

Adolescent Substance Use Remains Near Historic Lows: Findings from the 2025 Monitoring the Future Survey

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the University of Michigan published new data from the Monitoring the Future Study, an annual survey of drug use behaviors and attitudes among eighth, 10th, and 12th graders that has been supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for 51 years. The latest findings show that adolescent substance use in the United States remains at historically low levels. The 2025 survey included 23,726 students in 8th, 10th, and 12th grades from 270 public and private schools across the country, providing a nationally representative snapshot of substance use behaviors and attitudes among youth.

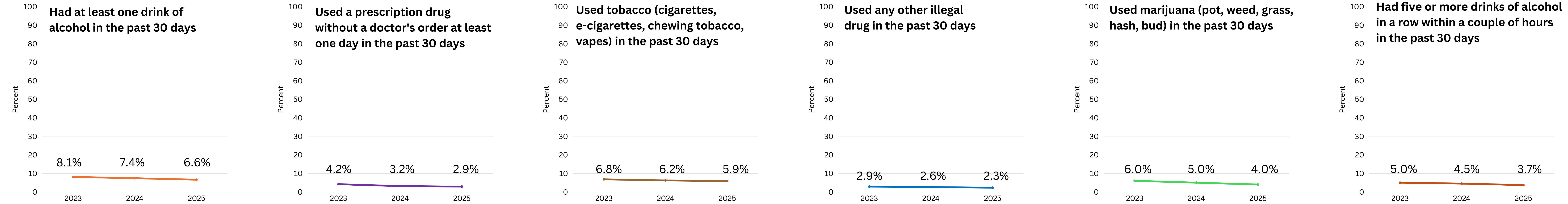
Trends in 30 Day Prevalence of Use in 8th, 10th and 12th Grade

● 8th Grade ■ 10th Grade ▲ 12th Grade



Adolescent Substance Use Also Remains Low in WV: Trends from WV Department of Education Survey

The West Virginia Department of Education offers the School Learning Environment Survey annually so schools can gather information about the learning and teaching environment as well as the social-emotional well-being of students. School participation is voluntary. Data are provided back to the school for their use in improving student health and outcomes. The data provided below are results of the survey of middle and high school students.



WV Youth Use Rates are Similar to National Rates: National Household Survey Data Compared to WV Data

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) sponsored by the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is representative of people aged 12 years and over in the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States, and in each state and the District of Columbia (D.C.). The survey has been conducted since 1971. The tables below show data from 2023-2024, the most recent year available. West Virginia is represented by the green line, and US data is represented by the blue line. Data estimates for three age groups are provided. They are 12 to 17 years old, 18 to 25 years old, and 26 years old and older.

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