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Dear Teachers & Staff,

Many of you work with youth every day. The energy and caring that you devote to the children of our county is what helps produce compassionate, competent and productive adults for the future.

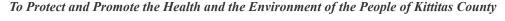
Certainly it is an impossible task to be all things for all young people. Many youth face difficult challenges in many areas of their lives. It is a sad fact of life that much of what is measured is the negative aspects of behavior and performance. We measure how many students have used alcohol or drugs, and how many students consider suicide. But in between the lines of this "negative data" are the successes of your hard work.

The following "In Your Classroom" fact sheets highlight students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The information used in these fact sheets represents Kittitas County Youth, and was derived from several different sources including the Healthy Youth Survey and U.S. Census Bureau. These fact sheets have been updated to reflect the most recent data. The categories selected for the fact sheets are areas that may create a direct, indirect, or potential barrier to learning.

While what is highlighted in these fact sheets represents the challenges your students may face, your dedication to youth in our county does not go unrecognized.

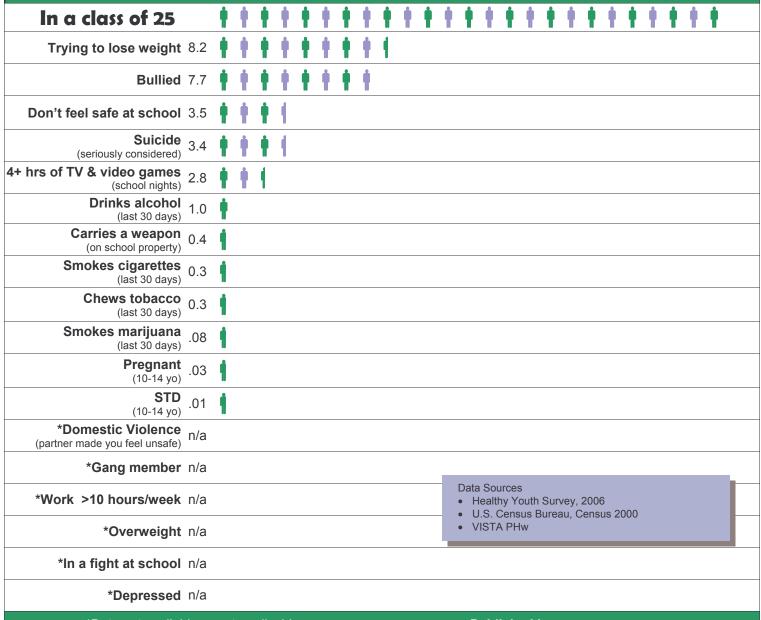
If you have questions or comments regarding information presented in these fact sheets please contact Sara Burnet, Assessment Coordinator and Health Promotion Manager at 509-933-8265.

Best wishes for a healthy and productive school year!





## Kittitas County 6th Graders In Your Classroom



\*Data not available or not applicable

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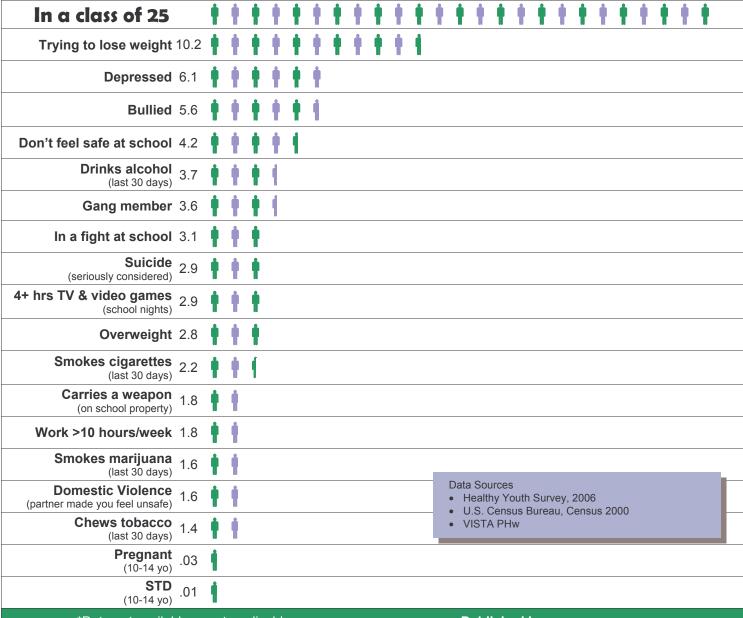
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Three in ten (30.8%) 6th graders report being bullied, while 13.8% don't feel safe at school.

## Kittitas County 8th Graders In Your Classroom



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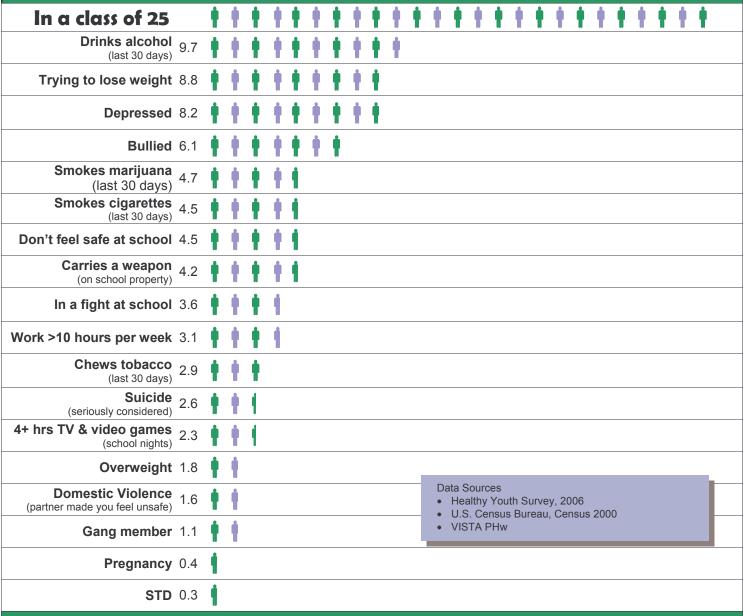
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Two in five (40.8%) 8th graders are trying to lose weight, although only one in ten (11.3%) is actually overweight.

## Kittitas County 10th Graders In Your Classroom



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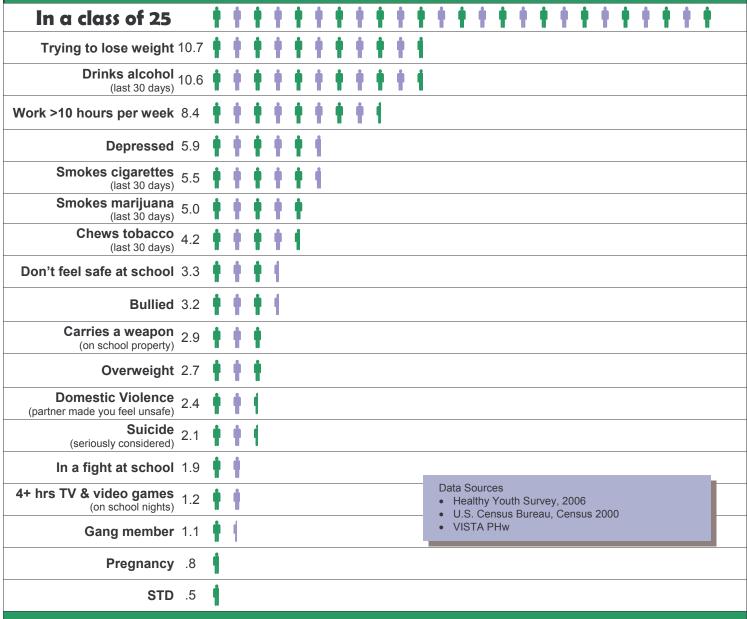
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Two in five (38.7%) High School sophomores drank alcohol in the last month; of them, 59.9% had five or more drinks in a row.

# Kittitas County 12th Graders In Your Classroom



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Two in five (42.2%) High School seniors drank alcohol in the last month; of them, 61.1% had five or more drinks in a row.