



IOWA YOUTH SURVEY

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Overview

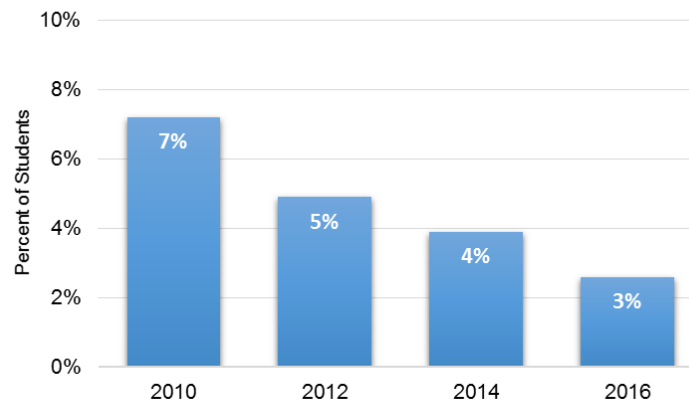
Since 1975, every two to three years students in grades 6, 8, and 11 attending Iowa public and private schools have taken the **Iowa Youth Survey (IYS)**. The IYS includes questions about students' behaviors, attitudes, beliefs, and perceptions of peer, family, school neighborhood, and community environments. In 2016, responses include 84,703 students representing all 99 counties in Iowa.



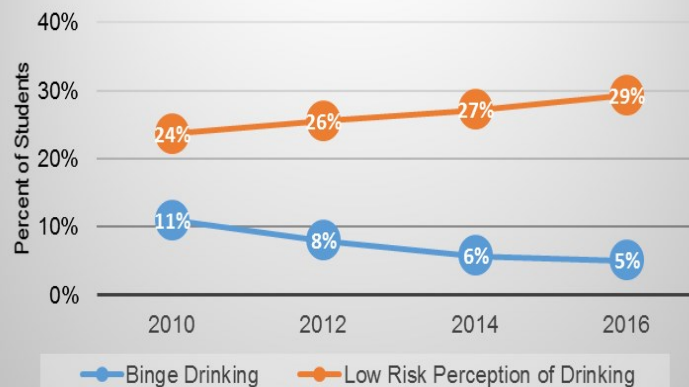
Objective

Assist state-level planners, community agencies, and school personnel identify youth development needs, implement relevant, targeted interventions, and assess outcomes.

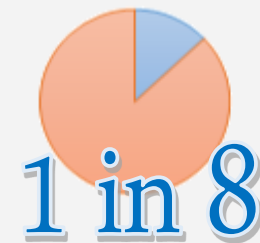
Reported cigarette use declined by over 50% since 2010



Reported binge drinking decreased; Low risk perceptions increased



State Results



Of students taking the Iowa Youth Survey reported seriously thinking about killing themselves within the last 12 months.

- Since 2010, smaller percentages of students have reported cigarette use contributing to a 63.8% decrease in cigarette use.
- While reports of binge drinking have declined, lower percentages of students report perceiving that drinking 3 or more drinks a day is harmful.

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