

# Substance Use

Among Florida Public Middle School Students



Results from the 2011 Florida Middle School Health Behavior Survey (MSHBS)

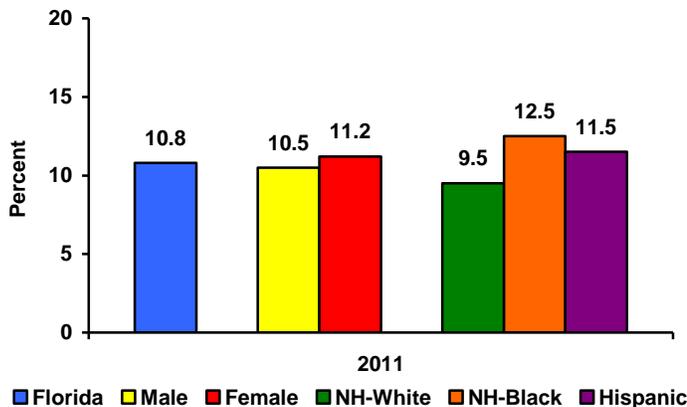
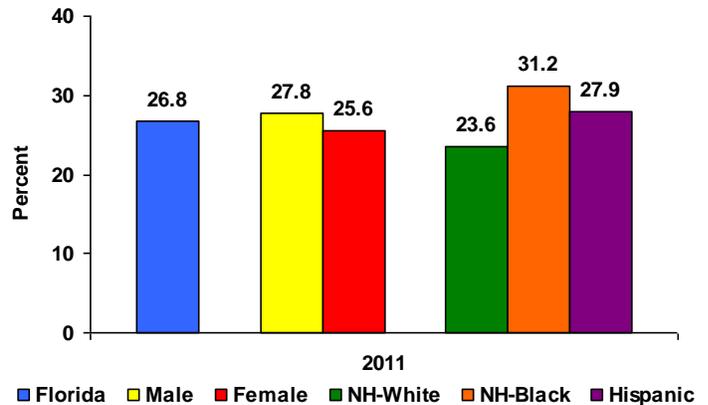
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## Introduction

The Middle School Health Behavior Survey (MSHBS) is a self-administered, school-based, anonymous survey that has been conducted in Florida public middle schools every two years since 2009. In 2011, 6,057 students in 94 public middle schools in Florida completed the MSHBS. The overall response rate was 83%. The data presented in this fact sheet are weighted to represent the entire population of public middle school students in Florida. Data are presented by gender and by three racial/ethnic groupings: non-Hispanic (NH) white, non-Hispanic (NH) black, and Hispanic.

### Ever drank alcohol

In 2011, approximately 159,400 students (26.8%) have had a drink of alcohol, more than a few sips, in their lifetime. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender. Non-Hispanic black and Hispanic students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than non-Hispanic white students.

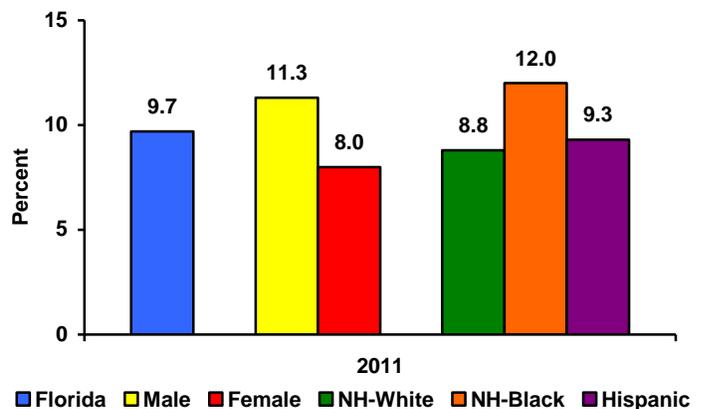


### Current alcohol use

In 2011, approximately 64,900 students (10.8%) had at least one drink of alcohol during the past 30 days. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender or race/ethnicity.

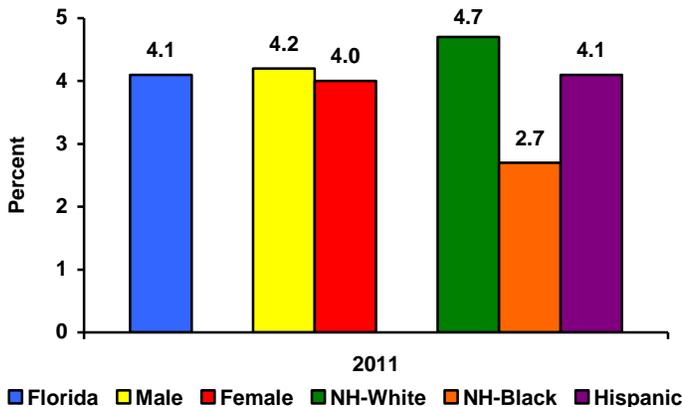
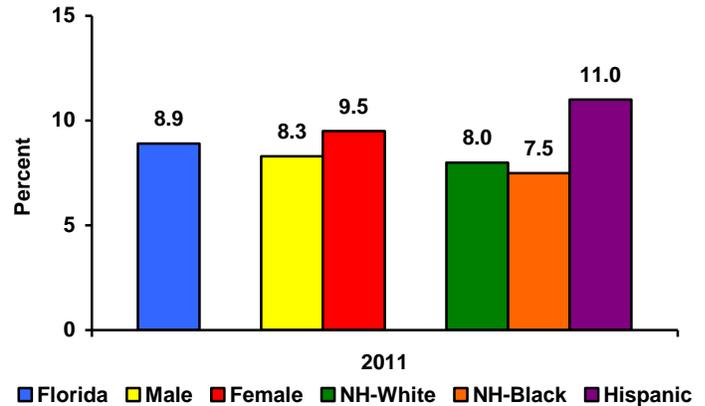
### Ever used marijuana

In 2011, approximately 58,300 students (9.7%) had used marijuana in their lifetime. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females. Non-Hispanic black students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than non-Hispanic white students.



**Ever used inhalants**

In 2011, approximately 53,100 students (8.7%) have used an inhalant to get high, such as sniffing glue, or breathing the contents of a spray can, or inhaling any paints or sprays. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender. Hispanic students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than non-Hispanic white and non-Hispanic black students.

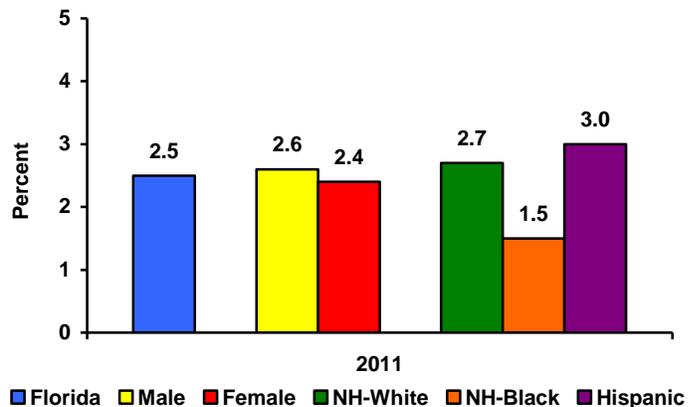


**Ever used prescription drugs to get high**

In 2011, approximately 24,600 students (4.1%) have ever taken a prescription drug, such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax, without a doctor's prescription to get high. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender. Non-Hispanic white and Hispanic students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than non-Hispanic black students.

**Ever used OTC drugs to get high**

In 2011, approximately 15,200 students (2.5%) have ever taken an over-the-counter (OTC) drug to get high. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender. Hispanic and non-Hispanic white students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than non-Hispanic black students.



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