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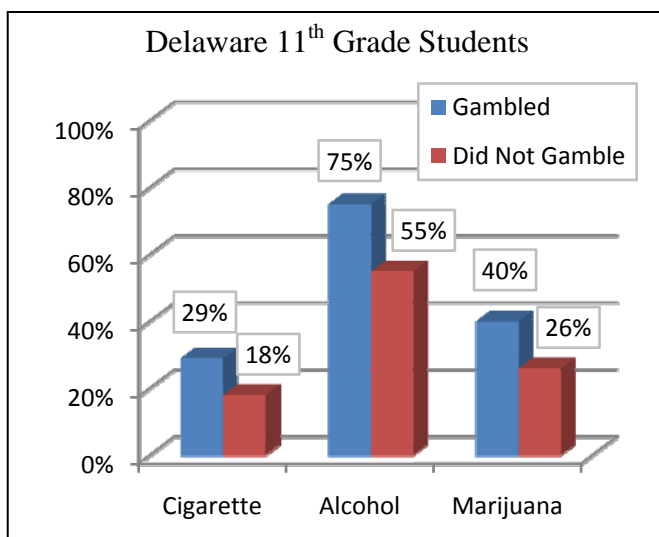
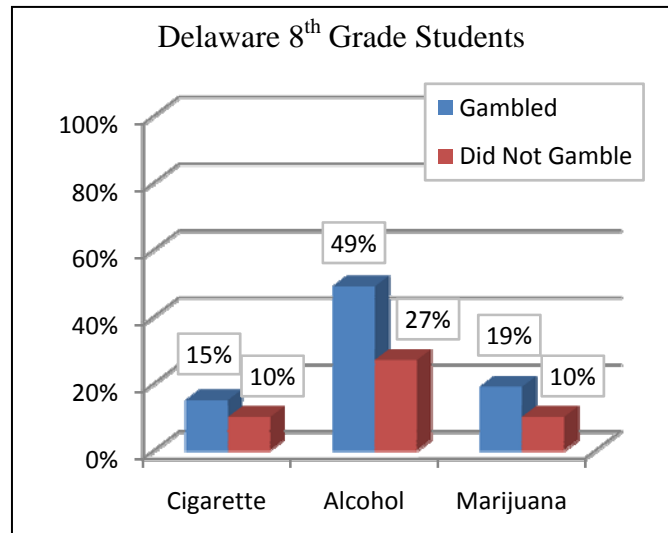
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Drug and Alcohol Use Higher Among Gambling Students

Among 8th grade students in the state of Delaware, 55% report having gambled within the past year. Alarming, these students are much more likely to report using drugs and alcohol in the past year as well. An 8th grade student who reports having gambled is also 50% more likely to smoke cigarettes, 81% more likely to drink alcohol, and 90% more likely to smoke marijuana.



The relationship between gambling and substance use is also found among Delaware's 11th grade students. Those who reported having gambled were 61% more likely to smoke, 36% more likely to drink, and 54% more likely to use marijuana.

Moreover, gambling students' involvement in deviant and criminal behavior is not limited to drugs and alcohol. Students who report gambling in the past year are also more likely to skip classes, steal, and vandalize than the 45% who do not gamble.

Source: 2007 Delaware School Survey, University of Delaware Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies

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