

YOUTH DRUG USE: ISLAND COUNTY 2006



Findings from the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey

MARIJUANA	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Currently use Marijuana	1.5%	5.9%	15.9%	21.8%
Ever tried Marijuana	3.5%	8.4%	25.9%	41.1%
Think it would be easy to get Marijuana if they wanted some	6.9%	15.8%	35.7%	58%
Think it is very wrong for someone their age to use Marijuana	91.9%	81.3%	56.4%	44.4%
METHAMPHETAMINE	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Currently use Methamphetamine	~	0.7%	1.0%	1.6%
Ever tried Methamphetamine	~	0.8%	3.1%	4.6%
INHALANTS	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Currently use Inhalants to get high	~	5.4%	3.7%	3.0%
Ever tried Inhalants to get high	3.8	4.9%	5.4%	7.3%
COCAINE	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Ever tried Cocaine to get high	~	1.1%	3.1%	7.3%
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Currently use Pain Killers to get high (e.g. Vicodin, Percocet)	~	3.9%	9.7%	12.4%
Currently use Ritalin to get high	~	1.1%	3.0%	2.7%
Ever tried steroids without a Prescription	~	1.8%	3.0%	4.1%

~ Not asked of students in this grade.

* Currently use = any use in the past 30 days (also called recent use). Ever tried = use at anytime in the past (also called lifetime use).

We are extremely appreciative of the participation of all four Island County school districts in the Healthy Youth Survey. Their participation allows us to report on the current health status of our youth and track trends over time.

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