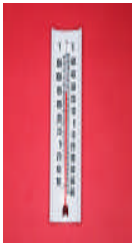


Miami-Dade Monitor of Substance Abuse Indicators Among Youth Winter 2009

The chart below summarizes the severity and trends for indicators of substance abuse among youth under 18 years of age in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The Severity Index is based on the number of drug-related deaths, emergency department reports, and treatment admissions. Consumption Rates of use are based on 3 surveys among middle and high school students and the general population aged 12-17. Trends monitor changes in consumption and consequences over 2 years.



High

Low

Intensity

Change



Severity Rank	Substance	Consumption 2 Year Trend	Consequences 2 Year Trend
1.	Underage Alcohol	Falling	Rising
2.	Marijuana	Stable	Rising
3.	Cigarettes	Falling	Stable
4.	Prescription Benzodiazepines	Falling	Rising
5.	Cocaine	Stable	Falling
6.	Prescription Pain Medicines	Stable	Rising
7.	Ecstasy (MDMA)	Rising	Rising
8.	Inhalants	Falling	Falling
9.	Methamphetamine	Falling	Falling
10.	Prescription Stimulants	Rising	Rising
11.	Heroin	Stable	Stable

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