

Flourish Survey 2024 – Drugs and alcohol overview

Just under **1 in 2** report drinking alcohol at least once

Just over **1 in 4** report drinking alcohol at least once a month

Older pupils are more likely to report drinking alcohol

Among pupils who report drinking alcohol at least once...

Almost **6 in 10** only drink alcohol to celebrate special occasions

Over **6 in 10** state that their parents always know about it

11-15 year olds...

In the Norfolk sample may be more likely to report drinking alcohol at some point than the English average



Alcohol



Proportions average across **Year 6 to Year 13** pupils (those aged 10 to 18) unless stated otherwise

Among Year 12/13 pupils...

Just over **3 in 20** report getting drunk in the 7 days before the survey

Pupils who report more frequent alcohol drinking are less likely to report that their parents always know about their drinking

Year 8 and Year 10 pupils...

Are less likely to report drinking in the 7 days prior to the survey than in 2015

Around **1 in 3** report sometimes, usually or always having an alcoholic drink when feeling worried or stressed

Almost **1 in 4** report being concerned at some point about a family member's alcohol use

Reporting concerns about a family member's alcohol use is associated with reporting violence between adults at home

Regular alcohol drinking and taking drugs at least once are associated with:

Each other

Having smoked tobacco

Having vaped tobacco

Having had sex

Around **9 in 10** report never taking drugs

Under **1 in 20** report taking drugs in the month prior to the survey

Older pupils are more likely to report taking drugs

Cannabis is the most widely used drug

12-15 year olds...

In the Norfolk sample appear less likely to report having taken drugs at some point than the English average



Drugs



Proportions average across **Year 8 to Year 13** pupils (those aged 12 to 18) unless stated otherwise

Among Year 12/13 pupils...

Over **1 in 5** report taking drugs at least once

1 in 5 report taking cannabis at least once

Just over **1 in 10** report taking a drug other than cannabis at least once

Among pupils who report taking drugs at least once...

Just over **1 in 10** report being concerned about their drug use at some point

Under **1 in 10** report being concerned about a family member's drug use at some point

Just over **1 in 5** report being concerned about a friend's drug use at some point

Under **1 in 5** report looking after or carrying drugs for someone else