

The background is a dark blue gradient with a subtle pattern of white dots. On the left side, there are several overlapping circular elements. A large, semi-transparent scale is visible, with numbers ranging from 140 to 260 in increments of 10. The scale is oriented vertically, with 140 at the top and 260 at the bottom. There are also several circular patterns with arrows, some solid and some dashed, suggesting movement or rotation. The overall aesthetic is technical and data-oriented.

SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE 2013-14 AMERICAN DRUG AND ALCOHOL SURVEY™

ABOUT THE AMERICAN ALCOHOL AND DRUG SURVEY (ADAS)

- The survey has been conducted 8 times for Bernards Township by RMBSI, Inc. which developed the survey
- The 2013-14 survey was conducted by Kirk C. Harlow, Dr.P.H. because RMBSI, Inc. was no longer able to conduct the survey.
- The survey has been conducted on tens of thousands of students and has demonstrated both reliability and validity.
- The 2013-14 survey was complete by students in the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades with response rates of 69%, 70%, 81%, and 78% respectively.

USE OF DRUGS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS BY YEAR FOR 10TH AND 12TH GRADERS

- Use in the past 12 months includes students who are both casual users and regular users.
- Alcohol and marijuana are the most widely used drugs.
- There is a sizable increase in the students reporting use from 10th to 12th grade.

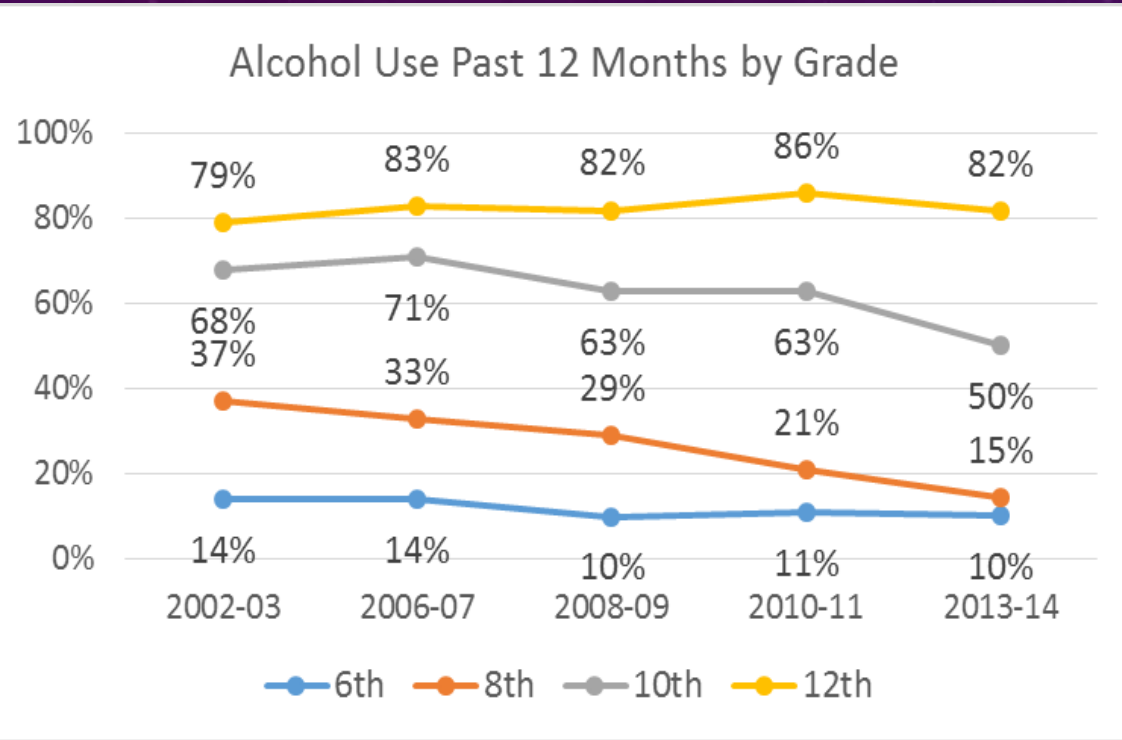
	10th Graders			12th Graders		
	2008-09	2010-11	2013-14	2008-09	2010-11	2013-14
Alcohol	63%	63%	50%	82%	86%	82%
Marijuana	23%	23%	14%	47%	46%	43%
Cocaine	2%	<1%	3%	7%	2%	7%
Stimulants	6%	2%	3%	10%	8%	5%
Inhalants	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Sedatives	1%	0%	<1%	3%	1%	2%
Hallucinogens	5%	1%~	2%	12%	8%	5%
PCP	<1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	3%
Narcotic Painkillers	6%	<1%	3%	14%	11%	7%

USE OF DRUGS IN THE LAST MONTH BY YEAR FOR 10TH AND 12TH GRADERS

- Past month drug use indicates drug use that is ongoing.
- Alcohol and marijuana are the most frequently used drugs by far.

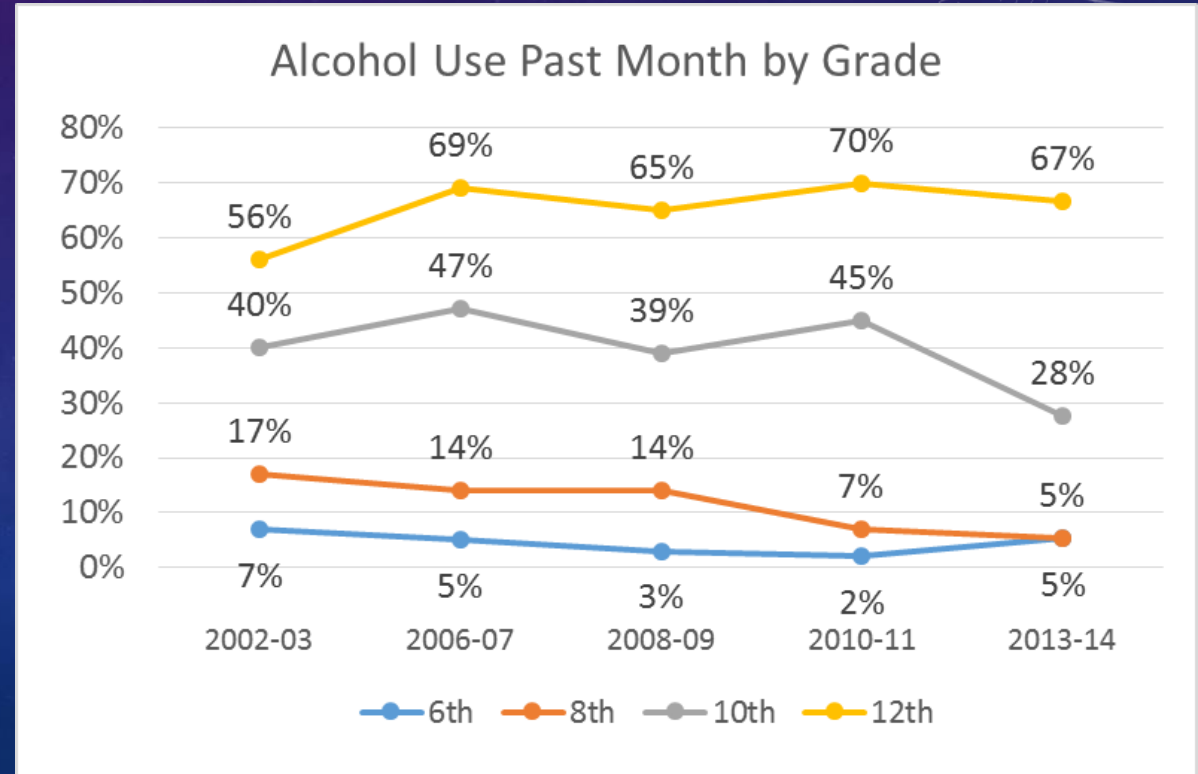
	10th Graders			12th Graders		
	2008-09	2010-11	2013-14	2008-09	2010-11	2013-14
Alcohol	39%	45%	28%	65%	70%	67%
Marijuana	14%	11%	7%	28%	28%	22%
Cocaine	2%	<1%	2%	2%	2%	5%
Stimulants	3%	<1%	1%	3%	3%	3%
Inhalants	0%	<1%	2%	<1%	<1%	2%
Sedatives	<1%	0%	1%	<1%	0%	3%
Hallucinogens	3%	<1%	2%	4%	3%	3%
PCP	0%	0%	2%	<1%	0%	3%
Narcotic Painkillers	3%	<1%	2%	8%	4%	4%

ALCOHOL USE OVER TIME

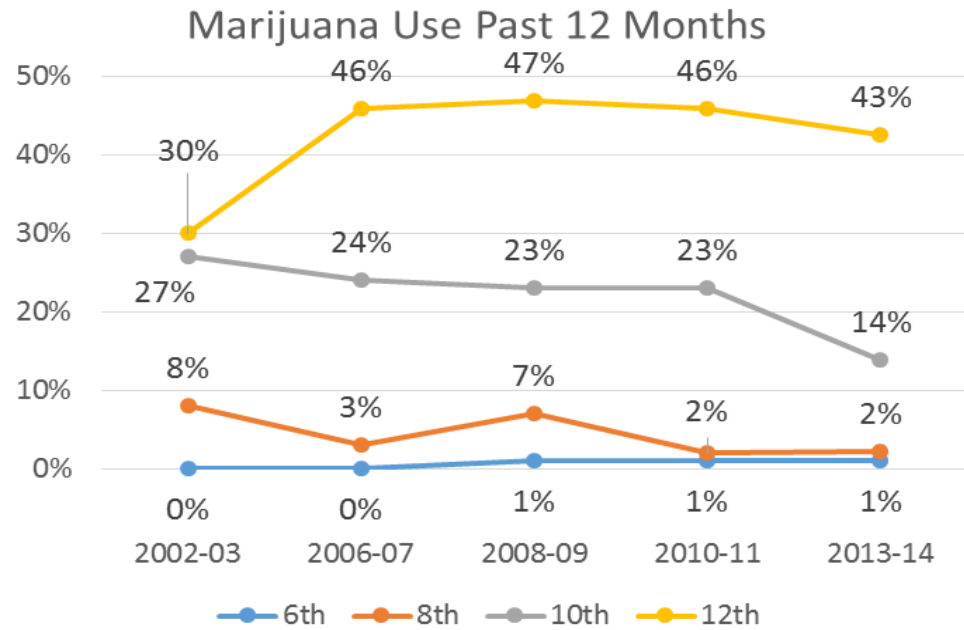


- Alcohol use has been quite constant for 12th graders.
- There are slight declines among 8th and 10th graders.

➤ About two-thirds of 12th graders have indicated using alcohol in the past month in every survey period since the 2006-07 period.

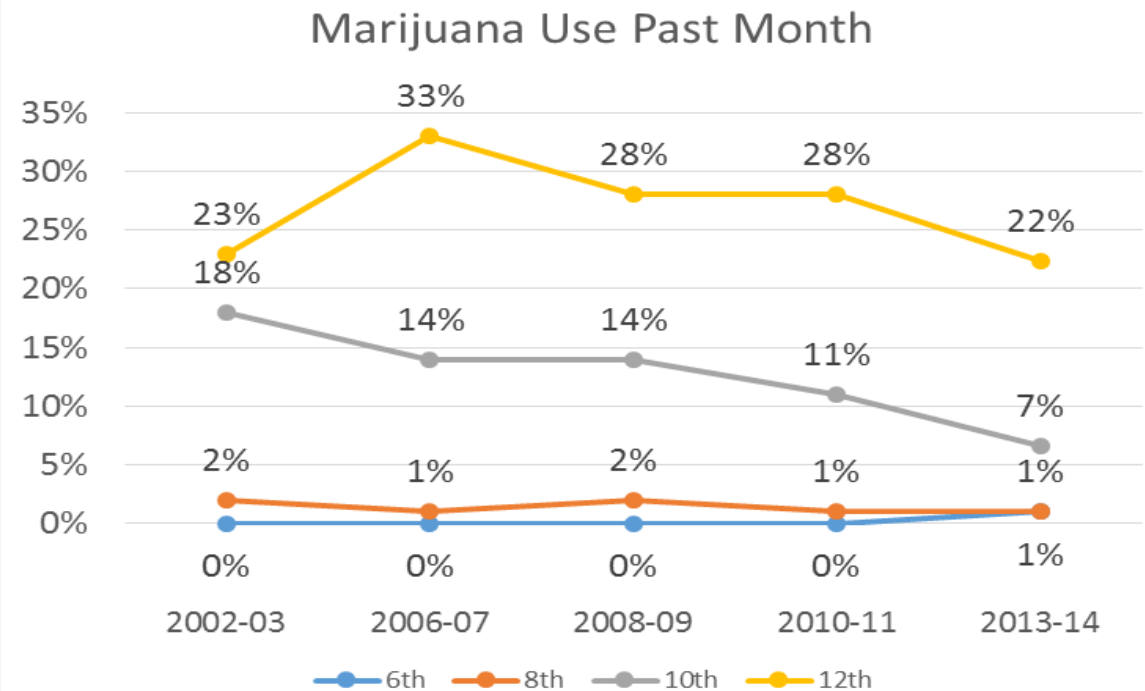


MARIJUANA USE OVER TIME



- The use of marijuana in the past 12 months has been quite stable among 12th graders over time
- There is some indication that it may be declining among younger students

- Past month use of marijuana has shown steady decline among 10th and 12th graders.
- Although marijuana use remains high, the results suggest it is being used less frequently.



DRUG USE OVER TIME AMONG STUDENTS

- Alcohol is the primary drug of use among students, with two-thirds of 12th graders indicating use in the past month.
- Marijuana is the second most frequently used drug, with 22 percent of 12th graders using it in the past month.
- There is a sizable jump in the proportion of students reporting alcohol and marijuana use from 10th to 12th grade.
- Five percent of 12th graders indicated using cocaine in the past month in the 2012-13 survey, an increase from previous years.
- Less than 5% of students reported use of other drugs .

AGE OF FIRST USE REPORTED BY 12TH GRADERS

➤ The largest proportion of students initiate use of alcohol and drugs between the ages of 13 and 15.

	Never	9 or younger	10 to 12 years	13-15 years	16 or older
Age first drank alcohol	14.5%	5.1%	6.0%	52.6%	21.9%
Age first got drunk	31.7%	1.1%	.8%	37.4%	28.9%
Age first smoked cigarettes	67.0%	.9%	2.3%	12.0%	17.9%
Age first used marijuana	51.7%	.9%	2.8%	23.0%	21.6%
Age first used inhalants	95.8%	2.0%	.3%	.6%	1.4%

PERCENT OF HIGH RISK DRUG USE BY GRADE, 2013-14

- Sizable proportions of students are involved in high-risk drug use.
- Most high-risk drug use involves alcohol and marijuana.

Drug Category	Definition	6th	8th	10th	12th
Heavy marijuana use	Use 10 or more times per month	0.9%	0.3%	1.3%	6.5%
Stimulant use	Use 1 or more times per month	0.9%	0.9%	1.3%	3.2%
Multi-drug use	Monthly use of two or more illicit drugs or marijuana 10 or more times	1.2%	0.9%	2.7%	8.9%
Heavy alcohol use	Drunk three or more times per month	0.9%	0.3%	2.9%	23.5%
Tobacco use	One or more cigarettes per day	0.9%	0.3%	1.1%	4.3%

WHERE BERNARDS TOWNSHIP STUDENTS HAVE USED ALCOHOL IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

- Use of alcohol is primarily at social events.
- Use of alcohol at home with parents' knowledge is the third most frequently indicated setting among 12th graders.

	6 th Grade	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
At weekend parties	2%	6%	36%	73%
At night with friends	≤1%	5%	35%	65%
At home (parents knew)	8%	8%	16%	42%
After school events	≤1%	≤1%	11%	41%
At home (parents did not know)	2%	4%	17%	39%
Before school events	≤1%	≤1%	10%	29%
At school events (dances, games, etc.)	≤1%	≤1%	9%	22%
At clubs and/or at raves	2%	≤1%	9%	20%
Right after school	≤1%	≤1%	4%	11%
During school hours away from school	≤1%	≤1%	3%	10%
While driving around	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%	5%
During school hours at school	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%	4%
On the way to school	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%	3%

WHERE BERNARDS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS HAVE USED DRUGS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL

- Use of other drugs is primarily at social events.
- Unlike alcohol, use at home is without parents' knowledge.
- Drugs are used while driving around by 16% of students compared to 5% for alcohol.

	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
At night with friends	≤1%	2%	12%	40%
At weekend parties	≤1%	2%	11%	37%
At home (parents did not know)	≤1%	2%	8%	21%
Right after school	≤1%	2%	5%	16%
While driving around	≤1%	≤1%	2%	16%
After school events	≤1%	≤1%	4%	15%
Before school events	≤1%	≤1%	3%	13%
At clubs and/or at raves	≤1%	≤1%	4%	9%
During school hours away from school	≤1%	≤1%	3%	9%
At school events (dances, games, etc.)	≤1%	≤1%	3%	8%
On the way to school	≤1%	≤1%	1%	7%
At home (parents know)	≤1%	≤1%	2%	6%
During school hours at school	≤1%	≤1%	1%	5%

TEN MOST FREQUENT PROBLEMS FROM ALCOHOL USE

➤ By 12th grade, noteworthy proportions of students indicated serious problems associated with alcohol use including memory loss, passing out, and engaging in unwanted sexual behavior.

	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Could not remember what happened while drinking?	≤1%	3%	17%	50%
Passed out?	≤1%	2%	8%	34%
Did something sexual that you later wished you had not?	≤1%	≤1%	8%	25%
Made you break something?	≤1%	≤1%	11%	23%
Fight with your parents?	2%	2%	7%	18%
Fight with other kids?	2%	2%	5%	16%
Damage a friendship?	≤1%	≤1%	7%	14%
Hurt yourself?	≤1%	2%	4%	14%
Have money problems?	≤1%	≤1%	2%	10%
Hurt your school work?	≤1%	≤1%	3%	9%

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

- Use of alcohol has remained high among students, and the proportion of 12th graders reporting alcohol use in Bernards Township is higher than the proportion nationally.
- Marijuana is the second most frequently used drug, with reported use of most other drugs much more infrequent.
- Initiation of alcohol and drug use occurs most frequently between the ages of 13 and 15, at the transition point to adolescence.
- Alcohol and drug use tends to take place either in social settings such as parties or at home.
- Noteworthy proportions of the student respondents indicated experiencing serious problems from alcohol use including memory loss, passing out, and engaging in unwanted sexual behavior.