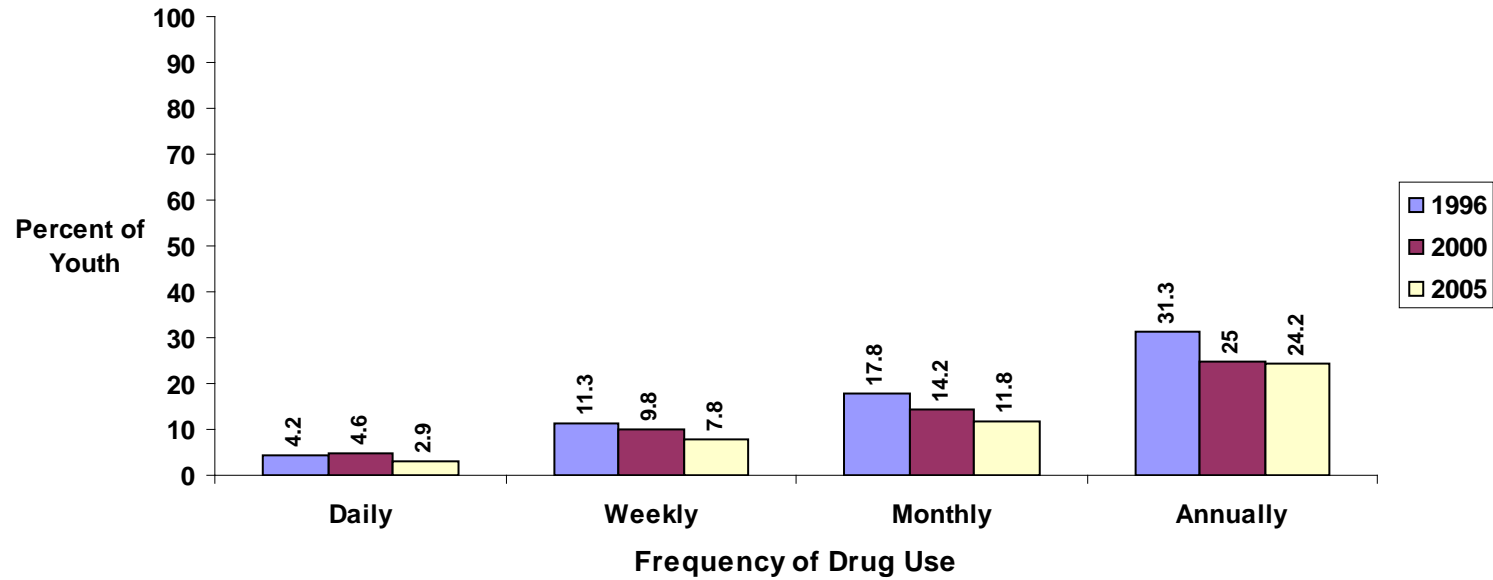


Drug Use

Cumulative Frequency of Illicit Drug Use



Source: PRIDE Survey

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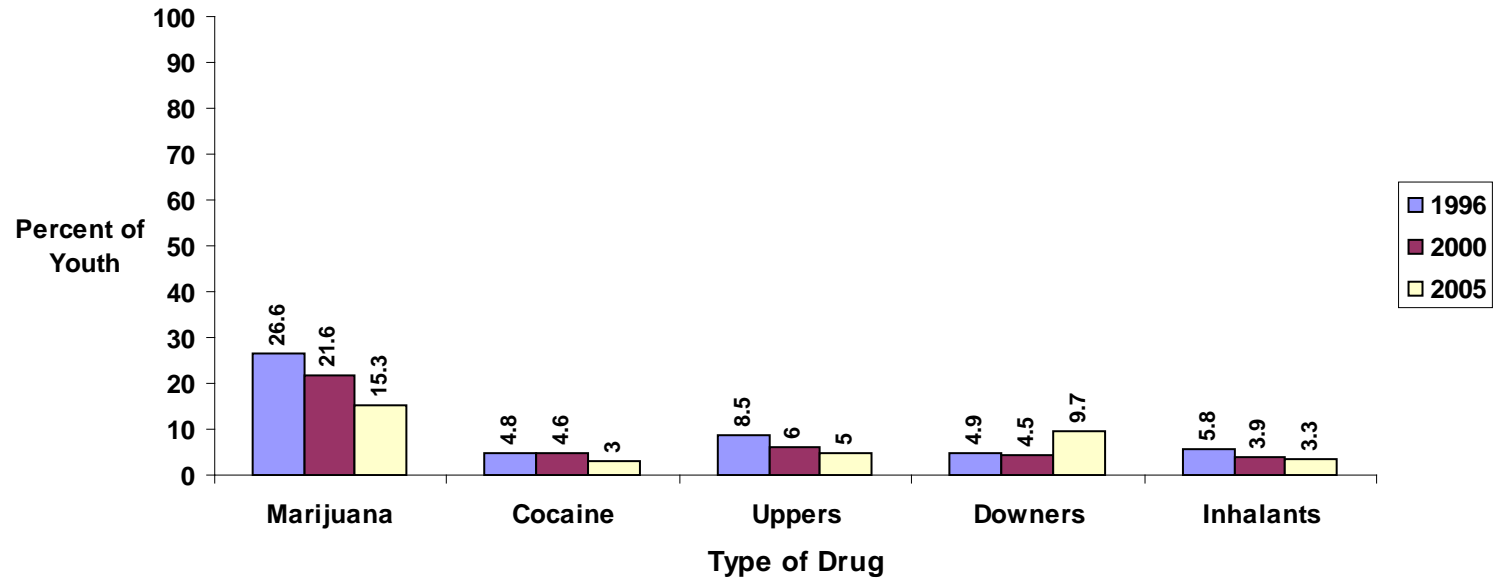
3.1% of 8th graders, 4.6% of 10th graders, and 4.2% of 12th graders report that their friends use illicit drugs often or a lot.

Youth who use drugs most often do so on weekends, followed by weeknights.

Few youth (<1%) report using drugs during school hours.

Drug Use

Youth Who Used Drugs Within the Past Year



Source: PRIDE Survey

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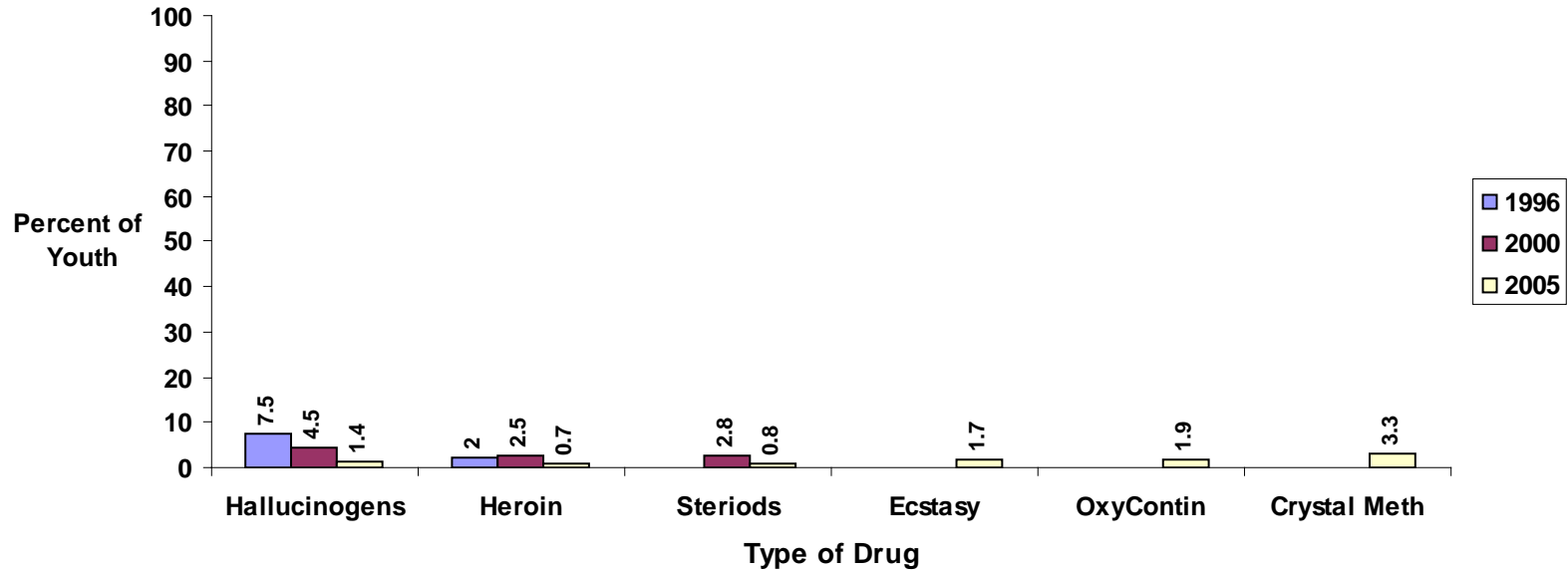
While 8.3% more of male youth use tobacco than the female youth, there is no difference between male and female use of alcohol and marijuana when looking at 30-day use.

All illicit drugs have shown a decrease in use since 2000, except for downers, which use has more than doubled since 2000.

Examples of downers include barbiturates (sleeping pills, Seconal, and Nembutal), benzodiazepines (Valium, Xanax, and types of “date-rape” drugs), and tranquilizers. As benzodiazepines are among the most widely prescribed medications (anxiety), this may account for the sharp increase in use.

Drug Use

Youth Who Used Drugs Within the Past Year (cont.)



Source: PRIDE Survey

What the numbers and other information told us:

1.6% of our youth have ever injected any illegal drug.

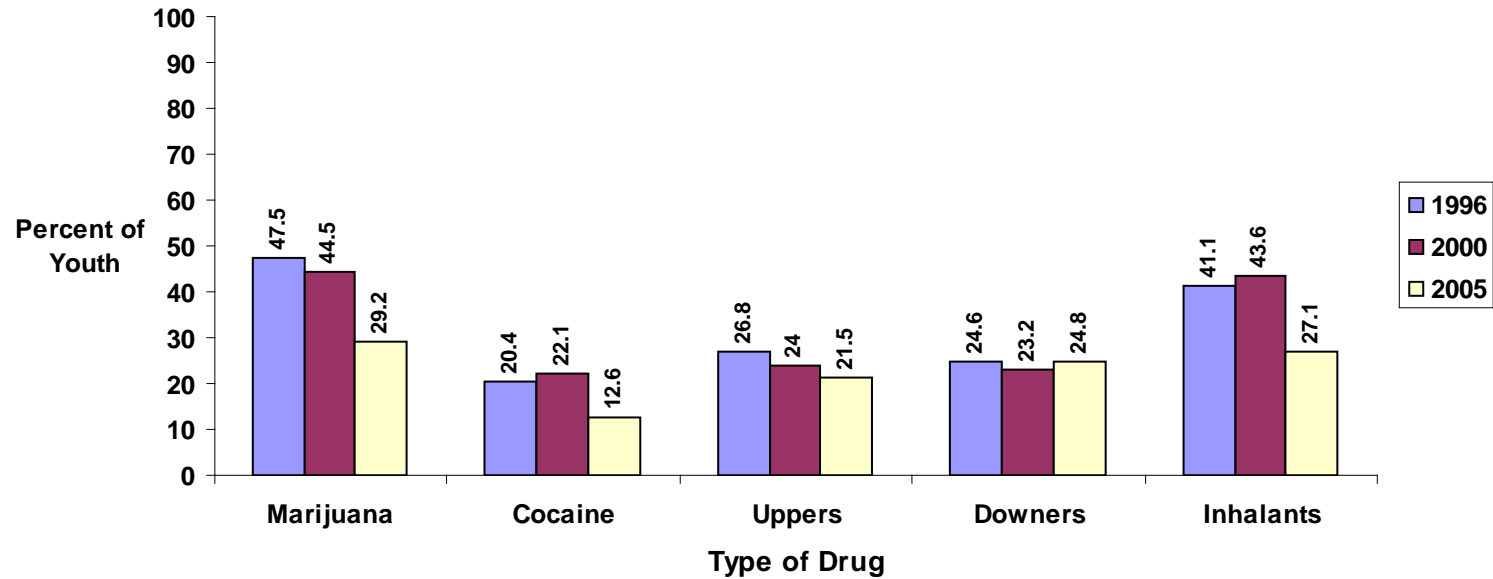
Marijuana has remained the illicit “drug of choice” of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County youth.

The illicit drugs that have the highest drops in usage since 2000 include heroin (72% decrease), steroids (71%), and hallucinogens (69%).

Ecstasy, OxyContin, and Crystal Meth were new questions for the 2003 PRIDE Survey. Steroids were added to the PRIDE Survey after 1996.

Drug Use

Youth Who Report it is Very Easy or Fairly Easy to Get Drugs



Source: PRIDE Survey

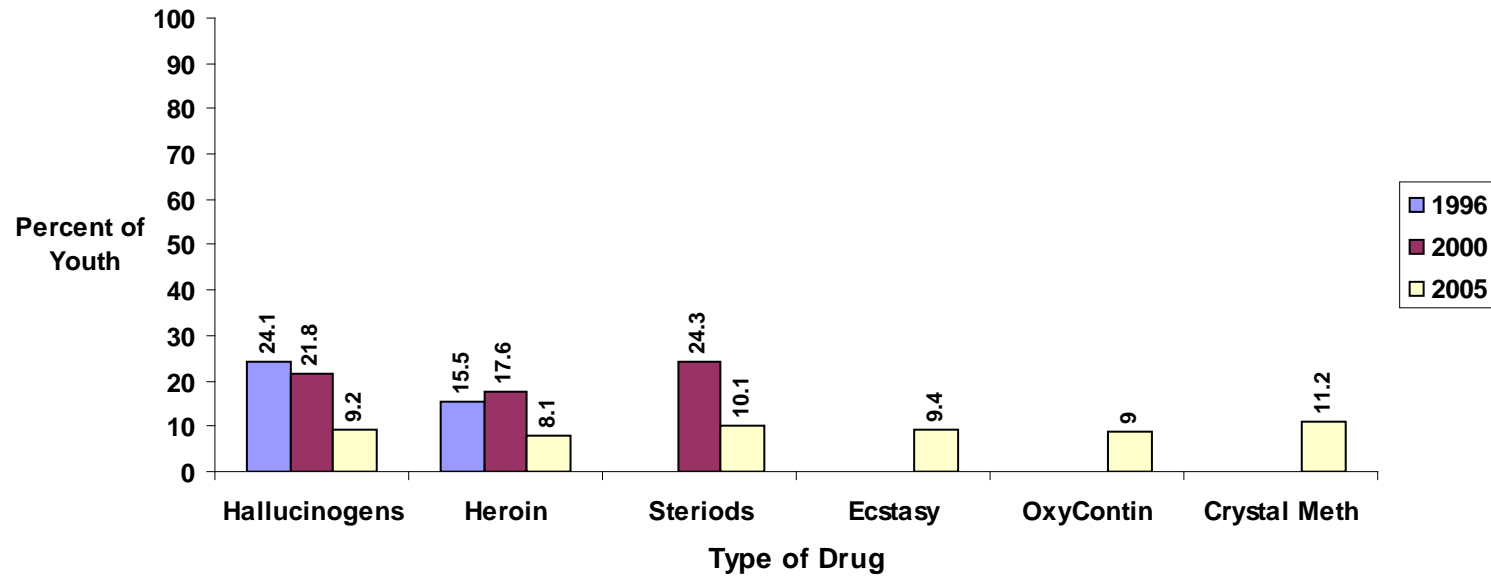
What the numbers and other information told us:

Youth report that the easiest drugs for them to get are marijuana (29.2%) and inhalants (27.1%).

Despite the increase in the use of downers, no significance increase appears in the ease of getting downers. However, it is the only illicit drug that did not show a drop in ease of access since 2000.

Drug Use

Youth Who Report it is Very Easy or Fairly Easy to Get Drugs (cont.)



Source: PRIDE Survey

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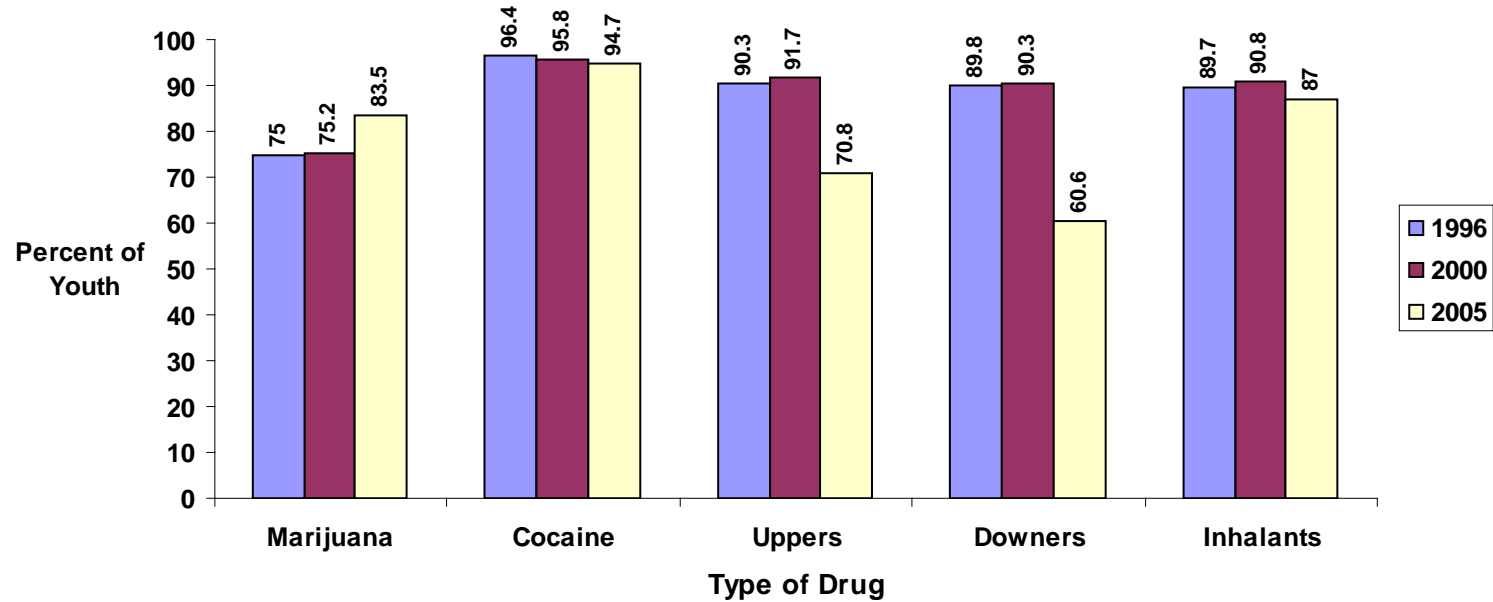
Heroin is the hardest drug for youth to acquire (8.1% found it very easy or fairly easy to acquire). 7.4% of youth report that it is very difficult to get heroin and 78.3% of youth either do not know how easy it is to get heroin or can't get heroin.

The illicit drugs that became least easy to get from 2000 include steroids (58% decrease), hallucinogens (58%), and heroin (54%)

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Drug Use

Youth Who Report it is Very Harmful or Harmful to Use Drugs



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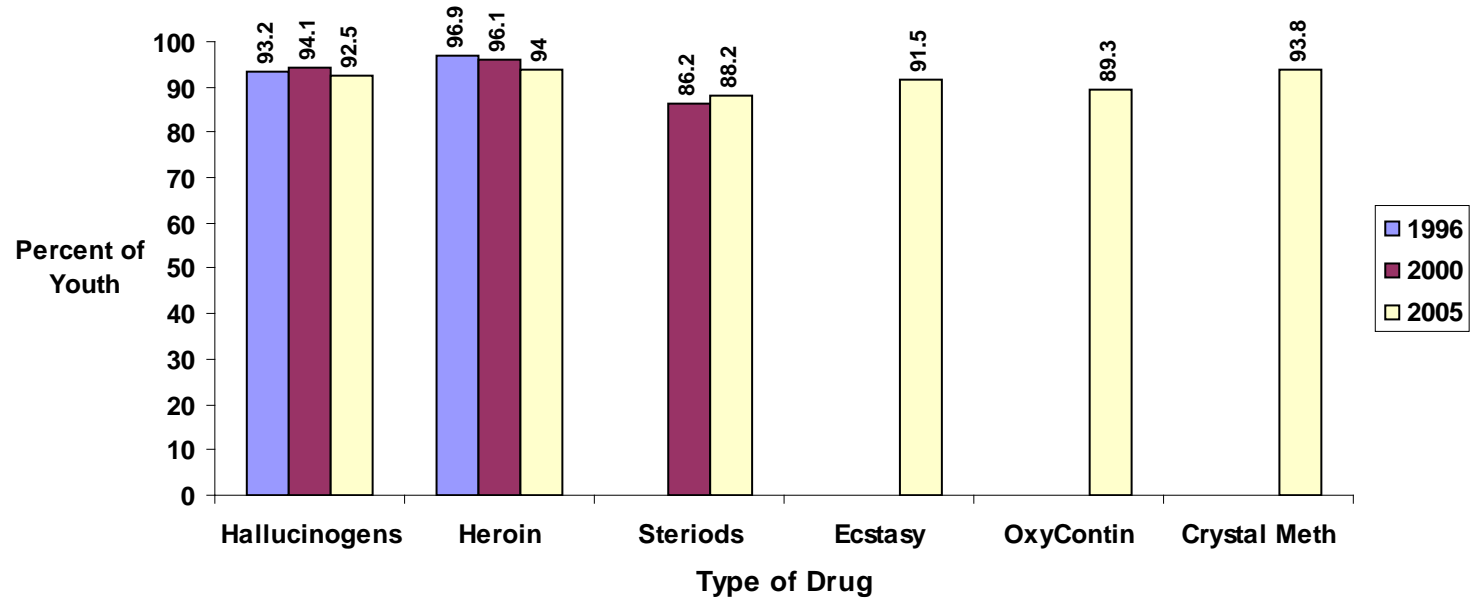
What the numbers and other information told us:

The majority of youth report that all illicit drugs are harmful or very harmful to your health.

Marijuana was continually reported as less harmful than all other illicit drugs before 2005, however uppers and downers are perceived as the least harmful illicit drugs in 2005. The perceived harm for upper and downers from 2000 dropped 23% and 30%, respectively.

Drug Use

Youth Who Report it is Very Harmful or Harmful to Use Drugs (cont.)



Source: PRIDE Survey

What the numbers and other information told us:

Youth report that cocaine is the most harmful of the illicit drugs, followed by heroin and crystal meth.

All illicit drugs show a decrease in perceived harm except for marijuana (11% increase) and steroids (2% increase).

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Drug Use

Youth Nationwide who use Illicit Drugs and Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Youth who use Illicit Drugs

Nationwide

PRIDE	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually
1996	5.2%	12.5%	18.3%	29.5%
2000	4.4%	11.8%	17.1%	28.7%
2005	5.1%	9.9%	13.7%	22.3%

Source: PRIDE National Survey

Harrisonburg and Rockingham County

PRIDE	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually
2005	2.9%	7.8%	11.8%	24.2%

Source: PRIDE Survey