

Vaping/E-Cigs and Other Drugs

Vaping/E-Cigs:

- PA students are reporting 30-day e-cigarette use at higher rates than the national average (8th grade 12.5% to 12.2%; 10th grade 26.5% to 25.0%; 12th grade 33.1% to 30.9%). Use by both 10th and 12th graders has gone up since 2015.
- In past administrations, the national rate of vaping was much lower than in 2019.
- Both 8th and 10th graders also reported a sizable rise in this rate – 8th grade 7.2% to 13.6%; 10th grade 12.9% to 29.4%.

Vaping Nicotine use:	6 th	8 th	10 th	12 th
2017	3.5%	14.6%	32.2%	43.1%
2019	12.0%	38.2%	63.3%	69.3%

Vaping – 30-Day Use “smoked marijuana or hash oil”	12 th
2015	14.2%
2017	18.5%
2019	35.9%

Percentage of students who reported using “just flavoring”:	8 th	10 th	12 th
2017	74.8%	73.9%	67.2%
2019	63.0%	47.2%	38.0%



Other Drugs:

Inhalant

Lifetime inhalant use is lower than the national average, especially in 8th grade (5.7% to 9.5%). Lifetime inhalant use by 8th graders increased – from 5.2% in 2017 to 5.7% in 2019.

Synthetic

Lifetime use of synthetic drugs by 12th graders continues to drop from 6.9% in 2013 to 4.8% in 2015 to 2.0% in 2017 to 1.4% in 2019.

Heroin

Use for 12th graders – lifetime: 0.3%, 30-day: 0.1%.

Cocaine, crack, methamphetamine

30-day use of cocaine, crack, and methamphetamine = <1% for all students.