



# Vaping

## Nicotine, Marijuana and Flavoring

The 2022-23 Tennessee Together Student Survey was administered to public school students in 8th, 10th, and 12th grade. There were 186 schools across 35 counties that opted to participate.

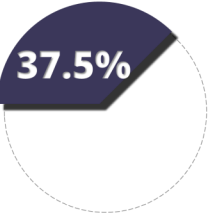
The final sample included 23,011 students with final results weighted to represent the statewide population in surveyed grades.

*The survey measured youth behaviors, attitudes and social norms related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, including the misuse of prescription medications.*

- 29.8%** of students reported ever vaping **nicotine**,
- 13.0%** of students reported ever vaping **marijuana**, and
- 14.4%** of students reported ever vaping **flavoring only** in their lifetime.
- Overall, **31.9%** of students reported **vaping** in their lifetime.

AVERAGE AGE OF INITIATION **13.8** years old

**More than one-third** of students reported that it was either "very" or "fairly difficult" to obtain vaping products.

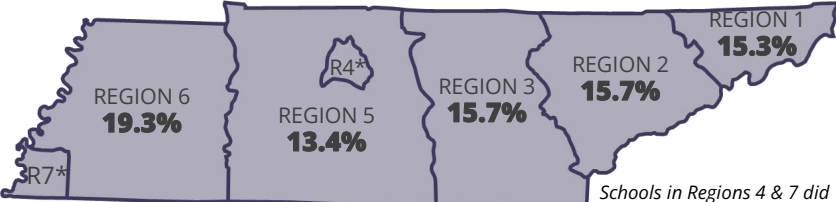


### PAST 30-DAY USE

**In the past 30 days...**

- 13.2%** of students reported vaping **nicotine**.
- 7.1%** of students reported vaping **marijuana**.
- 6.0%** of students reported vaping **flavoring only**.
- Overall, **15.3%** of students reported **any vaping**.

PAST 30-DAY USE FOR ANY VAPING BY TDMHSAS PLANNING AND POLICY REGION



*Schools in Regions 4 & 7 did not participate in the survey.*

**High-frequency use**, or use six or more days, was reported by

- 69.6%** vaping **nicotine**.
- 56.2%** vaping **marijuana**.
- 59.9%** vaping **flavoring only**.

### PARENT COMMUNICATION

**51.7%** of students reported speaking **with their parents** specifically about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the past year.

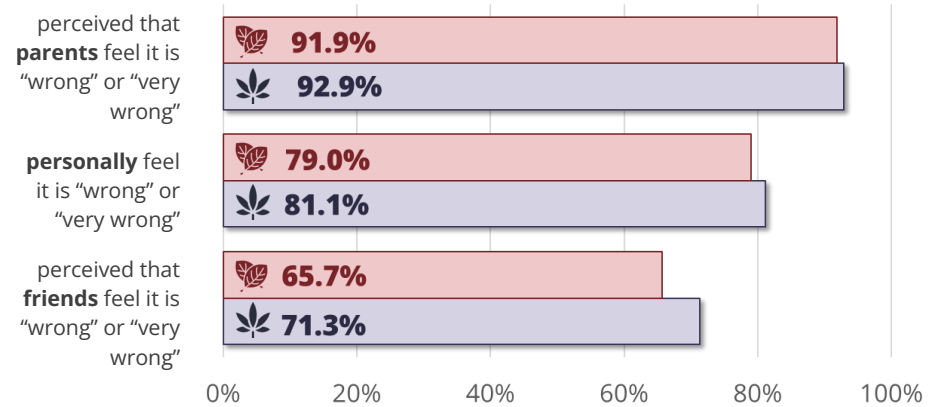
### PEER MISUSE

**37.8%** of students reported that **at least one of their closest friends** had vaped nicotine in the past year.

**24.4%** of students reported that **at least one of their closest friends** had used vaped marijuana in the past year.

### PARENT, PERSONAL, AND PEER APPROVAL

Percent of students who...



### PERCEIVED RISK

