CASA GRANDE YOUTH ALLIANCE

YOUTH WELLNESS SURVEY

Survey 1: Culture, Confidence, Mental Health and Social Media – 1571 responses

Survey 2: Supportive People and Community – **1,166 responses**

Survey 3: Stressors, Substances and School – 1086 Responses

Gender: 47% Male, 53% Female

Age: 54% 13-15; 66% 16-18

Ethnicity: 8% American Indian; 4% Asian; 7% African American; 43 Caucasian; 5% Prefer Not to Answer; 3% Other

Hispanic Origin: 58% Hispanic; 42% not Hispanic

Grade: 39% Ninth Grade; 29% Tenth Grade; 22% Eleventh Grade; 11% Twelfth Grade



Core Messages

- Amount of stress that students carry at school on top of the stress of the academic, schools could do more to acknowledge that and work with that.
- Youth stress is at an all time high
- Kids are super stressed about everything in their lives
- Sleep is suffering
- Social media is used as a distraction, escape and stress reliever and is mostly viewed as entertainment.



| Survey #1: Culture, Confidence, Mental Health and Social Media (1,380 answered; 191 skipped) | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|----------|----------------------|
| I have a strong sense of belonging to my own culture | 19.75 | 33.91 | 36.38 | 6.46 | 3.49 |
| I understand pretty well what my cultural group membership means to me | 18.98 | 33.82 | 35.64 | 8.07 | 3.49 |
| I have often done things that will help me understand my cultural background better | 15.36 | 31.15 | 34.06 | 12.81 | 6.62 |
| I have often talked other people in order to learn more about my culture | 15.73 | 26.88 | 31.90 | 16.61 | 8.89 |
| I have spent time trying to find out more about my culture, such as its history, traditions, and customs | 15.00 | 27.97 | 32.56 | 16.24 | 8.23 |
| I feel a strong sense of attachment towards my own cultural group | 17.96 | 27.20 | 34.33 | 13.0 | 7.49 |
| I am happy with my life | 27.57 | 30.93 | 26.55 | 9.85 | 5.11 |
| If something interests me, I try to learn more about it | 36.78 | 43.37 | 16.70 | 2.05 | 1.10 |
| My life will make a difference in the world | 16.14 | 24.47 | 40.10 | 10.37 | 8.91 |
| I feel I am an important part of my community | 11.66 | 19.97 | 44.53 | 15.16 | 8.67 |
| I expected good things to happen to me | 16.59 | 25.70 | 37.81 | 13.00 | 6.90 |
| I like to work on solving problems myself rather than wait and see if someone else will deal with it | 24.24 | 39.30 | 28.46 | 5.60 | 2.40 |
| I like trying new things that are challenging to me | 17.92 | 37.36 | 31.90 | 9.32 | 3.50 |
| I like coming up with new ways to solve problems | 18.86 | 32.92 | 36.20 | 9.25 | 2.77 |
| If I set goals, I take action to reach them | 19.53 | 38.70 | 31.56 | 6.78 | 3.43 |
| Setbacks don't discourage me | 11.87 | 26.01 | 40.66 | 15.24 | 6.23 |



| Survey #1: Culture, Confidence, Mental Health and social media (1,365 answered; 206 skipped) | 1 LOW | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 HIGH |
|--|----------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Indicate where you feel you personally stand right down | 3.53 | 2.94 | 6.70 | 9.93 | 21.41 | 14.13 | 15.60 | 13.91 | 5.22 | 6.92 |
| On which step do you think you will stand about five years from now? | 2.43 | 2.21 | 2.65 | 3.10 | 14.23 | 10.55 | 14.82 | 19.03 | 14.90 | 16.08 |
| How often do you get the social and emotional support you need in a month? | 11.34 | 9.57 | 11.34 | 11.27 | 17.89 | 7.95 | 8.98 | 8.32 | 4.34 | 8.98 |
| In general, how would you rate your emotional health, including your mood and your ability to think? | 6.99 | 5.59 | 9.79 | 11.18 | 18.32 | 10.67 | 11.92 | 10.82 | 6.40 | 8.31 |
| In general how would you rate your physical health? | 3.32 | 3.91 | 7.52 | 9.36 | 18.28 | 11.05 | 14.52 | 13.26 | 9.43 | 9.36 |



| Survey #1: Culture, Confidence, Mental Health and Social Media (1,377 answered; 194 skipped) | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|---|-------------------|-------|---------|----------|----------------------|
| There are people at school that struggle with mental health issues | 48.87 | 31.83 | 16.46 | 1.09 | 1.75 |
| I feel like I need to talk with someone and am struggling to find the right person | 11.08 | 18.08 | 34.33 | 22.59 | 13.92 |
| I am active on Facebook | 5.85 | 6.95 | 15.65 | 14.41 | 57.13 |
| I am active on Instagram | 27.15 | 28.69 | 19.34 | 6.20 | 18.61 |
| I am active on Twitter | 6.37 | 7.91 | 17.44 | 16.41 | 51.87 |
| I am active on Tik-Tok | 35.79 | 20.38 | 14.68 | 6.06 | 23.08 |
| I am active on the Snapchat | 28.79 | 20.88 | 16.78 | 8.06 | 25.49 |
| I engage with social media frequently (at least once an hour) | 29.06 | 27.53 | 22.43 | 10.34 | 10.63 |
| My engagement with social media improves and enhances my life | 11.80 | 24.62 | 41.01 | 11.73 | 10.85 |
| Social media can negatively impact how I feel about myself | 13.76 | 20.31 | 33.99 | 17.90 | 14.05 |
| I use social media to escape from my personal life | 20.09 | 19.72 | 26.56 | 17.18 | 16.45 |
| My peers always use social media appropriately | 13.51 | 24.76 | 39.23 | 14.24 | 8.25 |



| Survey #2: Supportive People and Community (1,096 answered; 70 skipped) | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|----------|----------------------|
| I know an adult who wants to know how I am making my community better | 13.88 | 29.77 | 35.16 | 14.06 | 7.12 |
| I know an adult who helps me when there is conflict in my social life | 18.17 | 37.35 | 28.40 | 9.95 | 6.2 |
| I know an adult who wants me to succeed in a talent of mine | 41.54 | 35.85 | 16.91 | 3.86 | 1.84 |
| I know an adult who helps me achieve my goals in school, like getting better grades | 29.43 | 33.55 | 25.69 | 7.77 | 3.56 |
| If I need some information or advice about something going on my social life, there's an adult I can talk with | 22.82 | 31.16 | 27.22 | 10.82 | 7.96 |
| I can understand what's going on with my community or school | 16.54 | 40.49 | 33.27 | 5.58 | 4.11 |
| I feel like I have a pretty good understanding of the important issues which confront my community or school | 17.06 | 36.95 | 35.77 | 6.11 | 4.11 |
| I have the ability to participate in community or school activities and decision-making | 19.10 | 40.22 | 30.07 | 7.77 | 2.83 |
| My opinion is important because it could someday make a difference in my community or school | 15.19 | 28.36 | 38.52 | 10.25 | 7.69 |
| There are plenty of ways for me to have a say in what our community or school does | 10.61 | 25.71 | 41.35 | 14.82 | 7.5 |
| It is important to me that I make my voice heard in local community issues | 11.71 | 21.13 | 42.09 | 15.92 | 9.15 |
| Most community or school leaders would listen to me | 8.79 | 18.68 | 43.77 | 17.40 | 11.36 |
| Many local activities are important to participate in | 11.46 | 27.22 | 45.46 | 10.17 | 5.68 |
| I have a friend who I can count on to be there for me | 39.67 | 33.91 | 18.92 | 3.56 | 3.93 |
| I have a family member I can count on to be there for me | 39.58 | 32.36 | 20.11 | 3.93 | 4.02 |
| I have an adult in my life that cares about my future | 50.05 | 29.59 | 16.99 | 1.64 | 1.74 |
| I have at least one teacher who makes me excited about the future | 27.85 | 31.53 | 25 | 9.56 | 6.07 |

| Survey #2:Supportive People and Community (1,093 answered; 73 skipped) | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------------------|
| My parents support me when it comes to me and my accomplishments | 38.28 | 33.52 | 22.07 | 3.94 | 2.20 |
| At home, I often feel included, heard, acknowledged, and am praised | 21.61 | 30.86 | 31.78 | 9.52 | 6.23 |
| I believe that Casa Grande is a safe place to live | 13.38 | 27.13 | 44.55 | 9.26 | 5.68 |
| They gang violence in my community concerns me | 8.71 | 15.31 | 39.05 | 20.26 | 16.68 |
| I am actively involved in afterschool student activities, clubs, and/or sports | 19.74 | 19.56 | 26.54 | 18.64 | 15.52 |
| I sometimes feel overwhelmed by pressure at home | 19.85 | 23.81 | 32.17 | 14.06 | 10.11 |



| Survey #3: Stressors, Substance and School (1,038 answrd; 57 skipped) | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|----------|----------------------|
| I feel safe at school | 12.64 | 37.21 | 37.91 | 7.92 | 4.31 |
| Teachers/staff are always willing to help with schoolwork | 18.67 | 43.13 | 29.40 | 6.0 | 2.80 |
| My teachers should allow for lots of interaction during class | 12.49 | 34.17 | 39.30 | 10.75 | 3.29 |
| During classes, students seem to pay attention and are interested in learning | 5.30 | 17.84 | 45.13 | 21.31 | 10.41 |
| I have the opportunity to work with other students on projects | 13.42 | 40.54 | 33.59 | 8.01 | 4.44 |
| When I ask questions, my teachers promptly respond | 17.49 | 46.47 | 28.60 | 4.64 | 2.80 |
| I wish there were more and different kinds of activities for students after school | 21.35 | 26.76 | 39.81 | 8.21 | 3.86 |
| I am concerned about the substance use that I see (alcohol and other drugs) | 10.98 | 18.59 | 32.85 | 20.23 | 17.34 |
| I sometimes feel overwhelmed by pressure at school | 29.43 | 29.33 | 23.52 | 9.97 | 7.74 |
| I need something to help take my mind off stress | 29.17 | 27.71 | 25.87 | 9.50 | 7.75 |
| There are people in my life (family, friends, neighbors) that use substances (tobacco, alcohol and other drugs) | 16.41 | 22.49 | 25.39 | 17.66 | 18.05 |
| There are people in my life (family, friends, neighbors) that are dependent/addicted to substances (tobacco, alcohol or other drugs) | 11.41 | 13.54 | 22.92 | 21.76 | 30.37 |
| I feel pressured to use substances (alcohol or other drugs) | 2.42 | 4.94 | 13.76 | 23.35 | 55.52 |
| I understand how use of substances (alcohol or other drugs) impacts my development, including how it impacts my intellectual and emotional development | 46.67 | 32.27 | 14.69 | 2.32 | 4.06 |
| I believe that preventing substance misuse is important | 37.68 | 33.91 | 23.09 | 2.13 | 3.19 |
| believe that substance misuse, abuse and addiction is a problem in our community | 25.99 | 28.31 | 31.40 | 9.37 | 4.93 |
| My school expects my best efforts every school day | 26.89 | 43.33 | 23.40 | 3.29 | 3.09 |
| My school actively encouragement is me to improve my skills and abilities | 26.89 | 43.33 | 23.40 | 3.29 | 3.09 |
| My school encourages me to think positively about my future | 23.67 | 37.83 | 29.49 | 5.24 | 3.78 |
| My school empowers me to set and work toward achieving my college and career goals | 24.93 | 34.20 | 30.43 | 6.28 | 4.15 |
| My school encourages and empowers me to set and achieve personal goals | 24.30 | 34.60 | 30.03 | 6.12 | 4.96 |

| Survey #3: Stressors Substances and School (1,038 answered; 57 skipped) | Very stressed | Somewhat stressed | Not stressed |
|---|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| How stressed are you that you or someone in your family will catch Covid-19? | 19.27 | 44.51 | 36.22 |
| How stressed are you about your family's finances (like ability to pay bills, purchase groceries, etc.) | 18.26 | 39.13 | 42.61 |
| How stressed are you thinking about the safety of your family and our community? | 13.75 | 40.17 | 46.08 |



Casa Grande Youth Alliance Next Steps:

- Work with youth to analyze survey results.
- Train youth to conduct focus groups.
- Align on top priorities.
- Design culturally relevant, arts-based and/or community service projects to shine a spotlight on what matters most to youth.

