

SC Communities-that-Care Survey Factsheet

Tobacco Use, Access and Perception

This factsheet provides an overview of **tobacco-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.

Disapproval of Use

19.4% of students reported sentiment that cigarette use was only a little bit or not wrong at all

Students believed the following **percentage** would disapprove of their use of cigarettes:

- Parents: **94.3%** would **disagree** with use
- Peers: **78.5%** would **disagree** with use

34.1% of students reported sentiment that e-vape use was only a little bit or not wrong at all

Students believed the following **percentage** would disapprove of their use of e-vapes:

- Parents: **89.5%** would **disagree** with use
- Peers: **58.9%** would **disagree** with use

Tobacco Use

6.8% of students have smoked a cigarette in their **lifetime** and **1.3%** have smoked a cigarette in the **past 30 days**.

23.3% of students have smoked **e-cigarettes or vape pens** in their lifetime and **13.4%** are currently.

5.0% of student have used **smokeless tobacco** in their lifetime and **2.0%** currently use.

95.9% of students have **never** smoked a cigarette or was **13 or older** when they had their first one.

39.9% of students reported that it is easy to access cigarettes and **52.7%** reported ease of accessing an e-vape.

Perception of Risk

85.7% of students believe that a person has **moderate or great risk** of harming themselves physically or in other ways if they **smoke a cigarette**.

74.4% of students believe that a person has **moderate or great risk** of harming themselves physically or in other ways if they **smoke a e-vape**.

Percent of students that access cigarettes/e-vape via the following methods

