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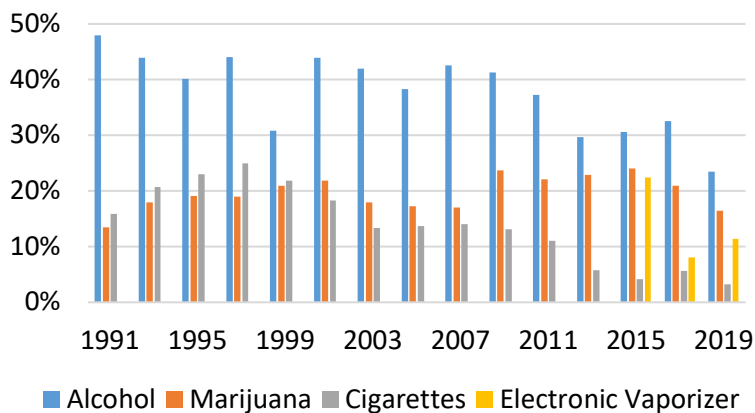


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Alcohol, Marijuana, Cigarettes, and Electronic Vaporizer Use among Broward County Students

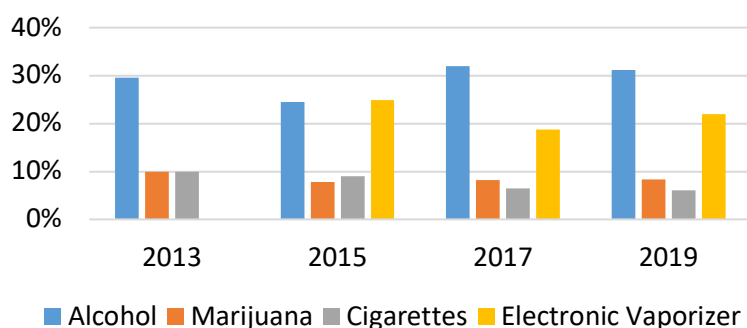
Newly released data from the CDC's biennial Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System survey provide a

Current Use among Broward County High School Students



detailed look at the use of alcohol, marijuana, cigarettes, and electronic vaporizers among Broward County Students. Among high school students, current (past 30 days) alcohol use has declined by more than half from a high of 47.9% in 1991 to 23.5% in 2019. Cigarette use also declined, from 15.9% in 1991 to 3.2% in 2019. Marijuana use was more variable over this time period, but in 2019, 16.5% of high students reported current marijuana use, which represents a decrease from a high of 24% in 2015. In 2019, 11.4% of students reported current use of electronic vaporizer products, compared to 22.4% in 2015 and 8.1% in 2017. Presumably, declines in cigarette smoking are accounted for in the uptake of the use of electronic vaporizers.

Lifetime Use among Broward County Middle School Students



The survey also includes data for middle school students. Rates of alcohol use in 2019 (31.1%) are similar to 2013 rates (29.5%). However, marijuana use decreased in 2019 (8.3%) compared to 2013 (10.0%), as did cigarette use (6.0% in 2019 vs. 10.0% in 2013). Similar to use patterns among high school students, electronic vaporizer use in 2019 (22.0%) was slightly lower than in 2015 (24.9%), although higher than in 2017 (18.8%).

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). 1991-2019 High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data. Available at <http://nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/>. Accessed August 26, 2020; <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/fasd/features/teen-substance-use.html>.

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