

Youth Marijuana and Other Drug Use

Key Findings

One-third (33%) of Sandusky County high school youth had used marijuana at least once in their lifetime and 18% reported use in the past month. During the past 12 months, 20% of Sandusky County youth had someone offer, sell, or give them an illegal drug on school property. 6% of middle school males had used marijuana at sometime in their life, while no females had used marijuana. 10% of middle school youth had used inhalants at some time in their life.

National Decline in Youth Drug Use

- SAMHSA's 2004 National Survey on Drug Use and Health
- ❖ Among U.S. youth ages 12-17, there was a 9% decline in illicit drug use from 2002 to 2004.
 - ❖ Between 2002 and 2004, there was also an 8% decline in past year use of cocaine among U.S. 12-17 year olds.
 - ❖ There was a decline in current use, defined as used in the past month, of marijuana in U.S. boys ages 12-17, from 9.1% in 2002 to 8.1% in 2004. U.S. girls ages 12-17 remained at 7% during that same time period.

(Source: NSDUH Report, 2004, from the SAMHSA Office of Applied Studies)

High School Drug Use

- ◆ In 2005, 33% of all Sandusky County high school youth had used marijuana at least once in their lifetime, increasing to 43% of youth ages 17 and older and 39% of males. The 2003 YRBS found a prevalence of 40% for U.S. youth who had used marijuana one or more times during their lifetime.
- ◆ 20% of high school youth who used marijuana did so before the age of 13.
- ◆ 18% of Sandusky County high school youth used marijuana in the past month increasing to 25% of males.
- ◆ Only 1% of high school youth had used marijuana on school property.
- ◆ 5% of high school youth had used a form of cocaine (including powder, crack or freebase) sometime in their life, and 1% had used cocaine in the past 30 days.
- ◆ 15% had used inhalants such as sniffed glue, breathed the contents of a spray can, or inhaled paints of sprays to get high, and 5% had used inhalants in the past 30 days.
- ◆ 2% of high school youth had used heroin at sometime in their life.
- ◆ 5% had used methamphetamines sometime in their life, increasing to 8% of those 17 and older.
- ◆ 4% of high school youth had used ecstasy at sometime in their life.
- ◆ 3% had used steroid shots or pills without a doctor's prescription at sometime in their life.
- ◆ 1% of high school youth injected an illegal drug in their body sometime in their life.
- ◆ During the past 12 months, 20% of all Sandusky County high school youth reported that someone had offered, sold, or given them an illegal drug on school property.

Middle School Drug Use

- ◆ 6% of middle school males had used marijuana sometime in their life, while no females reported using marijuana.
- ◆ No middle school youth reported they had used cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase
- ◆ No middle school youth reported they had used a needle to inject any illegal drug into their body.
- ◆ 10% had used inhalants such as sniffed glue, breathed the contents of a spray can, or inhaled paints or sprays to get high.
- ◆ 2% of middle school males had used steroids, while no females reported using steroids.

How Youths Obtain Marijuana

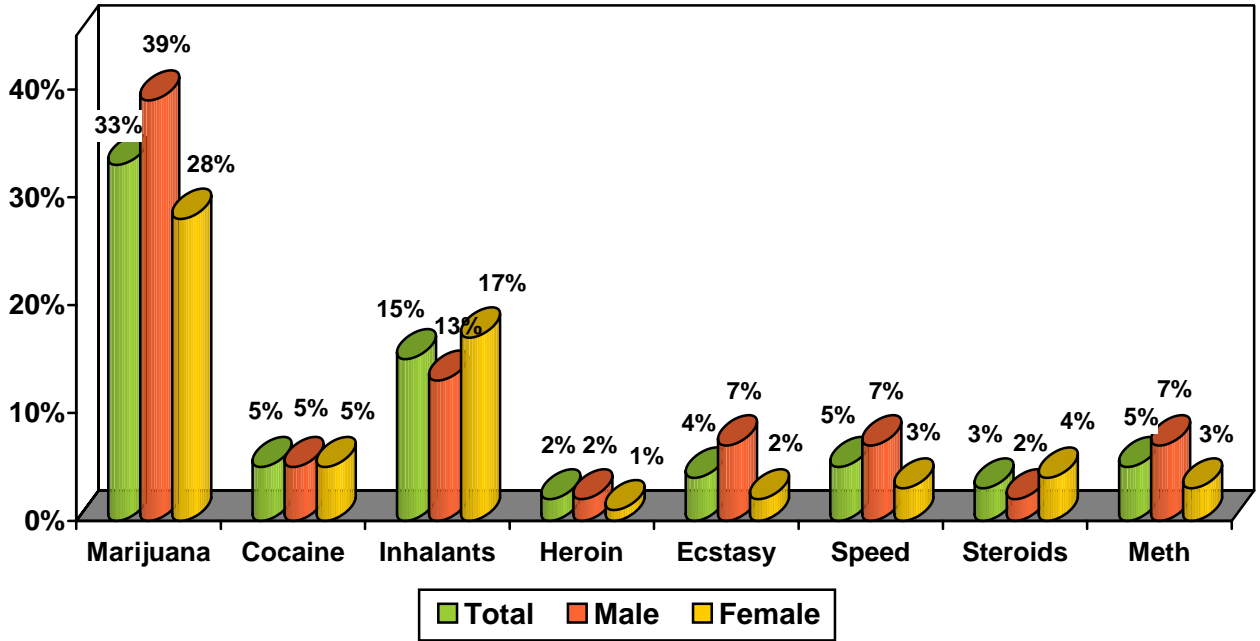
SAMHSA's 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

- ❖ Over 60 percent of youth (age 12-17) that used marijuana in the past year acquired the most recently used marijuana for free or shared with someone else.
- ❖ Of those that had free or shared marijuana, Blacks (18%) were more likely than Whites (9%) or Hispanics (7%) to have gotten it from a family member.
- ❖ Of the youths that bought their most recently used marijuana, Whites (9%) were more likely than Blacks (4%) to have bought it within a school building.

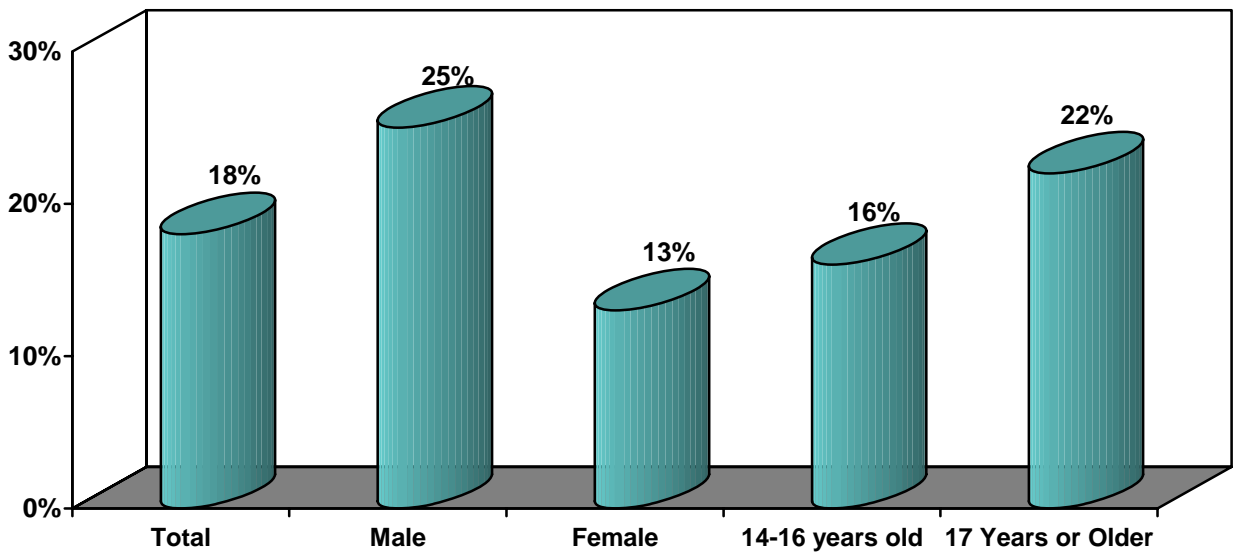
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Sandusky County High School Youth Lifetime Drug Use

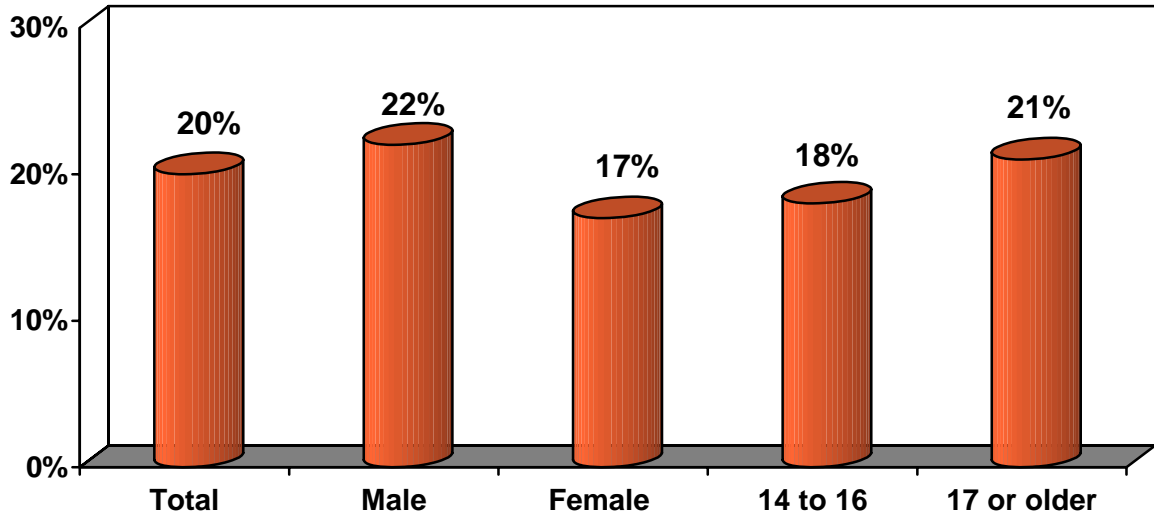


Sandusky County High School Youth Marijuana Use in Past 30 Days



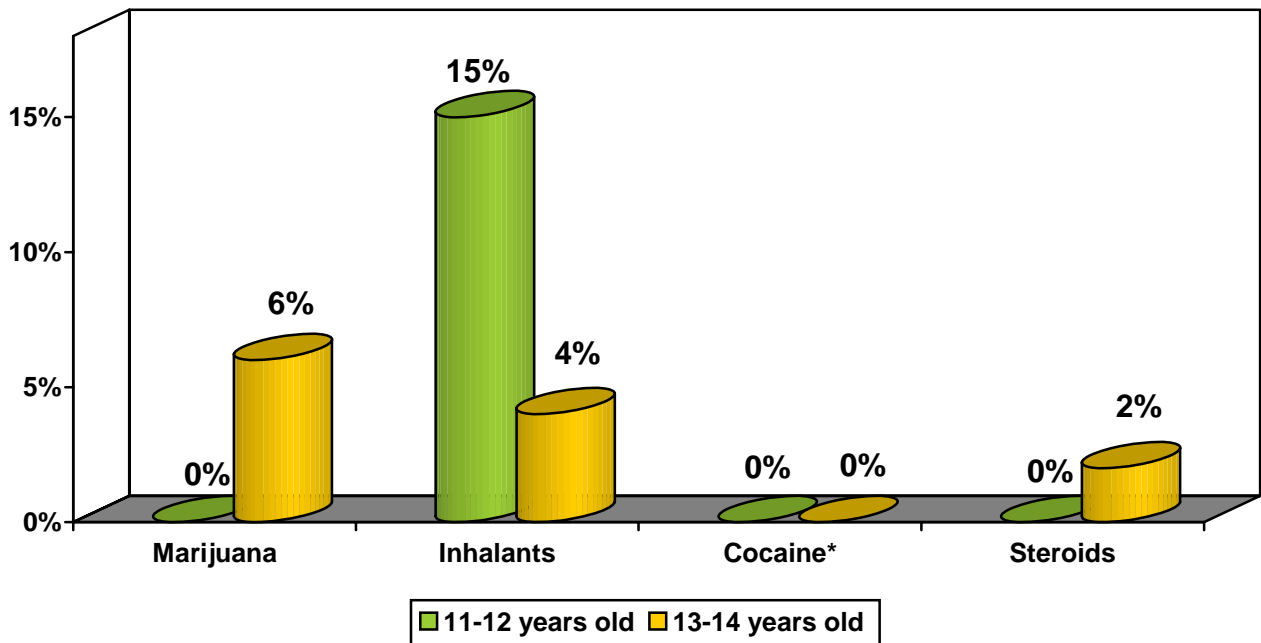
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Sandusky County High School Youth Offered, Sold, or Given Illegal Drugs by Someone on School Property in Past 12 Months*



**Has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug on school property?*

Sandusky County Middle School Youth Lifetime Drug Use



Cocaine use includes powder, crack, or freebase.