

Results from the Search Institute Survey

Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors (A&B), 2019-2020

The A&B Survey:

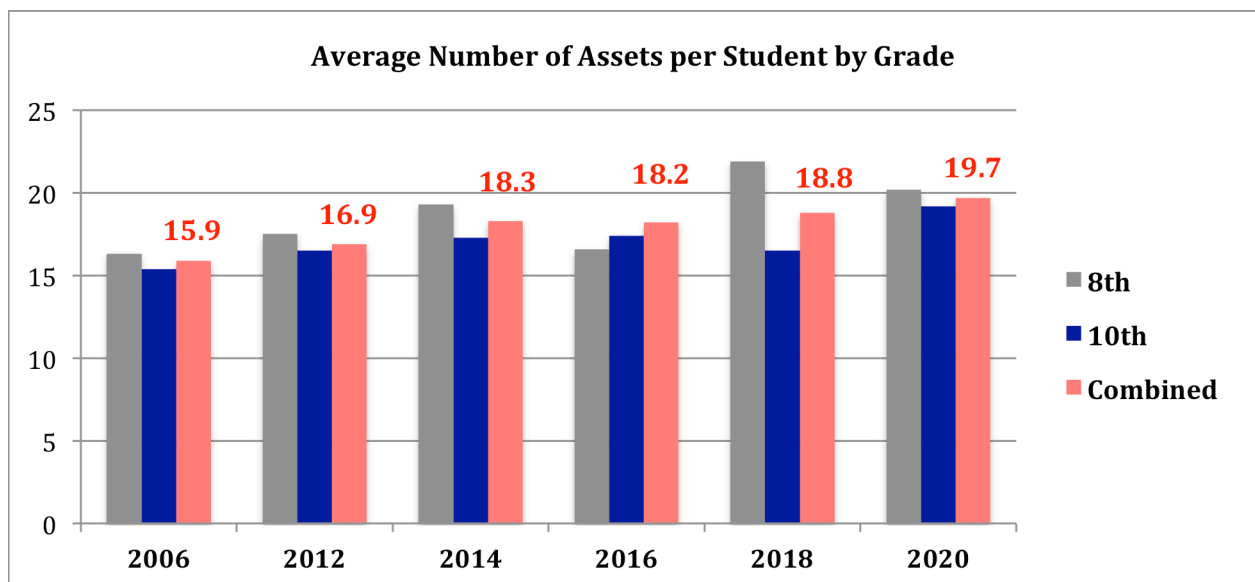
In line with the Morgan County Partnership’s comprehensive strategic plan to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse through building the developmental assets of the county’s youth, the Partnership administers Search Institute’s **Attitudes & Behaviors** survey. This survey is administered every two years to 8th and 10th graders in Morgan County Schools. A total of 239 students completed the survey during the 2019-2020 school year. The **A&B** survey gives a snapshot of the current experiences and perspectives of the youth in our schools, programs and community. This report summarizes the extent to which youth experience the Developmental Assets and how the assets relate to their behavior and overall health.

The more assets kids have, the better. Youth with high asset levels are less likely to engage in high-risk behaviors (such as violence, sexual activity, drug use, and suicide), and more likely to engage in thriving behaviors (such as helping others, doing well in school, and taking on leadership roles). Assets are crucial for the healthy development of all youth, regardless of their community size, geographic region, gender, economic status, race, or ethnicity. The table below presents the average number of assets reported by Morgan County students between 2012 and 2020;

Average Number of Assets Reported by Youth between 2012 & 2020					
# of Assets	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
0-10	22%	19%	17%	14%	14%
11-20	50%	41%	47%	48%	39%
21-30	22%	32%	28%	30%	36%
31-40	6%	7%	8%	8%	10%

Average Number of Developmental Assets in Youth

A Search Institute longitudinal study found that the average number of assets reported by adolescents in the 6th through 8th grades tends to decrease as they move into the 9th through 12th grades. The chart below shows the average number of assets reported by Morgan County youth:



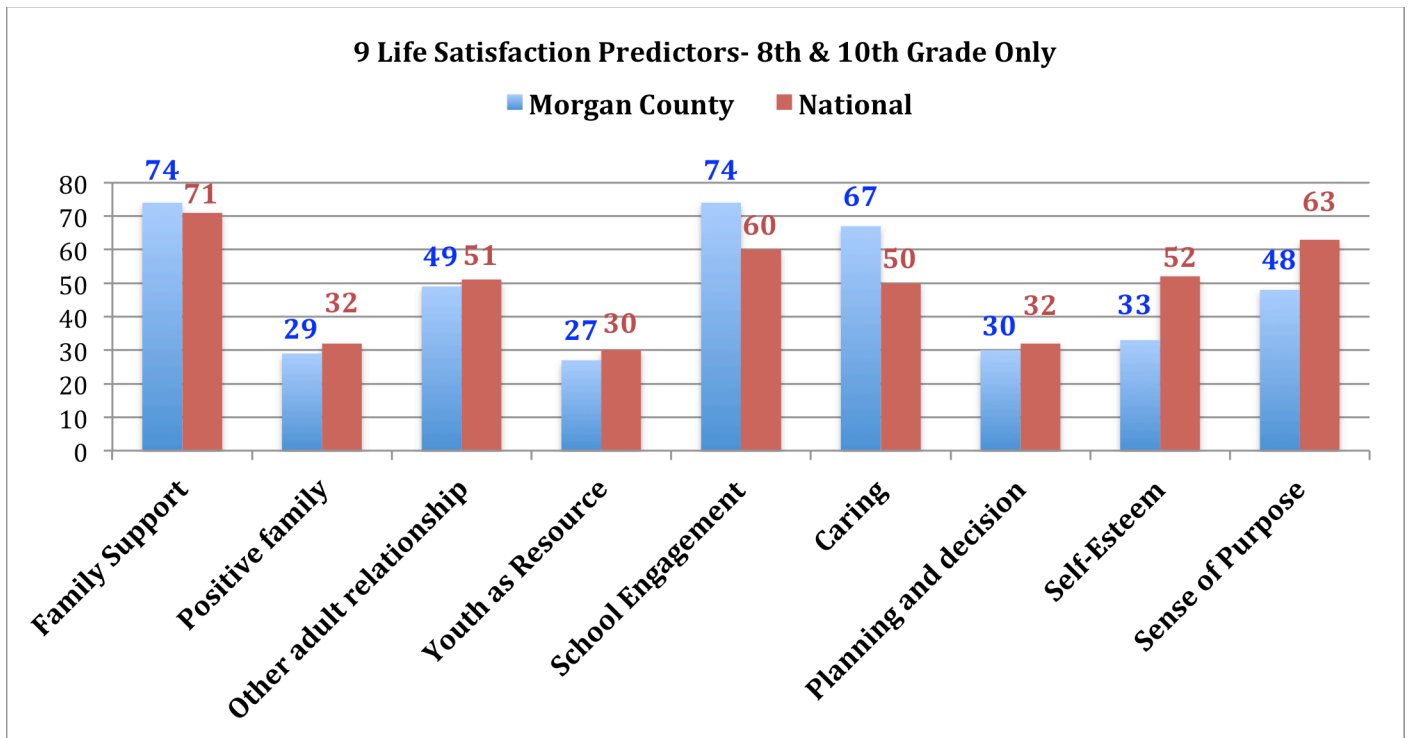
Overview of Survey Results:

Positive & Negative Asset Changes between 2018 & 2020 among 8th & 10th graders	
Number of POSITIVE youth asset changes:	37
Number of NEGATIVE youth asset changes:	16
Number of youth assets that did not change:	1
Number of significant POSITIVE youth asset changes (>5 point difference):	11
Number of significant NEGATIVE youth asset changes (>5 point difference):	6

Assets with the most significant (>10 point change) <u>positive</u> change between 2018 & 2020 Other adult relationships +11 Safety +11 School Engagement +42
Assets with the most significant (>10 point change) <u>negative</u> change between 2018 & 2020 Achievement Motivation -10 Self-Esteem -10
Assets with <u>no changes</u> between 2018 & 2020 Creative Activities

9 Predictors of Life Satisfaction:

During a study on life satisfaction and the developmental assets, these nine assets emerged as independent and significant predictors of life satisfaction. Self-Esteem made the largest contribution to predicting life satisfaction. The chart below compares the 2019-2020 Morgan County A&B Survey results with National data. The National data was taken from Search Institutes guide called “*A Fragile Foundation: The State of Developmental Assets among American Youth*”.





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