

Table 1. Continuation Schools Participating in the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)

School District	Continuation Schools Surveyed	School Enrollment
Carlsbad Unified	Carlsbad Village Academy	127
Escondido Union High	Valley High	377
Fallbrook Union High	Ivy High	143
Grossmont Union High	Chaparral High	257
Oceanside City Unified	Ocean Shores High	215
Poway Unified	Abraxas Continuation High	220
San Diego Unified	Garfield High	305
San Diego Unified	Twain High	305
San Dieguito Union High	Sunset High	132
San Marcos Unified	Twin Oaks High	202
Sweetwater Union High	Alta Vista High	61
Sweetwater Union High	Palomar High	398
Vista Unified	Major General Raymond Murray High	232

Table 1 shows the continuation schools that participated in the CHKS during the 2010/11 school year. The data presented in the CHKS district-level reports include responses from non-traditional students attending these continuation schools and other non-traditional education programs. District-level data for non-traditional students were not available for San Dieguito Union High and Carlsbad Unified.

Table 2. Non-Traditional (NT) Students Surveyed in Districts with Participating Continuation Schools

School District	NT Sample Size	NT Response Rate
Carlsbad Unified	--	--
Escondido Union High	104	56%
Fallbrook Union High	107	45%
Grossmont Union High	121	84%
Oceanside City Unified	206	29%
Poway Unified	68	36%
San Diego Unified	317	77%
San Dieguito Union High	--	--
San Marcos Unified	56	78%
Sweetwater Union High	587	83%
Vista Unified	119	66%

Source: CHKS, 2010/11; County 2009/11 Report

Above, Table 2 shows the sample size and response rate of NT students in each school district with a participating continuation school. In several districts (highlighted), the response rate is too low to generalize findings across the district's NT population. If many of the students who chose not to participate in the CHKS were marijuana users, then it is likely that the actual level of use in the districts is higher than what is reported in the CHKS reports. Actual levels of marijuana use among NT students may therefore be higher in Escondido Union High, Fallbrook Union High, Oceanside City Unified, and Poway Unified.

Table 3. Percent of Non-Traditional (NT) Students Reporting Marijuana Use

School District	Lifetime Use	Current Use	Daily Use	Use on School Property (Past 30 Days)
Escondido Union High	75%	52%	26%	25%
Fallbrook Union High	58%	29%	8%	15%
Grossmont Union High	63%	38%	16%	11%
Oceanside City Unified	74%	24%	17%	16%
Poway Unified*	83%	51%	--	6%
San Diego Unified	40%	24%	7%	7%
San Marcos Unified*	77%	46%	--	17%
Sweetwater Union High *	58%	34%	--	15%
Vista Unified*	61%	34%	--	11%
San Diego County	71%	47%	18%	15%

Source: CHKS, 2010/11; County 2009/11 Report

* Results were estimated based on the percent of male and female non-traditional students reporting use.

Findings from Table 3 show that use among NT students is particularly high in Poway Unified, San Marcos Unified, Escondido Union High, and Oceanside City Unified. In these districts, over 70% of NT students reported that they used or tried marijuana. Daily use is particularly high in Escondido Union High, where approximately one in four NT students reported using marijuana daily. In over half of the districts with participating continuation schools, 15% or more NT students reported using marijuana on school property in the past 30 days.

Table 4. Percent of NT Students Reporting Marijuana Use, by Sex

School District	Lifetime Use		Current Use		Use on School Property (Past 30 Days)	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Escondido Union High	75%	76%	46%	58%	18%	31%
Fallbrook Union High	68%	51%	33%	26%	15%	16%
Grossmont Union High	61%	64%	34%	42%	13%	8%
Oceanside	78%	71%	40%	49%	15%	16%
Poway Unified	83%	83%	50%	52%	4%	7%
San Diego Unified	42%	38%	29%	19%	8%	6%
San Marcos Unified	77%	74%	52%	45%	9%	23%
Sweetwater Union High	57%	58%	33%	35%	14%	16%
Vista Unified	65%	58%	42%	27%	12%	11%
San Diego County	75%	69%	50%	45%	15%	16%

Source: CHKS, 2010/11; County 2009/11 Report

Above, Table 4 shows the prevalence of marijuana use by sex. Although research typically suggests that boys are more likely than girls to engage in substance abuse, the data show that female NT students may be more likely than male NT students to use marijuana. In over half of these districts (highlighted), there is a higher percentage of self-reported lifetime use among girls than among boys.

Table 5. Percent of NT Students Reporting Age of Onset

School District	Before Age 13	Before Age 15
Escondido Union High	36%	56%
Fallbrook Union High	12%	33%
Grossmont Union High	26%	50%
Oceanside City Unified	20%	49%
Poway Unified	--	--
San Diego Unified	12%	27%
San Marcos Unified	--	--
Sweetwater Union High	--	--
Vista Unified	--	--
San Diego County	23%	48%

Source: CHKS, 2010/11; County 2009/11 Report

As shown in Table 5, almost one in four NT students reported that they used marijuana before the age of 13 (approximately the 7th grade) and nearly half reported using it before age 15 (approximately the 9th grade). Age of onset is particularly young in Escondido Union High District, where more than one in three NT students reported using marijuana before they were 13 years old.

Table 6. Percent of NT Students Reporting Great Harm from Marijuana Use

School District	Smoking 1-2 Times per Week	Smoking Occasionally
Escondido Union High	32%	31%
Fallbrook Union High	27%	24%
Grossmont Union High	36%	29%
Oceanside City Unified	27%	27%
Poway Unified	--	--
San Diego Unified	33%	42%
San Marcos Unified	--	--
Sweetwater Union High	--	--
Vista Unified	--	--
San Diego County	26%	24%

Source: CHKS, 2010/11; County 2009/11 Report

Findings reported in Table 6 suggest that non-traditional students are likely to believe that smoking marijuana frequently is just as harmful as smoking marijuana occasionally. In many districts, a similar percentage of students reported that students greatly risk harming themselves when they smoke marijuana once or twice a week and when they smoke marijuana occasionally.

Table 7. Percent of NT Students Reporting Great, Moderate, or Slight Harm from Marijuana Use, by Sex

School District	Smoking 1-2 Times per Week	
	Female	Male
Escondido Union High	69%	65%
Fallbrook Union High	64%	72%
Grossmont Union High	76%	65%
Oceanside City Unified	58%	66%
Poway Unified	76%	46%
San Diego Unified	77%	76%
San Marcos Unified	65%	57%
Sweetwater Union High	69%	64%
Vista Unified	51%	68%
San Diego County	64%	62%

Source: CHKS, 2010/11; County 2009/11 Report

Although female NT students are often more likely to use marijuana than male NT students, female NT students are more likely to believe that frequently smoking marijuana is harmful. In most school districts, a higher percentage of girls than boys reported that marijuana smoking is harmful.