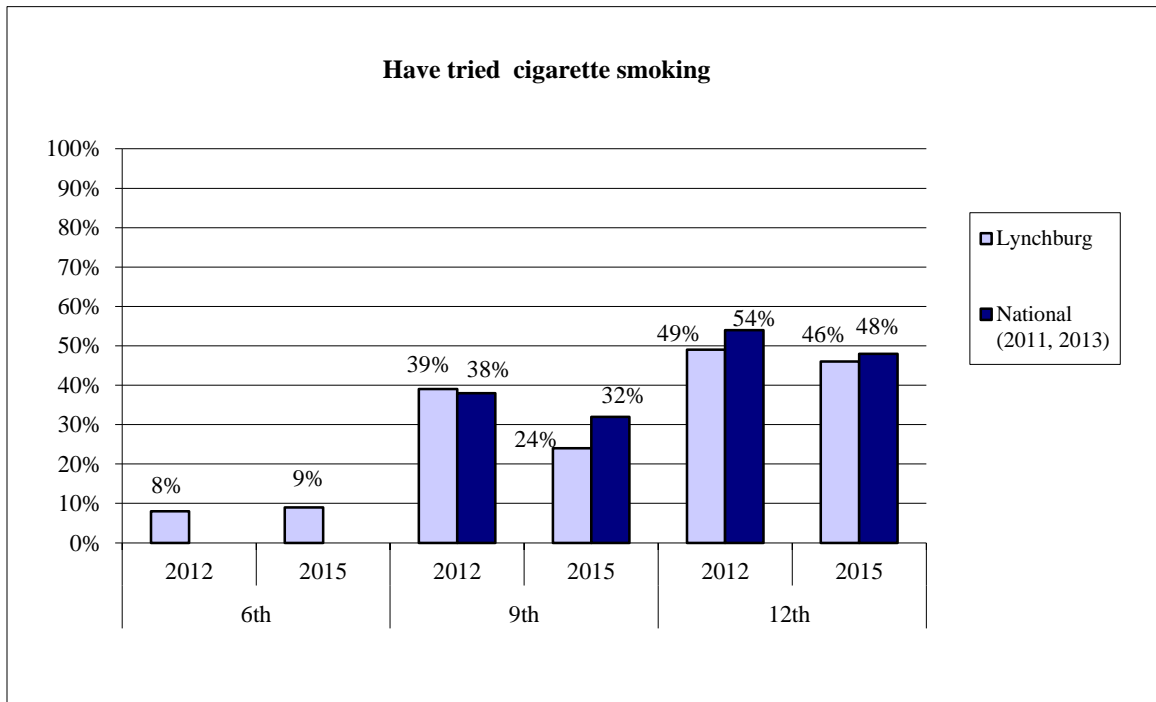


Tobacco

Survey Question:

Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?

The percentages of students who reported having tried cigarette smoking are displayed in the graph below.



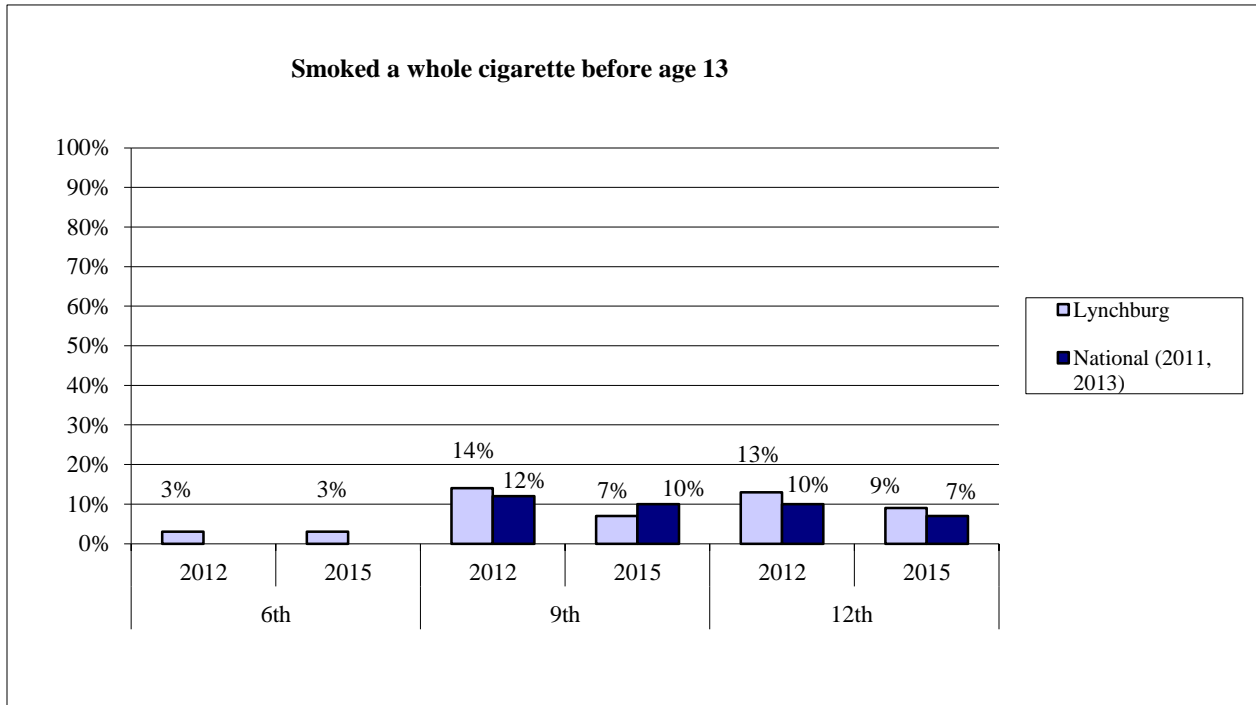
6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

Between 2012 and 2015, there was a 1% increase in the number of Lynchburg City School 6th grade students who had tried cigarette smoking. Both of the other Lynchburg City School samples show a lower rate of trying cigarette smoking than the corresponding national samples. The portion of 9th grade Lynchburg students that reported having tried cigarettes dropped 15% during the three-year period.

Survey Question:

How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?

The percentages of students who smoked a whole cigarette before the age of 13 are presented in the graph below.



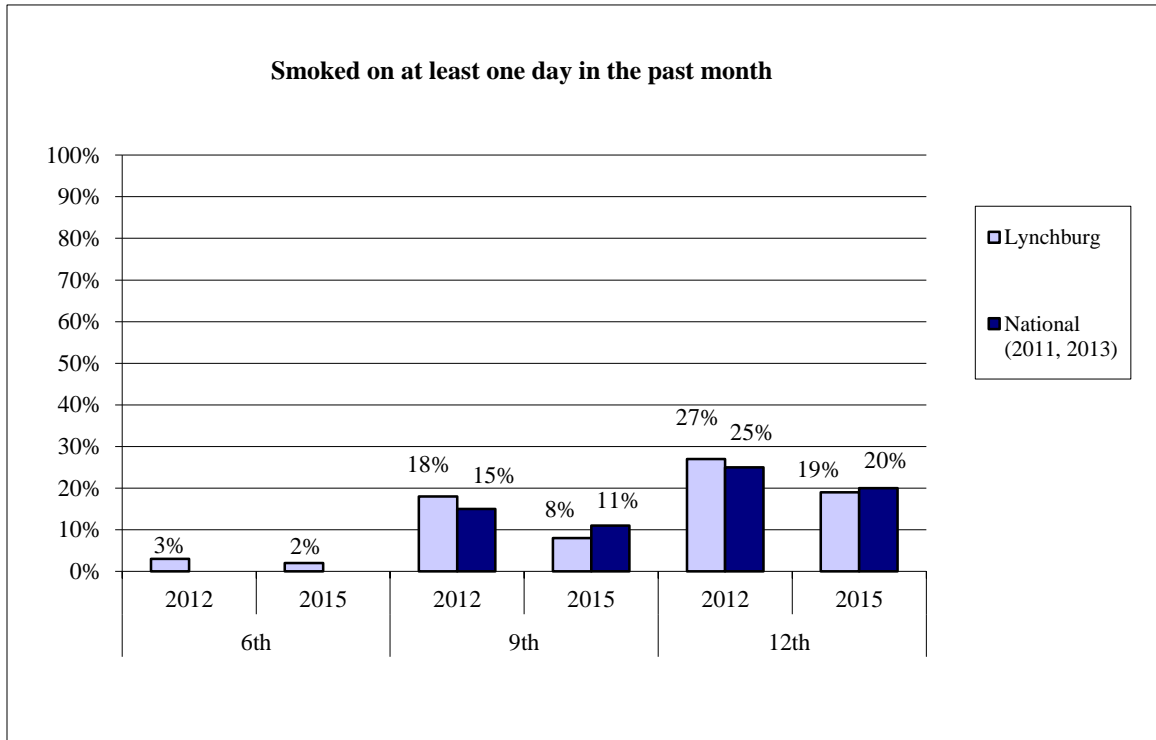
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Although there was no change in the percentage of 6th graders that had smoked a whole cigarette before the age of 13, the corresponding portions of 9th and 12th grade Lynchburg students dropped 7% and 4%, respectively.

Survey Question:

During the past month, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?

The percentages of students who reported smoking on at least one day in the past month are displayed in the graph below.



6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

There was a decrease in the rate of Lynchburg City School 6th, 9th, and 12th graders, between 2012 and 2015, who had smoked in the past month. The largest decrease (10%) is reported by the 9th grade sample, although 12th graders also reported a notable decrease of 8%.

Survey Question:

During the past month, how did you USUALLY get your own cigarettes?

(Select one response.)

The results of this question are presented in the tables below.

6 th	During the past month, how did you USUALLY get your own cigarettes? (Select one)	Response	2012	2015
		I did not smoke	96%	97%
		I bought them in a store	<1%	<1%
		I gave someone money to buy them for me	1%	<1%
		I borrowed them from someone else	1%	1%
		I stole them	1%	<1%
		A person 18 years or older gave them to me	--	1%
		I bought them on the Internet	--	<1%
		I got them some other way	1%	<1%

9 th	During the past month, how did you USUALLY get your own cigarettes? (Select one)	Response	2012	2015
		I did not smoke	81%	93%
		I bought them in a store	2%	1%
		I gave someone money to buy them for me	5%	2%
		I borrowed them from someone else	6%	1%
		I stole them	2%	1%
		A person 18 years or older gave them to me	--	<1%
		I bought them on the Internet	--	0%
		I got them some other way	5%	2%

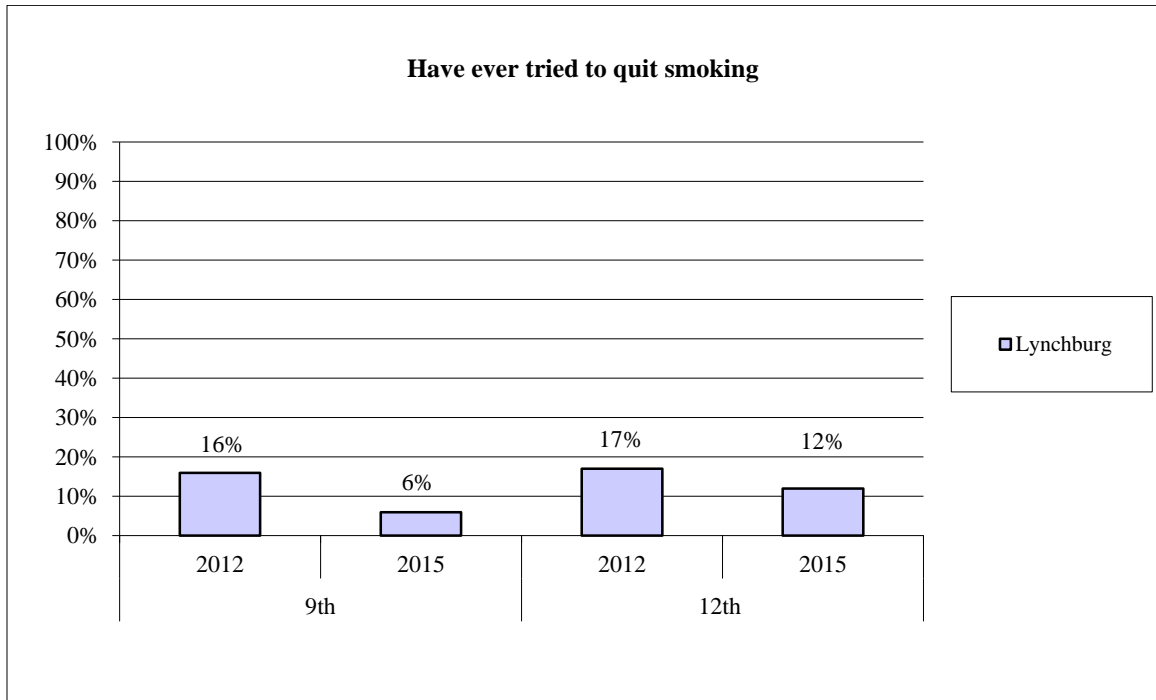
12 th	During the past month, how did you USUALLY get your own cigarettes? (Select one)	Response	2012	2015
		I did not smoke	75%	79%
		I bought them in a store	15%	13%
		I gave someone money to buy them for me	3%	2%
		I borrowed them from someone else	6%	4%
		I stole them	1%	0%
		A person 18 years or older gave them to me	--	1%
		I bought them on the Internet	--	<1%
		I got them some other way	1%	1%

6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

The results from this question indicate that most 12th graders buy their cigarettes in a store and most 9th graders gave someone money to buy them.

*Survey Question:***Have you ever tried to quit smoking cigarettes?**

The percentages of students who reported ever having tried to quit smoking cigarettes are presented in the graph below.



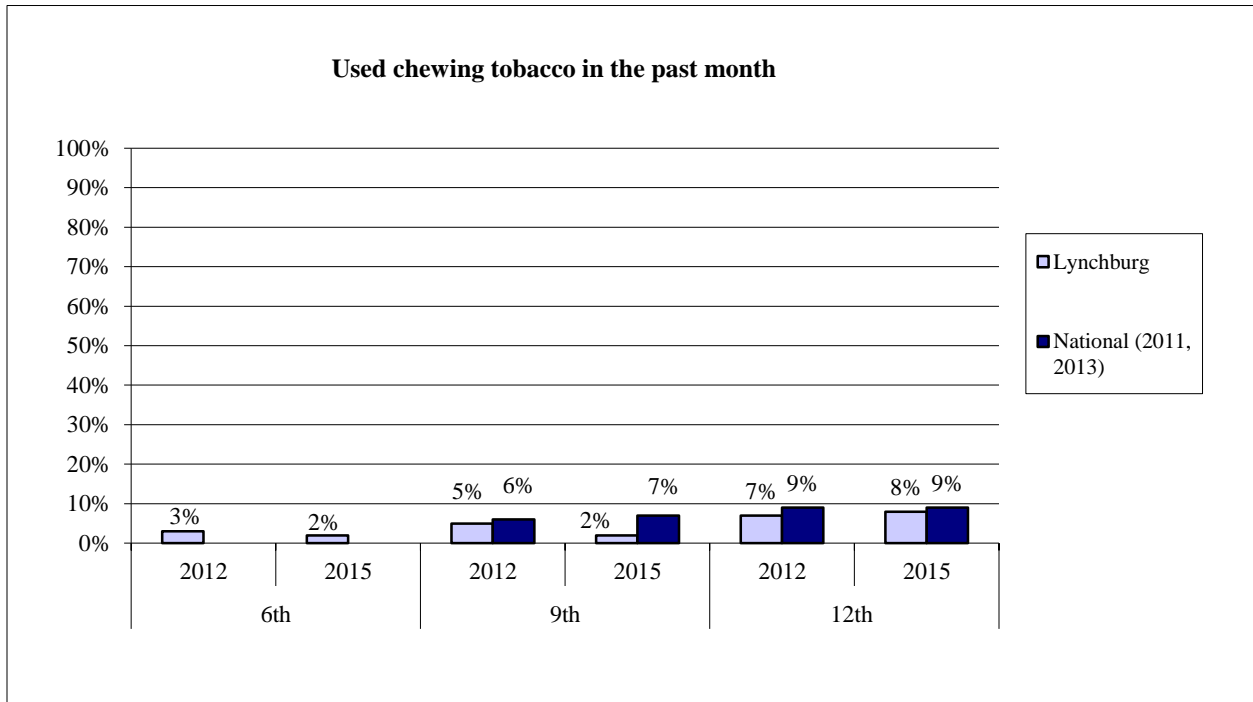
9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

Not surprisingly, given the trends shown in previous tobacco-related questions, there were notable decreases in the portions of local teens who reported having tried to quit smoking.

Survey Question:

During the past month, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco or snuff?

The percentages of students who reported using chewing tobacco or snuff on one or more days in the past month are displayed in the graph below.



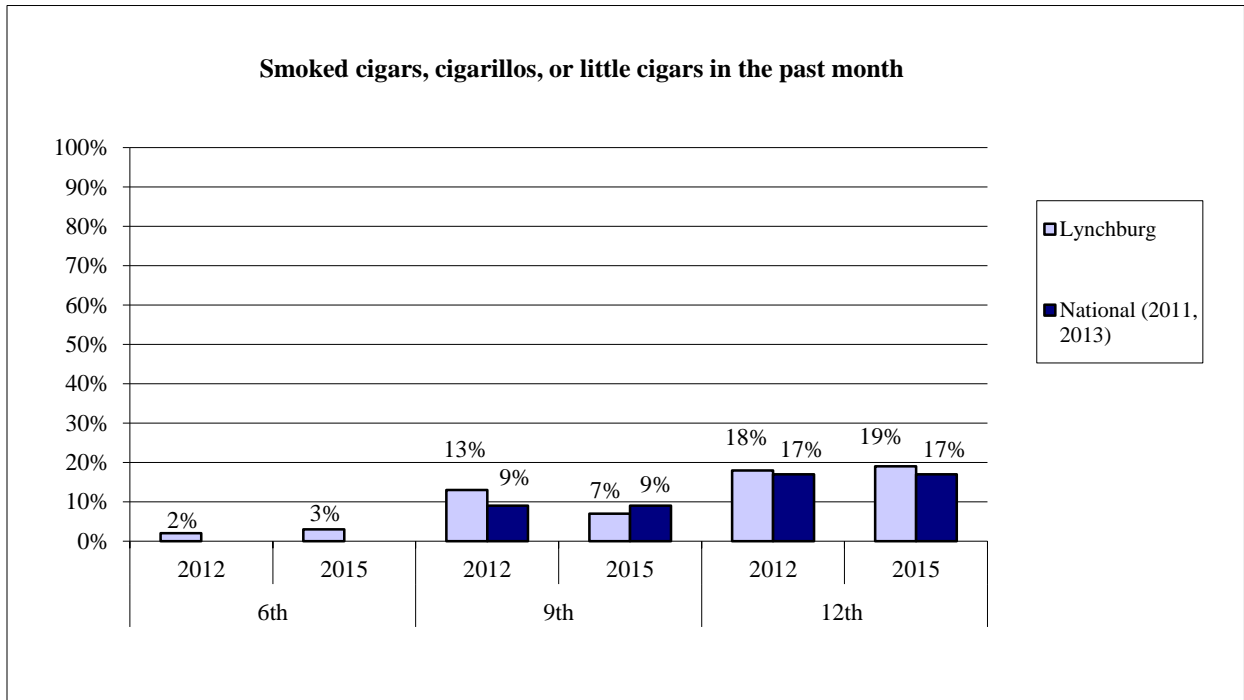
6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

There were two decreases in the amount of local youth who reported having used chewing tobacco in the month prior to taking the survey. A 3% decrease occurred in the 9th grade sample and a 1% decrease occurred in the 6th grade sample. However, there was a slight increase in 12th graders who reported this behavior.

Survey Question:

During the past month, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?

The percentages of students who reported smoking cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on one or more days in the past month are displayed in the graph below.

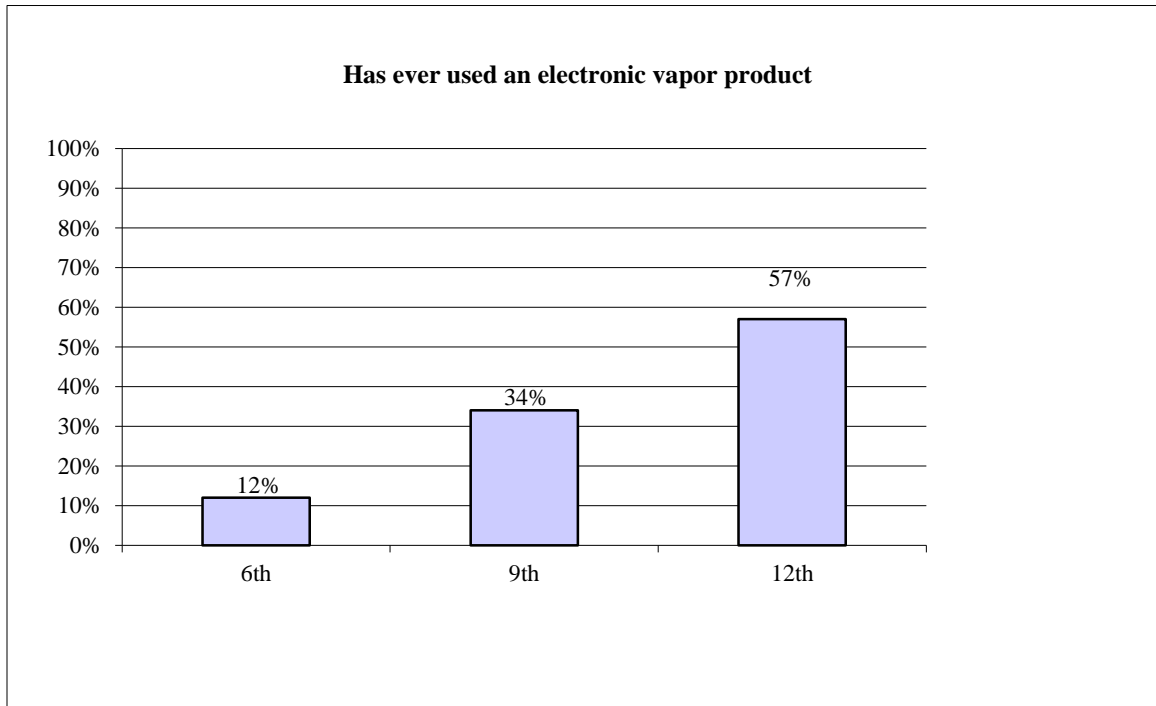


6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

Both the 6th graders and the 12th graders in Lynchburg City had a slight increase (1%) in reporting of smoking cigars. The local 9th grade sample, however, demonstrated a drop of 6%. There is only a slight difference (2%) between the high school Lynchburg City School samples and the national high school samples.

*Survey Question:***Have you ever used an electronic vapor product?**

The percentages of students who reported ever having used an electronic vapor product are displayed in the graph below.



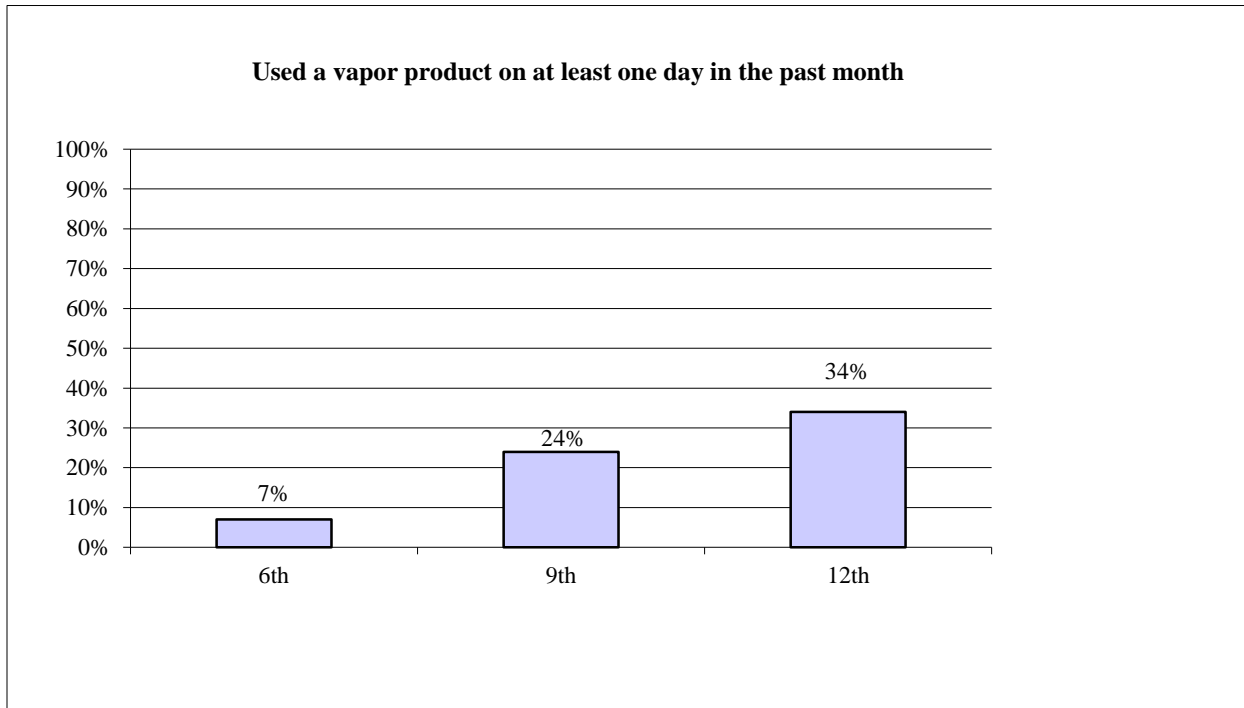
6th grade N = 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 368 (2015)

This question was new to the Lynchburg City YRBS in 2015, and was not included on the 2013 national survey. There is a steady and significant increase in electronic vapor use as grade level rises, starting with 12% of 6th graders and increasing to 57% of 12th graders.

Survey Question:

During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use an electronic vapor product?

The percentages of students who reported using a vapor product on at least one day in the last month are displayed in the graph below.



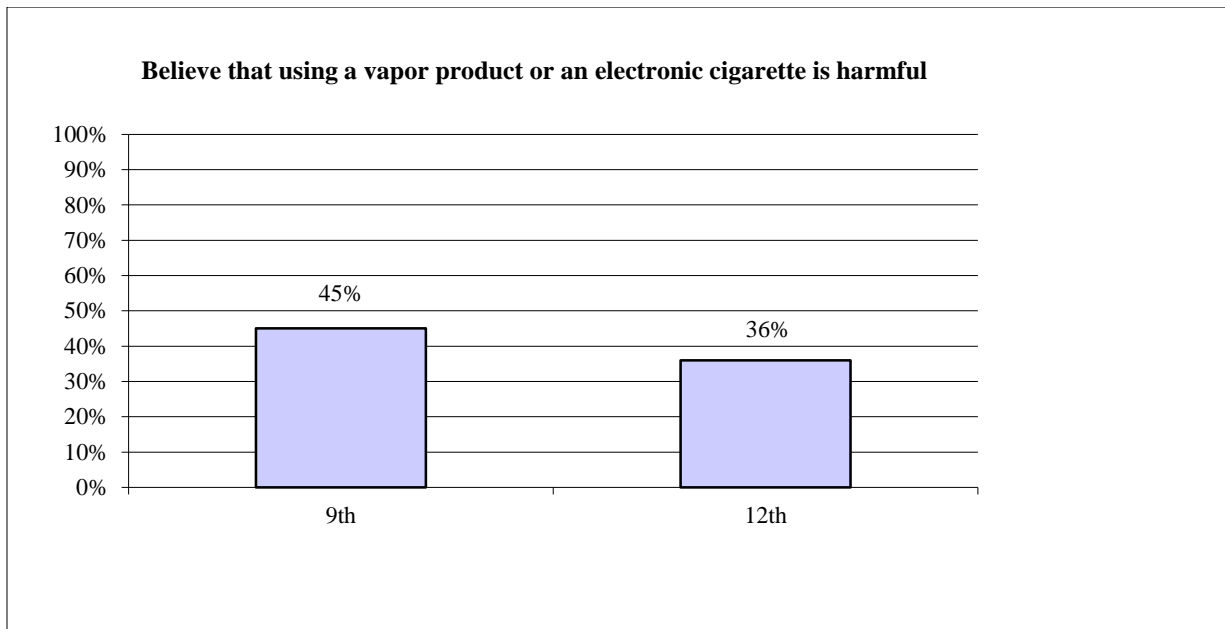
6th grade N = 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 368 (2015)

This question was new to the Lynchburg City YRBS in 2015, and was not included on the 2013 national survey. The results mirror those of the previous question, indicating that the rate of electronic vapor use in the past month increases with age.

Survey Question:

Do you think people risk harming themselves if they use vapor products or electronic cigarettes?

The percentages of students who think that young people risk harming themselves if they use vapor products or electronic cigarettes are presented in the graph below.



9th grade N = 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 368 (2015)

This question was new to the Lynchburg City YRBS in 2015, and was not included on the 2013 national survey. Only 45% of 9th graders and 36% of 12th graders believe that the use of vapor products or electronic cigarettes is harmful.