

OKLAHOMA YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY 2007

DRUGS

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that illegal drug use among adolescents has been linked to heavy alcohol and tobacco use, violence, delinquency, and suicide.¹ Oklahoma has seen significant decreases in public high school students who have ever tried marijuana and methamphetamine. Oklahoma is below the national average for students who have tried marijuana, 33.2% and 38.1%, respectively². Although the percentage of students who have tried methamphetamine has declined significantly, Oklahoma is still above the national average, 5.5% and 4.4%, respectively². Aside from methamphetamine, Oklahoma was below the national average in every other drug category except for cocaine, where it is just slightly higher than the national average (7.3% compared to 7.2%)². Oklahoma was below the national average (19.1% vs. 22.3% respectively) in the percentage of students ever having been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property²; still, that represents almost one out of five students being exposed to drugs on school property.

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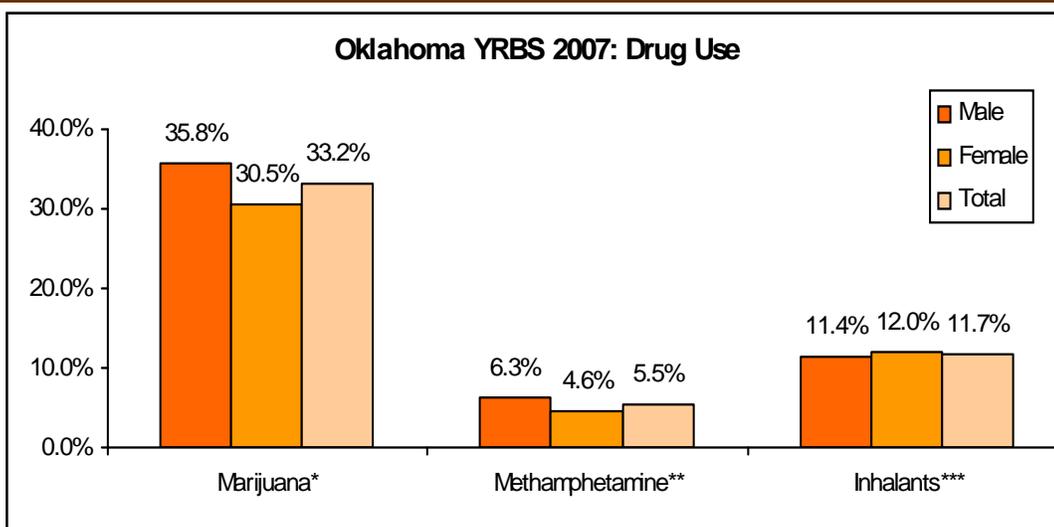
2007 YRBS Findings:

Over one-third of students reported they had tried marijuana.

Students who reported they had ever tried methamphetamine was down from 2003 and 2005.

Almost one-fourth of students reported they had been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property.

More than 1 in 10 students reported they had tried an inhalant.



◆ Overall, more than one-in-three students reported they had tried marijuana.

◆ Males reported a higher percentage of trying methamphetamine than females.

*Students who used marijuana one or more times during their life

**Students who used methamphetamines one or more times during their life

***Students who sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high one or more times during their life.



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The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) was developed by the Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH), National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The YRBS is administered to students in grades 9-12 who attend Oklahoma public high schools. The survey is administered every odd year. It serves to monitor risk behaviors among adolescents that are the leading contributors of mortality, morbidity, and social problems among youth and adults. The behaviors covered in the YRBS fall into six categories: intentional and unintentional injury, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, sexual behaviors, dietary behaviors and physical activity. All data are self-reported. Data in this report were provided by the CDC. The data in this report are statistically weighted to represent all Oklahoma public high school students. The results presented reflect observed rates and do not necessarily represent statistically significant differences.

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Summary Table

SURVEY QUESTION	National % 2007	OK % 2007	GENDER %		GRADE %				Trends %		
			M	F	9	10	11	12	2003	2005	2007
Students who used marijuana one or more times during their life	38.1	33.2	35.8	30.5	23.5	32.5	34.6	45.4	42.5	39.3	33.2
Students who tried marijuana for the first time before age 13 years	8.3	8.1	10.4	5.8	9.9	8.4	6.4	7.3	11.1	9.4	8.1
Students who used marijuana one or more times during the past 30 days	19.7	15.9	18.2	13.4	11.6	16.6	15.0	21.4	22.0	18.7	15.9
Students who used marijuana on school property one or more times during the past 30 days	4.5	2.6	3.6	1.6	2.9	2.1	2.7	2.4	4.3	3.0	2.6
Students who used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase one or more times during their life	7.2	7.3	8.7	5.9	6.2	6.7	7.3	9.4	9.2	8.7	7.3
Students who used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase one or more times during the past 30 days	3.3	3.0	3.9	2.1	3.1	2.4	3.2	3.0	3.4	2.6	3.0
Students who sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high one or more times during their life	13.3	11.7	11.4	12.0	15.4	11.2	10.8	8.0	9.9	12.0	11.7
Students who used heroin one or more times during their life	2.3	2.2	3.2	1.1	2.6	1.6	2.5	1.9	2.7	2.1	2.2
Students who used methamphetamine one or more times during their life	4.4	5.5	6.3	4.6	4.4	5.3	5.0	7.3	9.9	7.1	5.5
Students who used ecstasy one or more times during their life	5.8	5.9	7.3	4.3	4.7	5.3	5.9	7.9	7.2	6.7	5.9
Students who took steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription one or more times during their life	3.9	4.7	6.1	3.2	5.3	4.6	3.4	5.0	4.8	3.7	4.7
Students who used a needle to inject any illegal drug into their body one or more times during their life	2.0	2.1	3.3	0.8	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.0	2.1
Students who were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug by someone on school property during the past 12 months	22.3	19.1	22.7	15.2	18.1	20.6	21.1	16.5	22.2	18.4	19.1

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2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2007). *Healthy Youth YRBSS Youth Online: Comprehensive Results*. Retrieved electronically from: <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/CategoryQuestions.asp?Cat=3&desc=Alcohol%20and%20Other%20Drug%20Use>