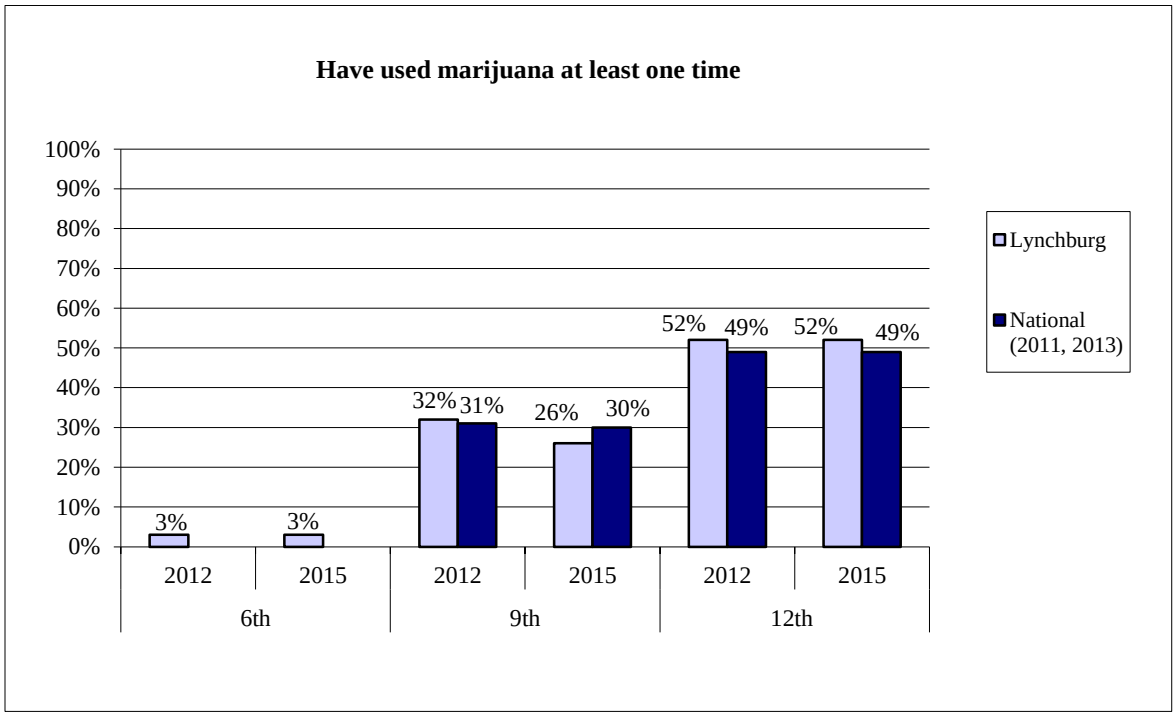
Drugs

Survey Question:

During your life, how many times have you ever used marijuana?

The percentages of students who reported having ever used marijuana are displayed in the graph below.



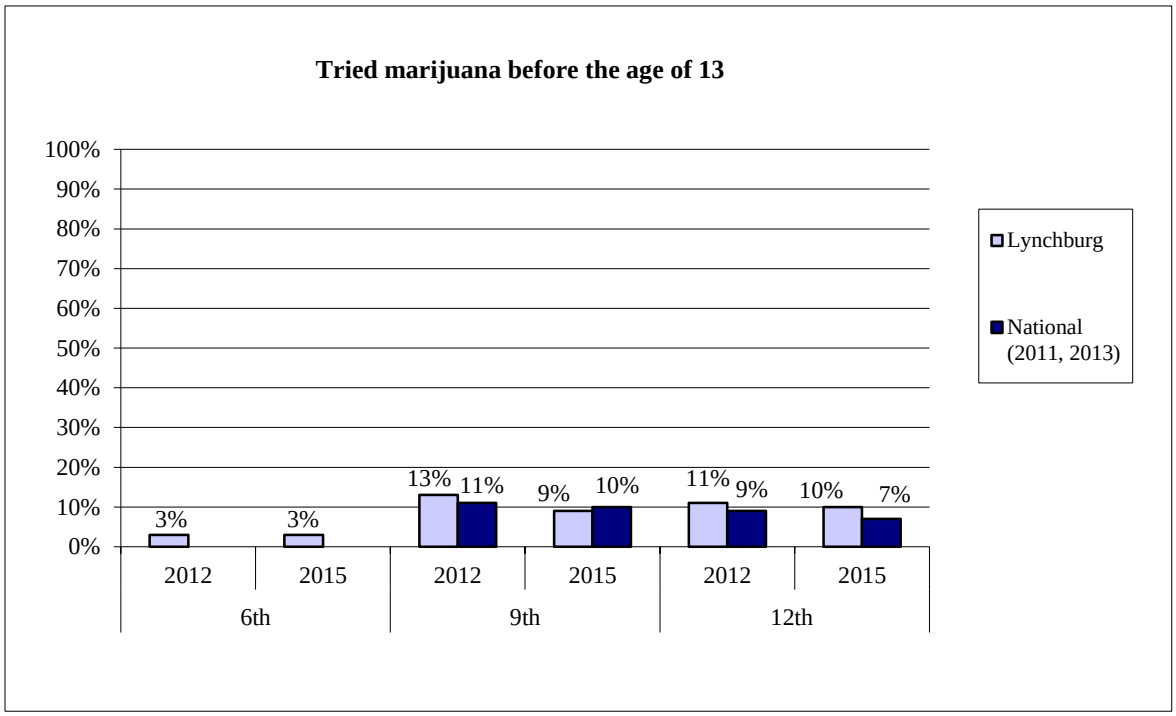
6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

Between 2012 and 2015, there were no increases in the portions of Lynchburg City School 6th and 12th graders who reported ever having smoked marijuana. However, during the same time period, there was a 6% decrease in the portion of Lynchburg City School 9th graders who reported the same thing. There were similar differences (3% and 4%) between the Lynchburg City School 9th and 12 graders and their national counterparts.

Survey Question:

How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?

The percentages of students who reported trying marijuana before the age of 13 are displayed in the graph below.



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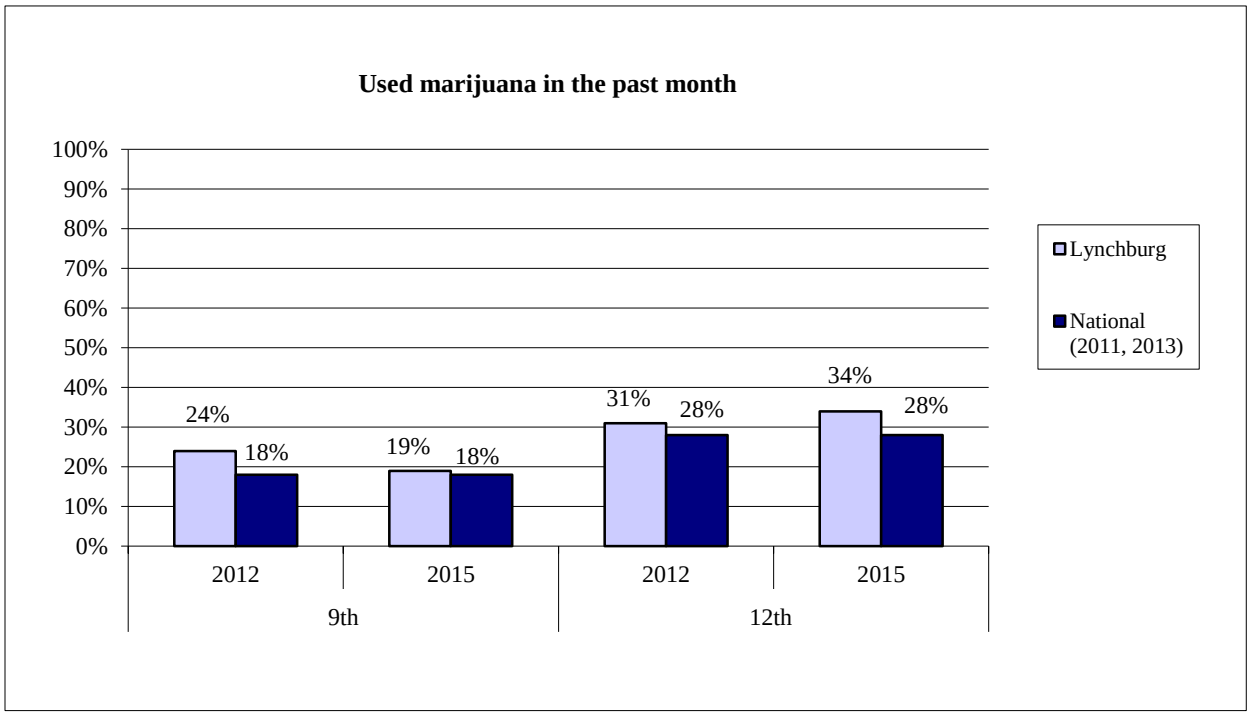
There was no change in the portion of Lynchburg City School 6th grade students who reported trying marijuana before the age of 13. The very small portions reported are most likely explained by the ages of the 6th graders surveyed. The Lynchburg City School 9th and 12th grade samples both had a decreased rate of reporting this behavior (4% and 1% respectively).

Survey Question:

During the past month, how many times did you use marijuana?

The percentages of students who reported using marijuana in the past month are displayed in the graph below.



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

There was a decrease (5%) between 2012 and 2015 in the portion of Lynchburg City School 9th graders who reported having used marijuana in the past month. The portions of Lynchburg City School 12th grade students who reported having tried the drug in the past month was 3% higher in 2015 than in 2012, and 6% higher than their national counterparts in 2015.

Survey Question:

During the past month, how did you USUALLY use marijuana? (Check all that apply.)

The results pertaining to this question, *for the 2015 Lynchburg City School survey only*, are presented in the tables below.

		Response	%
9th	During the past month, where did you USUALLY use marijuana?	I did not use marijuana	81
		I drank it in tea, cola, alcohol, or other drinks	<1
		I vaporized it	1
		I smoked it	11
		I ate it in food	0
		I used it in some other way	1

		Response	%
12th	During the past month, where did you USUALLY use marijuana?	I did not use marijuana	63
		I drank it in tea, cola, alcohol, or other drinks	1
		I vaporized it	2
		I smoked it	33
		I ate it in food	1
		I used it in some other way	1

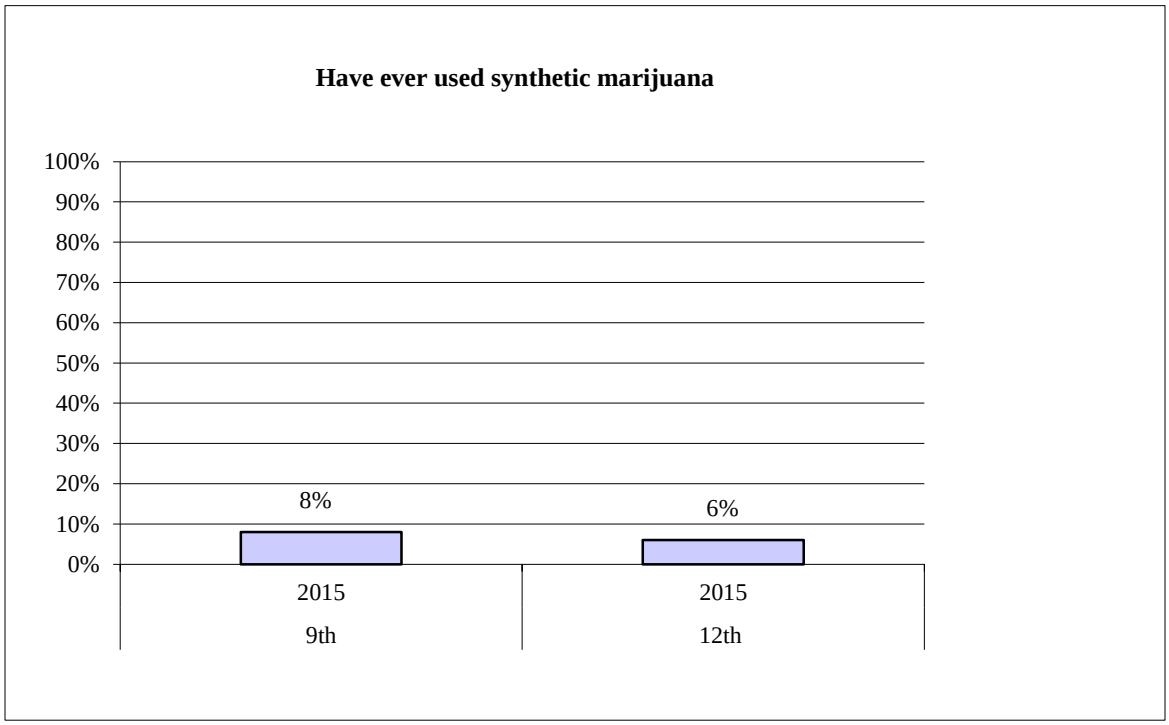
9th grade N = 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 368 (2015)

The method of using marijuana that most 9th and 12th grade Lynchburg City students reporting using was smoking the substance via a joint, bong, pipe, or blunt.

Survey Question:

During your life, how many times have you used synthetic marijuana (also called K2, Spice, fake weed, King Kong, Yucatan Fire, Skunk, or Moon Rocks)??

The percentages of students who reported having ever used synthetic marijuana are displayed in the graph below.



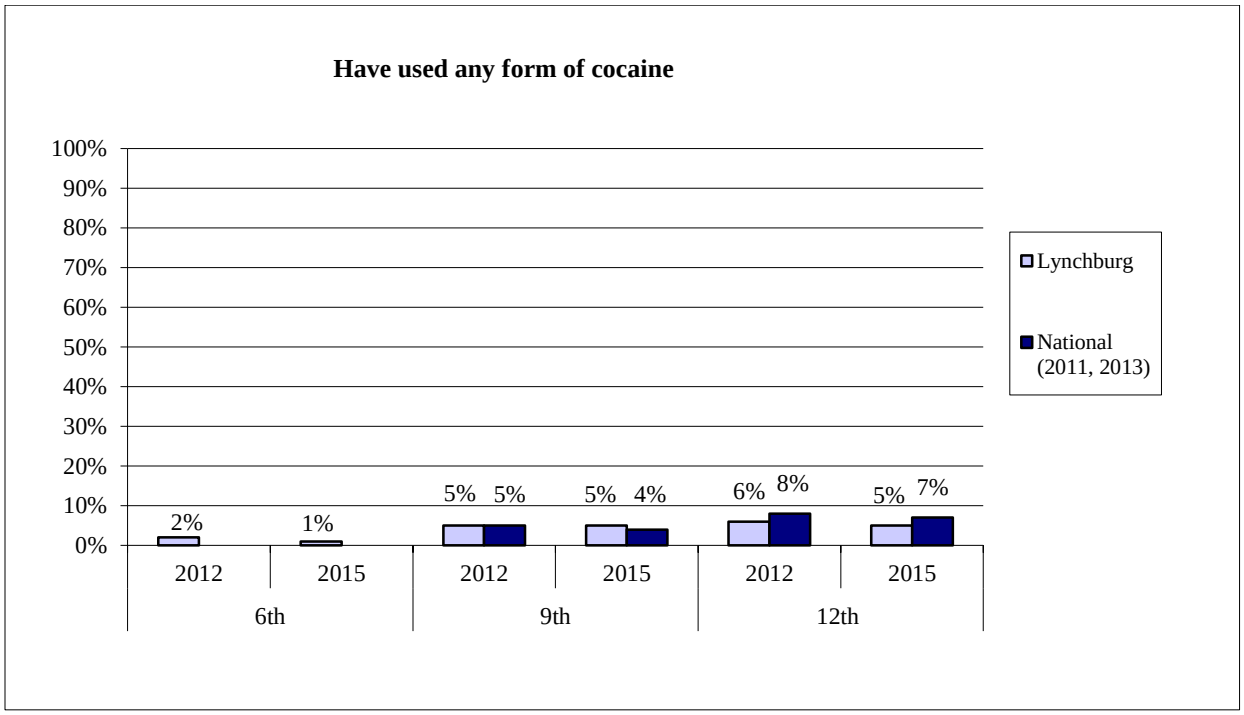
9th grade N = 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 368 (2015)

This question, new in 2015 and not asked on the 2013 national survey, revealed that 8% of Lynchburg City 9th graders and 6% of 12th graders reported using synthetic marijuana at least once in their lives.

Survey Question:

During your life, how many times have you used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase?

The percentages of students who reported having ever used any form of cocaine are displayed in the graph below.



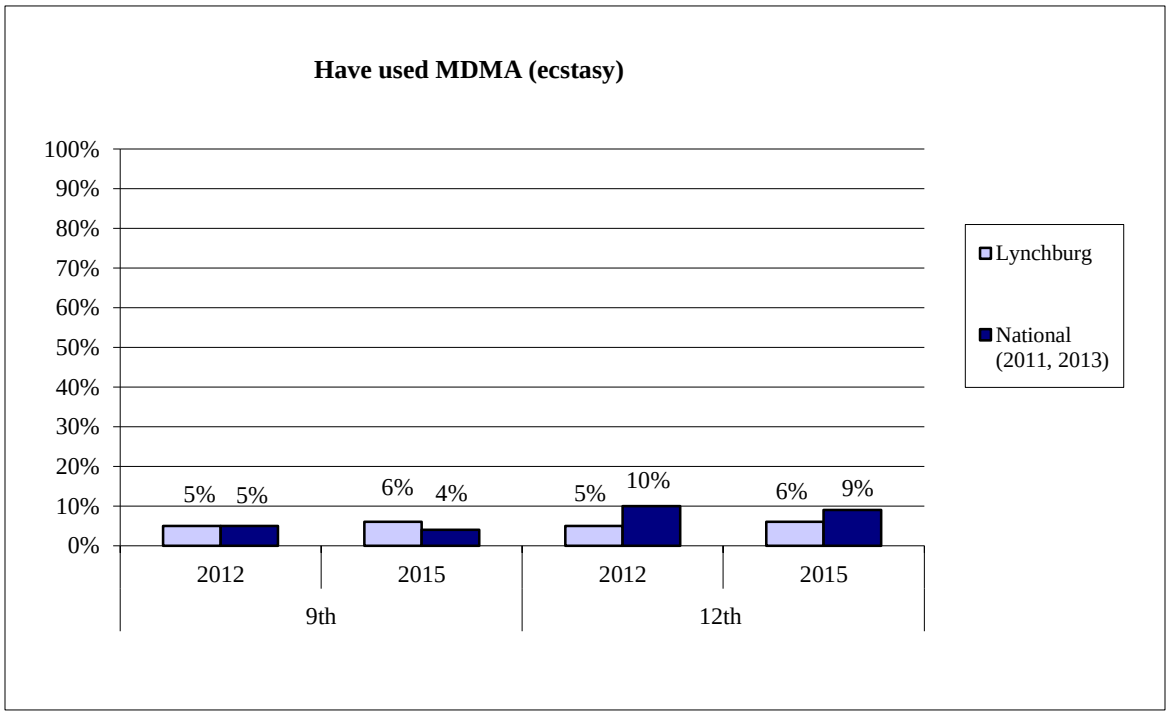
6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

Between 2012 and 2015, there were slight decrease in Lynchburg City School 6th and 12th graders who reported engaging in this behavior. The portion of 9th graders (5%) who reported having ever used cocaine remained constant during this time period.

Survey Question:

During your life, how many times have you used ecstasy (also called MDMA)?*

The percentages of 9th and 12th grade students who reported having ever used ecstasy are displayed in the graph below.



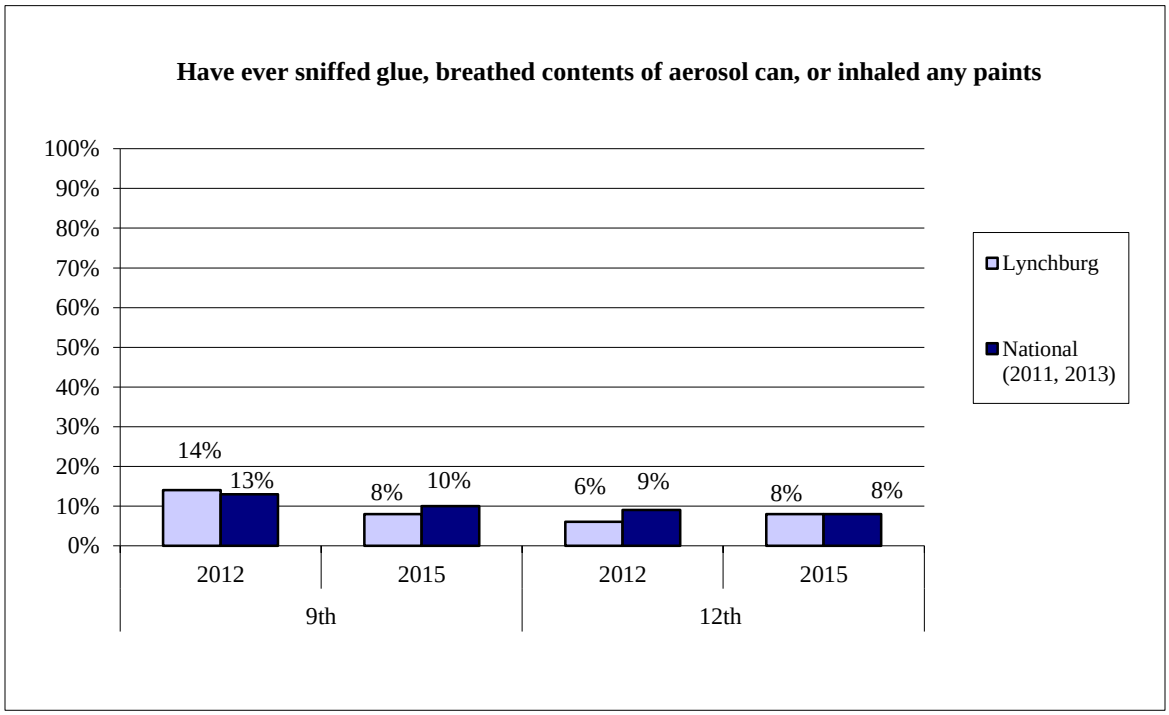
9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

Both the 9th grade and the 12th grade samples reported a slightly higher rate (1%) of having tried ecstasy between 2012 and 2015. Conversely, the national samples each reported a 1% lower rate.

Survey Question:

During your life, how many times have you sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high?

The percentages of students who reported having ever sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high are displayed in the graph below.



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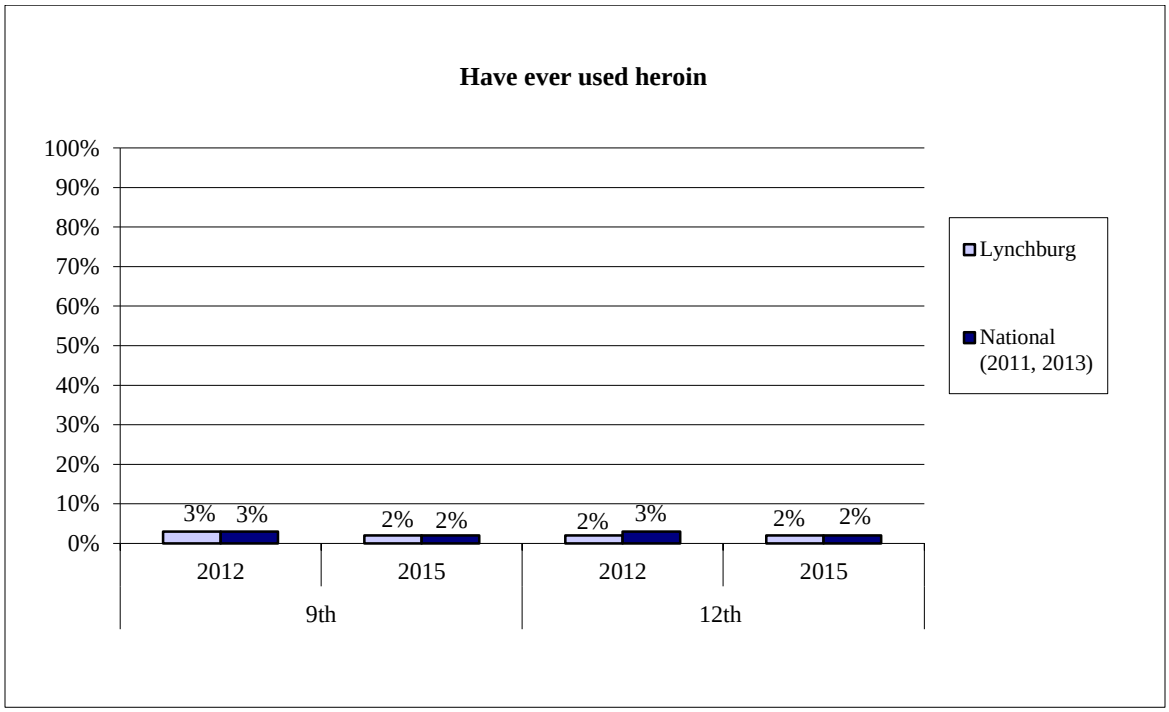
Although the local 12th grade rate of inhalant use had a slight increase of 2%, the 9th grade rate dropped 6%. There was no difference between the Lynchburg City School and the national 12th grade sample, and the national 9th grade sample reports a more frequent use of this particular drug group than the local one.

Survey Question:

During your life, how many times have you used heroin

(also called smack, junk, or China White)?

The percentages of students who reported having ever used heroin are displayed in the graph below.



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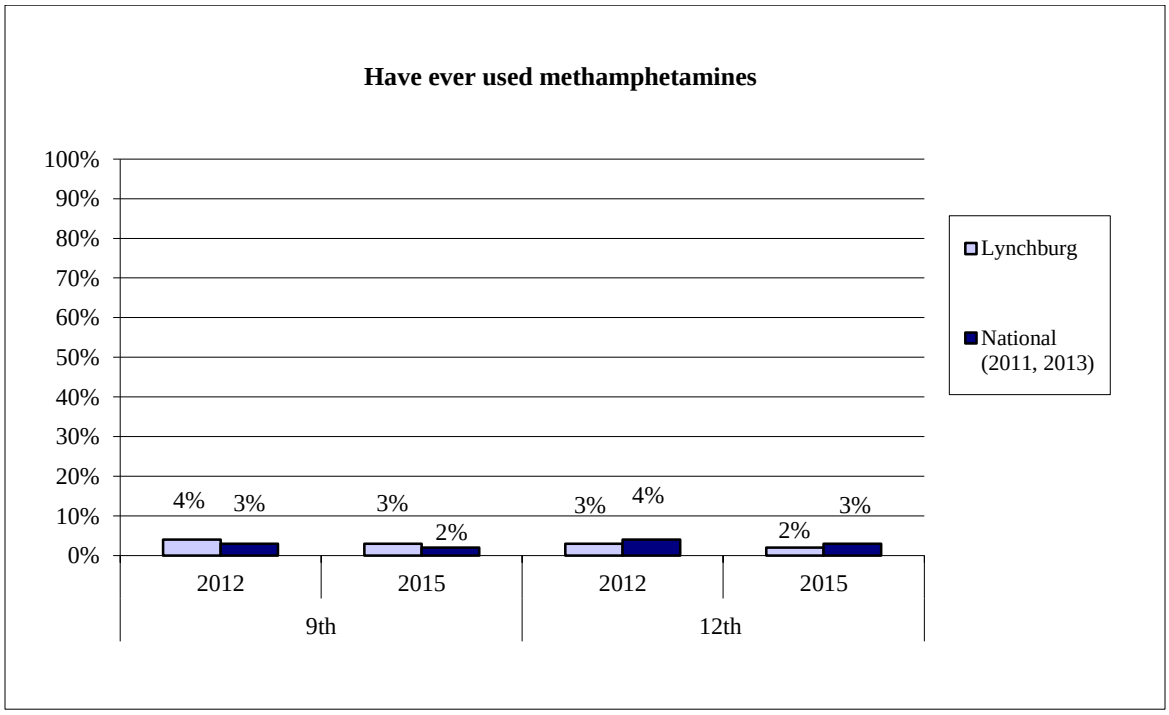
Across both time periods and grades, similar portions (2-3%) in all samples report ever having used heroin.

Survey Question:

During your life, how many times have you used methamphetamines

(also called speed, crystal, crank, or ice)?

The percentages of students who reported having ever used methamphetamines are displayed in the graph below.



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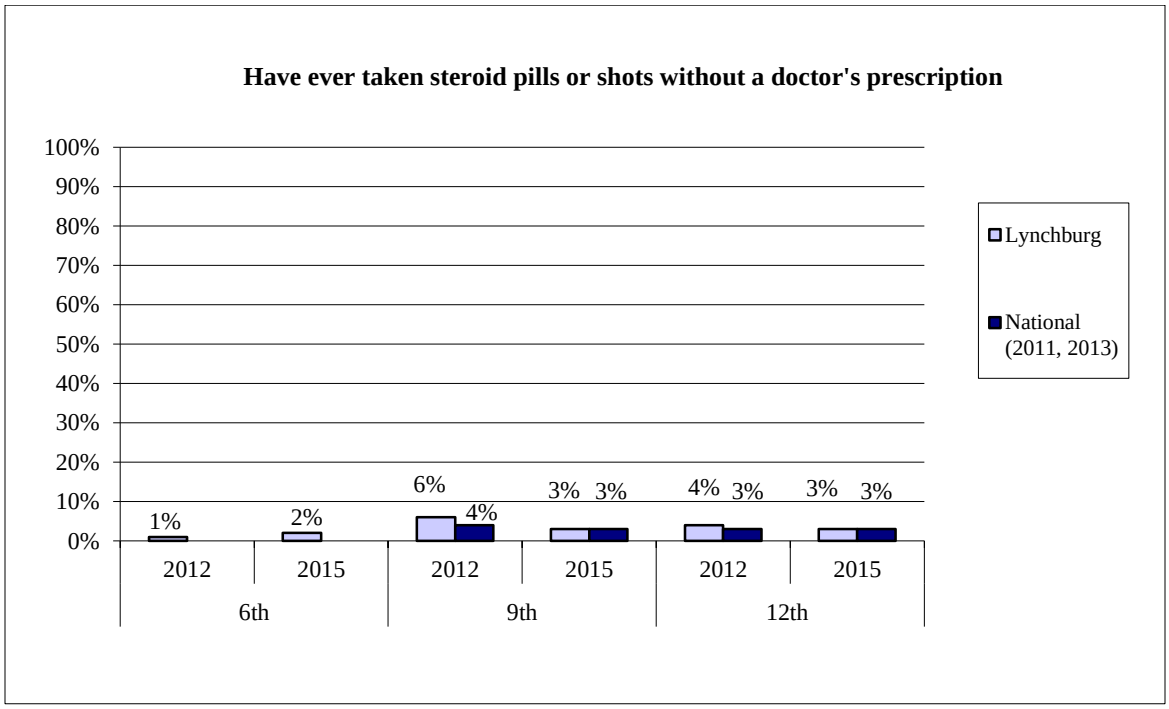
There were equivalent decreases (1%) in the local and national high school students' rates of ever having used methamphetamines.

Survey Question:

During your life, how many times have you taken steroid pills

or shots without a doctor's prescription?

The percentages of students who reported having ever taken steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription are displayed in the graph below.



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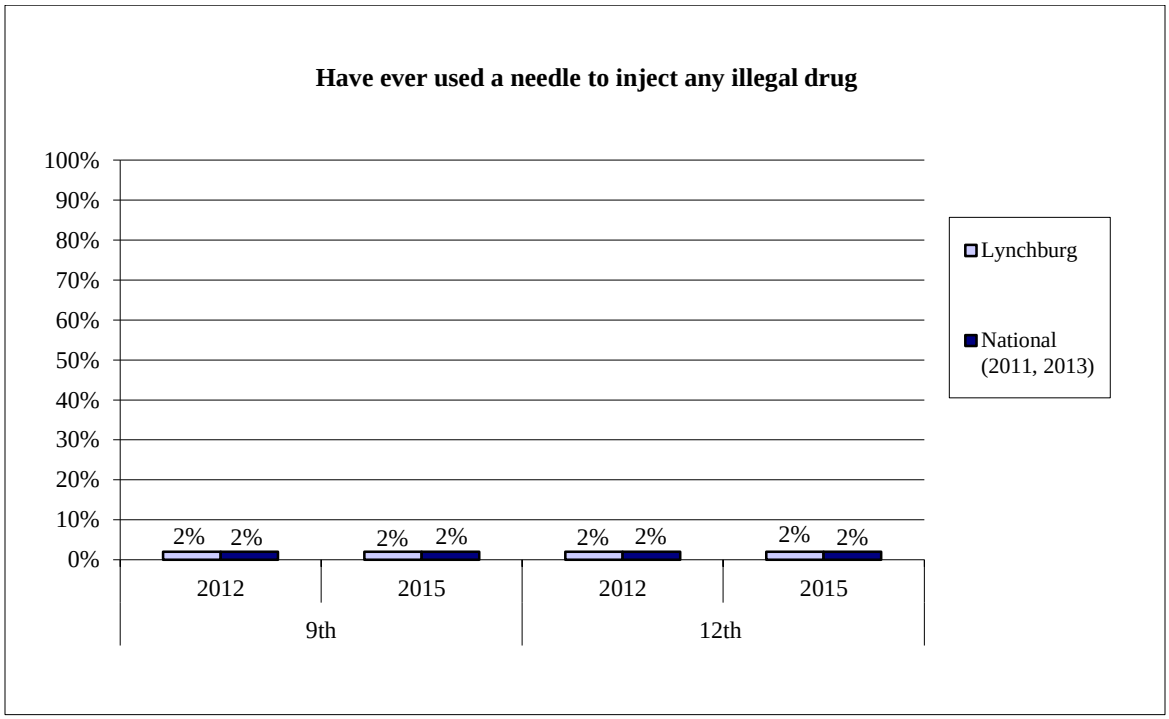
Although there was no difference in the 2012 and 2015portions of Lynchburg City School 6th graders who reported illegal use of steroids, there was a 3% decrease among the 9th grade sample and a 1% decrease in the 12th grade sample over this time period. Both the 9th and 12th grade groups of surveyed students from Lynchburg City Schools reported an equivalent rate of this type of drug use than their national counterparts.

Survey Question:

During your life, how many times have you used a needle

to inject any illegal drug into your body?

The percentages of students who reported having ever used a needle to inject any illegal drug into their body are displayed in the graph below.



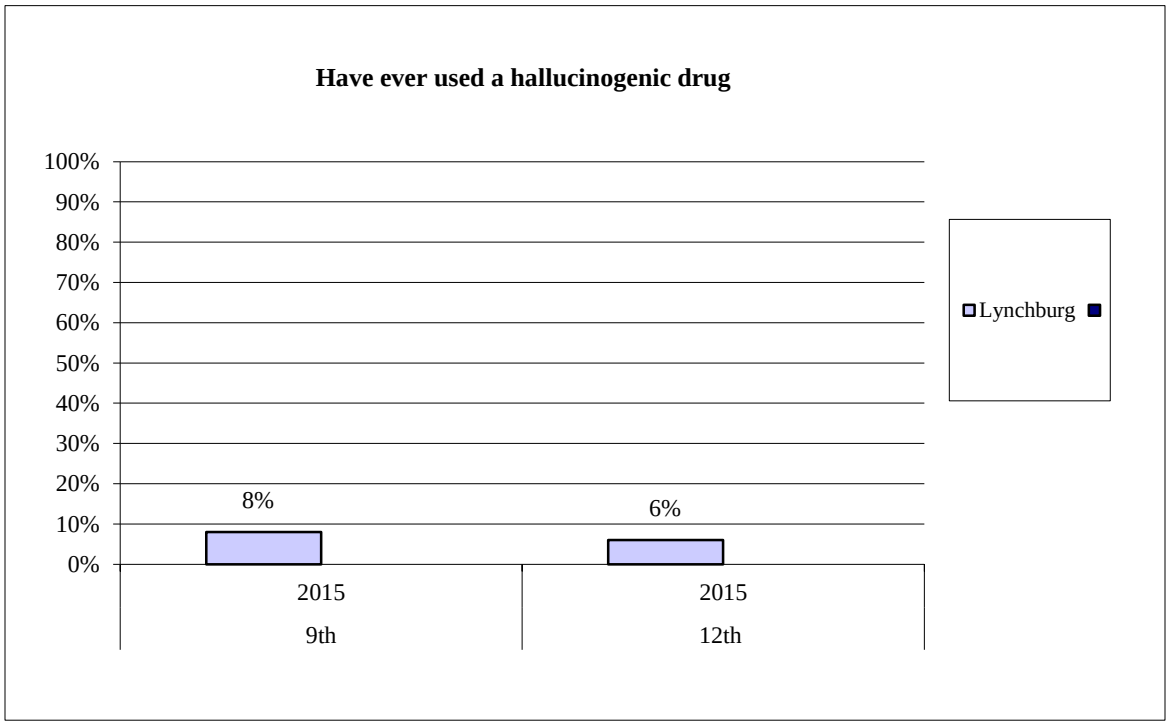
9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

Between 2012 and 2015, there was no change in Lynchburg City School students or national students who reported engaging in this behavior.

Survey Question:

During your life, how many times have you used hallucinogenic drugs, such as LSD, acid, PCP, angel dust, mescaline, or mushrooms?

The percentages of students who reported having ever used a hallucinogenic drug are displayed in the graph below.



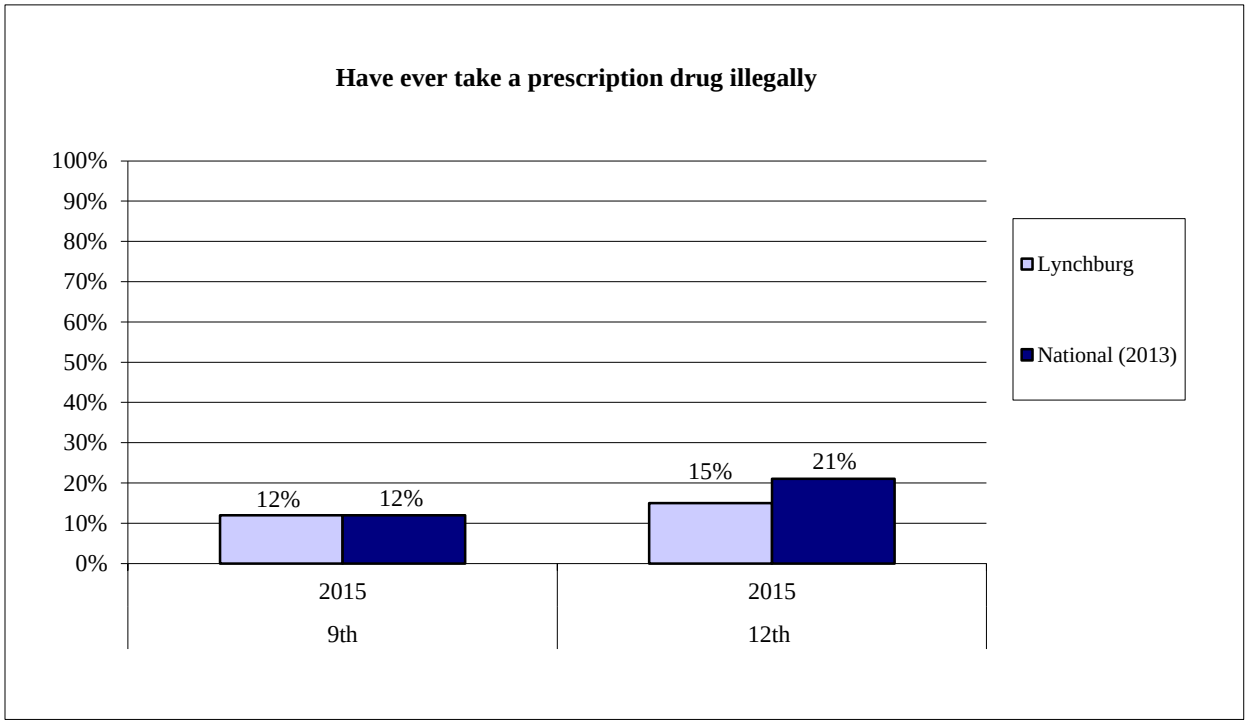
9th grade N = 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 368 (2015)

Regarding this new question for 2015, similar portions of the 9th grade and 12th grade local students (6% and 5% respectively) reported having ever tried a hallucinogenic drug.

Survey Question:

During your life, how many times have you taken a prescription drug without a doctor's prescription?

The percentages of students who reported having ever having taken a prescription drug without a doctor's prescription are displayed in the graph below.



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Higher portions (12% to 21%) of all students both locally and nationally report having used prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription at some point in their lives.

Survey Question:

In the past year, what type of place BEST describes the type of place where you are most often offered, sold or given illegal drugs? (Check all that apply)

The results pertaining to this question, *for the 2015 Lynchburg City School survey only*, are presented in the tables below.

		Response	%
9th	In the past year, what type of place BEST describes the type of place where you are most often offered, sold or given illegal drugs? (Check all that apply.)	I have not been offered, sold or given an illegal drug in the past year	69
		On school property or at a school event	6
		At a friend's house	10
		In a park or recreation area	4
		In my neighborhood	7
		Someplace else	14

		Response	%
12th	In the past year, what type of place BEST describes the type of place where you are most often offered, sold or given illegal drugs? (Check all that apply.)	I have not been offered, sold or given an illegal drug in the past year	77
		On school property or at a school event	8
		At a friend's house	10
		In a park or recreation area	5
		In my neighborhood	7
		Someplace else	13

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

The Lynchburg City School survey results indicate that students are being offered drugs in their neighborhood, at a friend's house, or "someplace else."