

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



Results from the 2013 Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey

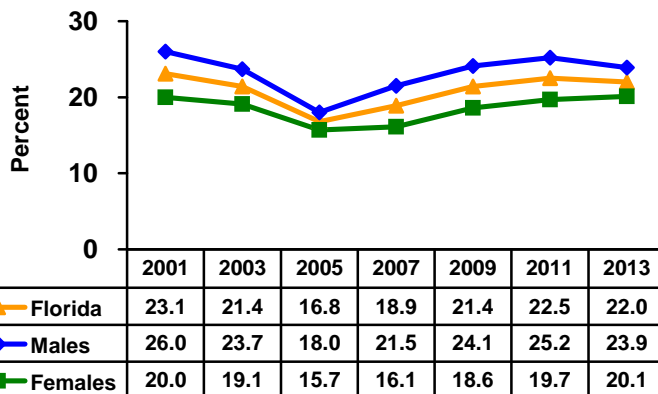
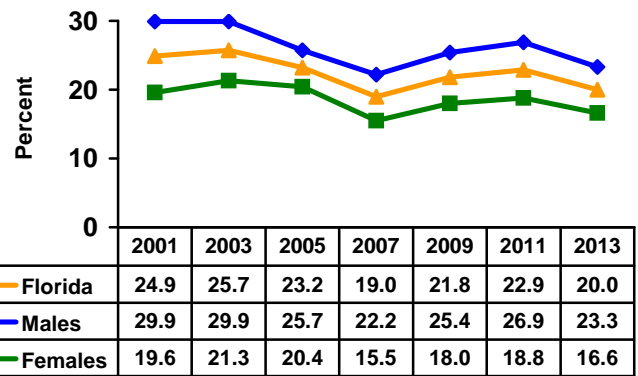
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Introduction

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 2013, a total of 6,089 students in 73 public high schools in Florida completed the YRBS. The overall response rate was 69%. Since 2001, the response rate has been high enough for the data to be weighted to represent all Florida public high school students. The prevalence estimates and 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) were calculated using SAS 9.3. The difference in prevalence between two different populations or between two different years is statistically significant if the 95% confidence intervals of the two prevalence estimates do not overlap.

Illegal drugs on school property

In 2013, approximately 153,600 students (20.0%) were offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property during the past 12 months. This prevalence decreased significantly by 19.7% from 2001 to 2013. Males consistently were significantly more likely to encounter illegal drugs than females.

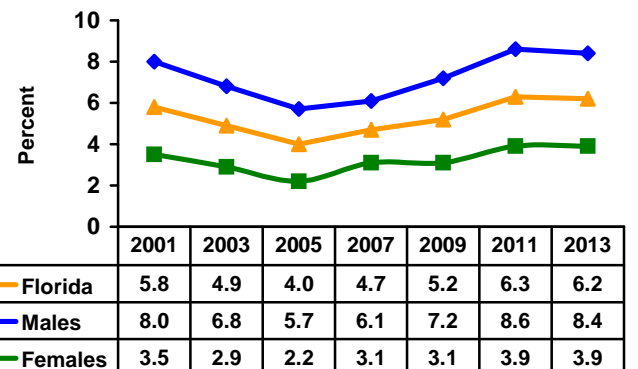


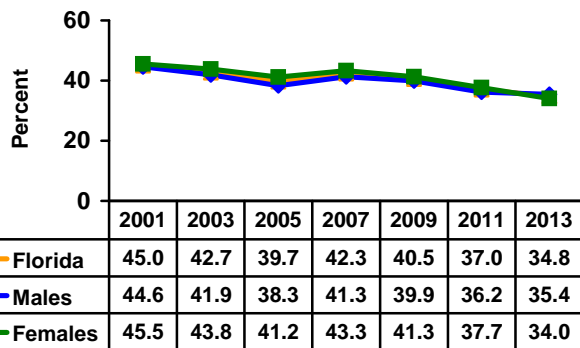
Current marijuana users

In 2013, approximately 168,400 students (22.0%) used marijuana one or more times during the past 30 days. Marijuana use fluctuated but did not change significantly from 2001 to 2013. Males were significantly more likely to use marijuana than females in all years except 2005 and 2013.

Used marijuana on school property

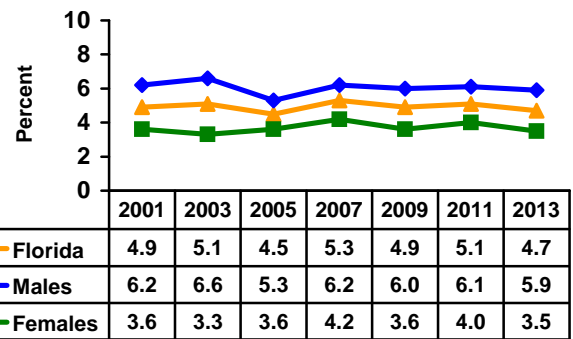
In 2013, approximately 47,500 students (6.2%) had used marijuana on school property on one or more of the past 30 days. This behavior fluctuated but did not change significantly from 2001 to 2013. Males consistently were significantly more likely to use marijuana on school property than females.





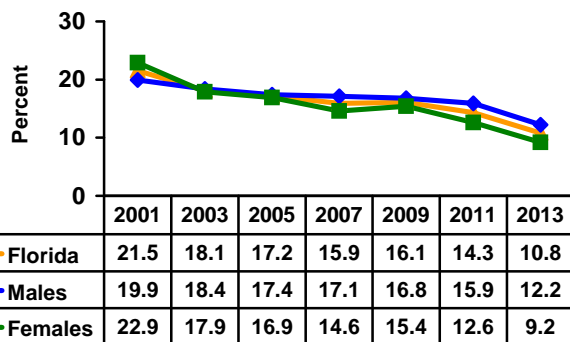
Current alcohol drinkers

In 2013, approximately 265,200 students (34.8%) had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days. Alcohol use decreased significantly by 22.7% from 2001 to 2013. The prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender from 2001 to 2013.



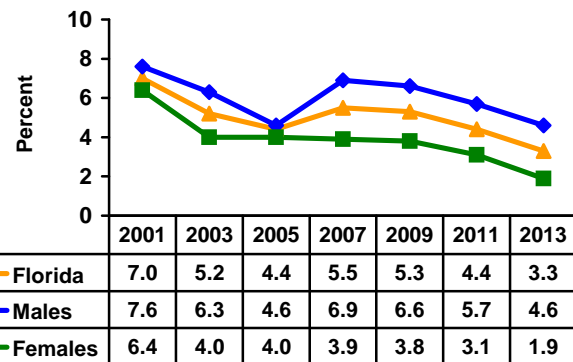
Used alcohol on school property

In 2013, approximately 36,400 students (4.7%) had at least one drink of alcohol on school property on one or more of the past 30 days. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2013. Males consistently were significantly more likely to drink alcohol on school property than females.



Current cigarette users

In 2013, approximately 84,900 students (10.8%) smoked cigarettes on one or more of the past 30 days. Cigarette use decreased significantly by nearly half (49.8%) from 2001 to 2013. Males were significantly more likely to smoke cigarettes than females in 2013.



Cigarette use on school property

In 2013, approximately 25,400 students (3.3%) had smoked cigarettes on school property on one or more of the past 30 days. This prevalence decreased significantly by more than half (52.9%) from 2001 to 2013. Males were significantly more likely to smoke on school property than females from 2007 to 2013.

For more information about the YRBS, please contact the Chronic Disease Epidemiology Surveillance and Evaluation Section at (850) 245-4401, by e-mail at ChronicDisease@flhealth.gov, or visit our website at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/reports-and-data/survey-data/youth-risk-behavior-survey/index.html>. For an interactive database of YRBS data, visit the CDC's YRBS web site at: www.cdc.gov/yrebs. This document was developed by the Bureau of Epidemiology for the Florida Department of Education's Office of Healthy Schools in cooperation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health Project Number 1U87PS004277-01.