

Table 2.35-- PREVALENCE OF VARIOUS SUBSTANCES AMONG STUDENTS IN HAWAII, 2019 TO 2023, AND THE UNITED STATES, 2023

[In percentages. The survey is administered in odd-numbered years to Hawaii public school students in middle school (grade 6-8) and high school (grade 9-12). Does not include charter or special public schools. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability]

Substance and education stage	Hawaii			U.S.
	2019	2021	2023	2023
Middle school				
Current drinker 1/	7.0	2/ 6.4	7.1	(NA)
Binge drinking 3/	4.6	2/ 2.1	3.3	(NA)
Current cigarette smoker 1/	3.9	1.9	2.4	(NA)
Current electronic vapor product use 1/	17.7	6.7	10.3	(NA)
Current marijuana use 1/	7.2	2/ 2.8	5.4	(NA)
Ever used any form of cocaine	2.8	0.8	1.3	(NA)
Ever used methamphetamines	3.7	2/ 1.7	1.7	(NA)
Ever used ecstasy	2/ 1.9	2/ 1.7	1.5	(NA)
Ever misused a prescription pain medicine 4/	10.6	6.6	7.5	(NA)
High school				
Current drinker 1/	20.4	16.6	16.8	22.1
Binge drinking 3/	10.9	8.3	8.6	8.8
Current cigarette smoker 1/	5.3	3.0	3.0	3.5
Current electronic vapor product use 1/	30.6	14.8	13.2	16.8
Current marijuana use 1/	17.2	12.0	14.0	17.0
Ever used any form of cocaine	5.8	2.5	2.1	2.5
Ever used heroin	3.6	1.8	1.7	1.6
Ever used methamphetamines	4.5	1.8	1.5	1.8
Ever used hallucinogenic drugs 5/	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5.5
Ever used ecstasy	4.5	2.7	2.3	2.7
Ever misused a prescription pain medicine 4/	14.4	10.8	11.5	11.6

NA Not available.

1/ Consumed substance on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.

2/ Revised from previous *Data Book*.

3/ Had four or more drinks of alcohol in a row if they were female, or five or more drinks of alcohol in a row if they were male, within a couple of hours, on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.

4/ Ever took a prescription pain medicine without a doctor's prescription or different than prescribed use.

5/ Hallucinogenic drugs such as LSD, acid, PCP, angel dust, mescaline, or mushrooms.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Youth Risk Behavior Survey" for Hawaii and the United States <<https://yrbs-explorer.services.cdc.gov/#/>> accessed June 30, 2025, and High School and Middle School YRBS Health Indicator Selection <https://hhdw.org/report/query/selection/yrbs/_YRBSSelection.html> accessed April 22, 2025