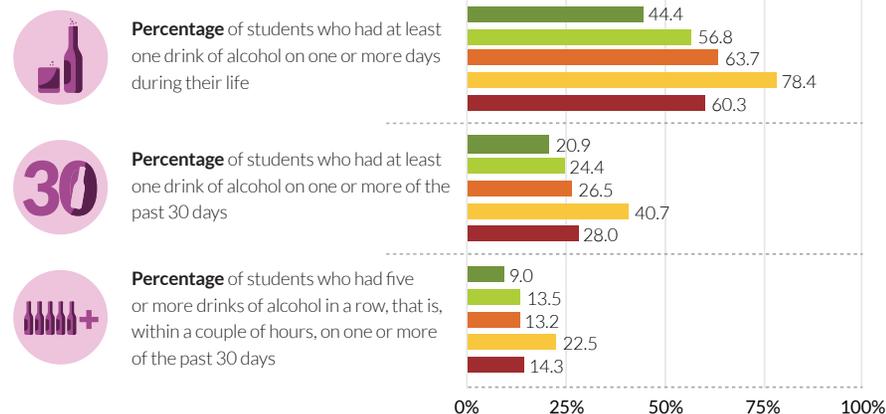


ALCOHOL & DRUG use in South Dakota High Schools 2015

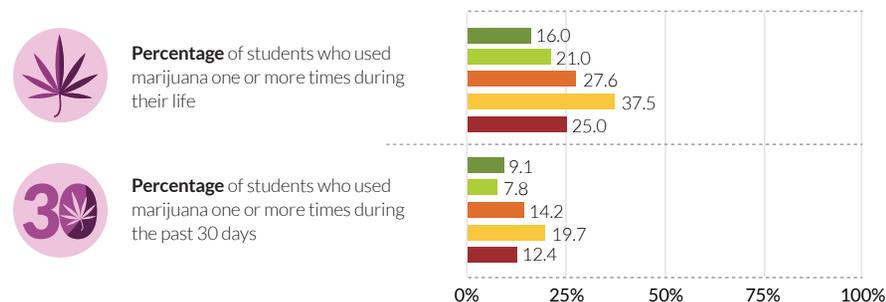
Why is this problematic?

Adolescence is a period of both risk and opportunity in which youth often take risks that may jeopardize their health and safety. Early substance use and regular substance use and abuse by youth are linked to a host of negative consequences including academic failure, involvement in the criminal justice system, poor health outcomes, suicide, and unintentional injury and death¹.

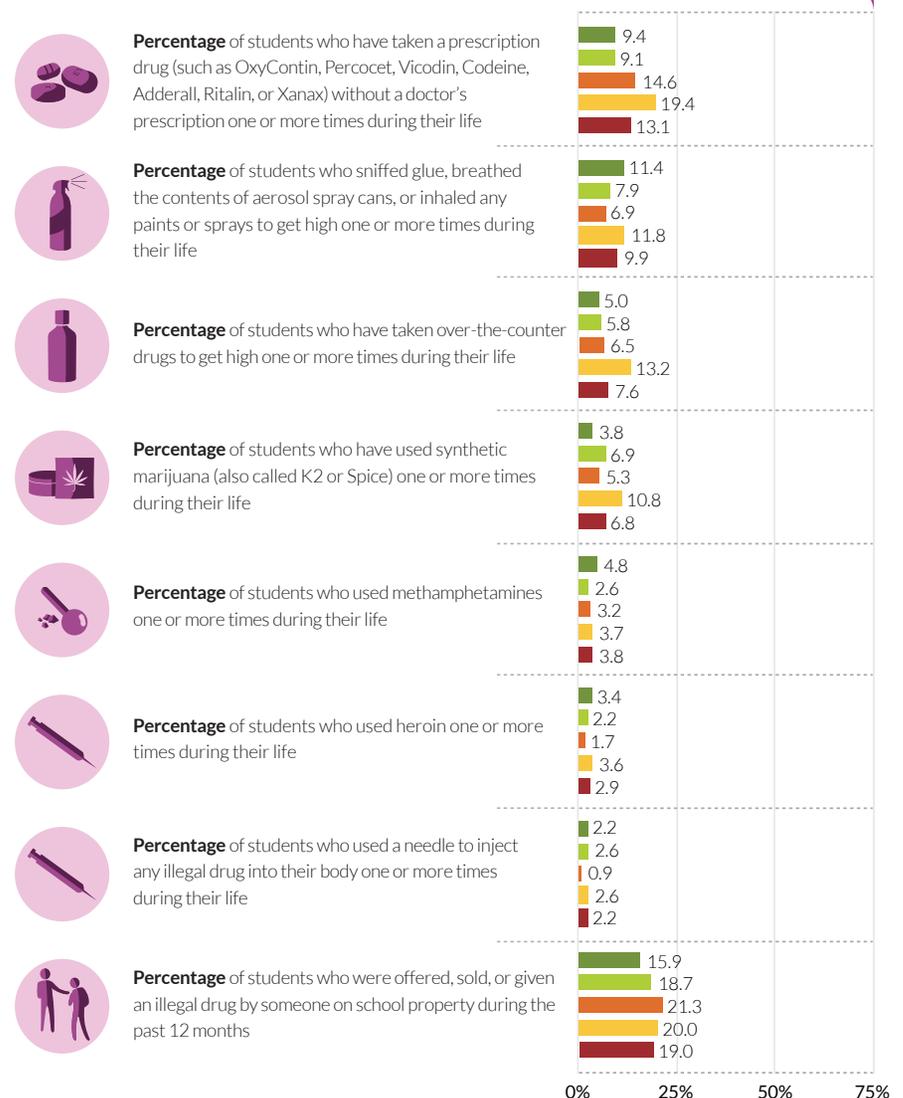
ALCOHOL (by grade)



MARIJUANA (by grade)



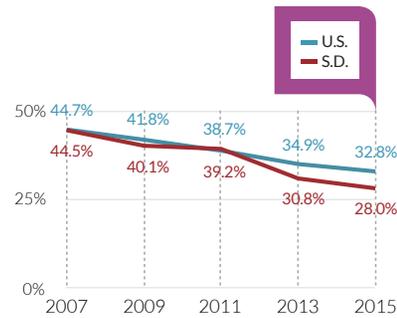
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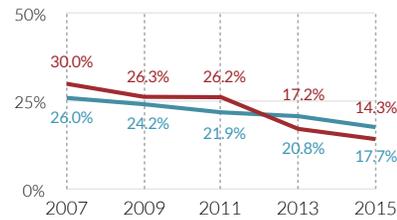
ALCOHOL TRENDS

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Percentage of students who had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days



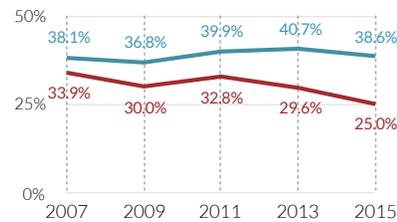
Percentage of students who had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours, on one or more of the past 30 days



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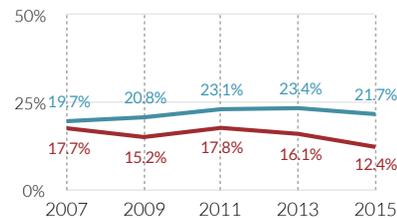


Percentage of students who used marijuana one or more times during their life



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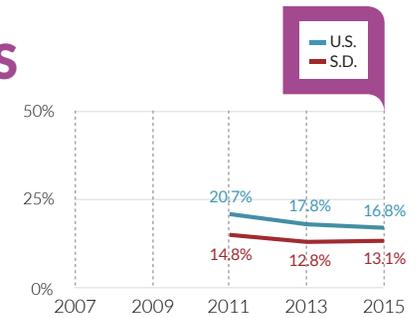
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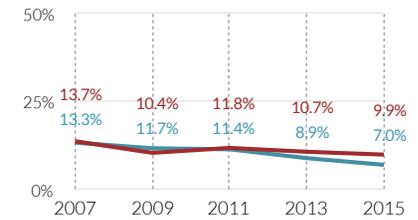
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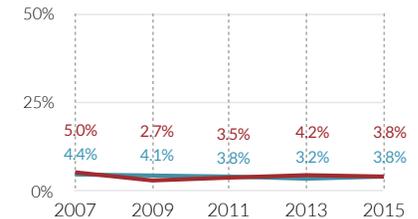
Percentage of students who have taken a prescription drug (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, Codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription one or more times during their life



Percentage of students who sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high one or more times during their life



Percentage of students who used methamphetamines one or more times during their life



What works?

- Environmental-level interventions that reduce opportunities for underage drinking, increase enforcement and penalties for alcohol and drug use, and reduce community tolerance and acceptance of youth alcohol and drug use.
- Individual-level interventions, which seek to change knowledge, attitudes, motivations, and enhance refusal skills for youth and promote pro-social decision making².

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