

Warren Prevention Coalition Health & Wellness Survey 2019 Key Findings

Who was surveyed?

- 697 students in grades 7-10 at Kickemuit Middle School and Mt. Hope High School
- 68% of those surveyed were Bristol residents, 32% were Warren residents
- 52% of those surveyed were female, 46% were male, and 2% identified as “other”
- 86% said they answered all questions honestly, but only 7% thought that the other students at their school answered honestly.

Synthetic is another story...

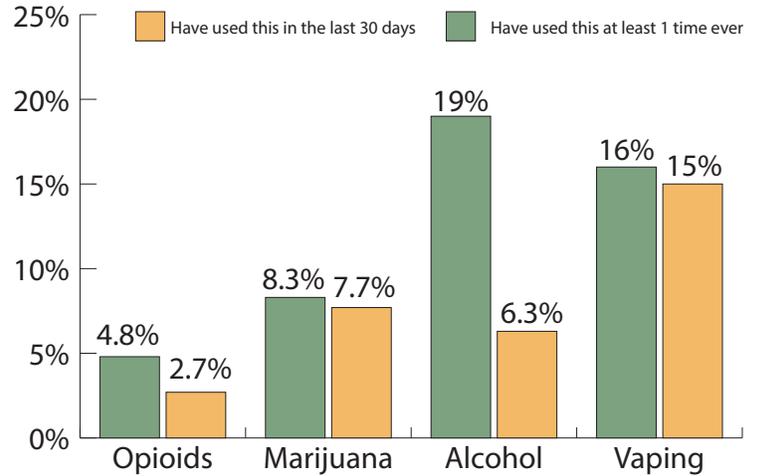
64% say there is moderate to great risk of harm if you smoke synthetic marijuana 1-2 times per week. 40% say synthetic marijuana is sort of or very hard to get if they want it.

33%

say marijuana is relatively easy to get if they want it

37%

of RI teenagers have tried marijuana



“Everyone’s Doing It”

76% of respondents say at least some percentage of students at their school use marijuana. 17% say more than half of the students use marijuana.

20%

say it’s ok to regularly use marijuana

49%

say there is little to no risk associated with using marijuana 1-2 times per week

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Rhode Island is ranked 1st in the country for the highest percentage of teenage drug users.



Easy Access

For those who drank alcohol in the last 30 days:

- 32% got it from their parents' home without their consent
- 13% got it from a friend
- 11% got it at a party where an adult was in the house
- 11% got it from their parents' home with their knowledge
- 11% gave someone 21+ money to buy it for them



“Not a big problem”

65% of respondents say that less than a third of the students at their school drink alcohol. Only 4% say it is okay to regularly drink 5+ alcoholic drinks.

80%

say there is moderate to great risk associated with having 5+ alcoholic drinks 1-2 times per week

72%

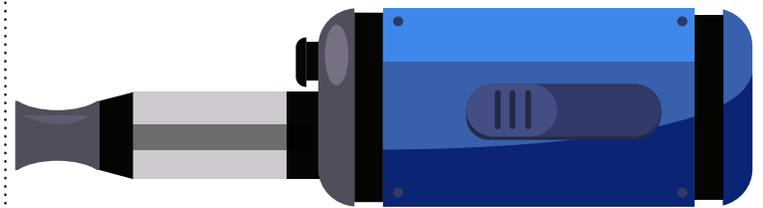
say there is moderate to great risk associated with having 1-2 alcoholic drinks nearly every day

36%

say it would be very or sort of easy to get alcohol if they wanted it

48%

say it would be very or sort of hard to buy alcohol with a fake ID



44%

say there is little to no risk associated with vaping 1-2 times / week

27%

say there is little to no risk associated with vaping every day

“It’s Pretty Common”

33% of respondents say that more than half of the students in their school vape. Another 18% say that more than a third, but less than half, of the students vape.

44%

of those who have vaped in the last 30 days, only vaped 1-2 times

20%

of those who have vaped in the last 30 days did so 40+ times

Other risk factors

27% of RI high school students who reported feeling sad or hopeless, and 31% who reported being bullied at school or online also reported vaping. 52% of LGB youth in RI reported trying vaping.



60%

say there is great risk of harming yourself associated with taking RX drugs that are not prescribed to you

37%

say it would be very or sort of hard to get RX drugs not prescribed to them by a doctor

2%

say it is ok to regularly use RX drugs not prescribed to you by a doctor

“Who’s Doing That?”

52% of respondents say that less than 10% of the students in their school use RX drugs that are not prescribed to them.

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