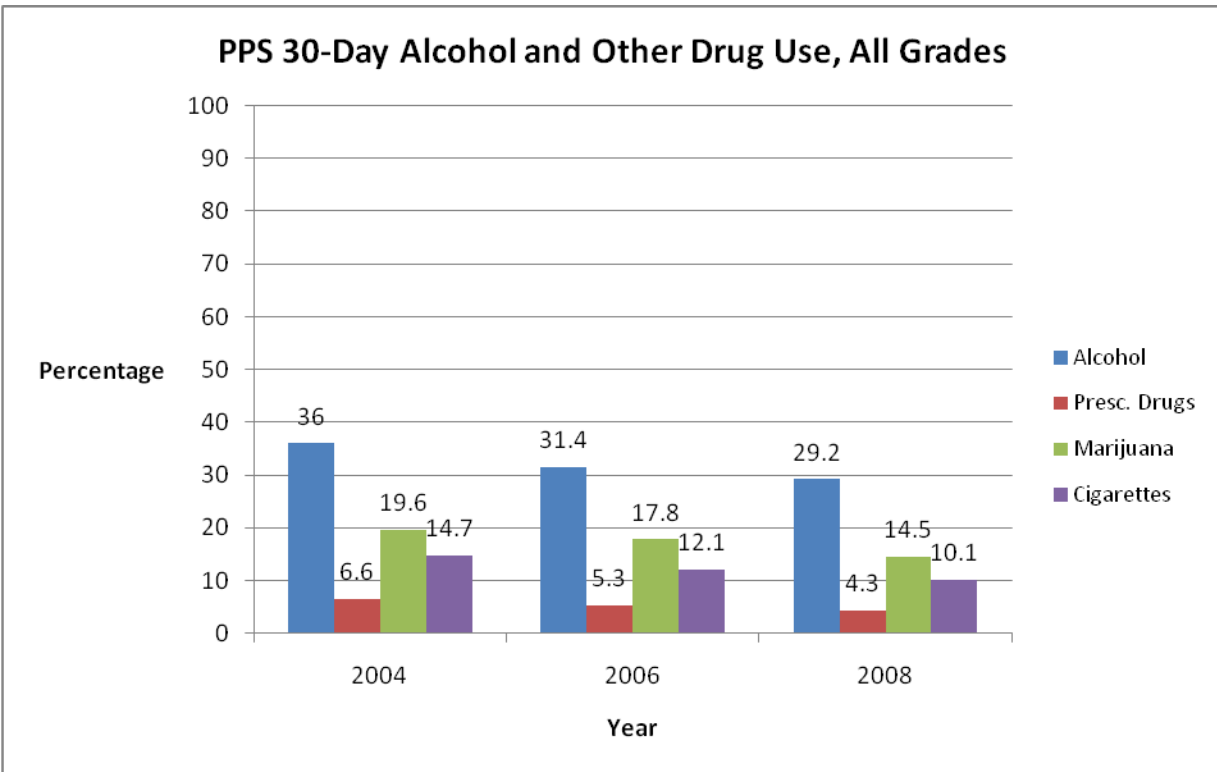


Alcohol and Other Drug Use in Portland Public Schools, 2004-2008



Summary

Overall, reported past 30-day alcohol, prescription drug, marijuana, and cigarette use declined across grades 6-12 in Portland Public Schools from 2004-2008. It appears that rates of substance use may be correlated – when use of one substance drops, so does use of some other substances.

Trends

Alcohol use: Three grades (6th, 7th, and 12th) showed increases in alcohol use, all from 2006-2008.

Prescription drug use: 10th graders showed an increase in prescription drug use from 2006 to 2008, while 9th graders had an increase in prescription drug use from 2004-2006, but then a decrease from 2006-2008.

Marijuana use: From 2006-2008, 6th and 10th graders showed increases in marijuana use. 7th, 8th, and 9th graders had increased marijuana use from 2004-2006, but this was followed by a decrease in use in these grades from 2006-2008.

Cigarette use: 6th and 12th graders had increases in cigarette use from 2006-2008. 7th and 10th graders had increases in 2004-2006, again followed by decreases from 2006-2008.