AASM Sleep Prioritization Survey

Negative Impacts of Children Not Getting Enough Sleep



Survey Methodology

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine commissioned an online survey of 2,007 adults throughout the United States. The margin of error for the overall sample is +/- 2 percentage points with a confidence level of 95 percent. Fieldwork took place between June 5 and June 13, 2025, by Atomik Research, an independent market research agency.

Question

Which of the following are negatively impacted when your child does not get enough sleep?

Results

• Parents say that when their children do not get enough sleep, they are negatively impacted in mood (63%), behavior (50%), attitude (49%), physical energy (45%), and academic performance (34%).

Overall Results

| Total | 1,003 |
|----------------------|-------|
| Attitude | 49% |
| Mood | 63% |
| Academic performance | 34% |
| Physical energy | 45% |
| Relationships | 21% |
| Behavior | 50% |
| None of these | 8% |

Over 60% of parents say that their child's mood is negatively impacted when they don't get enough sleep.

Results by Gender

| | Male | Female | Transgender | Non-binary or gender non- conforming |
|----------------------|------|--------|-------------|--|
| Total | 501 | 502 | 0 | 0 |
| Attitude | 48% | 51% | 0% | 0% |
| Mood | 61% | 65% | 0% | 0% |
| Academic performance | 38% | 30% | 0% | 0% |
| Physical energy | 47% | 44% | 0% | 0% |
| Relationships | 25% | 17% | 0% | 0% |
| Behavior | 48% | 52% | 0% | 0% |
| None of these | 8% | 9% | 0% | 0% |

Males (38%) are more likely than females (30%) to report that their child's academic performance is negatively impacted when they don't get enough sleep.

Results by Age Group

| | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Total | 144 | 219 | 243 | 181 | 154 | 92 |
| Attitude | 44% | 51% | 49% | 47% | 52% | 52% |
| Mood | 62% | 62% | 64% | 62% | 68% | 57% |
| Academic performance | 23% | 34% | 39% | 35% | 34% | 29% |
| Physical energy | 40% | 46% | 46% | 51% | 45% | 39% |
| Relationships | 19% | 21% | 23% | 25% | 15% | 12% |
| Behavior | 54% | 53% | 48% | 48% | 45% | 53% |
| None of these | 4% | 9% | 6% | 8% | 10% | 15% |

Parents 55-64 (68%) are most likely to say that their child's mood is negatively impacted when they don't get enough sleep.

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