

2015 High School YRBS: Perception of Harm

| In 2015, the level of risk students believe <i>people their age</i> would harm themselves (physically or in other ways) if they: | No risk | Slight risk | Moderate risk | Great risk |
|--|---------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day | 4 | 9 | 22 | 65* |
| Have five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice each weekend | 5 | 19 | 38 | 38 |
| Use marijuana regularly | 20 | 27* | 26 | 27* |

***Since 2013, the perceived risk of harm from smoking a pack or more cigarettes per day and using marijuana regularly significantly changed.**

- The percent of student who believed there was a great risk from smoking cigarettes significantly increased from 63% in 2013 to 65% in 2015.
- Having a slight risk of harm from using marijuana regularly increased from 25% in 2013 to 27% in 2015, while risking great harm from using marijuana regularly significantly decreased from 31% in 2013 to 27% in 2015.
- In other words, compared to 2013 students were more likely to believe smoking cigarettes would cause a great risk of harm in 2015. Fewer students in 2015 believed using marijuana regularly would cause a great risk of harm.
- Students were more likely to believe using marijuana regularly would only lead to a slight risk of harm compared to 2013.

| Risk of harm from smoking cigarettes | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|
| | 2013 | 2015 |
| No risk | 4 | 4 |
| Slight risk | 9 | 9 |
| Moderate risk | 23 | 22 |
| Great risk | 63 | 65 |
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| Risk of harm from binge drinking | | |
| | 2013 | 2015 |
| No risk | 6 | 5 |
| Slight risk | 20 | 19 |
| Moderate risk | 36 | 38 |
| Great risk | 38 | 38 |
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| Risk of harm from using marijuana | | |
| | 2013 | 2015 |
| No risk | 19 | 20 |
| Slight risk | 25 | 27 |
| Moderate risk | 25 | 26 |
| Great risk | 31 | 27 |

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