

2009 PA Youth Survey (PAYS) for Lancaster County

The following tables provide data on youth use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD). *Lifetime Prevalence-of-Use* (Table 1) is a good measure of youth experimentation, while *Past 30 Day Prevalence-of-Use* (Table 2) is a good measure of current substance use among youth. Lancaster County and Pennsylvania state data was collected by administration of the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (2009). National comparison data is drawn from the *Monitoring the Future Survey*, conducted annually on a nation-wide basis by the Survey Research Center of the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.

Table 1: Lifetime Prevalence-of-Use by grade (indicates experimentation with substances)

Substance	Lancaster County					PA	U.S.	
	6 th %	8 th %	10 th %	12 th %	Overall %	Overall %	8 th %	12 th %
Alcohol	17.3	37.4	51.6	59.7	42.8	49.3	36.6	72.3
Cigarettes	3.8	13.9	26.3	37.7	20.2	26.3	20.1	43.6
Smokeless Tobacco	1.6	3.5	9.1	12.4	6.4	12.1	9.6	16.3
Marijuana	0.7	6.3	21.5	33.3	14.9	20.0	15.7	42.0
Inhalants	7.4	11.2	11.4	8.9	10.3	11.5	14.9	9.5
Cocaine	0.1	0.8	1.6	4.8	1.6	1.9	2.6	6.0
Crack Cocaine	0.0	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.7	2.4
Heroin	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.3	1.2
Hallucinogens	0.2	1.0	3.8	7.0	2.8	3.3	3.0	7.4
Methamphetamine	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.6	2.4
Ecstasy	0.0	0.5	2.7	5.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	6.5
Steroids	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.3	2.2
Any Illicit Drug Other than Marijuana	7.8	12.3	15.0	16.7	13.3	14.7	10.4	24.0
Rx Pain Relievers	1.1	3.9	9.2	13.9	6.9	7.4	N/A	N/A
Rx Tranquilizers	0.2	0.7	3.1	5.2	2.2	3.2	N/A	N/A
Rx Stimulants	0.1	0.9	4.3	8.3	3.1	4.2	N/A	N/A

Table 2: Past 30-Day Prevalence-of-Use by grade (indicates current use of substances)

Substance	Lancaster County					PA	U.S.	
	6 th %	8 th %	10 th %	12 th %	Overall %	Overall	8 th %	12 th %
Alcohol	4.5	13.7	27.9	39.1	21.6	25.5	14.9	43.5
Binge Drinking*	1.5	4.8	13.6	22.8	10.0	13.6	N/A	N/A
Cigarettes	0.7	3.9	11.3	16.9	8.1	11.0	6.5	20.1
Smokeless Tobacco	0.2	1.9	4.9	7.6	3.5	6.2	3.7	8.4
Marijuana	0.4	3.4	11.5	17.3	8.1	11.4	6.5	20.6
Inhalants	4.4	6.6	5.7	2.7	5.3	5.9	3.8	1.2
Cocaine	0.1	0.6	0.7	1.4	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.3
Crack Cocaine	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6
Heroin	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4
Hallucinogens	0.1	0.8	2.5	3.8	1.8	1.8	N/A	N/A
Methamphetamine	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5
Ecstasy	0.1	0.5	1.8	3.1	1.3	1.1	0.6	1.8
Steroids	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4	1.0
Any Illicit Drug Other than Marijuana	4.7	7.9	8.2	8.1	7.6	8.1	3.5	8.6
Rx Pain Relievers	1.2	3.4	7.4	7.6	5.1	5.0	N/A	N/A
Rx Tranquilizers	0.4	0.4	2.1	2.4	1.3	1.9	N/A	N/A
Rx Stimulants	0.2	0.6	3.0	4.4	2.0	2.8	N/A	N/A

*Defined as drinking five or more drinks in a row within the past two weeks