

Communities that Care Survey Factsheet

Prescription Drug and Illicit Drug Use, Access and Perception

This factsheet provides an overview of **drug-related** information as reported by the participants of the 2022 Communities-That-Care survey. Over **15,000** students were surveyed over the course of the 2021-2022 school year.

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.

29.9% of students reported that they obtained prescription drugs from a family member voluntarily and **11.9%** obtained it from a family member without their consent.

22.1% of students reported that they obtained prescription pain relievers from a family member voluntarily and **11.3%** obtained it from a family member without their consent.

Percent of Students Lifetime and Current 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.

Perceived Parental/Peer Disapproval of Student Drug Use by Type

