

# Drug and Alcohol Use on School Property Among Florida Public High School Students



Results from the 2011 Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey

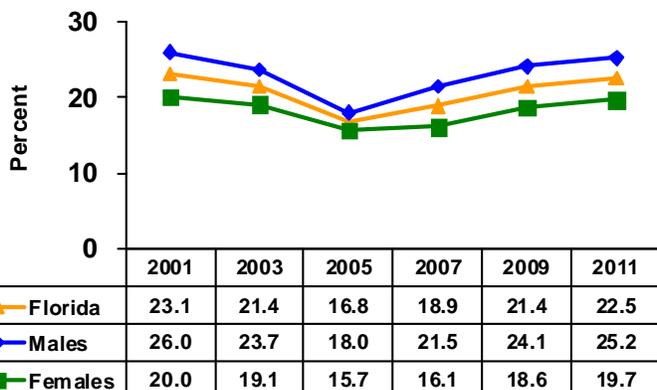
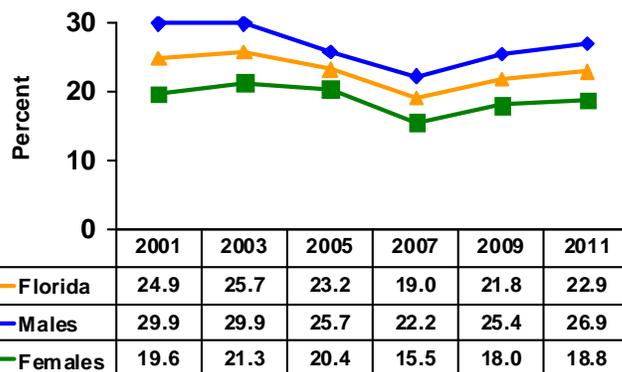
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## Introduction

The Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a self-administered, school-based anonymous survey that has been conducted in Florida public high schools every two years since 1991. It is part of a national survey effort led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute markedly to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth in the United States. In 2011, 6,212 students in 78 public high schools in Florida completed the YRBS. The overall response rate was 75%. Since 2001, the response rate has been high enough for the data to be weighted to represent all Florida public high school students.

### Illegal drugs on school property

In 2011, approximately 173,700 students (22.9%) were offered, sold or given illegal drugs on school property during the past 12 months. This prevalence decreased significantly by 8.0% from 2001 to 2011. Males consistently had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females.

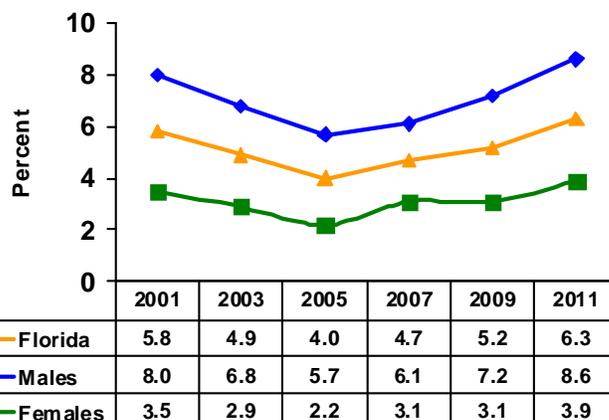


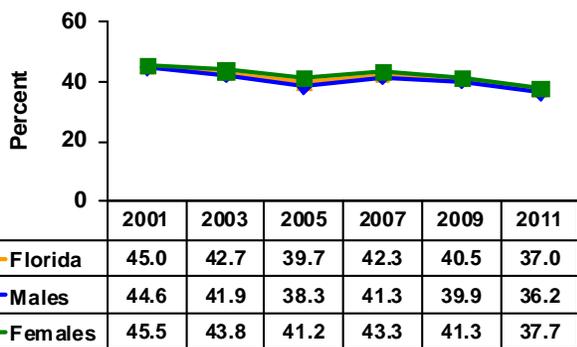
### Current marijuana users

In 2011, approximately 126,200 students (22.5%) used marijuana one or more times during the past 30 days. This prevalence fluctuated but did not change significantly from 2001 to 2011. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females in all years except 2005.

### Used marijuana on school property

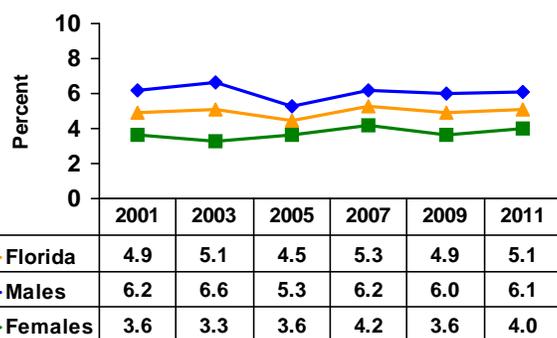
In 2011, approximately 47,600 students (6.3%) had used marijuana on school property on one or more of the past 30 days. This prevalence fluctuated but did not change significantly from 2001 to 2011. Males consistently had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females.





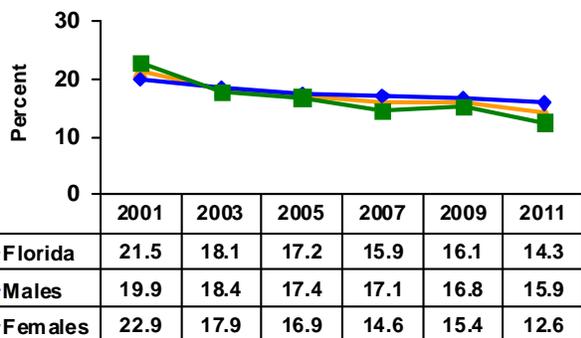
**Current alcohol drinkers**

In 2011, approximately 282,300 students (37.0%) had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days. This prevalence decreased significantly by 17.8% from 2001 to 2011. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender, 2001 to 2011.



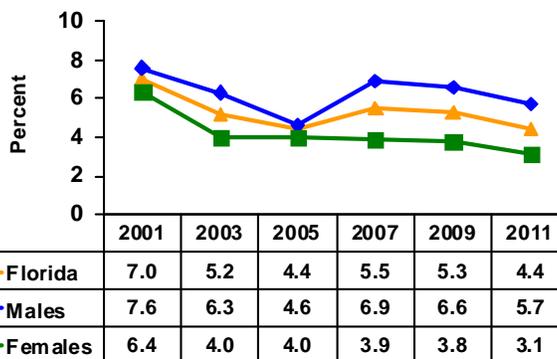
**Used alcohol on school property**

In 2011, approximately 39,500 students (5.1%) had at least one drink of alcohol on school property on one or more of the past 30 days. This prevalence remained at the same level from 2001 to 2011. Males consistently had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females.



**Current cigarette users**

In 2011, approximately 111,100 students (14.3%) smoked cigarettes on one or more of the past 30 days. This prevalence decreased significantly by 33.5% from 2001 to 2011. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender, 2001 to 2011.



**Cigarette use on school property**

In 2011, approximately 34,500 students (4.4%) had smoked cigarettes on school property on one or more of the past 30 days. This prevalence decreased significantly by 37.1% from 2001 to 2011. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females from 2007 to 2011.

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