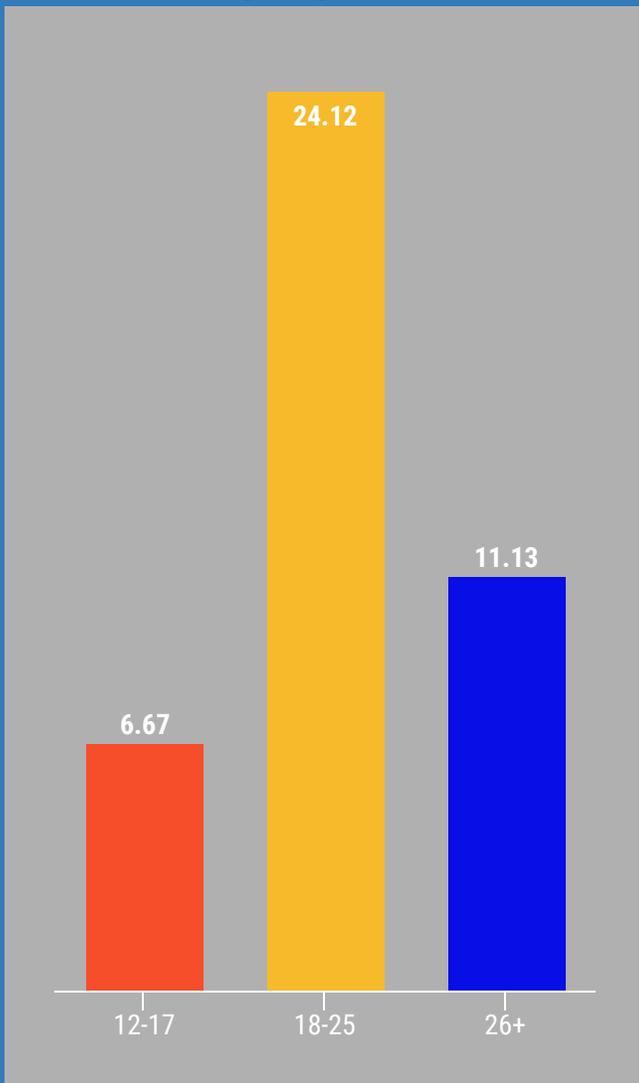


Other Illegal Drugs in Delaware



Past month illicit drug use* by age group (%)



Young adults (ages 18-25) in Delaware used illicit drugs at **more than triple** the rate of adolescents ages 12-17 and **more than double** the rate of adults ages 26 and older.^a



Perceptions of Risk

In 2021, **57%** of 11th grade students reported that there is great risk from misusing prescription medications.^b



Synthetic Marijuana

In 2021, **2%** of 8th grade students reported using synthetic marijuana in the past year.^b



National Trends

Data from the Monitoring the Future survey suggests that national illicit drug use (excluding marijuana) has **declined** among youth over the past two decades.^c

*Illicit Drug Use includes the misuse of prescription psychotherapeutics or the use of marijuana, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or methamphetamine.

Source(s):

^a National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). 2019-2020.

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

Note: Delaware School Survey is unweighted.

^c "National Survey Results on Drug Use, 1975-2021." Monitoring the Future (MTF). University of Michigan.