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2004 Pride National Survey [Summary](#) is now available

**Pride customers can compare local results with a sample
of 114,402 US students in the 2003-04 school year**

According to the 2004 Pride National Survey Summary, cigarette, alcohol, marijuana, stimulant, hallucinogen and ecstasy use fell last year, leading to an overall 1.8% drop in the number of students who reported "any illicit drug" use during in the past school year.

So does this mean the students in your school system experienced the same progress?

Not necessarily. While educators should be proud of the job they are doing, these are national trends that might not apply to your student population. That is why more than 8,000 schools systems in the U.S. have selected Pride Surveys to determine the exact nature of the problem in their location.

Take a little test

Educators should ask questions when they hear national reports that adolescent drug use declined last year. What type of drugs, what age groups, what frequency of use? Does this apply to students in my schools?

While overall drug use declined in the past year (meaning all students and all drug types), Pride Surveys pinpointed a number of trouble spots.

See if you can find 20 instances in which drug use showed statistically significant increases in the 2004 Pride National Survey. [Click here](#) to open a summary and then look for increases accompanied by an asterisk.

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