

Tempe Fact Sheet Arizona Youth Survey Data 2018

Lifetime Use

- 1 in 6 Tempe students have misused a prescription drug in their lifetime (15.6%)
- More than 1 in 3 Tempe students have used marijuana in their lifetime (35.5%)
- 1 in 2 Tempe students have used alcohol in their lifetime (48.9%)
- 80% of Tempe youth using marijuana, are using it in the concentrate form (wax, dap, shatter)
- 73% of Tempe youth that have misused a prescription drug, used a prescription pain reliever

Substance Use in the last 30 days

Total number of students: 1,204

- 18.2% of Tempe youth used alcohol in the last 30 days (219 students)
- 18.3% of Tempe youth used marijuana in the last 30 days (220 students)
- 15.4% used marijuana concentrates (185 students)
- 22.7% used E-Cigarettes in the last 30 days (273 students)
- 5.6% of Tempe youth misused a prescription drug in the last 30 days (67 students)
- 3.9% of Tempe youth misused a prescription pain reliever in the last 30 days (47 students)

Substance Use in the last 30 days

- 1 in 4 12th grade Tempe students have drunk alcohol in the last 30 days (24.4%)
- 1 in 4 12th grade Tempe students have used marijuana in the last 30 days (24.4%)
- 1 in 15 12th grade Tempe students have misused prescription drugs in the last 30 days (5.9%)

Risky Behavior in the last 30 days

Total number of students: 1,204

- 226 of Tempe youth report driving a car in the last 30 days when they had been using marijuana
- 154 of Tempe youth report being in the car in the last 30 days when someone else was driving and had been drinking alcohol

Top Sources for Alcohol in Last 30 Days

Total number of students: 187

- A party (46%) 86 students
- Gave someone else money for alcohol (20.9%) 37 students
- Family member over 21 (19%) 29 students

Top Sources for Prescription Drugs in Last 30 Days

Total number of students: 153

- Friends (30.1%) 46 students
- Family/relative (20.9%) 32 students
- Home (19%) 29 students

Top Sources for Marijuana in the Last 30 Days

Total number of students: 212

- Friends (67.5%) 143 students
- Someone with a medical marijuana card (24.1%) 51 students
- Parties (23.6%) 50 students

Top reasons for using alcohol and other drugs in the last 30 days

- To have fun (49.7%)
- To get high or have a good feeling (40.1%)
- Stress from school (33%)
- Stress from parents or family (29.2%)
- To keep from feeling sad or down (25.1%)

Top reasons for NOT using alcohol and other drugs in the last 30 days

- Not interested in drugs (86.9%)
- It can harm my body (69.9%)
- My parents would be disappointed (69.5%)
- It's illegal and I could get arrested (57.4%)
- My parents would take away privileges (48.6%)
- I might get kicked out of school or extracurricular activities such as: sports, cheer, drama, etc. (41.3%)

Perception of harm

Total number of students: 1,204

- 26% of Tempe youth say that their friends feel as though smoking marijuana is “not wrong at all”- no risk (313 students)
- 25.1% of Tempe youth say that there is “no risk” in using marijuana regularly (302 students)
- Only 58.4% of Tempe youth say that there is “great risk” in abusing prescription drugs (703 students)
- 6.1% of Tempe youth say that there is “no risk” in abusing prescription drugs (73 students)
- 6.9% of Tempe youth say there is “no risk” in having 1-2 alcoholic drinks nearly every day (83 students)

Reporting risk

Total number of students: 1,204

- 33.2% of Tempe youth report community laws and norms favor drug use (399 students)
- 25.5% of Tempe youth report parent’s attitudes are favorable to drugs (307 students)
- 47.2% report low commitment to school (568 students)
- 33.4% report peer/individual attitudes are favorable to drug use (402 students)