

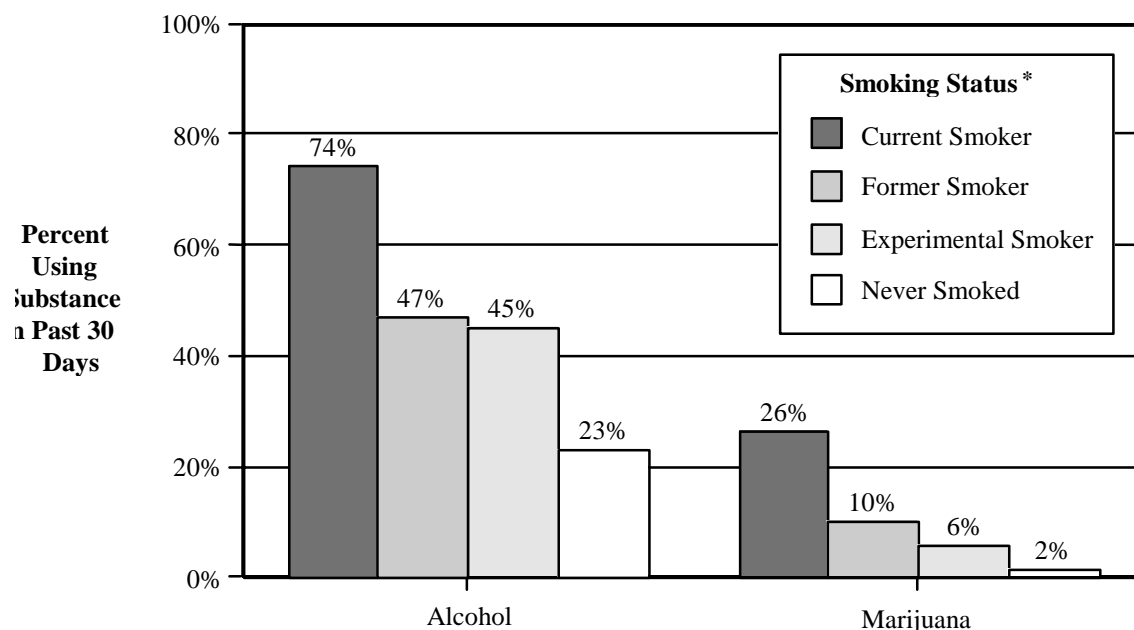
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Cigarette-Smoking Youth More Likely to Use Alcohol and Marijuana Than Nonsmokers

Recently released data from the 1992 National Health Interview Survey of Youth Risk Behavior indicate that there is an association between cigarette smoking and use of alcohol and marijuana among youth 12 to 21 years of age. Current smokers were 3 times more likely to have used alcohol within the past 30 days and 13 times more likely to have used marijuana than youth who had never smoked. These relationships were "stronger at the younger ages, but remained consistent . . . among youth 18-21 years of age" (p. 2).

**Percentage of Youth Aged 12 - 21
Who Used Alcohol or Marijuana in the Past 30 Days,
By Smoking Status, United States, 1992***



*Data were collected from in-person interviews of 10,645 youth aged 12 to 21 in the general household population of the United States, conducted from April 1992 through March 1993.

*Current: Youth who had smoked at least one cigarette in the past 30 days.

Former: Youth who had at one time smoked at least one cigarette per day for 30 days, but had not smoked cigarettes in the past month.

Experimental: Youth who had smoked at least one or two puffs of a cigarette, but had never smoked cigarettes every day for 30 days and had not used cigarettes in the past 30 days.

Never: Youth who had never had even one or two puffs of a cigarette.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from J.C. Willard and C.A. Schoenborn. "Relationship Between Cigarette Smoking and Other Unhealthy Behaviors Among our Nation's Youth: United States, 1992." Advance Data, Number 263, April 24, 1995. National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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