



Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods  
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# 2013 Cuyahoga County Youth Risk Behavior Survey: Illegal and Prescription Drug Use

## Introduction

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The Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods (PRCHN) at Case Western Reserve University has administered the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) in school districts throughout Cuyahoga County since 2000. The YRBS is a cross-sectional tool developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to track adolescent risk behavior over time. In spring of 2013, the PRCHN conducted the YRBS among 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Cuyahoga County high schools. A more detailed description of the methodology is available at our website, <http://prchn.org/yrbs.apxs>.

This brief report presents results from the 2013 Cuyahoga County High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, with a particular focus on Illegal and Prescription Drug Use. In this brief report, we present:

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## Illegal and Prescription Drug Use

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Illegal drug use can lead to unhealthy behaviors and negative consequences. Drug abuse may contribute to depression and suicide, unintended pregnancy, school failure, violent behavior, delinquency, and transmission of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.<sup>i</sup>

Marijuana is used for the intoxication or high that it gives users. For most youth, marijuana is not difficult to obtain.<sup>ii</sup> Many think marijuana is not as harmful as other illicit drugs; however, it has both short- and long-term health effects. The short-term effects include memory problems, loss of coordination, anxiety attacks, and increased heart rate.<sup>iii</sup> Possible long-term effects include respiratory problems, a weakened immune system, and cognitive deficits.<sup>iv</sup> While causation is complex, teens that use marijuana, are also more likely to have lower achievement, more delinquent behavior and aggression, and weaker relationships with parents.<sup>viii</sup>

Nationally, nine percent (9.1%) of teens aged 12-17 misused prescription drugs in 2005. In 2006, there were as many new abusers of prescription drugs as there were new users of marijuana.<sup>v</sup> Prescription and over the counter medications are widely available, free or inexpensive, and falsely believed to be safer than illicit drugs. In 2006, 2.1 million teens abused prescription drugs and an additional 2.1 million had misused over the counter cough and cold medications at least once in their lifetime.<sup>vi</sup>

## Healthy People 2020

Where possible, the Cuyahoga County Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) data are compared to the Healthy People 2020 benchmarks.<sup>vii</sup> This allows us to consider Cuyahoga County's progress towards the 10-year national objectives aimed at improving the health of all Americans.

Healthy People 2020 Objectives	Cuyahoga County 2013
<b>AH-7:</b> Reduce the proportion of adolescents who have been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property to no more than 20.4%	16.9% of Cuyahoga County high school students reported being offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property.
<b>SA-4.2:</b> Increase the proportion of adolescents aged 12 to 17 years perceiving great risk associated with substance abuse—Smoking marijuana once per month to 36.7%	41.9% of Cuyahoga County high school students perceive great risk of harm (physically or in other ways) from smoking marijuana regularly.  26.2% of Cuyahoga County high school students perceive great risk of harm (physically or in other ways) from trying marijuana once or twice.
<b>SA-13.2:</b> Reduce the proportion of adolescents reporting use of marijuana during the past 30 days to no more than 6.0%	22.9% of Cuyahoga County high school students reported using marijuana at least once during the past 30 days.

## Overall Prevalence

The following table summarizes illegal and prescription drug use among the 16,855 high school students who completed the 2013 Cuyahoga County YRBS. Prevalence estimates and 95% confidence intervals were computed for all variables.

Risk Behavior	% (95% Confidence Interval)
<b>Lifetime marijuana use</b> (Used marijuana one or more times during their life.)	39.8 (38.2-41.5)
<b>Tried marijuana before age 13 years</b>	6.6 (6.1-7.2)
<b>Current marijuana use</b> (Used marijuana one or more times during the 30 days before the survey.)	22.9 (21.6-24.1)
<b>Smoked a cigar, cigarillo, little cigar, or flavored cigar that had marijuana in it ('Blunt')</b> (In the past 30 days.)	18.5 (17.4-19.6)
<b>Lifetime illicit drug use</b> (Used any form of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines, or ecstasy one or more times during their life.)	6.7 (6.0-7.4)
<b>Current unauthorized prescription drug use</b> (Used prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription one or more times during the 30 days before the survey.)	8.8 (8.1-9.5)
<b>Offered, sold, or given drugs on school property</b> (One or more times during the 12 months before the survey.)	16.9 (16.0-17.8)
<b>Students believe it is very wrong for someone their age to smoke marijuana</b>	42.2 (40.4-44.0)
<b>Students believe it is very wrong for someone their age to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them</b>	66.0 (64.8-67.3)
<b>Students perceive that their parents believe it is very wrong for them to smoke marijuana</b>	75.8 (74.6-77.1)
<b>Students perceive that their parents believe it is very wrong for them to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them</b>	82.6 (81.6-83.6)
<b>Students perceive great risk of harm from trying marijuana once or twice</b> (Physically or in other ways.)	26.2 (24.7-27.7)
<b>Students perceive great risk of harm from smoking marijuana regularly</b> (Physically or in other ways.)	41.9 (40.3-43.5)
<b>Students perceive great risk of harm from use of prescription drugs not prescribed to them</b> (Physically or in other ways.)	64.8 (63.5-66.1)

## Regional Prevalence

The table below represents illegal and prescription drug use by the six regions of Cuyahoga County. This division was conducted to provide a geographic representation of the prevalence of different risk behaviors in Cuyahoga County. In 2013, we were able to weight to 5 of 6 regions in Cuyahoga County. The column under Outer Ring–West does not include data because school participation within that region was insufficient to permit weighting.

Risk Behavior	CMSD-East % (95% CI)	CMSD- West % (95% CI)	Inner Ring-East % (95% CI)	Inner Ring-West % (95% CI)	Outer Ring-East % (95% CI)	Outer Ring-West % (95% CI)
<b>Lifetime marijuana use</b> (Used marijuana one or more times during their life.)	47.4 (44.7-50.1)	42.7 (38.6-46.9)	48.5 (45.3-51.6)	38.5 (33.9-43.0)	36.2 (32.5-39.8)	n/a
<b>Tried marijuana before age 13 years</b>	12.1 (10.7-13.5)	12.1 (9.4-14.8)	8.6 (7.3-9.9)	5.9 (4.3-7.4)	3.6 (2.6-4.6)	n/a
<b>Current marijuana use</b> (Used marijuana one or more times during the 30 days before the survey.)	28.1 (25.9-30.3)	24.7 (21.1-28.3)	27.9 (25.1-30.7)	21.3 (17.9-24.8)	21.0 (18.4-23.6)	n/a
<b>Smoked a cigar, cigarillo, little cigar, or flavored cigar that had marijuana in it ('Blunt')</b> (In the past 30 days.)	23.6 (21.3-25.9)	18.9 (16.0-21.7)	24.2 (21.2-27.1)	17.9 (14.9-21.0)	16.0 (13.9-18.1)	n/a
<b>Lifetime illicit drug use</b> (Used any form of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines, or ecstasy one or more times during their life.)	5.5 (4.5-6.4)	7.0 (5.7-8.4)	5.6 (4.3-6.8)	7.6 (5.9-9.4)	5.6 (4.2-6.9)	n/a
<b>Current unauthorized prescription drug use</b> (Used prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription one or more times during the 30 days before the survey.)	9.6 (8.3-10.9)	9.4 (7.8-11.1)	9.7 (8.2-11.3)	10.0 (8.1-11.8)	8.1 (6.5-9.7)	n/a
<b>Offered, sold, or given drugs on school property</b> (One or more times during the 12 months before the survey.)	20.4 (18.5-22.2)	20.0 (17.9-22.0)	22.9 (21.1-24.7)	13.5 (11.7-15.3)	15.0 (12.8-17.3)	n/a
<b>Students believe it is very wrong for someone their age to smoke marijuana</b>	42.6 (39.9-45.2)	42.4 (38.7-46.2)	38.3 (35.6-41.1)	42.4 (37.6-47.3)	42.3 (38.7-45.9)	n/a

Risk Behavior	CMSD-East % (95% CI)	CMSD- West % (95% CI)	Inner Ring-East % (95% CI)	Inner Ring-West % (95% CI)	Outer Ring-East % (95% CI)	Outer Ring-West % (95% CI)
Students believe it is very wrong for someone their age to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them	62.2 (59.4-65.0)	58.5 (55.4-61.6)	63.4 (60.8-65.9)	65.0 (61.8-68.2)	72.2 (69.1-75.3)	n/a
Students perceive that their parents believe it is very wrong for them to smoke marijuana	70.7 (68.4-72.9)	68.9 (65.6-72.2)	71.7 (68.3-75.1)	77.4 (74.6-80.1)	76.8 (74.4-79.3)	n/a
Students perceive that their parents believe it is very wrong for them to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them	73.6 (71.5-75.7)	73.4 (70.2-76.6)	78.1 (75.6-80.6)	85.2 (83.1-87.4)	86.3 (83.8-88.7)	n/a
Students perceive great risk of harm from trying marijuana once or twice (Physically or in other ways.)	26.8 (24.5-29.0)	25.7 (22.2-29.3)	25.6 (22.5-28.7)	22.7 (19.7-25.8)	27.3 (23.8-30.8)	n/a
Students perceive great risk of harm from smoking marijuana regularly (Physically or in other ways.)	37.2 (34.6-39.7)	32.8 (29.5-36.2)	38.4 (35.6-41.3)	40.6 (36.5-44.7)	45.4 (41.9-48.8)	n/a
Students perceive great risk of harm from use of prescription drugs not prescribed to them (Physically or in other ways.)	53.0 (49.7-56.2)	50.8 (48.0-53.5)	61.3 (57.8-64.9)	65.5 (63.3-67.7)	71.2 (68.2-74.2)	n/a

## Demographic Prevalence

The tables below allow for further comparisons of illegal and prescription drug use between demographic groups. Data are presented by gender, race/ethnicity, grade level, and family affluence (a proxy for socioeconomic status). A statistically significant difference exists between groups if the 95% confidence intervals do not overlap.

Lifetime marijuana use		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	37.5	35.4 - 39.5
Male	42.0	40.1 - 43.9
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	34.5	32.0 - 36.9
Black	48.0	46.0 - 50.0
Hispanic	41.2	37.6 - 44.8
Other	33.6	29.6 - 37.5
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	27.5	25.2 - 29.7
10th	34.8	32.7 - 36.9
11th	47.5	44.7 - 50.2
12th	51.1	48.4 - 53.7
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	49.2	46.8 - 51.7
Medium	40.7	38.3 - 43.1
High	33.7	31.6 - 35.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>38.2 - 41.5</b>

Tried marijuana before age 13 years		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	4.6	4.0 - 5.2
Male	8.5	7.6 - 9.3
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	3.4	2.8 - 4.0
Black	10.6	9.6 - 11.6
Hispanic	14.3	11.5 - 17.0
Other	8.0	6.1 - 10.0
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	7.3	6.2 - 8.5
10th	6.3	5.3 - 7.3
11th	5.4	4.5 - 6.4
12th	6.5	5.3 - 7.6
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	10.7	9.3 - 12.2
Medium	6.3	5.4 - 7.2
High	4.5	3.9 - 5.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.1 - 7.2</b>

Current marijuana use		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	20.5	19.0 - 21.9
Male	25.1	23.4 - 26.7
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	19.4	17.6 - 21.1
Black	28.0	26.3 - 29.7
Hispanic	23.6	20.7 - 26.6
Other	21.0	17.6 - 24.5
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	15.4	13.6 - 17.2
10th	20.1	18.4 - 21.8
11th	26.8	24.6 - 28.9
12th	29.7	27.0 - 32.5
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	29.3	27.1 - 31.5
Medium	22.2	20.4 - 24.0
High	19.7	17.9 - 21.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>21.6 - 24.1</b>

Smoked a cigar, cigarillo, little cigar, or flavored cigar that had marijuana in it ('Blunt')		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	16.0	14.7 - 17.3
Male	20.9	19.3 - 22.4
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	14.9	13.5 - 16.3
Black	24.7	22.8 - 26.7
Hispanic	22.1	18.3 - 25.8
Other	18.3	15.3 - 21.3
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	14.1	12.4 - 15.8
10th	16.5	14.8 - 18.2
11th	20.6	18.2 - 23.0
12th	22.9	20.4 - 25.5
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	25.4	23.0 - 27.7
Medium	17.6	16.0 - 19.1
High	15.8	14.1 - 17.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>17.4 - 19.6</b>

Lifetime illicit drug use		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	4.9	4.1 - 5.6
Male	8.5	7.5 - 9.5
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	7.5	6.4 - 8.6
Black	5.1	4.3 - 5.9
Hispanic	11.0	8.3 - 13.6
Other	9.0	6.9 - 11.1
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	4.2	3.4 - 4.9
10th	5.1	4.1 - 6.0
11th	8.6	6.6 - 10.6
12th	8.7	7.1 - 10.2
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	7.3	6.1 - 8.5
Medium	6.8	5.7 - 7.8
High	6.3	5.4 - 7.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.0 - 7.4</b>

Current unauthorized prescription drug use		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	8.7	7.7 - 9.6
Male	8.8	7.8 - 9.7
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	7.8	6.8 - 8.8
Black	9.5	8.5 - 10.5
Hispanic	15.1	11.7 - 18.6
Other	11.5	9.3 - 13.8
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	7.3	6.2 - 8.3
10th	8.3	6.8 - 9.7
11th	9.5	8.0 - 10.9
12th	9.5	7.8 - 11.1
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	10.3	8.8 - 11.8
Medium	9.0	7.9 - 10.2
High	7.7	6.6 - 8.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.1 - 9.5</b>



Offered, sold, or given drugs on school property		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	13.5	12.4 - 14.5
Male	20.1	18.8 - 21.3
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	13.8	12.6 - 15.0
Black	20.7	19.3 - 22.0
Hispanic	23.9	20.9 - 26.8
Other	18.8	15.8 - 21.9
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	15.5	13.9 - 17.0
10th	15.9	14.1 - 17.7
11th	18.3	16.3 - 20.3
12th	17.5	15.6 - 19.5
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	19.1	17.5 - 20.8
Medium	15.6	14.1 - 17.2
High	16.6	15.1 - 18.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>16.0 - 17.8</b>

Students believe it is very wrong for someone their age to smoke marijuana		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	44.7	42.3 - 47.2
Male	39.8	37.7 - 41.9
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	42.8	40.0 - 45.5
Black	40.7	38.8 - 42.6
Hispanic	45.3	40.9 - 49.7
Other	46.6	42.7 - 50.4
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	53.2	51.1 - 55.4
10th	46.5	44.0 - 49.1
11th	34.3	31.1 - 37.4
12th	33.1	30.3 - 35.9
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	40.1	37.4 - 42.7
Medium	42.7	40.3 - 45.2
High	42.9	40.2 - 45.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>40.4 - 44.0</b>

Students believe it is very wrong for someone their age to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	68.4	66.6 - 70.2
Male	63.9	62.1 - 65.7
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	68.5	66.7 - 70.2
Black	62.8	61.0 - 64.5
Hispanic	58.1	54.0 - 62.1
Other	63.8	60.2 - 67.3
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	66.7	64.5 - 69.0
10th	70.4	68.7 - 72.2
11th	64.8	61.8 - 67.7
12th	62.7	60.0 - 65.4
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	63.7	61.4 - 66.0
Medium	65.5	63.3 - 67.6
High	67.8	65.9 - 69.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>64.8 - 67.3</b>

Students perceive that their parents believe it is very wrong for them to smoke marijuana		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	80.2	78.6 - 81.7
Male	71.7	70.1 - 73.3
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	78.5	76.9 - 80.1
Black	71.7	69.6 - 73.8
Hispanic	71.2	67.4 - 75.0
Other	74.5	71.1 - 77.9
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	82.6	80.7 - 84.4
10th	79.4	77.6 - 81.1
11th	72.8	70.6 - 74.9
12th	68.1	65.6 - 70.7
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	69.4	66.8 - 72.1
Medium	76.5	74.7 - 78.4
High	78.6	76.9 - 80.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>74.6 - 77.1</b>

Students perceive that their parents believe it is very wrong for them to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	84.1	82.8 - 85.4
Male	81.2	79.8 - 82.6
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	87.4	86.3 - 88.6
Black	75.3	73.5 - 77.1
Hispanic	70.4	65.9 - 74.9
Other	80.0	77.1 - 82.9
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	82.0	80.3 - 83.6
10th	86.2	84.5 - 87.9
11th	82.3	80.1 - 84.5
12th	80.8	78.4 - 83.2
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	77.6	75.5 - 79.8
Medium	82.1	80.5 - 83.7
High	85.5	84.2 - 86.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>82.6</b>	<b>81.6 - 83.6</b>

Students perceive great risk of harm from trying marijuana once or twice		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	27.3	25.3 - 29.2
Male	25.3	23.4 - 27.2
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	25.3	23.2 - 27.4
Black	27.7	25.7 - 29.6
Hispanic	28.8	25.0 - 32.7
Other	28.7	25.2 - 32.3
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	33.2	31.0 - 35.4
10th	28.2	25.5 - 30.8
11th	21.6	19.2 - 23.9
12th	21.0	18.8 - 23.2
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	25.3	23.2 - 27.5
Medium	26.9	24.6 - 29.1
High	26.2	24.0 - 28.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>24.7 - 27.7</b>

Students perceive great risk of harm from smoking marijuana regularly		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	46.4	44.4 - 48.3
Male	37.7	35.7 - 39.7
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	43.9	41.5 - 46.2
Black	38.7	36.8 - 40.7
Hispanic	35.1	31.1 - 39.0
Other	45.5	41.6 - 49.4
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	49.1	46.6 - 51.7
10th	44.7	42.4 - 47.0
11th	38.8	35.4 - 42.2
12th	34.2	31.5 - 36.9
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	36.5	33.9 - 39.1
Medium	41.2	39.0 - 43.3
High	45.3	42.9 - 47.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>40.3 - 43.5</b>

Students perceive great risk of harm from use of prescription drugs not prescribed to them		
Category	%	CI
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	68.2	66.5 - 69.9
Male	61.7	59.8 - 63.5
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	69.8	68.3 - 71.3
Black	57.6	55.1 - 60.0
Hispanic	48.4	44.4 - 52.4
Other	62.1	58.3 - 65.9
<b>Grade</b>		
9th	62.9	60.4 - 65.3
10th	67.5	65.2 - 69.8
11th	67.1	64.5 - 69.7
12th	62.8	60.0 - 65.5
<b>Family Affluence</b>		
Low	57.3	54.4 - 60.1
Medium	65.2	63.0 - 67.4
High	68.3	66.5 - 70.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>63.5 - 66.1</b>

## Cuyahoga County Trend Data

The following table presents the prevalence of illegal and prescription drug use among Cuyahoga County high school students in 2009, 2011, and 2013. The prevalence for each year is given (when available), with 95% confidence intervals below.

Cuyahoga County, 2009	Cuyahoga County, 2011	Cuyahoga County, 2013
<b>Lifetime marijuana use</b> (Used marijuana one or more times during their life.)		
36.7 (34.7-38.7)	38.1 (36.3-39.9)	39.8 (38.2-41.5)
<b>Tried marijuana before age 13 years</b>		
7.6 (6.0-9.2)	6.9 (6.2-7.6)	6.6 (6.1-7.2)
<b>Current marijuana use</b> (Used marijuana one or more times during the 30 days before the survey.)		
20.5 (19.0-22.0)	22.0 (20.6-23.4)	22.9 (21.6-24.1)
<b>Smoked a cigar, cigarillo, little cigar, or flavored cigar that had marijuana in it ('Blunt')</b> (In the past 30 days.)		
n/a	16.4 (14.9-17.9)	18.5 (17.4-19.6)
<b>Lifetime illicit drug use</b> (Used any form of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines, or ecstasy one or more times during their life.)		
n/a	5.8 (5.2-6.4)	6.7 (6.0-7.4)
<b>Current unauthorized prescription drug use</b> (Used prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription one or more times during the 30 days before the survey.)		
n/a	n/a	8.8 (8.1-9.5)
<b>Offered, sold, or given drugs on school property</b> (One or more times during the 12 months before the survey.)		
25.0 (23.2-26.8)	26.2 (25.1-27.3)	16.9 (16.0-17.8)
<b>Students believe it is very wrong for someone their age to smoke marijuana</b>		
45.1 (42.9-47.3)	45.1 (43.5-46.7)	42.2 (40.4-44.0)
<b>Students believe it is very wrong for someone their age to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them</b>		
n/a	n/a	66.0 (64.8-67.3)
<b>Students perceive that their parents believe it is very wrong for them to smoke marijuana</b>		
77.7 (76.1-79.3)	75.8 (74.6-77.0)	75.8 (74.6-77.1)

Cuyahoga County, 2009	Cuyahoga County, 2011	Cuyahoga County, 2013
<b>Students perceive that their parents believe it is very wrong for them to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them</b>		
n/a	n/a	82.6 (81.6-83.6)
<b>Students perceive great risk of harm from trying marijuana once or twice (Physically or in other ways.)</b>		
24.5 (22.5-26.5)	28.5 (27.3-29.7)	26.2 (24.7-27.7)
<b>Students perceive great risk of harm from smoking marijuana regularly (Physically or in other ways.)</b>		
52.9 (50.6-55.2)	48.3 (46.7-49.9)	41.9 (40.3-43.5)
<b>Students perceive great risk of harm from use of prescription drugs not prescribed to them (Physically or in other ways.)</b>		
n/a	n/a	64.8 (63.5-66.1)

## Comparison to State and Nation

The following table presents the prevalence of illegal or prescription drug use among Cuyahoga County high school students, the state of Ohio high school students, and United States high school students. The columns provide the prevalence for Cuyahoga County as reported in 2013 and the state of Ohio and the United States as reported in 2011 (when available).

Cuyahoga County, 2013	Ohio, 2011	United States, 2011
<b>Lifetime marijuana use</b> (Used marijuana one or more times during their life.)		
39.8 (38.2-41.5)	42.8 (37.4-48.3)	39.9 (37.8-42.1)
<b>Tried marijuana before age 13 years</b>		
6.6 (6.1-7.2)	9.0 (7.0-11.5)	8.1 (7.3-9.0)
<b>Current marijuana use</b> (Used marijuana one or more times during the 30 days before the survey.)		
22.9 (21.6-24.1)	23.6 (19.8-27.9)	23.1 (21.5-24.7)
<b>Smoked a cigar, cigarillo, little cigar, or flavored cigar that had marijuana in it ('Blunt')</b> (In the past 30 days.)		
18.5 (17.4-19.6)	n/a	n/a
<b>Lifetime illicit drug use</b> (Used any form of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines, or ecstasy one or more times during their life.)		
6.7 (6.0-7.4)	n/a	n/a
<b>Current unauthorized prescription drug use</b> (Used prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription one or more times during the 30 days before the survey.)		
8.8 (8.1-9.5)	n/a	n/a
<b>Offered, sold, or given drugs on school property</b> (One or more times during the 12 months before the survey.)		
16.9 (16.0-17.8)	24.3 (21.0-28.0)	25.6 (23.6-27.6)
<b>Students believe it is very wrong for someone their age to smoke marijuana</b>		
42.2 (40.4-44.0)	n/a	n/a
<b>Students believe it is very wrong for someone their age to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them</b>		
66.0 (64.8-67.3)	n/a	n/a
<b>Students perceive that their parents believe it is very wrong for them to smoke marijuana</b>		
75.8 (74.6-77.1)	n/a	n/a

Cuyahoga County, 2013	Ohio, 2011	United States, 2011
<b>Students perceive that their parents believe it is very wrong for them to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them</b>		
82.6 (81.6-83.6)	n/a	n/a
<b>Students perceive great risk of harm from trying marijuana once or twice (Physically or in other ways.)</b>		
26.2 (24.7-27.7)	n/a	n/a
<b>Students perceive great risk of harm from smoking marijuana regularly (Physically or in other ways.)</b>		
41.9 (40.3-43.5)	n/a	n/a
<b>Students perceive great risk of harm from use of prescription drugs not prescribed to them (Physically or in other ways.)</b>		
64.8 (63.5-66.1)	n/a	n/a



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