

Substance Use Among Chicago Middle School Students



Student Health and Wellness

SMOKING

6.0%

HAVE EVER TRIED SMOKING A CIGARETTE

MARIJUANA

8.5%

HAVE EVER USED MARIJUANA

VAPING

12.9%

HAVE EVER USED AN ELECTRONIC VAPOR PRODUCT (EVP)



7.4%

USED AN EVP IN THE LAST 30 DAYS



ALCOHOL

24.1%

HAVE EVER DRANK ALCOHOL

1 IN 5

RODE WITH A DRIVER WHO HAD BEEN DRINKING



13.2%

HAD THEIR FIRST DRINK BEFORE THE AGE 11

The percentage of LGBTQ+ students who have ever tried alcohol is 7.8 percentage points higher than non-LGBTQ+ students

OTHER DRUG USE

12.1%

HAVE EVER MISUSED A PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDICINE

6.7%

HAVE EVER MISUSED A PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

4.4%

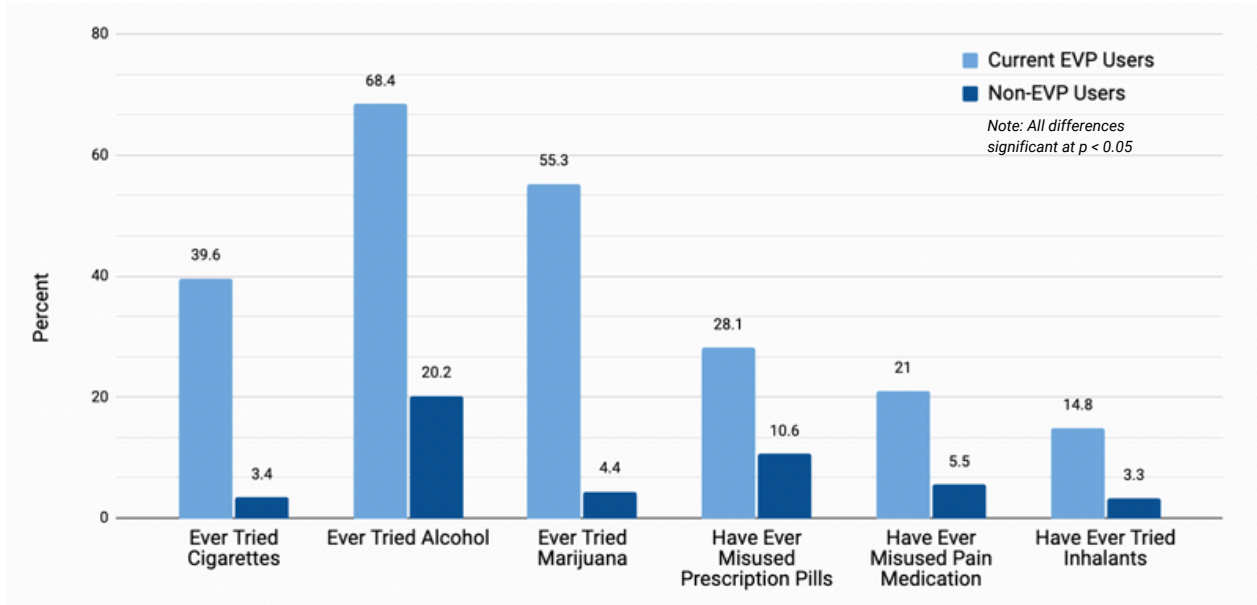
HAVE EVER USED INHALANTS

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Substance Use by Current EVP Use in Chicago Public School Middle School Students:



51.9% reported their first EVP was non-tobacco flavored

Available Resources

[Findtreatment.gov](https://www.findtreatment.gov)

Confidential resource for persons seeking treatment for mental and substance use disorders in the United States

[Illinois Help Line](https://www.illinois.gov/help-line)

The only statewide public resource for finding substance use and problem gambling treatment and recovery services in Illinois, available 24/7 at (833-234-6343)

[2-1-1 Metro Chicago](https://www.211metrochicago.org)

A free, easy-to-access helpline that serves as an information and referral resource, helping connect individuals to a variety of services.

[National Institute of Drug Abuse \(NIDA\) for Teens](https://www.nida.nih.gov/teens)

Find the latest science-based information about drug use, health, and the developing brain. Designed for young people and those who influence them, these resources inspire learning and encourage critical thinking so teens can make informed decisions about drug use and their health

[Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/parent-teen)

Factsheet available to help parents talk to their teens about cigarettes and vaping

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