

DATA SHEET

## Developmental Assets among LGBT Youth

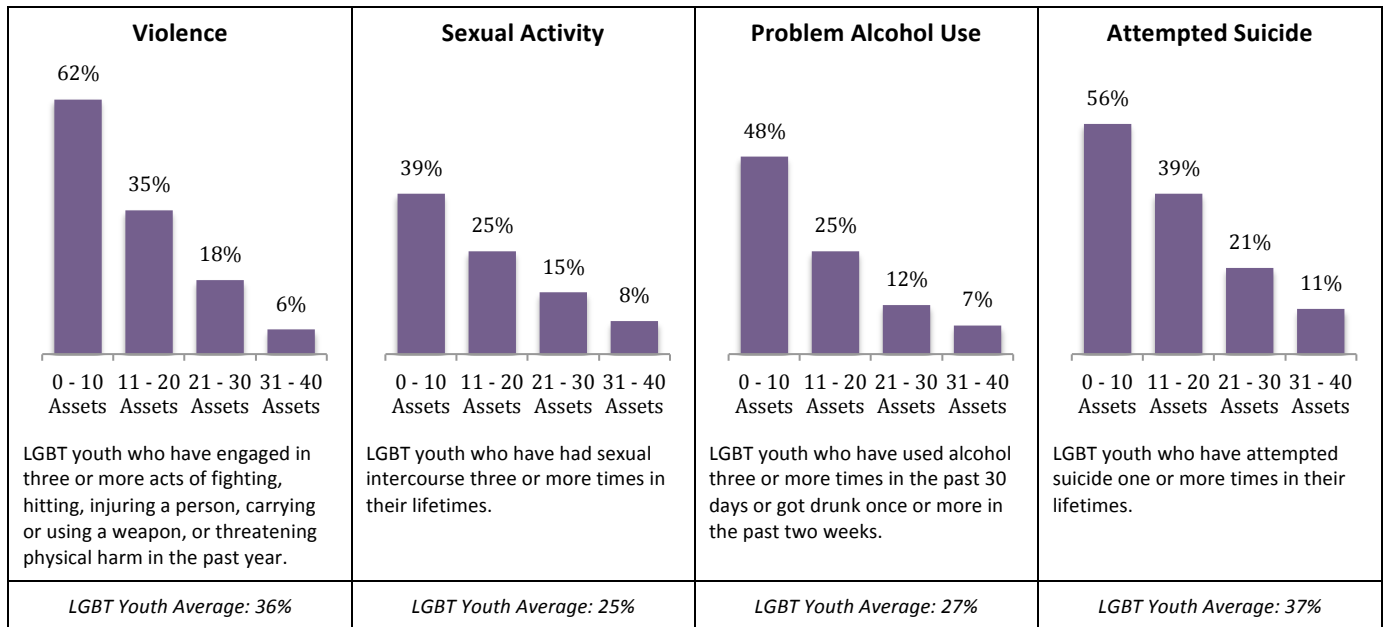
Between 2012 and 2015, more than 6,000 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth (grades 6-12) completed Search Institute's *Attitudes & Behaviors Survey*. Here are youth reports of experiencing each of the 40 assets based on self-reported sexual orientation (lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth) and gender identity (transgender youth).

	Non-LGBT youth	Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Youth	Transgender Youth		Non-LGBT youth	Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Youth	Transgender Youth
Sample Size:	110,665	5,645	722				
<b>EXTERNAL ASSETS</b>				<b>INTERNAL ASSETS</b>			
<b>Support</b>				<b>Commitment to Learning</b>			
Family support	75%	55%	49%	Achievement motivation	76%	64%	49%
Positive family communication	33%	21%	19%	School engagement	64%	54%	43%
Other adult relationships	54%	39%	34%	Homework	55%	51%	43%
Caring neighborhood	39%	24%	28%	Bonding to school	64%	51%	41%
Caring school climate	38%	26%	22%	Reading for pleasure	21%	33%	32%
Parent involvement in schooling	32%	21%	22%	<b>Positive Values</b>			
<b>Empowerment</b>				Caring	58%	55%	42%
Community values youth	25%	12%	12%	Equality and social justice	60%	63%	48%
Youth as resources	33%	19%	16%	Integrity	75%	76%	63%
Service to others	52%	48%	46%	Honesty	71%	61%	50%
Safety	54%	38%	39%	Responsibility	71%	59%	46%
<b>Boundaries and Expectations</b>				Restraint	48%	30%	25%
Family boundaries	47%	37%	32%	<b>Social Competencies</b>			
School boundaries	57%	46%	38%	Planning and decision-making	36%	27%	19%
Neighborhood boundaries	46%	35%	36%	Interpersonal competence	48%	46%	33%
Adult role models	33%	21%	16%	Cultural competence	45%	48%	42%
Positive peer influence	72%	60%	54%	Resistance skills	48%	35%	30%
High expectations	58%	45%	36%	Peaceful conflict resolution	49%	47%	36%
<b>Constructive Use of Time</b>				<b>Positive Identity</b>			
Creative activities	19%	27%	29%	Personal power	45%	28%	22%
Youth programs	66%	55%	58%	Self-esteem	50%	25%	28%
Religious community	50%	36%	38%	Sense of purpose	63%	32%	34%
Time at home	64%	64%	57%	Positive view of personal future	74%	55%	48%

For a definition of each asset, visit [www.searchinstitute.org/our-research/development-assets](http://www.searchinstitute.org/our-research/development-assets).

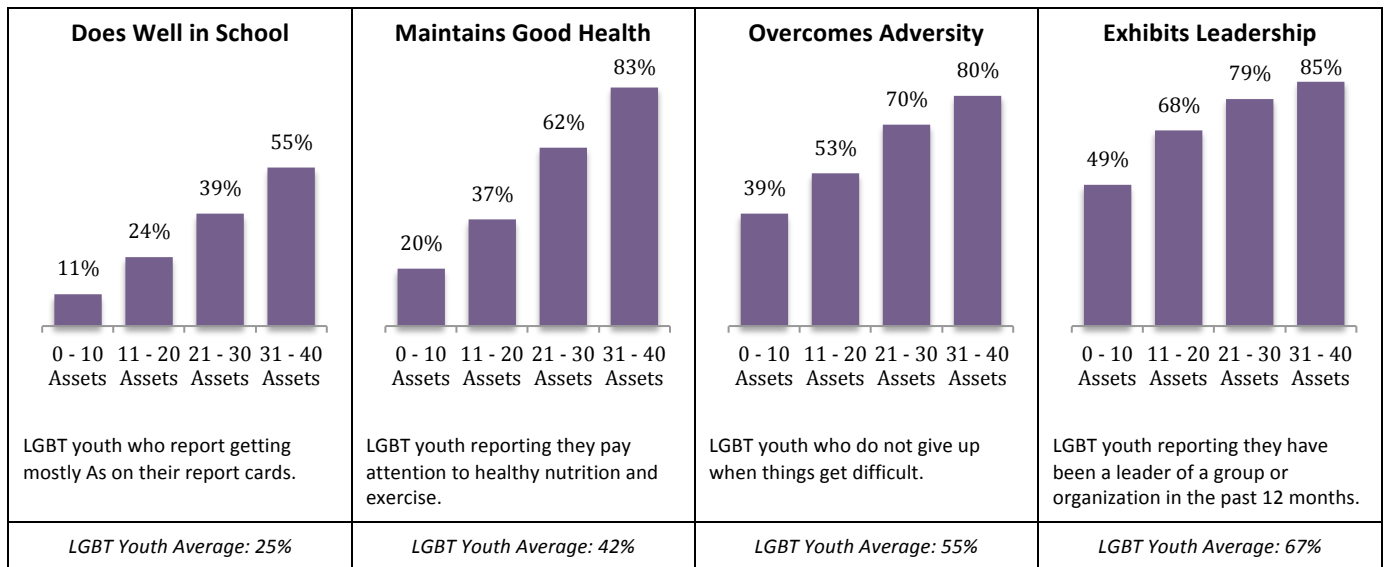
## HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOR PATTERNS AMONG LGBT YOUTH, BY LEVELS OF ASSETS

LGBT youth who experience high levels of Developmental Assets are much less likely to experience the high-risk behaviors that have been emphasized in much of the research on LGBT youth.



## THRIVING INDICATORS AMONG LGBT YOUTH, BY LEVELS OF ASSETS

The more assets LGBT youth experience, the more likely they are to engage in thriving behaviors.



For more information and resources on Developmental Assets, visit [www.searchinstitute.org/our-research/development-assets](http://www.searchinstitute.org/our-research/development-assets)

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