

# 2023-24 ST. CLAIR COUNTY REPORT

## High School & Middle School

### Violence and Sexual Behavior

This report summarizes key findings from the 2023-2024 school-year for St. Clair County (SCC) Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) survey for bullying, safety, relationship violence, sexual behavior and sexual orientation.



#### SCC MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

In the past 12 months:

- 40.2% of middle schoolers and 24.8% of high schoolers have been bullied on school property
- 23.3% of middle schoolers and 18.4% of high schoolers have been electronically bullied
- 73.5% of middle schoolers and 54.1% of high schoolers have seen other students physically pushed, hit or punched
- 79.7% of middle schoolers and 64.6% of high schoolers have heard students get called mean names or "put down"
- 9.5% of middle schoolers and 9.3% of high schoolers reported feeling unsafe or very unsafe at school

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



#### Bullying

5.0 in 20 SCC high school students have been bullied on school property in the last 12 months

#### Electronic Bullying

3.7 in 20 SCC high school students have been bullied electronically in the past 12 months



#### Physical Violence

10.8 in 20 SCC high school students have seen students physically pushed, hit, or punched in the past 12 months

#### Belittling

12.9 in 20 SCC high school students have heard students get called means or "put down" during the past 12 months



#### Safety

1.9 in 20 SCC high school students reported feeling unsafe or very unsafe at school

#### Danger & Violence

0.2 in 20 SCC high school students had carried a weapon on school property on one or more of the past 30 days



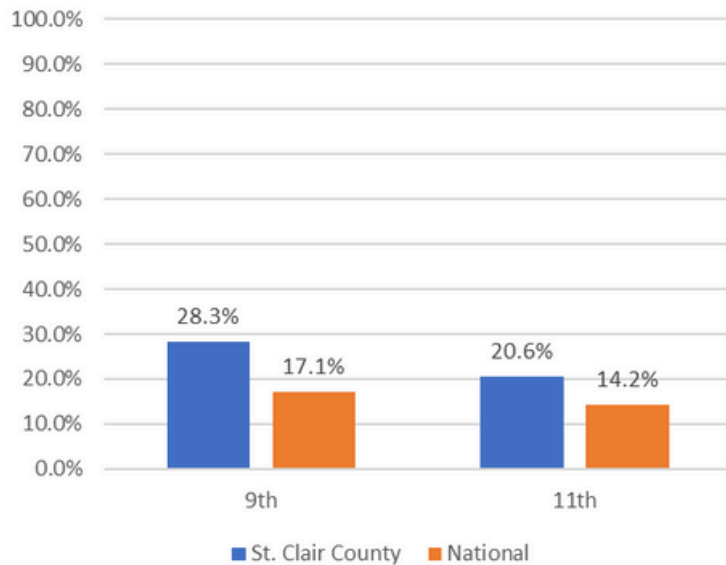
#### REPORT BACKGROUND

St. Clair County data was obtained from the 2023-24 St. Clair County MiPHY, a student survey assessing 7th, 9th, and 11th graders' substance use, violence, physical activity, sexual behavior, and emotional health. The 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey was used as a national comparisons.

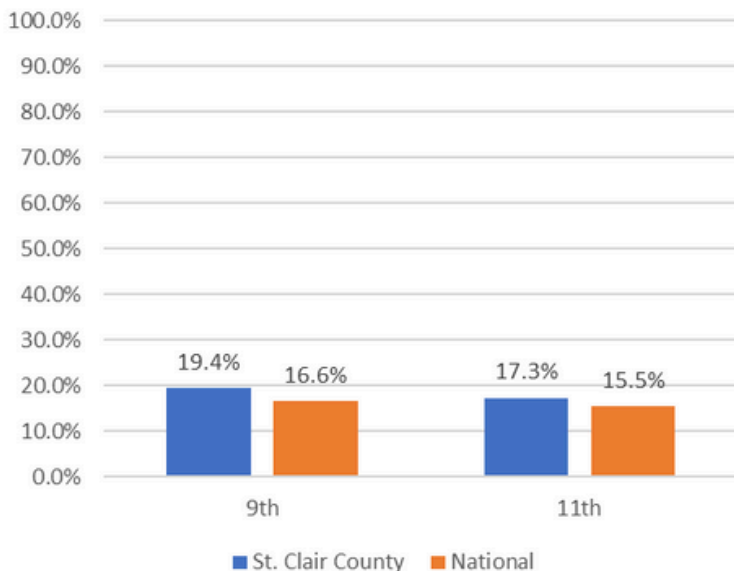
# BULLYING

The graphs below depict the percentage of 9th and 11th grade students who reported being bullied on school property and electronically bullied in the past 12 months for St. Clair County (SCC) and nationally.

**Percentage of students who have been bullied on school property in the past 12 months**



**Percentage of students who have been electronically bullied in the past 12 months**



## High School Students



SCC high school students reported being bullied on school property **higher** than students nationally in the past 12 months

## Middle School Students

40.2% of SCC middle school students reported being bullied on school property in the last the 12 months



## High School Students



SCC high school students reported being electronically bullied **higher** than students nationally

## Middle School Students

23.3% of SCC middle school students reported being electronically bullied on school property in the last the 12 months

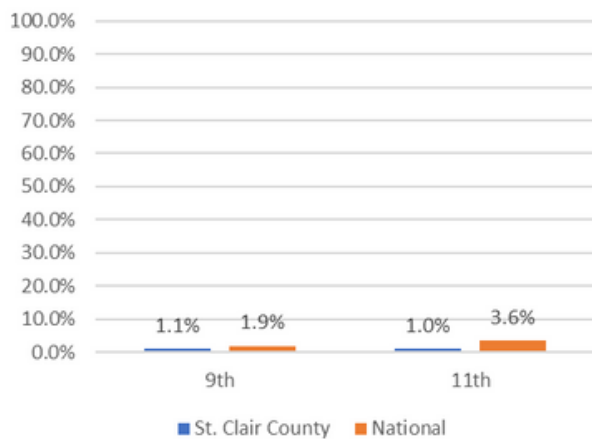


SOURCE: National data for 9th and 11th grade was obtained from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021

# SAFETY & VIOLENCE

St. Clair County (SCC) 9th and 11th graders were asked about the percentage of students who carried a weapon, were in a physical fight on school property and those who did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to school.

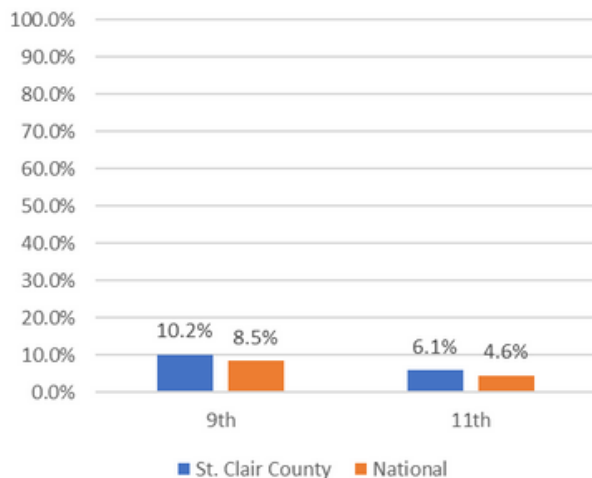
**Percentage of students who carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property on one or more of the past 30 days**



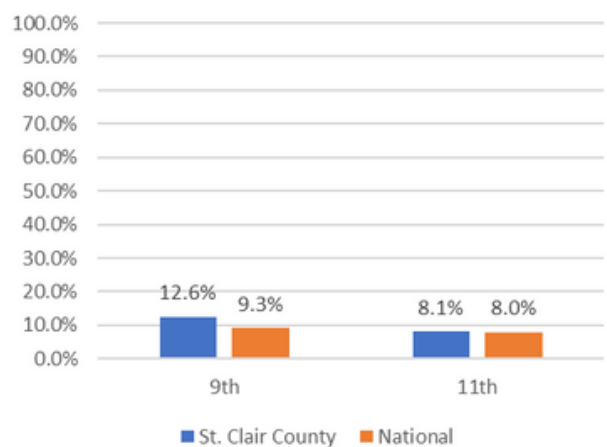
## STUDENTS IN GRADE 9TH AND 11TH

- Percentage of students who carried a weapon on school property in the past 30 days was **lower** for SCC students than the national rate
- Percentage of students who were in a physical fight on school property in past 12 months was **higher** for SCC students than the national rate
- Percentage of students who did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to school was **higher** for SCC students than the national rate

**Percentage of students who were in a physical fight on school property one or more times during the past 12 months**



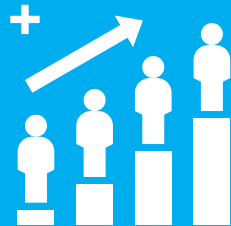
**Percentage of students who did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school on one or more of the past 30 days**



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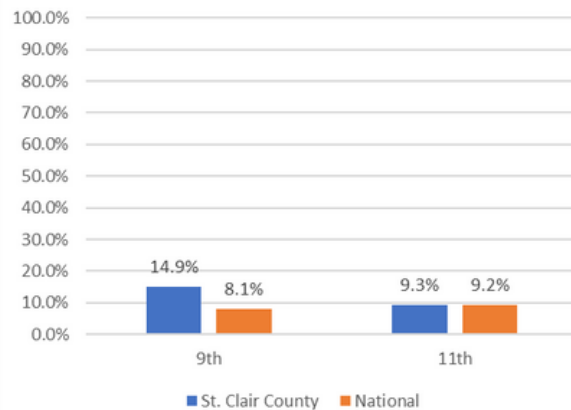
# RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

The graphs below depict the percentage of students who were physically hurt on purpose by someone they were dating and those were forced to do sexual things they did not want to do by someone they were dating in the past 12 months for St. Clair County (SCC) and nationally.

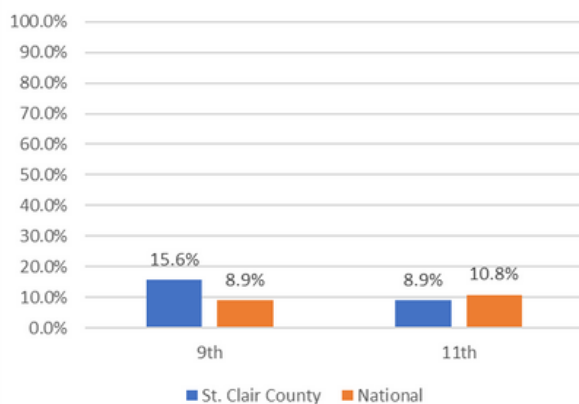


SCC high school students reported they were physically hurt on purpose by someone they were dating **higher** than students nationally

Percentage of students who were physically hurt on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with during the past 12 months



Percentage of students who were forced to do sexual things they did not want to do by someone they were dating or going out with during the past 12 months



SCC 9th grade students reported they were forced to do sexual things they did not want to do by someone they were dating **higher** than students nationally



SCC 11th grade students reported they were forced to do sexual things they did not want to do by someone they were dating **lower** than students nationally

SOURCE: National data for 9th and 11th grade was obtained from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021

# SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

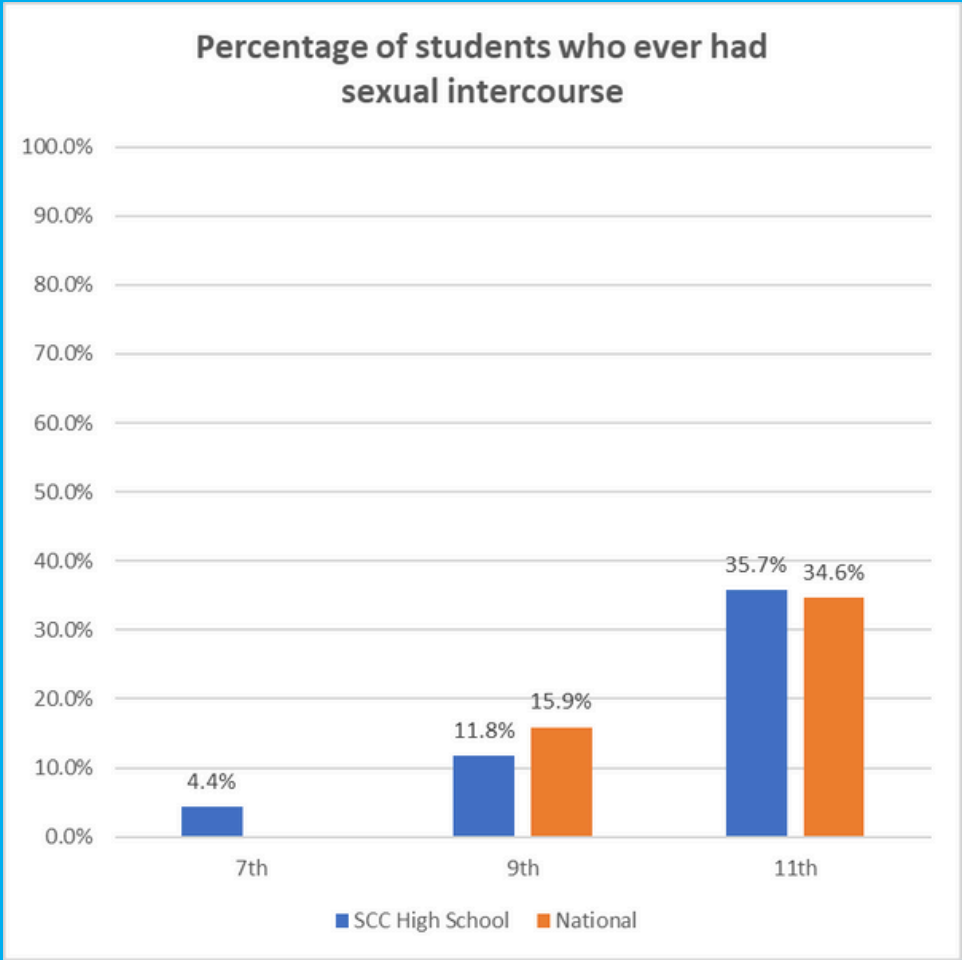
The graph below depicts the percentage of students who ever had sexual intercourse for St. Clair County (SCC) 7th, 9th, and 11th grade students and the national rate.



SCC had a **higher** percentage of 11th grade students who ever had sexual intercourse, compared to the national percentage



Among 7th grade SCC students, 4.4% has ever had sexual intercourse, no comparison of national percentage

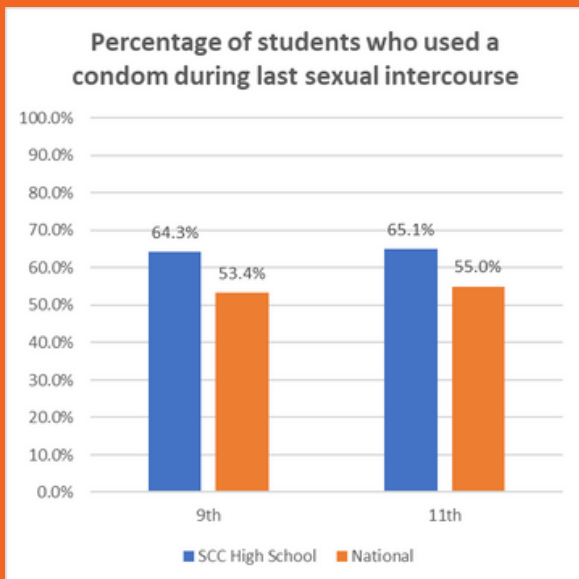



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NOTE: National data for 7th grade was not available.

# PRECAUTIONARY SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

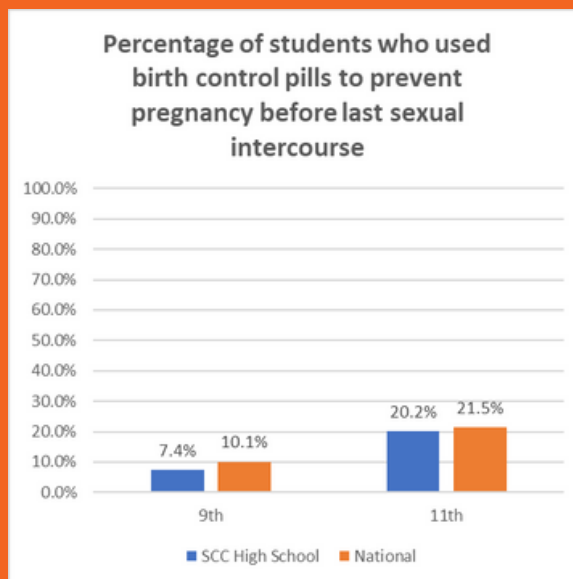
The graphs below depict the percentage of 9th and 11th grade students who had sexual intercourse in the last three months and of those who used a condom or birth control for St. Clair County (SCC) and nationally.

SCC high school students reported among students who had sexual intercourse the percentage who used a condom was higher than students nationally



SCC high school students reported among students who had sexual intercourse the percentage who used birth control was lower than students nationally

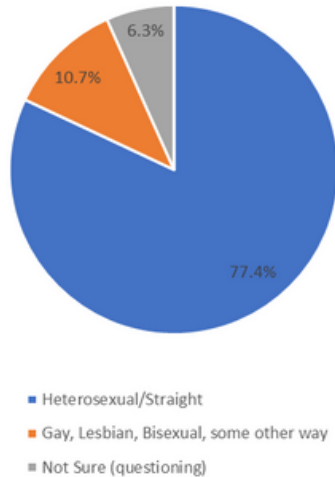


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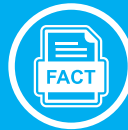
# SEXUAL ORIENTATION

The graphs below depict the percentage of 7th, 9th and 11th grade students who report their sexual orientation being heterosexual/straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, some other way and unsure (questioning) for St. Clair County (SCC). See percentages nationally below.

**Sexual Identities Among 7th Graders**

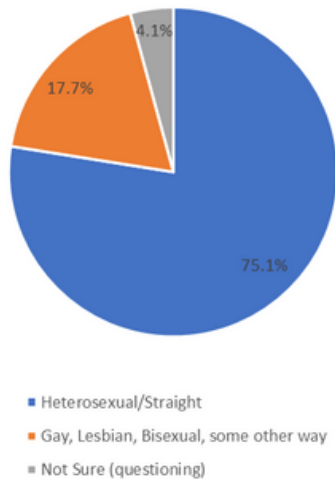


Awareness of romantic attraction typically begins prior to puberty. \*

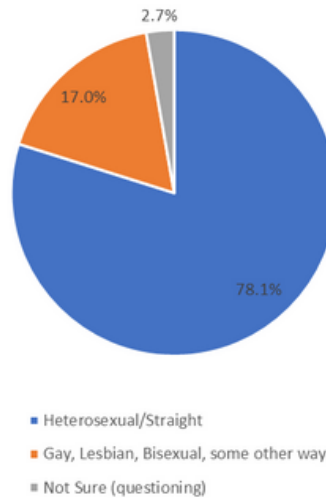


Sexual attraction, behavior, and identity are not always aligned: a person primarily attracted to women may also have sexual contact with men and may or may not identify as gay, bisexual, or straight. \*

**Sexual Identities Among 9th Graders**



**Sexual Identities Among 11th Graders**



Sexual identities among the percentage of 9th through 12th grade students who report their sexual orientation being heterosexual/straight (75.5%), gay, lesbian, bisexual, some other way (15.3%), unsure or questioning (5.2%) and other (3.9%) for national data.

SOURCE: CDC, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021

\*SOURCES: McClintock, M. K., & Herdt, G. (1996). *Rethinking puberty: The development of sexual attraction*  
Lindberg, L. D., Firestein, L., & Beavin, C. (2021). *Trends in U.S. adolescent sexual behavior and contraceptive use, 2006-2019*