



United States adolescent substance abuse facts

Alcohol-related behaviors among high school students (grades 9-12), 2009 ^{SA1}

| Percent of high school students who: | United States |
|---|---------------|
| Drank alcohol for the first time before age 13 years (other than a few sips) | |
| Total | 21% |
| Male | 24% |
| Female | 18% |
| Had at least one drink of alcohol on at least one day (during the 30 days before the survey) | |
| Total | 42% |
| Male | 41% |
| Female | 43% |
| Had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row within a couple of hours on at least one day (during the 30 days before the survey) | |
| Total | 24% |
| Male | 25% |
| Female | 23% |
| Drove when drinking alcohol one or more times (during the 30 days before the survey) | |
| Total | 10% |
| Male | 12% |
| Female | 8% |
| Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol one or more times (during the 30 days before the survey) | |
| Total | 28% |
| Male | 28% |
| Female | 29% |

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Tobacco-related behaviors among high school students (grades 9-12), 2009^{SA1}

| Percent of high school students who: | United States |
|--|---------------|
| Never tried cigarette smoking (even one or two puffs) | |
| Total | 54% |
| Male | 54% |
| Female | 54% |
| Smoked cigarettes on at least one day (during the 30 days before the survey) | |
| Total | 19% |
| Male | 20% |
| Female | 19% |
| Tried to quit smoking cigarettes (among students who currently smoked, during the 12 months before the survey) | |
| Total | 51% |
| Male | 48% |
| Female | 54% |
| Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on at least one day (during the 30 days before the survey) | |
| Total | 9% |
| Male | 15% |
| Female | 2% |

Marijuana use among high school students (grades 9-12), 2009^{SA1}

| Percent of high school students who: | United States |
|---|---------------|
| Ever used marijuana one or more times (during their life) | |
| Total | 37% |
| Male | 39% |
| Female | 34% |

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Cocaine use among high school students (grades 9-12), 2009^{SA1}

| Percent of high school students who: | United States |
|--|---------------|
| Used any form of cocaine one or more times (powder, crack, or freebase) (during the 30 days before the survey) | |
| Total | 3% |
| Male | 4% |
| Female | 2% |

Nonmedical use of pain relievers, ages 12-17, 2006-2007^{SA2}

| Percent of adolescents ages 12-17 who: | United States |
|---|---------------|
| Used pain relievers for nonmedical reasons in the past year | 7% |

Needing but not receiving treatment for substance use, ages 12-17, 2006-2007^{SA2}

| Percent of adolescents ages 12-17 who: | United States |
|--|---------------|
| Needed but did not receive treatment for alcohol use in the past year | 5% |
| Needed but did not receive treatment for illicit drug use in the past year | 4% |

Data notes and sources

Data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

N/A: data do not exist on this measure for this state.

^{SA1} **High school data are from:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2010). *Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey - United States, 2009*. Surveillance summaries: MMWR 2010; 59 (No. SS-5). Retrieved June 22nd, 2011, from <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ss/ss5905.pdf>

^{SA2} **Pain reliever and receipt of treatment data are from:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Service. (2010). *Results from the 2006 and 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Tables B.8, B.22, and C.21. Retrieved July 12th, 2011, from <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k7State/TOC.htm>