

Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey Results for 2021

Profile Report:

Johnson County



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Introduction and Overview

This report summarizes the findings from the 2021 Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey (NRPFSS). The 2021 survey represents the ninth implementation of the NRPFSS and the sixth implementation of the survey under the Nebraska Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) Surveillance System. SHARP consists of the coordinated administration of three school-based student health surveys in Nebraska, including the NRPFSS, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), and the Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS). The Nebraska SHARP Surveillance System is administered by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska Department of Education through a contract with the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. For more information on the Nebraska SHARP Surveillance System please visit http://bosr.unl.edu/sharp.

As a result of the creation of SHARP and its inclusion of the NRPFSS, the administration schedule shifted from the fall of odd calendar years to the fall of even calendar years. The first three administrations of the NRPFSS occurred during the fall of 2003, 2005, and 2007, while the fourth administration occurred during the fall of 2010, leaving a three-year gap (rather than the usual two-year gap) between the most recent administrations. The 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 administrations also occurred during the fall. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 administration was postponed to 2021, again leaving a three-year gap. All future administrations take place during the fall of odd calendar years (i.e., every two years).

The NRPFSS targets Nebraska students in grades 8, 10, and 12 with a goal of providing schools and communities with local-level data. As a result, the NRPFSS is implemented as a census survey, meaning that every public and non-public school with an eligible grade can choose to participate. Therefore, data presented in this report are not to be considered a representative statewide sample. The survey is designed to assess adolescent substance use, delinquent behavior, and many of the risk and protective measures that predict adolescent problem behaviors. The NRPFSS is adapted from national, scientifically-validated surveys and contains information on risk and protective measures that are locally actionable. These risk and protective measures are also highly correlated with substance abuse as well as delinquency, teen pregnancy, school dropout, and violence. Along with other locally attainable sources of information, the information from the NRPFSS can aid schools and community groups in planning and implementing local prevention initiatives to improve the health and academic performance of their youth.

Table 1.1 provides information on the student participation rate for Johnson County. The participation rate represents the percentage of all eligible students who took the survey. If 60 percent or more of the students participated, the report is generally a good indicator of the levels of substance use, risk, protection, and delinquent behavior in the Johnson County. If fewer than 60.0 percent participated, a review of who participated should be completed prior to generalizing the results to the entire student population.

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The Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR) at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) collected the NRPFSS data for this administration as well as the 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 administrations. As part of BOSR's commitment to high quality data, BOSR is a member of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) Transparency Initiative. As part of this initiative, BOSR pledges to provide certain methodological information whenever data are collected. This information as it relates to the NRPFSS is available on BOSR's website (www.bosr.unl.edu/sharp).

Table 1.1. Survey Participation Rates, 2021

	Jol	nnson Count 2021	y	State 2021				
	Number Participated	Number Enrolled	Percent Participated	Number Participated	Number Enrolled	Percent Participated		
Grade								
8th	9	53	17.0%	4900	26905	18.2%		
10th	42	60	70.0%	4784	26478	18.1%		
12th	46	66	69.7%	4070	27821	14.6%		
Total	97	179	54.2%	13754	81204	16.9%		

Note. The grade-specific participation rates presented within this table consist of the number of students who completed the NRPFSS divided by the total number of students enrolled within the participating schools..

Again, the goal of the NRPFSS is to collect school district and community-level data and not to collect representative state data. However, state data provide insight into the levels of substance use, risk, protection, and delinquent behavior among all students in Nebraska. In 2021, 16.9 percent of the eligible Nebraska students in grades 8, 10, and 12 participated in the NRPFSS.

The 2021 participation rate for the state as a whole remains lower than the 60.0 percent level recommended for representing students statewide, so the state-level results should be interpreted with some caution. Failure to obtain a high participation rate statewide is, in part, due to low levels of participation within Douglas and Sarpy Counties, which combined had a 10.7% participation rate in 2021 compared to 29.3% for the remainder of the state.

Table 1.2 provides an overview of the characteristics of the students who completed the 2021 survey within Johnson County.

Table 1.2. Participant Characteristics, 2021

		on County 021	State 2021		
	n	%	n	%	
Total students	100		14005		
Grade					
8th	9	9.0%	4900	35.0%	
10th	42	42.0%	4784	34.2% 29.1%	
12th	46	46.0%	4070		
Unknown	3	3.0%	251	1.8%	
Gender					
Male	42	42.0%	7007	50.0%	
Female	58	58.0%	6890	49.2% 0.8%	
Unknown	0	0.0%	108		
Race/Ethnicity					
Hispanic*	21	21.0%	2622	18.7%	
African American	2	2.0%	606	4.3%	
Asian	0	0.0%	272	1.9%	
American Indian	4	4.0%	370	2.6%	
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	41	0.3%	
Alaska Native	0	0.0%	30	0.2%	
White	72	72.0%	9869	70.5%	
Other	0	0.0%	128	0.9%	
Unknown	1	1.0%	67	0.5%	

Notes. *Hispanic can be of any race. In columns, n=number or frequency and %=percentage of distribution.

Overview of Report Contents

The report is divided into the following five sections: (1) substance use; (2) transportation safety; (3) violence, bullying, and mental health; (4) nutrition and physical activity; and (5) feelings and experiences at home, school, and in the community. Within each section, highlights of the 2021 survey data for the Johnson County are presented along with national estimates, when available.

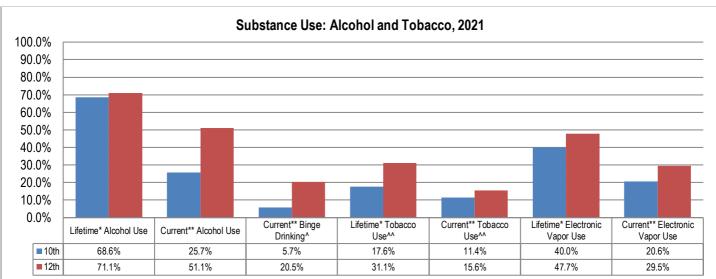
When there are less than 10 survey respondents for a particular grade, their responses are not presented in order to protect the confidentiality of individual student participants. Furthermore, if a grade level has 10 or more respondents but an individual question or sub-group presented in this report has less than 10 respondents then results for the individual item or sub-group are not reported.

A number of honesty measures were also created to remove students who may not have given the most honest answers. These measures included reporting use of a fictitious drug, using a substance during the past 30 days more than in one's lifetime, answering that the student was not at all honest when filling out the survey, and providing an age and grade combination that are highly unlikely. Students whose answers were in question for any one of these reasons were excluded from reporting. For the Johnson County, 2 students met these criteria.

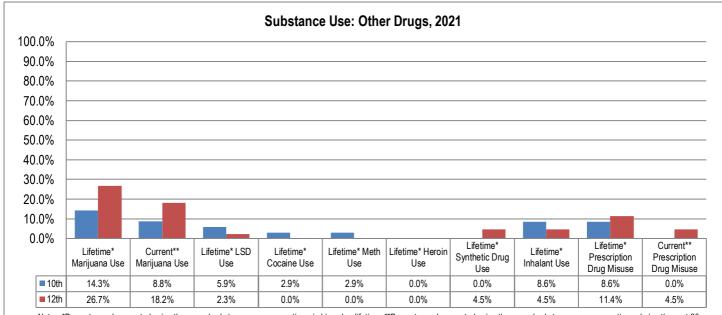
Substance Use

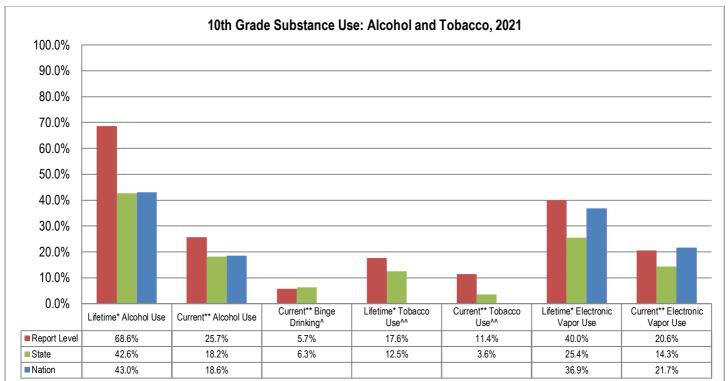
This section contains information on the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among 10th and 12th grade students in Nebraska. In addition, there is information on attitudes and perceptions, the sources of substances, and other substance-related topics. To provide greater context for the results from Johnson County, overall national results are presented when available. As discussed earlier, the state results are not to be considered a representative statewide sample. The national data source is the Monitoring the Future survey, administered by the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan and sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and National Institutes of Health.

Substance Use

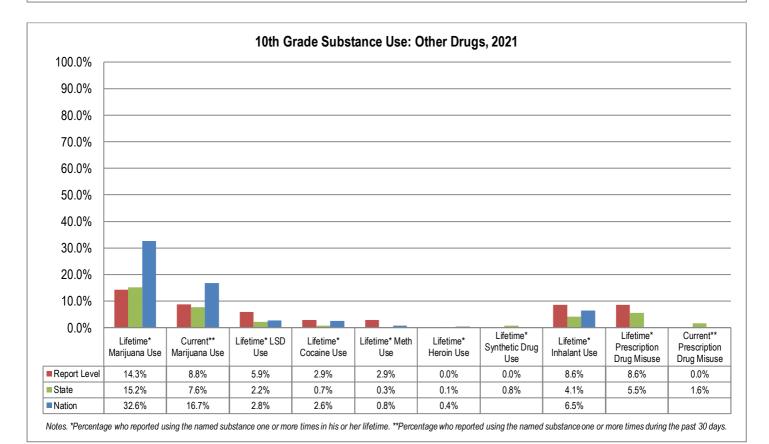


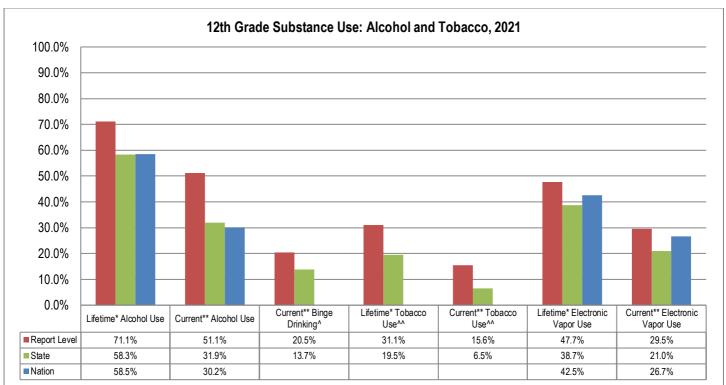
Notes. *Percentage who reported using the named substance one or more times in his or her lifetime. **Percentage who reported using the named substance one or more times during the past 30 days. ^Percentage who reported having five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, within a couple of hours. ^^Tobacco use includes cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. Individual results for each can be found in Appendix A.



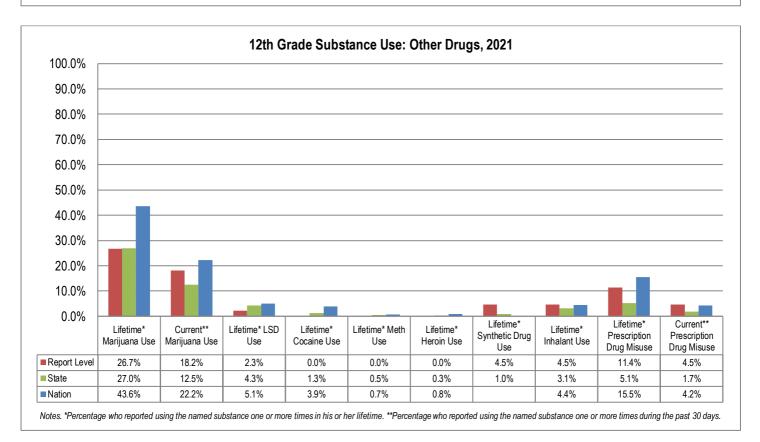


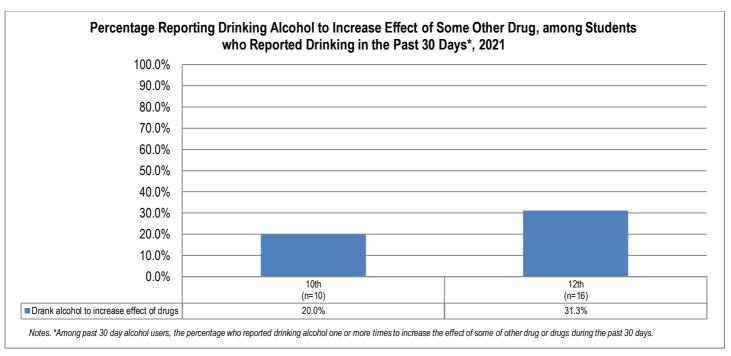
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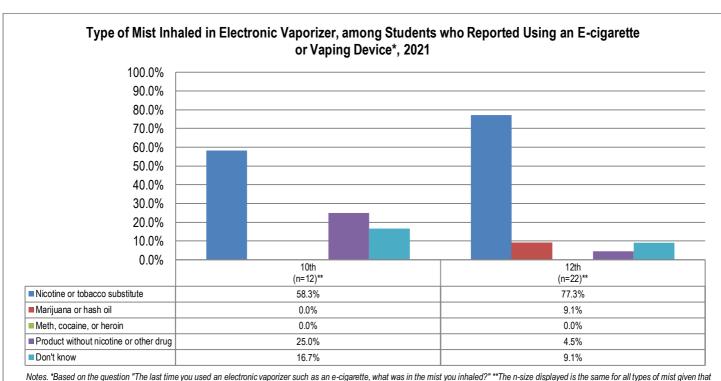




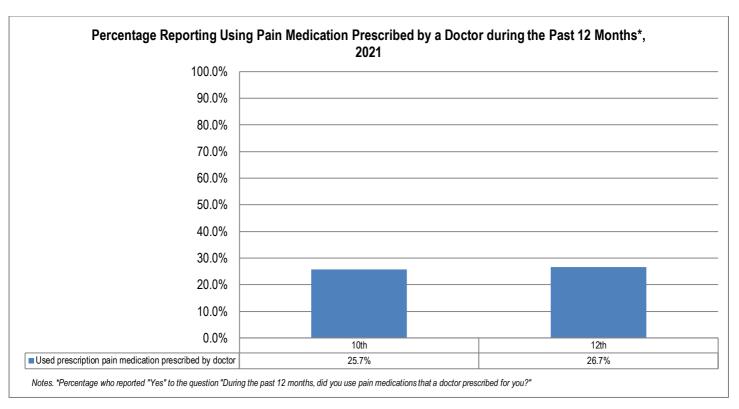
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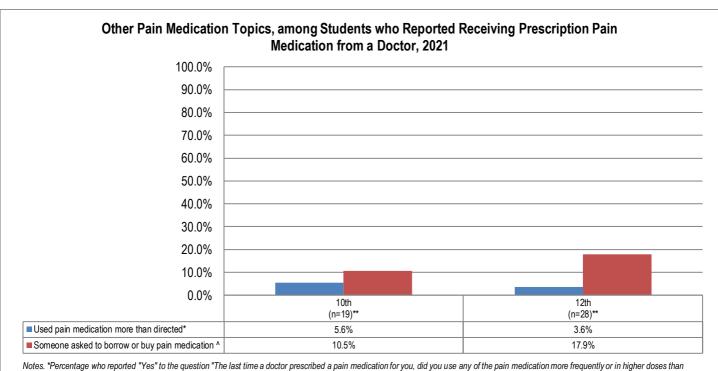






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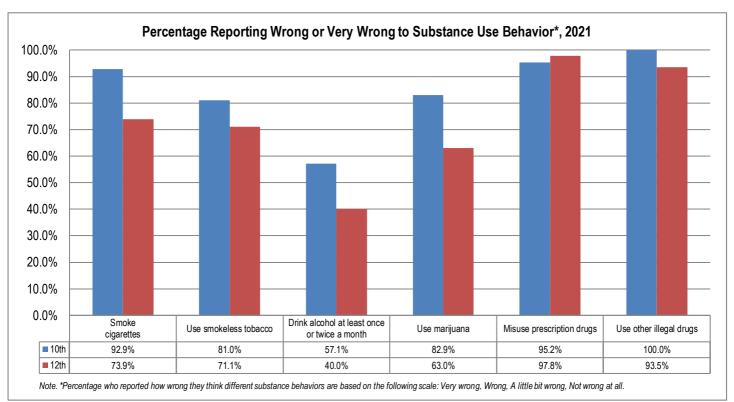


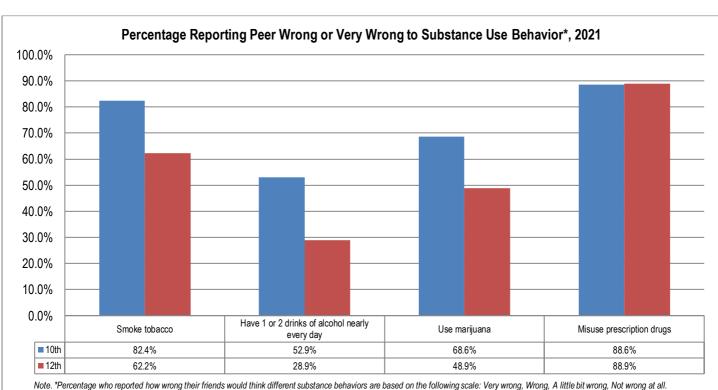


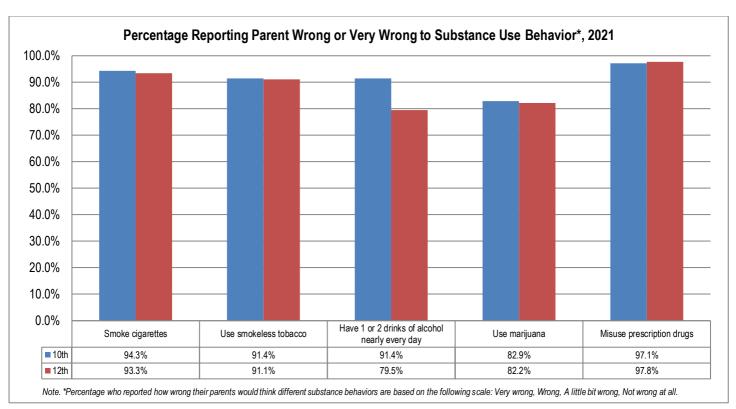
directed by a doctor?" "Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "The last time a doctor prescribed a pain medication for you, did anyone ask you about borrowing or buying some of your

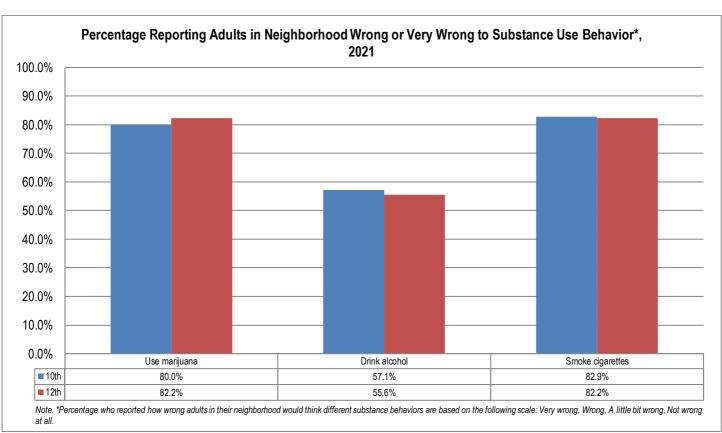
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Attitudes toward Substance Use

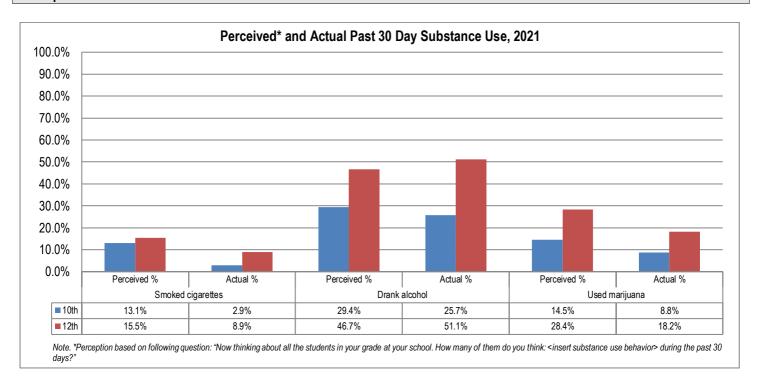


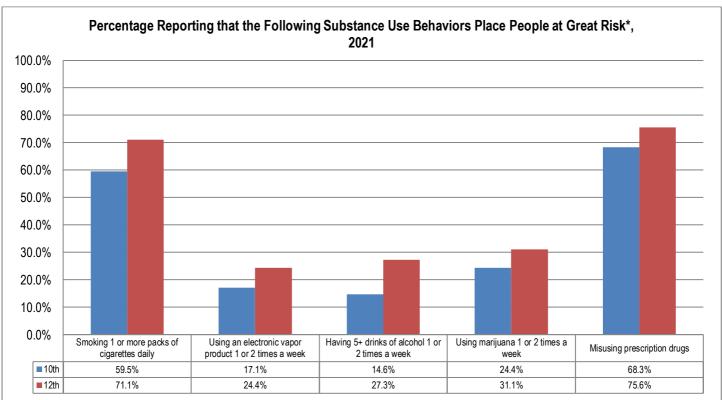


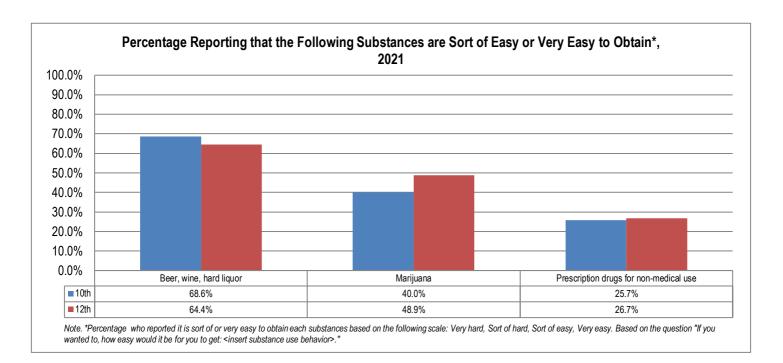




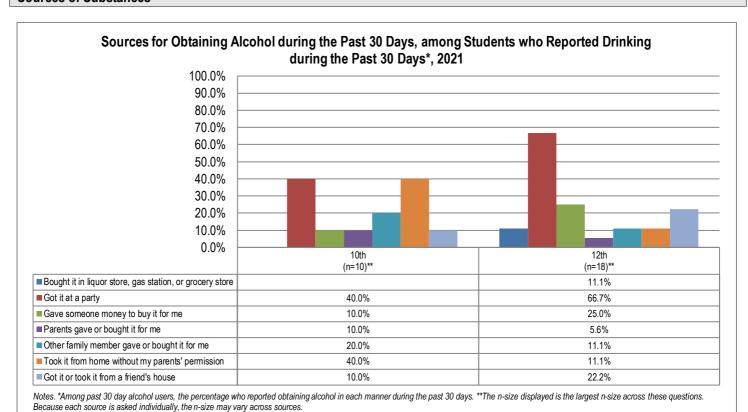
Perceptions of Substance Use







Sources of Substances

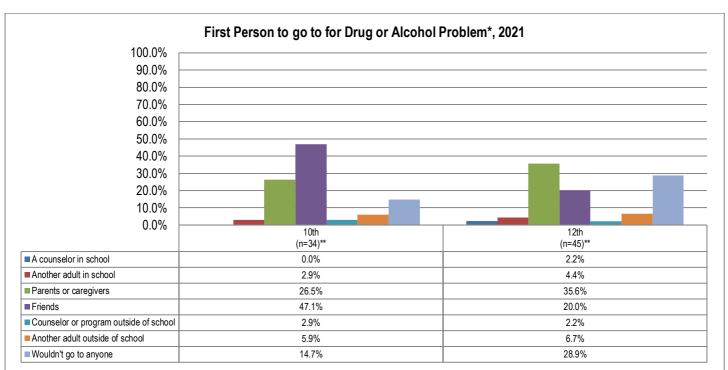


Sources for Obtaining Cigarettes during the Past 30 Days, among Students who Reported Smoking during the Past 30 Days*, 2021 100.0% 90.0% 80.0% 70.0% 60.0% 50.0% 40.0% 30.0% 20.0% 10.0% 0.0% 10th 12th (<10 cases) (<10 cases) ■ Bought them myself ■ Gave someone money to buy them for me ■ Borrowed them from someone else ■ My parents gave them to or bought them for me Other family member gave them to or bought them for me ■ Took them from home without my parents' permission Notes. *Among past 30 day cigarette users, the percentage who reported obtaining cigarettes in each manner during the past 30 days. These scores may include students 18 and older.**The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each source is asked individually, the n-size may vary across sources.

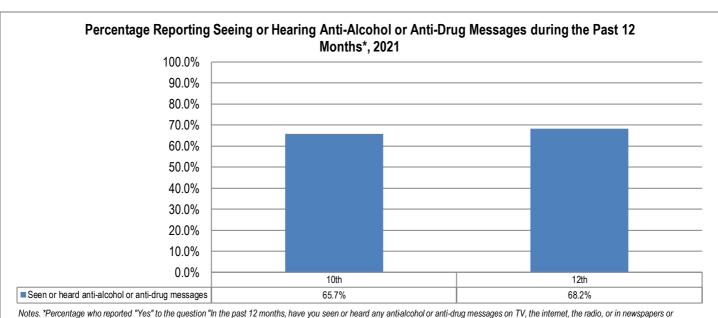
Sources for Obtaining Prescription Drugs during the Past 30 Days, among Students who Reported Taking Prescription Drugs during the Past 30 Days*, 2021 100.0% 90.0% 80.0% 70.0% 60.0% 50.0% 40.0% 30.0% 20.0% 10.0% 0.0% 10th 12th (<10 cases) (<10 cases) ■ Took them from home without my parents' knowledge ■ Bought them from someone ■ Took them from someone else without their knowledge ■ Someone gave them to me Got them some other way (not listed) Notes. *Among past 30 day prescription drug users, the percentage who reported obtaining prescription drugs in each manner during the past 30 days. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across

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Other Substance-Related Topics



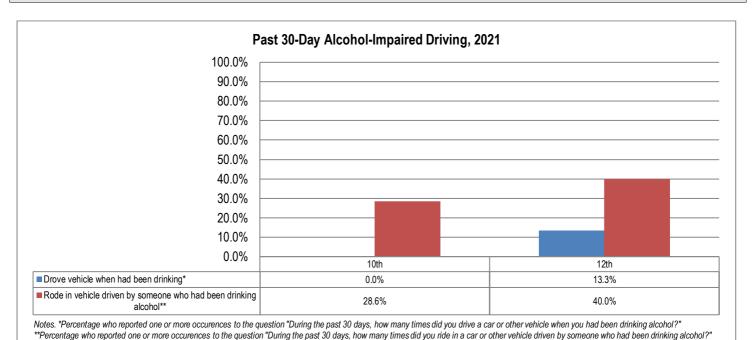
Notes. *Based on the question "If you had a drug or alcohol problem and needed help, who is the first person you would go to?" **The n-size displayed is the same for all sources given that source of help for a drug or alcohol problem is asked as one question.



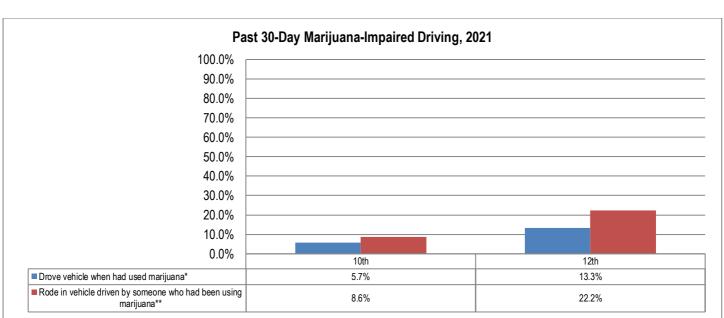
Transportation Safety

This section contains information on transportation safety relating to alcohol-impaired and distracted driving among 10th and 12th grade students in Nebraska.

Past 30 Day Alcohol-Impaired Driving

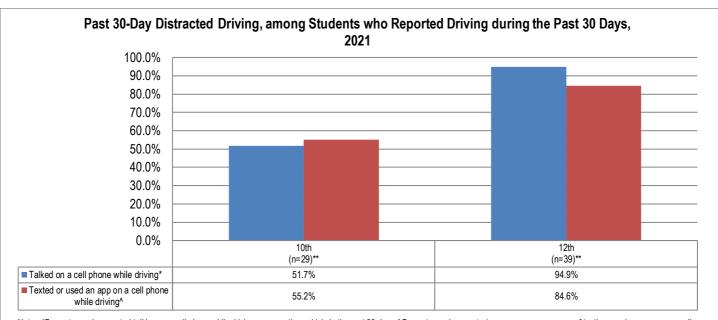


Past 30 Day Marijuana-Impaired Driving



Notes. *Percentage who reported one or more occurences to the question *During the past 30 days, how many times did you drive a car or other vehicle when you had been using marijuana?"
**Percentage who reported one or more occurences to the question "During the past 30 days, how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been using marijuana?"

Past 30 Day Distracted Driving

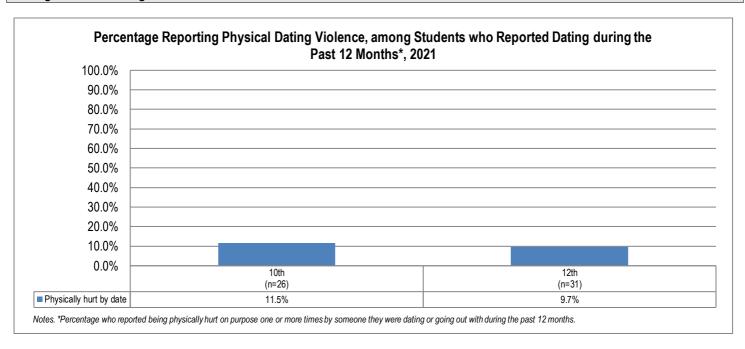


Notes. *Percentage who reported talking on a cell phone while driving a car or other vehicle in the past 30 days. ^Percentage who reported one or more occurences of texting or using an app on a cell phone while driving a car or other vehicle. **The n-size displayed is the largest n-size across these questions. Because each question is asked individually, the n-size may vary.

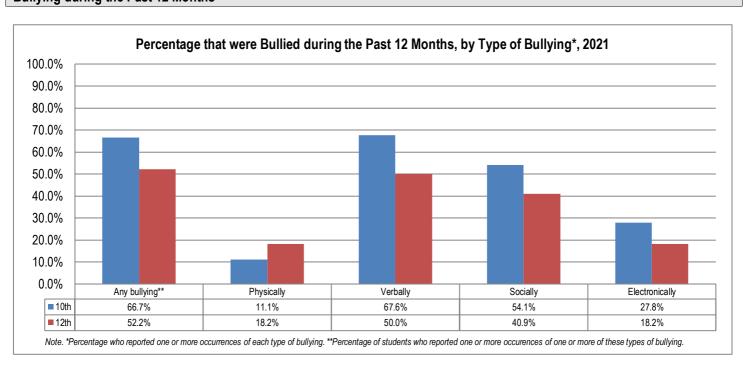
Violence, Bullying, and Mental Health

This section contains information on dating violence, bullying, anxiety, depression, suicide, and attitudes toward the future among 10th and 12th grade students in Nebraska.

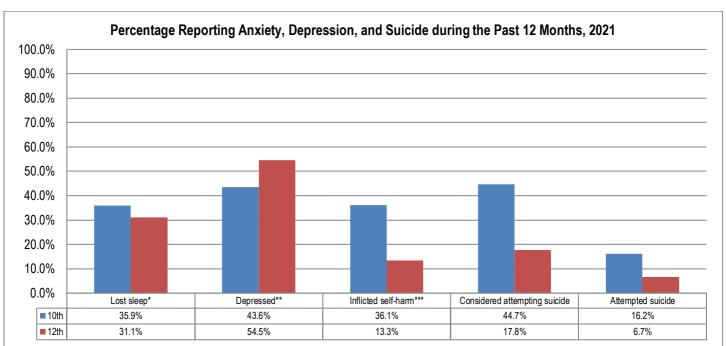
Dating Violence during the Past 12 Months



Bullying during the Past 12 Months

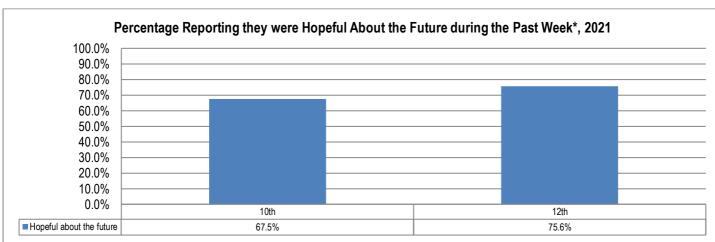


Anxiety, Depression, and Suicide during the Past 12 Months



Notes. *Percentage who reported during the past 12 months being so worried about something they could not sleep well at night most of the time or always based on the following scale: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Most of the time, Always. **Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?" ***Percentage who reported "Yes" to the question "During the past 12 months, did you hurt or injure yourself on purpose without wanting to die?"

Attitudes toward the Future

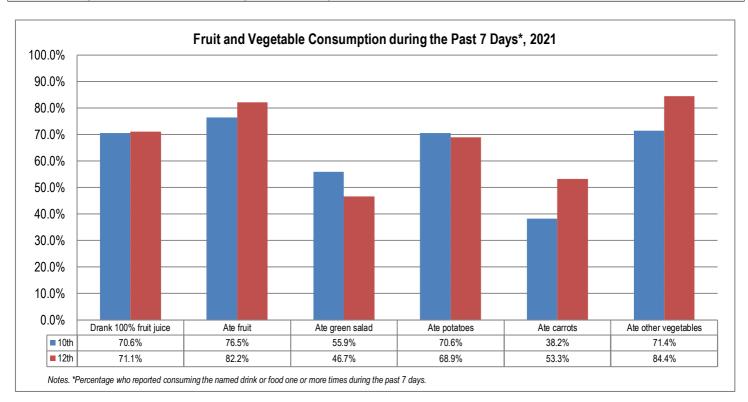


Notes. *Percentage who reported they "Agree" or "Strongly agree" to the question "In the past week, I have felt hopeful about the future." Based on the following scale: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree.

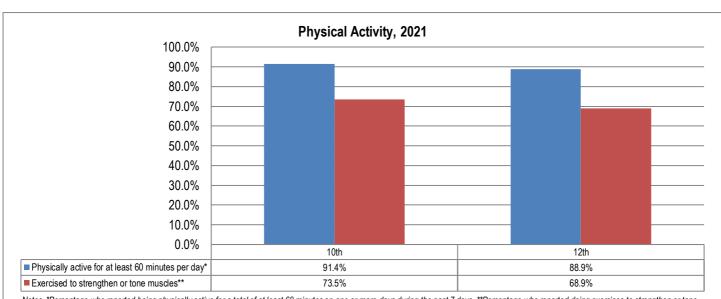
Nutrition and Physical Activity

This section contains information on fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity among 10th and 12th grade students in Nebraska.

Fruit and Vegetable Consumption during the Past 7 Days



Physical Activity

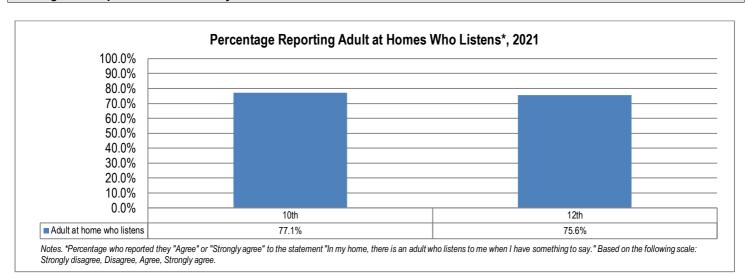


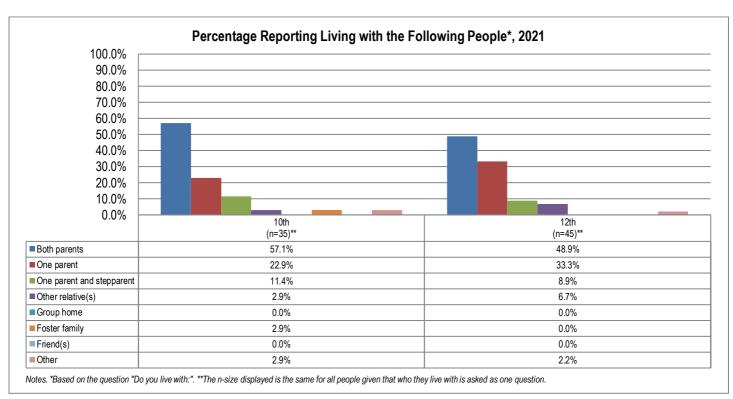
Notes. *Percentage who reported being physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes on one or more days during the past 7 days. **Percentage who reported doing exercises to strengthen or tone muscles, such as push-ups, sit-ups, or weight lifting on one or more days during the past 7 days.

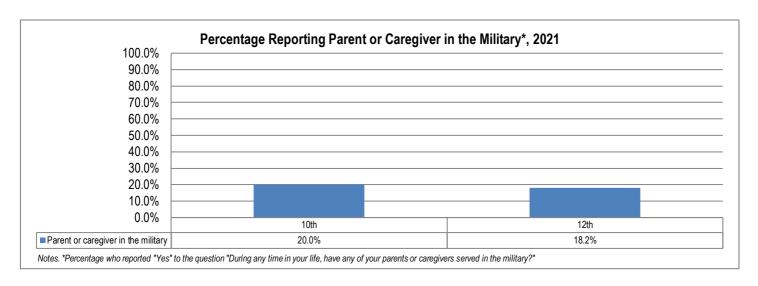
Feelings and Experiences at Home, School, in the Community, and During COVID-19

This section contains information on feelings and experiences with family, at school, and in the community for 10th and 12th grade students in Nebraska.

Feelings and Experiences with Family

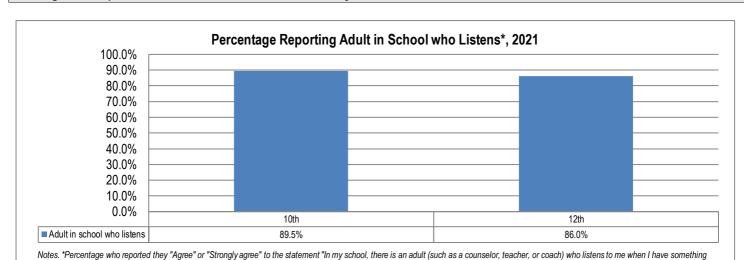


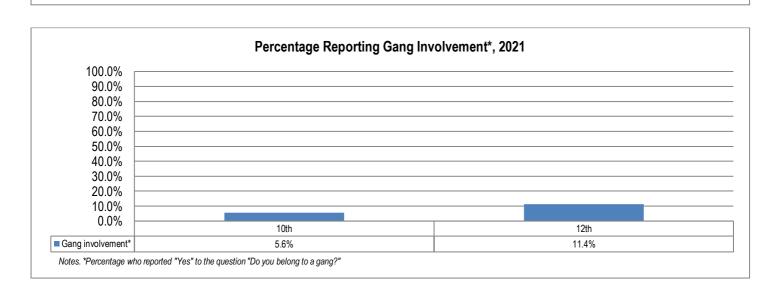




Feelings and Experiences at School and in the Community

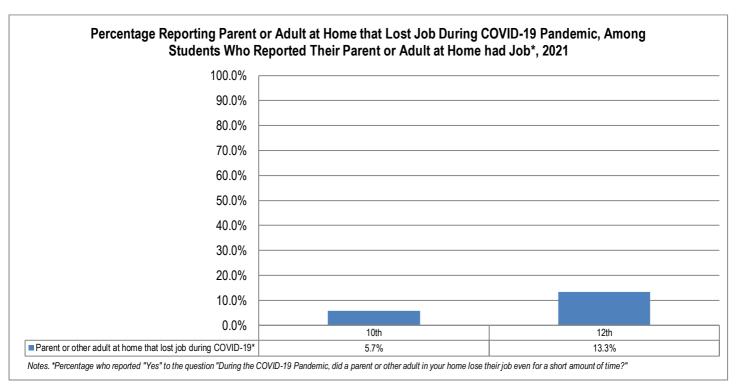
to say." Based on the following scale: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree.

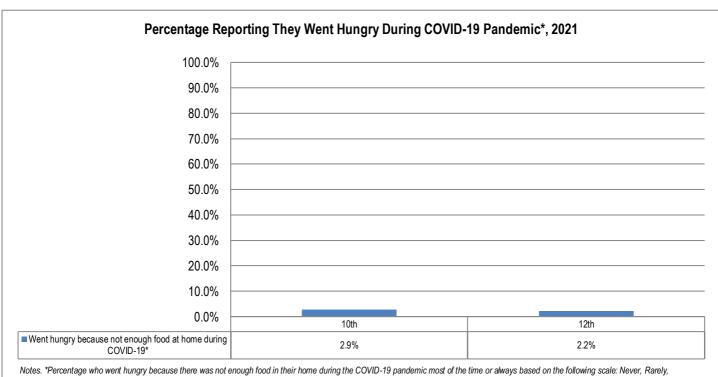


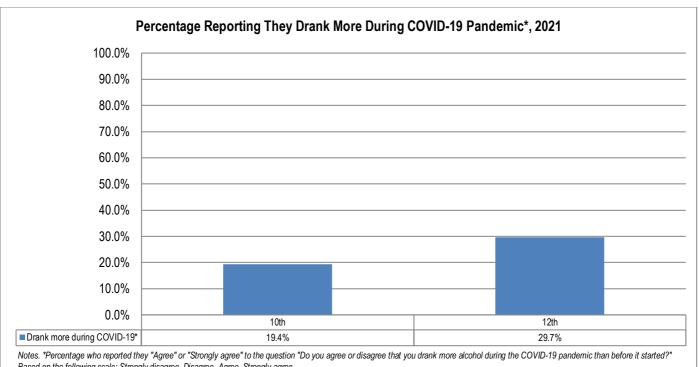


Feelings and Experiences During COVID-19 Pandemic

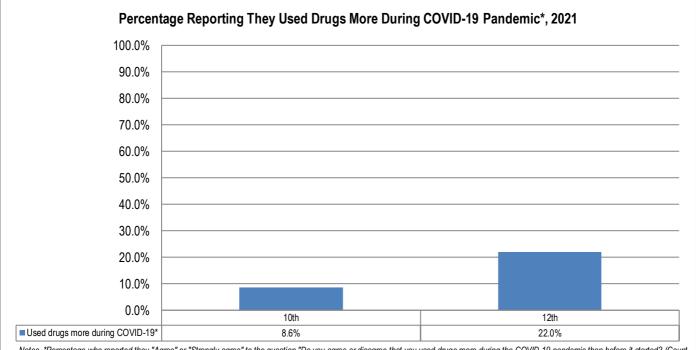
Sometimes, Most of the time, Always.







Based on the following scale: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree.



Notes. "Percentage who reported they "Agree" or "Strongly agree" to the question "Do you agree or disagree that you used drugs more during the COVID-19 pandemic than before it started? (Count using marijuana, synthetic marijuana, cocaine, prescription pain medicine without a doctor's prescription, band other illegal drugs)." Based on the following scale: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree.

Tips for Using the NRPFSS Results

As a valued stakeholder in your community, you play an important role in prevention by teaching skills, imparting knowledge, and in helping to establish a strong foundation of character and values based on wellness, including prevention of substance use, suicide, and other risky behaviors. Preventing mental and/or substance use disorders and related problems in children, adolescents, and young adults is critical to promoting physical health and overall wellness.

There are a variety of strategies (or interventions) that can be used to increase protective factors and reduce the impact of risk factors. Prevention in schools is often completed through educational programs and school policies and procedures that contribute to the achievement of broader health goals and prevent problem behavior.

Prevention strategies typically fall into two categories:

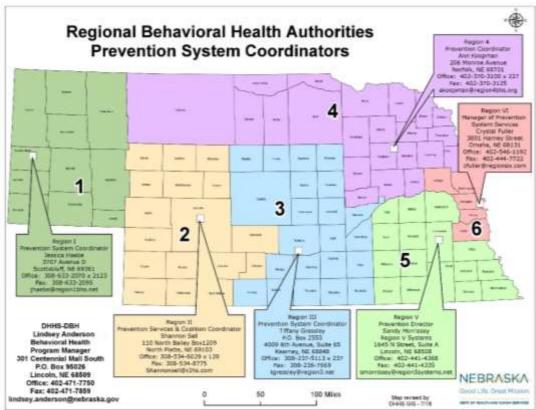
Environmental Strategies

- These strategies effect the entire school environment and the youth within it.
 - An example of an environmental strategy would be changing school policy to not allow athletes to play
 if they are caught using substances.

Individual Strategies

- These strategies target individual youth to help them build knowledge, wellness, and resiliency.
 - An example of an individual strategy would be providing a curriculum as part of a health class about the harms of substances.

If you would like to implement strategies in your school or community, please contact your regional representative as shown on the map below.



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You may also wish to do your own research. The following websites provide listings of evidence-based practices:

• The Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center

- This is a searchable online evidence-based repository and review system designed to provide the public with reliable information on mental health and substance use interventions that are available for implementation.
- Website: https://www.samhsa.gov/ebp-resource-center

• The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP's) Model Programs Guide (MPG)

- This contains information about evidence-based juvenile justice and youth prevention, intervention, and reentry programs. It is a resource for practitioners and communities about what works, what is promising, and what does not work in juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, and child protection and safety.
- Website: https://www.ojjdp.gov/mpg/

• The Suicide Prevention Resource Center

- This has a variety of suicide prevention resources available.
- Website: http://www.sprc.org/

In accordance with LB923, public school staff in Nebraska are required to complete at least 1 hour of suicide awareness and prevention training each year. To learn more, visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at https://www.education.ne.gov/Safety/index.html. Resources on Bullying Prevention and Suicide Prevention are listed.

A variety of print materials on behavioral health topics including depression, trauma, anxiety, and suicide are available from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Materials include toolkits for school personnel, educational fact sheets for parents and caregivers, wallet cards and magnets with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The direct link to the SAMHSA store is https://store.samhsa.gov/.

Another resource for kids, teens, and young adults is the **Boys Town National Hotline**, specifically the **Your Life Your Voice campaign**. Wallet cards and other promotional materials are available at no cost for distribution to students, school staff, parents, etc. **http://www.yourlifeyourvoice.org/Pages/home.aspx**. Remember, talking about suicide with a student does not put an idea of attempting suicide in a student's mind.

Additional contacts for tips on data use and prevention resources can be found in Appendix B.

APPENDIX A: Trend Data

Outcomes	Definition	10th				12th					
		2012	2014	2016	2018	2021	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
	Alcohol	42.9%	42.2%	48.9%	27.3%	68.6%	52.0%	71.7%	67.4%	58.7%	71.1%
	Cigarettes	28.6%	22.2%	13.6%	3.1%	14.3%	24.0%	31.1%	23.9%	28.3%	24.4%
	Electronic vapor product	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	40.0%	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	47.7%
Lifetime	Smokeless tobacco	23.8%	19.0%	11.4%	0.0%	8.8%	28.0%	31.8%	28.3%	13.0%	18.6%
Substance	Marijuana	11.9%	20.0%	15.6%	6.1%	14.3%	8.0%	21.7%	32.6%	26.1%	26.7%
Use	LSD/other psychedelics	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	5.9%	0.0%	4.3%	2.2%	4.3%	2.3%
USE	Cocaine/crack	2.4%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Meth	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Inhalants	4.8%	0.0%	2.2%	6.1%	8.6%	0.0%	4.3%	4.3%	2.2%	4.5%
	Prescription drugs	2.4%	11.1%	0.0%	3.1%	8.6%	8.0%	10.9%	4.3%	15.2%	11.4%
	Alcohol	19.0%	22.2%	20.0%	9.1%	25.7%	24.0%	41.3%	32.6%	31.1%	51.1%
	Binge drinking	11.9%	17.8%	13.3%	0.0%	5.7%	24.0%	28.3%	19.6%	21.7%	20.5%
Past 30 Day	Cigarettes	11.9%	6.7%	2.3%	0.0%	2.9%	16.0%	13.3%	13.0%	4.3%	8.9%
Substance	Electronic vapor product	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	20.6%	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	29.5%
Use	Smokeless tobacco	11.9%	13.3%	2.3%	6.3%	8.6%	12.0%	23.9%	13.0%	10.9%	6.8%
	Marijuana	7.1%	4.4%	8.9%	0.0%	8.8%	4.0%	13.0%	15.2%	8.7%	18.2%
	Prescription drugs	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.0%	10.9%	2.2%	4.4%	4.5%
Age of First Use (12 or	Smoked cigarettes	16.7%	6.7%	9.1%	3.0%	2.4%	8.0%	15.2%	8.7%	2.2%	8.7%
	Drank alcohol	19.0%	11.1%	13.6%	15.2%	12.5%	4.0%	13.0%	10.9%	11.1%	18.2%
Younger)	Used marijuana	4.8%	2.2%	2.3%	3.1%	4.9%	0.0%	6.5%	4.3%	4.3%	2.2%
Experiences	Grades were A's and B's	71.4%	66.7%	77.8%	90.6%	88.6%	88.0%	80.0%	73.9%	76.1%	81.4%
at School	Felt safe	85.7%	86.7%	93.2%	90.9%	92.1%	100.0%	95.7%	76.1%	87.0%	88.4%
Experiences	Help for personal problems ¹	78.6%	86.7%	86.4%	84.8%	77.1%	88.0%	71.7%	77.3%	73.3%	75.6%
with Families	Discussed dangers of alcohol ¹	57.1%	36.4%	36.4%	60.6%	31.4%	48.0%	39.1%	35.6%	32.6%	44.4%

¹Prior to 2016, the question asked students about their "parents" or "mom or dad". In 2016, the wording was changed to "parents or caregivers".

* Prior to 2021, electronic vapor products were not included. Note. The number of students and/or school districts included from year to year could vary due to schools participating in some administrations and not others. As a result, these trend findings should be approached with some caution.

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