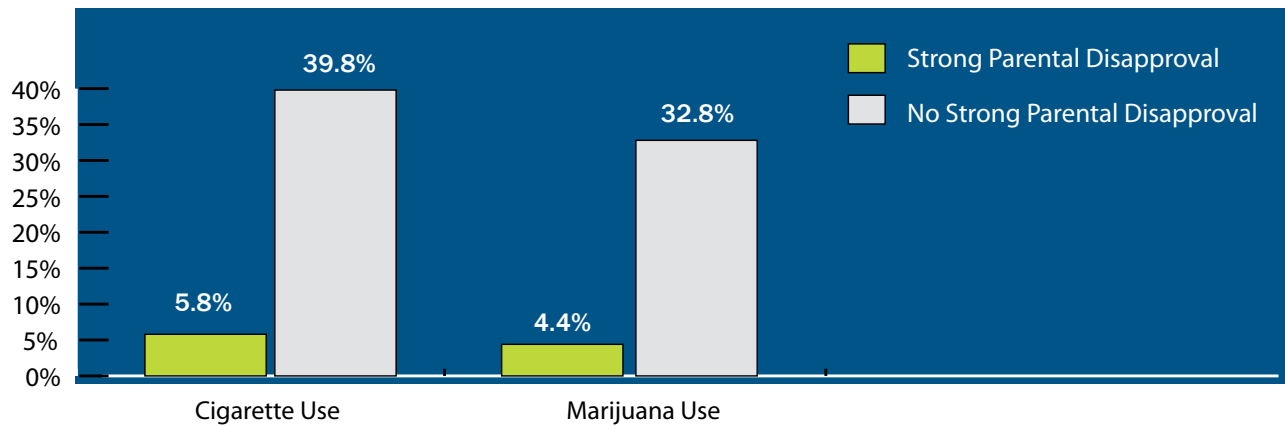




Youth Perception of Parental Disapproval Linked to Lower Rates of Substance Use Among Youth

Results of the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health show that youth (aged 12-17) who perceived strong disapproval of substance use from their parents were less likely to use substances than their peers who believed their parents did not strongly disapprove. Youth who perceived parental disapproval were less likely to report past-month cigarette use (5.8% vs. 39.8%) and past-month marijuana use (4.4% vs. 32.8%). The report identifies perceived parental disapproval as one of several protective and/or risk factors related to youth substance use. Other factors include involvement in fighting and delinquent behavior, feelings about peer substance use, perceived availability of substances, and participation in religious and other activities.

Past-month Youth Substance Use by Perceived Parental Disapproval Status, 2010



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