

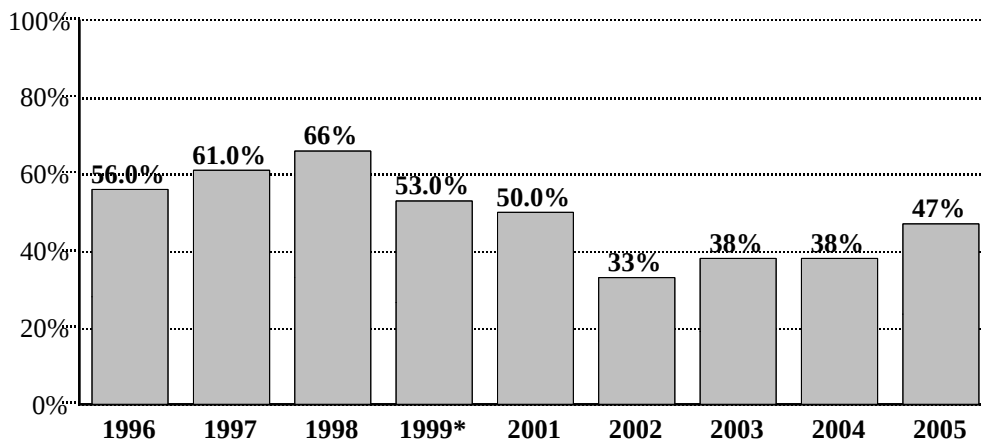
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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***Percentage of Youths Who Report That Drugs Are Used, Kept, or Sold
in Their Schools Increased in Recent Years***

The percentage of youths who report that drugs are used, kept, or sold in their schools has increased dramatically in recent years, according to a telephone survey of U.S. youths ages 12 to 17. Nearly one-half (47%) of youths reported that there were drugs in their school in 2005, compared to 33% in 2002. However, these percentages remain well below those of the late 1990s, when between 53% and 66% of youths reported that there were drugs in their schools. The survey also found that youths attending schools where drugs are used, kept, or sold are at a higher risk for substance abuse (see *CESAR FAX*, Volume 14, Issue 36 for more information on the survey's calculation of substance abuse risk).

**Percentage of Youths Ages 12 to 17 Reporting That
Drugs Are Used, Kept, or Sold in Their Schools, 1996 to 2005**



*There was no survey conducted in 2000.

NOTE: In 2005, random household telephone surveys were conducted with 1,000 teens ages 12 to 17 living in the 48 continental states. The margin of error is +/-3.1.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, 1996 to 2005 editions of the *National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse*. The most recent survey, *National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse X: Teens and Parents* (August 2005), is available online at http://www.casacolumbia.org/Absolutenm/articlefiles/Teen_Survey_Report_2005.pdf.

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