

**2007 YOUTH RISK
BEHAVIOR SURVEY
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT:**

**COMPARISON OF DEKALB
COUNTY, GEORGIA AND
NATIONAL DATA**



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INTRODUCTION

The *2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Supplemental Report: Comparison of DeKalb County, Georgia and National Data* is intended to complement the results that are summarized in the *2007 DeKalb County Youth Risk Behavior Survey* report¹.

This supplemental report compares the health behaviors of DeKalb County high school students to the health behaviors of high school students in the state of Georgia and the United States².

Only responses that showed a significant difference in 2007 between DeKalb County high school students and either Georgia or US high school students are presented in this supplemental report. The text on the left side of each page explains whether DeKalb County high school students were more or less likely to engage in a behavior than high school students in Georgia or the US, followed by a list of the corresponding behaviors. The graphs on the right side of the page show the percentage of high school students who engaged in each risk behavior in 2007 in DeKalb County, Georgia and the US.

¹The *2007 DeKalb County Youth Risk Behavior Survey* report summarizes 2007 DeKalb County survey results and highlights changes in DeKalb County between 2003, 2005 and 2007.

²This supplemental report does not make comparisons between behaviors of Georgia and US high school students.

UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES AND VIOLENCE, 2007 YRBS

Compared to other high school students in Georgia, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **more likely** to:

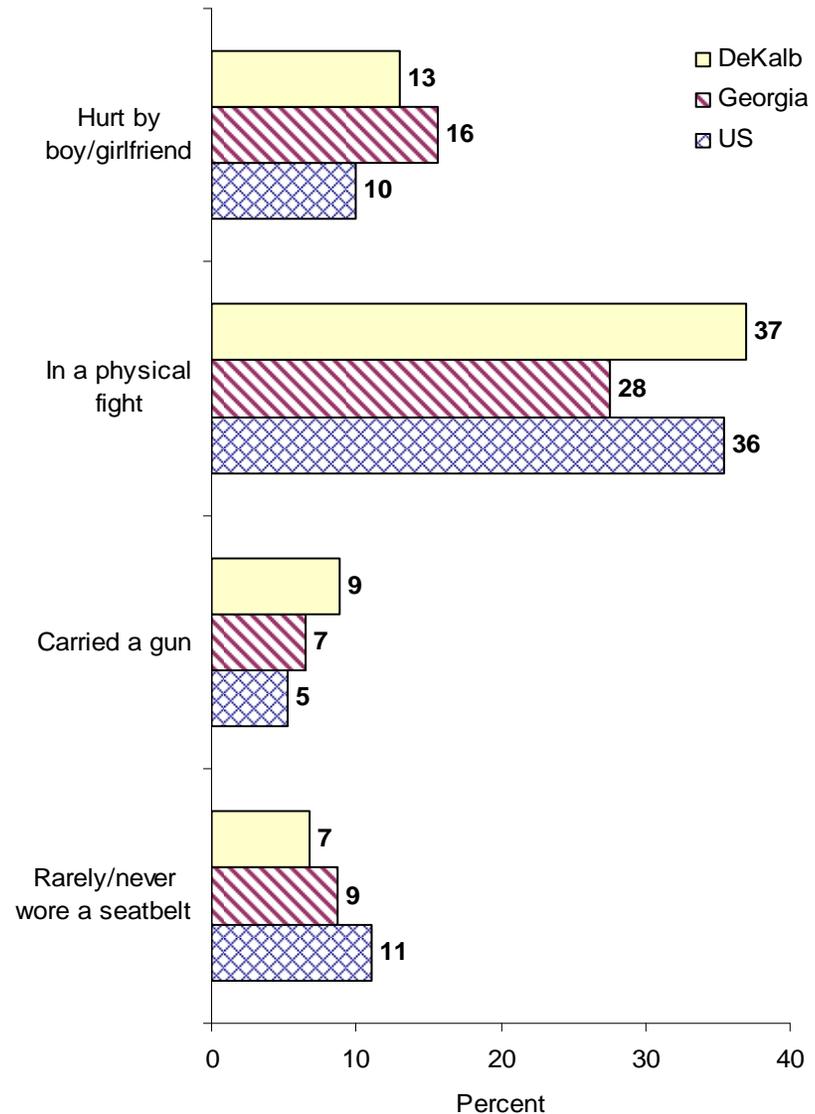
- Have been in a physical fight one or more times in the past 12 months

Compared to other high school students in the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **more likely** to:

- Have been hit, slapped or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past 12 months
- Carry a gun on 1 or more of the past 30 days

Compared to other high school students in the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

- Rarely or never wear a seatbelt when riding in a car driven by someone else



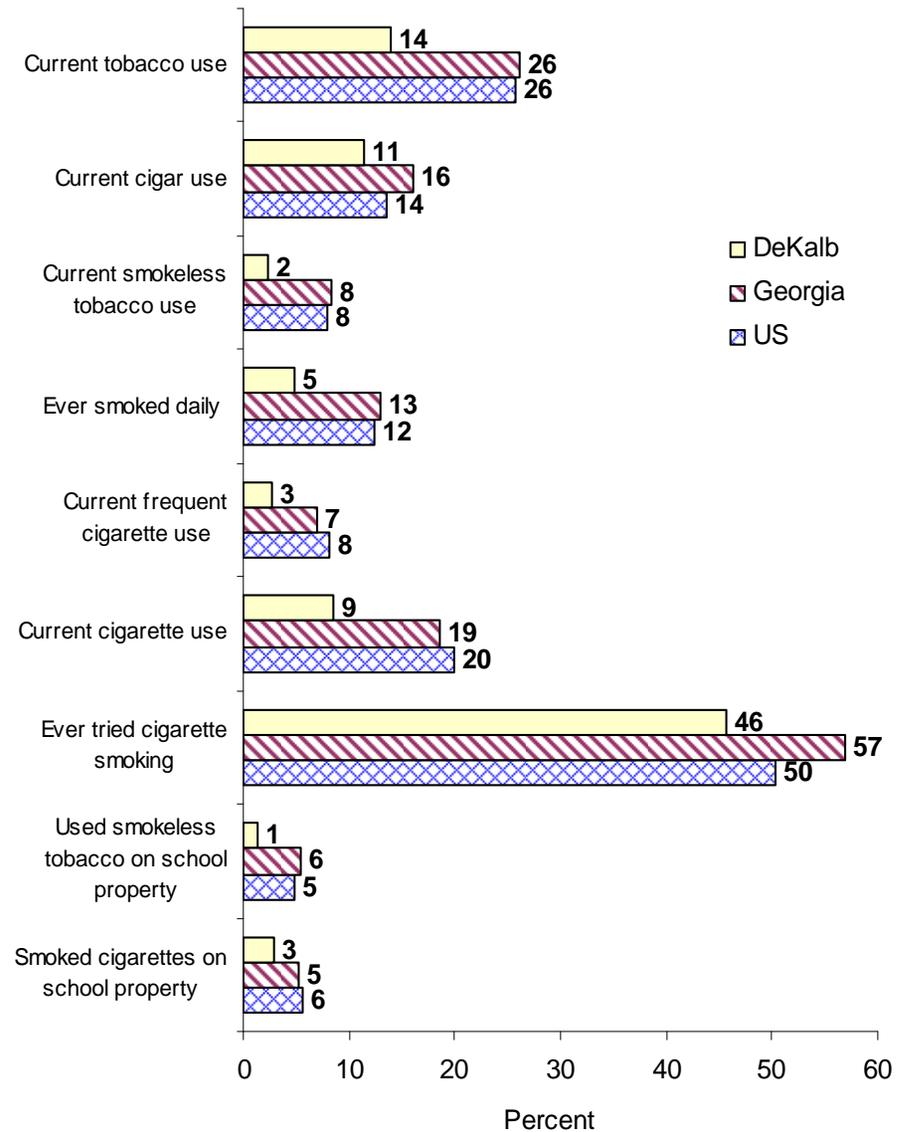
TOBACCO USE, 2007 YRBS

Compared to other high school students in Georgia and the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

- Currently use tobacco¹
- Currently use smokeless tobacco¹
- Have ever smoked cigarettes daily
- Have smoked frequently, if a current smoker^{1,2}
- Currently smoke cigarettes¹
- Have used smokeless tobacco on school property on 1 or more of the past 30 days
- Have smoked cigarettes on school property on 1 or more of the past 30 days

Compared to other high school students in Georgia, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

- Currently smoke cigars¹
- Have ever smoked a cigarette



¹Current use is defined as use on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.

²Frequent use is defined as use on 20 or more days during the 30 days before the survey.

ALCOHOL USE AND DRINKING AND DRIVING, 2007 YRBS

Compared to other high school students in Georgia and the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

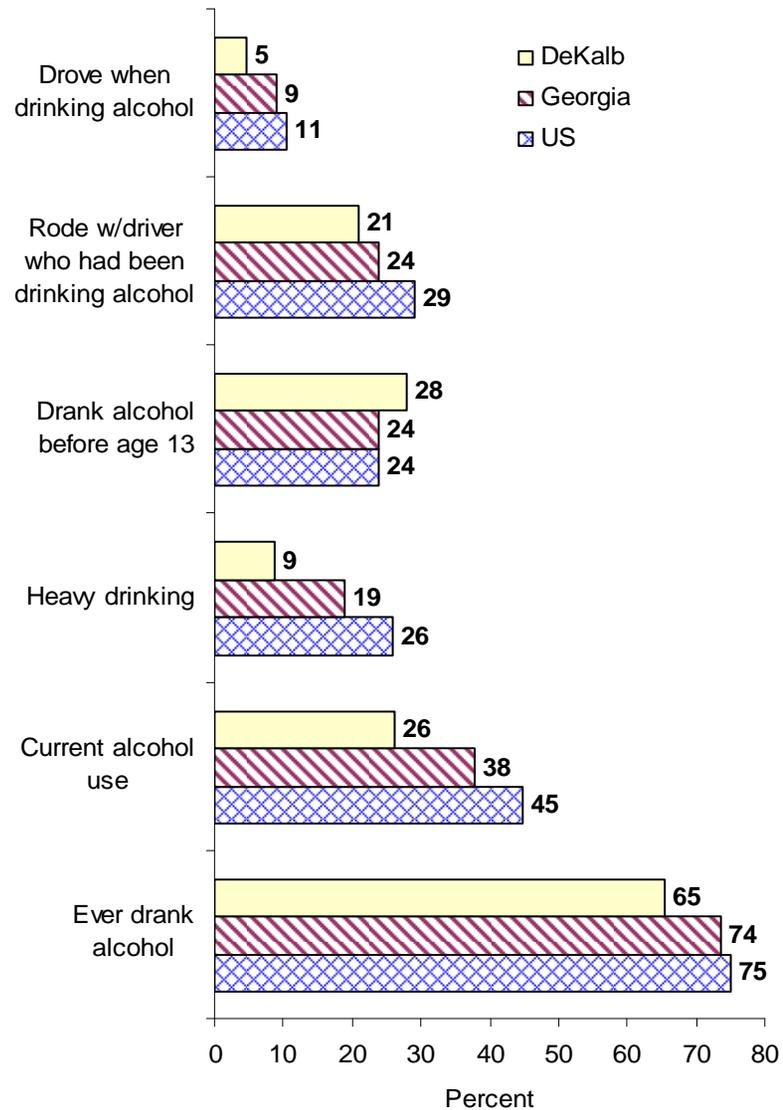
- Have driven when drinking alcohol on at least 1 of the past 30 days
- Engage in heavy drinking¹
- Engage in current alcohol use²
- Have ever drank alcohol

Compared to other high school students in Georgia, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **more likely** to:

- Drink alcohol before age 13

Compared to other high school students in the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

- Have ridden with a driver who had been drinking alcohol on at least 1 of the past 30 days



¹Had 5 or more drinks in a row within a couple of hours on at least 1 of the past 30 days.
²Current use is defined as use on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.

ILLEGAL DRUG USE, 2007 YRBS

Compared to other high school students in Georgia and the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **more likely** to:

- Try marijuana before age 13

Compared to other high school students in Georgia and the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

- Have ever tried methamphetamines

Compared to other high school students in Georgia, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

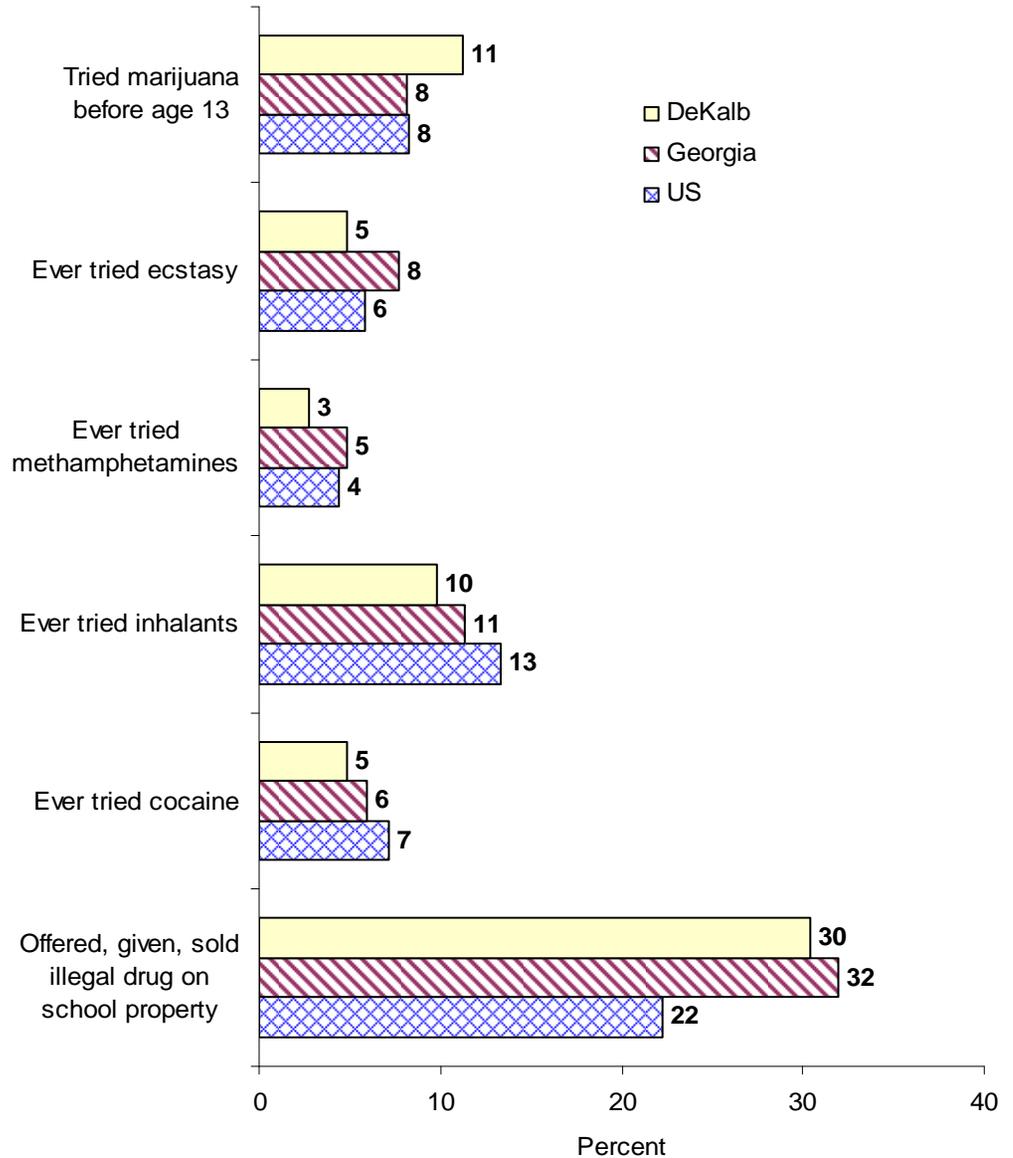
- Have ever tried ecstasy

Compared to other high school students in the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **more likely** to:

- Have been offered, given, or sold an illegal drug on school property during the past 12 months

Compared to other high school students in the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

- Have ever tried inhalants
- Have ever tried cocaine



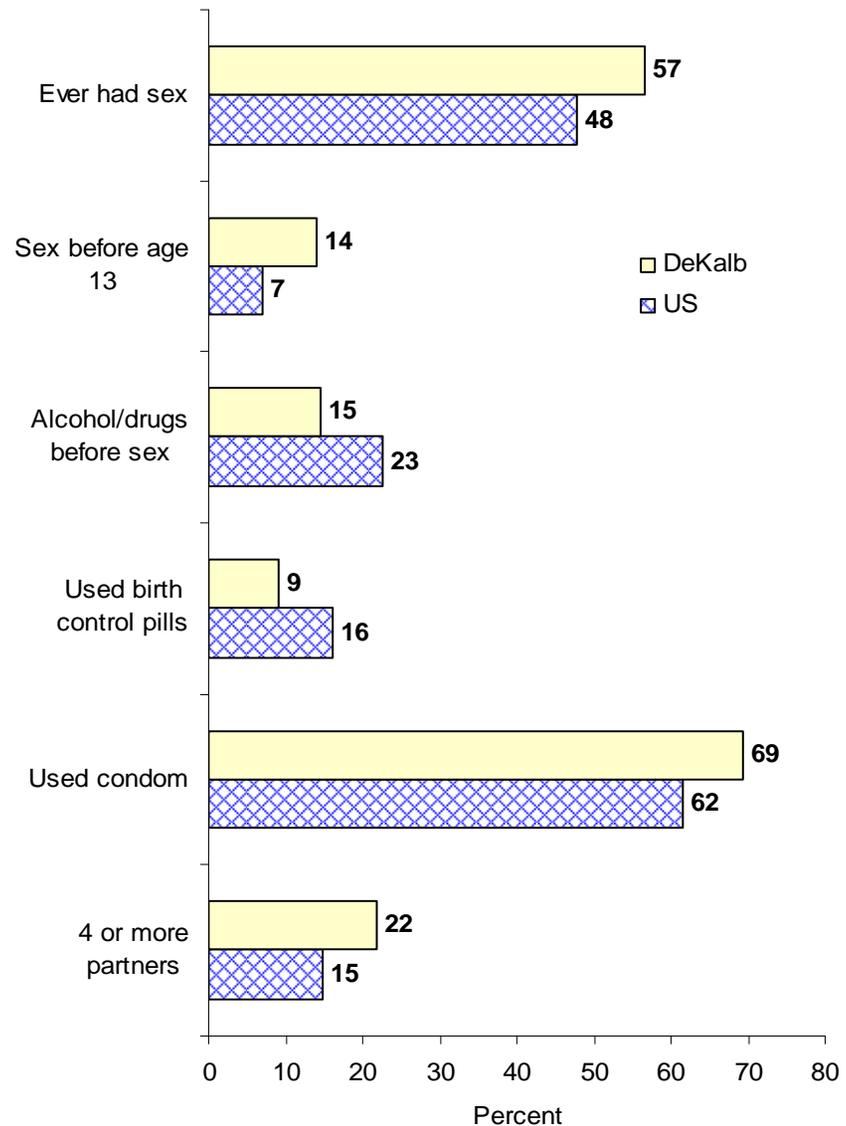
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, 2007 YRBS*

Compared to other high school students in the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

- Use alcohol or drugs before sex¹
- Use birth control pills¹

Compared to other high school students in the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **more likely** to:

- Have ever had sex
- Have had sex before age 13
- Use a condom¹
- Have had 4 or more sexual partners in their life-time



*Results for Georgia not available.

¹Of students who had sex during the 3 months before the survey.

WEIGHT AND DIETARY BEHAVIORS, 2007 YRBS

Compared to other high school students in Georgia and the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

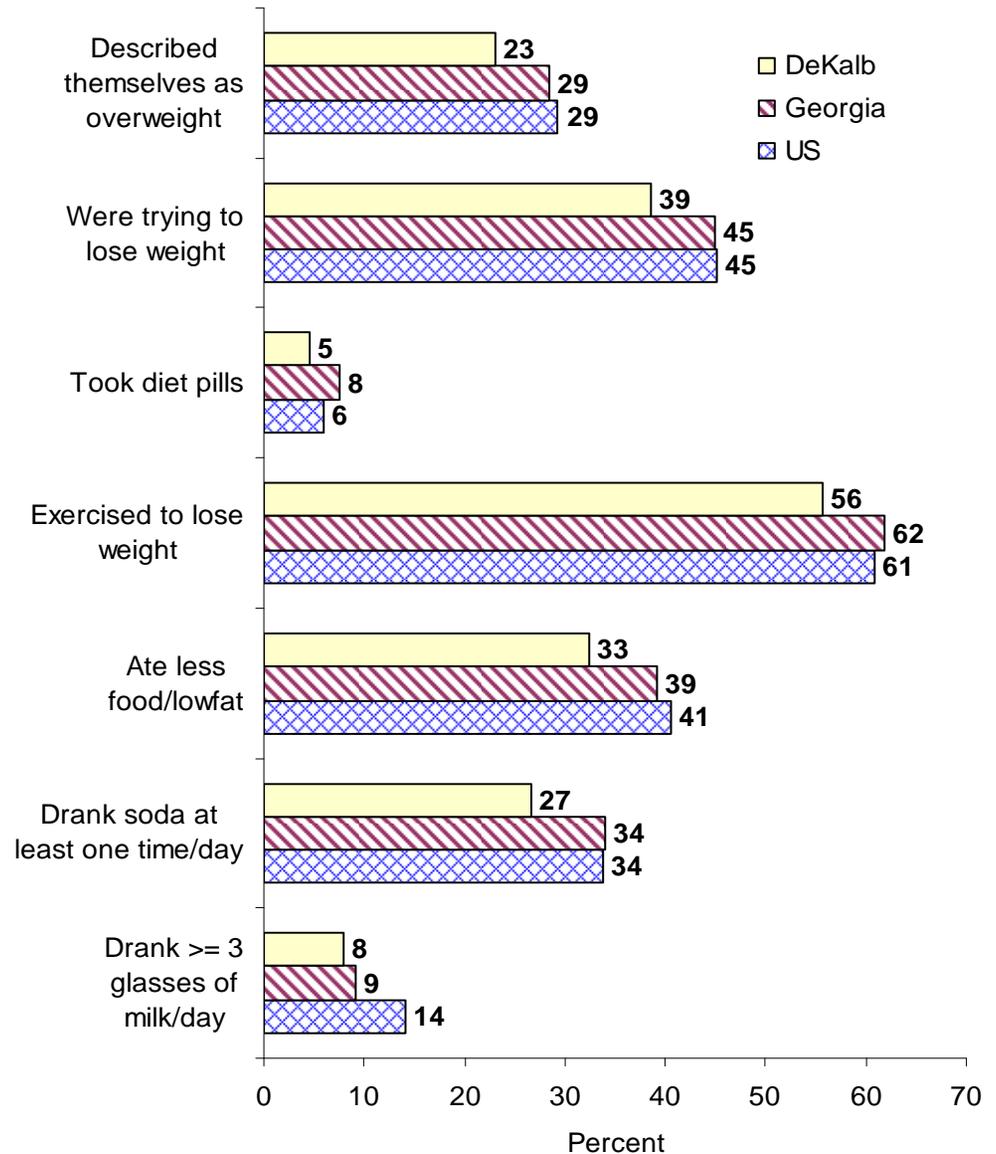
- Describe themselves as overweight
- Be trying to lose weight
- Have exercised to lose or keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days
- Have eaten less food or lowfat food to lose or keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days
- Have drank soda at least once per day during the past 7 days

Compared to other high school students in Georgia, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

- Have taken diet pills to lose or keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days

Compared to other high school students in the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

- Have drank 3 or more glasses of milk per day during the past 7 days



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND ASTHMA, 2007 YRBS

Compared to other high school students in Georgia and the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **more likely** to:

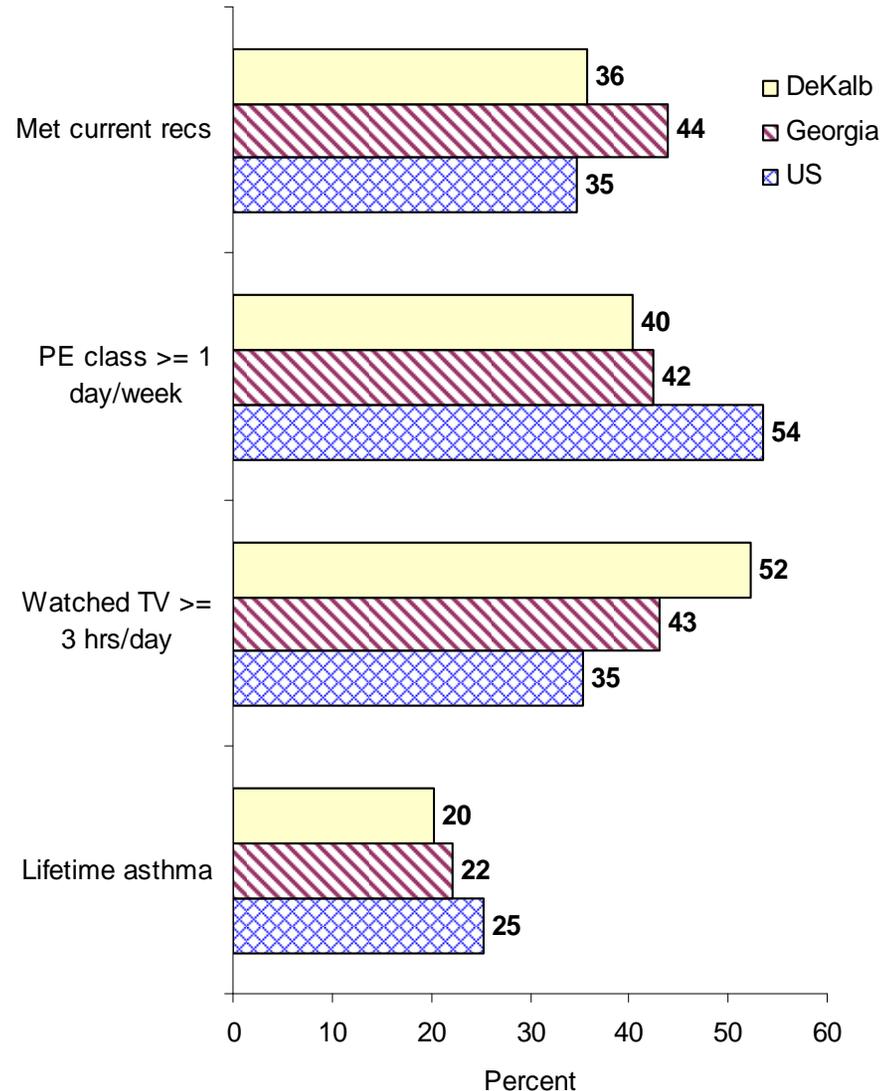
- Watch 3 or more hours of TV on an average school day

Compared to other high school students in Georgia, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

- Meet current physical activity recommendations¹

Compared to other high school students in the US, DeKalb County high school students were significantly **less likely** to:

- Attend PE class on 1 or more days during an average school week
- Have ever been told by a doctor or nurse that they have asthma



¹Participated in any physical activity that increased their heart rate and made them breathe hard some of the time for a total of at least 60 minutes/day on 5 or more days during the 7 days before the survey.

