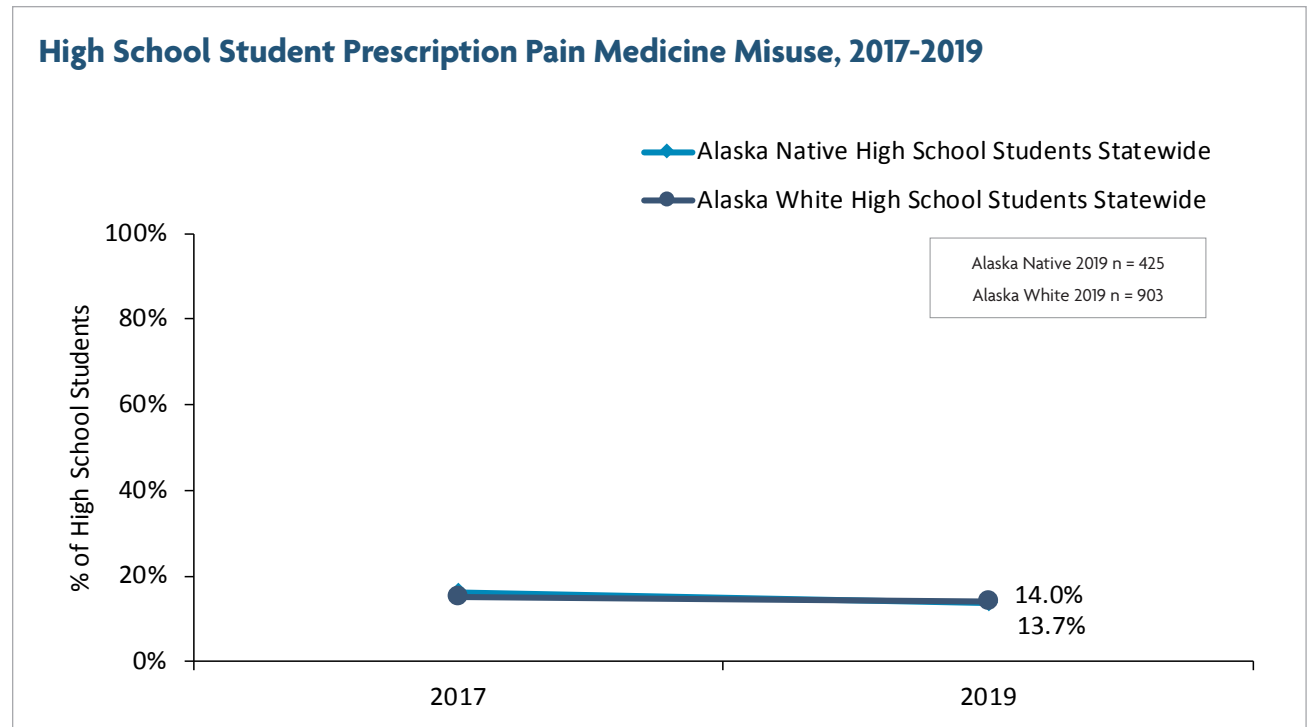


Prescription Pain Medicine Misuse



Data Source: Alaska Division of Public Health, Alaska Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System
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Definition

Among high school students (grades 9-12) prescription pain medicine misuse is defined as having used a prescription pain medication (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, or Hydrocodone) without a doctor's prescription or differently than prescribed one or more times during their life.

Summary

- » In 2019, 13.7% of Alaska Native high school students reported having used prescription pain medications without a doctor's prescription or differently than prescribed in their lifetime.
- » In 2019, there was no statistically significant difference between Alaska Native and Alaska White high school students in prescription pain medicine misuse.

Prescription Pain Medicine Misuse

Table C-95: High School Student Prescription Pain Medicine Misuse, 2017-2019

Data Source: Alaska Division of Public Health, Alaska Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System

		Alaska Native Students Statewide	Alaska White Students Statewide
2017	n	343	569
	%	16.2%	15.2%
	Confidence Interval	(11.9%-21.7%)	(12.1%-19.0%)
2019	n	425	903
	%	13.7%	14.0%
	Confidence Interval	(9.5%-19.3%)	(11.1%-17.5%)