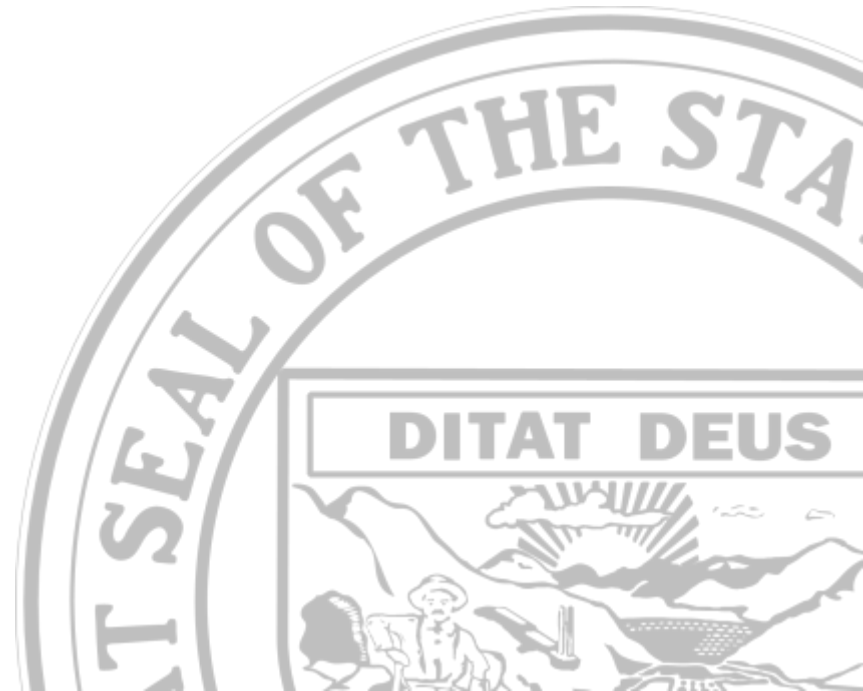


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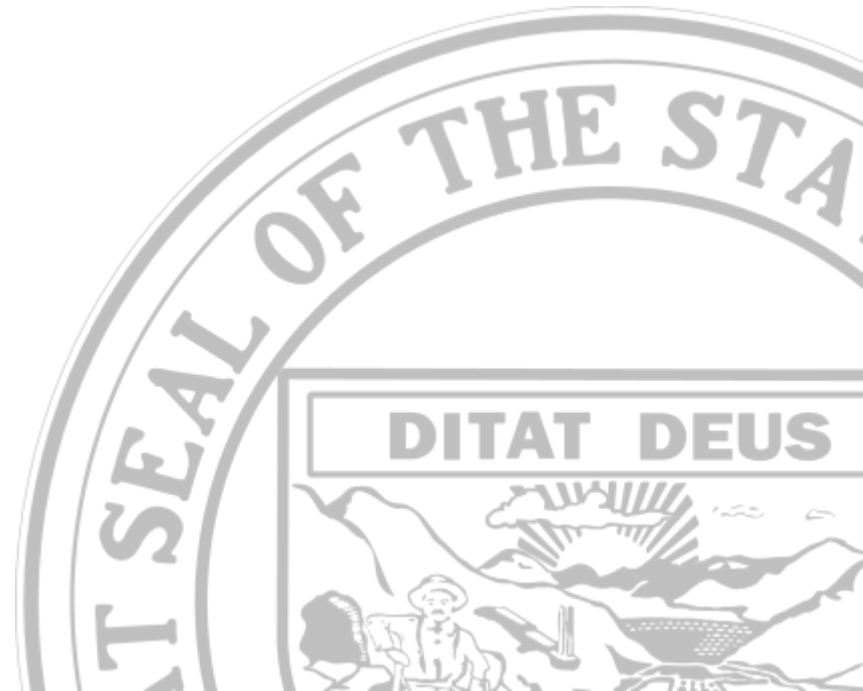


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**Arizona Criminal Justice Commission**

*Andrew T. LeFevre*

*Executive Director*



# 2024 Arizona Youth Survey

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission





# About the Arizona Youth Survey

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, in partnership with Arizona State University, administers the Arizona Youth Survey every even year. (A.R.S. § 41-2416)

- Arizona's leading tool to assess the frequency of problematic behaviors and their correlates in our youth. The AYS focuses on the following:
  - Substance Use
  - Risky Behaviors
  - Gang Involvement
  - Risk and Protective Factors
- 2022 implementation had a Total of 51,448 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from 301 schools participate across all 15 counties
- The survey is:
  - Anonymous
  - Voluntary
  - Free for schools
  - Online
  - Based on nationally recognized survey methodology
- Schools or Districts decide to take the AYS – parental notification is provided and passive parental consent forms are provided in accordance with state law
- The AYS is the nation's largest, longest-running survey of youth



# Arizona Youth Survey Instrument

- Substance Use (30-Day/Lifetime)
- Risk and Protective Factors (Communities That Care)
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs)
- Exposure to Bullying/Violence in School
- Impaired Driving/Texting or Talking while Driving





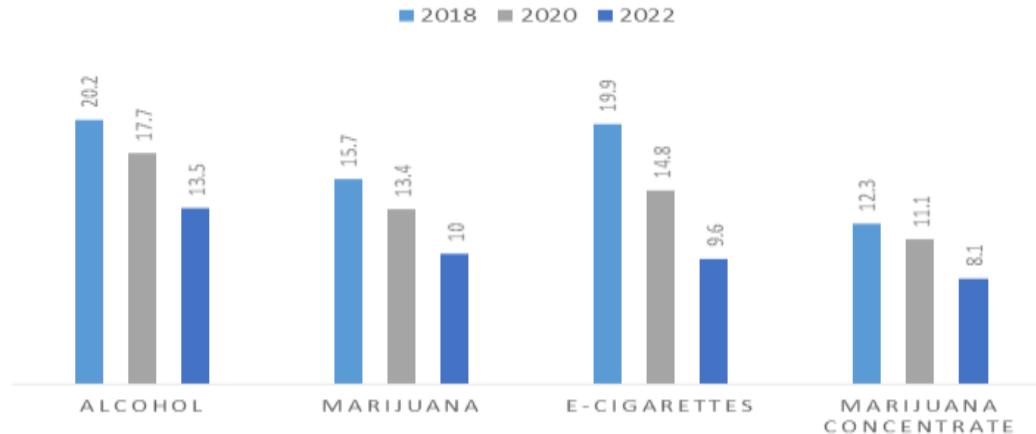
# Youth Substance Use – Key Points

**Overall trends in substance use continue to go down!!!!**

Most commonly Abused Substances (Grade 12, past 30 days)

1. Alcohol – 22.6%
2. Marijuana – 17.5%
3. E-cigarettes – 14.8%
4. Marijuana Concentrates – 13.6%

*\*If you look at lifetime use, marijuana concentrates jumps to #3*





# Youth Substance Use – Key Points

Where Youth are Getting substances – this continues to be dominated by friends and family as the primary sources for obtaining alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drugs

Most Common Reasons for Using Alcohol and Drugs:

1. To have fun – 42.5%
2. To get high or feel good – 35.9%
3. To deal with stress from my school – 35%
4. To deal with stress from my parents and family – 30.2%
5. I was feeling sad or down – 30.1%
6. To deal with stress from my peers or friends – 22.6%

Most Common Reasons for Not Using Alcohol and Drugs:

1. Not interested in drugs – 87%
2. Parents would be disappointed – 70.7%
3. It can harm my body – 69.8%
4. Illegal and I could get arrested – 55.9%
5. Parents would take away privileges – 54.5%
6. Other adults would be disappointed – 49.6%

These measures of risk and protective factors are where the AYS is really valuable to schools and substance abuse coalitions → it tells you where to focus your resources and efforts to produce change



## Benefits of the Survey

- Participating schools & districts receive customized reports
- Community-level data available (Data Visualization Center)
- Supports funding efforts for stakeholders
- Assists in driving local decision-making and programming
- Compliment Social Determinants of Health



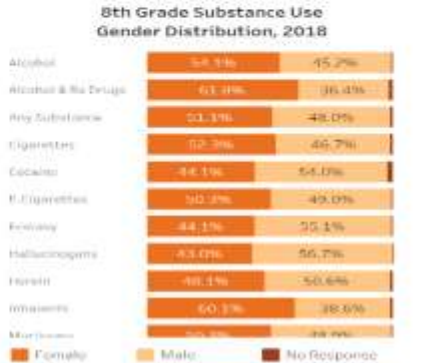
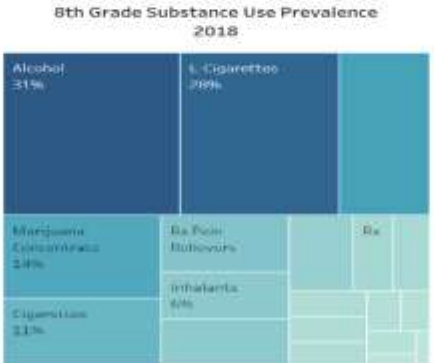
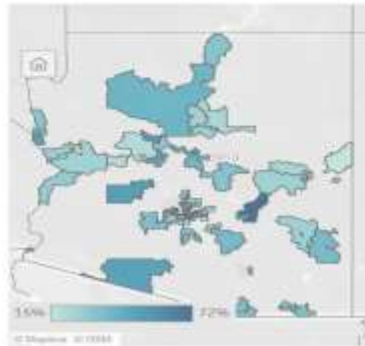
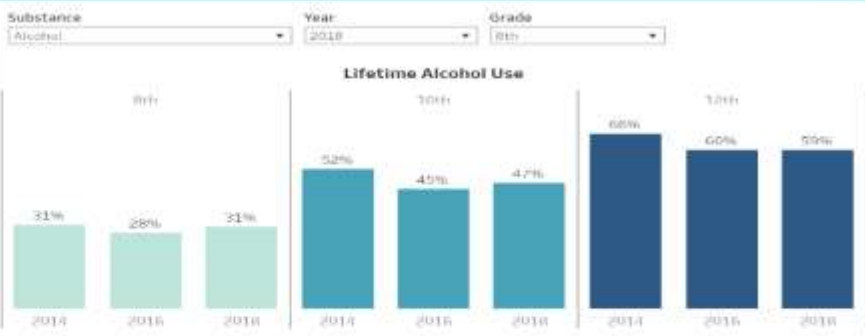
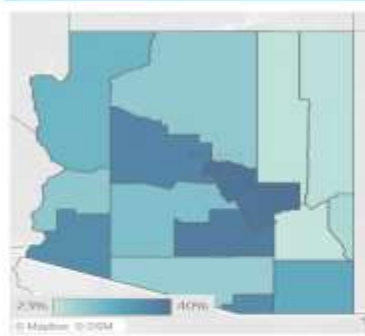




# ACJC Data Visualization Center – [www.azcjc.gov/data](http://www.azcjc.gov/data)

## Arizona Youth Survey Substance Use Data

LIFETIME SUBSTANCE USE
30-DAY SUBSTANCE USE
AGE OF FIRST USE
SUBSTANCES OFFERED
SOURCES
DATA SHEET





# How Do Our Schools Participate?

- Contact your community school partners
- Identify the targeted benefits the data provide to the community
- Contact the team at ACJC and ASU
- The team is strategically positioned to engage with your community partners to maximize participation

**IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE, YOU WILL NOT KNOW!**





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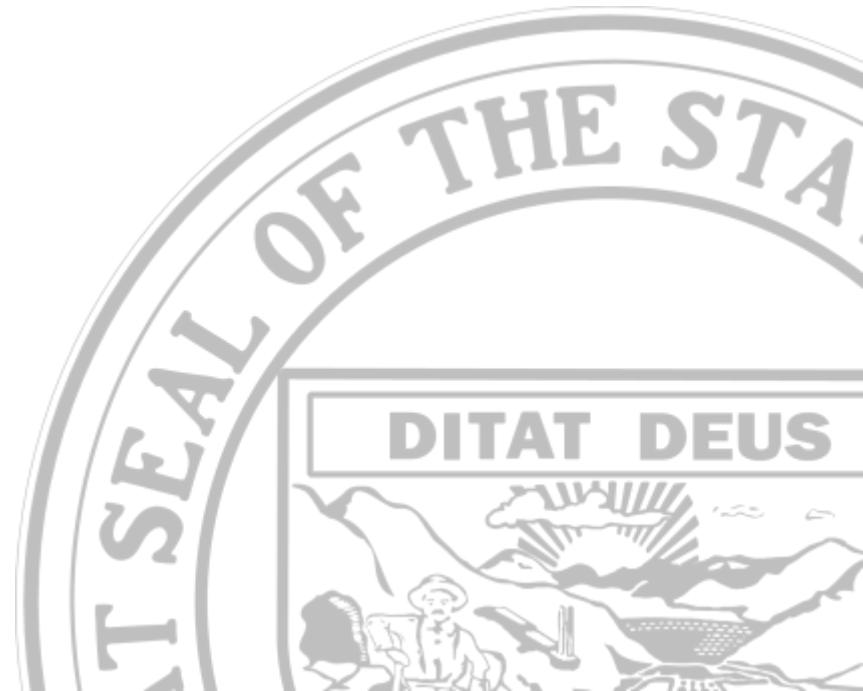
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# Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education & Prevention

## **Arizona Youth Partnership**

*Sara Sherman*

*Youth & Family Division Director*





**Cultivating Healthy Foundations**

**To Build Stronger Families**

# About the Mission



## **Arizona Youth Partnership builds solid foundations for youth and families**

by partnering with Arizona Communities to provide youth services, prevention programs and health education related to substance use, homelessness, human trafficking, mental health wellness, teen pregnancy, and challenging family dynamics.



# We Work With Communities

**Arizona Youth Partnership  
is a community-driven organization**

We work at the grassroots and systems level to create conditions, opportunities, and experiences which encourage and develop healthy, self-sufficient people.



# We Envision a Future of:



Empowered Youth;  
Strong, Stable  
Families;  
Thriving Communities

# Reasons Behind the Mission



Youth in Mohave, Pima, and Cochise Counties report high rates of family conflict, parent attitudes favorable to drug use, and poor family management.

(Arizona Youth Survey, 2022) resulting in higher rates of juvenile arrests for drug use, possession, and driving under the influence.

## Arizona ranks 10th

nationally for prescription drug and heroin overdose

with the state's highest per capita drug death rate and highest prescribing rates with 127.5 annual prescriptions/100 people<sup>1</sup>.

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Coalitions have been mobilized by in community sectors to address community-level substance use/abuse issues; implement strategies and activities based on data and culture of community to reduce and prevent substance use/abuse.

<sup>1</sup>Alltucker, Ken. "County had more opioid prescriptions than people." Arizona Republic. January 29, 2018. Accessed at: <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-health/2018/01/29/opioid-crisis-hit-arizona-mohave-countyhardest/1069801001/>

# AZYP's Strengthening Families Project

is a free, in-person, 8-week program for parents/guardians and their youth ages 10 to 14, which increases family connection, reduce family conflict, and connect families to the community.



The project utilizes the evidence-based curricula from Iowa State University - Strengthening Families Program 10 - 14 and Rx360.

This program covers topics including **peer pressure resistance, reducing stress, finding our family values, better communication skills, problem solving, goal setting, and understanding each other better.**

Each week, the families are provided with a **hot meal** to share with one another to kick off the session.

# Our Audience

Juvenile Detention Centers  
Elementary/Middle Schools  
Military Bases

**Pima County Juvenile Court  
Center**

**Cochise County Juvenile  
Detention Center**

**Estes Elementary/Middle School**

**Kingman Unified School District**

**Davis Monthan Airforce Base**

**Ft. Huachuca Military Base**

# What Sets Us Apart

American Sign Language Interpretation  
Foreign Language Interpretation  
Travel to Communities for In-Person Cohorts



**OPEN DOORS  
INTERPRETING**  
Unlocking Communication Barriers

# Participant Testimonials



## Participant Testimonials



# Annual Report

## 42 Adults, 44 Youth Served

42 adults and 44 youth in the past year have participated in the SFP 10 - 14 Program with the AZYP Strengthening Families Project in four different counties in Arizona: Mohave, Pima, Cochise, and Pinal.

**Three** families reported having a child with special needs.

**One** family reported as having one family member needing ASL interpretation.

**Twelve** families were active in the juvenile probation system.



# Program Efforts



## Building on Current & Cultivating New Partnerships

AZYP is only as strong as our partnerships. Our team works to maintain long-standing partnerships in all counties, and outreaches to cultivate new partnerships.



## Integrity & Transparency

AZYP continue to use best practices that are most favorable our communities. We work with communities to listen to their needs and bring programs to serve communities where they are.



## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Creating environments for our participants, staff, and partners that will foster stronger relationships and positive outcomes. With an equity-lens, AZYP strives to provide programs that are inclusive and meet the needs of community members.







# Support Us

Let's talk about how we can work together for Arizona.

**Call Us**

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**Send Us a Message**

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**Visit our website**

[www.azyp.org](http://www.azyp.org)

# Thank you!

Feel free to approach us if you have any questions.



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