

Norfolk Flourish Survey 2024 – Drugs and alcohol overview: Infographic text description

Alcohol

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

- 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
- Among Year 12/13 pupils...
 - Just over 3 in 20 report getting drunk in the 7 days before the survey
 - Around 1 in 3 report sometimes, usually or always having an alcoholic drink when feeling worried or stressed
- Pupils who report more frequent alcohol drinking are less likely to report that their parents always know about their drinking
- Almost 1 in 4 report being concerned at some point about a family member's alcohol use
- Year 8 and Year 10 pupils...
 - Are less likely to report drinking in the 7 days prior to the survey than in 2015
- 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

Drugs

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

- 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
- 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 5 report looking after or carrying drugs for someone else
- Under 1 in 10 report being concerned about a family member's drug use at some point
- 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
 - Just over 1 in 5 report being concerned about a friend's drug use at some point