



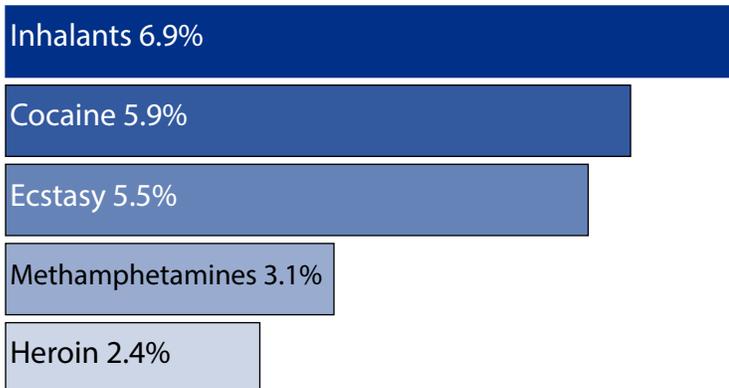
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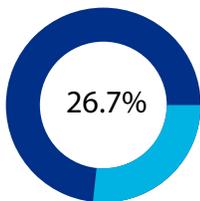
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Illicit Drug Use

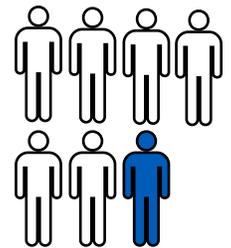
Lifetime Use of Illicit Drugs by Texas High School Students, 2017 Texas Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)



Marijuana is by far the most commonly used illicit drug among Texas high school students. (See chart below) Over the past ten years, illicit drug use has decreased among Texas high school students for all substances except heroin and marijuana. Rates of heroin use have remained low but steady while marijuana use has just remained steady.



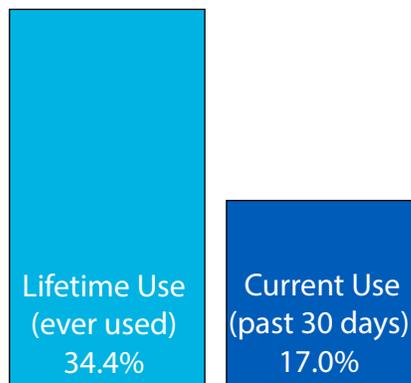
More than 1 in 4 students (26.7%) were offered, sold, or given an illicit drug on school property in the past 12 months. This rate has remained steady despite decreases in drug use.



About 1 in 7 (14.9% of) Texas high school students took opioids without a prescription or differently than how they were prescribed.

Marijuana Use By Texas High School Students, Texas YRBS 2017

Starting in 2011, current use (use in the past 30 days) of marijuana exceeded current use of cigarettes. This was due mainly to the decrease in use of tobacco products while use of marijuana has remained steady. In 2017, current use of marijuana was 2.5 times that of cigarettes.



The Texas YRBS is a biennial survey of students in randomly selected public and charter high schools across Texas. For more information about the Texas Youth Risk Behavior Survey please visit: www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/yrbs.

