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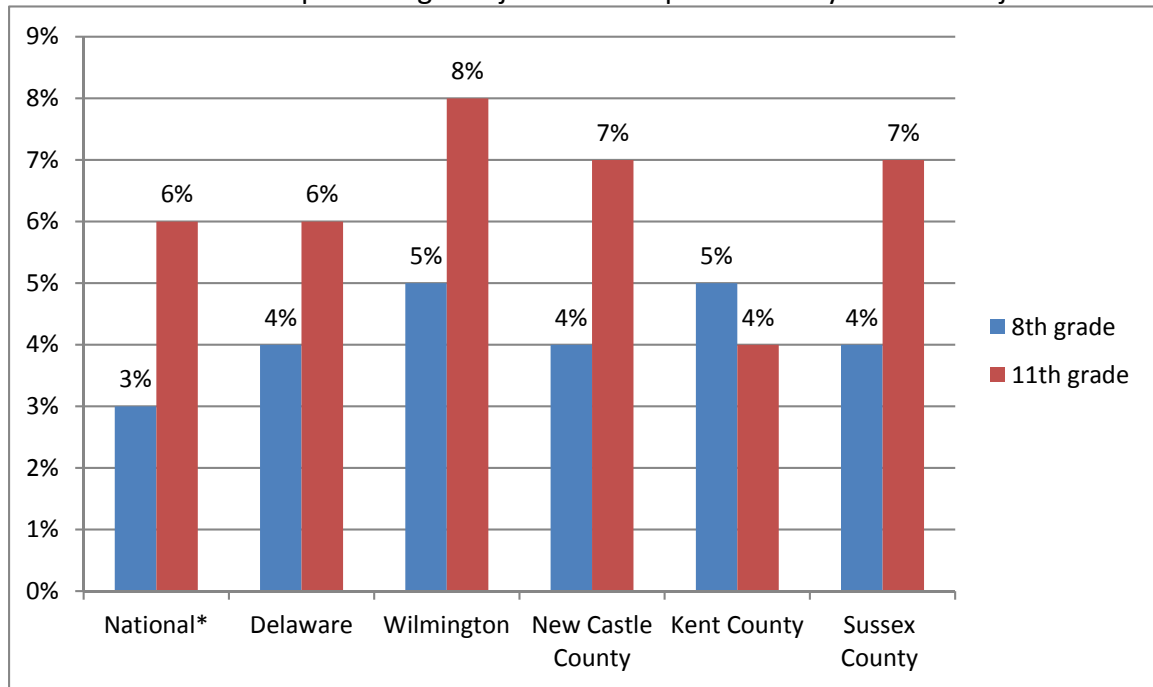
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Delaware Students Report Use of Synthetic Marijuana

Based on data from Delaware's annual school survey of student drug use and related behaviors in grades 5, 8 and 11, students in Delaware middle schools and high schools are as likely to report use of synthetic marijuana in the past year as students in a national survey of drug use, Monitoring the Future. Synthetic marijuana is a drug that mimics the effects of marijuana sprayed onto an herbal base material. There are several psychoactive artificial cannabinoids that are used as designer drugs sprayed on herbs and sold as natural highs under brand names like **K2** and **Spice**. Synthetic marijuana is often termed spice product or herbal incense and is often not illegal, yet. While use among middle school (8th grade) students is similar across all four of Delaware's Sub-state Planning Areas (Wilmington, the rest of New Castle County, Kent County and Sussex County), high school students (11th graders) from Kent County are less likely to report use of synthetic marijuana than students elsewhere. One third (33%) of 8th grade students who report using marijuana also report use of synthetic marijuana.



*For National Data, 12th grade data were used

Source: 2014 Delaware School Survey, University of Delaware Center for Drug and Health Studies; 2014 Monitoring the Future, University of Michigan
<http://www.monitoringthefuture.org/pubs/monographs/mtf-overview2014.pdf>

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