

BROWARD BRIEFINGS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE INFORMATION FOR ACTION



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Substance Use among Broward County Students

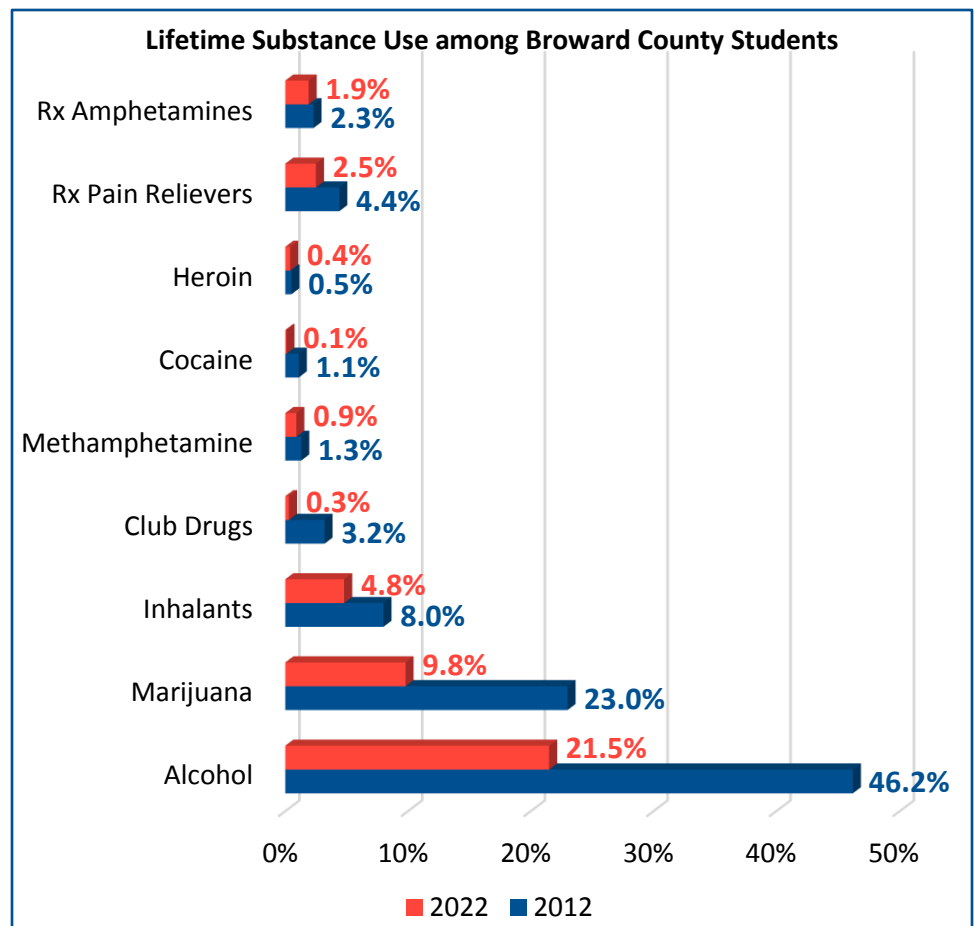
Results from the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS) were recently released. The survey was administered to 729 6th – 12th grade students in Broward County in 2022.

As seen in the chart, Broward County students have continued long-term reductions in the use of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs. All 2022 rates are lower than recorded in 2012, and the 2022 rates were the lowest recorded in the past 10 years for all substances except for heroin and methamphetamine, which have both risen.

Specifically, 2022 rates were: alcohol (21.5%), marijuana (9.8%), inhalants (4.8%), club drugs (0.3%), methamphetamine (0.9%), cocaine (0.1%), heroin (0.4%), prescription pain relievers (2.5%), and prescription amphetamines (1.9%).

Vaping also remains a concern. 2022 was the first year Broward FYSAS surveyed lifetime vaping of marijuana (7.3%) and nicotine (11.3%) separately. Additional lifetime measures from 2022 FYSAS data include: lifetime blacking out from alcohol among high school students (6.9%); over-the-counter non-medical drug use among all students (1.9%); any illicit drug use among all students (19.7%); illicit drug use other than marijuana among all students (11.0%); and using a needle to inject drugs among high school students (0.3%).

Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey, <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/samh/prevention/fysas>



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