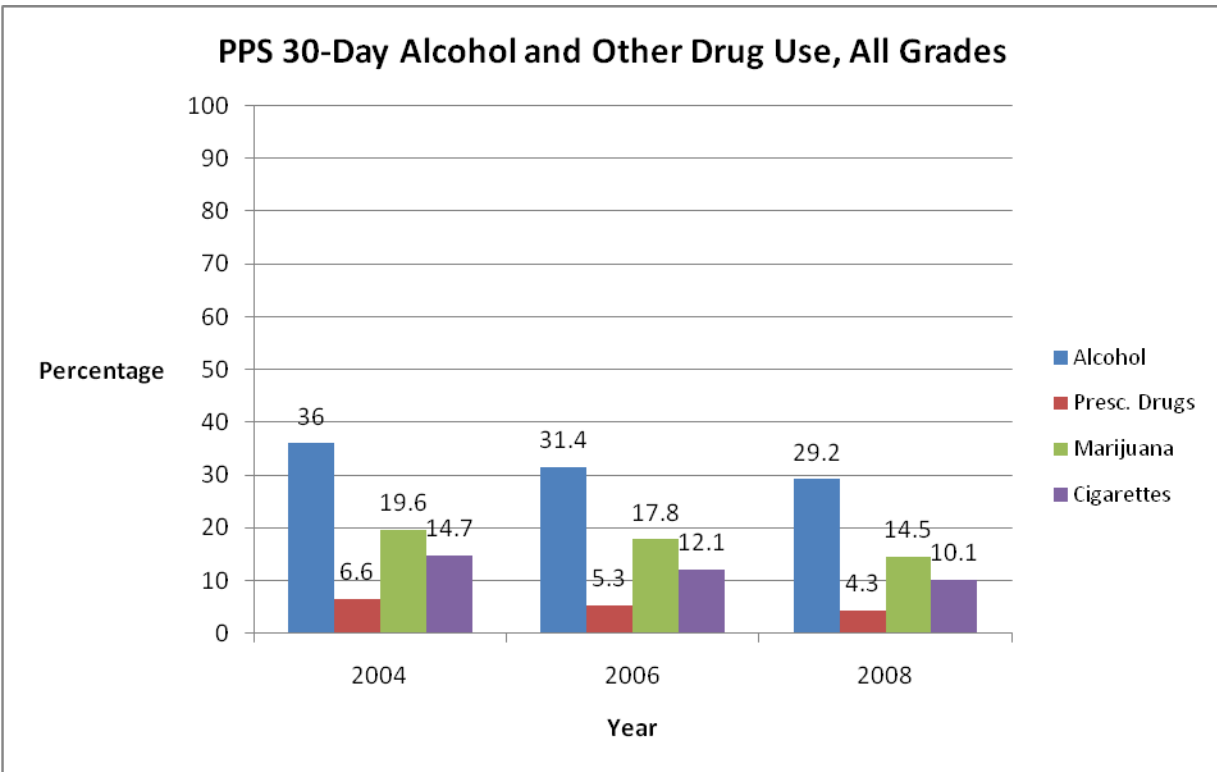


## Alcohol and Other Drug Use in Portland Public Schools, 2004-2008



### 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 (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>) showed increases in alcohol use, all from 2006-2008.

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

*Marijuana use:* From 2006-2008, 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders showed increases in marijuana use. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> 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:* 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders had increases in cigarette use from 2006-2008. 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders had increases in 2004-2006, again followed by decreases from 2006-2008.