

Perception or Reality?

Short quizzes are a great way to test someone's knowledge on a particular subject. Use this quiz to find out what you, students and parents know about the sexual behaviors of Maine students (Source: 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey data).

Use survey data on students' actual behavior to highlight that, when it comes to risky habits, many students are already doing the right thing. Perception versus reality: Students tend to believe other students are engaging in risky behavior, when, in fact, they are not. Teens (as well as other people) are influenced by positive and negative peer pressure. Why not use Maine student data to find out what Maine students are actually doing?

Ask students to work with a partner to answer the following questions about Maine students:

1. Out of 10 high school students how many have not had sexual intercourse?
2. Out of 10 high school students how many used a condom during last sex intercourse?
3. Out of 10 high school students how many reported smoking on one or more of the previous 30 days?
4. Out of 10 high school students how many reported being sold or given a drug on school property?
5. True or false, the % of students who reported riding in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol is higher than the % of students who report riding in a car driven by someone who had taken an illegal drug including alcohol.

Go to our website to find the answers at: <http://www.maine.gov/education/hiv/yrbs.html>
(see 2011 Data Fact Sheets).