

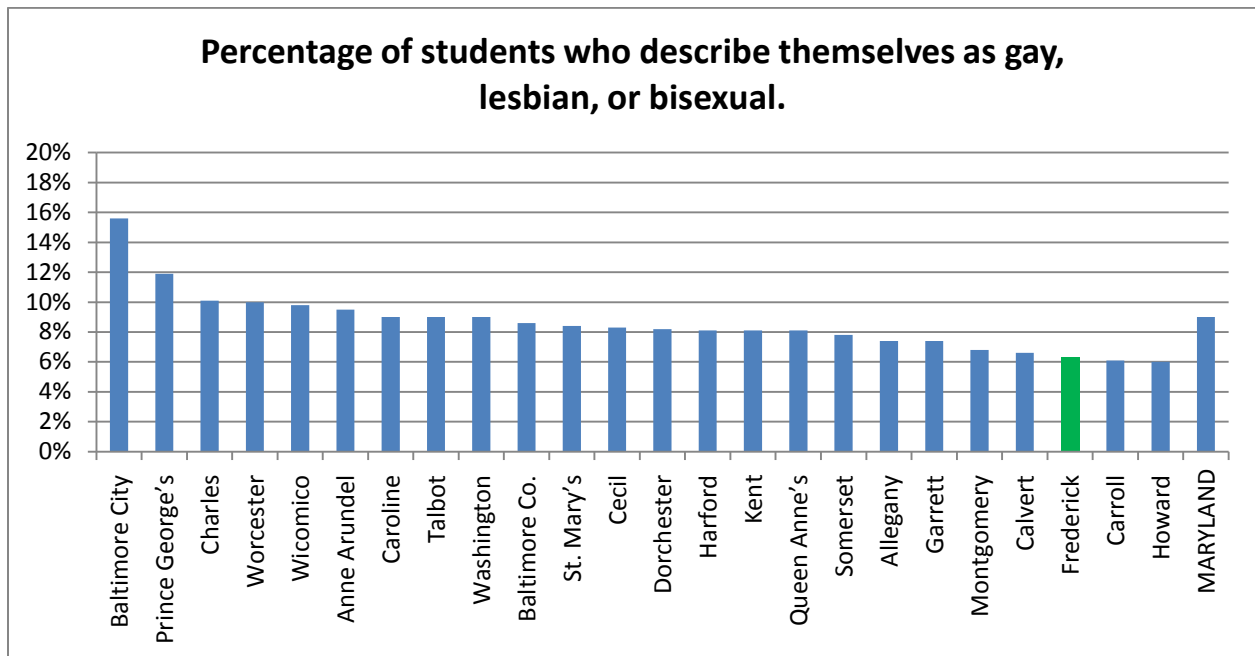
The 2013 Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey was administered to 10 high schools in Frederick County containing grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 to 3,763 students. 3,329 questionnaires were usable after data editing.

County Comparison

6.3% of respondents to the YRBS in Frederick County reported that they described themselves as gay, lesbian, or bisexual. An additional 3.7% reported being not sure in Frederick County. The table below shows Frederick County in comparison to the other jurisdictions in Maryland and the state as a whole.

Jurisdiction	% LGBT	Jurisdiction	% LGBT	Jurisdiction	% LGBT
Allegany	7.4%	Dorchester	8.2%	Queen Anne's	8.1%
Anne Arundel	9.5%	Frederick	6.3%	St. Mary's	8.4%
Baltimore Co.	8.6%	Garrett	7.4%	Somerset	7.8%
Calvert	6.6%	Harford	8.1%	Talbot	9.0%
Caroline	9.0%	Howard	6.0%	Washington	9.0%
Carroll	6.1%	Kent	8.1%	Wicomico	9.8%
Cecil	8.3%	Montgomery	6.8%	Worcester	10.0%
Charles	10.1%	Prince George's	11.9%	Baltimore City	15.6%
				MARYLAND	9.0%

The percentage of students describing themselves as LGBT in Frederick County is lower than for Maryland (9.0%) and is also lower than 20 other jurisdictions in Maryland, as seen in the graph below.



2013 Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey, question 101.

Mental Health

These are the top three biggest differences between the Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students and the Heterosexual students who answered the survey questions:

1. Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students are almost FOUR TIMES (3.9) more likely than Heterosexual students to report having seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months. Half of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported considering attempting suicide.

Heterosexual	Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual
12.9%	50.7%

2. Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students are almost FOUR TIMES (3.8) more likely than Heterosexual students to report having made a plan about how they would attempt suicide during the past 12 months. More than a third of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported having a plan for suicide.

Heterosexual	Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual
9.8%	37.3%

3. Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students are MORE THAN 2 TIMES (2.4) more likely than Heterosexual students to report feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities during the past 12 months. Half of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported feeling this way.

Heterosexual	Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual
21.6%	51.8%

- Almost half (45.7%) of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported ever being bullied on school property during the past 12 months, compared to less than a quarter (22.5%) of Heterosexual students.
- More than a third (36.5%) of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported ever being electronically bullied during the past 12 months, compared to 15.3% of Heterosexual students.
- 31% of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported not having an adult outside of school they can talk to about things that are important to them, compared to 11.1% of Heterosexual students.
- More than a third (34.4%) of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported that they would feel comfortable seeking help from no adults besides their parents if they had an important question affecting their life, compared to 17.5% of Heterosexual students.

Unintentional Injury/Violence

These are the top two biggest differences between the Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students and the Heterosexual students who answered the survey questions on unintentional injury and violence:

1. Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students are FOUR TIMES (4.2) more likely than Heterosexual students to report ever being physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to. Almost 3 out of 10 Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported this answer.

Heterosexual	Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual
6.9%	29.0%

2. Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students are THREE TIMES (3.0) more likely than Heterosexual students to report being forced by someone they were dating or going out with to do sexual things that they did not want to one or more times during the past 12 months (among students who dated or went out with someone during the past 12 months). Almost a third of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported this answer.

Heterosexual	Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual
10.0%	30.2%

- Almost a quarter (24.1%) of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported being physically hurt on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with one or more times during the past 12 months, compared to 7.7% of Heterosexual students.
- Almost a quarter (22.4%) of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported being threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property one or more times during the past 12 months, compared to 7.0% of Heterosexual students.
- Almost a quarter (23.2%) of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported being in a physical fight on school property one or more times during the past 12 months, compared to 8.3% of Heterosexual students.
- Almost 1 in five (17.3%) of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported that they did not go to school on one or more of the past 30 days because they felt they would be unsafe at school or on their way to or from school, compared to 8.2% of Heterosexual students.
- 10.2% of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported that carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property on one or more of the past 30 days, compared to 3.3% of Heterosexual students.

Sexual Activity

These are the top two biggest differences between the Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students and the Heterosexual students who answered the survey questions on sexual activity:

1. Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students are more than 1.5 TIMES more likely than Heterosexual students to report ever having sexual intercourse. More than half Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported this answer, compared to over a third of Heterosexual students.

Heterosexual	Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual
35.5%	55.3%

2. Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students are more than 1.5 TIMES more likely than Heterosexual students to report having sexual intercourse with one or more people during the past three months. Less than half Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported this answer, compared to a quarter of Heterosexual students.

Heterosexual	Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual
25.7%	42.6%

- Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students are more than THREE TIMES more likely to report having sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13 years, 14.2% compared to 3.8% of Heterosexual students.
- 17.6% of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported having had sexual intercourse with four or more people during their life, compared to 9.2% of Heterosexual students.
- 60.6% of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported not using a condom during last sexual intercourse (of those who had had sexual intercourse during the past three months), compared to 42% of Heterosexual students.

Substance Abuse

These are the top two biggest differences between the Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students and the Heterosexual students who answered the survey questions on substance abuse:

1. Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students are almost **THREE TIMES (2.9)** more likely than Heterosexual students to report smoking cigarettes on one or more of the past 30 days. More than a third of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported this answer.

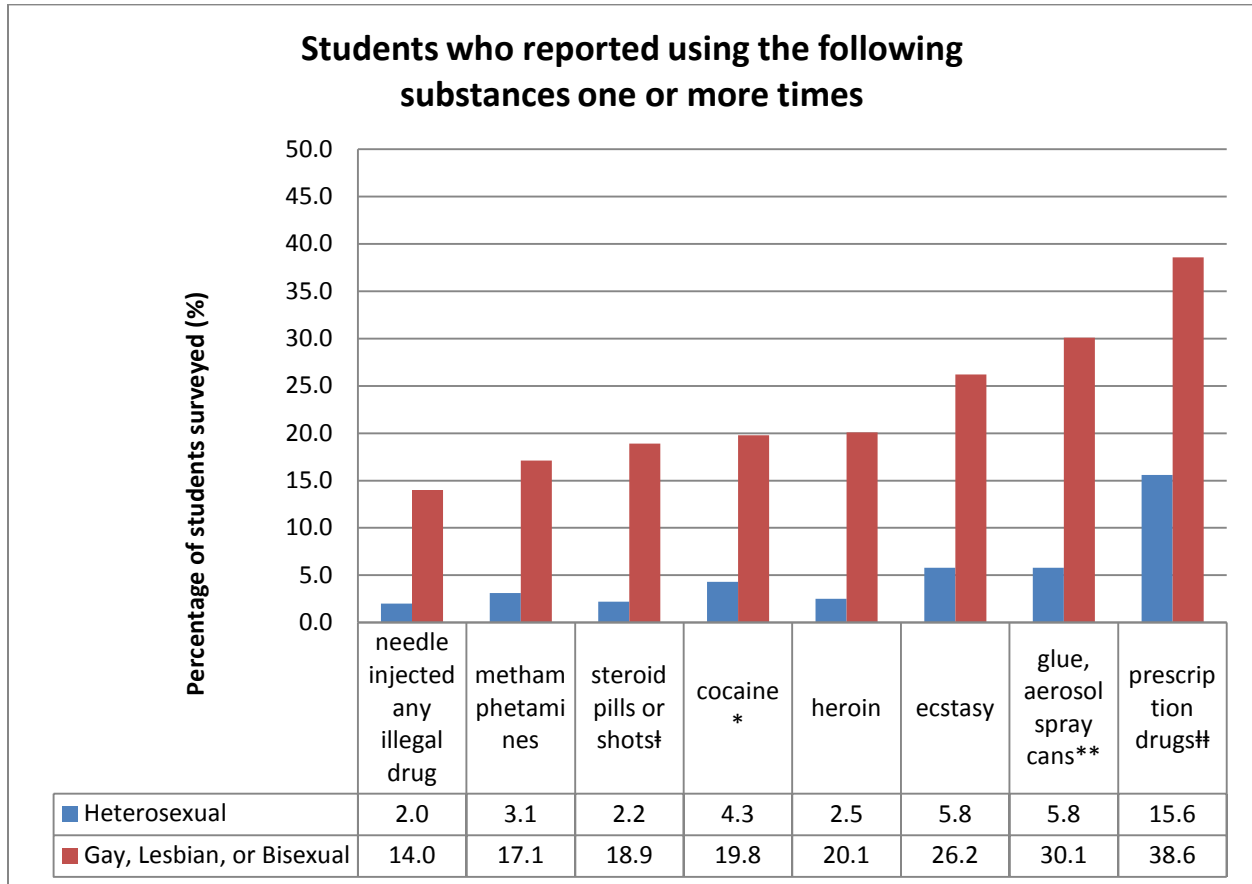
Heterosexual	Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual
12.1%	35.5%

2. Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students are more than **TWO TIMES (2.4)** more likely than Heterosexual students to report having their first drink of alcohol other than a few sips before age 13 years. More than a third of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported this answer.

Heterosexual	Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual
15.8%	37.2%

- Almost half (48.6%) of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported having at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days, compared to a third (35.3%) of Heterosexual students.
- Almost half (46.3%) of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported that their parents would feel it would be a little wrong, not at all wrong, or not sure for them to drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (such as vodka, whiskey, or gin) at least once or twice a month, compared to a third (33.5%) of Heterosexual students.
- Less than a third (32.8%) of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported thinking that people are at no risk or slight risk of harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they have five or more drinks of alcohol (beer, wine, or liquor) once or twice a week, compared to less than a quarter (22.8%) of Heterosexual students.
- 39.9% of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported that they were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug by someone on school property during the past 12 months, compared to a quarter (25.6%) of Heterosexual students.

Substance Abuse, continued



†Without prescription

*Including powder, crack, or freebase

**Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high

‡Without a prescription, such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax

- Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported using the ALL of the substances listed above on one or more occasions at least TWO TIMES more than Heterosexual students.
- Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported using heroin once or more EIGHT TIMES more than Heterosexual students (20.1% compared to 2.5%).
- Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual students reported taking steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription once or more EIGHT TIMES more than Heterosexual students (18.9% compared to 2.2%).