

The DeKalb Prevention Coalition partnered with local school districts in 2018-19 to support the administration of a school-based alcohol and drug prevention survey. The survey assesses alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use attitudes and behaviors among 8th, 10th and 12th grade students.

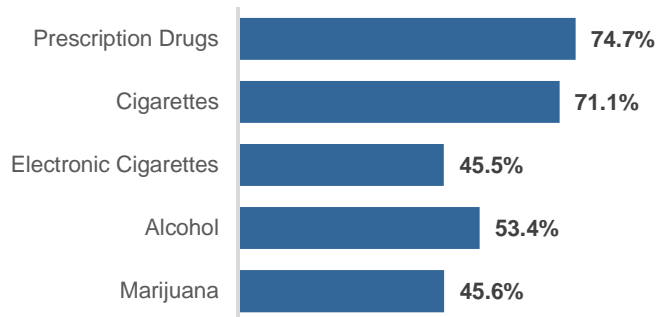
## PAST MONTH ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND DRUG USE

Past month use measures substance use in the 30 days prior to the survey administration.

 <b>1 in 61</b> or 1.6% of youth misused prescription drugs in the past month.	<b>13.1</b> was the average age of initiation for prescription drug misuse.
 <b>5%</b> of students reported smoking part or all of a cigarette in the past month.	<b>13.1</b> was the average age of initiation for cigarette use.
 <b>10%</b> of students reported using electronic cigarettes in the past month.	<b>14.4</b> was the average age of initiation for e-cigarette use.
 <b>7%</b> of students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.	<b>14.0</b> was the average age of initiation for alcohol use.
 <b>6%</b> of students reported smoking marijuana in the past month.	<b>14.4</b> was the average age of initiation for marijuana use.

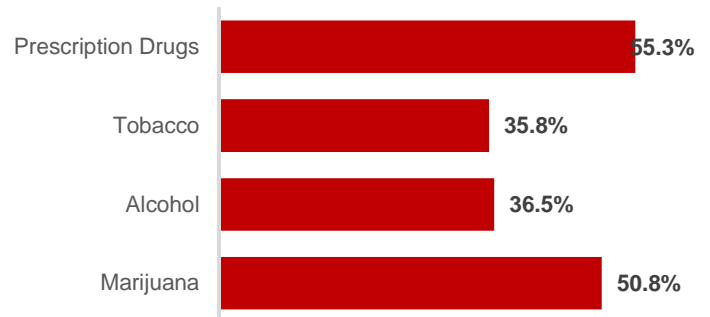
## PERCEPTION OF RISK

Perception of risk measures the percentage of students associating substance use with "great" risk.



## PERCEPTION OF ACCESS

Perception of access measures the percentage of students indicating a substance is "very difficult" to access.



## COMMUNICATION ABOUT SUBSTANCE USE



In the past 12 months, 38.7% of students reported that they talked with at least one parent about the dangers of using prescription drugs not prescribed to them.



In the past 12 months, 49.8% of students reported that they talked with at least one parent about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, or drug use.