

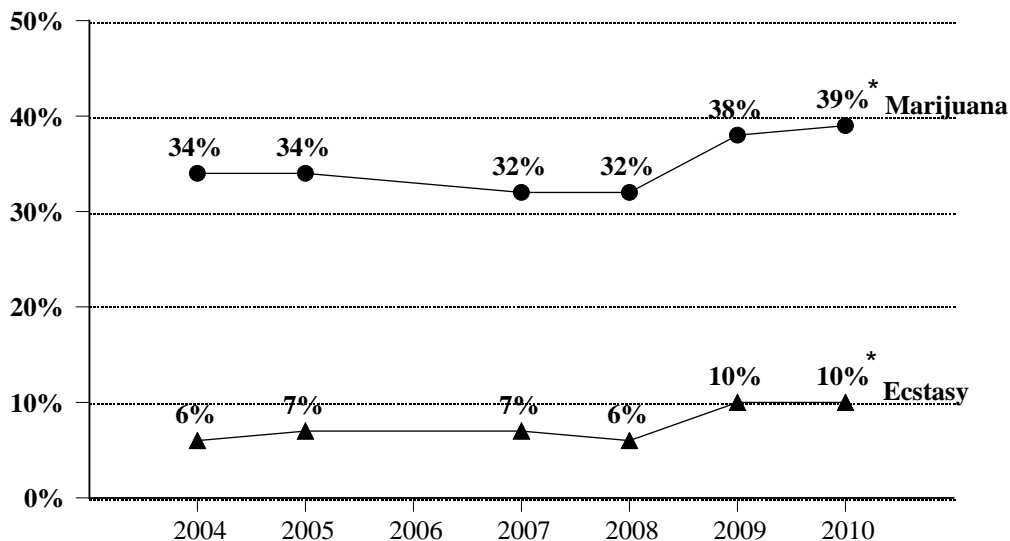
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Marijuana and Ecstasy Use Increase Among U.S. High School Students

Marijuana and ecstasy use among U.S. high school students has increased since 2008, according to data from the 2010 Partnership Attitude Tracking Study. The percentage of high school students who reported using marijuana in the past year increased from 32% in 2008 to 39% in 2010. While the percentage of high school students reporting ecstasy use remains relatively low in comparison, there was an increase in use in recent years (from 6% to 7% between 2004 and 2008 to 10% in 2009 and 2010). Other indicators of marijuana and ecstasy use and related-consequences have shown similar increases in recent years (see *CESAR FAX*, Volume 20, Issue 12 and Volume 20, Issue 3).

**Percentage of High School Students Reporting
Past Year Marijuana or Ecstasy Use, 2004 to 2010**



*Statistically significant change from 2008 ($p < .05$).

NOTES: The 2010 survey, conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications, surveyed 2,544 high school students in grades 9-12 between March and June 2010. Data from 2006 were omitted because the investigators believe them to be inaccurate due to sampling error.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from The Partnership at Drugfree.org and the MetLife Foundation, *2010 Partnership Attitude Tracking Study*, 2011. Available online at <http://www.drugfree.org/newsroom/full-report-and-key-findings-2010>.