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## Drugs, alcohol, and teens

In a government survey, Massachusetts teens report using drugs and alcohol at a rate significantly higher than the national average. All figures are percentages.

### 12- TO 17-YEAR-OLDS, IN THE PAST MONTH:

#### Used marijuana:

1. Vermont	13.2
2. Massachusetts	12.6
US average	7.6

#### Used other illicit drugs:

1. New Hampshire	6.3
2. Louisiana	6.2
18. Massachusetts	5.1
US average	4.8

### 12- TO 17-YEAR-OLDS, IN THE PAST YEAR:

#### Have been dependent on an illicit drug:

1. Massachusetts	3.9
US average	2.4

#### Used alcohol:

1. North Dakota	24.7
2. Massachusetts	22.7
US average	16.8

#### Engaged in binge drinking:

1. North Dakota	17.9
2. Connecticut	14.6
3. Massachusetts	13.7
US average	10.5

### MASSACHUSETTS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, IN THE PAST MONTH:

Smoked cigarettes:	26
Smoked marijuana:	31

SOURCES: National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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