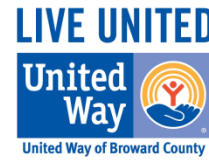


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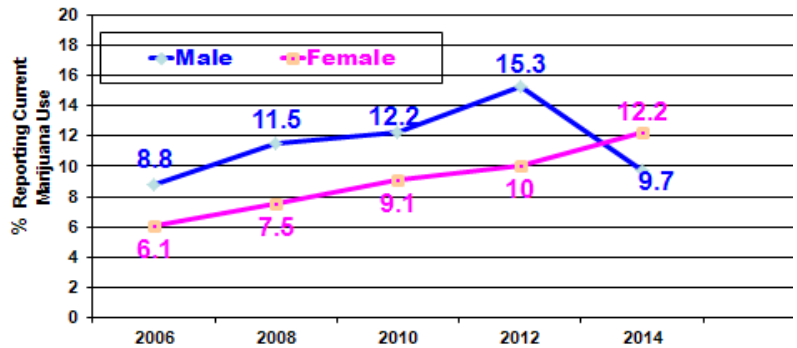
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Marijuana Use Increasing Among Broward Girls

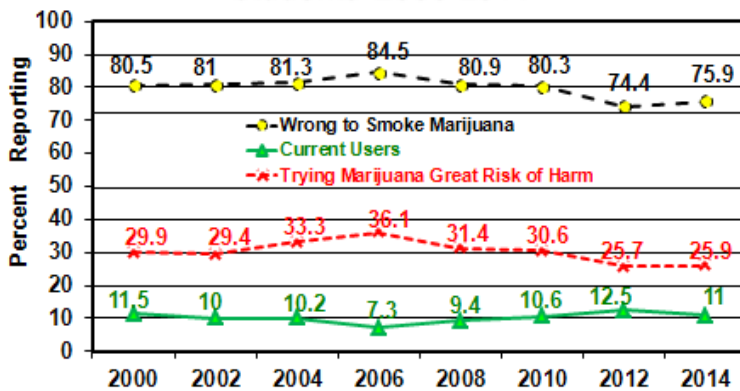
For the first time since surveys have been taken, the percent of Broward County middle and high school girls reporting current marijuana use exceeded the rate for boys. Any marijuana use in the past 30-days decreased among Broward male students from 15.3 % in 2012 to 9.7 % in 2014 while the rate reported by female students increased from 10 % to 12.2 % according to the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS).

Percent of any Past 30-Day Marijuana Use Among Broward Middle and High School Students by Gender 2006-2014



Source: Florida Dept. of Children & Families
Florida Youth Substance Abuse Surveys 2006-2014

Perceived Attitudes about Marijuana Among Broward County Middle and High School Students 2000-2014



Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Surveys 2000-2014

As the percent of Broward students reporting it would be wrong for someone their age to smoke marijuana and that trying marijuana once or twice presented a great risk of harm increased between 2000 and 2006, FYSAS rates of current use declined. However as those same attitudes softened between 2006 and 2012, use increased. The most recent patterns in 2014 reflect a modest decline in marijuana use as concerns about the drug among students slightly increased.



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