

## SUBSTANCE USE

**HEALTH PRIORITY #2**

**Defined as:** Use of and negative impacts from mood altering substances (marijuana, heroin) or misuse of prescription drugs

### LOCAL DATA

Drug arrests per 100,000 people<sup>1</sup>



**824** Eau Claire County  
**439** Wisconsin  
**490** U.S.

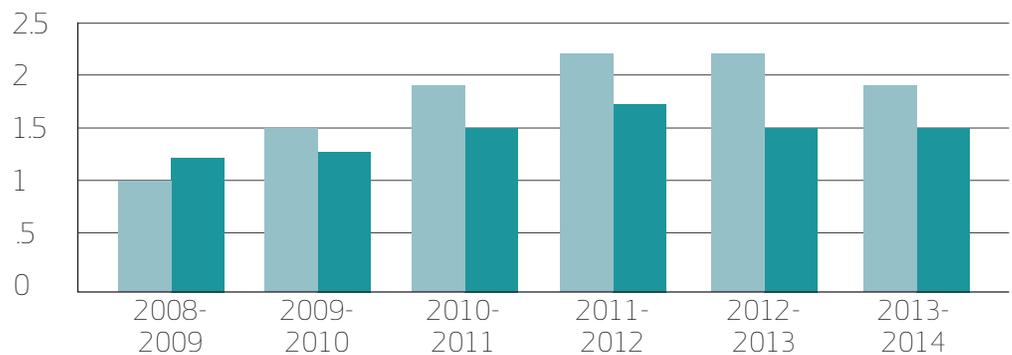
Drug-related hospitalizations per 100,000 people<sup>2</sup>



**340** Eau Claire County  
**261** Wisconsin

Opioid-related hospitalization per 1,000 people<sup>3</sup>

■ Eau Claire County  
 ■ Wisconsin



In Wisconsin, between 2012-2014, forty percent of counties experienced an increase in opioid-related hospitalizations (Wisconsin Epidemiological Profile on Alcohol and Other Drug Use, 2016).

### COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY<sup>4</sup>

Top reasons this is a problem in our community:

Substances are easily available

**68%**

Treatment is too expensive

**51%**

People cannot easily access services for substance use treatment

**49%**

How serious is this health topic?

Major problem..... **46%**

Moderate problem..... **32%**

Slight problem..... **17%**

Not a problem..... **5%**

<sup>1</sup>2016 WI Epidemiological Profile on Alc. & Other Drug Use (2013-2014)  
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<sup>4</sup>2017 Eau Claire County Community Health Survey

## PRIORITY AREA: **SUBSTANCE USE**

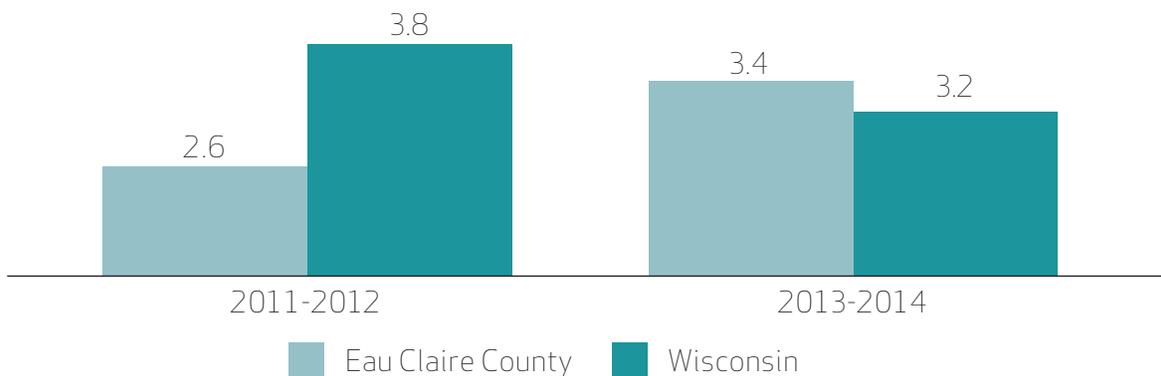
**Definition:** Use of and negative impacts from mood altering substances (i.e. marijuana, heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine) or misuse of prescription drugs

### 2017 Community Health Survey:

- > 78% feel substance use is a moderate or major problem in the community
- > 68% believe substances are easily available
- > 51% stated treatment is too expensive
- > 49% feel people cannot easily access services for substance use treatment
- > 48% indicated more substance use prevention education is needed

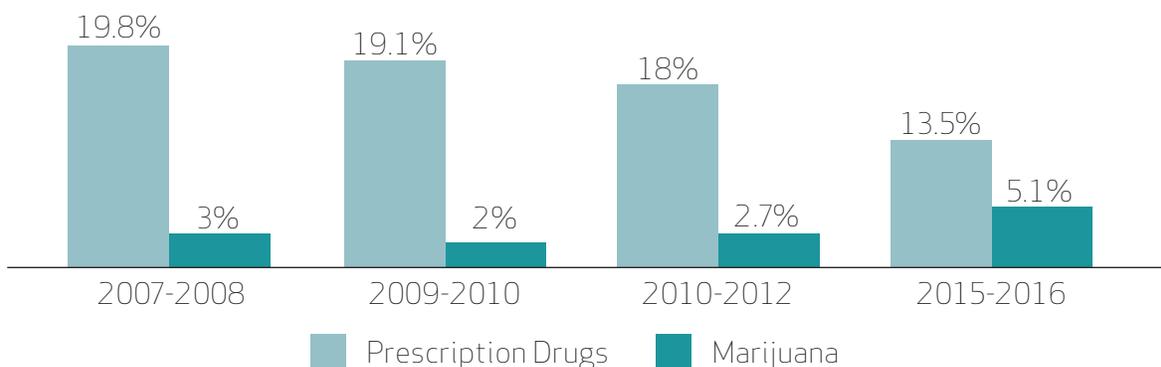
### Drug-related suspensions and expulsions, per 1,000 students

Drug-related suspensions and expulsions have increased by 12 incidences between the two school years; 48 cases during 2013-2014



### Monthly substance abuse

Marijuana use among 12th grade students has decreased from 19.8% to 13.5% in Eau Claire County. Prescription drug misuse has slightly increased for 12th grade students from 3% to 5.1% over the past eight years.

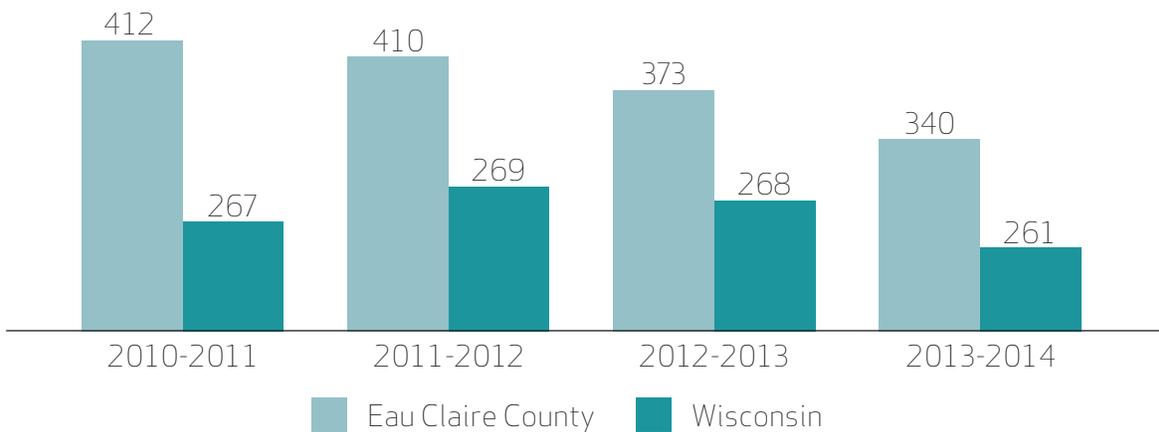


## 2015 Eau Claire County Pride Survey :

- > The average age of first prescription drug misuse for Eau Claire County students is 13.5 years
- > 12.6% of Eau Claire County high school students reported monthly use of an illicit drug
- > 2.4% of 12th grade students in Eau Claire County reported monthly use of meth

## Drug-related hospitalizations, per 100,000

In 2014, 14,710 drug-related hospitalizations were recorded in Wisconsin and 348 hospitalizations in Eau Claire County. The county rate (340), per 100,000 population, is higher compared to the state rate (261).



## Drug Law Arrests, per 100,000

In 2014, drug law arrests in Eau Claire County (824), were almost double to Wisconsin (439)

