

## 2021 PA Youth Survey for Lancaster 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 [2021 Pennsylvania Youth Survey \(PAYS\)](#) for 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Lancaster County, PA participation included 54 out of 85 schools in 15 out of 16 school districts: 11,208 valid surveys total.

National comparison data is drawn from the [2021 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	LANCASTER COUNTY					PA	US	
	Grade 6 %	Grade 8 %	Grade 10 %	Grade 12 %	All Grades %	All Grades %	Grade 8 %	Grade 12 %
Alcohol	17.1	21.1	35.2	46.0	29.4	34.8	21.7	54.1
Vaping (any substance)	--	--	--	--	--	--	17.5	40.5
Marijuana	1.3	5.1	12.4	22.1	9.0	13.1	10.2	38.6
Cigarettes	2.1	4.0	6.4	9.5	5.1	8.1	7.0	17.8
Inhalants	4.6	5.2	4.5	3.6	4.7	4.3	13.7	5.0
Over-the-Counter Drugs	3.2	2.1	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.9	--	--
Prescription Pain Relievers	2.9	3.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.1	--	2.3
Prescription Tranquilizers	0.4	1.1	0.9	1.8	1.0	1.0	2.5	3.3
Prescription Stimulants	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.0	1.6	1.8	5.8	4.9
Heroin	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4

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

SUBSTANCE	LANCASTER COUNTY					PA	US	
	Grade 6 %	Grade 8 %	Grade 10 %	Grade 12 %	All Grades %	All Grades %	Grade 8 %	Grade 12 %
Alcohol	3.5	6.1	11.6	17.5	8.8	13.4	7.3	25.8
Vaping (any substance)	2.8	7.2	12.7	17.7	9.4	13.0	8.9	24.0
Marijuana	0.4	2.5	6.3	11.7	4.5	7.0	4.1	19.5
Cigarettes	0.5	0.7	1.4	2.0	1.1	2.3	1.1	4.1
Inhalants	1.5	1.7	0.8	0.3	1.2	1.2	1.8	0.7
Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.9	0.7	1.0	0.3	0.9	0.9	--	--
Prescription Pain Relievers	1.1	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.9	--	0.3
Prescription Tranquilizers	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
Prescription Stimulants	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.7	1.0
Heroin	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1

- FULL REPORT**

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

Read the full 2021 [PAYS report](#) for Lancaster County.