Past Month E-Cigarette or Other Vaping Device Use and Perception of Great Risk in Other Substance Use

In the 2017 Delaware School Survey, 5.1% of Delaware 11th graders reported using e-cigarettes or other vaping devices in the past month. The September DDatagram looks at perceptions of risk for other substance use among students who currently report vaping. Fewer vaping device users saw great risk in binge drinking and regular marijuana use compared to other students. Of those who reported vaping in the past month, 40% perceived great risk in binge drinking, and 15% perceived great risk in smoking marijuana regularly. Conversely, 55% of those who did not vape reported great risk in binge drinking, and 34% reported great risk in smoking marijuana regularly. Interestingly, more students who vaped saw great risk in smoking 1+ pack(s) of cigarettes per day than those who did not report vaping – 69% compared to 65%. This may suggest that they view vaping devices as a less harmful way of consuming tobacco.

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