

Most local teens don't use substances

How do we gauge this?

A [2019 survey](#) of 460 high school students who live in the Somerset Hills towns found that 75% of teens do not use marijuana, 68% do not vape, and 52% do not drink alcohol.

The table below shows the percentage of students who responded DO NOT USE to the questions “Where do you usually: smoke marijuana (pot, hash, etc.) / use an e-cigarette, vape pen, e-liquid rig, (JUUL, N2, Joytech, etc.) excluding marijuana projects/ drink alcohol?” These estimates of nonuse are slightly lower than the often-cited estimates based on substance use in the past 30-days. Past 30-day use is a measure of regular use, not any use. The table below is an estimate of nonuse based on young people who consider themselves nonusers.

Percent of local students who do not use substances by grade

	10 th graders	12 th graders	10 th & 12 th graders
Marijuana	80%	68%	75%
Vaping	71%	63%	68%
Alcohol	59%	41%	52%

How do teens from the Somerset Hills towns compare to teens in other communities?

More teens in local towns drink alcohol than national averages. 52% of local teens do not use alcohol compared to estimates that 62% of U.S. teens do not use alcohol (n=23,382). Marijuana nonuse rates are the same locally (75%) and nationally (75%, n=23,382).