Other Illegal Drugs in Delaware

Past year illicit drug use (excluding marijuana) by age group (%)

- 12-17: 9.94%
- 18-25: 29.73%
- 26+: 12.62%

Perceptions of Risk

Less than 46% of Delaware 8th graders report that there is great risk from misusing prescription medications.

Synthetic Marijuana

3% of 8th grade students report using synthetic marijuana in the past year.

National Trends

Data from the Monitoring the Future survey suggests that national illicit drug use (excluding marijuana) has declined among youth over the past two decades.

Young adults (ages 18-25) in Delaware used illicit drugs more than twice as frequently as adolescents ages 12-17 or adults ages 26 and older.

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"National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Comparison of 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Population Percentages (50 States and District of Columbia).” Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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