

## 2019 PA Youth Survey (PAYS) for York County Alcohol and Other Drug Trends

The following tables provide data on youth use of alcohol and other drugs. State and county data were collected via the [2019 Pennsylvania Youth Survey \(PAYS\)](#) for 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

National comparison data is drawn from the [2019 Monitoring the Future Survey](#), conducted annually on a nation-wide basis by the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan.

- LIFETIME USE (Indicates experimentation with substances)**

SUBSTANCE	YORK COUNTY					PA	US	
	Grade 6 %	Grade 8 %	Grade 10 %	Grade 12 %	All Grades %	All Grades %	Grade 8 %	Grade 12 %
Alcohol	19.8	34.1	48.9	61.7	38.0	41.0	24.5	58.5
Vaping (any substance)	--	--	--	--	--	--	24.3	45.6
Marijuana	1.8	9.3	25.1	37.5	15.7	17.3	15.2	43.7
Cigarettes	0.9	2.1	3.7	8.2	3.2	5.5	7.1	9.8
Inhalants	4.6	7.9	5.6	4.2	5.7	4.9	9.5	5.3
Over-the-Counter Drugs	2.9	4.1	5.9	4.9	4.3	3.9	--	--
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.6	4.6	5.2	5.6	4.3	4.1	--	--
Prescription Tranquilizers	0.6	1.3	2.5	3.6	1.8	1.9	--	--
Prescription Stimulants	1.1	2.3	4.3	6.0	3.1	2.5	--	--
Heroin	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.6

- PAST 30-DAY USE (Indicates current use of substances)**

SUBSTANCE	YORK COUNTY					PA	US	
	Grade 6 %	Grade 8 %	Grade 10 %	Grade 12 %	All Grades %	All Grades %	Grade 8 %	Grade 12 %
Alcohol	4.2	8.7	18.6	28.0	13.0	16.8	7.9	29.3
Vaping (any substance)	3.6	13.4	23.8	32.8	16.2	19.0	12.2	30.9
Marijuana	0.8	4.5	13.8	20.6	8.4	9.6	6.6	22.3
Cigarettes	0.5	1.5	2.7	4.9	2.1	3.5	2.3	5.7
Inhalants	2.0	1.7	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.4	2.1	0.9
Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.9	1.5	1.3	--	--
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.1	1.4	1.5	0.8	1.2	1.1	--	--
Prescription Tranquilizers	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	--	--
Prescription Stimulants	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	--	--
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3

- FULL REPORT**

Rates of use of other substances are low but are still a concern.

Find the full [2019 PAYS for York County](#) report here.