

HIGH SCHOOL KIDS THESE DAYS!

News from the West Virginia 2017 Youth Risk Behavior High School Survey

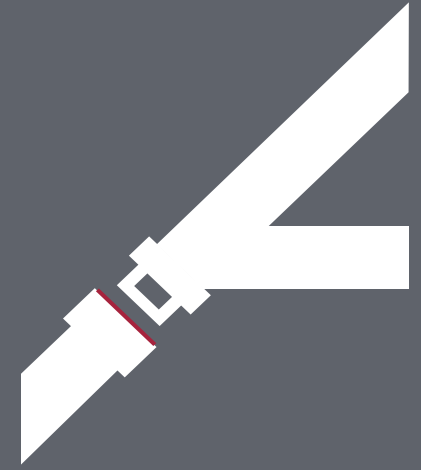
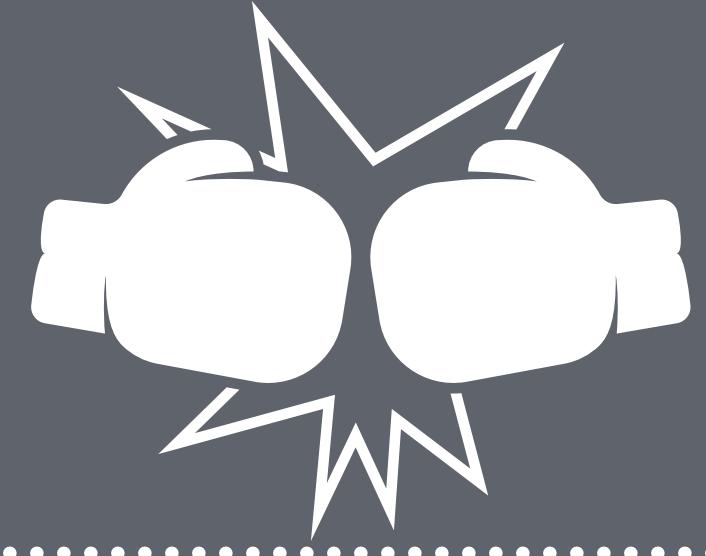
SOME RISKY BEHAVIORS ARE LOWER.

West Virginia High School Students
Today.

25 Years Ago.

19% Get into physical fights

42%

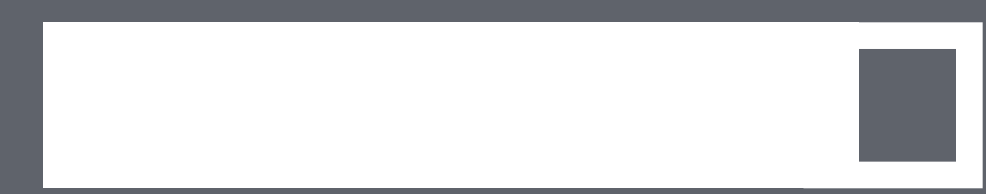


91%

66% Wear a seatbelt

6% Are frequent smokers

20%

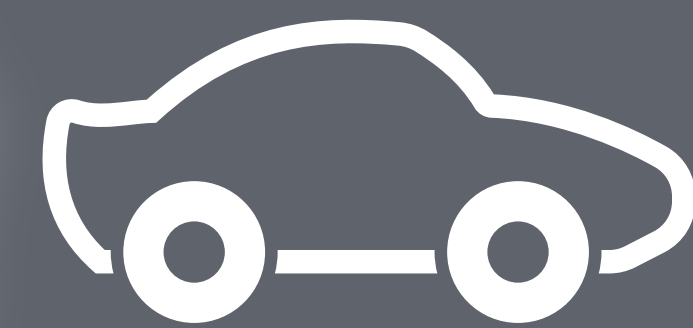


28%



53% Drink alcohol

13% Ride in a car driven by a drunk driver



39%

19%

27% Seriously considered suicide

46% Had sexual intercourse

63%

SOME RISKY BEHAVIORS ARE ABOUT THE SAME.

24%

26% Offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school grounds

19% Used marijuana

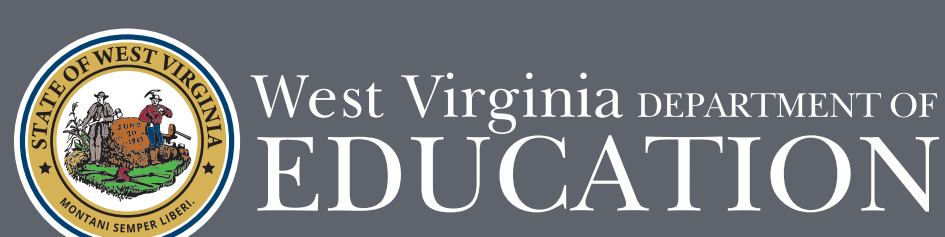
18%

14%

16% of sexually active students Have unprotected sex

SOME RISKS ARE NEW.

More than a third of today's students who drive have recently **texted while driving**, which is at least as dangerous—some studies say more dangerous—than driving while intoxicated!*



* See Leung, S., Croft, R.J., Jackson, M.L., Howard, M.E., & McKenzie, R.J. (2012). A comparison of the effect of mobile phone use and alcohol consumption on driving simulation performance. *Traffic Injury Prevention, 13*(6), 566-74; and Strayer, D.L., Drews, F.A., & Crouch, D.J. (2006). A comparison of the cell phone driver and the drunk driver. *Human Factors, 48*(2), 381-91.

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