

# Youth & Vaping



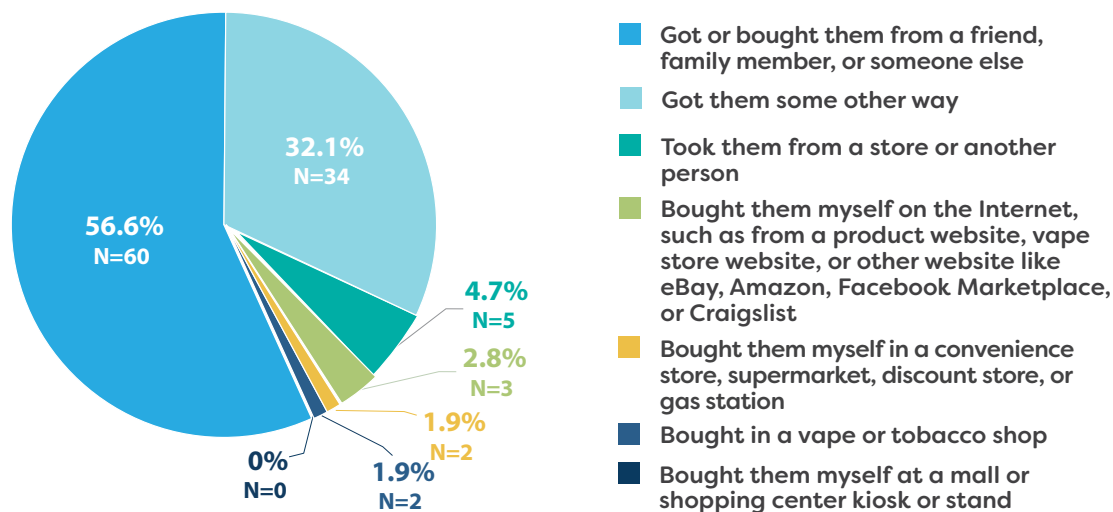
Since the Youth Behavioral Risk Survey began querying on electronic vapor products in 2014, it has found that most respondents have avoided this new form of substance abuse. Nevertheless, the trend data reveal that the practice grew in popularity during the 2010s, with a pronounced spike in 2018, with that trend continuing downward for 2023.

		2016	2018	2021	2023
		Percent responding yes.			
Have you ever used an electronic vapor product?	Buffalo County Respondents	31.3%	40.8%	26.0%	19.5%*
	Nebraska Respondents	36.1%	49.2%	33.7%	22.6%
		Percent responding one or more.			
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use an electronic vapor product?	Buffalo County Respondents	13.9%	28.2%	11.7%	10.2%*
	Nebraska Respondents	9.4%	17.1%	14.7%	6.9%

\*data set was weighted for representativeness

Youth who have used a vape product during the previous month, **more than half report obtaining them from a friend, family member, or other person.** Very few reported purchasing them from a vape or tobacco shop or other type of retailer.

During the past 30 days, **how did you usually get your own electronic vapor products?** (Select only one response.)



# Youth & Tobacco



The proportion of survey respondents who ever tried cigarettes is less than half of what it was five years ago (from ~20% in 2018 to ~10% in 2023). More than 95% of respondents said they consumed no tobacco during the prior month. Of those who did, most (3.4%) used a smokeless form of tobacco, while 2.9% smoked cigarettes.

		2012	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Percent responding yes.							
Have you <b>ever tried cigarette</b> smoking, even one or two puffs?	Buffalo County Respondents	30.4%	27.0%	23.2%	20.8%	14.8%	10.2%*
	Nebraska Respondents	31.9%	31.4%	24.0%	22.8%	18.7%	10.8%
Percent responding one or more.							
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke <b>cigarettes</b> ?	Buffalo County Respondents	11.4%	8.3%	8.2%	5.8%	4.4%	2.9%*
	Nebraska Respondents	10.9%	13.3%	7.4%	4.2%	3.6%	1.9%
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use <b>chewing tobacco</b> , snuff, dip, snus or dissolvable tobacco products such as Copenhagen, Grizzly, Skoal, or Camel Snus?	Buffalo County Respondents	8.8%	8.0%	5.6%	3.1%	2.7%	3.4%*
	Nebraska Respondents	7.7%	9.3%	5.3%	3.6%	2.9%	1.9%
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke <b>cigars</b> , cigarillos, or little cigars?	Buffalo County Respondents	6.9%	7.1%	5.4%	4.9%	1.9%	-
	Nebraska Respondents	8.3%	8.1%	6.7%	4.1%	3.0%	-

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## Research Methods

Every two to three years, Buffalo County Community Partners collaborates with the Nebraska Departments of Education and Health and Human Services to administer and analyze the Youth Behavioral and Risk Factor Survey. Data from Buffalo County were collected from a representative sample of Buffalo County youth between October and December 2023. In all, 1023 Buffalo County youth in grades 9-12, completed the 2023 survey, providing a snapshot of their physical and mental health, as well as behaviors that might pose risks to their health and safety. Copies of current and past reports, along with a full description of the Buffalo County research methods, are available at [www.bcchp.org/assessments](http://www.bcchp.org/assessments). For research methods respecting the Nebraska data, see <https://bosr.unl.edu/sharp/>.