

# Reported Past Year Medication Misuse\* Among Delaware 8th Grade Public School Students: 2019-2020



## Legend

- New Castle County
- Kent County
- Sussex County
- PO Box/Company ZIP Codes
- Too Few to Estimate (N<30)

## Rate of Medication Misuse

- 6-7.9%
- 8-9.9%
- 10-11.9%
- 12-13.9%
- 14-17%

State Rate: 11%

## Data Notes:

Medication Misuse is when an individual uses a medication not as prescribed and includes steroids, over the counter medication, prescription "uppers" (diet pills, Ritalin, Concerta, Adderall), "downers" (Xanax and other benzodiazepines) and painkillers.

-Certain ZIP codes were combined to protect the confidentiality of the participating school districts

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the data collection for the Delaware School Survey was temporarily suspended. This suspension resulted in a reduction in Delaware School Survey data for the 2020 survey year and can be seen in the increased number of ZIP codes without available data.

## Source:

2019-2020 Delaware School Survey  
Center for Drug and Health Studies  
University of Delaware  
<https://www.cdhs.udel.edu/seow/school-surveys>

