

# Broward Briefings

## Substance Abuse

### Information for Action



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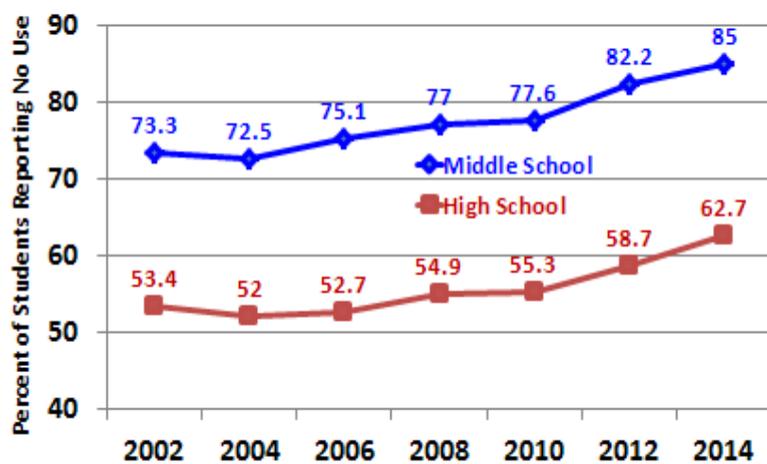
## Among Florida Youth “Most Don’t” Drink, Smoke, or Take Drugs

The 2014 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS) reveals that 85 % of middle school students and nearly 63 % of high school students are **not** current users of alcohol, tobacco, or illicit substances including marijuana, inhalants, club drugs, as well as the non-medical use of over-the-counter or prescription pharmaceuticals. Thus, 3 out of 4 Florida students in grades 6-12 don't drink alcohol nor use drugs. The best news is that the 2014 results continue a 10-year trend of alcohol and drug-free youth rising 12.5 percentage points for middle schoolers and 10.7 percentage points among high school students since 2004. Alcohol use declined 4.1 percentage points and cigarette smoking decreased 1.7 points between 2002 and 2014. Use of marijuana and all other drugs stabilized with no statistically significant increases across the same two years.

The FYSAS was administered in February 2014 with a sample size of 65,917 sixth through twelfth grade students from all 67 Florida counties. The margin of error is less than 1 percentage point for middle and high school prevalence rates.

Broward County results from the 2014 FYSAS should be available by late December 2014 or early January 2015.

### Percent of Florida Students Reporting No Alcohol, Tobacco, or Other Drug Use in the Past 30 Days



Source: FL. Dept. of Children & Families - 2014 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey



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