CAMH OSDUHS

Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS) has been conducted every two years since 1977, making it the longest-running school survey of adolescents in Canada, and one of the longest-running in the world.

Survey Participants:

- 14.142 Students
- Grades 7-12
- 992 Classes
- 263 Schools
- 47 School Boards



2019 OSDUHS Key Findings



23% of students (an estimated 184,200) reported using an electronic cigarette in the past year. Past year electronic cigarette use doubled between 2017 and 2019, from 11% to 23%.



Among high school students, consuming cannabis edibles significantly increased from 11% in 2017 to 14% in 2019.



In 2019, about one in five (22%) students reported using cannabis in the past year.



Between 1999 and 2019, there was a significant downward trend in drug use, with two exceptions: electronic cigarettes and non-medical use of ADHD drugs.



When asked about the perceived risk of physical harm associated with various substances, both elementary and high school students believed that trying marijuana and using electronic cigarettes regularly are considered to be the least risky.

