

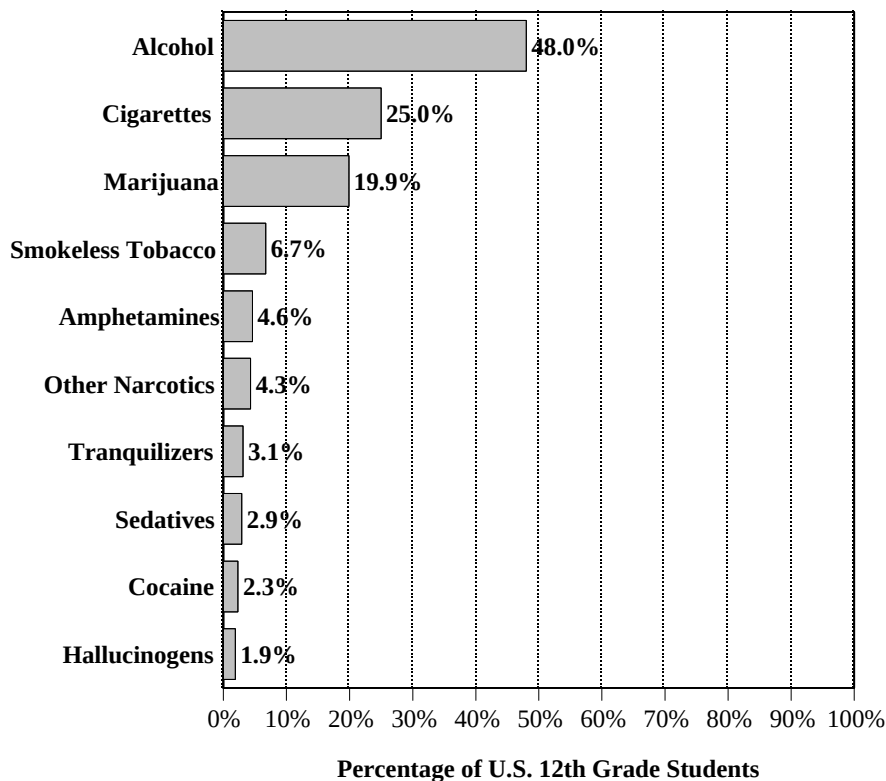
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***Alcohol, Cigarettes, and Marijuana Lead the Top Ten List of Drugs
Used by U.S. High School Seniors in Past Month***

Alcohol is used by more high school seniors than any other drug, according to recent data from the national 2004 Monitoring the Future study. Nearly one-half of 12th graders reported that they drank more than a few sips of alcohol in the past month. Cigarette and marijuana use ranked second and third, with 25% and 19.9% of seniors reporting past month use. Other drugs included in the top ten list were smokeless tobacco (6.7%), amphetamines (4.6%), and narcotics other than heroin, such as Vicodin®, OxyContin®, and Percocet® (4.3%). Drugs not ranked in the top ten include steroids (1.7%) and heroin (0.5%).

Percentage of U.S. 12th Grade Students Reporting Past Month Use of Top Ten Drugs, 2004
(N=15,222 12th graders in 128 schools)



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from University of Michigan, "Overall teen drug use continues gradual decline; but use of inhalants rises," Monitoring the Future press release, December 21, 2004. Available online at <http://www.monitoringthefuture.org>.

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