

Countywide

Youth Survey

ROUND TWO RESULTS
2001-2002



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Metro Council for Teen Potential
County Wide Community Telephone Survey
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introduction

The Metro Council For Teen Potential

The Metro Council for Teen Potential (MCTP) is a community coalition that promotes a comprehensive, coordinated and community-wide strategy to foster youth development; and encourage young people to make healthier choices. MCTP members include many youth development organizations, the City School District, the City of Rochester, the Monroe County Health Department, the Rochester Monroe County Youth Bureau, and other concerned citizens and youth-serving institutions. Along with the University of Rochester and the City of Rochester, MCTP is a member of the Rochester Coalition Partnership for the Prevention of Teen Pregnancy. In 1995–2002, MCTP received major funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for teen pregnancy prevention strategies. Baden Street Settlement is the host agency for MCTP.

MCTP assists its member agencies in incorporating “best practice” models into their existing youth programs, conducts research-based needs assessments and identifies gaps in service. It supports multi-agency collaboratives that deliver services to young people and provides staff training and program evaluation. We have developed a youth curriculum and media campaign called “What’s Next” to reach out to young people, to share information about healthy choices, relationships and sexuality; and to encourage young people to make full use of community resources.

Round Two of MCTP Random Digit Dial Telephone Survey of Teens

In 2001 – 2002, MCTP and University of Rochester conducted a County-wide telephone survey (random digit dial) of 1,158 teens, between the ages of fourteen and nineteen. The average age was 16.3. We obtained parental consent for all teens under the age of 18. 65% of the teens answering the survey were Caucasian, 15% were African-American, and 15% were Hispanic or Latino and 5% were other. This is the second round of our telephone survey of teens; the first round was completed in 1999. Results of our first teen survey are also posted on our web site.

summary of findings

2001–2002 telephone survey

Selected City / County Comparisons

(1158 teens responded. 738 teens lived in the City; 428 teens lived in the suburbs.)

	City	Suburbs
Age	16.3	16.3
Gender		
Males	43%	49%
Females	57%	51%
In school (all)	85%	96%
Males	86%	94%
Females	85%	98%
Moved in the past year	21%	17%
Males	19%	13%
Females	23%	20%
If moved, number of times moved		
1	79%	89%
2	11%	4%
3	4%	6%
4	6%	1%

Statement most like your family

	City	Suburbs
Enough for necessities and can buy special things	49%	64%
Few problems buying things	29%	24%
Just enough money to buy things we need	21%	11%
Often doesn't have enough money to buy things we need	2%	1%

Activities and Media Use

	City	Suburbs
TV and Videos		
# hours of TV on a typical weekday (Males)	2.89	1.97
# hours of TV on a typical weekday (Females)	2.86	1.82
# hours of TV on a typical weekend day (Males)	3.33	2.92
# hours of TV on a typical weekend day (Females)	3.07	2.53
Video games (Sega, Nintendo)		
# hours of video games on a typical weekday (Males)	.97	.84
# hours of video games on a typical weekday (Females)	.33	.19
# hours of video games on a typical weekend day (Males)	1.21	1.25
# hours of video games on a typical weekend day (Females)	.36	.22
Computer Use		
# hours of computer use on a typical weekday (Males)	1.59	2.00
# hours of computer use on a typical weekday (Females)	1.87	2.05
# hours of computer use on a typical weekend day (Males)	1.65	2.36
# hours of computer use on a typical weekend day (Females)	1.78	2.29
Ever used the Internet or WWW		
Males	96%	98%
Females	92%	96%
If used the internet, where do you use computers?		
Home	72%	91%
School	25%	28%
Friend's House	7%	8%
Library	8%	8%
Some other place	8%	4%

Health Care

Where do you usually go to get medical care?	City	Suburbs
Doctor's office	67.4%	84.4%
Neighborhood Clinic or Health Care Center	7.1%	7.6%
Mobile Health Van	0%	0%
Planned Parenthood	.4%	0%
Health Department	1.5%	1.4%
Emergency Room	0%	.2%
Hospital Clinic	18.1%	5.1%
School based clinic	1.1%	.7%
Threshold	.5%	0%
Jordan	3.7%	0%
Nowhere	.7%	.2%

	City	Suburbs
At last checkup did provider discuss that the visit was confidential?		
Yes	78%	77%
No	19%	19%
Don't Know	2%	3%
Don't remember	2%	1%
% who saw the doctor alone	83%	82%
If alone, % who also saw the doctor with parents in the room	57%	67%
% whose doctor has discussed where to get confidential care	42%	40%
Ever seen a provider w/out parents' knowledge	17%	9%
If yes, where?		
Regular source	48%	38%
Some other place	52%	63%
If yes, was it for birth control or a sexually transmitted disease	55%	73%
Ever wanted birth control and not gotten it because were afraid parents would find out	5%	4%
Covered by health insurance	93%	97%

Substance Use

	City	Suburbs
% ever tried cigarette smoking	52%	44%
If smoked, % smoked in past 30 days	45%	44%
% ever taken a drink of alcohol	65%	69%
If drank, % drank in past 30 days	51%	53%
% ever smoked marijuana	39%	33%
If used, % used w/in past 30 days	50%	43%
% ever taken any other street drugs	6%	6%
If used, % used in past 30 days	36%	19%

Attitudes towards pregnancy

	City	Suburbs
Agree that having a baby in high school is not a problem at all		
Males	6%	2%
Females	8%	3%
Agree that having a baby in high school is a problem for the mother, the baby, and the father		
Males	89%	94%
Females	85%	94%
If you got a girl pregnant now / if you became pregnant now how would you feel?		
Upset		
Males	57%	65%
Females	60%	70%
Both Upset and Happy		
Males	35%	32%
Females	35%	29%
Happy		
Males	8%	3%
Females	5%	2%

Sexual Behavior

	City	Suburbs
% ever had sexual intercourse		
All	46%	32%
Males	49%	30%
Females	44%	34%
Mean age when had sex for the first time	15.09	15.57
Number of sexual partners in the past 3 months		
0 persons	15%	12%
1 person	68%	75%
2 to 4 persons	16%	13%
5 to 7 persons	0%	0%
8 or more persons	1%	1%

Sexually Active Teens

	City	Suburbs
Mean age of partner for teens who had one partner in past 3 months		
Males	17.37	17.53
Females	19.87	19.17
Mean age of oldest partner for teens who had more than one partner in past 3 months		
Males	19.14	19.22
Females	22.28	19.23
Of sexually active teens, % who used a condom at last intercourse		
Males	76%	71%
Females	61%	71%
% of sexually active teens who used a condom “every time” during the past 3 months		
Males	64%	62%
Females	43%	48%
% who used some other form of birth control “Every time” during past 3 months		
Males	23%	30%
Females	32%	55%

All teens who have ever had sex

	City	Suburbs
% talked to a partner about using a condom		
Males	77%	84%
Females	90%	91%
% who used any other form of birth control at last intercourse		
Males	37%	45%
Females	47%	61%
% who used / partner used birth control pills		
Males	64%	87%
Females	62%	87%
% who used/partner used depo provera		
Males	19%	5%
Females	28%	5%

% who had heard of emergency contraception	68%	84%
If heard of emergency contraception, % whose doctor/nurse had talked to about emergency contraception		
All	42%	28%
Males	18%	17%
Females	56%	36%
% ever had sex w/out using a condom or other birth control		
Males	44%	45%
Females	57%	40%
% ever been forced/pressured to have sex		
Males	6%	3%
Females	13%	7%

Pregnancy

	City	Suburbs
FEMALES		
% who had ever been pregnant	40%	12%
If ever pregnant, number of times		
1 time	70%	63%
2 times	24%	38%
3 or more	6%	0%
If ever pregnant, number of children		
0 children	35%	83%
1 child	57%	17%
2 children	7%	0%
3 children	1%	0%
MALES		
% who had ever gotten someone pregnant	11%	11%
If ever gotten someone pregnant, number of times		
1 time	65%	100%
2 times	29%	
3 or more	6%	
If ever gotten someone pregnant, number of children		
0 children	73%	67%
1 child	27%	33%

Sexuality Education and Communication

	City	Suburbs
% had classes in school or some other place on how pregnancy occurs	93%	96%
% had classes on how to say no to sex	85%	91%
% had classes on abstinence or virginity	79%	88%
% had classes on methods of birth control	82%	84%
% seen ads about teens and sex	97%	98%
Ever heard of teen pregnancy prevention programs	50%	51%
If yes, is there a teen pregnancy prevention program at your school	24%	19%
Talked with parent about how pregnancy occurs		
Males	57%	60%
Females	68%	69%
Talked with parent about how to say no to sex		
Males	62%	53%
Females	70%	70%
Talked with parent about methods of birth control		
Males	49%	46%
Females	67%	60%
In last 6 months, number of times talked about sex with parent		
0 times	42%	38%
Once or twice	28%	39%
3 to 5 times	15%	15%
6 to 10 times	4%	4%
11 or more times	11%	4%

Violence

	City	Suburbs
% who usually feel safe in neighborhood	90%	99%
% who usually feel safe around school	88%	95%
% stayed home from school because were afraid of getting hurt	8%	6%
% usually feel safe at home	97%	99%
% seen someone shot, stabbed, beaten in neighborhood	31%	11%
% seen someone shot, stabbed, beaten in school	37%	23%
% seen adults/children at home get into a physical fight	27%	20%
% who got into a physical fight in past year	40%	27%
% who had a physical fight with someone they live with	27%	27%
% who had a physical fight with boyfriend/girlfriend	9%	2%
% been threatened by someone with a weapon in their neighborhood	12%	8%
Been threatened by someone with a knife or gun in or around school	8%	3%
% whose friends carry weapons	22%	14%
% of teens who have carried a weapon	21%	9%
If carried a weapon, % carried it to school	17%	27%
% who talked to someone about the violence they have seen, heard or experienced	59%	67%
% who have participated in a violence prevention program	12%	12%

Assets

	City	Suburbs
My parents are supportive of me		
Strongly disagree	1%	1%
Disagree	2%	2%
Agree	42%	40%
Strongly Agree	53%	56%
Not Sure	1%	1%
My parents encourage and help me to do well in school		
Strongly disagree	1%	0%
Disagree	2%	1%
Agree	39%	37%
Strongly Agree	57%	61%
Not Sure	1%	1%
My family cares about what happens to me		
Strongly disagree	1%	1%
Disagree	1%	1%
Agree	34%	31%
Strongly Agree	65%	68%
Not Sure	0%	0%
My parents spend time with me		
Strongly disagree	1%	1%
Disagree	9%	5%
Agree	53%	56%
Strongly Agree	34%	38%
Not Sure	2%	1%
I feel good about myself		
Strongly disagree	0%	1%
Disagree	2%	3%
Agree	51%	57%
Strongly Agree	45%	38%
Not Sure	1%	1%
I have a lot to be proud of		
Strongly disagree	0%	1%
Disagree	2%	2%
Agree	51%	55%
Strongly Agree	45%	41%
Not Sure	1%	1%

	City	Suburbs
I can make a difference in the world		
Strongly disagree	1%	1%
Disagree	5%	4%
Agree	58%	61%
Strongly Agree	34%	30%
Not Sure	3%	4%
I have a bright future ahead of me		
Strongly disagree	0%	1%
Disagree	1%	1%
Agree	50%	57%
Strongly Agree	47%	39%
Not Sure	1%	3%
Adults in the community value young adults like myself		
Strongly disagree	3%	2%
Disagree	17%	16%
Agree	57%	59%
Strongly Agree	18%	15%
Not Sure	6%	8%
There are other adults that I can talk to that care about me		
Strongly disagree	1%	0%
Disagree	2%	3%
Agree	60%	64%
Strongly Agree	37%	32%
Not Sure	1%	1%
Number of Hours per week...		
...playing sports		
Males	8.45	7.02
Females	3.68	5.56
...in school, or community clubs		
Males	2.32	1.72
Females	2.63	2.28
...attending church, temple, religious services		
Males	1.61	1.15
Females	1.97	1.16
...hanging out w/friends with nothing special to do		
Males	14.0	11.81
Females	9.63	11.95