



# **Sonoma County**

## Office of Education

**California State Assembly  
Budget Subcommittee No.2 Education Finance and  
Education  
Pandemic Response Oversight: Learning Recovery,  
Chronic Absenteeism, and Enrollment Loss**

11-30-2021





## Sonoma COE Snapshot

- Sonoma County Schools continue a steady decline in enrollment, remaining in the top 5 in CA.
- Sonoma County Schools are expected to experience the fourth largest decline in enrollment over the next ten years at almost a 17 % decline.
- Declining enrollment causes more than financial issues for districts, to include:
  - Loss of relationships with teachers, friends, due to moves, layoffs, and school closures
  - Negative impacts on school climate and culture
  - Exacerbation of the traumatic experience for long term staff, students, and families exposed to fires, floods
- Student survey data from Youth Truth indicate six key themes important to students:
  - The FIRES & COVID Effect
  - Learning
  - Motivation
  - Obstacles to Learning
  - Relationships with Teachers
  - Belonging & Friendship



## Data

- Youth Truth (April 2021)
  - 46% of students report feeling stressed “often” or “all the time”
  - 12% of Sonoma County students, **over 1000 students**, report seriously considering suicide
  - Only 34% of Sonoma County students believe that their school has programs or services that can help if they are feeling stressed, upset or having problems
  - Only 32% of students report having an adult at school they can talk to when they are feeling stressed, upset or having problems
- PsySTART (on-going)
- Unfilled Counseling positions across Sonoma County Schools
  - Edjoin reflects 18 open positions (November 2021)
- District Needs Assessments
  - 100% of SAMHSA District Partners named “direct individual and group counseling” as the number one priority for continued support (November 2021)





## Addressing Needs

- COE Counseling Teams Assigned to Districts with Menu of Services available
- Streamlined approach to connect students and families to additional community based services
- Stepped Triage to Care Approach
  - Situational Screening, Parent Training, Direct Training of Staff, Direct Counseling Services
- Survey and Triage Tools for Students
  - YouthTruth
  - PsySTART
- Survey and Services for Staff
  - Staff Warmlines supported by Counseling Staff
  - Wellness Activities (Self-Care, Emotional Regulation, Sensory Regulation, Available Resources to Staff in the Community)
- Social Emotional Learning Community of Practice supported by COE
- Counseling Collaborative supported by COE
- Development of Field Education Program for Intern Counselors (22-23 School year)
- Systems Improvement Workshops for Districts and COE



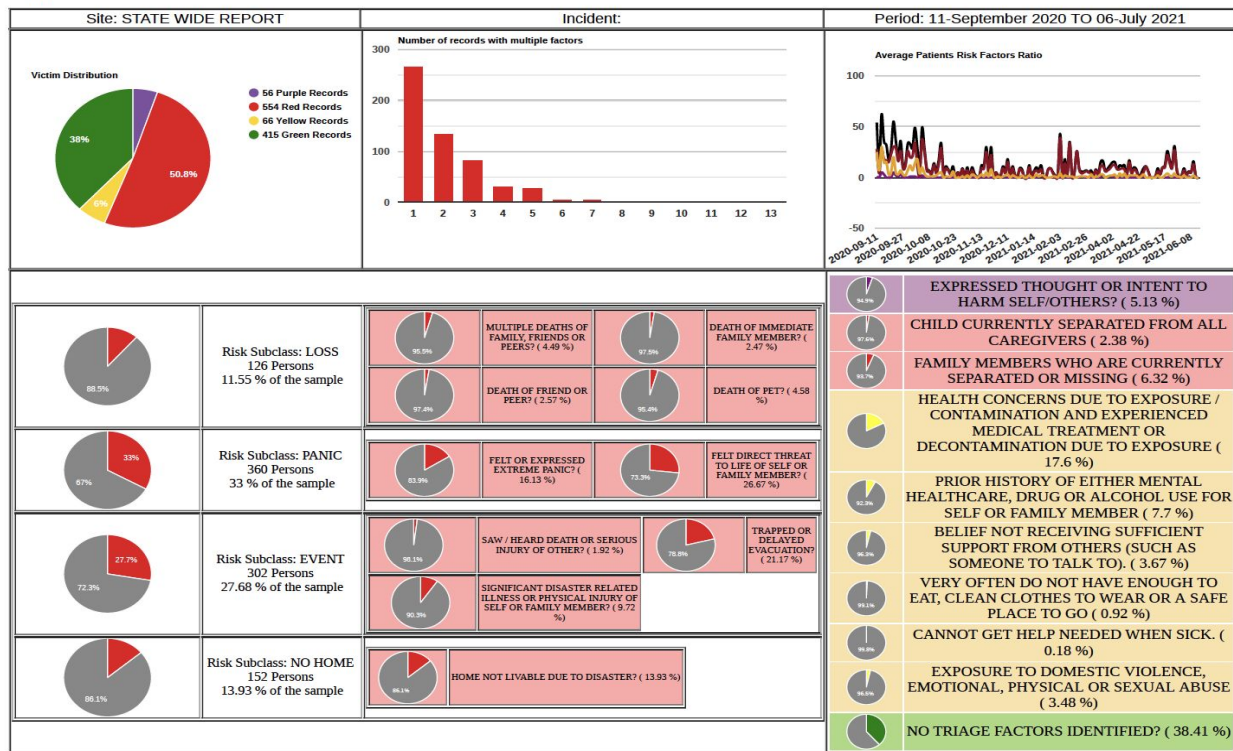
## PsySTART Rapid Disaster MH Triage Systems

- Real-time situational awareness: risk types, levels, locations and resource gaps
- Geo-coded information “risk mapping”
- Floating “cut off” score permits targeted high-risk outreach and linkage priorities
- Integrated acute danger, disaster/active shooter-terrorism, COVID-19 risk and prior trauma risk indicators in one tool
- New version allows parent and student “self-triage” option
- Allows for a single, real time “common operating picture” across local health care coalitions: schools, hospitals, behavioral health
- WRAP-EM version available at no cost in WA,OR,CA,NV,AZ,UT

# PsySTART Pediatric Community Risk Surveillance(9/20/20 -3/21/21)



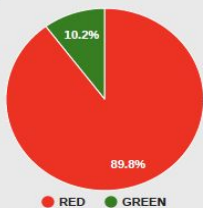
Sonoma County Office of Education PsySTART Situational Awareness Report 6 JULY 21



Site: County

Report Period: 25-Oct-21 - 02-Nov-21

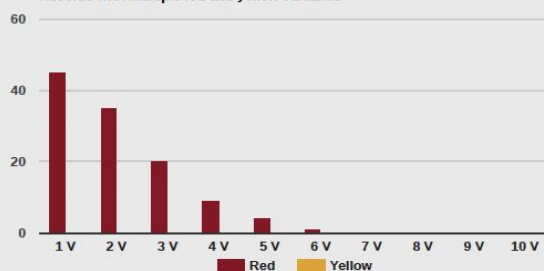
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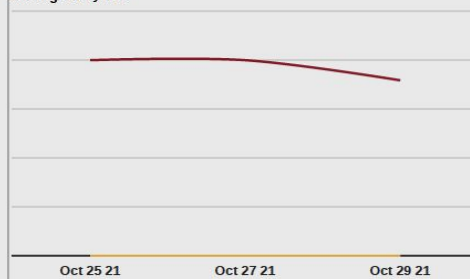
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Total Records: 216

Records with multiple red and yellow variables



Average daily risk



37%  
none



When the wildfire, flood, or COVID-19 pandemic happened did you feel scared or helpless?

33%  
none



When the wildfire, flood, or COVID-19 pandemic happened did you think that you OR your family members would get injured, sick or die?

70%  
none



Did you have to evacuate or leave your home because of the wildfire or flood?

26%  
none



Was it hard to evacuate to a safe place during the wildfire or flood, or did it take a long time to get to a safe place?

14%  
none



Did you have to move somewhere else for a while because the place you lived was damaged in a flood or wildfire?

12%  
none



Did anyone in your family get hurt in the wildfire, flood, or sick with COVID-19, and had to see a doctor or go to a hospital?

6%  
none



Did anyone in your family die in the wildfire, flood, or of COVID-19?

2%  
none



Did any of your close friends die in the wildfire, flood or of COVID-19?

5%  
none



Did any of your pets die in the wildfire or flood?

31%  
none



Did you see others who were hurt or sick in the wildfire, flood or COVID-19?

10%  
none

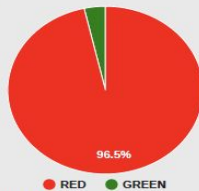


NONE of these happened to me

Site: County

Report Period: 18-Oct-21 - 31-Oct-21

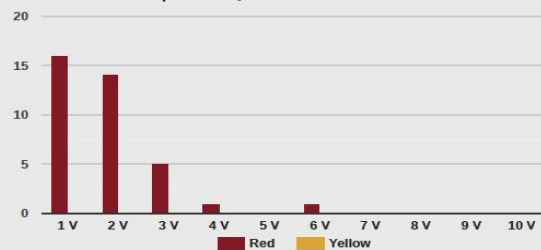
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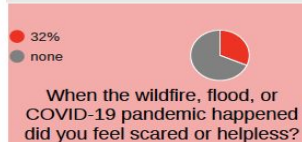
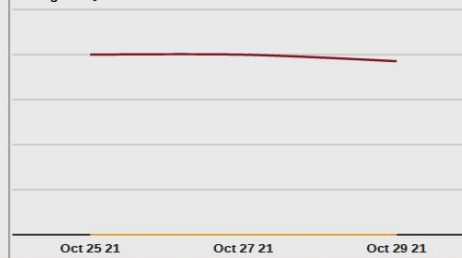
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Total Records: 57

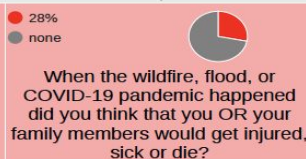
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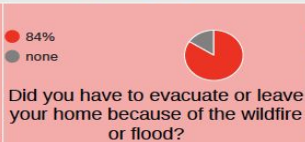
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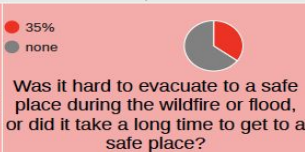
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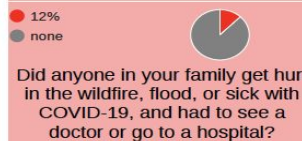
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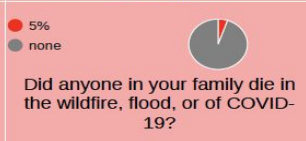
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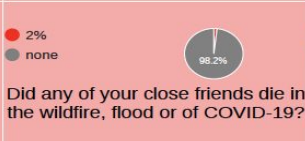
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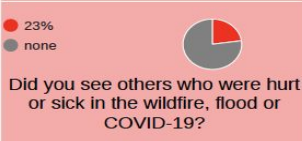
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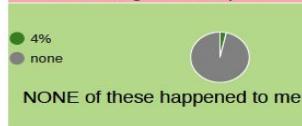
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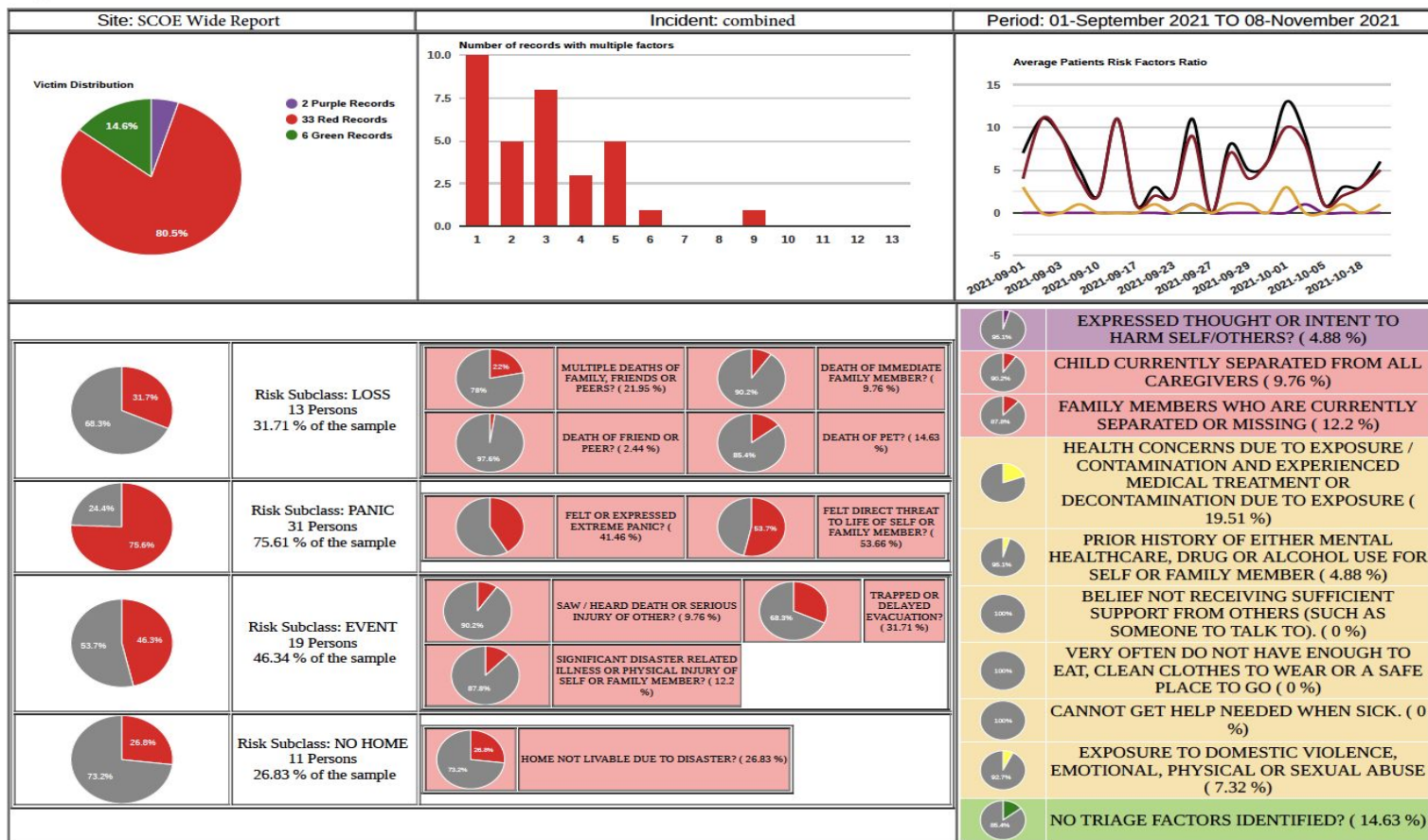


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### Filters

#### Date

2021-10-25

to

2021-10-30

#### Incident

All Incidents

Submit

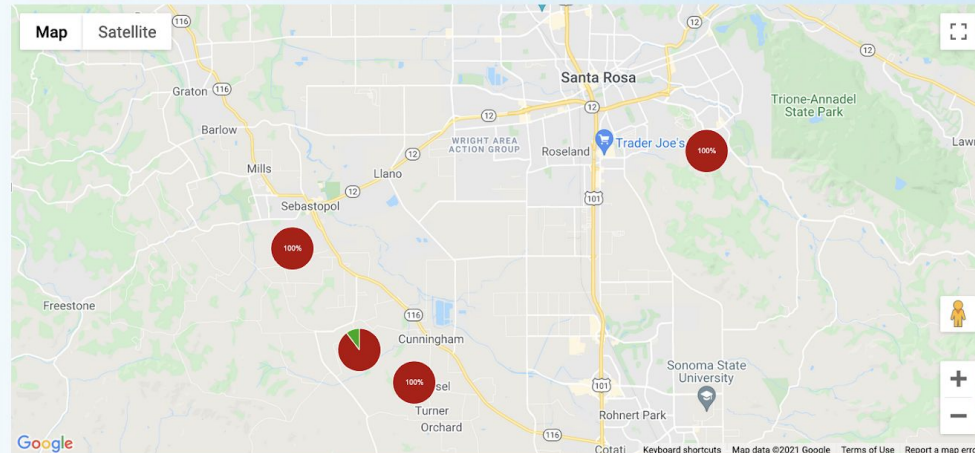
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☐ Location

☐ Region

☐ Site-Groups

☐ County



Date

25-Oct-21 to 30-Oct-21

Aggregation

location

Age

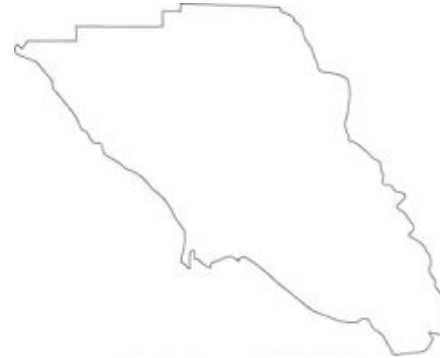
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# THE SONOMA COUNTY EXPERIENCE

## Youth Truth Data (2019-2020)

11,965 students

37 schools



# THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE

## BY COVID-19 IMPACT

Yes No Can't remember

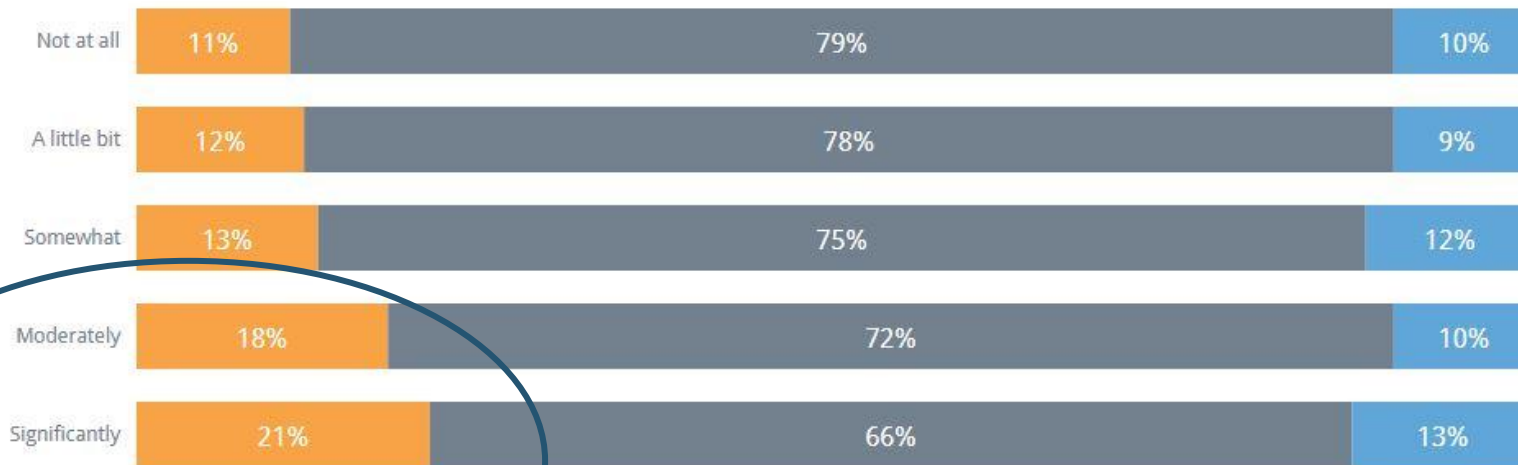


Subgroup: COVID Affect

# THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE

## BY FIRE IMPACT

Yes No Can't remember



Subgroup: Fire Impact

# OBSTACLES TO LEARNING

*“Do any of the following make it hard for you to do the at-home learning opportunities provided by your school?”*



Sonoma County High School Students



Non-Sonoma County High School Students Surveyed with similar questions during similar time



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