

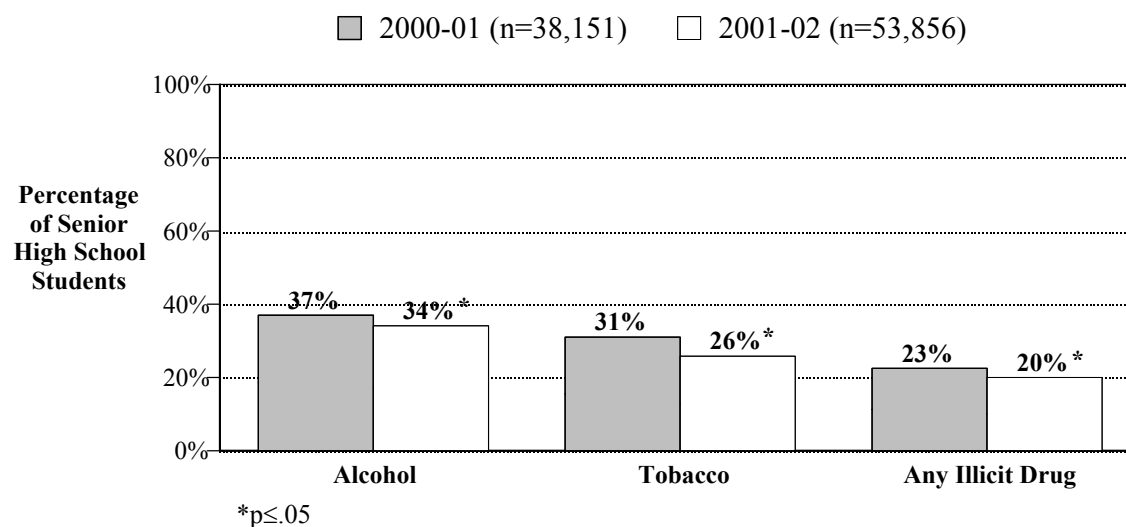
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PRIDE Survey Reveals Decline in Student Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use

Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use declined significantly among students over the past year, according to data recently released from the Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE). The percentage of high school students reporting past month alcohol use declined from 37% in 2000-01 to 34% in 2001-02, while tobacco use dropped from 31% to 26% over the same period. The use of any illicit drug decreased from 23% to 20%. Similar declines were seen among junior high school students. The authors note that these findings are especially dramatic given that "following the September 11 terrorist attacks some had worried that Americans might deal with the resultant anxiety by consuming more alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Among U.S. students that feared consequence failed to materialize" (p. 1, News Release).

Percentage of Senior High School Students Reporting Past Month Use of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Illicit Drugs, 2000-01 and 2001-02 School Years



SOURCES: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE), *PRIDE Questionnaire Report: 2001-02 National Summary Grades 6-12, 2002*; and Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE), *In Aftermath of 9/11 Student Drug Use Falls Dramatically*, News Release, July 17, 2002. Available online at <http://www.pridesurveys.com>. For more information, contact Doug Hall at jdoughall@bellsouth.net or 800-279-6361.