

Why should students participate?

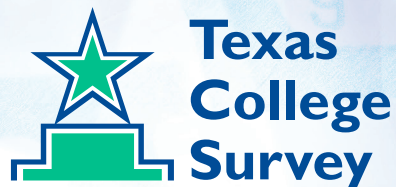
- ♦ College students can help policy makers understand what is really happening on college campuses across the state in terms of drug and alcohol use.
- ♦ Results are anonymous and responses cannot be individually identified, even by the researchers.
- ♦ Survey results may be utilized by schools to design campus programs to help prevent student substance abuse.



Who should use TCS data?

Prevention specialists, colleges and university staff, scholarly researchers, and healthcare providers may find TCS data useful for investigating a wide variety of substance use and behavioral trends among college students. The TCS instrument and methodology report can be found at: <https://texascollegesurvey.org/>.

Requests for TCS data can be sent to the principal investigator, M.P. "Trey" Marchbanks III, PhD at: trey.marchbanks@tamu.edu.



Campus level reports may be available for purchase, upon request.

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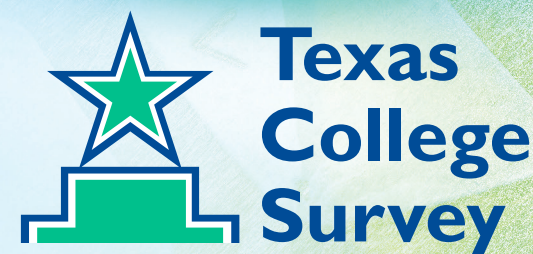
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The Texas College Survey of Substance Use (TCS) collects anonymous data on the health behaviors of college students throughout Texas. The TCS is a collaboration between the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) at Texas A&M and The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). The survey consists of a representative sample of students from public and private universities, colleges, and community colleges sampled statewide.

What is the TCS?

The goal of the TCS is to understand attitudes toward drug and alcohol use and risk behaviors among college students in Texas. Participants are full-time undergraduate students, ages 18-26. Students complete surveys online through a link provided in a recruitment email.

The survey contains questions related to: school activities, alcohol use, licit and illicit drug use, risk behaviors, as well as, demographic information.

PPRI compiles and analyzes raw data from all completed surveys, develops a final report, and delivers the report and data without college identifiers to HHSC after the completion of the project.

There is NO WAY to identify individual schools or student participants from study results.



Aggregate data and reports are published to the TCS website: <https://texascollegesurvey.org/>.

The survey is:

- ♦ Anonymous, such that no students are identified and schools remain confidential
- ♦ Administered in the Spring Semester, every other year
- ♦ Focused on Texas college students only

Why should schools participate?

The TCS is a valuable resource for state agencies and statewide prevention and treatment groups. TCS data can also assist college administrators to develop campus policies and to appropriately tailor assistance programs for students dealing with substance abuse issues and associated risk behaviors. Currently, there is no other survey like this for college students conducted by the state.

If your institution wishes to participate, please e-mail: texascollegesurvey@ppri.tamu.edu, or call: (979) 458-3250. Institutions who are not randomly selected for inclusion in the sample are still welcome to participate.

What PPRI needs from your institution?

- ♦ Student e-mail addresses can be released as public information
- ♦ PPRI does NOT want student names or any other details about students

FERPA concerns?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) provides that schools may disclose, without consent, directory information. FERPA has incorporated e-mail addresses into its most recent definition of directory information. This new definition allows your institution to provide e-mail addresses to PPRI for purposes of the survey, while being consistent with both the intent and specifics of FERPA protections.