

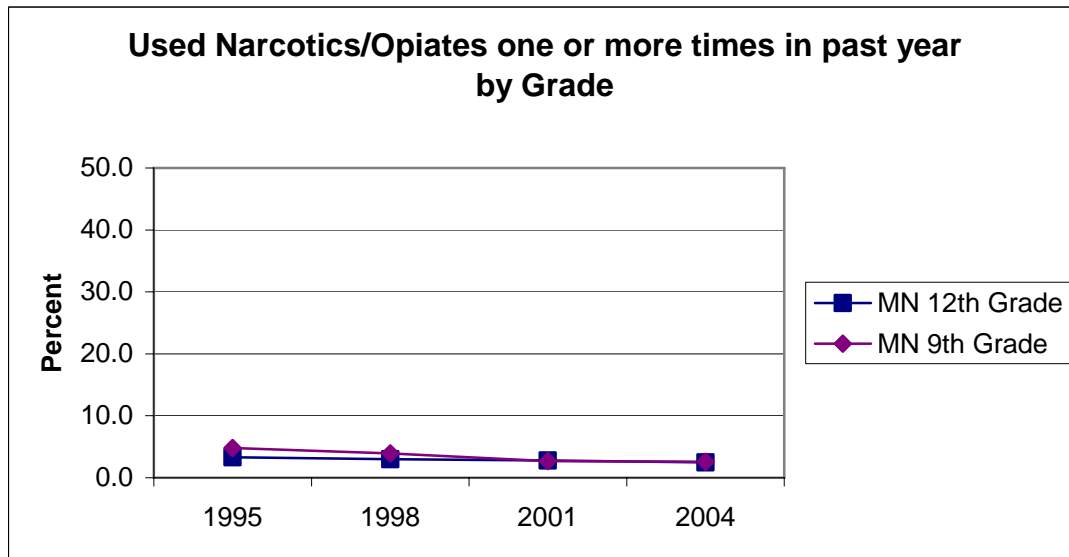
Youth Use of Heroin/Narcotics/Opiates

Youth were asked, “On how many occasions (if any) have you used heroin or any other narcotics/opiates... during the last 12 months?”

In 2004, about 2.5 percent of 9th and 12th graders reported using heroin or other narcotics/opiates at least once in the past year. In earlier years when this question was asked, 9th graders were more likely to say they used than 12th graders, but that difference has disappeared. Currently, both grades report use at about the same rate. Reported heroin/other narcotics/opiates use has been on the decline for both grades.

Males are more likely than females to report using heroin/narcotics/opiates at least once in the past year.

For county level data on alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, go to <http://www.mnschoolhealth.com> and click on the “Data” tab.



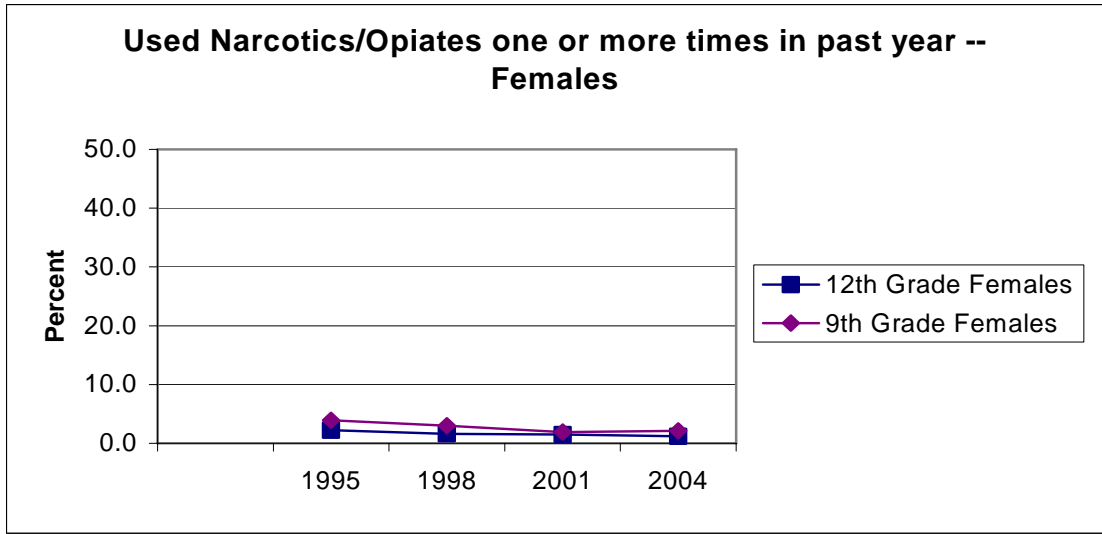
Used Narcotics/Opiates one + times in year by grade (Percent)

Minnesota		
	9th Grade	12th Grade
1995	4.8	3.3
1998	3.9	3.0
2001	2.7	2.8
2004	2.6	2.5



Used Narcotics/Opiates one + times in year -- Males (Percent)

	9th Grade	12th Grade
1995	5.7	4.4
1998	4.8	4.4
2001	3.5	4.2
2004	3.1	3.9



Used Narcotics/Opiates one + times in year -- Females (Percent)

	9th Grade	12th Grade
1995	3.9	2.2
1998	3.0	1.6
2001	1.9	1.5
2004	2.1	1.2

The question was not asked of 6th graders.
The question was not asked in 1992.

Data Sources:

1992-2004 Minnesota Student Survey trend data set. For more information about the data sources and their limitations, see "Data Sources and Limitations."

Alcohol and Other Drug Indicators – Compiled by Minnesota Department of Health. www.health.state.mn.us/alcohol
Original data source: Minnesota Student Survey