



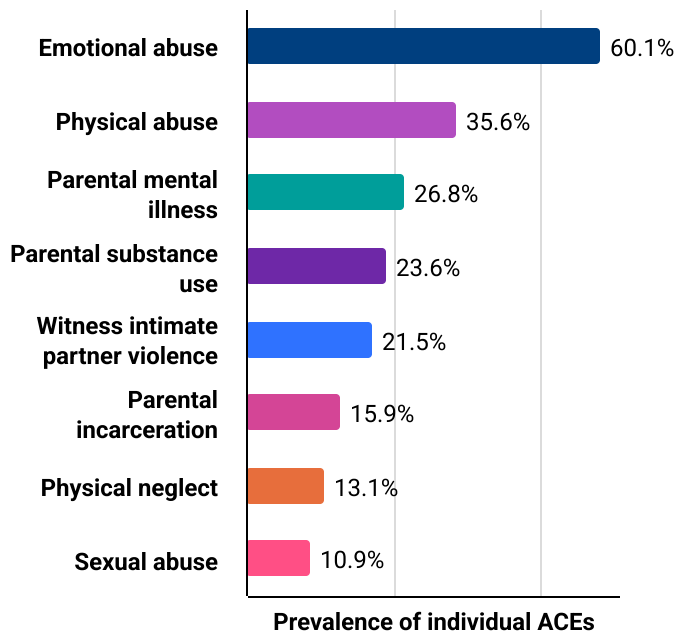
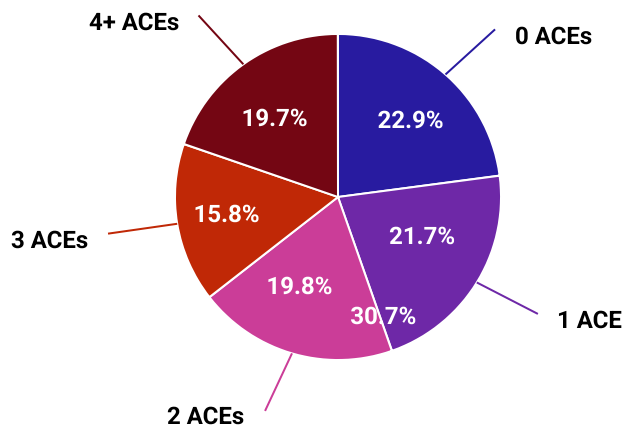
The influence of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and positive childhood experiences (PCEs) on Clark County substance use

Findings from the 2023 Nevada High School YRBS (n = 1,732)*

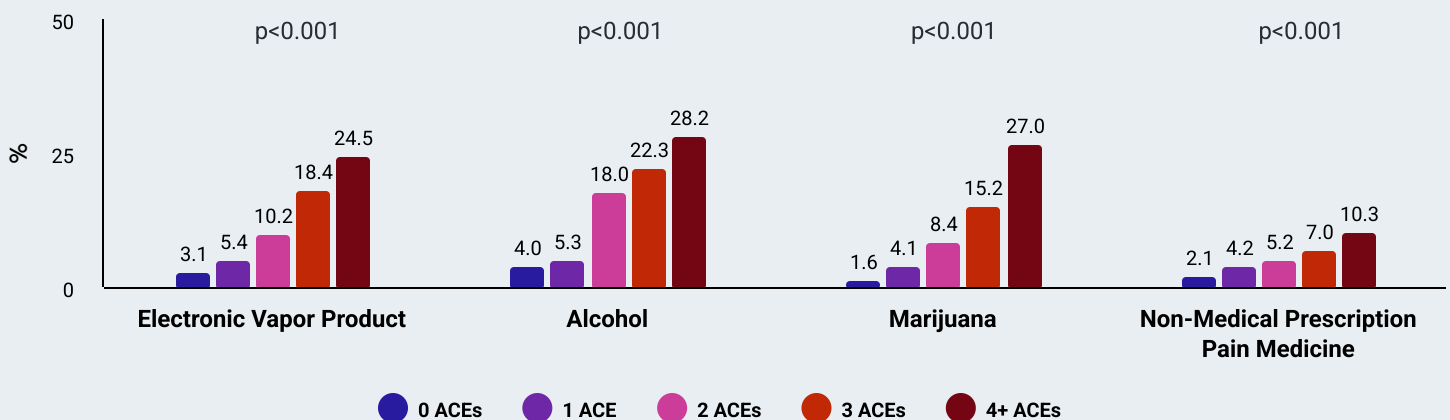
ACEs are potentially traumatic events that occur before the age of 18 years. ACEs include abuse, neglect, and household challenges. High school youth who have more ACEs often have more negative health outcomes, including substance use.



Prevalence of ACEs among Clark County high school students



Prevalence of Past 30-day Substance Use Outcomes by ACE Score



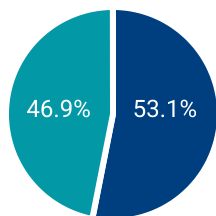
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PCEs

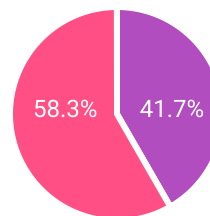
PCEs are positive experiences during childhood, including having safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments. In the 2023 YRBS, youth were asked six questions covering family communication and school connectedness. An average family communication and school connectedness score was calculated and youth with scores higher than the average score were categorized as having high PCE exposure.

Prevalence of Family Communication and School Connectedness Among Clark County High School Students*



Family Communication

High Family Communication
Low Family Communication

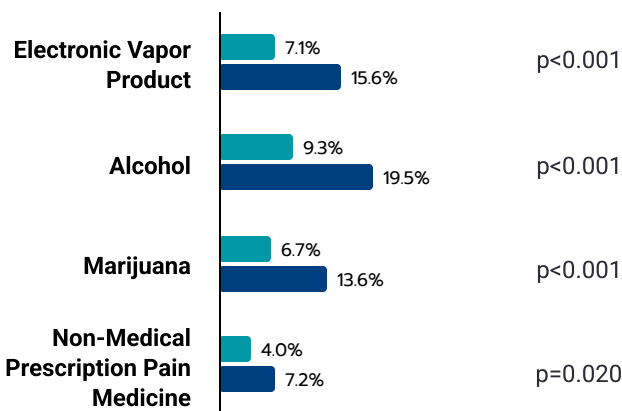


School Connectedness

High School Connectedness
Low School Connectedness

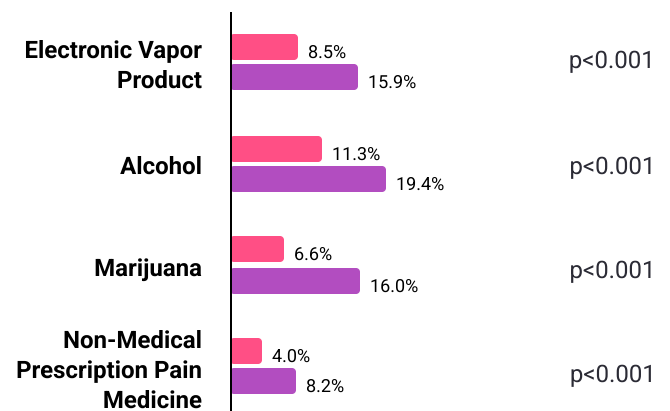
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