



# Warren Prevention Coalition

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## 2020 Comparative Youth Substance Misuse Survey Bristol/Warren Regional Schools

### Last 30-Day Use

#### Grades 7-10

Alcohol was the most-used substance by students overall, while marijuana was the second substance most used.

**14.1%** 

In 2020, **14.1%** of students reported they used Alcohol in the Last 30 days.

 **19.2%**

Grade 8 alcohol use – **19.2%**, well above average for grade. *Nearly as high as Grade 10.*

#### Grades 11 & 12

 **MARIJUANA  
ALCOHOL**

Last 30-day use of Marijuana dropped by **12.4%** and Alcohol decreased **4.9%** over the past year. *Likely from COVID-19 impact.*

 **DECREASE**

Last 30 days use for Vaping/E-Cigs declined from **24.4% in 2018** to **13.7% in 2020.**

### Perception of Disapproval

#### Peer Disapproval Grades 7-10



Peer disapproval was high for ALL substances in grades 7 & 8, rising for alcohol & marijuana as students rise in grade.

#### Parent Disapproval Grades 7-10

 **90%**

Student's perception of parental disapproval for use of all substances is **over 90%**.

**In 2020 Survey,  
29.4% of Students,  
in Grades 7-10  
Felt it's OK to Use  
Marijuana Regularly**

 **29.4%**

Rates of approval for regular marijuana usage was relatively high for students at all grade levels.

Rates of approval for binge drinking, tobacco and Rx drug use were much lower.

### Perceived Access to Substances



Alcohol continues to be the substance that students in grades 7-10 believe is most "easy or very easy" to obtain with marijuana being the next "easiest" to get.

For many students, the first introduction to alcohol or substance use takes place at an unsupervised party

 **PERCEIVED ACCESS  
TO SUBSTANCES**

There has been a decline in the rate of student's perceived ease of access for cigarettes, alcohol and marijuana over 4 years.

### Impact of Covid on Perception of Substance Misuse

Students in grades 8, 9 & 10 felt peer substance increased "a little more or a lot more" during the pandemic.

<b>E-Cig/Vape</b>	<b>38.8%</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>35.5%</b>
<b>Marijuana</b>	<b>32.0%</b>
<b>MJ Products</b>	<b>29.8%</b>