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Questions:

46. During your life, on how many days have you had at least one drink of alcohol?
47. How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?
48. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?
49. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?
50. How much do people risk harming themselves, physically and in other ways, when they have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?

Rationale:

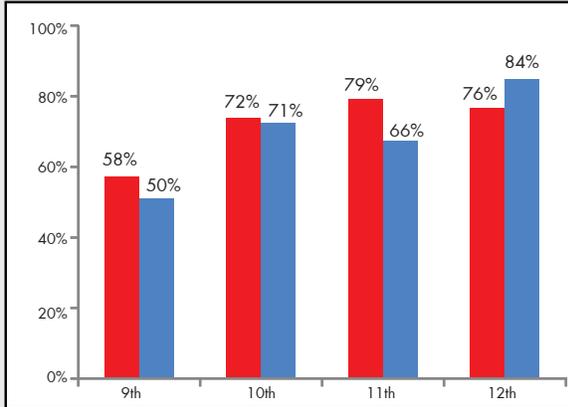
These questions measure ever and current use of alcohol, age of initiation, and binge drinking. Alcohol is used by more young people than tobacco or illicit drugs.(92) Heavy alcohol drinking among youth is associated with risky sexual behaviors (including sexual initiation, multiple sex partners, reduced condom use, and pregnancy)(23) and use of cigarettes,(26,44) marijuana, cocaine, and other illegal drugs.(26) Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among youth ages 15–19 years in the United States(107) and alcohol use is associated with 9% of all motor vehicle crashes that result in injury and approximately one-third of all traffic-related fatalities.(68) Persons who begin drinking alcohol before the age of 15 years are five times as likely to report alcohol dependence or abuse than those who first drank alcohol at age 21 or older.(88) Limiting youth access to alcohol has reduced underage alcohol use and alcohol-related problems.(51) However, youth continue to obtain alcohol from a variety of sources, reflecting the need for improved enforcement of underage drinking laws as well as greater public awareness of restrictions on drinking alcohol by underage youth. Nearly 100% of school districts in the United States explicitly prohibit alcohol use by students on school property. (24) Among high school students nationwide in 2009, 72% had had at least one drink of alcohol on at least 1 day during their life and 42% had had at least one drink of alcohol on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.(15) In addition, 24% of high school students had had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.(15)

Results: The results for Questions 46 to 50 are summarized on pages 45 to 47.

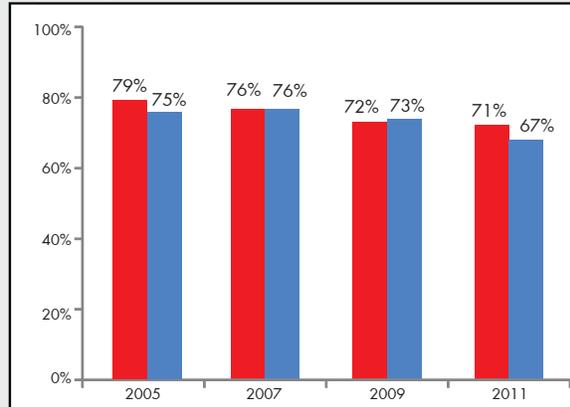
Question 46

Percentage of respondents who had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more days during their life = 69%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

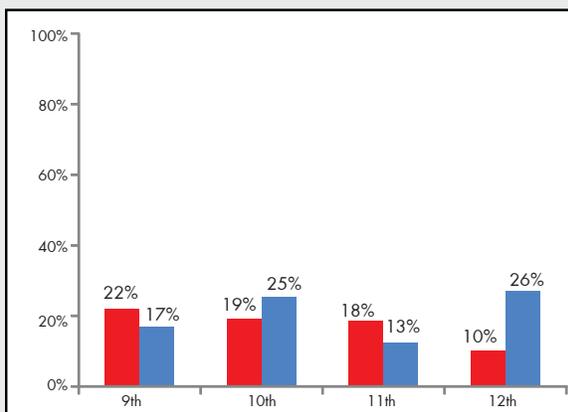


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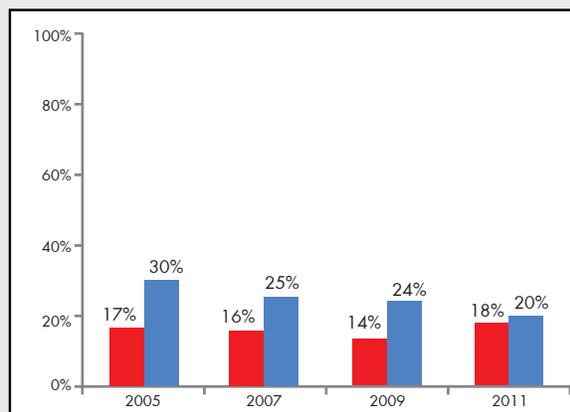
Question 47

Percentage of respondents who had their first drink of alcohol other than a few sips prior to age 13 = 19%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

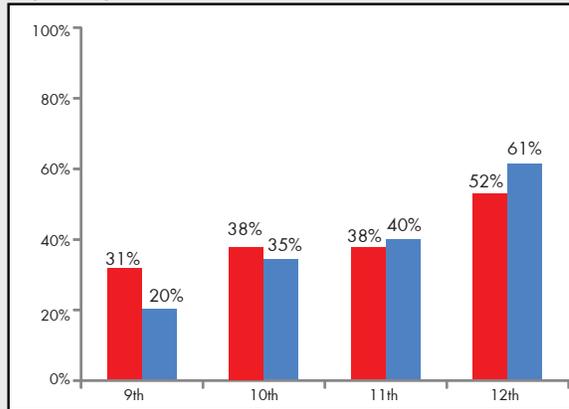


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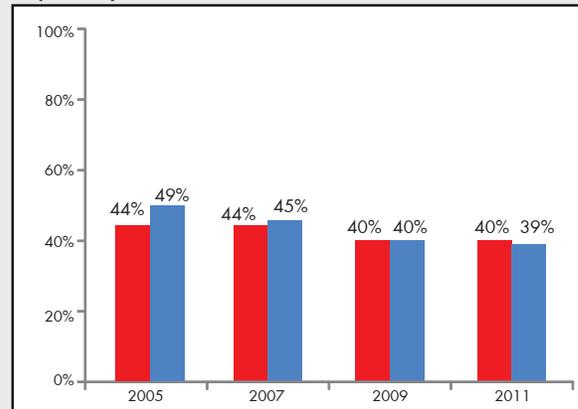
Question 48

Percentage of respondents who had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days = 39%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

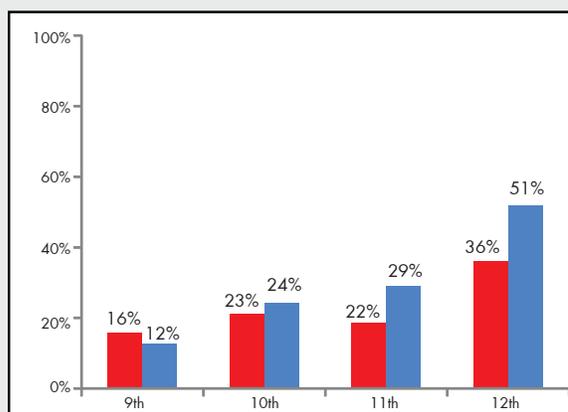


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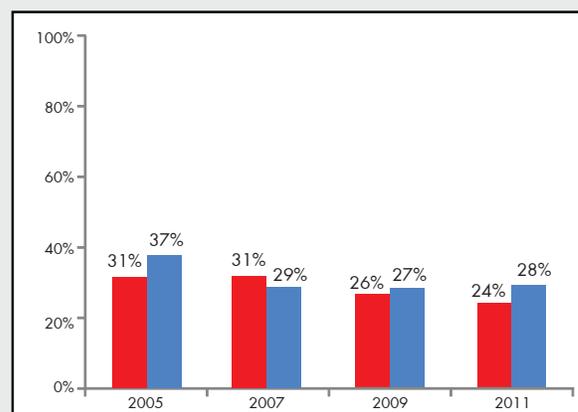
Question 49

Percentage of respondents who had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours, on one or more of the past 30 days = 26%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

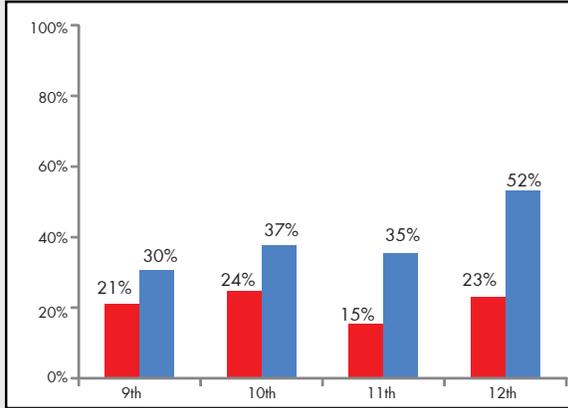


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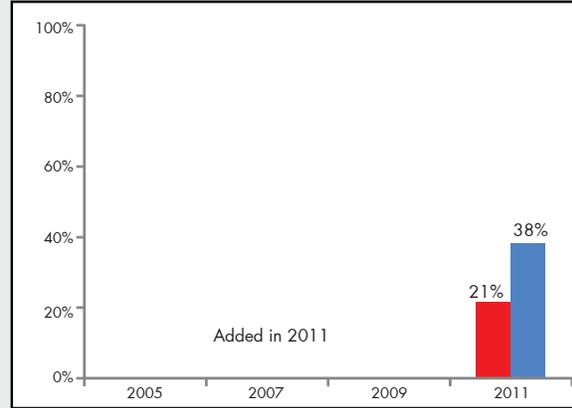
Question 50

Percentage of respondents who think people are at no risk or at slight risk of harming themselves physically and in other ways when they have 5 or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week = 29%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year



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ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE

Questions:

51. During your life, how many times have you used marijuana?
52. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?
53. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana?
54. How much do people risk harming themselves, physically and in other ways, when they smoke marijuana once or twice a week?
55. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase?
56. During your life, how many times have you sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high?
57. During the past 30 days, how many times have you sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high?
58. During your life, how many times have you used methamphetamines (also called speed, crystal, crank, or ice)?
59. During your life, how many times have you taken a prescription drug (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription?
60. During your life, how many times have you taken steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription?
61. During the past 30 days, how many times have you taken over-the-counter drugs to get high?
62. During your life, how many times have you used a needle to inject any illegal drug into your body?
63. During the past 12 months, has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug on school property?

Rationale:

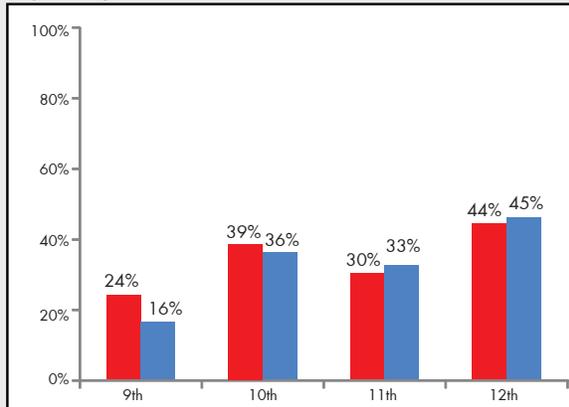
These questions measure ever and current use of marijuana, cocaine and inhalants, and ever use of methamphetamines, steroids, injected drugs, and prescription drug abuse. Among youth, illicit drug use is associated with heavy alcohol and tobacco use,(92) violence and delinquency,(89,90,91,94) and suicide.(93) All school districts prohibit illegal drug possession or use by students on school property.(24) Among high school students nationwide in 2009, 37% had used marijuana, 6% had used any form of cocaine, 3% had taken steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription, and 4% had used methamphetamines one or more times during their life.(15) In addition, 12% of high school students had sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high and 2% had used a needle to inject any illegal drug into their body one or more times during their life.(15)

Results: The results for Questions 51 to 63 are summarized on pages 49 to 55.

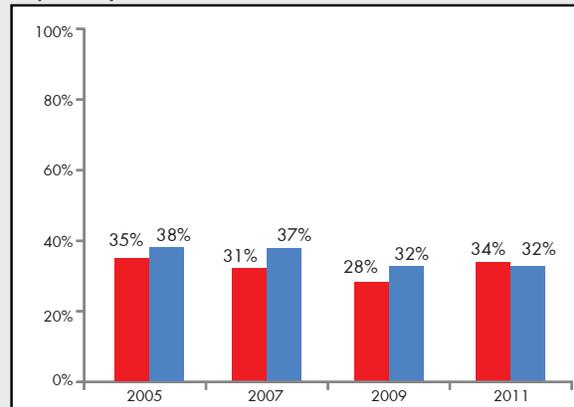
Question 51

Percentage of respondents who used marijuana one or more times during their life = 33%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

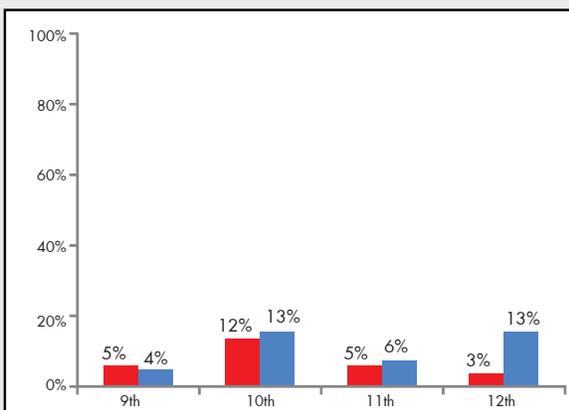


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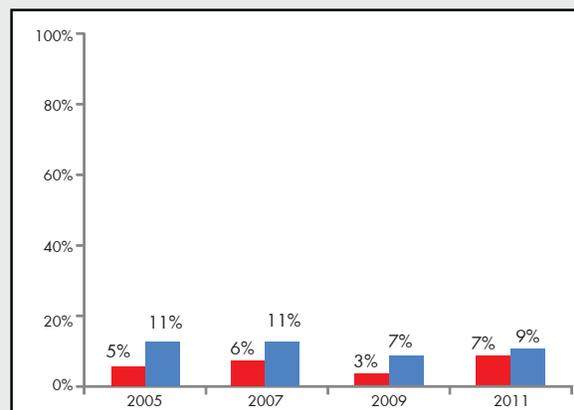
Question 52

Percentage of respondents who tried marijuana for the first time prior to age 13 = 8%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

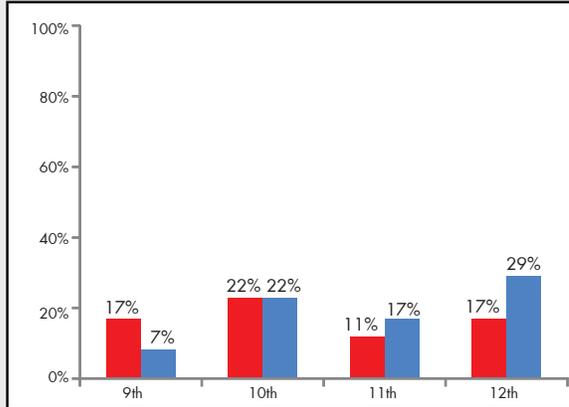


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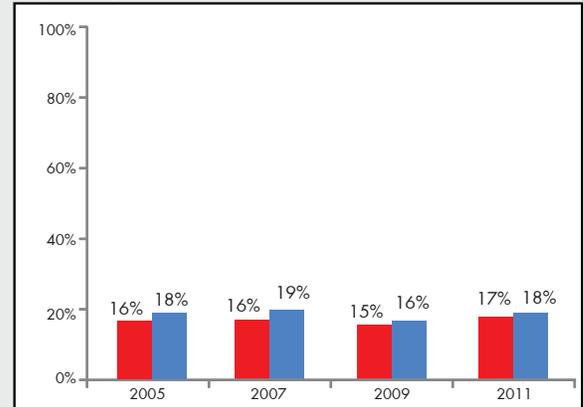
Question 53

Percentage of respondents who used marijuana one or more times during the past 30 days = 18%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

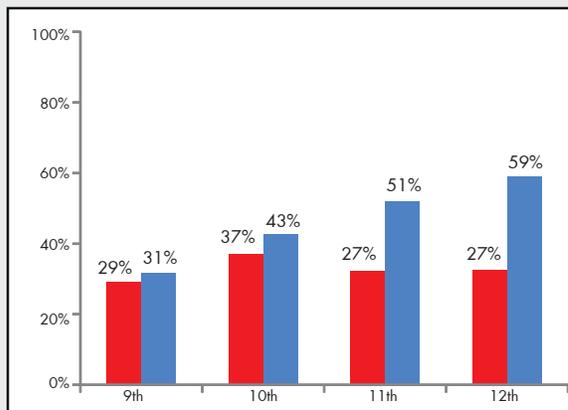


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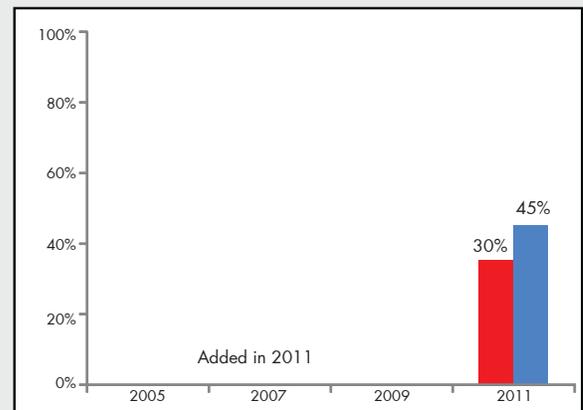
Question 54

Percentage of respondents who think people are at no risk or at slight risk of harming themselves physically and in other ways when they smoke marijuana once or twice a week = 38%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

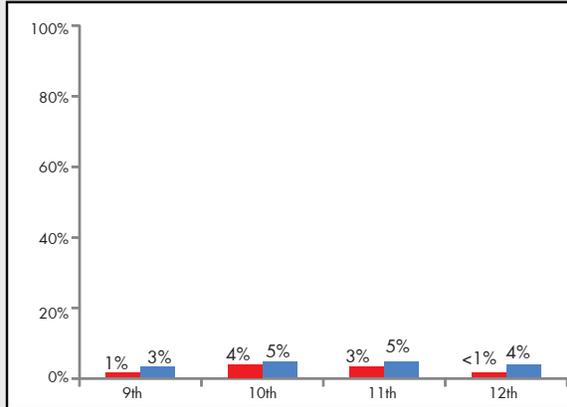


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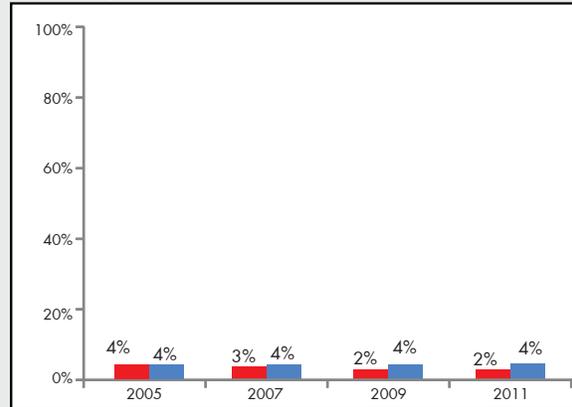
Question 55

Percentage of respondents who had used any form of cocaine including powder, crack, or freebase, one or more times during the past 30 days = 3%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

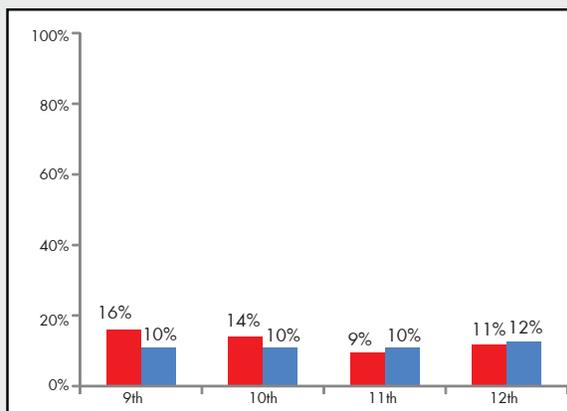


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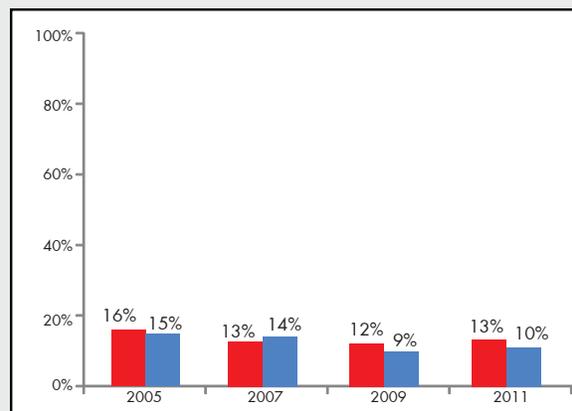
Question 56

Percentage of respondents who had sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any sprays or paints to get high during their life = 12%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

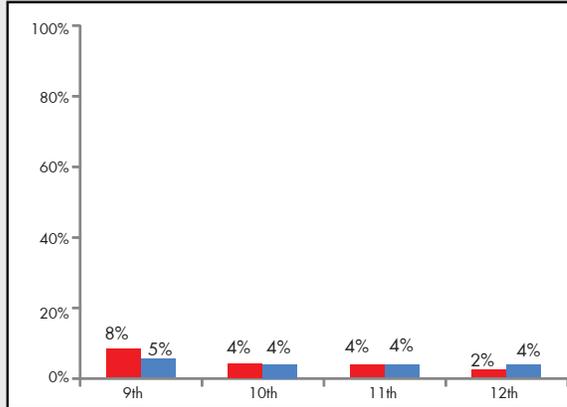


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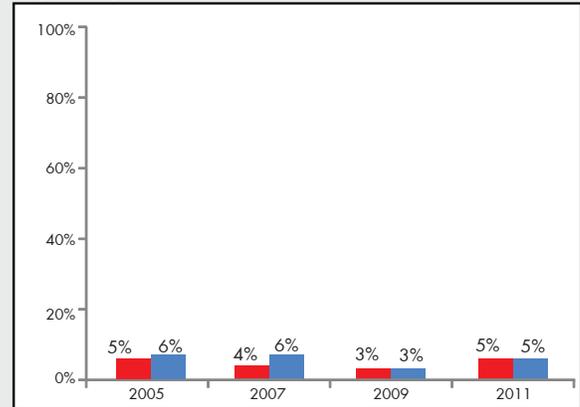
Question 57

Percentage of respondents who had sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any sprays or paints to get high during the past 30 days = 5%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

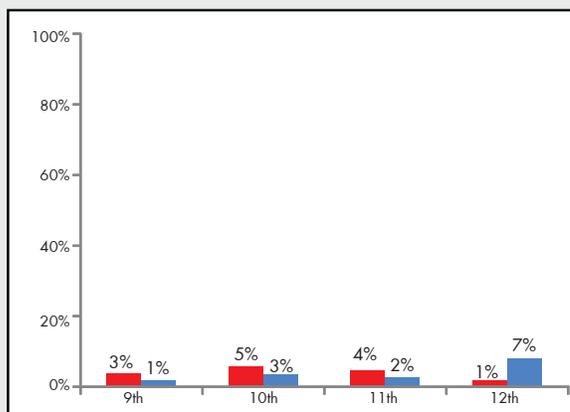


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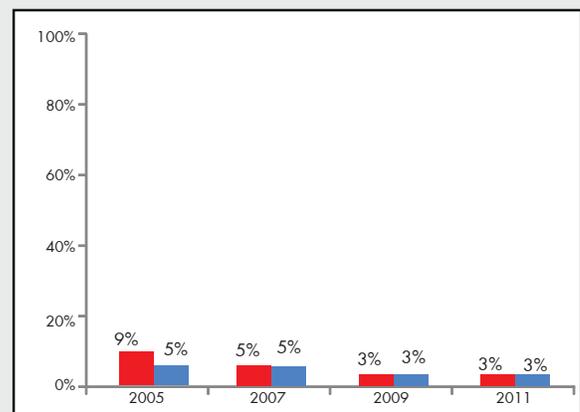
Question 58

Percentage of respondents who used methamphetamines one or more times during their life = 3%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

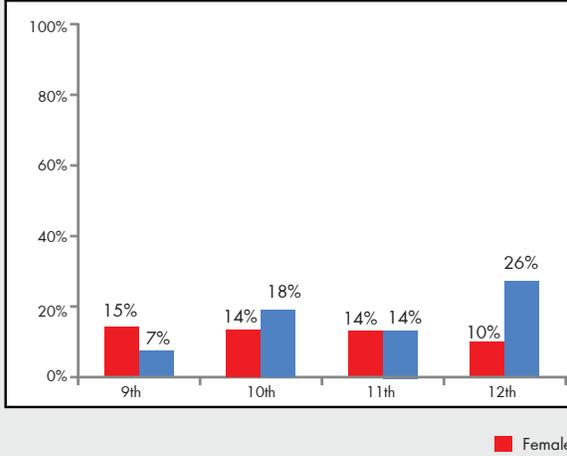


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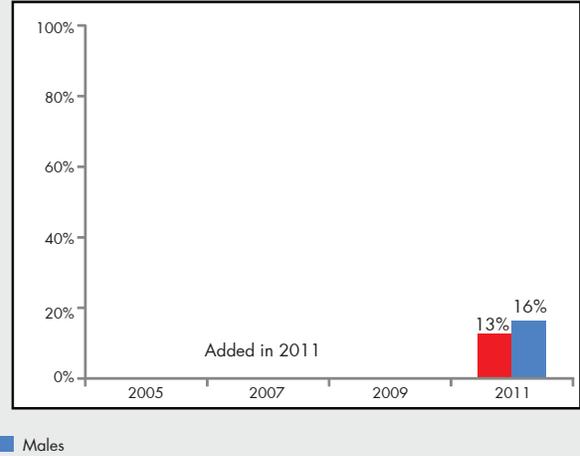
Question 59

Percentage of respondents who had taken a prescription drug (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription one or more times during their life = 15%

Responses by Grade



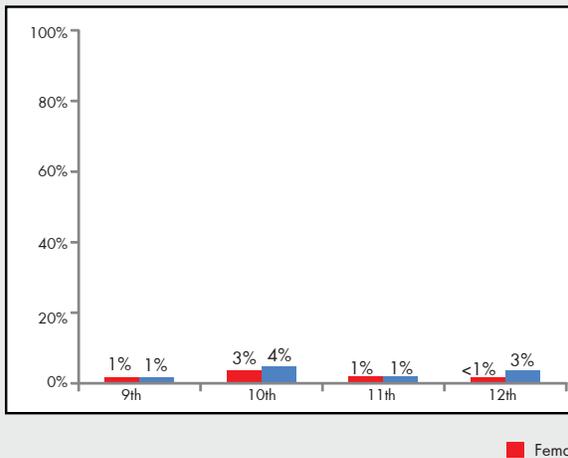
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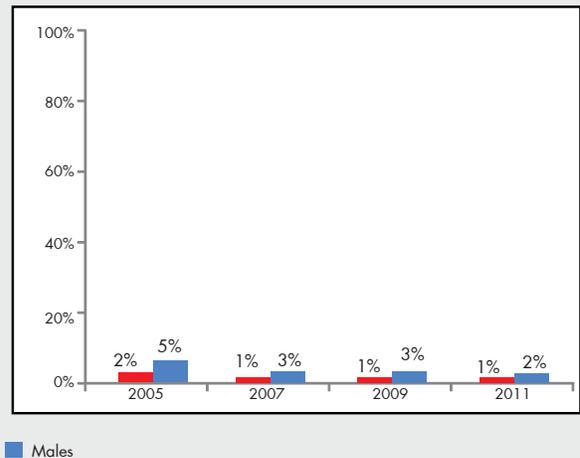
Question 60

Percentage of respondents who had taken steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription, one or more times during their life = 2%

Responses by Grade



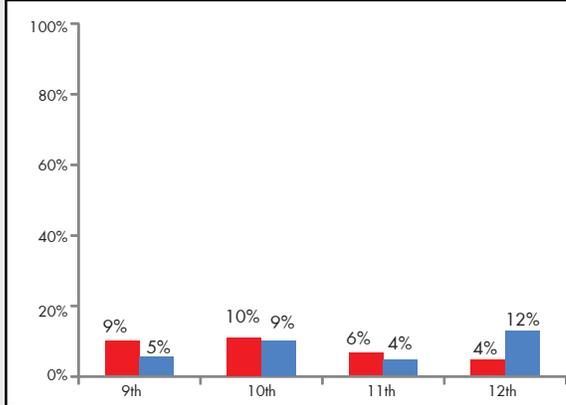
Responses by Year



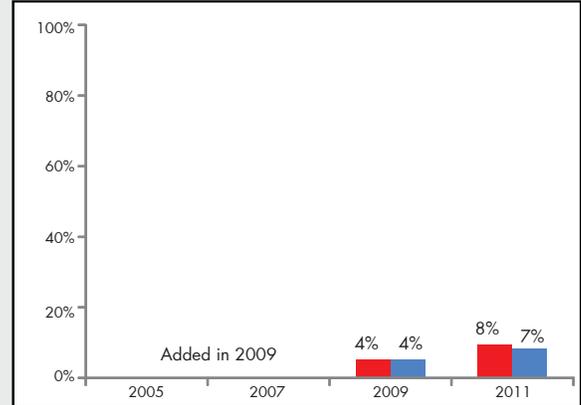
Question 61

Percentage of respondents who have taken over-the-counter drugs to get high during the past 30 days = 8%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

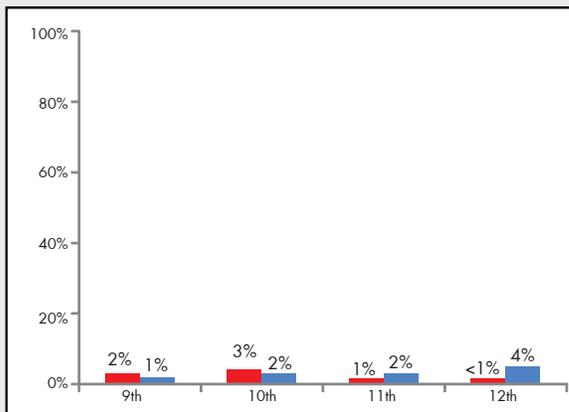


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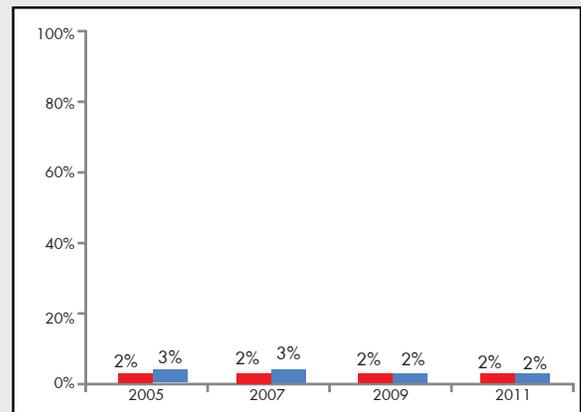
Question 62

Percentage of respondents who ever used a needle to inject any illegal drug into their body one or more times during their life = 2%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year

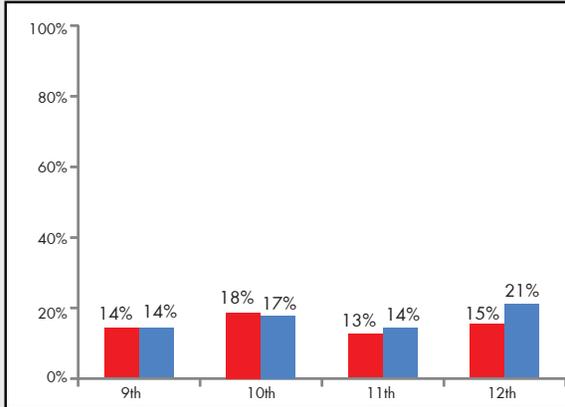


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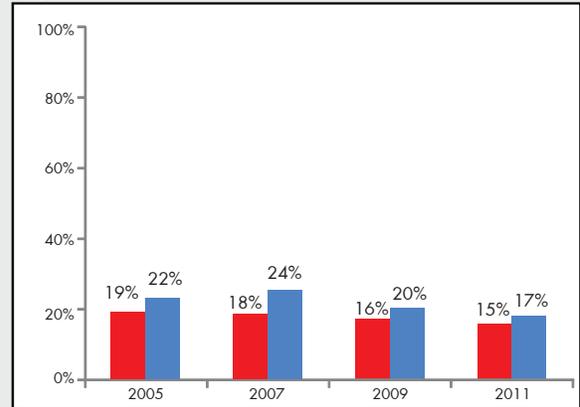
Question 63

Percentage of respondents who have had someone offer, sell, or give them an illegal drug on school property during the past 12 months = 16%

Responses by Grade



Responses by Year



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