

# Communities that Care Survey

## Opioids and Other Illicit Drugs Factsheet

This factsheet provides an overview of **opioids and other illicit drugs use** as reported by the participants of the 2022 Communities that Care survey.

### Risk Behaviors

In the past year, **2.8%** of students have **sold** illegal drugs.

In the past year, **1.5%** of students have **attacked someone due to drugs**.

### Access to Substance

**26.2%** of students stated that it is **easy** to obtain prescription drugs.

**22.9%** of students stated that it is **easy** to obtain prescription pain pills.

**13.2%** of students stated that it is **easy** to obtain illicit drugs like cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines.

**10.3%** of students stated that it is **easy** to obtain heroin or fentanyl.

### Disapproval of Use

**96.3%** of students think their **parents** would feel it's **wrong** for them to use heroin or fentanyl.

**91.5%** of students think their **peers** would feel it's **wrong** for them to heroin or fentanyl.

### Percent of Students Lifetime and Current Opioids and Other Illicit Drugs Use

**7.7%** of students have used a prescription drug without a doctor's prescription in their **lifetime** and **2.8%** have used in the **past 30 days**.

**3.4%** of students have used prescription pain pills (OxyContin, Vicodin, etc.) without a doctor's prescription in their **lifetime** and **1.6%** have used in the **past 30 days**.

**1.1%** of students have used heroin or fentanyl in their **lifetime** and **0.6%** have used heroin or fentanyl in the **past 30 days**.

**1.5%** of students have used cocaine in their **lifetime**.

### Perception of Risk

**84.4%** of students believe that a person has **moderate or great risk** of harming themselves physically or in other ways if they use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them.

**84.8%** of students believe that a person has **moderate or great risk** of harming themselves physically or in other ways if they use prescription pain pills that are not prescribed to them.

### Disapproval of Use

**92.8%** of students think their **parents** would feel it's **wrong** for them to use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them and **90.7%** also think their **parents** would feel it's **wrong** for them to use prescription pain pills that are not prescribed to them.

**83.5%** of students think their **peers** would feel it's **wrong** for them to use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them and **83.2%** also think their **peers** would feel it's **wrong** them to use prescription pain pills that are not prescribed to them.

**84.3%** of students think it's **wrong** for **someone their age** to use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them and **82.2%** also think it's **wrong** for **someone their age** to use prescription pain pills that are not prescribed to them.