

Youth Substance Use & Sexual Behavior

“Studies show that sexual risk behaviors increase in adolescents who use alcohol, and are highest among students who use marijuana, cocaine, prescription drugs, & other illicit drugs.”

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

27%*

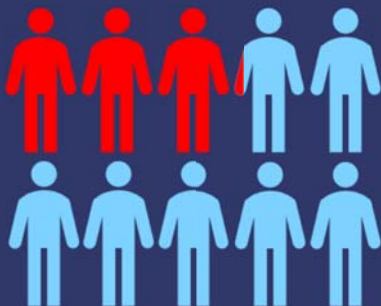
of students who reported that they had engaged in sexual intercourse also reported that they had used alcohol or other drugs prior to the last time they had sex**



Of the Students who Reported That They Currently Drink Alcohol***

31%

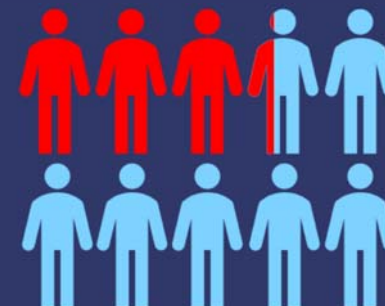
reported that they had engaged in sexual acts because they felt pressured, compared to **14%** of their peers who did NOT drink alcohol††



Of the Students who Reported That They Currently Use Marijuana†

33%

reported that they had engaged in sexual acts because they felt pressured, compared to **15%** of their peers who did NOT use Marijuana††



This information comes from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) that was administered to students at Cohasset High School in the spring of 2019.

For more information, visit: <http://safeharborcohasset.org/resources/>



*Question asked ‘Have you ever had sexual intercourse?’

**Question asked ‘The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you drink alcohol or use drugs beforehand?’

***Question asked ‘During the past 30 days, on how many days did you drink one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage?’

†Question asked ‘During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana or hash?’

††Question asked ‘Have you ever engaged in sexual acts because you felt pressured?’