

Illicit Behaviour in Five High Schools

FICTITIOUS STUDY DESCRIPTION

DATA: IBFHS.sav

INTRODUCTION: This data has been simulated to represent a fictitious study on illicit behaviour in five high schools. The description below describes the data and the data collection scenario.

SCENARIO: This study investigates the occurrence of specific illicit behaviour at five high schools. We randomly selected 73 males and 77 females ($n = 150$) across five different high schools to participate in the study. Three weeks into the semester we asked students to report their sex, school location, grade level, and current grade point average. At the end of the semester we collected data on their final grade point average, access to marijuana, dollar value of property theft, school property damage, fighting, threatening behaviour, and alcohol consumption.

VARIABLES:

Variable Name	Label	Values	Measure	Question Item
Sex	Respondent sex	0 = Female 1 = Male	Nominal	Please indicate your sex. Male ____ Female ____
School	School location number	1 = Northern High School 2 = Southern High School 3 = Eastern High School 4 = Western High School 5 = Central High School	Nominal	Please indicate which school you attend. ____ Northern High School ____ Southern High School ____ Eastern High School ____ Western High School ____ Central High School
Grade	Respondent grade level	9 = Grade 9 10 = Grade 10 11 = Grade 11 12 = Grade 12	Ordinal	Please indicate what grade you are in? ____ Grade 9 ____ Grade 10 ____ Grade 11 ____ Grade 12
Marijuana	Marijuana availability	1 = Not be able to obtain 2 = Take one week 3 = Take two to three days 4 = Take one day 5 = Take one hour	Interval	If you wanted to buy marijuana at your school how easy would it be to obtain? ____ Would not be able to obtain ____ Would take one week ____ Would take two to three days ____ Would take one day ____ Would take one hour
Stolen	Anything stolen	0 = No 1 = Yes	Nominal	Have you or anyone you know ever had anything stolen at high school? No ____ Yes ____

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Variable Name	Label	Values	Measure	Question Item
Dollar	Dollar value stolen	\$0 if answer to the previous question was No.	Ratio	What was the dollar value of the stolen property? : \$_____
Property	Destroy property	None	Ratio	Over the past semester how often have you witnessed school property being damaged by fellow students? : _____
Fight	Been in fight	0 = No 1 = Yes	Nominal	Have you ever been in a physical fight at this high school? No ____ Yes ____
Threatened	Been threatened	0 = No 1 = Yes	Nominal	Have you ever been physically threatened while at this high school? No ____ Yes ____
Alcohol	Alcohol consumption	None	Ratio	Thinking back over the last semester, how many alcoholic drinks did have you at one occasion? _____
GPA_Pre	GPA at Time 1	None	Ratio	What is your current GPA? : _____.
GPA_Post	GPA at Time 2	None	Ratio	What is your current GPA? : _____.
GPA_Diff	GPA difference	None	Ratio	None. This is a calculated item based on GPA_Post minus GPA_Pre.