

High School Drug Use: Latest Stats



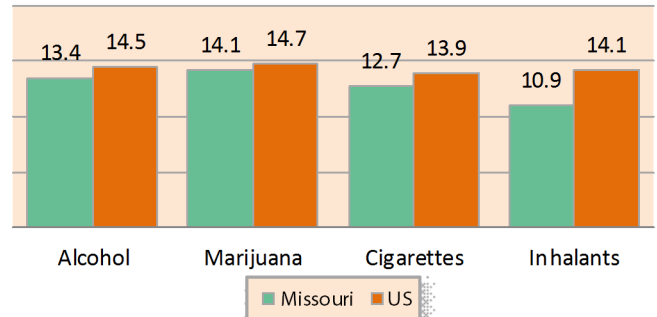
12th Grader Frequency of Drug Use, National¹

Drug	Ever Used	Past 30 Day Use
Alcohol	61.2%	33.2%
Cigarettes	28.3%	10.5%
Cocaine	3.7%	0.9%
Ecstasy	4.9%	0.9%
Heroin	0.7%	0.2%
Inhalants	5.0%	0.8%
LSD	4.9%	1.0%
Marijuana	44.5%	22.5%
Meth	1.2%	0.3%
Prescription Drugs	18.0%	5.4%

DRUG USE TRENDS

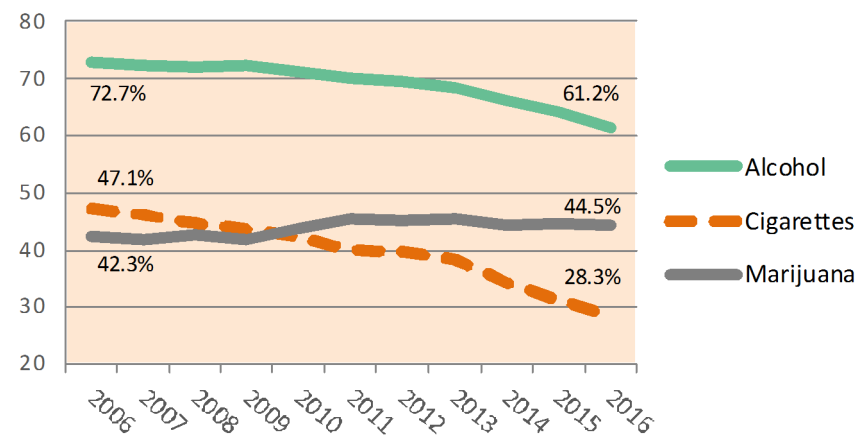
Research has shown age of first use is linked to future addiction. Youth who use alcohol at or before age 14 are over 4 times more likely to become addicted to alcohol, compared to those who wait until age 21. Marijuana users who start at that same age are 6 times more likely to develop an addiction.² Compared to national data, Missouri youth tend to start using substances at a slightly earlier age.³

First Use of Substance, Average Age



By the time they graduate high school, 2 out of 3 kids will have tried alcohol, and 1 in 2 will have used marijuana. While the trend for alcohol and cigarette use has been dropping over the last decade, marijuana use has remained relatively constant. During the 1990s through the mid-2000s, marijuana use by high school students had dropped; unfortunately the trend is increasing again.

12th Grader Lifetime Use, National⁴



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1. Monitoring the Future Study, 2016
2. National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2012. SAMHSA
3. Missouri Student Survey, 2016
4. Monitoring the Future Study, 2016

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