

Selected findings from the Twentieth Annual Survey of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use by Indiana Children and Adolescents

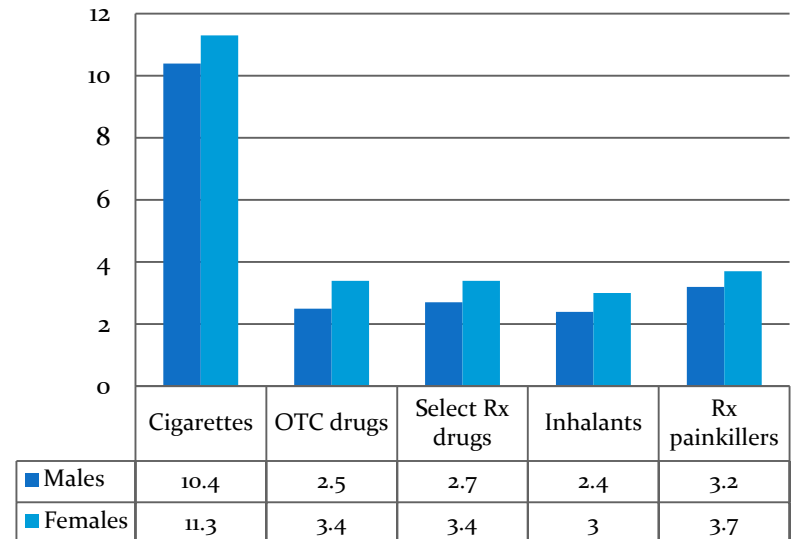
Misuse of Prescription Drugs

- The 2010 Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use (ATOD) by Indiana Children and Adolescents survey asked participants in grades 6-12 "have you ever used prescription drugs (such as Ritalin, Adderall, Xanax) to get high?"
- The results showed that 6 % of Indiana's 10th and 11th graders and 7 % of 12th graders reported past month use of prescription drugs such as Ritalin, Adderall and Xanax to get high.
- The percentage of Indiana 12th graders who reported lifetime use of prescription drugs was 14.6 %.
- According to the 2009 nationwide Youth Risk Behavior Survey -more than 22 % of high school students in Indiana reported use of a prescription drug such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, Adderall, Ritalin or Xanax without a doctor's prescription at some time in their lives.



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Monthly use of tobacco and other drugs: 8th graders by gender, 2010



The chart above shows differences in monthly substance use prevalence between males and females. Among 8th graders, more females than males reported using the following drugs: cigarettes, over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs (Ritalin, Adderall, Xanax), inhalants, prescription painkillers (Vicodin, OxyContin, Percocet), and alcohol.