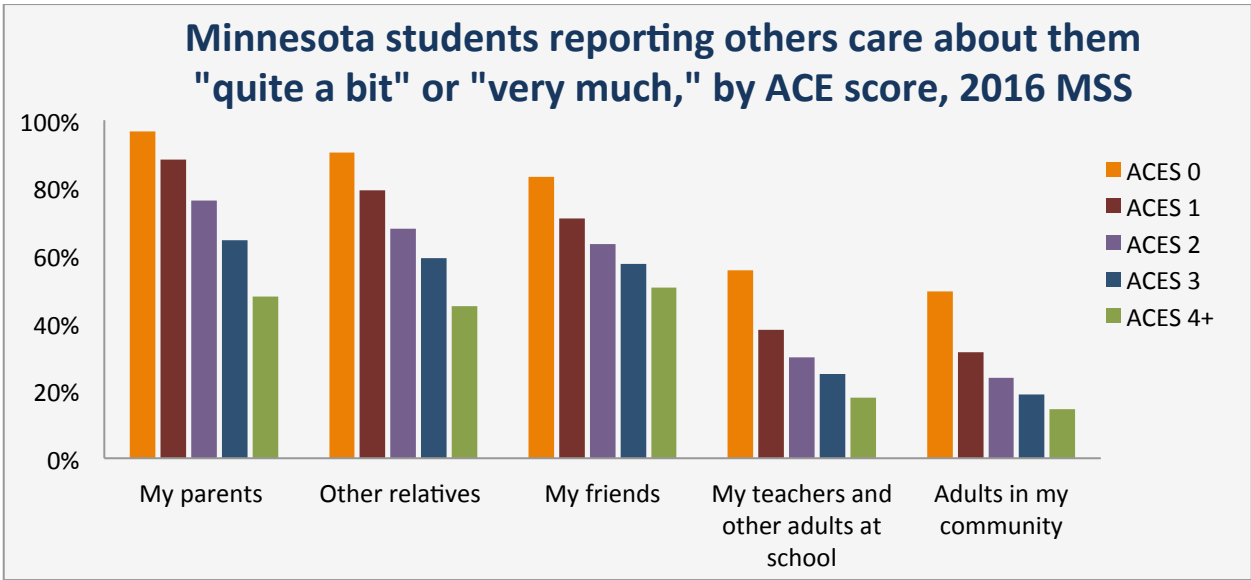


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Family and Community

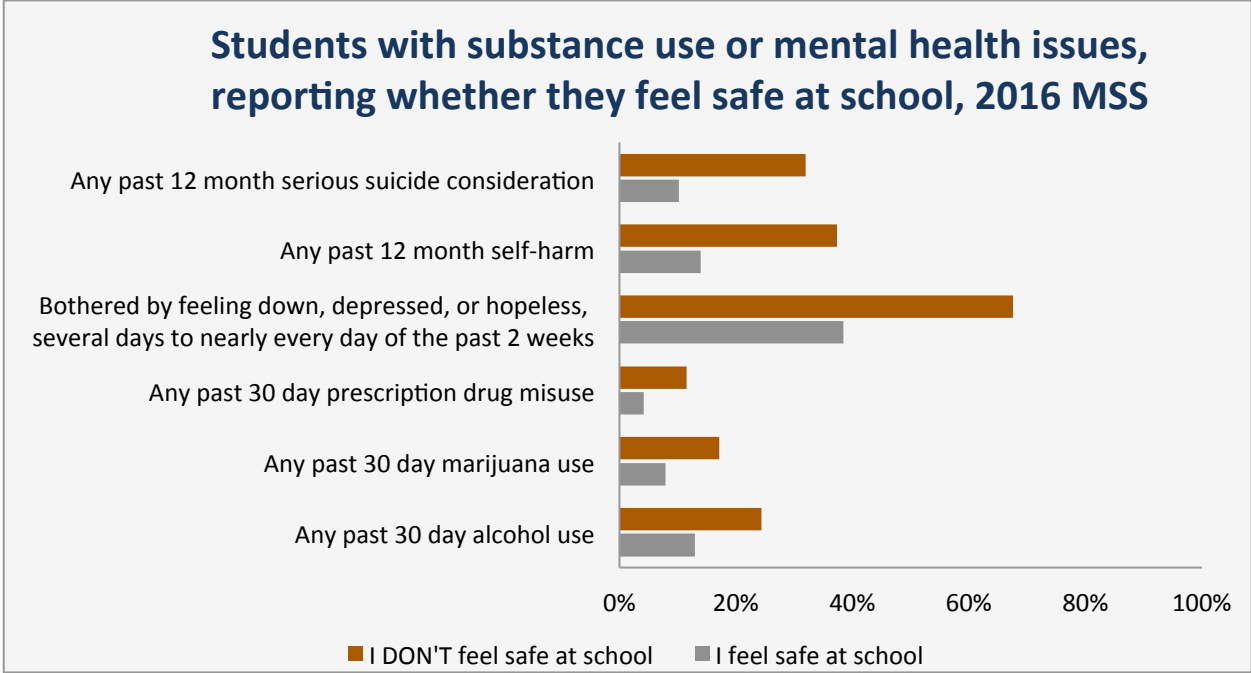


*Protective factor:
Students who feel that adults care for them are less likely to engage in harmful behaviors*

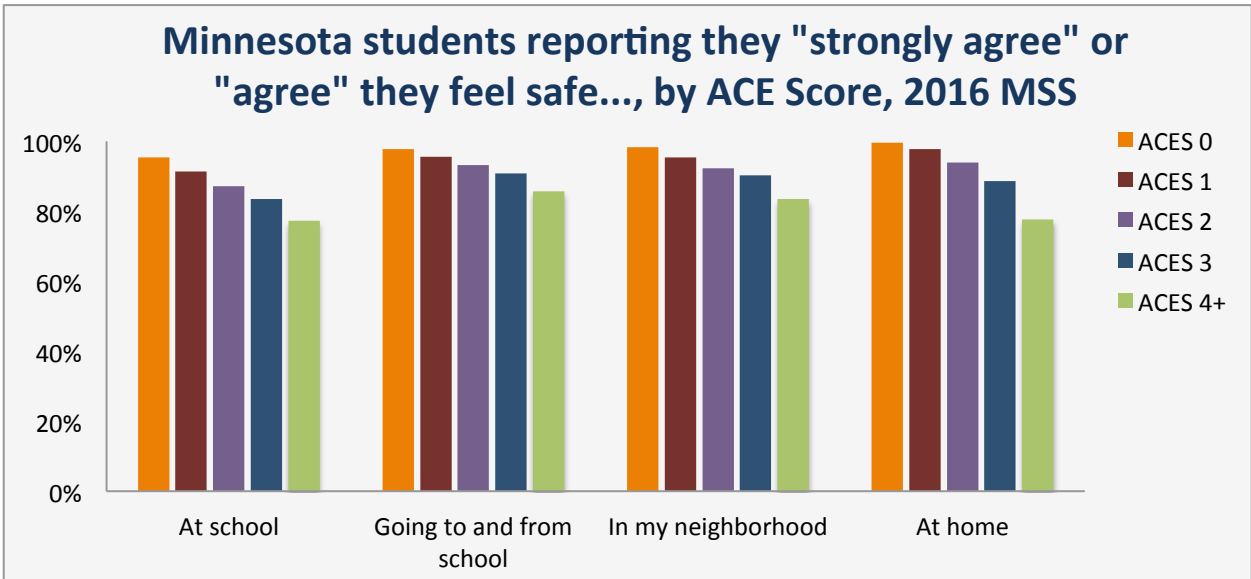


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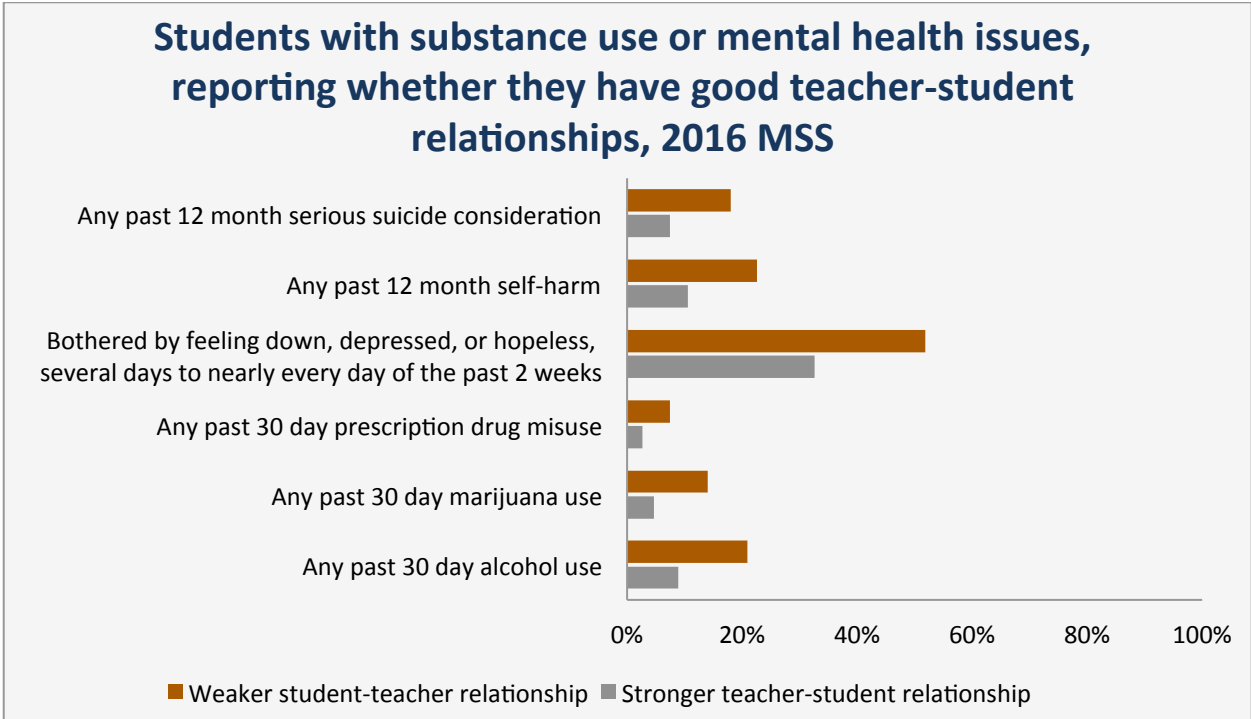
School



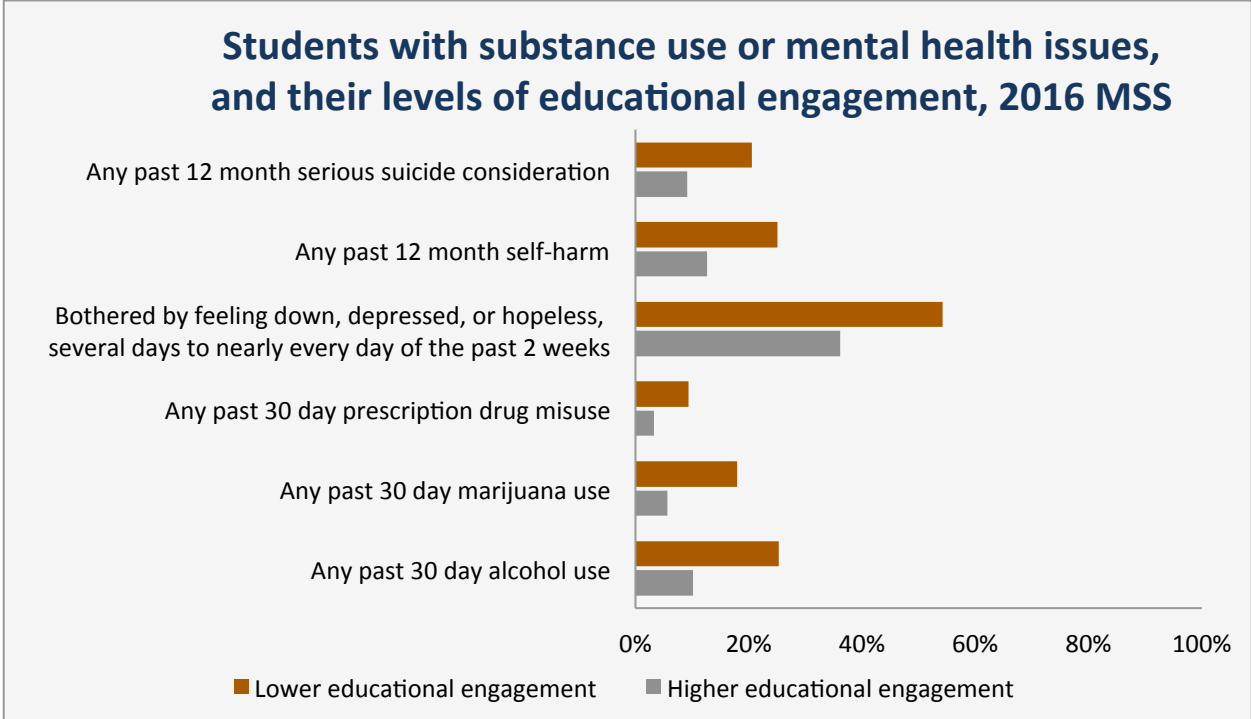
*Protective factor:
Students who feel safe at school are less likely to engage in harmful behaviors*



Data Source: MSS



Protective factor: School engagement



Data Source: MSS

One risk factor for students' substance use is experiencing bullying. For the purposes of the Minnesota Student Survey, bullying is defined as the following:

VICTIM

Students reporting, during the last 30 days, ANY times other students at school:

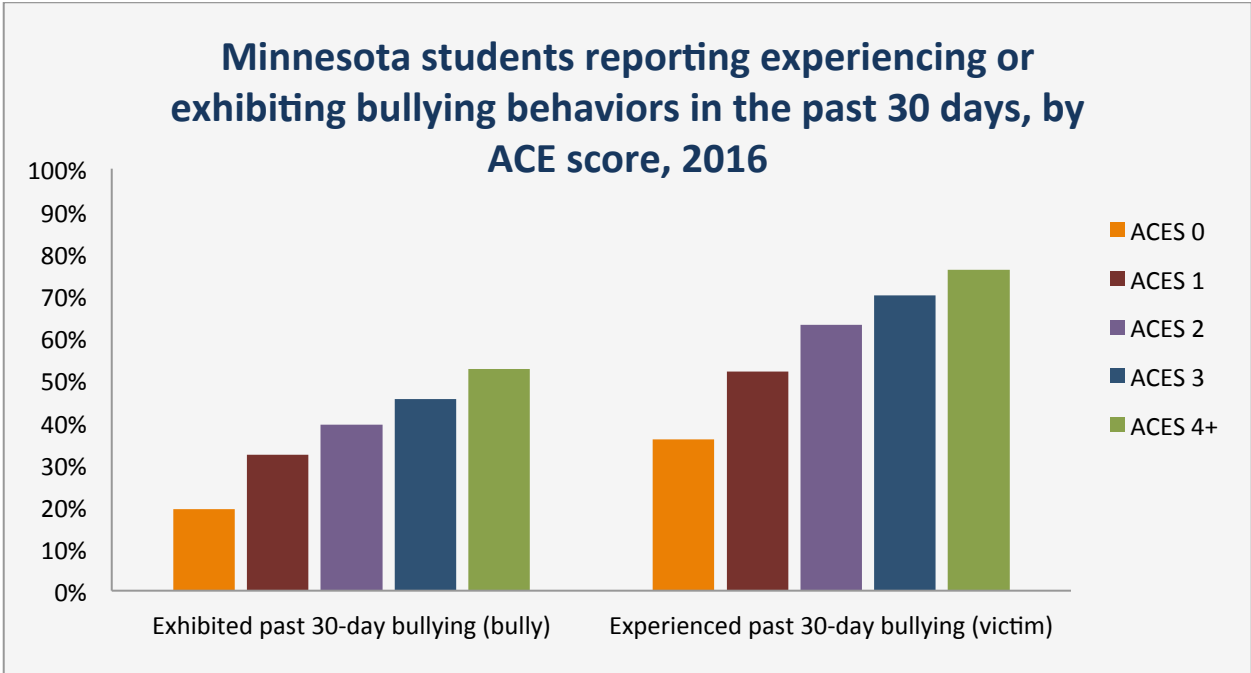
- Pushed, shoved, slapped, hit or kicked you when they weren't kidding around, *and/or*
- Threatened to beat you up, *and/or*
- Spread mean rumors or lies about you, *and/or*
- Made sexual jokes, comments or gestures toward you, *and/or*
- Excluded you from friends, other students, or activities

BULLY

Students reporting, during the last 30 days, ANY times at school THEY:

- Pushed, shoved, slapped, hit or kicked someone when you weren't kidding around, *and/or*
- Threatened to beat someone up, *and/or*
- Spread mean rumors or lies about someone, *and/or*
- Made sexual jokes, comments or gestures toward someone, *and/or*
- Excluded someone from friends, other students, or activities

Data Source: MSS



Risk factor: Experiencing bullying

