PAST-MONTH CIGARETTE USE CONTINUES STEADY DECLINE

2016

12th graders: 10.5%
10th graders: 4.9%
8th graders: 2.6%

Past-month cigarette use among 12th graders has dropped dramatically in recent years. The use of cigarettes among 12th graders has dropped from 28.5% in 1996 to 10.5% in 2016.

TEENS MORE LIKELY TO USE E-CIGARETTES THAN CIGARETTES

8th Grade
10th Grade
12th Grade

Past-use of cigarettes among 12th graders has declined, and e-cigarettes are becoming more popular. In 2016, the past-use of cigarettes among 12th graders dropped to 10.5%, while the past-use of e-cigarettes increased to 11.5%.

PRESCRIPTION/OVER-THE-COUNTER VS. ILLEGAL DRUGS

Vicodin®

Prescription/OTC

Illicit Drugs

Past-year use of Vicodin® among 12th graders has dropped dramatically in recent years. The use of Vicodin® among 12th graders has dropped from 8.7% in 2012 to 2.9% in 2016.

STUDENTS REPORT LOWEST RATES SINCE START OF THE SURVEY

Across all grades, past-year use of inhalants, heroin, methamphetamine, alcohol, cigarettes, and synthetic cannabinoids are all at their lowest by many measures.

Monitoring the Future is an annual survey of 8th, 10th, and 12th graders conducted by researchers at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, under a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the National Institutes of Health. Since 1975, the survey has measured drug, alcohol, and cigarette use and related attitudes in 12th graders nationwide; 8th and 10th graders were added to the survey in 1991. 45,473 students from 372 public and private schools participated in the 2016 survey.