

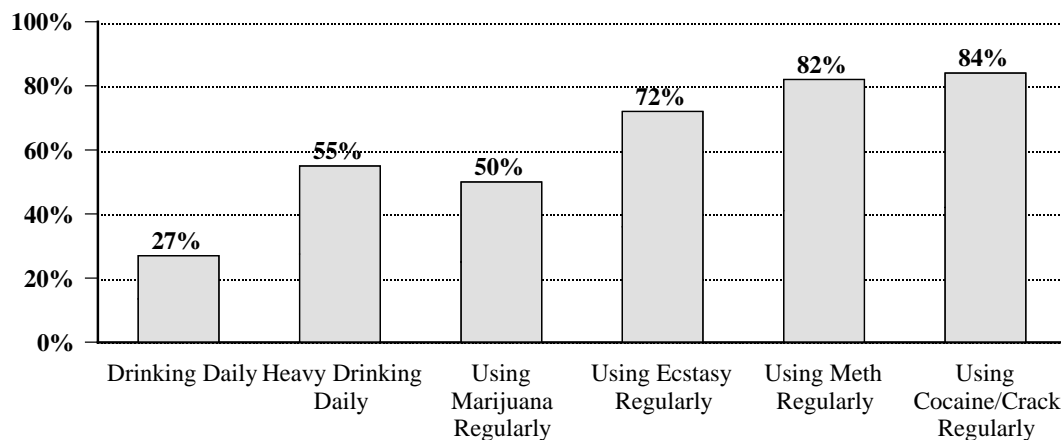
## A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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### *Less Than One-Third of High School Students Perceive a Great Risk in Drinking Daily*

High school students are less likely to report a great risk in drinking nearly every day than in the regular use of illicit drugs, according to data from the 2010 Partnership Attitude Tracking Study. Less than one-third (27%) of high school students report that they think there is a great risk in drinking one or two drinks nearly every day and only 55% see a great risk in drinking four or more drinks nearly every day. One-half of students perceive a great risk in using marijuana regularly. The perceived risk of regular use of other illicit drugs is much higher, ranging from 72% to 84% (see figure below). The survey also found that only 31% of students disapprove of teens their age getting drunk (data not shown). Previous research on high school students has shown that teens' decreased perceptions of risk and disapproval of alcohol and drug use are related to increases in use (see *CESAR FAX*, Volume 20, Issue 12).

**Percentage of U.S. High School Students Reporting a "Great Risk" in Using Alcohol and Illicit Drugs, 2010**



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>.