



# RDMC DATA SHEET

**SARG Data Category: 3. CONTRIBUTING**  
*intervening variables that contribute to problems*

**Title: FYSAS Risk Factors**

## FYSAS Risk Factors

**Indicator:**

Risk factors that increase the likelihood of Leon County youth becoming involved in drug use, delinquency, school dropout and/or violence.

**Commentary:**

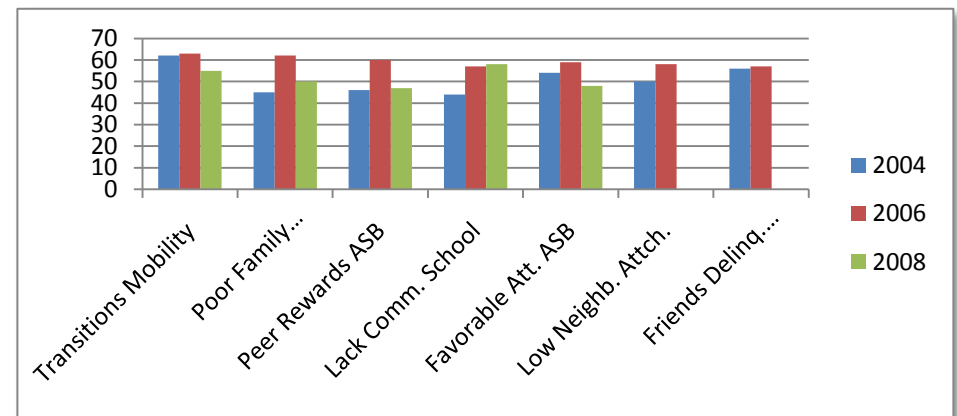
Transitions and mobility is consistently the highest scoring risk factor for both middle and high school Leon County youth. FYSAS reports, *“There is a substantial amount of research showing that adolescents’ exposure to a greater number of risk factors is associated with more drug use and delinquency ... (and) exposure to a number of protective factors is associated with lower prevalence of these problem behaviors.”* High transitions and mobility scores indicate that students are changing homes and schools more frequently. Although transitions and mobility have been part of the ‘community’ domain, dislocations can be attributed to family transitions. Other prominent risk factors include poor family management, peer rewards or favorable attitudes toward anti-social behavior (ASB), lack of school commitment, and low neighborhood attachment.

**Source(s):**

Florida Youth Substance Abuse Surveys (FYSAS), even years from 2004 to 2008, Leon County Reports, Risk and Protective Factors.  
<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/mentalhealth/publications/fyasas/>

***Note:** FYSAS respondents identify what they consider risk and protective factors across four domains: peer and individual, school, family and community; in normative database percentile scores from 0 to 100.*

**Chart 1: Middle School Risk Factors**



**Chart 2: High School Risk Factors**

