

It Takes All of Us Working Together



Good News

- Substance use rates are decreasing
- Connectedness to schools
- High reports of parent disapproval of all substances
- 50%+ of youth living in H-K report strong levels of assets and support-- 12% of youth report high levels
- 75%+ of youth reporting several of the VoG dispositions

Survey Participants

Math: (1) work out difference between (2021) and (b 2018) (2) divide the difference by the original number (b) and (c) multiply by 100

HKMS: 271 surveys counted-out of 291 (20 surveys/7% were discarded)

HKHS: 449 surveys counted out of 518 (69 surveys/15% were discarded)

Surveys taken between Jan. 13 – Jan.22nd 2021

Access through an online link with youth taking it either at home or in class

Challenges

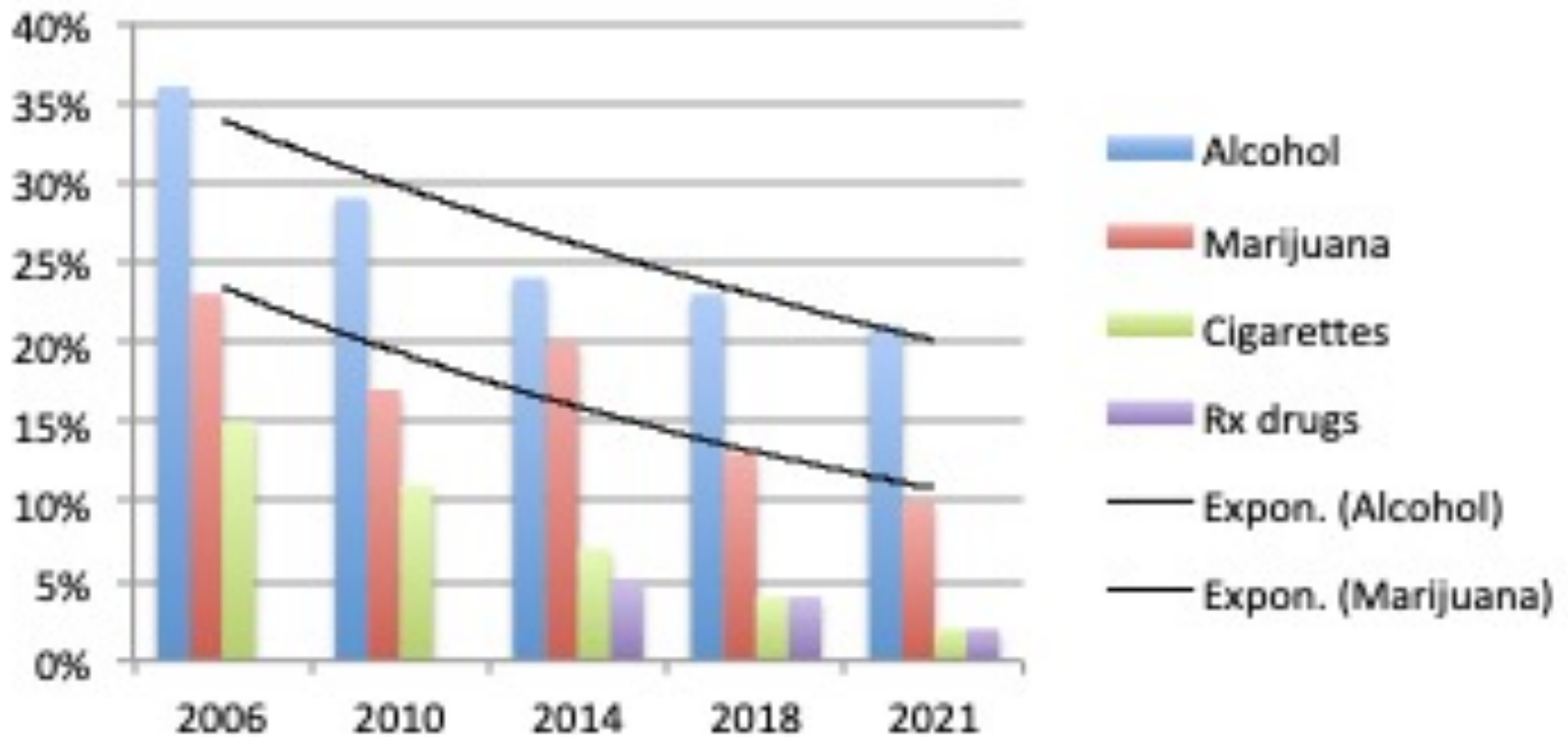
- Alcohol & marijuana use rates remain slightly higher than both state and national rates
- Growing numbers of youth do not perceive marijuana as harmful; disconnect with vaping THC or tobacco
- 45% of youth do not feel safe at home or school or in their neighborhoods
- The 44% of HK youth reporting fewest assets are facing greater challenges compounded by a fragmented year

Reducing Risks

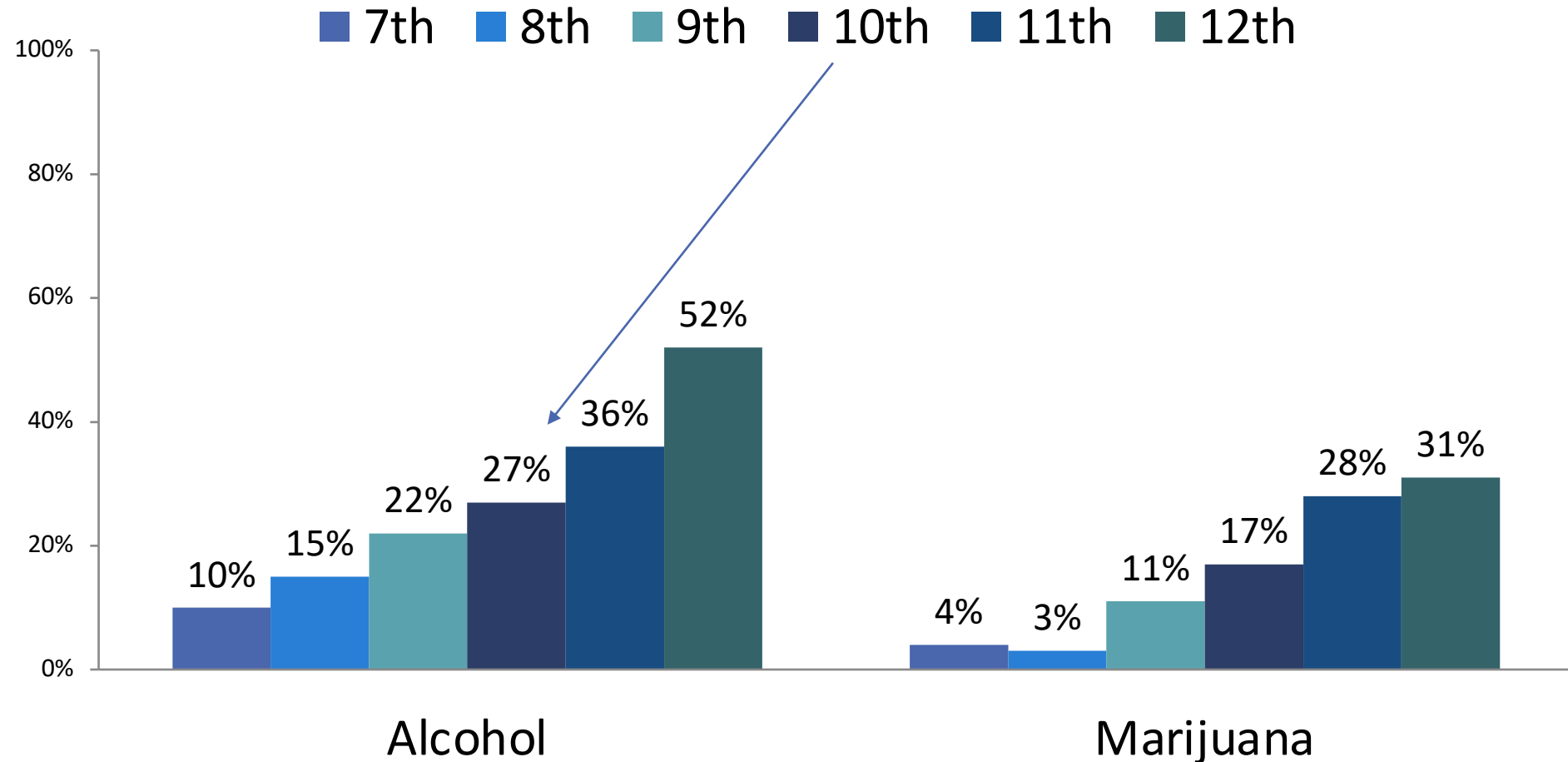
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Rates of Use Are Decreasing For All Substances

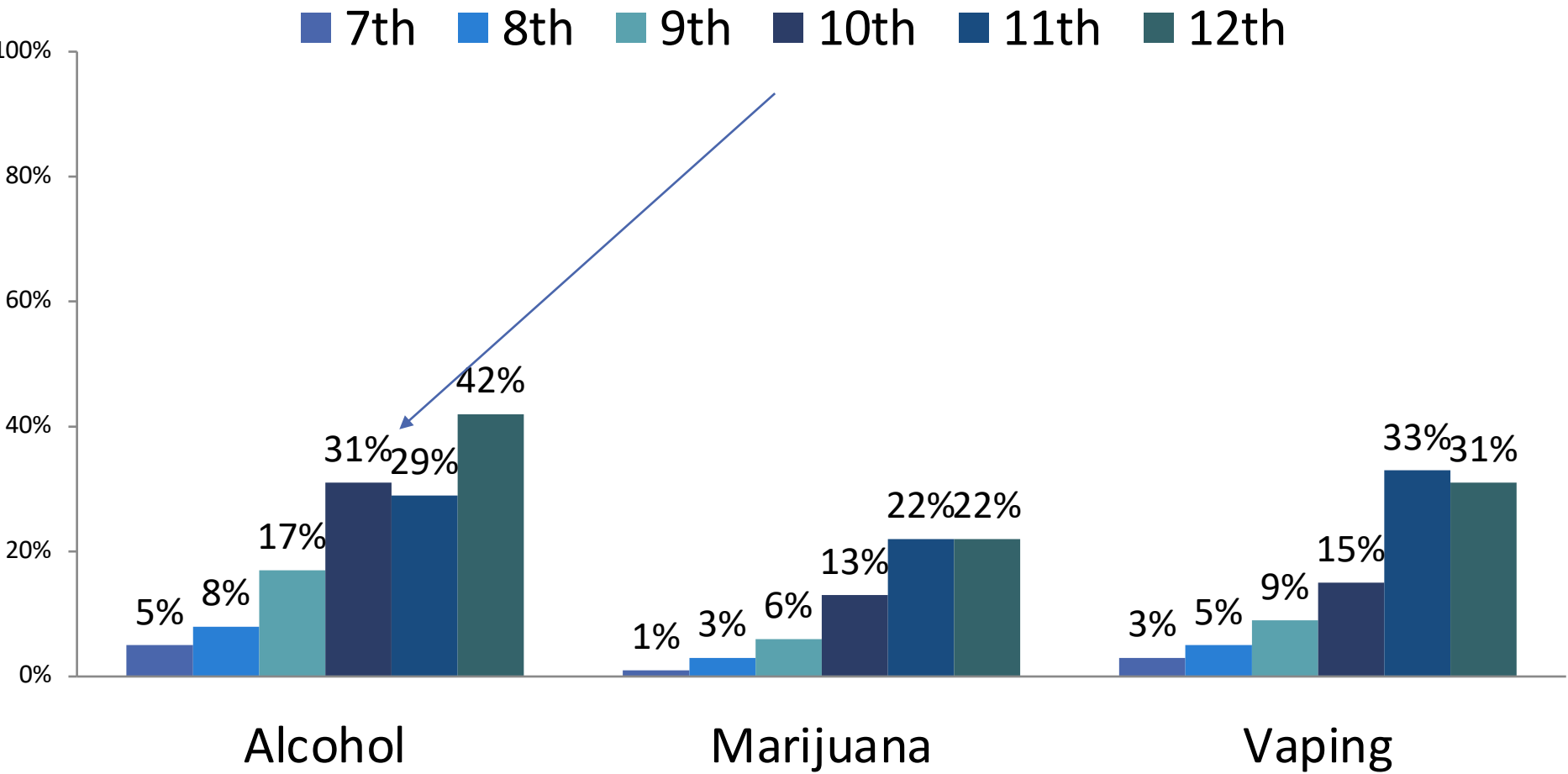
30-Day Use Rates: 2006-2021



Alcohol & Marijuana 30-day Use Rates by Grade 2018 Versus



Decreasing Alcohol & Marijuana (But Documented Vaping) 30-day Use Rates by Grade 2021



Areas of Positive Growth and Change for HK Youth

Commitment to Learning and Positive Values--HKMS

	2006- RSD17	2018	2021	Change "18-'21
School Engagement*;**	53%	33%	77%	+133%
Bonding to School*	44%	61%	68%	+11%
Equality and Social Justice=	42%	71%	71%	same
Restraint*	39%	66%	68%	+3%

Differences between genders narrowed significantly;
**reversed

Commitment to Learning and Positive Values--HKHS

	2006- RSD17	2018	2021	Change "18-'21
School Engagement*	53%	32%	81%	+153%
Bonding to School**	44%	61%	68%	+11%
Equality and Social Justice	42%	56%	76%	+36%
Restraint**	39%	29%	33%	+14%

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Positive Identity-HKHS

	2006- RSD17	2018	2021	Change "18-'21	8th Grade
Personal Power-control over things that happen "to me"	46%	38%	42%	+11%	37%
Self-Esteem	52%	42%	44%	+5%	38%
Sense of Purpose	70%	42%	57%	+36%	50%
Positive View of Future	74%	44%	77%	+75%	63%

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Social Competencies-HKHS

Internal Assets	2006- RSD17	2018	2021	Change "18-'21	10 Grade
Cultural Competence***	35%	38%	58%	+53%	50%
Resistance Skills*	40%	42%	48%	+14%	42%
Planning and Decision Making	30%	34%	42%	+24%	38%
Interpersonal Competence*	47%	42%	53%	+26%	52%

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Areas Posing A Mix of Growth and Challenges

Social Competencies-HKMS

Internal Assets	2006- RSD17	2018	2021	Change "18-'21
Cultural Competence***	35%	55%	60%	+9%
Resistance Skills*(negative peer pressure)	40%	56%	55%	-2%
Planning and Decision Making	30%	37%	36%	-3%
Interpersonal Competence*	47%	54%	59%	+9%

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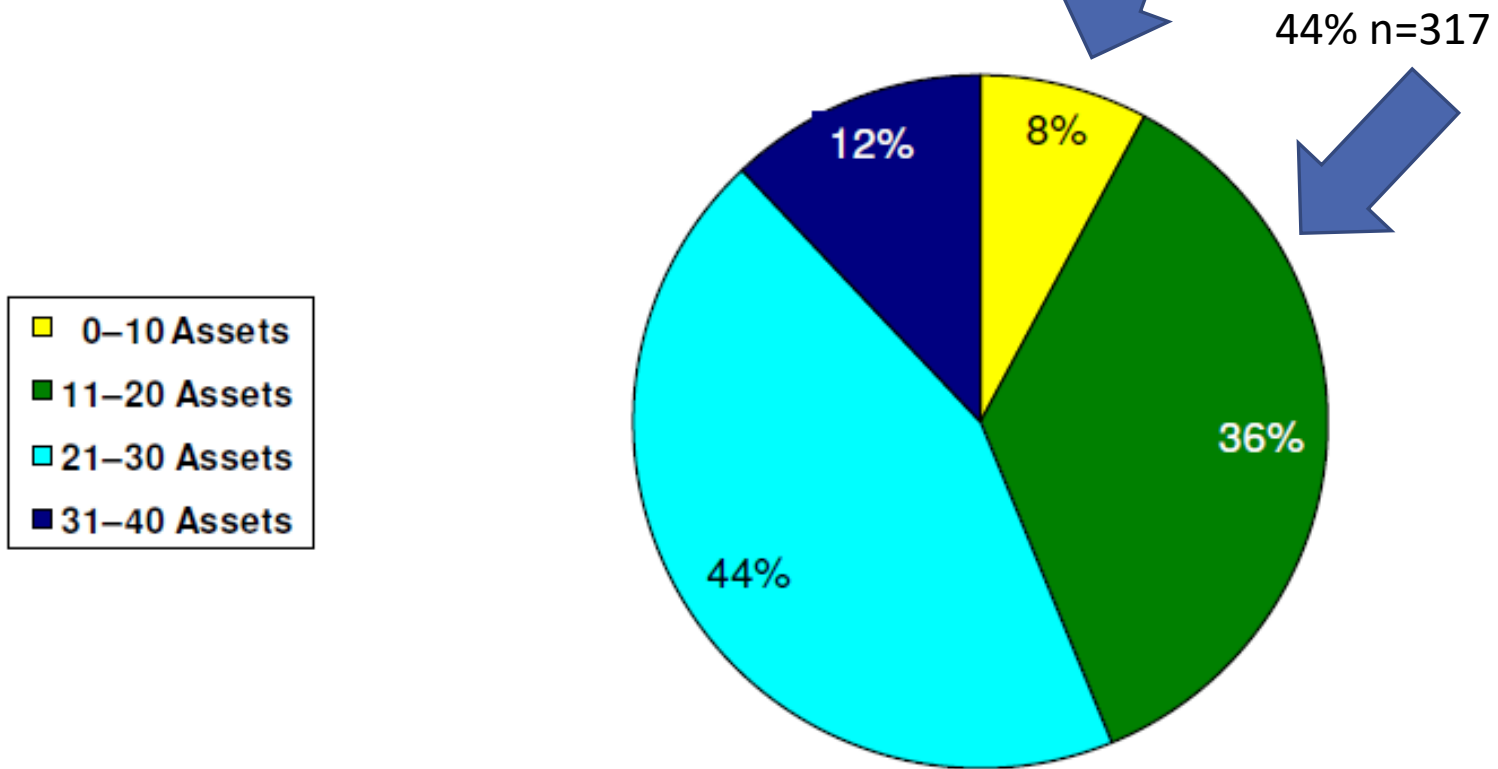
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Positive Identity-HKMS

	2006- RSD17	2018	2021	Change "18-'21
Personal Power-control over things that happen "to me"	46%	48%	45%	-6%
Self-Esteem	52%	58%	49%	-16%
Sense of Purpose	70%	73%	65%	-11%
Positive View of Future	74%	76%	71%	-7%

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Figure 2. The Asset Challenge Facing Your Community



Changes in Thriving Indicators for **HKMS Youth By Assets** 2018-2021

	2018	2021	0-10 Assets 2021	31-40 Assets
Values Diversity	65%	68%	40%	86%
Succeeds in School (mostly As)	44%	38%	11%	69%
Overcomes Adversity	70%	63%	35%	86%
Maintains Good Health	70%	64%	0	100%

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Comparing Risk-Taking Behaviors for HKMS Youth by Asset Level 2018-2021

	2018	2021	0-10 Assets 2021	31-40 Assets
Eating Disorder***	14%	19%	50%	3%
Hit Someone 1x or More in Past 12-Months***	26%	20%	45%	6%
School Truancy-1x or More in Past Four Weeks	23%	21%	45%	6%
Depression most or all the time in last month***	13%	17%	55%	0%

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Comparison of Risk-Taking Behaviors for **HKHS Youth With 0-10 Assets** 2018-2021

	2018	2021	0-10 Assets 2021	0-10 Assets 2018
Eating Disorder***	22%	23%	40%	4%
Hit Someone 1x or More in Past 12-Months***	21%	14%	28%	2%
Attempted Suicide	14%	10%	25%	4%
Depression most or all the time in last month***	18%	21%	50%	0%

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