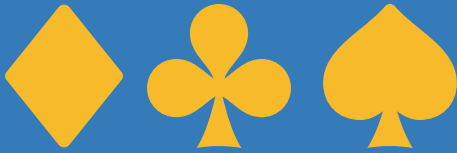


# Gambling in Delaware



## Age Restrictions

Delaware residents must be 21 or older to **gamble in casinos, with slot machines, or on the internet.**<sup>a</sup>



## Youth Gambling

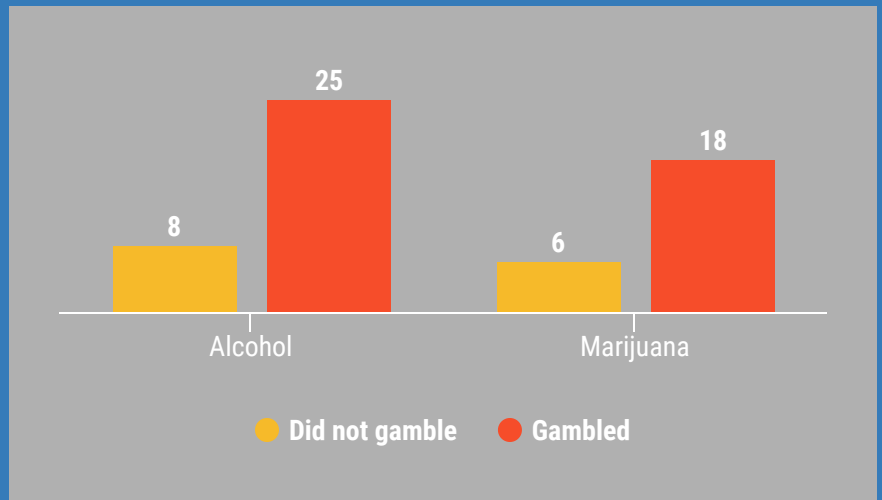
In recent surveys, **42% of 5th graders and 51% of 11th graders reported gambling in the past year.**<sup>b, c</sup>



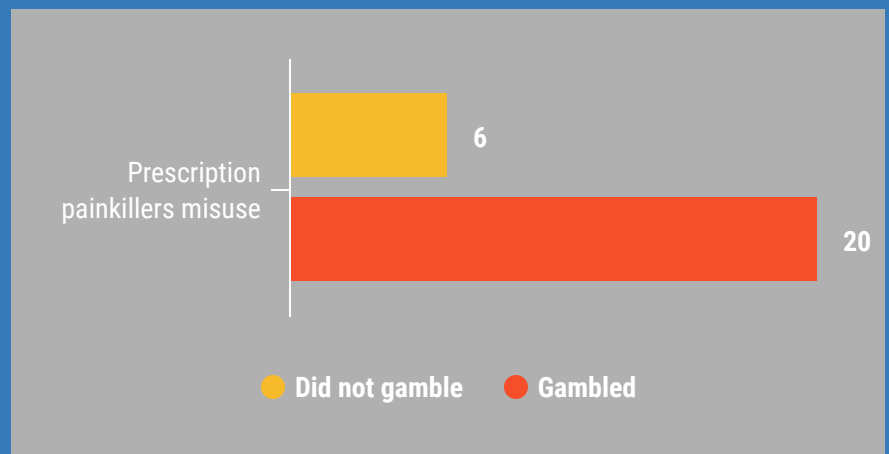
## Gender Differences

In 2020, among 8th grade students in Delaware, **males (55%) gambled more than females (47%).**<sup>c</sup>

## Substance Use and Gambling\* (%)



The Delaware School Survey (DSS) includes several questions about gambling. In 2020, 8th graders who reported gambling in the past year **also reported higher rates of substance use** than those who did not gamble.<sup>c</sup>



In 2020, more than **three times as many** 8th grade students who reported gambling also reported a lifetime misuse of prescription pain medicine compared to students who did not report gambling.<sup>c</sup>

\*Gambling on the DSS refers to one or more of the following activities: played the lottery or scratch-off tickets; bet on fantasy sports; bet on individual sports teams; played Bingo for money; bet on dice games such as craps; bet money on a challenge; played online gambling games for money; bet on video games; bet on games of personal skill; played cards for money.

Source(s):

<sup>a</sup> Delaware Council on Gambling Problems, Inc. (2018). Youth & Gambling.

<sup>b</sup> Center for Drug & Health Studies. (2021). Delaware School Survey: Secondary [Annual Survey]. University of Delaware.

<sup>c</sup> Center for Drug & Health Studies. (2020). Delaware School Survey: Secondary [Annual Survey]. University of Delaware.