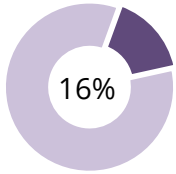


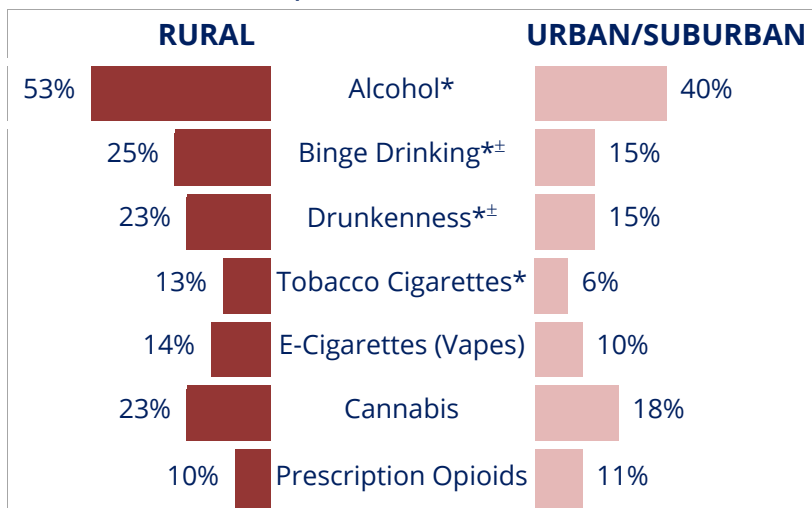
Alcohol and Drug Use Among Ontario Students in Rural Areas



About 16% of Ontario students in grades 7-12 attended a school in a rural area in 2017.[†]



Percentage of students reporting past year drug use by rural versus non-rural area, 2017 OSDUHS

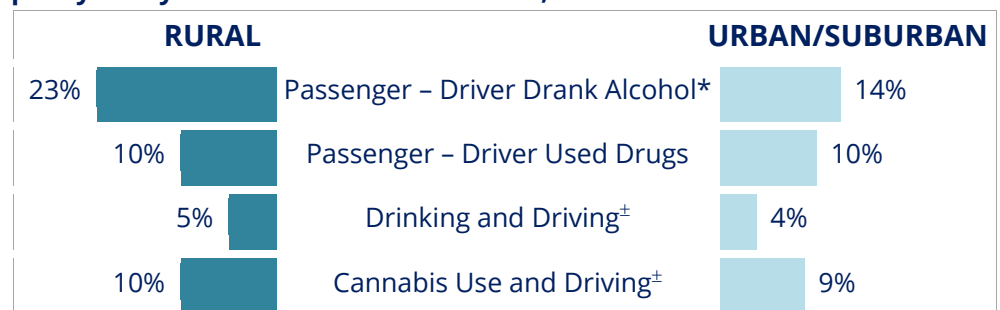


Students who attended schools in rural areas of the province were significantly more likely than students who attended urban/suburban schools to:

- drink alcohol
- binge drink
- get drunk, and
- smoke tobacco cigarettes.

* significant difference ($p < .05$); [‡] binge drinking and drunkenness refer to the past month.

Percentage of students reporting vehicle-related risk behaviours in the past year by rural versus non-rural area, 2017 OSDUHS



* significant difference ($p < .05$); [‡] among grades 10-12 with a driver's licence.

Students who attended schools in rural areas of the province were significantly more likely than students who attended urban/suburban schools to ride in a vehicle with a driver who had been drinking alcohol.

[†] Rural is based on Statistics Canada's definition of rural area classification, and derived using the 2016 Census Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF).