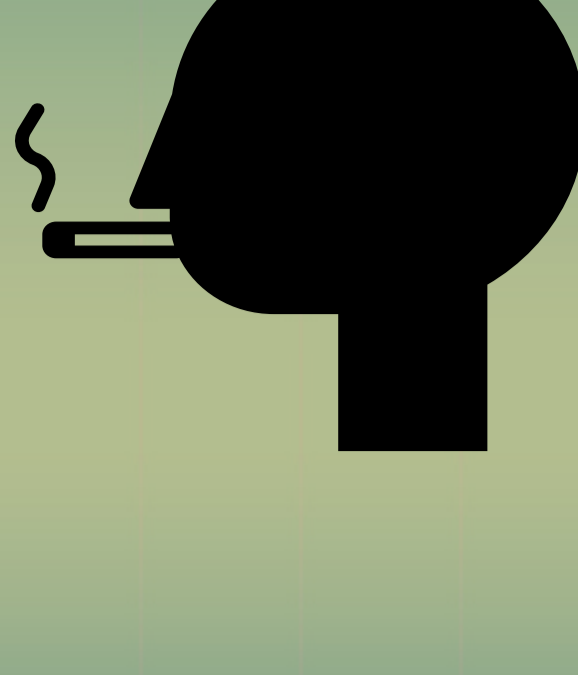


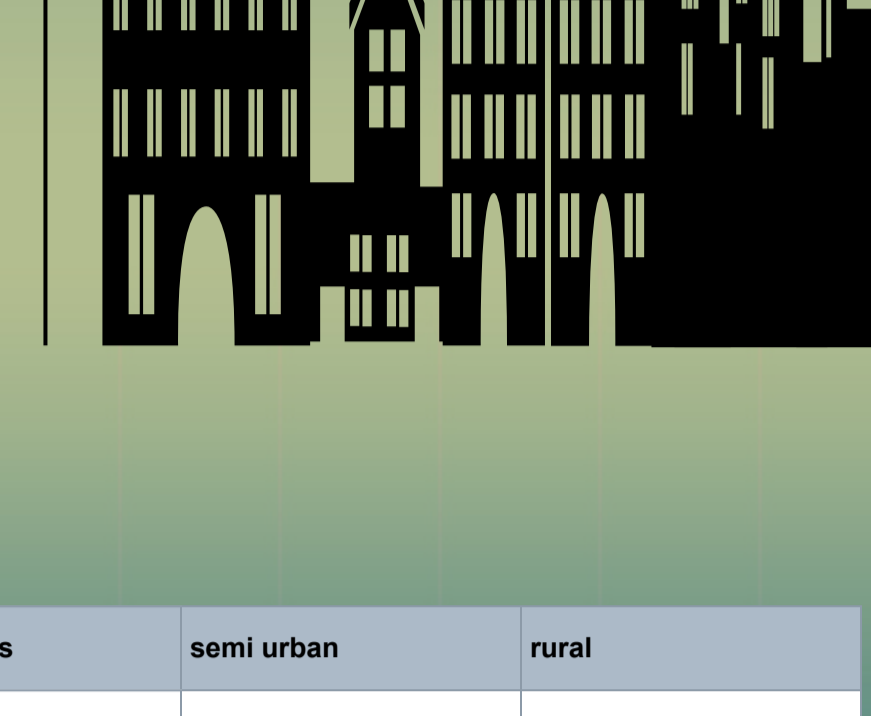
Drinking and marijuana use



Overview and statistics

A survey taken a few years back shows that teens in small towns tend to drink alcohol more and consume marijuana less compared to teens living in cities.

This might be due to the fact that it is harder to get drugs in



The difference in usage between teenagers in small areas and cities is only by a thin margin which suggest that not enough is being done to help educate teenagers about the risks involved

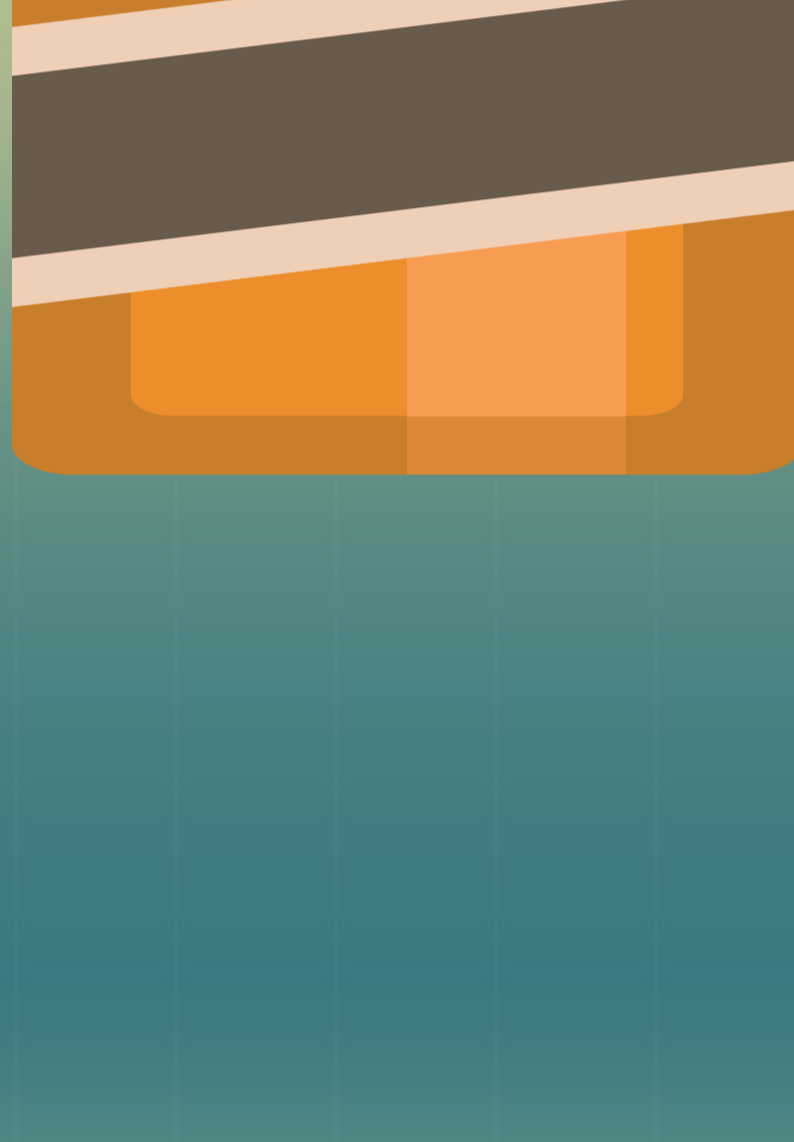
Urban areas	semi urban	rural
4.8	4.7	5.4
18.7	16.9	14.2

Risks and consequences

Use of marijuana and alcohol amongst teens poses several risks and consequences of which they should be informed about heading onto college

Alcohol can impair judgement and vision a fact that has proven time and time again

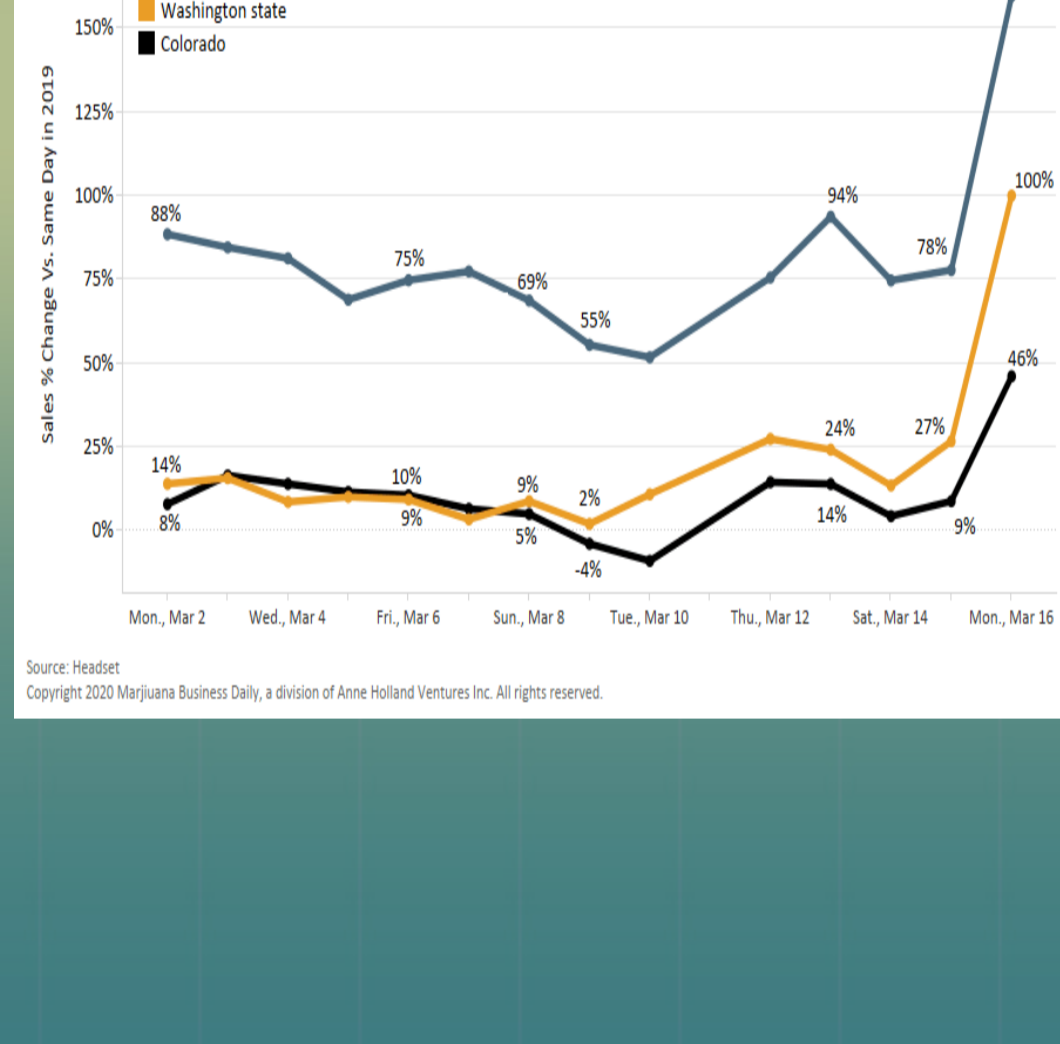
Use of marijuana can affect brain development over time. In fact study done in duke university and researchers from new Zealand showed that people who had consistently used marijuana lost an average of 8 IQ points



Teen Drinking and alcohol use during the pandemic and social settings

Through the pandemic the percentage of college age teens using alcohol has remained the same while the number of kids who have used marijuana has increased in certain rural areas as a result of the legalization of it

Marijuana and alcohol use often go hand in hand as teenagers tend to drink more often in social settings on order to fit in. In moderation and in healthy amounts this is fine however it can lead to harmful consequences for teenagers



Solutions

There are some problems to the problems faced by teenagers entering colleges in order to solve their problems

Teach teenagers about moderation and how to control rather than teaching teenagers to completely stay away from alcohol and marijuana

Preparing teenagers about the realities and drawbacks of marijuana and alcohol use



Final thoughts

There is sort of a mini pandemic going on in small towns in America

As teenagers in small towns move onto college they tend to use alcohol and marijuana more. In moderation it is fine however very often they will over consume marijuana and alcohol leading to terrible consequences

The solution has to be to educate and inform teenagers not only about staying away but being able to educate and inform them on moderations and the consequences