Other Illegal Drugs in Delaware

Over-the-counter Drugs

About 5% of 8th grade and 7% of 11th grade students report ever misusing over-the-counter drugs in their lifetime.

Synthetic Marijuana

In 2021, 4% of high school students reported using synthetic marijuana in the past year.

Treatment

Close to three-quarters of clients (74%) admitted for substance use disorder treatment in Delaware reported primary drug use other than alcohol or marijuana.

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

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

- 12-17: 2%
- 18-25: 6.45%
- 26+: 3.31%

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

This infographic references data reported in the Other Illegal Drugs Module of the 2023 Delaware Epidemiological Profile, which draws upon the following sources: Delaware School Surveys, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, and the Treatment Episode Data Set.