

ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG USE: HIGH SCHOOL

LOCAL AND NATIONAL HEALTH FACTS

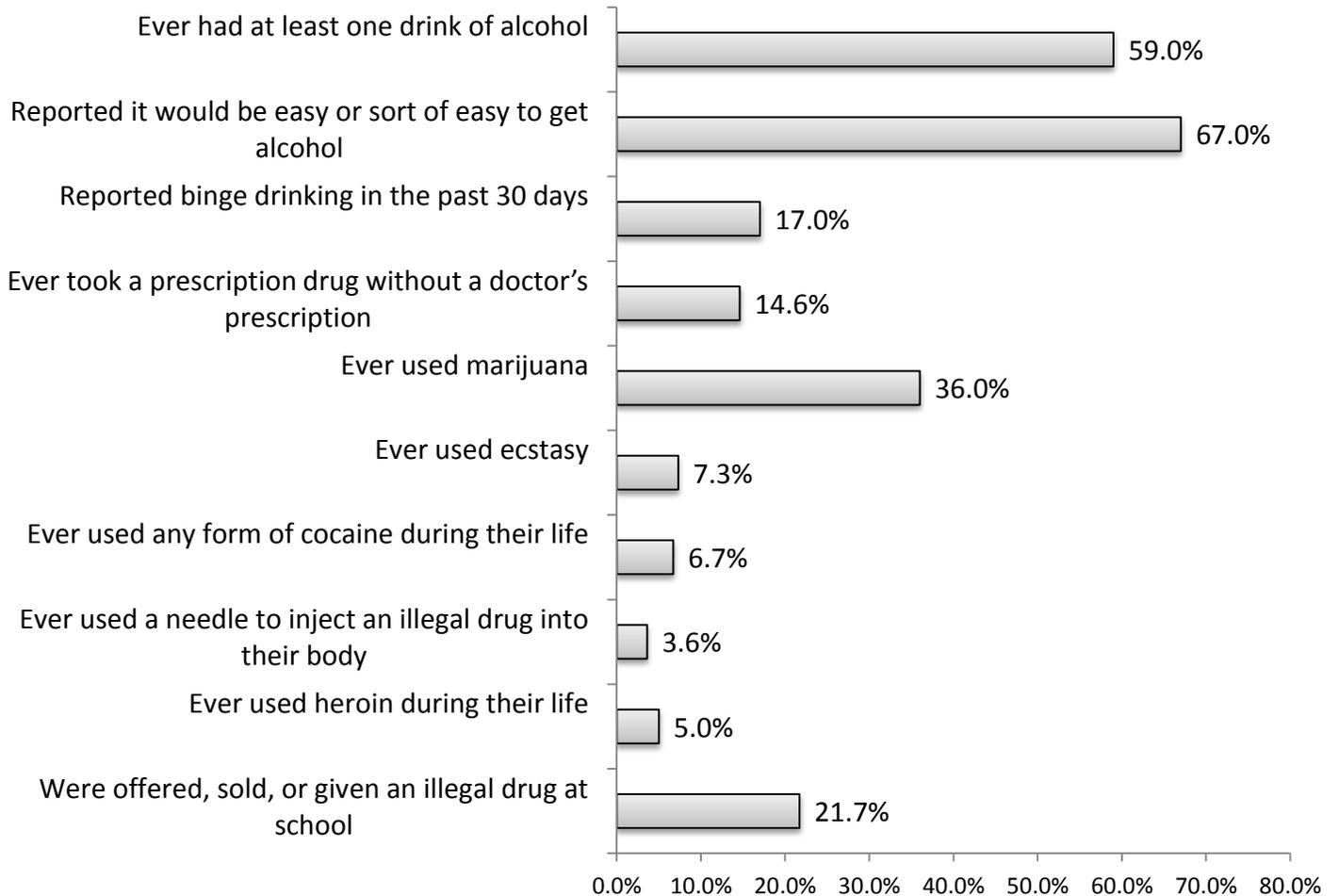
Maine Data:	<p>Student reports of alcohol and other drug use have decreased significantly over the past fourteen years.</p> <p>Almost 30% of students report current alcohol use, and 17% report binge drinking in the past month.</p> <p>The percentage of students who reported ever sniffing glue, breathing the contents of aerosol spray cans or inhaling any paints or sprays to get high has decreased from 19% in 1997 to 11% in 2011.</p> <p>57.5% of students reported that it would be very easy or sort of easy to get some marijuana.</p>
CDC National Data:	<p>Nationally, excessive alcohol consumption is associated with approximately 75,000 deaths per year.</p> <p>Among youth, the use of alcohol and other drugs has also been linked with unintentional injuries, physical fights, academic and occupational problems and illegal behavior.</p>

TRENDS OVER THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS...

	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011	1997 Compared to 2011	2009 Compared to 2011
% of current Alcohol Use (Had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the 30 days preceding the survey)										
ME HS	51	n/a	48	42	43	39	32	29	Decreased	Decreased
National	50.8	50	47	45	43.3	44.7	42	38.7	Decreased	Decreased
% Early alcohol use (Had first drink of alcohol other than a few sips before age 13)										
ME HS	28.5	n/a	22	21	18	15	20	16	Decreased	Decreased
National	31	32	29	28	26	24	21	20.5	Decreased	No Change
% of current Marijuana Use (Used marijuana one or more times during the 30 days preceding the survey)										
ME HS	30	n/a	27	26	22	22	20.5	21	Decrease	No change
National	26	26.7	24	22.4	20	19.7	20.8	23	Decreased	Increased

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Percentage of high school students who...



Maine Priority Decrease Binge Drinking	Maine Priority Decrease Current Alcohol Use	Maine Priority Decrease Drugs at School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17% of students reported recent binge drinking (drinking five or more drinks in a row) on one or more of the past 30 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite a significant reduction in current alcohol use rates since 1997, almost three out of ten (29%) students still report using alcohol in the past month. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A little more than one in five students (21.7%) reported being offered, sold, or given an illegal drug at school.