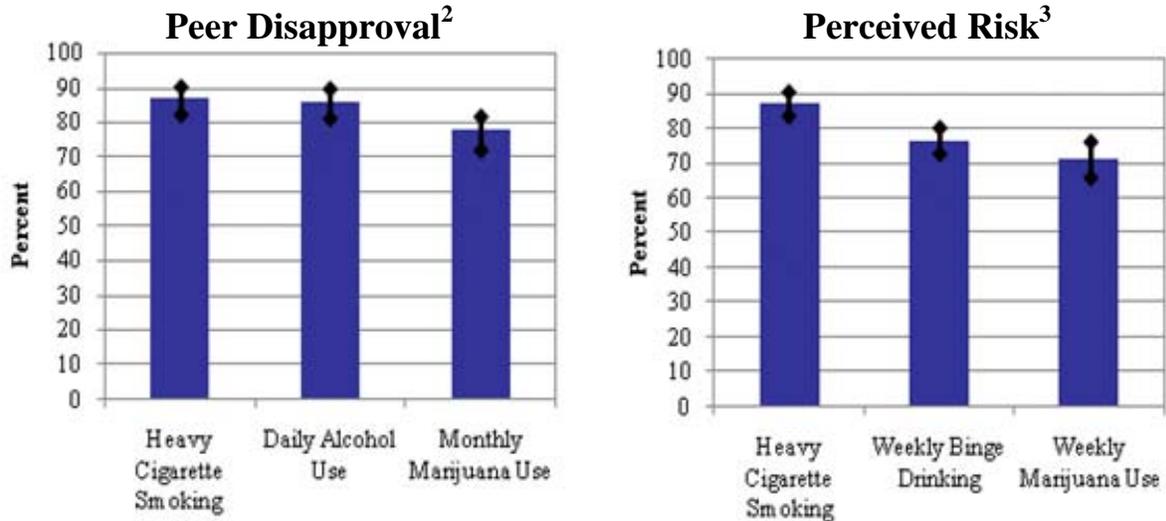


What Percentage of DC Teenagers Disapprove or Perceive A Moderate or Great Risk of Regular Drug Use?¹



- More than 81% of DC residents aged 12 to 17 (teens) disapproved of someone their age smoking cigarettes heavily, or drinking daily.
- Between 72 and 83% of teens disapproved of someone their age smoking marijuana monthly.
- Between 72 and 81% of teens perceived bingeing once or twice a week a moderate or great risk, while 65 to 77% of teens perceived smoking marijuana once or twice a week a moderate or great risk. Between 83 and 91% of teens perceived heavy cigarette smoking a moderate or great risk.
- A greater percentage of teens perceived heavy cigarette smoking a moderate or great risk than weekly binge drinking or weekly marijuana use.

Exposure to Prevention

According to the 2005 & 2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, between 49 and 62% of teens spoke with at least one parent about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, or drug use in the past year, while 83% of teens were exposed to a prevention message in school or out of school from sources such as posters, pamphlets, radio, or television during the past year.

Between 11 and 16% of teens drank alcohol, 8 to 14% of teens used an illicit drug, and 5 to 10% of teens smoked a cigarette in the past month.

Data Notes & Sources: ¹Includes a weighted sample of DC residents aged 12 to 17. The bar in the graph represents the mean percentage of youth who responded they perceived a moderate/great risk or disapproved of peers engaging in that behavior, while the line represents the 95% confidence interval around the mean.

²Heavy cigarette smoking is defined as smoking one or more packs of cigarettes every day. Daily alcohol use is defined as having one or two drinks of alcohol nearly everyday. Monthly marijuana use is defined as smoking marijuana once a month or more.

³Heavy smoking is defined as smoking one or more packs of cigarettes a day. Weekly binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week. Weekly marijuana use is defined as smoking marijuana once or twice a week.

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