

2022-2023 TN*TOGETHER Student Survey Results

Unicoi County









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Introduction

Tennessee Together (TN Together) is a statewide initiative aimed at ending the opioid crisis in Tennessee through expanded efforts in prevention, treatment, and law enforcement. As part of this effort, the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS), Division of Substance Abuse Services (DSAS), supports a biennial school-based survey assessing the extent of alcohol, drug, and tobacco use and prescription drug misuse as well as related behavioral health measures among 8th-, 10th-, and 12th-grade public school students. The survey is administered by EMT Associates, Inc. (EMT)—a Tennessee-based survey research and evaluation firm—in partnership with Tennessee's Substance Use Prevention Coalitions (SUPCs), the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, and local school districts throughout the state. The intent of the survey is to provide a source of state and local data that can be used to monitor patterns and trends in youth alcohol and drug use behaviors and attitudes, and to evaluate the impact of prevention efforts aimed at reducing substance use statewide. The survey captures student responses on the following measures:

- Lifetime and past 30-day alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use and prescription drug misuse;
- Age of initiation of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use and prescription drug misuse;
- Ease of access to substances and methods of obtaining alcohol or prescription drugs;
- Riding in a car with someone who is under the influence of alcohol or prescription drugs;
- Peer substance use;
- Personal, peer, and parental approval of substance use;
- Perceived risk of substance use;
- Psychological distress and suicide ideation;
- Family communication about substance use; and
- Exposure to prevention messaging regarding the dangers of prescription drug misuse and exposure to other messaging promotion substance use.

The present report provides a county-level summary of survey responses from schools in Unicoi County. The report is organized into three sections. The first section provides a brief discussion of the survey sampling, administration and analytical methods used to generate report findings. The second section describes the demographic composition of students included in the unweighted sample. Finally, the third section of the report graphically summarizes weighted survey responses in a series of tables and charts disaggregated by student grade, race, and gender or gender identity. The findings from this report can be used by local school districts to identify emergent needs related to alcohol and drug prevention; to monitor changes in alcohol, tobacco, and drug use prevalence and attitudes over time; and to assess the impacts of community-wide efforts to prevent and reduce alcohol and drug misuse among youth within local schools and communities.

Survey Methods

The 2022-2023 TN Together Student Survey was administered to 8th-, 10th-, and 12th-grade students enrolled in Tennessee public schools. The state contractor worked with SUPCs with support from the National Guard Counterdrug Task Force throughout the state to recruit counties and school districts into the study sample. The SUPC in Unicoi County recruited school districts to participate and helped coordinate the survey administration. Once a county opted to participate, schools were randomly selected into the sample until the target sample size for the county was met. If a randomly selected school declined to participate, another was randomly selected to take its place (when available). Selected schools were asked to survey a census of students within each surveyed grade level to avoid introducing selection bias at the classroom level.

The county target sample sizes were based on a 95 percent confidence interval and margin of error of five percent. This is considered an acceptable margin of error to ensure that survey responses are representative of the underlying county population. Data results should be interpreted with caution in counties where the adjusted minimum target sample size was still not achieved. The final Unicoi County survey sample included 348 public school students. Unicoi County met its target sample size. Across schools that participated, there was an overall response rate of 66.8%.

Survey Instruments

The TN Together Student Survey is comprised of 36 items measuring lifetime and past-month prevalence of tobacco, vaping, alcohol and other drug use, access to alcohol and prescription drugs, norms of approval, perception of risk, psychological distress, suicide ideation, communication with parents, and exposure to substance use messaging. The survey was also designed to support federal performance measurement requirements associated with both the Partnership for Success (PFS) and Drug Free Communities (DFC) federal grant programs. Schools and districts had the choice of administering the survey online, using scannable paper survey forms, or using both online and paper forms. School staff administered the survey with guidance provided by EMT that was designed to assure the protection of student and parental privacy rights and maintain confidentiality. Students were surveyed only with the consent of their parents or guardians with each school employing their choice of either passive or active parental consent. Each student's participation was voluntary. No identifying student level information was solicited on this survey and, as such, all student data is anonymous.

Data Cleaning and Restructuring

Data cleaning consisted of checking for item nonresponse, checking for logical inconsistencies (i.e., the response to one item contradicted the response to another), recoding variables from categorical to dichotomous, and constructing key outcome variables. Please refer to the TN Together Student Survey 2022-2023 Data Codebook for more information about how data was cleaned and recoded for reporting purposes.

Limitations of the Data

There are several limitations of the data that should be taken into consideration when interpreting data findings. For schools opting to use active parental consent, research has demonstrated that active consent requirements may lower student participation in school surveys and systematically exclude high-risk groups. This can result in under-representation of higher-risk adolescents who may experience a higher prevalence of underage drinking and other drug use.

The findings in this report apply only to youth who attend public school, and therefore are not representative of all youth in this age group. According to the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS), 98 percent of 10-to-14 year olds and 97 percent of 15-to-17 year olds are enrolled in public school. Therefore, an estimated two-to-three percent of the population are not enrolled in school and are not represented in the data.

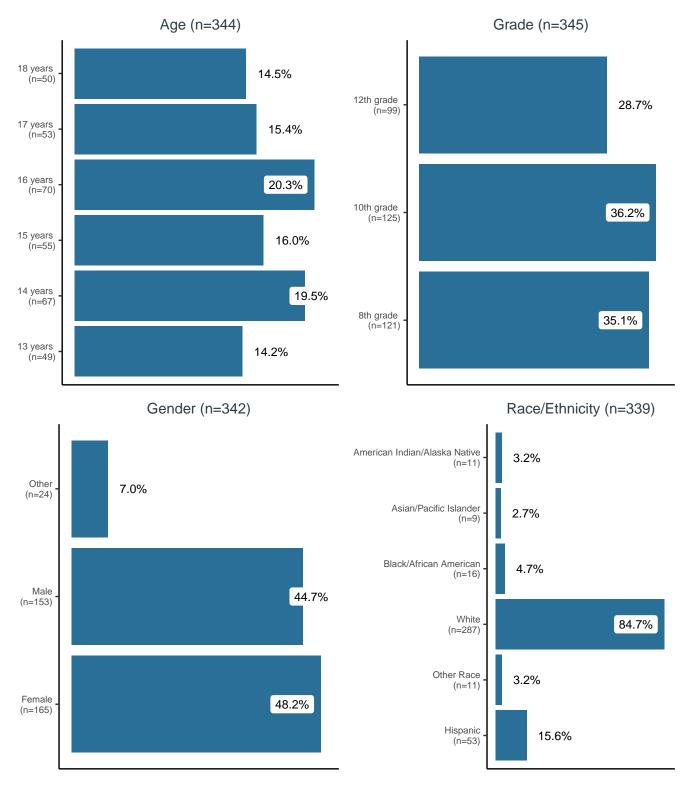
Data reported for the 2022-2023 school year may not be directly comparable to data from the prior 2020-2021 survey administration due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and schools, particularly during the 2020-2021 school year. Consumers should keep these limitations in mind when interpreting data.

Weighting

Post-stratification weighting of survey responses by gender and by grade level was used to adjust for school and student nonresponse. The overall weights were scaled so that the weighted count of students equaled the total county enrolled population, and the weighted proportions of students in each grade matched the county population proportions. Therefore, weighted estimates are representative of all 8th-, 10th-, and 12th-grade students attending public schools in the county. Enrollment data from the Tennessee Department of Education 2019-20 Membership File were used to estimate student populations by school and county. To account for the complex sampling designs, statistical analyses were conducted on the weighted data using R software. Prevalence estimates and confidence intervals (95% CI) were computed for all variables. The size of the unweighted survey sample for each school is reported in Table 1.

Table 1. Unicoi County - Unweighted and Weighted Sample

School Name	Unweighted Sample (n)	Weighted Sample (n)	Proportion of Weighted n
Unicoi Co High School	225	374	68.5%
Unicoi Co Middle School	123	172	31.5%
Total	348	546	100.0%



Demographic Characteristics of the Unweighted Sample

Note: For Race/Ethnicity students could select multiple options, so the sum of all race/ethnic categories reported may exceed the overall sample size.

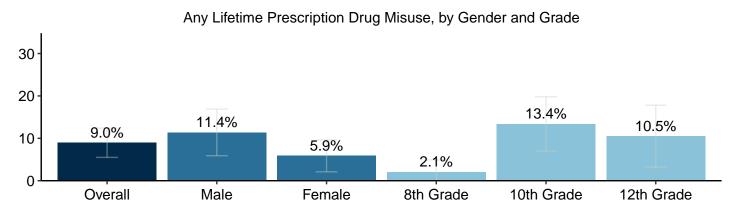
Lifetime Substance Use

Lifetime substance use was defined as using a substance at least once. Students were asked a yes or no question, "Have you ever used..." for each substance.

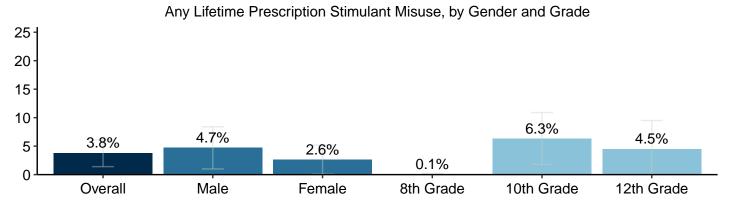
The bar graphs for each substance display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported any lifetime use of each substance, shown by gender and grade. Each bar in the bar graphs also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

Lifetime Prescription Drug Misuse

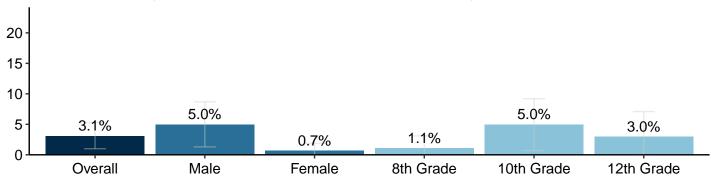
Q7: Have you ever used prescription drugs not prescribed to you or just to get high? Prescription drugs include drugs that require a doctor's prescription to purchase or consume like OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, Codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, Xanax, Klonopin, Benzos, Valium, Ativan, and Gabapentin. These do not include over-the-counter medicines.



Q7A_1: Have you ever used prescription stimulants not prescribed to you or just to get high? (e.g., Dexadrine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Concerta)



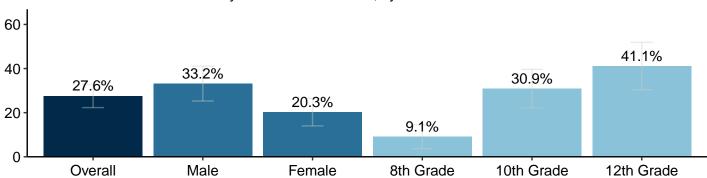
Q7B_1. Have you ever used prescription pain medications not prescribed to you or just to get high? (e.g., Vicodin, Oxycontin, Morphine, or Demerol)



Any Lifetime Prescription Pain Medication Misuse, by Gender and Grade

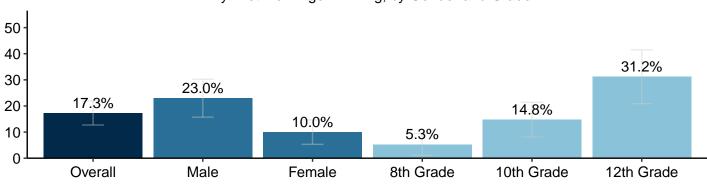
Lifetime Alcohol Use

Q5: Have you ever had one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage? Alcoholic beverages include beer, wine, wine coolers, malt beverages, and liquor.



Any Lifetime Alcohol Use, by Gender and Grade

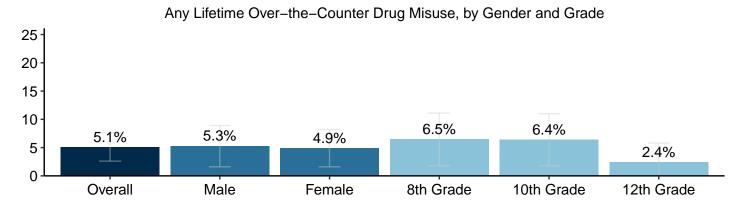
Q6: Have you ever had five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage on the same occasion? Alcoholic beverages include beer, wine, wine coolers, malt beverages, and liquor.



Any Lifetime Binge Drinking, by Gender and Grade

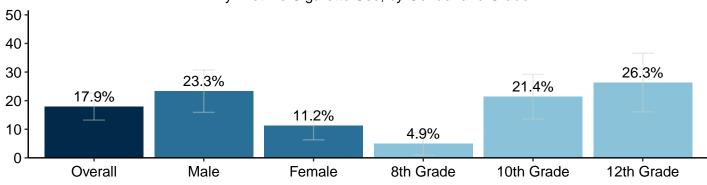
Lifetime Over-the-Counter Drug Misuse

Q8: Have you ever used over-the-counter drugs to get high or in a way other than directed? (e.g., cough/cold medicines, diet pills, stay-awake pills, or laxatives)



Lifetime Cigarette Use

Q9: Have you ever smoked part or all of a cigarette? Cigarettes include menthol cigarettes, regular cigarettes, and loose tobacco rolled in cigarettes. This does not include e-cigarettes.

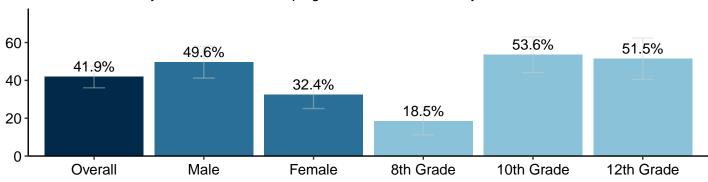


Any Lifetime Cigarette Use, by Gender and Grade

Lifetime Use of a Vaping Device

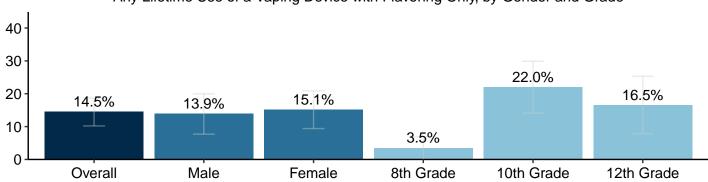
Note: For lifetime use of a vaping device with marijuana, please see the Marijuana section below.

Q10: Have you ever used a vaping device with nicotine? A vaping device includes electronic cigarettes also known as e-cigarettes, hookah pens, e-hookahs, or vape pipes.



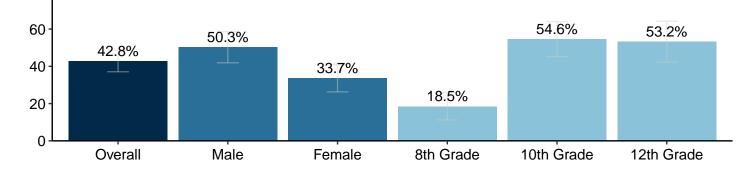
Any Lifetime Use of a Vaping Device with Nicotine, by Gender and Grade

Q11: Have you ever used a vaping device with flavoring only? A vaping device includes electronic cigarettes also known as e-cigarettes, hookah pens, e-hookahs, or vape pipes.



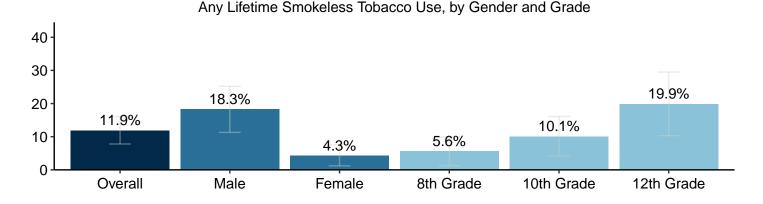
Any Lifetime Use of a Vaping Device with Flavoring Only, by Gender and Grade

Created Variable: Any lifetime vaping (including nicotine, flavoring, and/or marijuana) Any Lifetime Use of a Vaping Device, by Gender and Grade



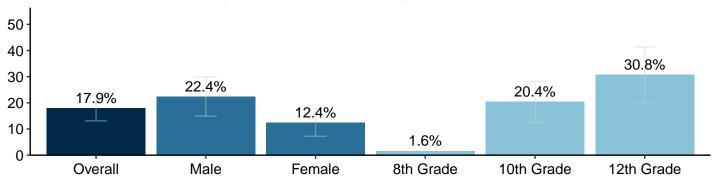
Lifetime Smokeless Tobacco Use

Q12: Have you ever used smokeless tobacco? Smokeless tobacco can be known as chewing tobacco, spit tobacco, chew, snuff, pinch, or dip.



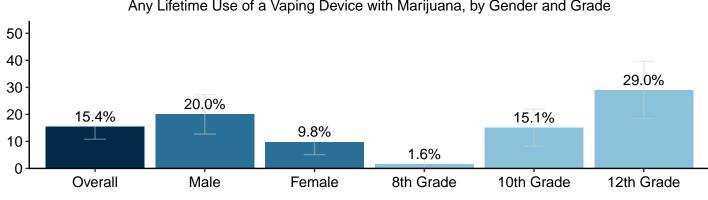
Lifetime Marijuana Use

Q13: Have you ever used marijuana or hashish? Marijuana or hashish can be known as grass, pot, weed, hash, hash oil. or edibles.

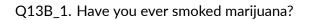


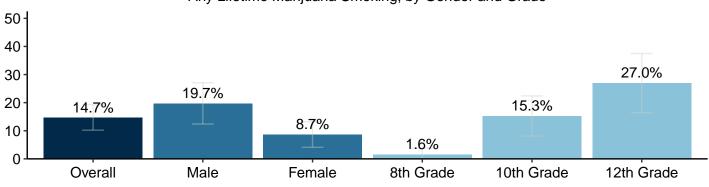
Any Lifetime Marijuana Use, by Gender and Grade

Q13A_1. Have you ever vaped marijuana? A vaping device includes electronic cigarettes also known as e-cigarettes, hookah pens, e-hookahs, or vape pipes.



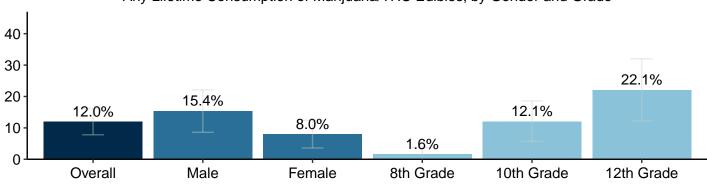
Any Lifetime Use of a Vaping Device with Marijuana, by Gender and Grade





Any Lifetime Marijuana Smoking, by Gender and Grade

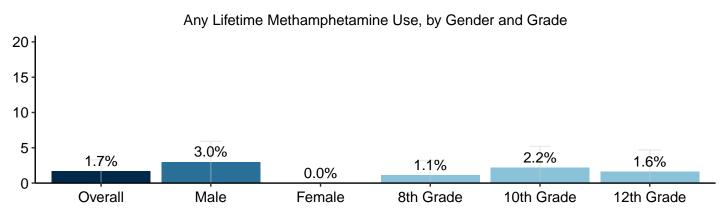
Q13C. Have you ever eaten marijuana or THC edibles? Marijuana and THC edibles include Delta-8 and other edible marijuana.



Any Lifetime Consumption of Marijuana/THC Edibles, by Gender and Grade

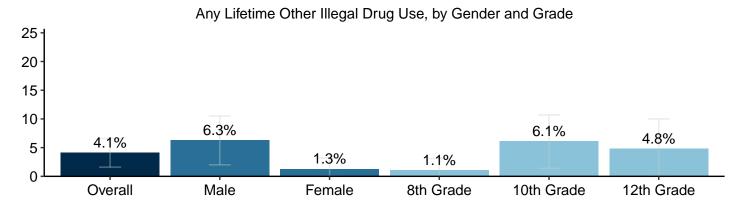
Lifetime Methamphetamine Use

Q14: Have you ever used methamphetamines? Methamphetamines can be known as crank, meth, blue, ice, or crystal.



Lifetime Other Illegal Drug Use

Q15: Have you ever used any other illegal drugs? Other illegal drugs include substances like crack or powder cocaine, heroin, inhalants, barbiturates, steroids, etc.



Age of Initiation of Substances

Age of initiation was defined as the age at which a student first used a given substance. Students who reported lifetime use were asked, "How old were you when you first used..." for each substance. Tables and bar graphs are only displayed in this section if there were students who reported lifetime use of a given substance. If fewer than five students in the sample reported ever using a substance, no average age of initiation was calculated.

The tables for each substance display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported no substance initiation (the "Never" column) and the percent of students who reported initiation at each age, shown by gender and grade level.

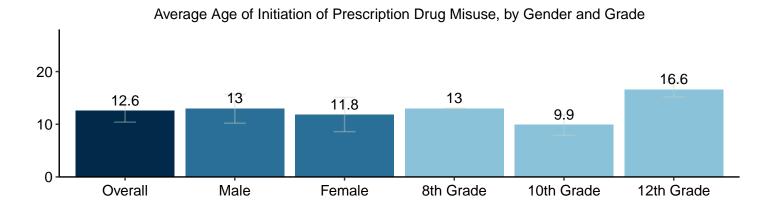
The bar graphs for each substance display the weighted average age of initiation, shown by gender and grade level. Each bar in the bar graphs also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

Age of Initiation of Prescription Drug Misuse

Q7a: How old were you when you first used prescription drugs not prescribed to you? Table/plot will not display if fewer than five students initiated use or reported age of initiation.

	Never	Age 8 or younger	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18 or older
Overall	93.4	2.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.1	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.3
Male	91.4	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.8
Female	96.0	1.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
8th Grade	99.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	89.7	7.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
12th Grade	92.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.5	1.5	3.1

Initiation of Prescription Drug Misuse at Each Age, by Gender and Grade

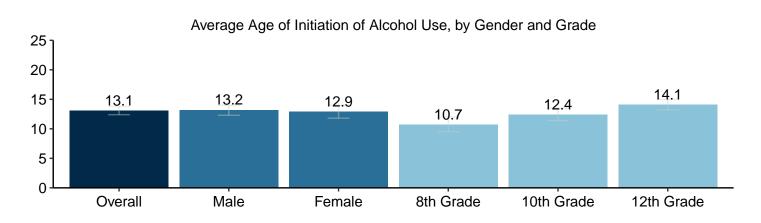


Age of Initiation of Alcohol Use

Q5a: How old were you when you first had one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage? Table/plot will not display if fewer than five students initiated use or reported age of initiation.

Initiation of Alcohol Use at Each Age, by Gender and Grade

	Never	Age 8 or younger	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18 or older
Overall	73.8	3.0	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.5	2.3	6.1	3.4	3.4	1.1	0.9
Male	68.8	3.5	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.5	2.7	6.9	5.1	5.1	0.9	0.7
Female	80.2	2.4	1.3	1.7	0.7	1.3	1.9	5.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
8th Grade	92.8	1.5	0.0	1.5	2.0	0.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	69.1	5.7	2.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.0	6.6	6.7	1.0	0.0	1.8
12th Grade	61.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	2.4	4.1	11.5	3.0	9.3	3.2	0.9

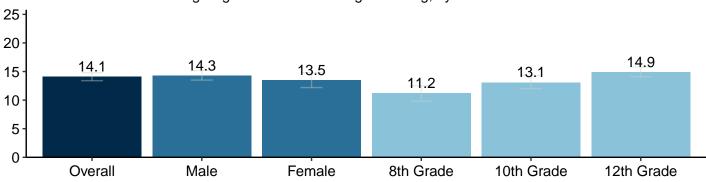


Age of Initiation of Binge Drinking

Q6a: How old were you when you first had five or more drinks on the same occasion? Table/plot will not display if fewer than five students initiated use or reported age of initiation.

	Never	Age 8 or younger	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18 or older
Overall	84.3	0.4	0.0	1.0	1.5	0.3	1.7	3.4	3.4	1.5	1.8	0.8
Male	79.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	3.0	5.1	3.5	2.7	2.7	0.9
Female	90.6	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.5	0.7	0.0	1.3	3.2	0.0	0.6	0.6
8th Grade	96.7	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	85.9	1.1	0.0	0.8	2.0	0.8	1.0	2.6	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
12th Grade	70.9	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.5	0.0	3.0	7.5	4.0	4.5	5.4	2.4

Initiation of Binge Drinking at Each Age, by Gender and Grade



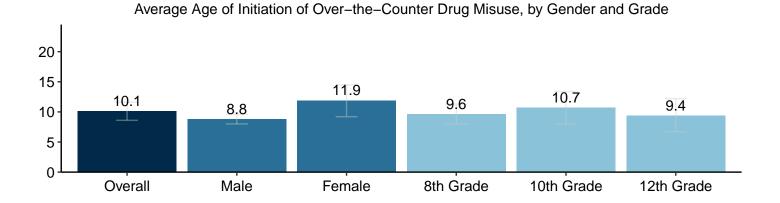
Average Age of Initiation of Binge Drinking, by Gender and Grade

Age of Initiation of Over-the-Counter Drug Misuse

Q8a: How old were you when you first used over-the-counter drugs? Table/plot will not display if fewer than five students initiated use or reported age of initiation.

Initiation of Over-the-Counter Drug Misuse at Each Age, by Gender and Grade

	Never	Age 8 or younger	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18 or older
Overall	95.5	2.1	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Male	95.3	2.9	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	95.7	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
8th Grade	94.5	2.6	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	94.4	2.2	0.8	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0
12th Grade	97.6	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

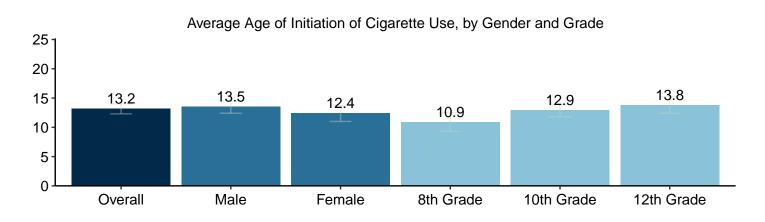


Age of Initiation of Cigarette Use

Q9a: How old were you when you first smoked part or all of a cigarette? Table/plot will not display if fewer than five students initiated use or reported age of initiation.

Initiation of Cigarette	Use at Each Age, by	Gender and Grade
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	Never	Age 8 or younger	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18 or older
Overall	82.4	2.0	0.0	1.7	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.7	1.8	2.2	0.0
Male	77.2	1.6	0.0	2.5	1.8	2.2	1.6	3.0	3.9	2.8	3.4	0.0
Female	88.8	2.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.7	2.5	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.0
8th Grade	95.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	79.4	2.8	0.0	1.9	0.0	1.9	3.5	4.8	4.8	0.0	1.0	0.0
12th Grade	73.7	1.5	0.0	3.1	3.1	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.1	5.5	5.5	0.0

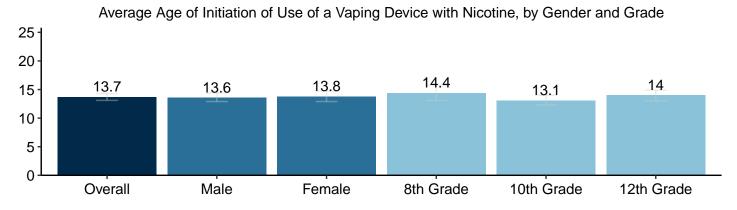


Age of Initiation of Use of a Vaping Device

Q10a: How old were you when you first used a vaping device with nicotine? Table/plot will not display if fewer than five students initiated use or reported age of initiation.

	Never	Age 8 or younger	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18 or older
Overall	58.8	4.7	0.8	1.1	2.4	3.0	7.7	5.9	4.2	2.8	0.6	8.1
Male	51.4	5.3	0.9	0.9	3.3	3.2	8.1	9.2	6.0	3.5	0.0	8.1
Female	67.6	3.9	0.5	1.3	1.3	2.8	7.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.3	8.2
8th Grade	81.5	0.1	0.8	0.0	2.0	4.1	3.1	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4
10th Grade	47.9	8.7	0.0	1.7	4.0	1.9	14.6	4.0	7.3	1.1	0.0	8.9
12th Grade	48.5	5.0	1.6	1.6	0.9	3.1	4.7	12.7	4.9	7.3	1.8	8.0

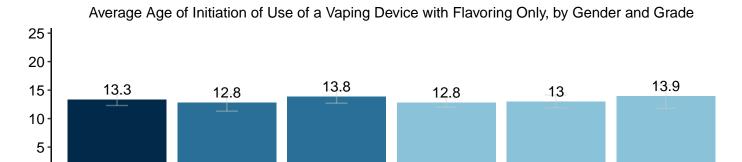
Initiation of Use of a Vaping Device with Nicotine at Each Age, by Gender and Grade



Q11a: How old were you when you first used a vaping device with flavoring only? Table/plot will not display if fewer than five students initiated use or reported age of initiation.

Initiation of Use of a Vaping Device with Flavoring Only at Each Age, by Gender and Grade

	Never	Age 8 or younger	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18 or older
Overall	85.5	1.8	0.0	1.0	0.7	1.4	2.2	3.2	1.1	0.6	1.1	1.4
Male	86.1	2.6	0.0	0.7	0.7	1.7	0.7	4.2	1.4	0.0	1.0	1.0
Female	84.9	0.7	0.0	1.4	0.7	1.1	3.9	2.0	0.7	1.3	1.3	2.0
8th Grade	96.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	78.0	1.9	0.0	2.7	1.9	1.1	5.3	3.6	3.0	0.0	0.0	2.5
12th Grade	83.5	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	4.8	0.0	1.8	3.4	1.6



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10th Grade

12th Grade

Male

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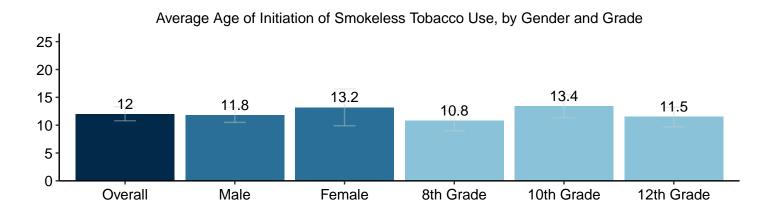
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Age of Initiation of Smokeless Tobacco Use

Q12a: How old were you when you first used smokeless tobacco? Table/plot will not display if fewer than five students initiated use or reported age of initiation.

Initiation of Smokeless	Tobacco Us	e at Each A	Age, by Gender a	and Grade

	Never	Age 8 or younger	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18 or older
Overall	88.6	2.1	1.3	1.4	0.5	0.6	1.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.6
Male	82.2	3.4	1.9	2.5	1.0	0.6	2.6	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.0	0.0
Female	96.2	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
8th Grade	96.2	0.8	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	89.9	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.1	2.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	1.7
12th Grade	80.1	3.2	4.1	3.2	1.6	0.0	3.2	0.0	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0

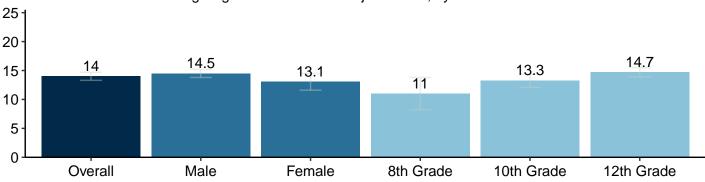


Age of Initiation of Marijuana Use

Q13a: How old were you when you first used marijuana? Table/plot will not display if fewer than five students initiated use or reported age of initiation.

	Never	Age 8 or younger	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18 or older
Overall	82.8	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.7	4.4	3.6	2.9	1.4	0.3
Male	78.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.4	7.5	5.5	3.6	1.9	0.0
Female	88.1	1.3	0.6	1.4	0.0	1.4	1.9	0.7	1.3	2.0	0.7	0.7
8th Grade	98.4	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	80.3	2.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.7	3.9	2.0	6.3	1.1	0.0	0.9
12th Grade	70.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	11.3	4.1	7.6	4.1	0.0

Initiation of Marijuana Use at Each Age, by Gender and Grade



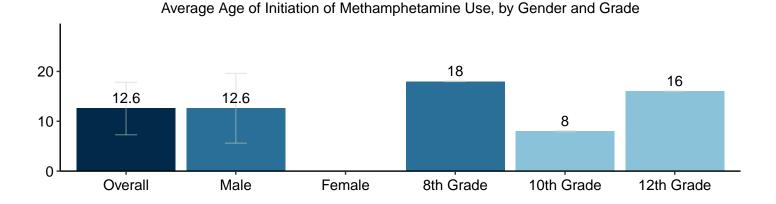
Average Age of Initiation of Marijuana Use, by Gender and Grade

Age of Initiation of Methamphetamine Use

Q14a: How old were you when you first used methamphetamines? Table/plot will not display if fewer than five students initiated use or reported age of initiation.

Initiation of Methamphetamine Use at Each Age, by Gender and Grade

	Never	Age 8 or younger	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18 or older
Overall	98.3	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3
Male	97.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.6
Female	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8th Grade	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
10th Grade	97.8	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12th Grade	98.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0

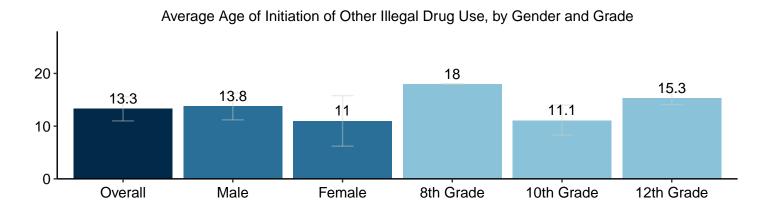


Age of Initiation of Other Illegal Drug Use

Q15a: How old were you when you first used other illegal drugs? Table/plot will not display if fewer than five students initiated use or reported age of initiation.

Initiation of Other Illegal Drug Use at Each Age, by Gender and Grade

	Never	Age 8 or younger	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18 or older
Overall	95.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.4	1.0	0.0	0.3
Male	93.7	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.7	1.9	0.0	0.6
Female	98.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8th Grade	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
10th Grade	93.9	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
12th Grade	95.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0



Past 30-Day Substance Use and High-Frequency Use

Past 30-day use was defined as using a substance at least once in the past 30 days. Students who reported lifetime use of a substance were asked to report the number of times they used in the past 30 days.

The tables for each substance display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported no past 30-day substance use (the "0 days" column) and the proportion of students who reported each frequency of use, shown by gender and grade level.

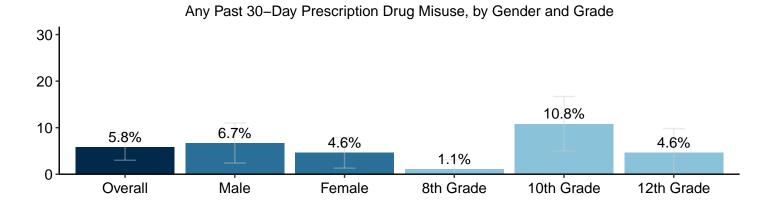
The first bar graph for each substance displays the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported any past 30-day use of each substance, shown by gender and grade level. The second bar graph for each substance displays the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported high-frequency use, *out of students who reported past 30-day use*. High-frequency use is defined as having used on six or more days. High-frequency use bars can be interpreted as, "of those students who used [substance] in the past 30 days, [x]% used with high-frequency (i.e., on six or more days)." Note that high-frequency use was only calculated when *at least 10 students* reported past 30-day use of a substance. On the bar graphs, each bar also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

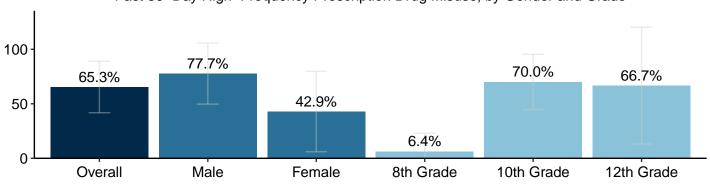
Past 30-Day Prescription Drug Misuse

Q7b: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use prescription drugs not prescribed to you?

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	94.2	1.2	0.8	1.2	0.0	1.2	1.4
Male	93.3	0.6	0.9	1.6	0.0	1.6	2.0
Female	95.4	2.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.7
8th Grade	98.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
10th Grade	89.2	2.4	0.8	1.8	0.0	1.8	3.9
12th Grade	95.4	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	1.5	0.0

Prescription Drug Misuse in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade



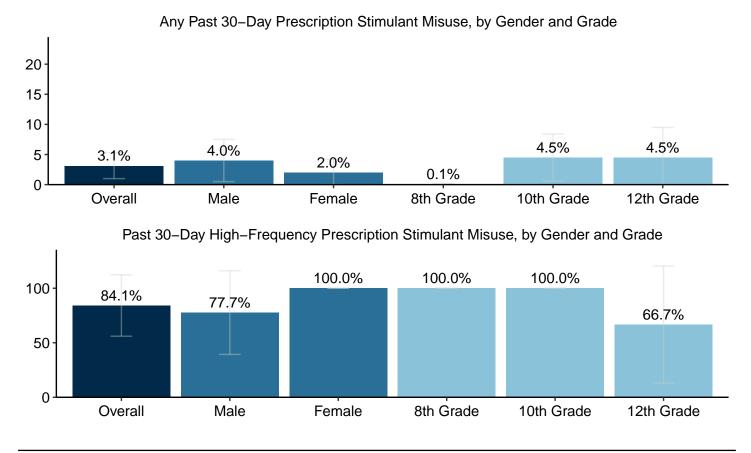


Past 30–Day High–Frequency Prescription Drug Misuse, by Gender and Grade

Q7A_2: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use prescription stimulants?

Prescription Stimulant Misuse in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	96.9	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.5	1.2	0.7
Male	96.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.9	1.6	0.7
Female	98.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.7
8th Grade	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
10th Grade	95.5	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.8	1.9
12th Grade	95.5	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.0

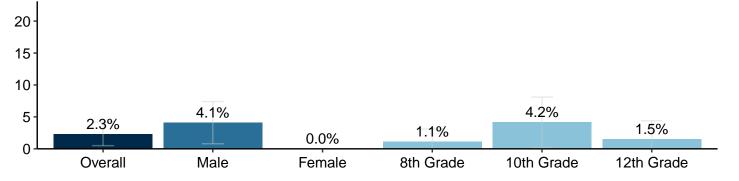


Q7B_2: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use prescription pain medications?

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	97.7	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.1
Male	95.9	0.6	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.0
Female	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8th Grade	98.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	95.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	3.1
12th Grade	98.5	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Prescription Pain Medication Misuse in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

Any Past 30–Day Prescription Pain Medication Misuse, by Gender and Grade



Past 30-Day Alcohol Use

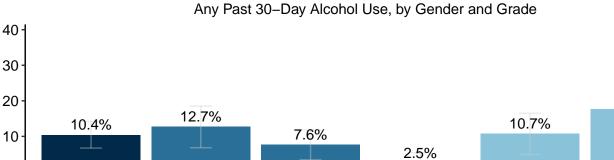
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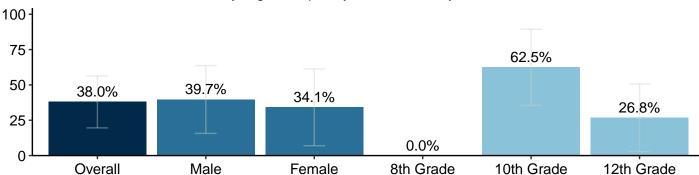
Q5b: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage?

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	89.6	4.2	2.3	0.7	1.4	0.8	1.1
Male	87.3	4.1	3.5	1.3	0.9	0.9	2.0
Female	92.4	4.4	0.7	0.0	2.0	0.6	0.0
8th Grade	97.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	89.3	3.2	0.8	2.0	1.6	0.0	3.1
12th Grade	82.3	6.9	6.1	0.0	2.4	2.4	0.0

Alcohol Use in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade







Past 30–Day High–Frequency Alcohol Use, by Gender and Grade

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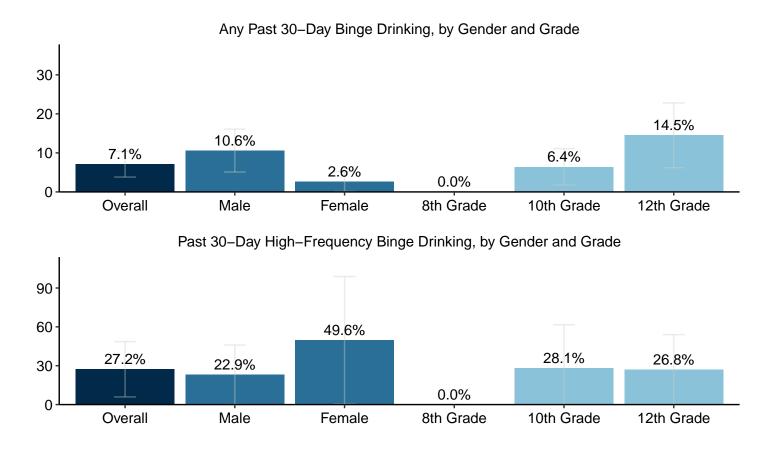
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Past 30-Day Binge Drinking

Q6b: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have five or more drinks on the same occasion?

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	92.9	2.1	3.1	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.4
Male	89.4	2.7	5.5	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.7
Female	97.4	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.0
8th Grade	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	93.6	1.6	3.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.0
12th Grade	85.5	4.5	6.1	1.5	0.0	2.4	0.0

Binge Drinking in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

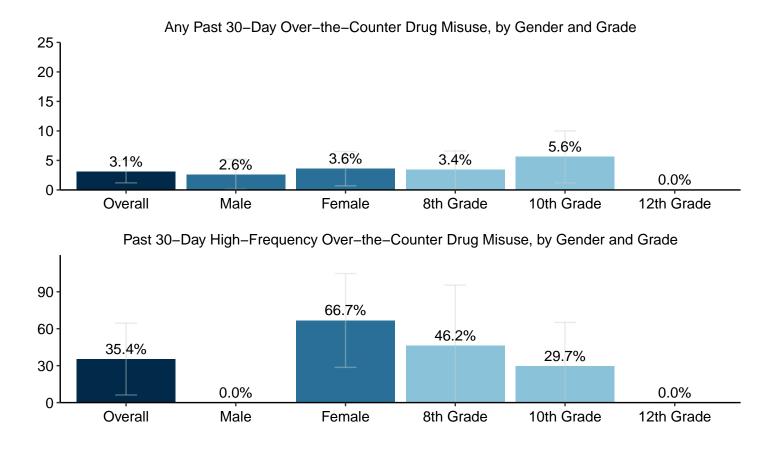


Past 30-Day Over-the-Counter Drug Misuse

Q8b: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use over-the-counter drugs?

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	96.9	0.9	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
Male	97.4	0.7	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	96.4	1.2	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2
8th Grade	96.6	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8
10th Grade	94.4	1.9	2.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8
12th Grade	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Over-the-Counter Drug Misuse in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

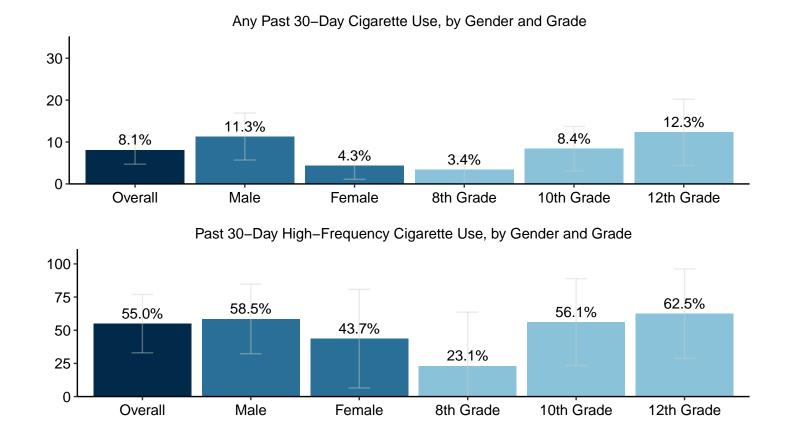


Past 30-Day Cigarette Use

Q9b: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke part or all of a cigarette?

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	91.9	3.2	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.6	2.5
Male	88.7	4.7	0.0	0.7	1.8	0.7	3.4
Female	95.7	1.3	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.3
8th Grade	96.6	1.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0
10th Grade	91.6	3.7	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	2.7
12th Grade	87.7	4.6	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	4.6

Cigarette Use in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

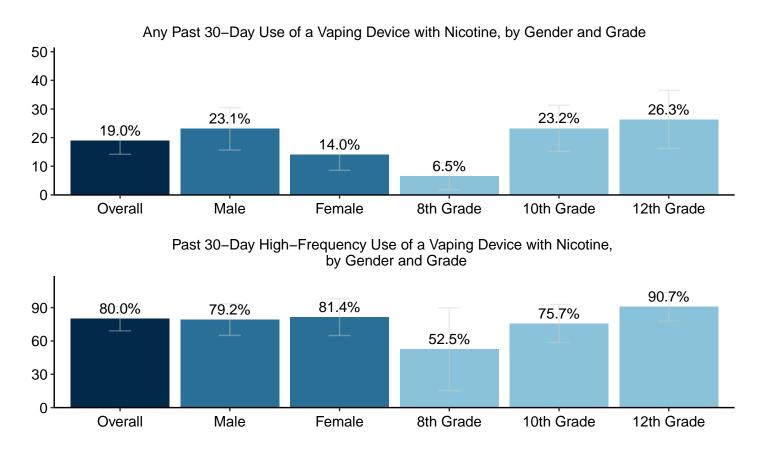


Past 30-Day Use of a Vaping Device

Note: For past 30-day use of a vaping device with marijuana, please see the Marijuana section below. Q10b: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use a vaping device with nicotine?

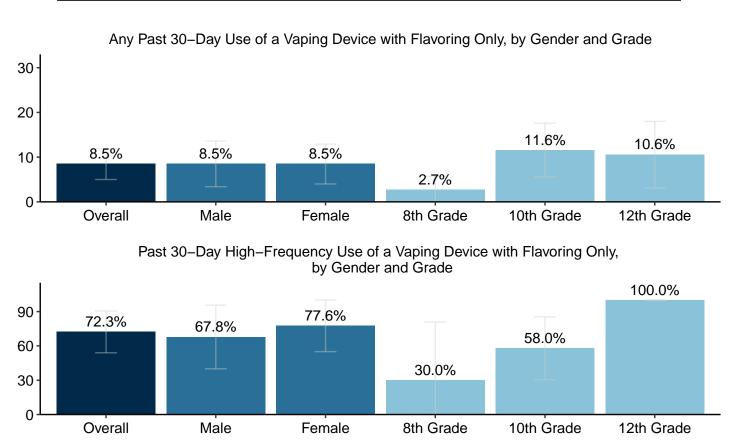
Use of a Vaping Device with Nicotine in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

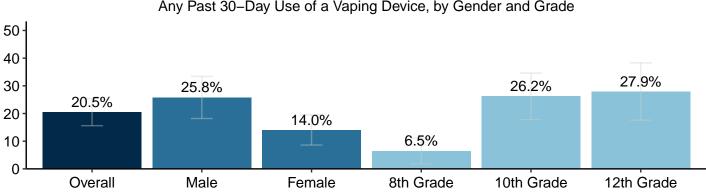
	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	81.0	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.8	2.3	12.1
Male	76.9	2.6	2.2	0.0	1.4	3.7	13.2
Female	86.0	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	10.8
8th Grade	93.5	2.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.4
10th Grade	76.8	3.8	1.9	0.0	2.1	0.8	14.6
12th Grade	73.7	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	6.2	17.7



	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	91.5	1.3	1.1	0.6	0.0	1.6	3.9
Male	91.5	1.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	2.9	2.9
Female	91.5	1.2	0.7	1.3	0.0	0.0	5.2
8th Grade	97.3	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
10th Grade	88.4	1.9	3.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	5.0
12th Grade	89.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	5.7

Q11b: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use a vaping device with flavoring only? Use of a Vaping Device with Flavoring Only in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade





Created Variable: Any past 30-day use of a vaping device (with nicotine, flavoring, and/or marijuana)

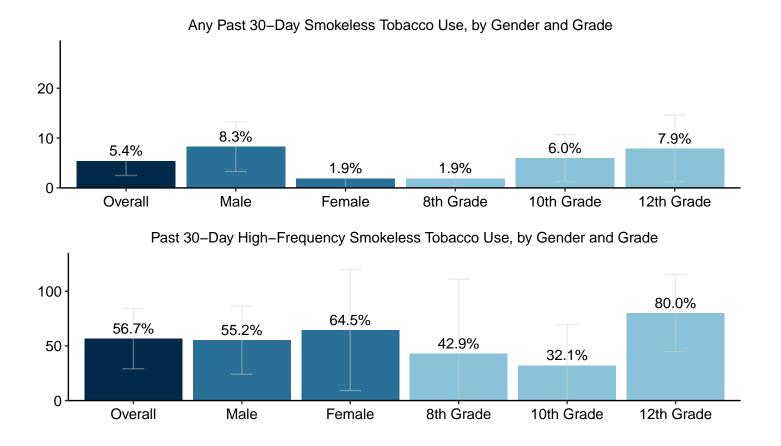
Any Past 30–Day Use of a Vaping Device, by Gender and Grade

Past 30-Day Smokeless Tobacco Use

Q12b: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use smokeless tobacco?

Smokeless Tobacco Use in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	94.6	0.7	1.6	0.3	0.3	1.1	1.4
Male	91.7	0.7	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.7
Female	98.1	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.0
8th Grade	98.1	0.0	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	94.0	1.9	2.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.1
12th Grade	92.1	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	3.2	3.2

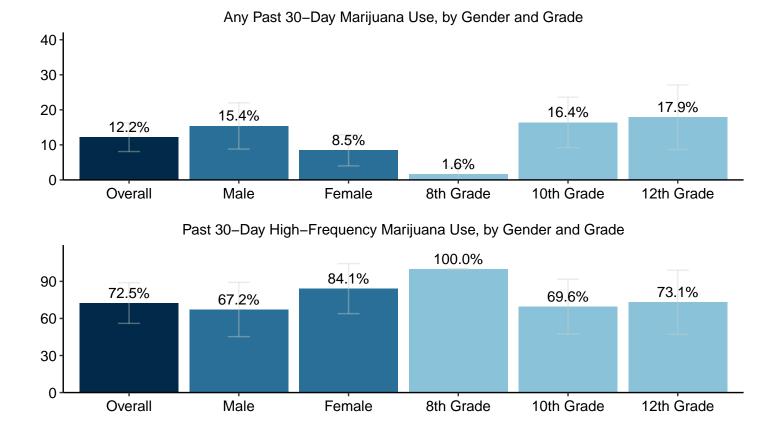


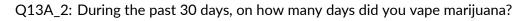
Past 30-Day Marijuana Use

Q13b: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana?

Marijuana Use in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

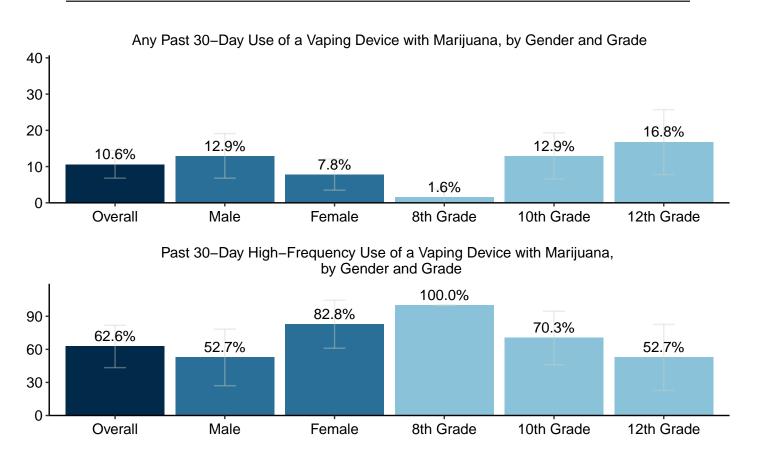
	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	87.8	1.9	1.4	0.3	0.9	2.1	5.5
Male	84.6	2.4	2.6	0.0	0.0	3.4	7.0
Female	91.5	1.3	0.0	0.7	2.0	0.7	3.8
8th Grade	98.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
10th Grade	83.6	3.9	1.1	0.0	2.6	2.2	6.7
12th Grade	82.1	1.6	3.2	0.9	0.0	4.1	8.1

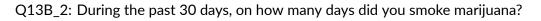




	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	89.4	1.9	2.1	0.6	0.6	1.1	4.4
Male	87.1	2.3	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.9	5.9
Female	92.2	1.3	0.0	1.3	1.3	1.2	2.6
8th Grade	98.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8
10th Grade	87.1	3.8	0.0	0.8	1.7	0.8	5.7
12th Grade	83.2	1.6	6.3	0.9	0.0	1.6	6.3

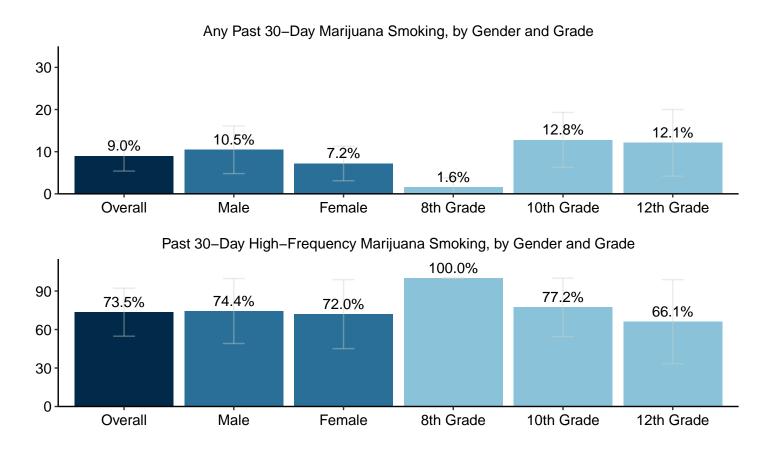
Marijuana Vaping in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade





	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	91.0	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.1	0.3	4.4
Male	89.5	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	5.8
Female	92.8	0.7	1.3	0.7	1.4	0.6	2.6
8th Grade	98.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8
10th Grade	87.2	2.0	0.9	0.9	1.8	0.0	7.2
12th Grade	87.9	1.6	2.5	1.6	1.6	0.0	4.8

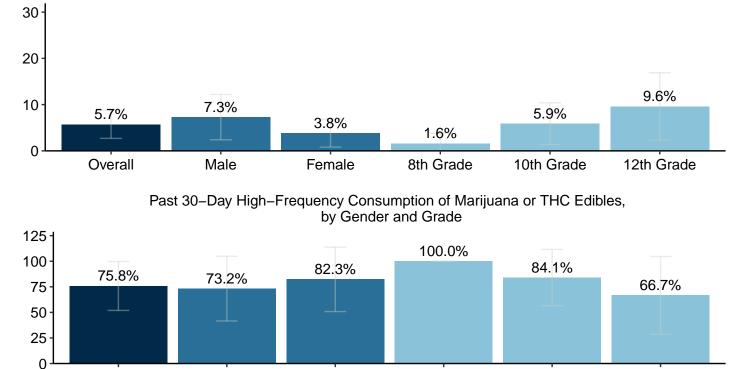
Marijuana Smoking in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade



	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	94.3	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.5	2.2
Male	92.7	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	3.4
Female	96.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.1	0.7
8th Grade	98.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0
10th Grade	94.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	3.2
12th Grade	90.4	1.6	1.6	3.2	0.0	0.0	3.2

Q13C_2: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana or TCH edibles? Marijuana or THC Edible Consumption in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade





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8th Grade

10th Grade

12th Grade

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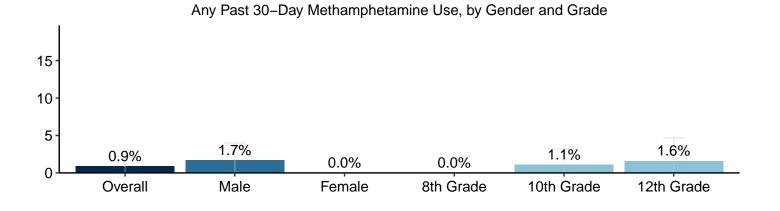
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Past 30-Day Methamphetamine Use

Q14b: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use methamphetamines?

Methamphetamine Use in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	99.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Male	98.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Female	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8th Grade	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
12th Grade	98.4	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

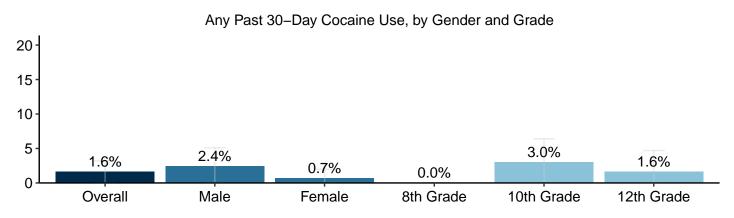


Past 30-Day Other Illegal Drug Use

Q15b: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use cocaine (crack, etc.)?

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	98.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4
Male	97.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Female	99.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8th Grade	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	97.0	1.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
12th Grade	98.4	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0

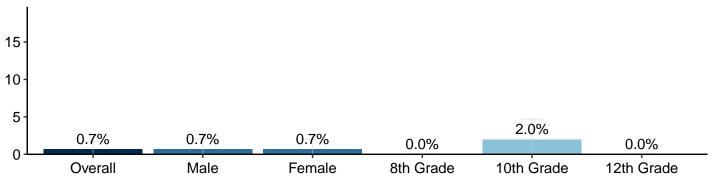
Cocaine Use in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade



Q15c: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use inhalants (glue, gas, etc.)?

Inhalant Use in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	99.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Male	99.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
8th Grade	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	98.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
12th Grade	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

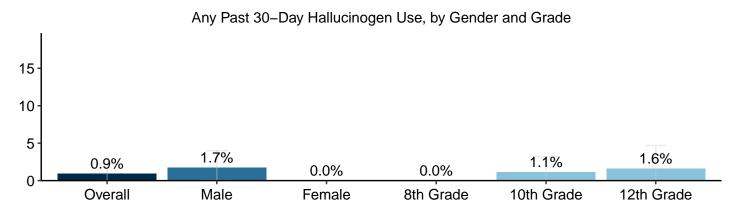


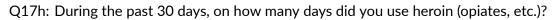
Any Past 30–Day Inhalant Use, by Gender and Grade

Q15d: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use hallucinogens (PCP, LSD, etc.)?

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	99.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Male	98.3	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8th Grade	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	98.9	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12th Grade	98.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Hallucinogen Use in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade



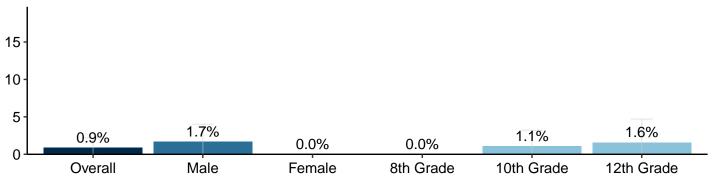


	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	99.1	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Male	98.3	0.0	0.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8th Grade	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	98.9	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12th Grade	98.4	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0

Heroin Use in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

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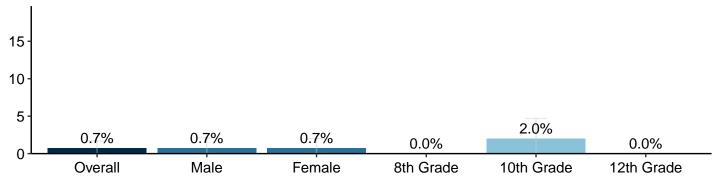
Any Past 30–Day Heroin Use, by Gender and Grade

Q15f: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use steroids?

0 days 1-2 days 3-5 days 6-9 days 10-19 days 20-29 days All 30 days Overall 99.3 0.0 0.4 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.3 Male 99.3 0.0 0.7 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 Female 99.3 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.7 8th Grade 100.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 10th Grade 98.0 0.0 1.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.9 12th Grade 100.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

Steroid Use in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade





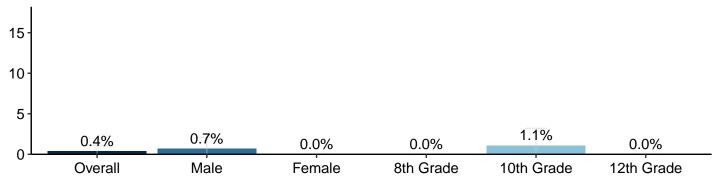
Q15g: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use ecstasy (MDMA, Molly)?

Ecstasy Use in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

	0 days	1-2 days	3-5 days	6-9 days	10-19 days	20-29 days	All 30 days
Overall	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Male	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Female	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8th Grade	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10th Grade	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
12th Grade	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Any Past 30–Day Ecstasy Use, by Gender and Grade

Perceived Access to Substances

Access to each substance was defined using students' responses to the question, "How easy is it to get..." Students were asked to respond using a rating scale from "Very easy" to "Very difficult." If they did not know, they could select "Don't know."

The tables for each substance display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported each rating option ("Very easy," "Fairly easy," "Fairly difficult," and "Very difficult"), shown by gender and grade level. Students who responded "Don't know" were excluded from these proportion calculations.

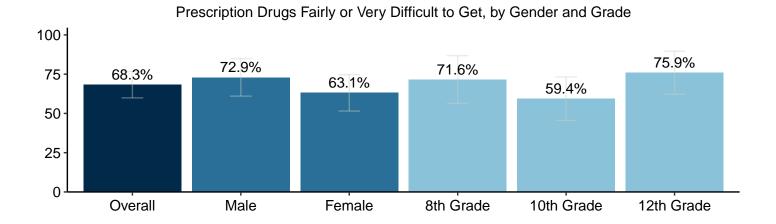
The bar graphs for each substance show the combined percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported that it was either "Fairly difficult" or "Very difficult" to obtain each substance, shown by gender and grade level. Each bar also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

Access to Prescription Drugs

Q16e. How easy is it to get prescription drugs not prescribed to you?

	Very easy	Fairly easy	Fairly difficult	Very difficult
Overall	16.1	15.6	9.7	58.6
Male	11.5	15.6	9.0	63.9
Female	21.3	15.6	10.5	52.6
8th Grade	5.8	22.5	22.5	49.1
10th Grade	23.6	17.0	7.4	52.0
12th Grade	14.7	9.4	3.9	72.0

Perceived Access to Prescription Drugs, by Gender and Grade



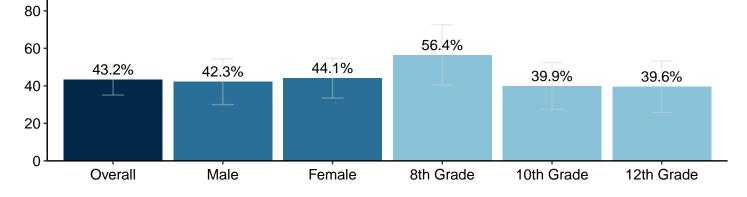
Access to Alcohol

Q16a. How easy is it to get alcohol (beer, coolers, liquor, etc.)?

Perceived Access to Alcohol, by Gender and Grade

	Very easy	Fairly easy	Fairly difficult	Very difficult
Overall	22.9	33.8	10.2	33.1
Male	20.0	37.7	7.7	34.5
Female	26.2	29.7	12.8	31.3
8th Grade	13.0	30.6	19.1	37.3
10th Grade	30.0	30.1	8.5	31.5
12th Grade	21.3	39.1	7.2	32.4

Alcohol Fairly or Very Difficult to Get, by Gender and Grade

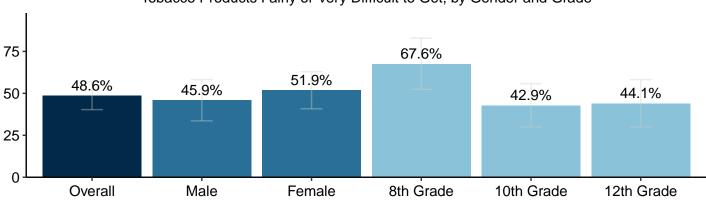


Access to Tobacco Products

Q16b. How easy is it to get tobacco products (cigarettes, dip, etc.)?

Perceived Access to Tobacco Products, by Gender and Grade

	Very easy	Fairly easy	Fairly difficult	Very difficult
Overall	28.7	22.7	12.6	36.0
Male	30.5	23.6	13.0	33.0
Female	26.5	21.6	12.2	39.7
8th Grade	12.3	20.0	30.8	36.8
10th Grade	34.0	23.1	12.0	30.9
12th Grade	32.3	23.6	3.9	40.2



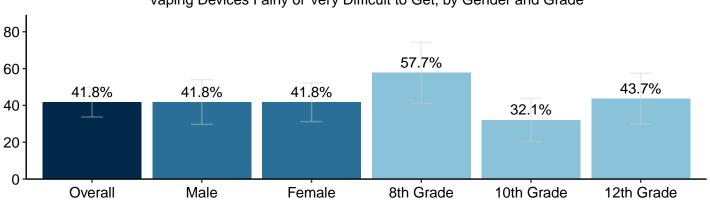
Tobacco Products Fairly or Very Difficult to Get, by Gender and Grade

Access to Vaping Devices

Q16c. How easy is it to get vaping devices (JUULs, vape pens, e-cigarettes)?

	Very easy	Fairly easy	Fairly difficult	Very difficult
Overall	37.2	21.0	10.1	31.7
Male	35.5	22.7	10.8	31.0
Female	39.1	19.1	9.3	32.5
8th Grade	27.7	14.7	17.9	39.7
10th Grade	44.8	23.1	7.0	25.1
12th Grade	34.4	21.9	9.3	34.4

Perceived Access to Vaping Devices, by Gender and Grade



Vaping Devices Fairly or Very Difficult to Get, by Gender and Grade

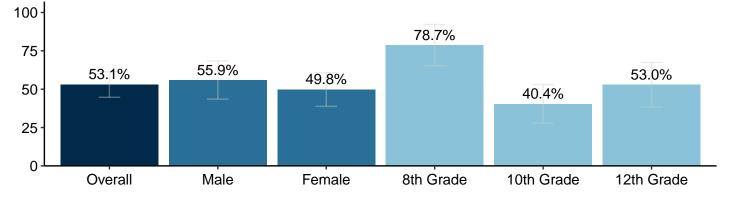
Access to Marijuana

Q16d. How easy is it to get marijuana (e.g., pot, hash, edibles)?

Perceived Access to Marijuana, by Gender and Grade

	Very easy	Fairly easy	Fairly difficult	Very difficult
Overall	28.0	18.9	8.8	44.3
Male	28.5	15.5	10.0	46.0
Female	27.2	23.0	7.4	42.3
8th Grade	15.6	5.7	18.9	59.8
10th Grade	28.7	30.9	1.5	38.9
12th Grade	33.4	13.6	11.0	42.0

Marijuana Fairly or Very Difficult to Get, by Gender and Grade



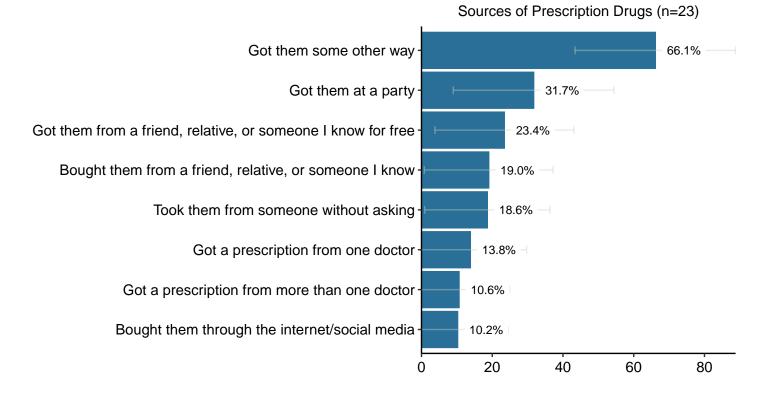
Sources of Substances

Sources for each substance was defined using students' responses to the question, "During the past 30 days, if you used... in which ways (if any) did you get...?" This question was asked for prescription drugs, alcohol, marijuana/THC, and vaping devices/substances. Students who reported past 30-day use were asked to select all of their sources. If a student did not use in the past 30 days, they were not asked to report sources and they are not included in these calculations.

The bar graph for each substance displays the percent of students who reported each source, provided that they responded to the question. Therefore, each data point can be interpreted as, "the percent of students who obtained substances from each source out of those who reported at least one source." The number of students who selected at least one source is included in the title of the graph. Students could select multiple sources, so percentages in the plots will not sum to 100 percent. Demographic breakdowns are not included for individual sources due to small sample sizes.

Sources of Prescription Drugs

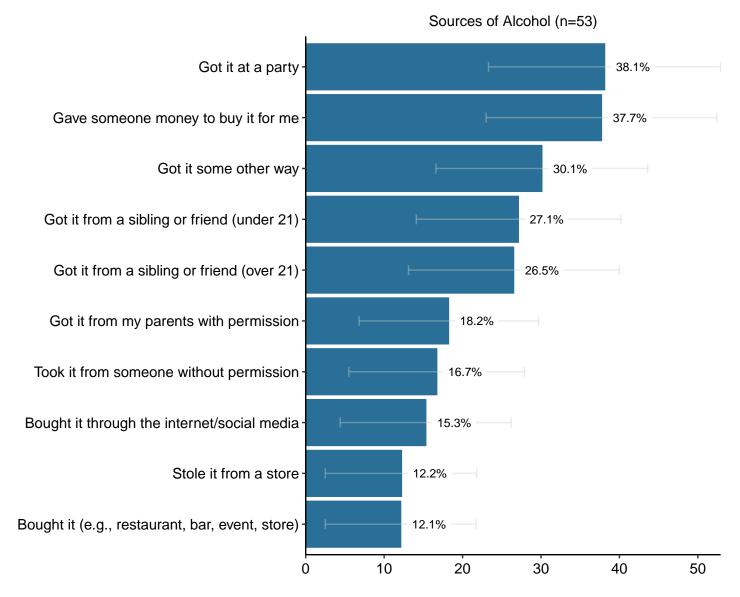
Q19. During the past 30 days, if you used prescription drugs to get high, how did you get the drugs? (Mark all that apply.) Plot will not populate if fewer than ten students responded to this question.



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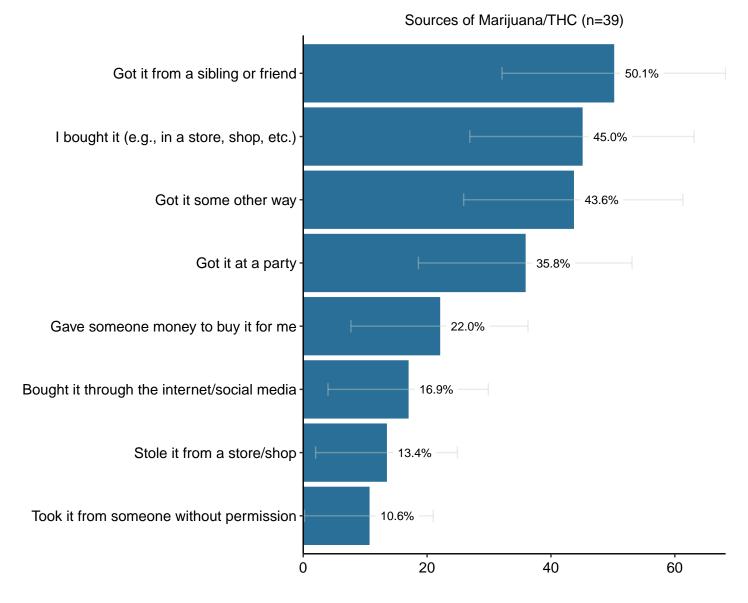
Sources of Alcohol

Q17. During the past 30 days, if you used alcohol, in which ways (if any) did you get alcohol? (Mark all that apply.) Plot will not populate if fewer than ten students responded to this question.



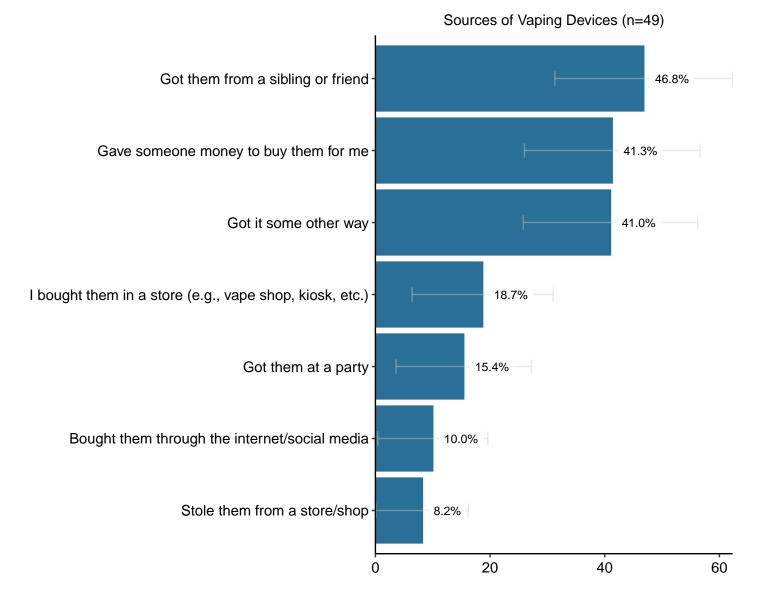
Sources of Marijuana/THC

Q20. During the past 30 days, if you used marijuana/THC (through smoking, vaping, edibles, Delta-8, or any other way), how did you get it? (Mark all that apply.) Plot will not populate if fewer than ten students responded to this question.



Sources of Vaping Devices and Substances

Q21. During the past 30 days, if you vaped, how did you get your vaping devices and substances? (Mark all that apply.) Plot will not populate if fewer than ten students responded to this question.

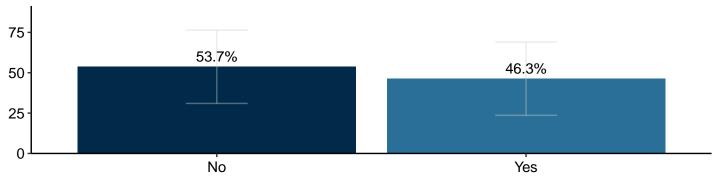


Students' Ability to Purchase Alcohol

Students' ability to purchase alcohol was assessed with a question asking if they were asked to show proof of age if they attempted to buy.

The bar graph displays the percent of students (weighted proportions) who were asked to show proof of age out of those who reported attempting to buy. Each data point can be interpreted as, "the percent of students who were asked to show proof of age of those who reported attempting to buy alcohol in the past 30 days." The number of students who responded to this question is included in the title of the graph. Demographic breakdowns are not included for this question due to small sample sizes.

Q18. If you bought or tried to buy alcohol yourself during the past 30 days, were you ever asked to show proof of age?



Asked to Show Proof of Age to Purchase if Tried to Buy (n=21)

Riding with Impaired Drivers

Riding with impaired drivers was defined as riding in a car with someone under the influence of each substance. Students who reported ever having ridden in a car with an impaired driver were asked to report the number of times they had done so in the past 30 days.

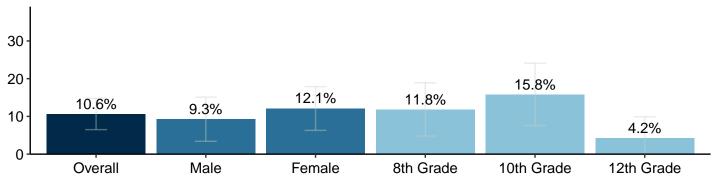
The first bar graph for each substance displays the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported ever riding in a car with an impaired driver (lifetime), shown by gender and grade level. Each bar also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

The tables for each substance display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported no past 30-day substance use (the "0 times" column) and the proportion of students who reported each frequency, shown by gender and grade level.

The final bar graph for each substance displays the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported riding with an impaired driver in the past 30 days one or more times, shown by gender and grade level.

Lifetime Riding with a Prescription Drug-Impaired Driver

Q22b. Have you ever ridden in a car driven by someone who was taking or was under the influence of prescription drugs?



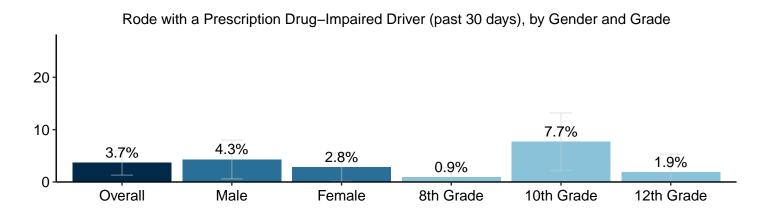
Rode with a Prescription Drug–Impaired Driver (Lifetime), by Gender and Grade

Past 30-Day Riding with a Prescription Drug-Impaired Driver

Q23b. During the past 30 days, how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who was taking or was under the influence of prescription drugs?

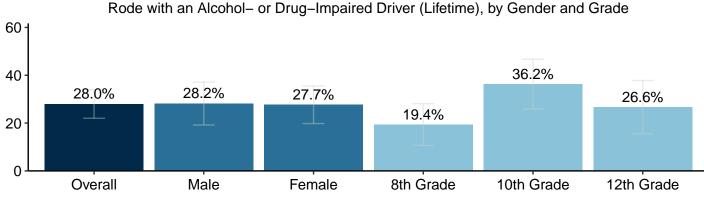
	0 times	1 time	2 or 3 times	4 or 5 times	6 or more times
Overall	96.3	1.0	0.8	0.4	1.5
Male	95.7	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.6
Female	97.2	0.7	0.7	0.0	1.4
8th Grade	99.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
10th Grade	92.3	0.9	2.2	1.2	3.4
12th Grade	98.1	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0

Rode with a Prescription Drug-Impaired Driver (past 30 days), by Gender and Grade



Lifetime Riding with an Alcohol or Drug-Impaired Driver

Q23a. Have you ever ridden in a car driven by someone who was intoxicated by alcohol or drugs?

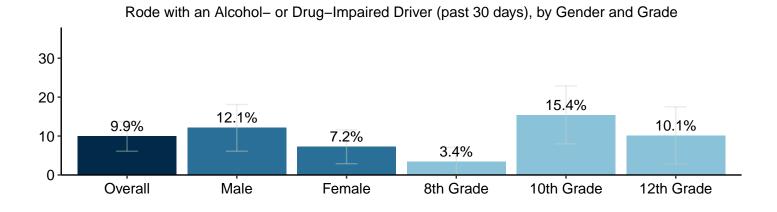


Rode with an Alcohol- or Drug-Impaired Driver (Lifetime), by Gender and Grade

Past 30-Day Riding with an Alcohol or Drug-Impaired Driver

Q23a. During the past 30 days, how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who was intoxicated by alcohol or drugs?

	0 times	1 time	2 or 3 times	4 or 5 times	6 or more times
Overall	90.1	4.1	0.7	1.9	3.2
Male	87.9	4.4	0.0	3.5	4.2
Female	92.8	3.7	1.5	0.0	2.1
8th Grade	96.6	1.3	0.0	0.0	2.1
10th Grade	84.6	5.3	1.0	3.6	5.6
12th Grade	89.9	5.5	1.1	1.8	1.8



Friends' Substance Use

Friends' substance use was defined using students' responses to the questions, "Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many, if any, of your friends have [used each substance]?"

The tables for each substance display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported that none of their closest friends had used (the "O friends" column) and the proportion of students who reported each number of friends who used, shown by gender and grade level.

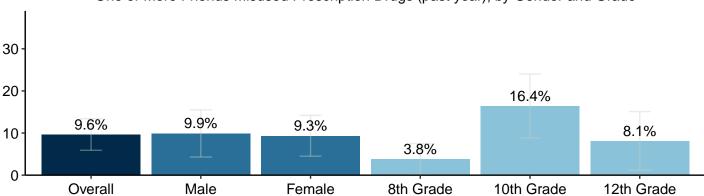
The bar graphs for each substance display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported that at least one or more of their closest friends had used each substance, shown by gender and grade level. Each bar also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

Friends' Prescription Drug Misuse

Q24c. Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many, if any, of your friends have used prescription drugs not prescribed to them?

	0 friends	1 friend	2 friends	3 friends	4 or more friends
Overall	90.4	4.4	1.4	0.6	3.3
Male	90.1	2.6	1.9	1.1	4.3
Female	90.7	6.5	0.8	0.0	2.1
8th Grade	96.2	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.9
10th Grade	83.6	7.1	2.3	0.0	7.0
12th Grade	91.9	2.8	1.8	1.8	1.8

Friends' Prescription Drug Misuse (past year), by Gender and Grade



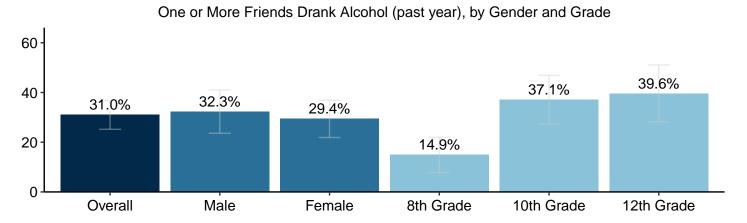
One or More Friends Misused Prescription Drugs (past year), by Gender and Grade

Friends' Alcohol Use

Q24a. Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many, if any, of your friends have had one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage?

	0 friends	1 friend	2 friends	3 friends	4 or more friends
Overall	69.0	9.1	6.3	1.8	13.7
Male	67.7	6.2	6.7	1.1	18.3
Female	70.6	12.6	5.8	2.8	8.2
8th Grade	85.1	5.9	4.7	0.9	3.5
10th Grade	62.9	10.1	7.0	1.0	19.1
12th Grade	60.4	11.1	7.2	3.7	17.6

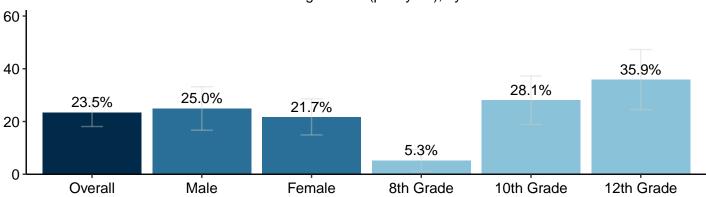
Friends' Alcohol Use (past year), by Gender and Grade



Q25b. Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many, if any, of your friends have had 5 or more drinks on the same occasion?

	0 friends	1 friend	2 friends	3 friends	4 or more friends
Overall	76.5	5.8	5.4	2.1	10.3
Male	75.0	2.2	5.1	2.7	15.0
Female	78.3	10.0	5.7	1.3	4.7
8th Grade	94.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	2.6
10th Grade	71.9	7.8	5.1	2.4	12.8
12th Grade	64.1	8.4	9.9	2.8	14.9

Friends' Binge Drinking (past year), by Gender and Grade



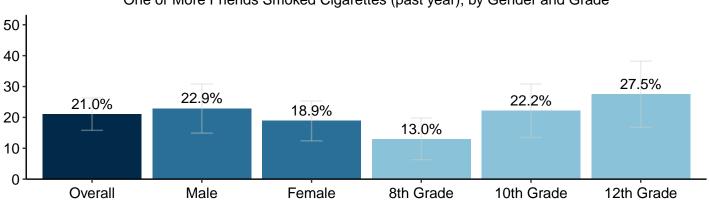
One or More Friends Binge Drank (past year), by Gender and Grade

Friends' Tobacco Use

Q24d. Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many, if any, of your friends have smoked part or all of a cigarette?

	0 friends	1 friend	2 friends	3 friends	4 or more friends
Overall	79.0	8.5	3.1	1.9	7.5
Male	77.1	6.7	3.4	2.9	9.8
Female	81.1	10.5	2.8	0.7	4.8
8th Grade	87.0	7.1	2.1	1.2	2.7
10th Grade	77.8	9.6	3.5	1.0	8.0
12th Grade	72.5	8.6	3.8	3.5	11.6

Friends' Cigarette Use (past year), by Gender and Grade



One or More Friends Smoked Cigarettes (past year), by Gender and Grade

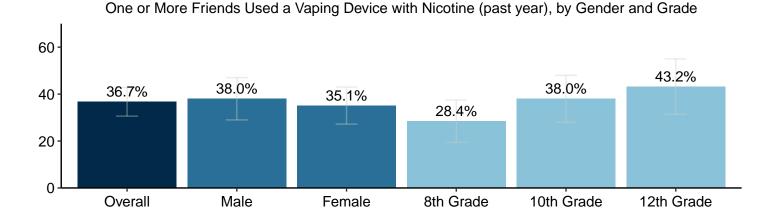
Friends' Use of a Vaping Device

Note: Please see the next section (Friends' Marijuana Use) for friends' use of a vaping device with marijuana.

Q24e. Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many, if any, of your friends have used a vaping device with nicotine?

	0 friends	1 friend	2 friends	3 friends	4 or more friends
Overall	63.3	7.8	5.2	4.3	19.4
Male	62.0	8.0	4.4	4.8	20.8
Female	64.9	7.6	6.1	3.6	17.7
8th Grade	71.6	9.5	5.9	4.4	8.6
10th Grade	62.0	6.6	3.2	5.4	22.7
12th Grade	56.8	7.5	6.5	2.9	26.2

Friends' Use of a Vaping Device with Nicotine (past year), by Gender and Grade

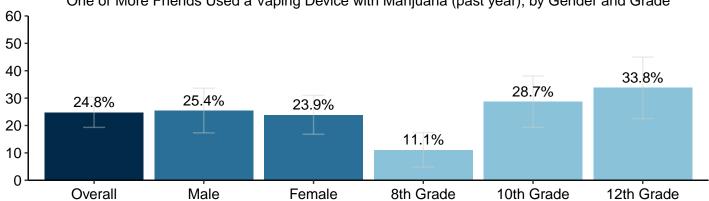


Friends' Marijuana Use

Q24f. Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many, if any, of your friends have used a vaping device with marijuana?

Friends' Use of a Vaping Device with Marijuana (past year), by Gender and Grade

	0 friends	1 friend	2 friends	3 friends	4 or more friends
Overall	75.2	5.9	4.9	3.3	10.6
Male	74.6	4.6	5.4	1.9	13.5
Female	76.1	7.4	4.4	5.1	7.0
8th Grade	88.9	4.7	0.9	0.9	4.7
10th Grade	71.3	5.3	3.0	5.3	15.2
12th Grade	66.2	7.7	10.8	3.7	11.5

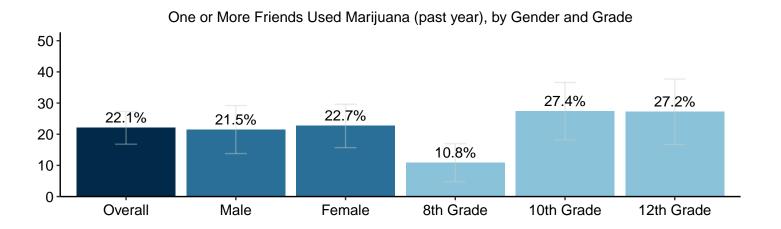


One or More Friends Used a Vaping Device with Marijuana (past year), by Gender and Grade

Q24g. Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many, if any, of your friends have used marijuana or hashish some other way?

	0 friends	1 friend	2 friends	3 friends	4 or more friends
Overall	77.9	4.8	4.4	2.3	10.6
Male	78.5	2.1	3.2	1.9	14.3
Female	77.3	8.1	5.7	2.7	6.1
8th Grade	89.2	3.5	0.9	1.8	4.7
10th Grade	72.6	5.9	3.0	3.2	15.3
12th Grade	72.8	4.9	9.1	1.7	11.4

Friends' Marijuana Use (past year), by Gender and Grade



Parent, Peer, and Personal Disapproval of Alcohol and Other Drug Use

Parent, peer, and personal disapproval for each substance was defined using students' responses to the questions, "How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to...", "How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to...", and "How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to..." Students were asked to respond using a rating scale from "Not at all wrong" to "Very wrong."

The tables for each substance display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported each rating option ("Not at all wrong," "A little bit wrong," "Wrong," and "Very wrong"), shown by gender and grade level.

The bar graphs for each substance show the combined percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported that it was either "Wrong" or "Very wrong," shown by gender and grade level. Each bar also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

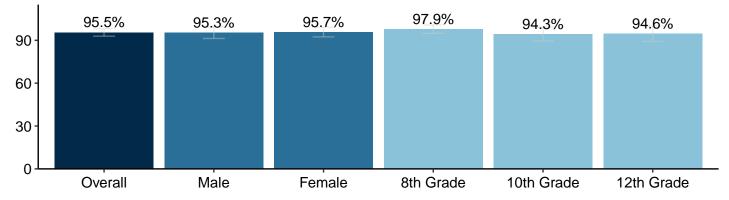
Parent Disapproval of Prescription Drug Misuse

Q25g. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to use prescription drugs not prescribed to you?

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	1.7	2.7	7.4	88.1
Male	2.0	2.7	10.0	85.3
Female	1.5	2.8	4.4	91.4
8th Grade	0.0	2.1	6.7	91.2
10th Grade	2.4	3.3	4.9	89.4
12th Grade	2.7	2.7	10.5	84.1

Parent Disapproval of Prescription Drug Misuse, by Gender and Grade

Parents Feel Misusing Prescription Drugs Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade

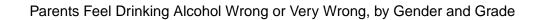


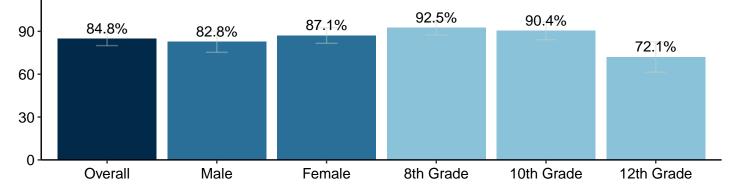
Parent Disapproval of Alcohol Use

Q26a. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to drink alcohol?

Parent Disapproval of Drinking Alcohol, by Gender and Grade

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	2.9	12.3	16.3	68.5
Male	3.1	14.2	19.1	63.6
Female	2.7	10.3	13.1	74.0
8th Grade	1.8	5.7	12.6	79.9
10th Grade	1.4	8.2	15.2	75.2
12th Grade	5.5	22.4	20.8	51.3

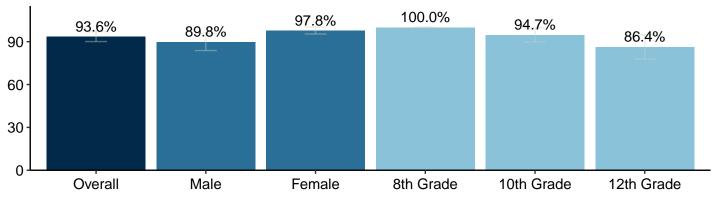




Q26b. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to have one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	1.4	5.0	10.0	83.5
Male	2.0	8.2	13.1	76.8
Female	0.7	1.4	6.6	91.3
8th Grade	0.0	0.0	5.4	94.6
10th Grade	1.4	3.9	5.7	89.1
12th Grade	2.8	10.9	18.7	67.7

Parent Disapproval of Daily Drinking, by Gender and Grade



Parents Feel Drinking Alcohol Daily Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade

Parent Disapproval of Tobacco Use

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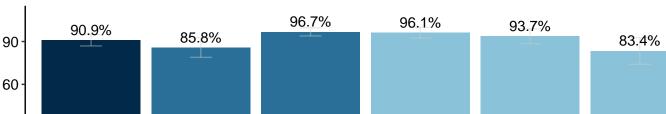
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Q26c. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to smoke tobacco?

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	3.5	5.6	10.8	80.1
Male	5.3	8.8	12.5	73.3
Female	1.3	2.0	8.9	87.8
8th Grade	0.9	3.0	8.1	88.0
10th Grade	1.4	4.9	9.0	84.7
12th Grade	8.0	8.7	15.1	68.3

Parent Disapproval of Smoking Tobacco, by Gender and Grade



Female

Parents Feel Smoking Tobacco Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade

8th Grade

10th Grade

Male

12th Grade

Parent Disapproval of Vaping

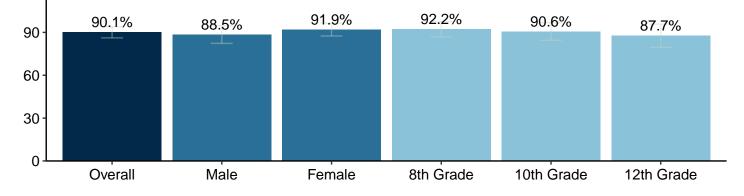
Note: Please see the next section (Parent Disapproval of Marijuana Use) for parental disapproval of use of a vaping device with marijuana.

Q25d. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to use a vaping device with nicotine?

Parent Disapproval of Use of a Vaping Device with Nicotine, by Gender and Grade

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	4.1	5.8	12.4	77.7
Male	5.3	6.2	16.0	72.5
Female	2.7	5.4	8.3	83.6
8th Grade	1.8	6.0	6.0	86.2
10th Grade	2.4	7.0	7.3	83.3
12th Grade	7.9	4.4	23.2	64.5

Parents Feel Use of a Vaping Device with Nicotine Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade

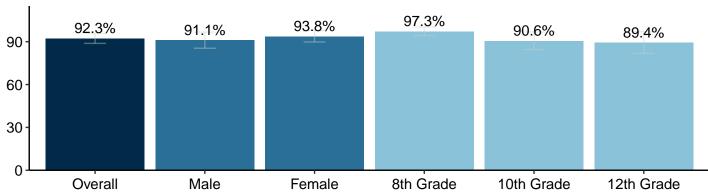


Parent Disapproval of Marijuana

Q25e. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to use a vaping device with marijuana?

Parent Disapproval of Use of a Vaping Device with Marijuana, by Gender and Grade

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	3.2	4.5	8.6	83.7
Male	4.2	4.7	12.8	78.2
Female	2.1	4.2	3.9	89.9
8th Grade	0.9	1.8	7.2	90.1
10th Grade	2.4	7.0	2.6	88.0
12th Grade	6.2	4.4	15.9	73.5



Parents Feel Use of a Vaping Device with Marijuana Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade

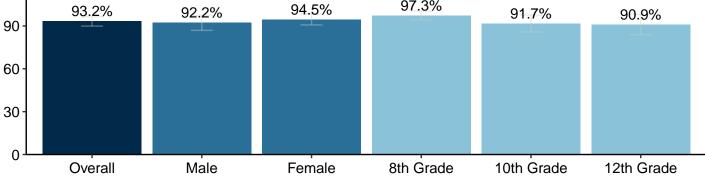
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Parent Disapproval of Smoking Marijuana, by Gender and Grade

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	3.4	3.4	9.9	83.3
Male	3.9	3.9	14.1	78.1
Female	2.7	2.8	5.2	89.2
8th Grade	1.8	0.9	6.9	90.4
10th Grade	3.7	4.6	4.9	86.7
12th Grade	4.5	4.6	17.7	73.2

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Parents Feel Smoking Marijuana Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade

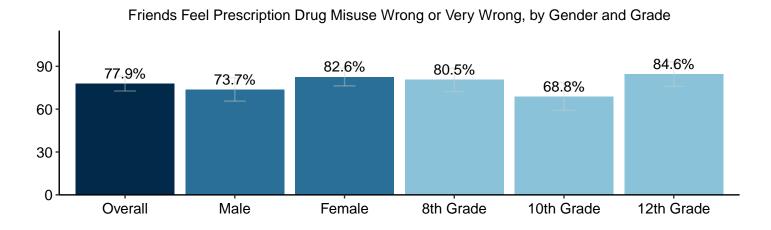


Peer Disapproval of Prescription Drug Misuse

Q26g. How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to use prescription drugs not prescribed to you?

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	12.5	9.6	16.4	61.5
Male	13.5	12.8	16.3	57.4
Female	11.4	6.1	16.3	66.3
8th Grade	9.9	9.6	16.2	64.3
10th Grade	19.2	12.0	14.5	54.3
12th Grade	8.2	7.2	18.3	66.2

Peer Disapproval of Prescription Drug Misuse, by Gender and Grade

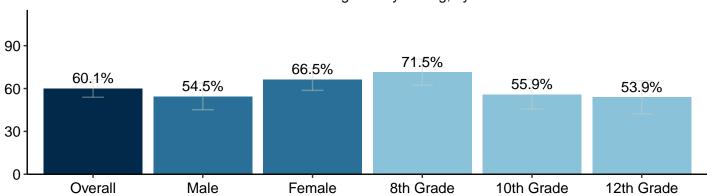


Peer Disapproval of Alcohol Use

Q27a. How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to drink alcohol?

Peer Disapproval of Alcohol Use, by Gender and Grade

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	22.9	16.9	15.4	44.7
Male	26.4	19.1	12.5	41.9
Female	19.0	14.5	18.7	47.9
8th Grade	12.6	15.9	21.0	50.5
10th Grade	23.8	20.3	11.5	44.4
12th Grade	31.7	14.4	14.1	39.7

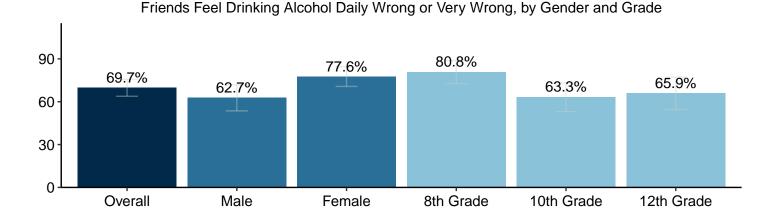


Friends Feel Alcohol Use Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade

Q26b. How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to have one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	17.1	13.2	20.2	49.5
Male	19.6	17.7	18.1	44.6
Female	14.2	8.2	22.6	55.0
8th Grade	9.9	9.3	20.4	60.4
10th Grade	21.7	15.0	15.3	48.0
12th Grade	19.2	15.0	25.0	40.8

Peer Disapproval of Daily Drinking, by Gender and Grade

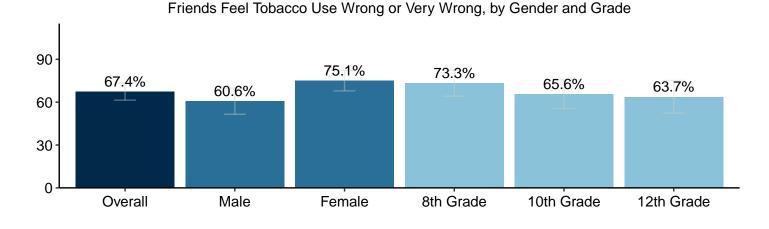


Peer Disapproval of Tobacco Use

Q26c. How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to smoke tobacco?

Peer Disapproval of Tobacco Use, by Gender and Grade

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	18.0	14.6	15.9	51.4
Male	21.5	17.9	14.9	45.7
Female	14.0	10.9	17.1	57.9
8th Grade	12.9	13.8	15.3	58.0
10th Grade	20.7	13.7	15.8	49.7
12th Grade	20.0	16.3	16.6	47.1



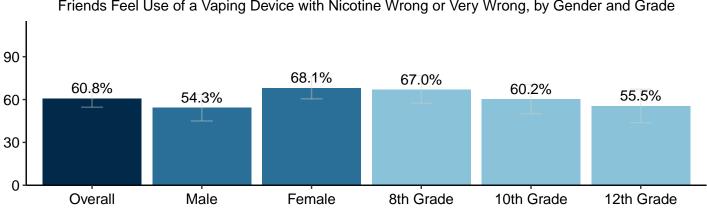
Peer Disapproval of Vaping

Note: Please see the next section (Parent Disapproval of Marijuana Use) for parental disapproval of use of a vaping device with marijuana.

Q26d. How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to use a vaping device with nicotine?

Peer Disapproval of Use of a Vaping Device with Nicotine, by Gender and Grade

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	26.2	13.0	14.9	45.9
Male	30.4	15.3	13.1	41.2
Female	21.6	10.3	16.9	51.2
8th Grade	20.1	12.9	15.9	51.1
10th Grade	26.8	13.0	15.8	44.4
12th Grade	31.4	13.1	12.9	42.6



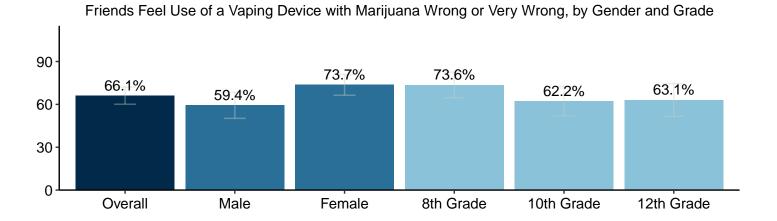
Friends Feel Use of a Vaping Device with Nicotine Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade

Peer Disapproval of Marijuana Use

Q26e. How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to use a vaping device with marijuana?

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	21.6	12.3	15.9	50.2
Male	24.5	16.1	12.8	46.6
Female	18.3	8.0	19.3	54.4
8th Grade	15.0	11.4	16.5	57.1
10th Grade	24.8	13.0	15.2	47.0
12th Grade	24.4	12.5	16.0	47.2

Peer Disapproval of Use of a Vaping Device with Marijuana, by Gender and Grade

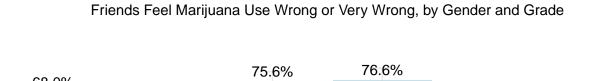


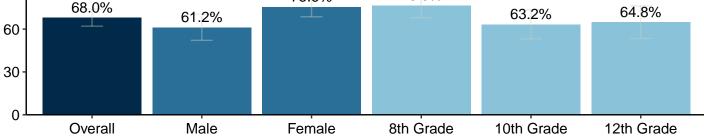
Q26f. How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to smoke marijuana?

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	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	20.5	11.5	17.4	50.6
Male	23.7	15.0	15.1	46.2
Female	16.8	7.5	19.9	55.7
8th Grade	13.8	9.6	17.4	59.2
10th Grade	23.8	13.0	15.3	48.0
12th Grade	23.5	11.7	19.5	45.3

Peer Disapproval of Marijuana Use, by Gender and Grade





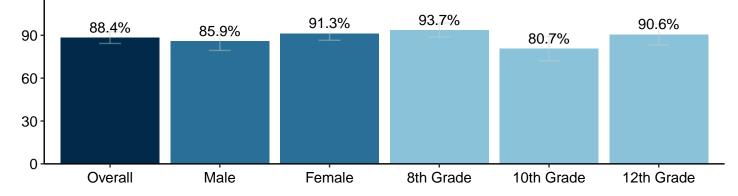
Personal Disapproval of Prescription Drug Misuse

Q27g. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to use prescription drugs not prescribed them?

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	4.5	7.1	16.2	72.2
Male	5.9	8.2	18.6	67.4
Female	2.9	5.9	13.4	77.9
8th Grade	0.9	5.4	12.0	81.7
10th Grade	7.3	12.0	18.4	62.3
12th Grade	5.4	3.9	18.1	72.5

Personal Disapproval of Prescription Drug Misuse, by Gender and Grade

Respondent Feels Prescription Drug Misuse Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade

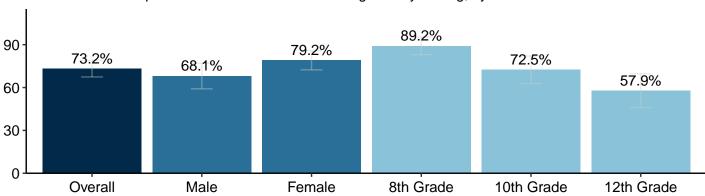


Personal Disapproval of Alcohol Use

Q27a. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to drink alcohol?

Personal Disapproval of Alcohol Use, by Gender and Grade

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	9.8	17.0	19.4	53.9
Male	12.7	19.3	19.2	48.8
Female	6.5	14.4	19.6	59.5
8th Grade	4.0	6.8	20.0	69.2
10th Grade	9.7	17.8	22.7	49.8
12th Grade	15.7	26.4	15.4	42.4

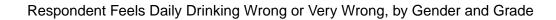


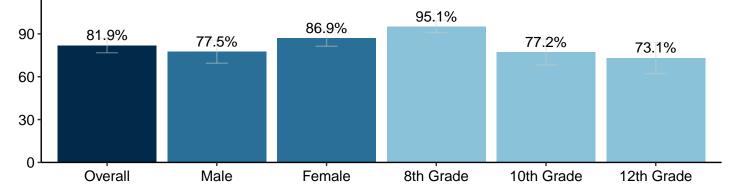
Respondent Feels Alcohol Use Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade

Q27b. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to have one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	6.9	11.2	19.7	62.2
Male	9.2	13.3	22.7	54.8
Female	4.4	8.7	16.3	70.7
8th Grade	2.0	2.9	16.3	78.9
10th Grade	6.0	16.8	22.9	54.3
12th Grade	12.9	14.0	19.9	53.1

Personal Disapproval of Daily Drinking, by Gender and Grade



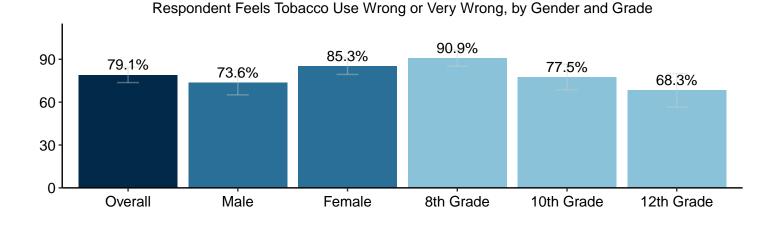


Personal Disapproval of Tobacco Use

Q28b. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to smoke tobacco?

Personal Disapproval of Tobacco Use, by Gender and Grade

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	8.3	12.6	20.8	58.3
Male	10.4	16.0	21.5	52.1
Female	5.8	8.9	19.9	65.4
8th Grade	2.9	6.3	18.8	72.0
10th Grade	6.0	16.5	25.3	52.2
12th Grade	16.4	15.3	18.1	50.2



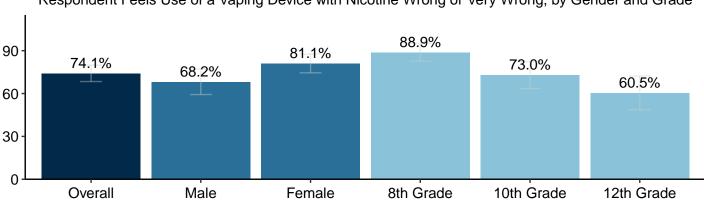
Personal Disapproval of Vaping

Note: Please see the next section (Peer Disapproval of Marijuana Use) for peer disapproval of use of a vaping device with marijuana.

Q27d. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to use a vaping device with nicotine?

Personal Disapproval of Use of a Vaping Device with Nicotine, by Gender and Grade

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	9.5	16.4	21.1	53.1
Male	11.3	20.5	20.0	48.2
Female	7.2	11.7	22.4	58.7
8th Grade	2.9	8.3	20.3	68.6
10th Grade	7.1	19.9	25.6	47.4
12th Grade	18.5	21.0	17.4	43.0



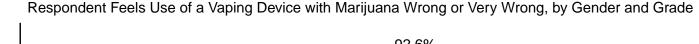
Respondent Feels Use of a Vaping Device with Nicotine Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade

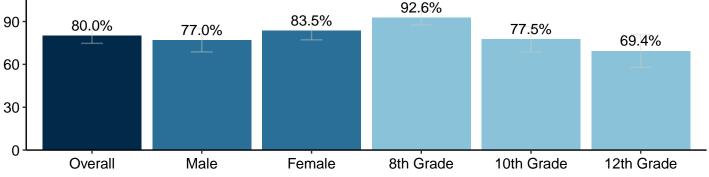
Personal Disapproval of Marijuana Use

Q27e. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to use a vaping device with marijuana?

Personal Disapproval of Use of a Vaping Device with Marijuana, by Gender and Grade

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	9.9	10.1	18.6	61.4
Male	11.5	11.5	18.1	58.9
Female	8.0	8.5	19.3	64.2
8th Grade	2.9	4.6	14.8	77.7
10th Grade	8.1	14.4	24.0	53.6
12th Grade	19.2	11.4	17.0	52.3



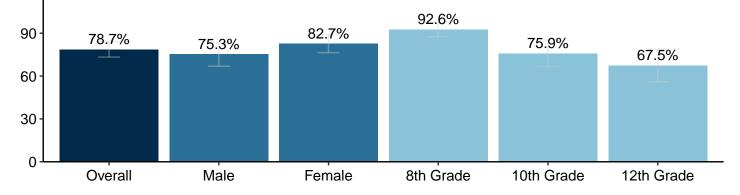


Q27f. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to use marijuana (some other way)?

	Not at all wrong	A little bit wrong	Wrong	Very wrong
Overall	10.6	10.7	18.0	60.7
Male	13.5	11.2	18.1	57.2
Female	7.2	10.0	17.9	64.8
8th Grade	1.7	5.7	15.1	77.5
10th Grade	9.8	14.2	20.5	55.4
12th Grade	20.4	12.1	18.5	49.0

Personal Disapproval of Marijuana Use, by Gender and Grade

Respondent Feels Marijuana Use Wrong or Very Wrong, by Gender and Grade



Perception of Risk

Perception of risk for each substance was defined using students' responses to the questions, "How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they..." Students were asked to respond using a rating scale from "No risk" to "Great risk."

The tables for each substance display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported each rating option ("No risk," "Slight risk," "Moderate risk," and "Great risk"), shown by gender and grade level.

The bar graphs for each substance show the combined percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported either "Moderate risk" or "Great risk," shown by gender and grade level. Each bar also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

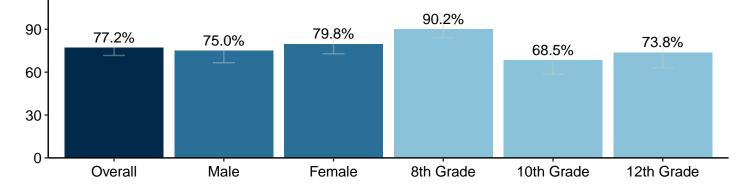
Perceived Risk of Prescription Drug Misuse

Q28h. How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them?

	No risk	Slight risk	Moderate Risk	Great risk
Overall	14.5	8.3	12.3	64.9
Male	18.4	6.5	14.5	60.5
Female	9.9	10.4	9.7	70.1
8th Grade	3.4	6.5	11.7	78.5
10th Grade	21.7	9.8	14.5	54.0
12th Grade	17.7	8.5	10.7	63.1

Perceived Risk of Prescription Drug Misuse, by Gender and Grade

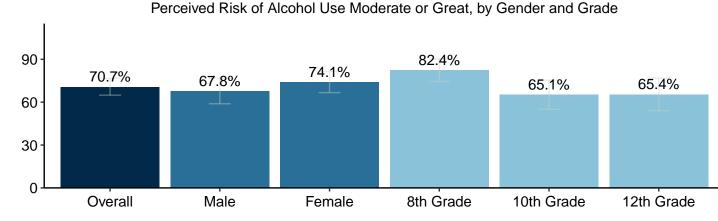
Perceived Risk of Prescription Drug Misuse Moderate or Great, by Gender and Grade



Perceived Risk of Alcohol Use

	No risk	Slight risk	Moderate Risk	Great risk
Overall	15.0	14.3	29.9	40.8
Male	19.4	12.8	36.6	31.3
Female	9.8	16.0	22.3	51.9
8th Grade	4.6	13.1	28.5	53.8
10th Grade	25.1	9.7	28.5	36.6
12th Grade	14.7	19.9	32.6	32.8

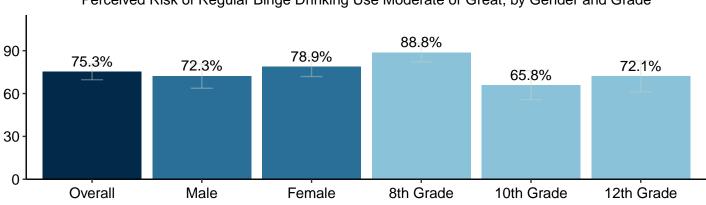
Q28a. How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they drink alcohol? Perceived Risk of Alcohol Use, by Gender and Grade



Q28b. How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) once or twice a week?

	No risk	Slight risk	Moderate Risk	Great risk
Overall	13.6	11.1	18.2	57.1
Male	16.7	11.0	23.1	49.1
Female	9.9	11.2	12.5	66.4
8th Grade	3.3	7.9	15.8	73.0
10th Grade	24.1	10.1	17.1	48.7
12th Grade	12.8	15.1	21.7	50.4

Perceived Risk of Regular Binge Drinking, by Gender and Grade



Perceived Risk of Regular Binge Drinking Use Moderate or Great, by Gender and Grade

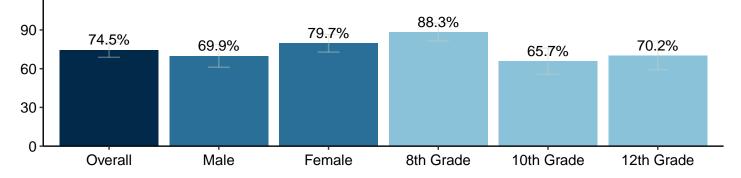
Perceived Risk of Tobacco Use

Q28c. How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes a day?

Perceived Risk of Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes a Day, by Gender and Grade

	No risk	Slight risk	Moderate Risk	Great risk
Overall	13.5	12.1	16.5	58.0
Male	16.1	13.9	19.0	51.0
Female	10.4	9.9	13.7	66.0
8th Grade	4.3	7.4	14.1	74.2
10th Grade	21.7	12.5	18.2	47.5
12th Grade	13.8	16.0	16.9	53.3

Perceived Risk of Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes a Day Moderate or Great, by Gender and Grade



Perceived Risk of Vaping

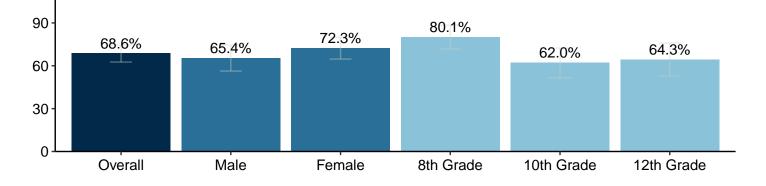
Note: Please see the next section (Perceived Risk of Marijuana Use) for perceived risk of use of a vaping device with marijuana.

Q28d. How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they use a vaping device with nicotine?

	No risk	Slight risk	Moderate Risk	Great risk
Overall	14.7	16.7	23.2	45.4
Male	16.9	17.8	23.9	41.4
Female	12.1	15.5	22.4	49.9
8th Grade	5.5	14.4	21.1	58.9
10th Grade	23.1	14.9	21.7	40.3
12th Grade	15.0	20.7	26.7	37.6

Perceived Risk of Use of a Vaping Device with Nicotine, by Gender and Grade



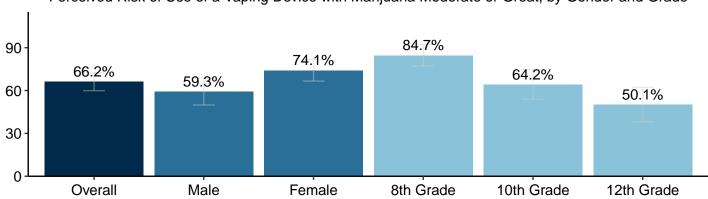


Perceived Risk of Marijuana Use

Q28e. How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they use a vaping device with marijuana?

Perceived Risk of Use of a Vaping Device with Marijuana, by Gender and Grade

	No risk	Slight risk	Moderate Risk	Great risk
Overall	17.8	16.1	20.7	45.5
Male	22.0	18.6	22.9	36.4
Female	12.8	13.0	18.0	56.1
8th Grade	8.6	6.7	23.9	60.8
10th Grade	23.3	12.4	21.3	42.9
12th Grade	21.1	28.8	16.8	33.3

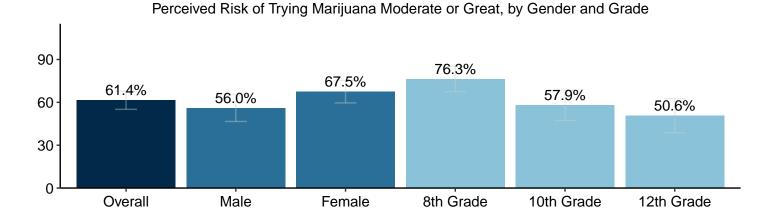


Perceived Risk of Use of a Vaping Device with Marijuana Moderate or Great, by Gender and Grade

Q28f. How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they try marijuana once or twice?

	No risk	Slight risk	Moderate Risk	Great risk
Overall	22.5	16.1	18.0	43.4
Male	27.8	16.1	19.8	36.3
Female	16.4	16.1	15.9	51.6
8th Grade	10.9	12.8	19.7	56.6
10th Grade	26.3	15.8	17.9	40.0
12th Grade	29.8	19.7	16.4	34.1

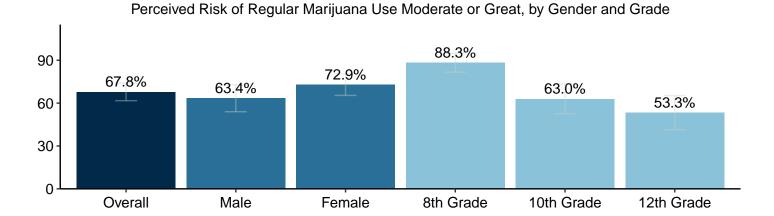
Perceived Risk of Trying Marijuana, by Gender and Grade



Q28g. How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week?

	No risk	Slight risk	Moderate Risk	Great risk
Overall	17.5	14.7	20.4	47.5
Male	20.9	15.6	25.6	37.8
Female	13.5	13.5	14.4	58.6
8th Grade	5.2	6.5	23.4	65.0
10th Grade	23.4	13.6	20.1	42.9
12th Grade	23.3	23.4	17.8	35.5

Perceived Risk of Regular Marijuana Use, by Gender and Grade



Psychological Distress

Psychological distress was measured using the Kessler Psychological Distress Scale (K-6). This six-item scale asked students how often they have had six different feelings in the past 30 days.

The tables for each of the six scale items display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported each likert response option ("None of the time", "A little of the time", Some of the time", "Most of the time", "All of the time"), shown by gender and grade level.

The bar graph displays the weighted average scale score, shown by gender and grade level. Scale scores were calculated by adding up each respondent's responses to the six items. A response of "All of the time" was 4 points; "None of the time" was 0 points. For example, if a student reported feeling each of the six feelings "All of the time" s/he would have a score of 24. Therefore, higher scores on this scale indicate greater psychological distress. Each bar in the bar graph also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

Feeling Nervous

Q29a. Thinking about the past 30 days, about how often have you felt nervous?

	None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Overall	28.3	11.1	23.6	12.6	24.4
Male	37.1	13.8	20.5	7.4	21.2
Female	18.4	7.9	27.3	18.4	28.0
8th Grade	27.6	16.6	20.9	15.8	19.1
10th Grade	33.9	8.5	16.9	11.2	29.5
12th Grade	23.0	8.0	33.4	10.8	24.7

Feeling Nervous in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

Feeling Hopeless

Q29b. Thinking about the past 30 days, about how often have you felt hopeless?

Feeling Hopeless in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

	None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Overall	49.4	15.0	13.3	7.4	14.9
Male	61.6	10.3	10.3	3.6	14.2
Female	35.6	20.5	16.7	11.7	15.5
8th Grade	52.1	18.0	9.5	8.6	11.8
10th Grade	49.0	13.0	11.6	9.1	17.2
12th Grade	47.1	14.0	19.2	4.2	15.6

Feeling Restless or Fidgety

	None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Overall	38.9	10.3	15.3	11.3	24.2
Male	49.5	7.5	14.6	6.0	22.3
Female	26.8	13.6	16.0	17.3	26.3
8th Grade	37.6	8.3	17.4	16.3	20.4
10th Grade	40.3	5.9	14.5	8.6	30.7
12th Grade	38.7	17.0	13.8	8.7	21.8

Q29c. Thinking about the past 30 days, about how often have you felt restless or fidgety? Feeling Restless or Fidgety in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

Feeling Depressed

Q29d. Thinking about the past 30 days, about how often have you felt so depressed that nothing could cheer you up?

Feeling So Depressed that Nothing Could Cheer You Up in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

	None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Overall	56.5	10.2	13.5	6.1	13.6
Male	65.0	7.7	10.7	3.5	13.2
Female	47.0	13.2	16.7	9.1	14.0
8th Grade	56.2	13.7	15.1	5.3	9.7
10th Grade	57.3	3.3	11.9	7.7	19.8
12th Grade	56.0	13.8	13.6	5.3	11.2

Feeling That Everything Was an Effort

Q29e. Thinking about the past 30 days, about how often have you felt that everything was an effort?

Feeling That Everything Was an Effort in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

	None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Overall	44.5	10.3	16.1	10.2	18.9
Male	54.0	10.2	13.7	5.9	16.2
Female	33.6	10.5	18.9	15.2	21.8
8th Grade	47.0	14.1	16.0	7.8	15.0
10th Grade	39.3	8.3	11.7	18.0	22.7
12th Grade	47.3	8.4	21.0	4.5	18.8

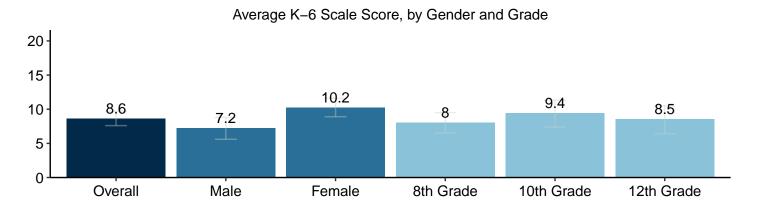
Feeling Worthless

Q29f. Thinking about the past 30 days, about how often have you felt worthless?

Feeling Worthless in the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Grade

	None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Overall	52.2	14.1	9.1	6.9	17.7
Male	57.9	12.4	7.2	6.3	16.3
Female	45.9	16.1	11.3	7.5	19.2
8th Grade	52.7	17.2	8.3	7.4	14.5
10th Grade	50.0	12.3	9.5	7.0	21.1
12th Grade	54.0	12.6	9.6	6.3	17.6

K-6 Scale Score

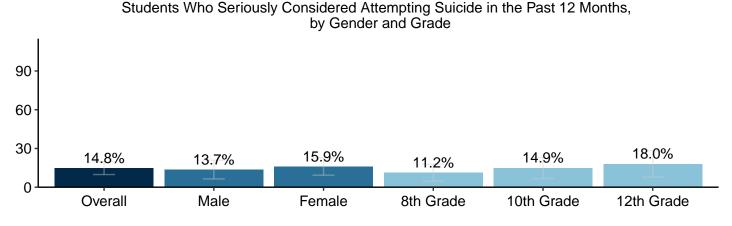


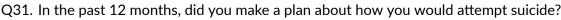
Suicide Ideation

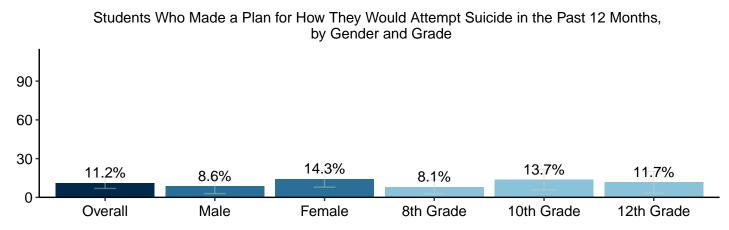
Suicide ideation was measured using students' responses to two questions: (Q30) "In the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?" and (Q31) "In the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?"

The bar graphs for each question display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who responded "Yes", shown by gender and grade level. Each bar also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

Q30. In the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?







Family Communication about Substance Use

Family communication about substance use for each substance was defined using students' responses to the questions, "During the past 12 months, have you talked with at least one of your parents about the dangers of... [substance use]? By parents, we mean your adult guardians, whether they live with you or not."

The tables for each substance display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported no conversations (the "No" column), one conversation (the "Yes" column), and multiple conversations (the "Yes, more than once" column), shown by gender and grade level.

The bar graphs for each substance display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported at least one or more conversations, shown by gender and grade level. Each bar also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

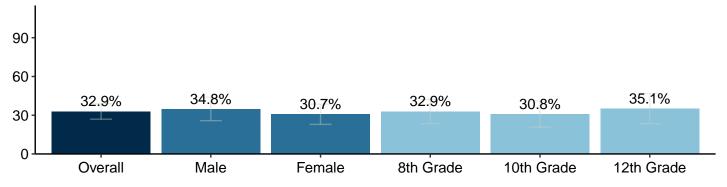
Family Communication about the Dangers of Prescription Drug Misuse

Q34. During the past 12 months, have you talked with at least one of your parents about the dangers of using prescription drugs not prescribed to you?

Family Communication about the Dangers of Prescription Drug Misuse, by Gender and Grade

	No	Yes	Yes, more than once
Overall	67.1	23.8	9.1
Male	65.2	24.3	10.4
Female	69.3	23.2	7.5
8th Grade	67.1	28.8	4.1
10th Grade	69.2	18.2	12.6
12th Grade	64.9	24.3	10.9

Family Communicated about the Dangers of Prescription Drug Misuse At Least Once, by Gender and Grade

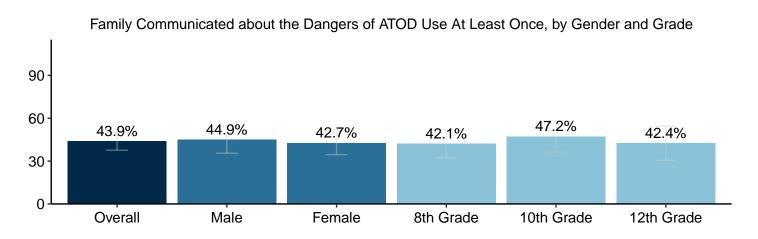


Family Communication about the Dangers of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) Use

Q32. During the past 12 months, have you talked with at least one of your parents about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use?

Family Communication about the Dangers of ATOD Use, by Gender and Grade

	No	Yes	Yes, more than once
Overall	56.1	31.3	12.6
Male	55.1	33.3	11.6
Female	57.3	29.0	13.7
8th Grade	57.9	33.5	8.6
10th Grade	52.8	29.8	17.4
12th Grade	57.6	30.5	11.9

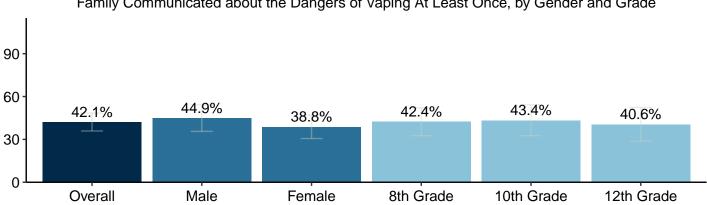


Family Communication about the Dangers of Vaping

Q33. During the past 12 months, have you talked with at least one of your parents about the dangers of vaping?

Family Communication about the Dangers of Vaping, by Gender and Grade

	No	Yes	Yes, more than once
Overall	57.9	29.0	13.2
Male	55.1	29.8	15.2
Female	61.2	28.0	10.8
8th Grade	57.6	31.3	11.1
10th Grade	56.6	28.5	14.9
12th Grade	59.4	27.0	13.6



Family Communicated about the Dangers of Vaping At Least Once, by Gender and Grade

Exposure to Prevention and Other Messaging

Exposure to prevention messaging was defined using students' responses to the question, "During the past 12 months, do you recall hearing, reading, or watching an advertisement about the dangers of using prescription drugs not prescribed to you?" Exposure to other messaging was defined using students' responses to the question, "During the past 12 months, do you recall seeing anything online or on social media encouraging underage drinking, vaping, marijuana, or other drug use?"

The tables for each question display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported no exposure (the "No" column), one exposure (the "Yes" column), and multiple exposures (the "Yes, more than once" column), shown by gender and grade level.

The bar graphs for each question display the percent of students (weighted proportions) who reported at least one or more exposures, shown by gender and grade level. Each bar also includes a light gray line that represents the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval. Longer lines indicate that there is potential for more variation in the estimated value and shorter lines indicate less variation.

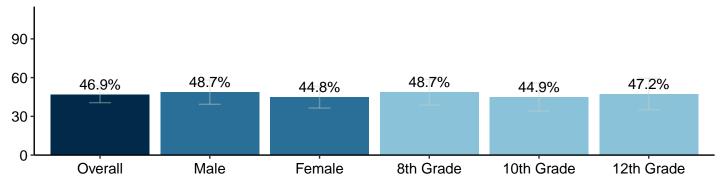
Exposure to Prevention Messaging about the Dangers of Prescription Drug Misuse

Q35. During the past 12 months, do you recall hearing, reading, or watching an advertisement about the dangers of using prescription drugs not prescribed to you?

Exposure to Prevention Messaging about the Dangers of Prescription Drug Misuse, by Gender and Grade

	No	Yes	Yes, more than once
Overall	53.1	29.9	17.1
Male	51.3	29.2	19.5
Female	55.2	30.6	14.2
8th Grade	51.3	34.3	14.3
10th Grade	55.1	25.5	19.4
12th Grade	52.8	29.5	17.7

Exposed to Prevention Messaging About the Dangers of Prescription Drug Misuse At Least Once, by Gender and Grade

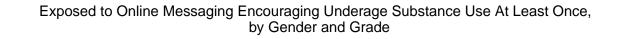


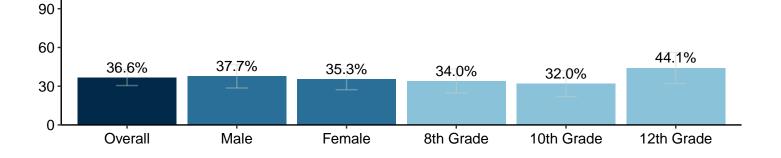
Exposure to Online Messaging Encouraging Underage Substance Use

Q36. During the past 12 months, do you recall seeing anything online or on social media encouraging underage drinking, vaping, marijuana, or other drug use?

Exposure to Online Messaging Encouraging Underage Substance Use, by Gender and Grade

	No	Yes	Yes, more than once
Overall	63.4	23.5	13.1
Male	62.3	24.3	13.4
Female	64.7	22.5	12.8
8th Grade	66.0	19.6	14.5
10th Grade	68.0	21.1	11.0
12th Grade	55.9	30.2	13.9





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