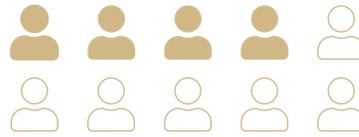




Alcohol

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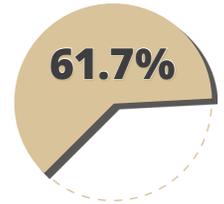
The survey measured youth behaviors, attitudes, and social norms related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, including the misuse of prescription medications.



Four in ten students in Tennessee, or 39.9%, reported ever drinking alcohol.

AVERAGE AGE OF INITIATION **13.7** years old

Over half of students reported that it was either "very easy" or "fairly easy" to obtain alcohol.

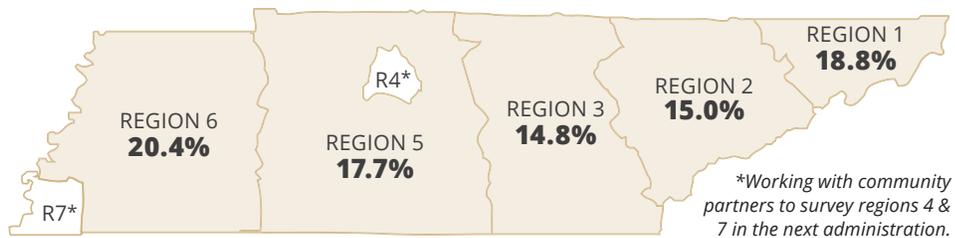


PAST 30-DAY USE

16.8% of students reported using alcohol **in the past 30 days.**

22.0% of the students who used in the past 30 days reported use on six or more days, described as **high-frequency** use.

PAST 30-DAY USE BY TDMHSAS PLANNING AND POLICY REGIONS



PEER MISUSE

45.4% of students reported that **at least one of their closest friends** have had one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

52.5% of students reported **speaking with their parents** specifically about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the past year.

PARENT, PERSONAL, AND PEER APPROVAL

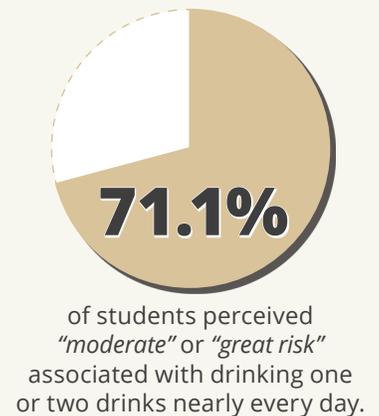
85.5% of students perceived that **parents** would feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" to drink beer, wine, or hard liquor regularly.

83.4% of **students** felt it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" for someone their age to have one or two drinks nearly every day.

69.4% of students perceived that **friends** would feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" to have one or two drinks nearly every day.

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

PERCEIVED RISK



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Marijuana

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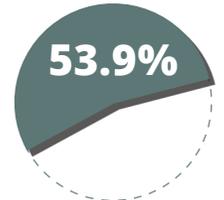
The survey measured youth behaviors, attitudes, and social norms related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, including the misuse of prescription medications.



One in five students in Tennessee, or 20.2%, reported ever using marijuana.

AVERAGE AGE OF INITIATION **14.1** years old

Over half of students reported that it was either "very easy" or "fairly easy" to obtain marijuana.

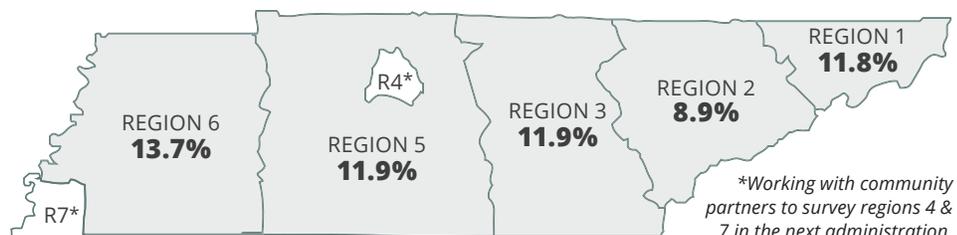


PAST 30-DAY USE

11.2% of students reported using marijuana **in the past 30 days.**

47.3% of the students who used in the past 30 days reported use on six or more days, described as **high-frequency** use.

PAST 30-DAY USE BY TDMHSAS PLANNING AND POLICY REGIONS



PEER MISUSE

33.1% of students reported that **at least one of their closest friends** had used marijuana in the past year.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

52.5% of students reported **speaking with their parents** specifically about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the past year.

PARENT, PERSONAL, AND PEER APPROVAL

89.9% of students perceived that **parents** would feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" to smoke marijuana.

75.4% of **students** felt it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" for someone their age to smoke marijuana.

66.3% of students perceived that **friends** would feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" to smoke marijuana.

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

PERCEIVED RISK

48.9%

of students perceived "moderate" or "great risk" associated with trying marijuana once or twice.

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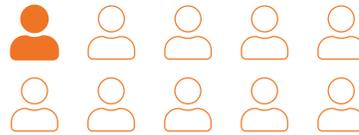
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Prescription Drugs

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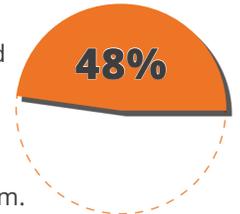
The survey measured youth behaviors, attitudes, and social norms related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, including the misuse of prescription medications.



One in ten students in Tennessee, or 8.9%, reported ever misusing prescription drugs.

AVERAGE AGE OF INITIATION **13.5** years old

Almost half of students reported that it was either "very easy" or "fairly easy" to obtain drugs not prescribed to them.

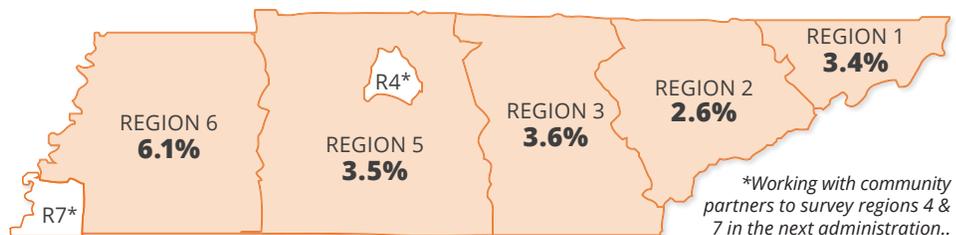


PAST 30-DAY USE

3.7% of students reported using prescription drugs in the past 30 days.

21.6% of the students who used in the past 30 days reported use on six or more days, described as **high-frequency** use.

PAST 30-DAY USE BY TDMHSAS PLANNING AND POLICY REGIONS



**Working with community partners to survey regions 4 & 7 in the next administration..*

PEER MISUSE

11.8% of students reported that **at least one of their closest friends** had used prescription drugs not prescribed to them.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

36.0% of students reported **speaking with their parents** specifically about the dangers of nonmedical use of prescription medications in the past year.

PARENT, PERSONAL, AND PEER APPROVAL

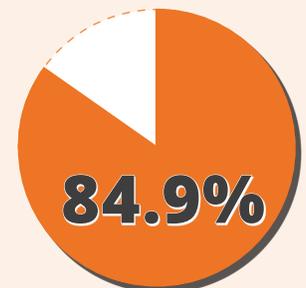
96.2% of students perceived that **parents** would feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" to misuse prescription drugs.

92.3% of **students** felt it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" to misuse prescription drugs.

85.4% of students perceived that **friends** would feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" to misuse prescription drugs.

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

PERCEIVED RISK



of students perceived "moderate" or "great risk" associated with prescription drug misuse.

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Tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes

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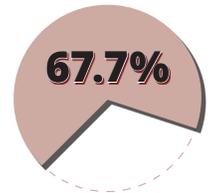


One in three students in Tennessee, or 34.9%, reported ever smoking cigarettes, using electronic cigarettes, or using smokeless tobacco in their lifetime.

AVERAGE AGE OF INITIATION

13.2 years old FOR CIGARETTES
14.4 years old FOR E-CIGARETTES

Over half of students reported that it was either "very easy" or "fairly easy" to obtain tobacco products.

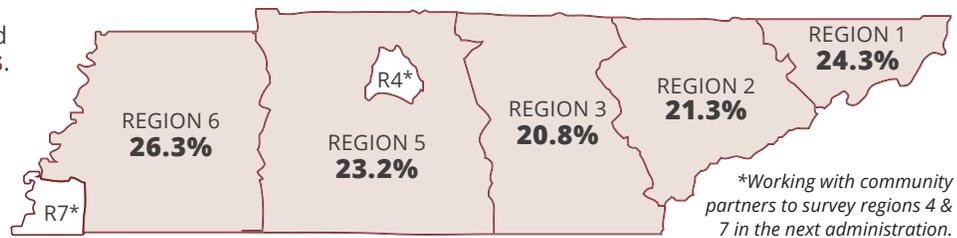


PAST 30-DAY USE

In the past 30 days...

8.5% of students reported using **cigarettes**.
19.1% of students reported using **e-cigarettes**.

PAST 30-DAY USE BY TDMHSAS PLANNING AND POLICY REGIONS



41.2% of the students who used **cigarettes** and **52.9%** of the students who used **e-cigarettes** in the past 30 days reported use on six or more days, described as **high-frequency** use.

PEER MISUSE

28.3% of students reported that **some of their closest friends** had smoked part or all of a **cigarette**.

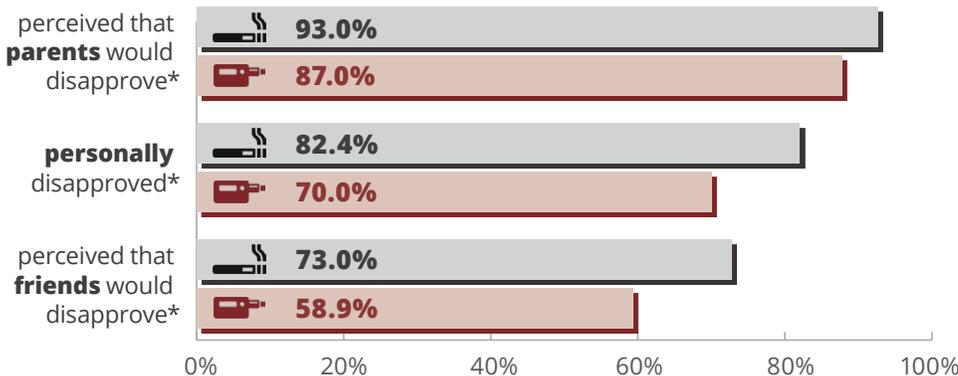
41.7% of students reported that **some of their closest friends** had used an **e-cigarette**.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

52.5% of students reported **speaking with their parents** specifically about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the past year.

PARENT, PERSONAL, AND PEER APPROVAL

Percent of students who...



*Disapproval is defined as considering it "wrong" or "very wrong" to smoke tobacco or use e-cigarettes.

PERCEIVED RISK

84.0% of students perceived "moderate" or "great risk" associated with smoking one or more packs of **cigarettes** per day.

66.0% of students perceived "moderate" or "great risk" associated with using **e-cigarettes**.

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