10TH BIENNIAL CALIFORNIA STUDENT SURVEY
HIGHLIGHTS

11th GRADERS
- Any alcohol use in the past six months remained unchanged from 2001-2002 at 62.5%.
- Marijuana use in the past six months dropped 3.5 percentage points, from 34% to 30.5%.
- Abstinence, no alcohol or drugs in the past six months, unchanged from 2001-2002 at 35%.
- Binge drinking, down 3 percentage points (26% down to 23%).
- Weekly use of beer, down almost 4 percentage points (from 15.4% to 11.5%).
- Weekly marijuana use, down 2 percentage points (from 13% to 11%).
- Attempts to stop using alcohol declined slightly (from 23.6% to 22.4%).
- Attempts to stop using marijuana increased 4.5 percentage points (from 45% to 49.5%).

Regarding excessive behavior among 11th graders, the survey shows:
- Almost one-quarter were binge drinkers, had been high on drugs at least three times, or had been drunk or high at school at least once.
- About one-fifth had been drunk or sick three or more times, were weekly drinkers, liked to drink to get drunk, had been involved in three or more drinking and driving experiences, or engaged in recent polydrug use.
- About one-tenth engaged in weekly binge drinking or marijuana use, passed out or lost control from drinking, used alcohol or marijuana at school, had experienced two or more problems from their alcohol and drug use, or had experienced symptoms of abuse and dependency such as needing to use more.

9th GRADERS
- Any alcohol use in the past six months declined slightly, from 50% to 49%.
- Marijuana use in the past six months remained unchanged at 19%.
- Abstinence, no alcohol or drugs in the past six months, increased 2 percentage points, from 47% to 49%.
- Attempts to stop using alcohol increased 8 percentage points (from 23.5% to 31.5%).
- Attempts to stop using marijuana increased 8 percentage points (from 40% to 48%).

In the previous 2001-2002 survey, there were major declines in alcohol use by 7th graders. Now as 9th graders, they seem to be maintaining that downward trend.

7th GRADERS
- Any alcohol use in the past six months dropped 3 percentage points, from 29% to 26%.
- Marijuana use in the past six months declined slightly, from 7% to 6%.
- Abstinence, no alcohol or drugs in the past six months, is the highest in the history of the CSS, up 2 percentage points, from 67% to 70%.

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