

Natick's Metro West Adolescent Metro West Survey Data

In 2006, the MetroWest Community Health Care Foundation embarked on a ten-year initiative to provide Natick as well as communities with timely, local data on the health and risk behaviors of youth. To accomplish this goal, the **MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey** (*MWAHS*) is being administered every other year to middle and high school students in the MetroWest region.

Topics include tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, dietary behaviors, physical activity, sexual behavior (high school only), suicide and violence. Additional topics have been added and now also include prescription drug misuse, stress and mental health, school attachment, dating violence and bullying.

The Natick survey is administered in the late fall and results are shared with the school committee and the community the following spring. Our next survey will be conducted in Nov 2012. To learn more, contact Erica Dinerman @508-647-6623.