



Tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes

2018-19

TN TOGETHER Student Survey Results

The Tennessee Together Student Survey was administered to 21,766 8th-, 10th-, and 12th-grade public school students across 28 counties in Tennessee. Results were weighted to represent the statewide student population in those grades.

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

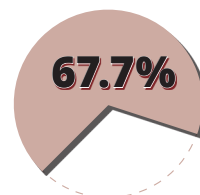


One in three students in Tennessee, or 34.9%, reported ever smoking cigarettes, using electronic cigarettes, or using smokeless tobacco in their lifetime.

AVERAGE AGE OF INITIATION

13.2 years old FOR CIGARETTES **14.4** years old FOR E-CIGARETTES

Over half of students reported that it was either "very easy" or "fairly easy" to obtain tobacco products.



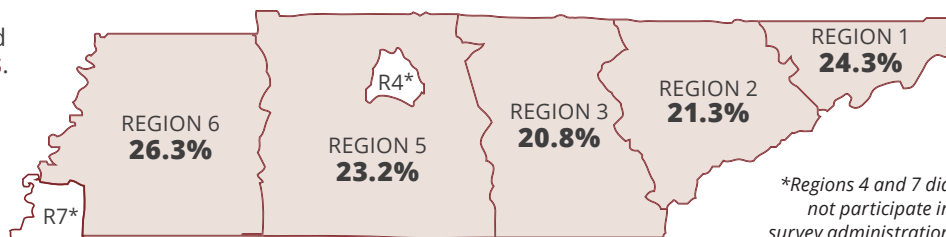
PAST 30-DAY USE

In the past 30 days...

8.8% of students reported using **cigarettes**. **17.9%** of students reported using **e-cigarettes**.

41.5% of the students who used **cigarettes** and **53.0%** of the students who used **e-cigarettes** in the past 30 days reported use on six or more days, described as **high-frequency** use.

PAST 30-DAY USE BY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING REGION



PEER MISUSE

28.3% of students reported that **some of their closest friends** had smoked part or all of a **cigarette**.

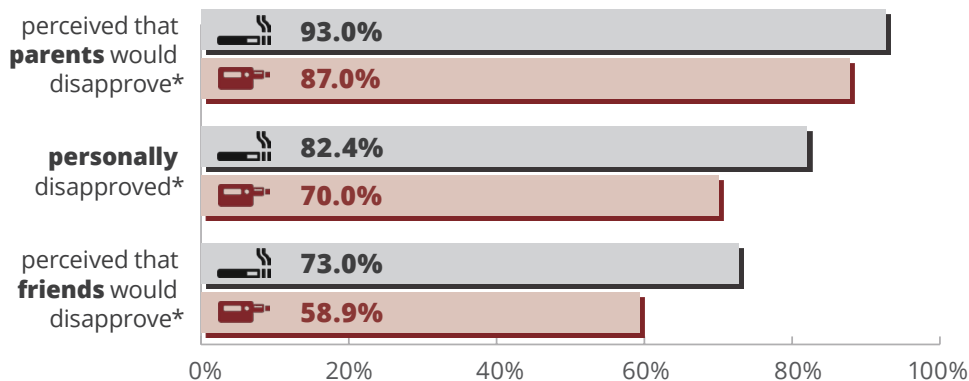
41.7% of students reported that **some of their closest friends** had used an **e-cigarette**.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

52.5% of students reported **speaking with their parents** specifically about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the past year.

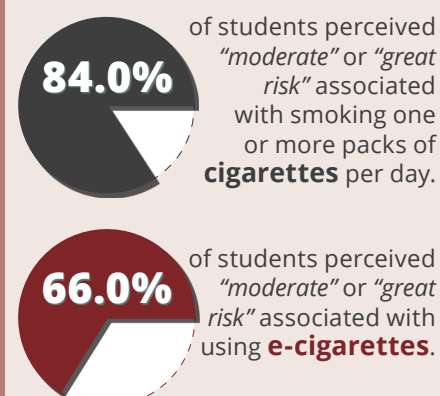
PARENT, PERSONAL, AND PEER APPROVAL

Percent of students who...



*Disapproval is defined as considering it "wrong" or "very wrong" to smoke tobacco or use e-cigarettes.

PERCEIVED RISK



Additional findings and more information are detailed in the complete report.

This product was produced by EMT Associates, Inc. and funded under a grant contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.