

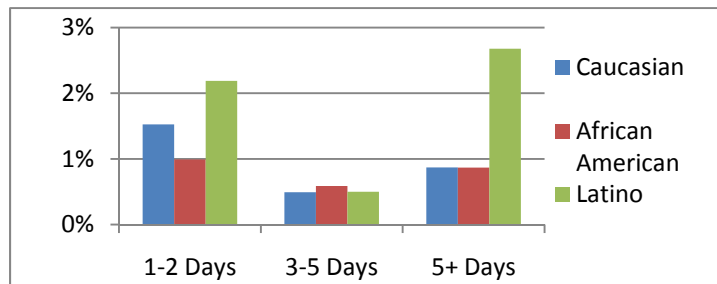
Youth Synthetic Drug Use in Missouri...



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- ✦ Synthetic drug use has become an issue of concern across the US.¹
- ✦ According to the 2012 Missouri Student Survey, 6.4% of youth in grades 6-12 have tried synthetic drugs at least once in their life.²
- ✦ Those youth who reported trying at least one other drug (excluding tobacco) were much more likely to report using synthetic drugs. Only .06% of all youth reported synthetic drugs as the only one they have ever tried while 13.7% of those reporting other drug use also reported using synthetic drugs.²
- ✦ 2.9% of all youth report using synthetic drugs at least once in the past month. 1.4% have used them 3+ times in the last month and over 300 youth report using them on a daily basis.²
- ✦ As commonly seen with other drugs, as the age of the youth increases, so does the likelihood that they will have used synthetic drugs in the last month. By 12th grade, 3.5% of youth report having used in the last month; this compares to 1.5% of 6th graders.²
- ✦ Males are slightly more likely to have used synthetic drugs in the last month than females (3.1% vs. 2.6%)²
- ✦ There was a differences between the races in the amount used with Latinos at the highest risk of having used synthetic drugs in the last month and using the most days:²



¹<http://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/ondcp-fact-sheets/synthetic-drugs-k2-spice-bath-salts>

² Missouri Student Survey, 2012 data