

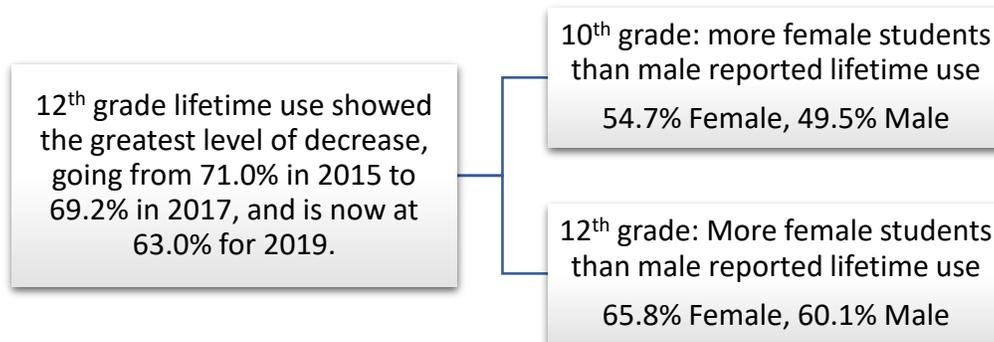
Alcohol



Usage Behaviors

Lifetime Use

- **PA is higher than the National Average in lifetime use** by grade: 8th (32.3% to 24.5%); 10th (52.0% to 43.1%); and 12th (63.0% to 58.5%).
- For the fourth straight administration, **lifetime use continued to decrease** in 8th, 10th, 12th, and including 6th grade in 2019 (now at 16.7% lifetime).

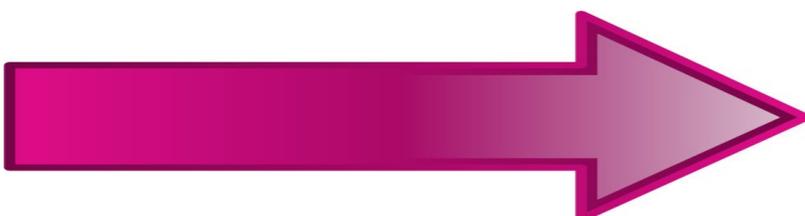


30-Day Use

- **30-Day use rates were slightly higher by PA 8th, 10th, and 12th graders than reported by their national peers.**
- The rate of 12th graders who reported **driving a vehicle after drinking alcohol during the past year continued to decline**, from 8.7% in 2013 to 5.5% in 2017, to 3.9% in 2019. However, the rate of 12th graders who reported **driving after using marijuana remains much higher** at 9.8%.
- **Binge Drinking rates increased in grade 12** (from 16.5% to 17.2%) but decreased slightly in 10th grade (from 8.7% to 8.4%).

Attitudes & Perceptions

| 12 th Grade Perceptions | 2015 | 2017 | 2019 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Willing to try alcohol before 21 | 53.1% | 49.9% | 46.9% |
| Would be easy or somewhat easy to obtain alcohol | 69.0% | -- | 2.1% |
| Would not be caught by the police for underage drinking | -- | -- | 81.5% |



76.5% of 10th graders reported that **they would not be caught by the police for underage drinking.**