

EMS HOSA SURVEY: BIG TAKEAWAYS

WHO WE SURVEYED



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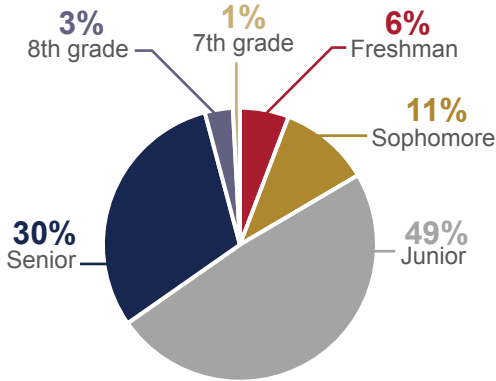
Students at a Health Occupation Students of America Indiana State Conference on April 11th, 2023



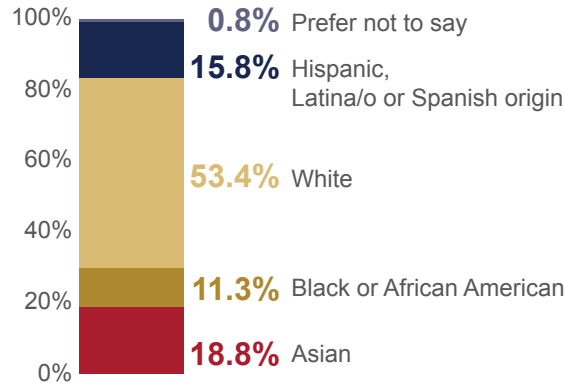
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Indiana counties represented in student responses

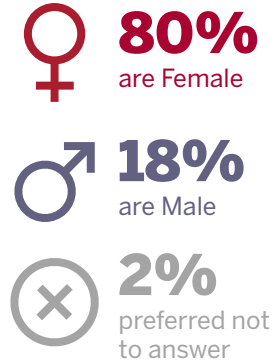
What grade were they in?



What was their race or ethnicity?



What was their gender?



WHAT WE FOUND

Upperclassmen are more sure of their future career plans when compared to students earlier in the K12 Pipeline.

Who reports knowing what specific career they are interested in?

94.9%

Juniors & Seniors

77.1%

Junior High, Freshman, & Sophomores



Of all respondents, only **18.5%** report being interested in a career in EMS.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Expose K12 students to EMS careers at earlier points in the pipeline (elementary, middle school).

Most high school students are aware of EMS careers but may not have accurate information about **training length, cost, program location or average salary information**. Many also don't know where to go to find this information.



97.3%

of respondents indicated they are aware of EMS careers



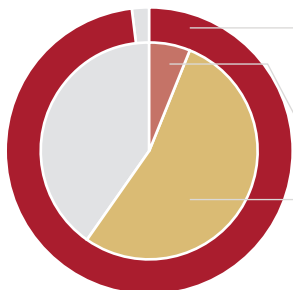
22.9%

Of students reported not knowing where to go to find more information about EMS careers

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Engage students into EMS fields through career fairs, job shadowing opportunities, and internships.
- Targeting rural counties may support EMS workforce development in areas of greatest need.

Although students are aware that obtaining certification as an EMR or EMT would fulfill new Indiana Department of Education high school graduation requirements, **very few** students plan to pursue this route.



98.2% of students reported that they know that obtaining EMR or EMT certification would fulfill these requirements

6.2% plan to pursue that route

53.6% of students plan to complete a service-based activity through volunteering or a school extracurricular

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Promote EMS certifications as pathways for fulfilling graduation requirements.
- Enhance partnerships between high schools and local EMS training programs to make EMS an accessible option..

Junior high and high school students are **engaged and passionate** about their **future health care careers**.

>1,300

Indiana students attended the HOSA State Conference

How did you learn about EMS careers?

30.2% Knowing an EMS personnel personally

7.6% Job fairs

18.9% Academic advisor

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Promote fact sheets about EMS careers to various audiences (high school counselors, students)
- Develop a centralized inventory of EMS training program information for career planning.