

What's Happening in Kansas?

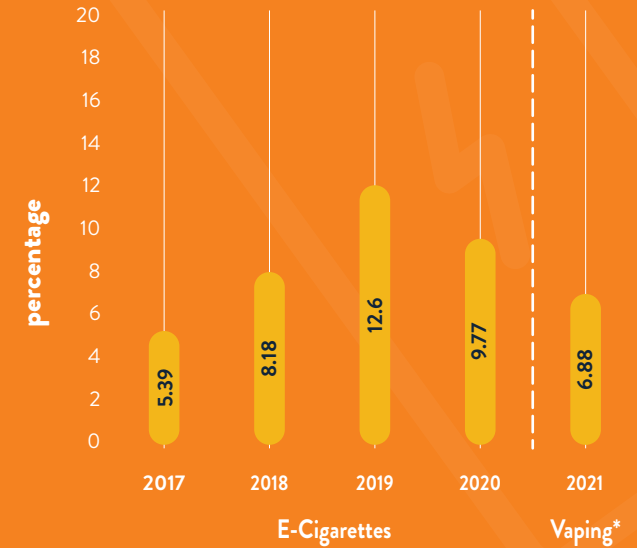
What did Kansas kids say about what substances they are using? Vaping products are the second highest substance used by kids.



Vaping Trends

E-cigarette use is presumably associated with inhalation of nicotine extracted from tobacco, and is considered less harmful than smoking cigarettes. Vaping may include inhalation of nicotine-based liquids or other substances which include THC and terpenes extracted from marijuana.

Percentage of kids who reported using e-cigarettes or vaping in the past 30 days:

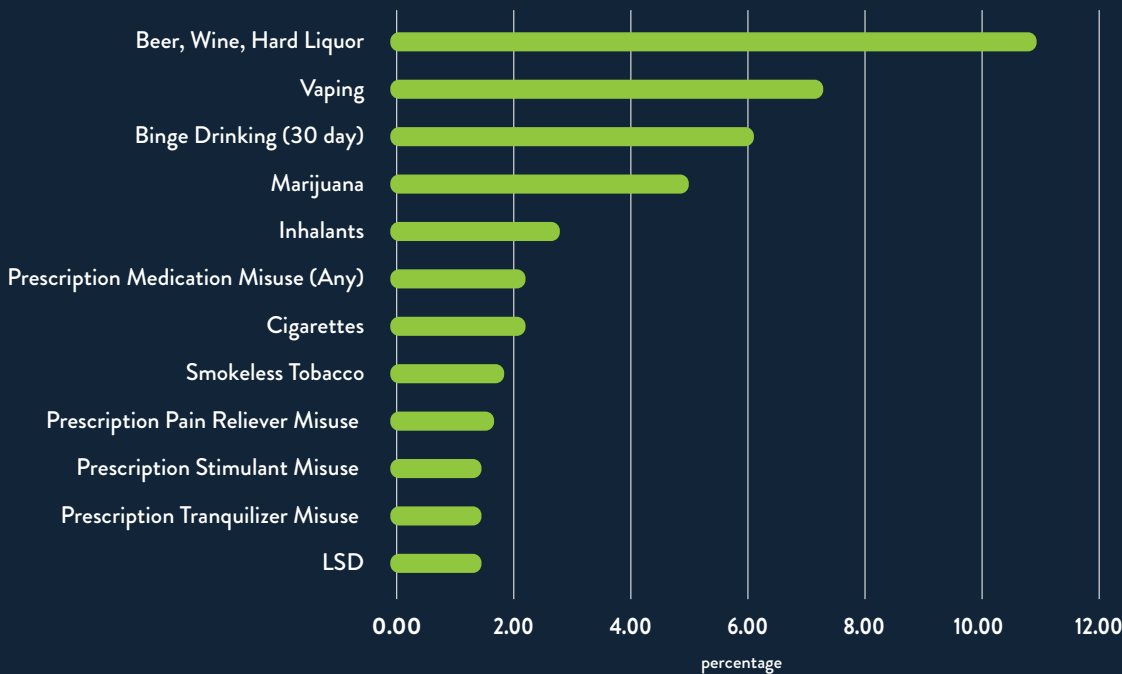


*Note: Vaping and e-cigarettes wording changes implemented in 2021 on KCTC impact how we reference longitudinal trend, but not availability of data for prevention planning. KCTC's vaping question does not break down specific substances included in vaping products (nicotine, THC extracted from marijuana, or other).

Substance Use

7% of Kansas kids reported vaping in 2021. Vaping is second only to alcohol use in terms of substances used by Kansas kids.

What substances did kids report using in the last 30 days?



*Note: Cocaine/crack, MDMA (Ecstasy), methamphetamines, and heroin each account for less than .2%.

Why does this matter?

Using an e-cigarette is commonly called vaping. When vaping reached its peak in 2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported an outbreak of lung injuries – including deaths – associated with e-cigarettes use. In addition to these critical health risks, kids who use vaping products are more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future.



Do you know what to look for?

Check out the E-cigarette/vaping visual dictionary at cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes

*The Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Student Survey is administered annually to 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders across the state. *Schools may participate at no cost. *The survey is supported by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services Behavioral Health Services.