

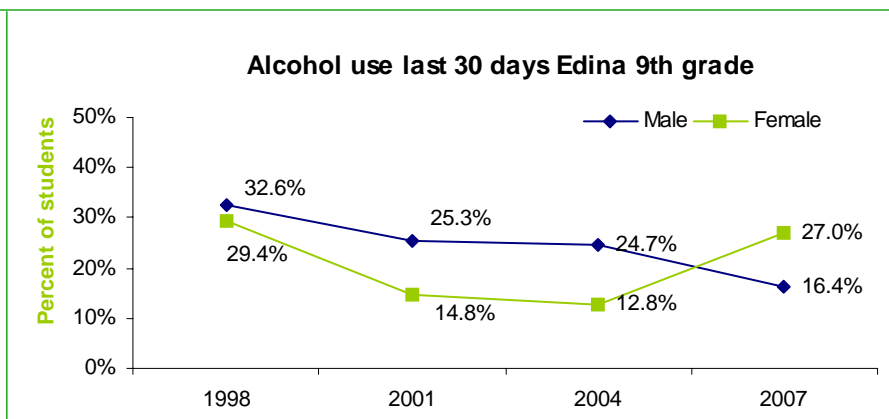
The Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) is administered every three years to 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders across the state. Student participation is voluntary. Ninth-grade data is used to monitor trends because these students historically have a high response rate. Survey results provide information about youth assets and risk behaviors. Data can be used as a tool for initiating & continuing conversations about youth health.

**ALCOHOL USE**

Since 1998, alcohol consumption has decreased significantly among Edina 9<sup>th</sup> grade males.\*

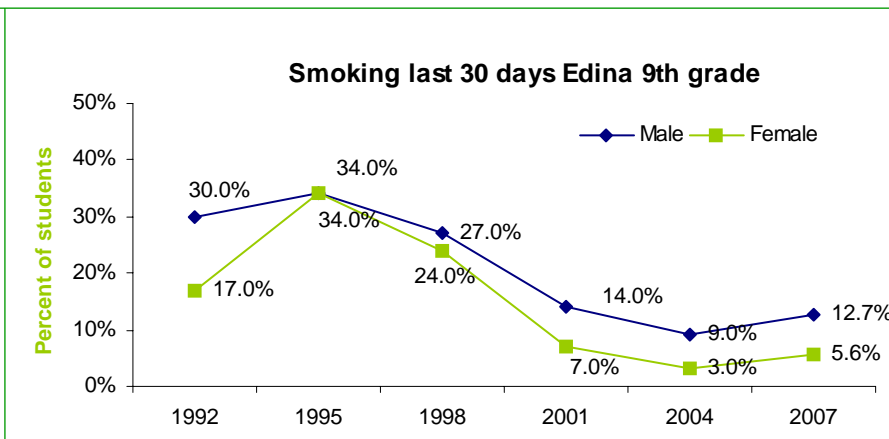
From 2004 to 2007, females had a significant increase in alcohol use over the last 30 days, and surpassed alcohol use by 9<sup>th</sup> grade males.

\*The question format changed slightly from 2004 to 2007. There is no data for 1992.



**TOBACCO USE**

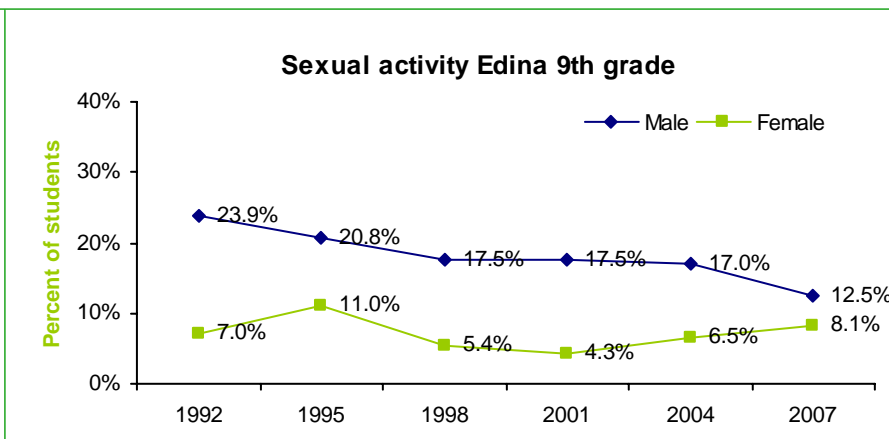
Tobacco use among Edina 9<sup>th</sup> graders decreased significantly between 1995 and 2004. In 2007, use rates increased slightly for males and females.



**SEXUAL ACTIVITY**

The percentage of Edina 9<sup>th</sup> graders who report having sex has increased in females and decreased in males.

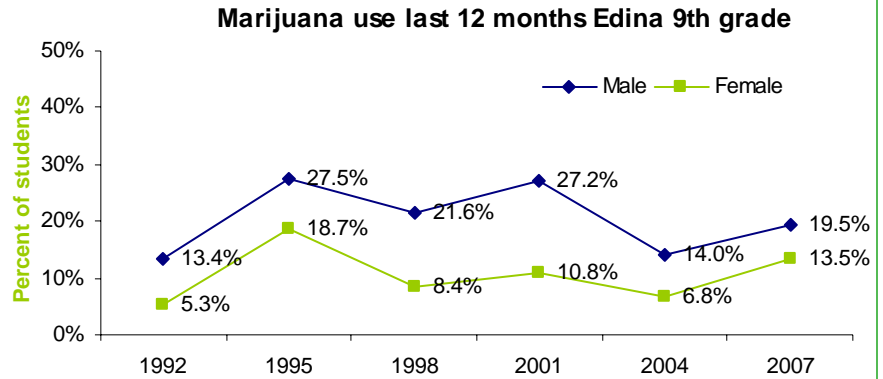
In 2007, one in ten students, with more males than females, reported sexual activity.



## MARIJUANA USE

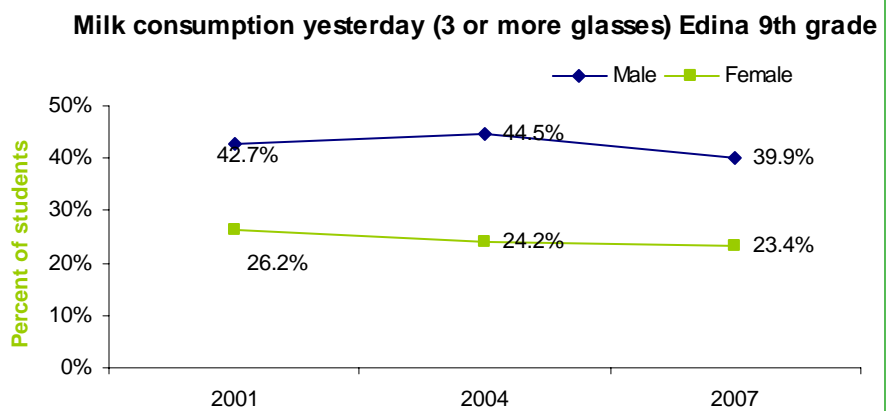
Marijuana use among Edina 9<sup>th</sup> graders has fluctuated over the years.

A greater percentage of males than females report marijuana use each year.



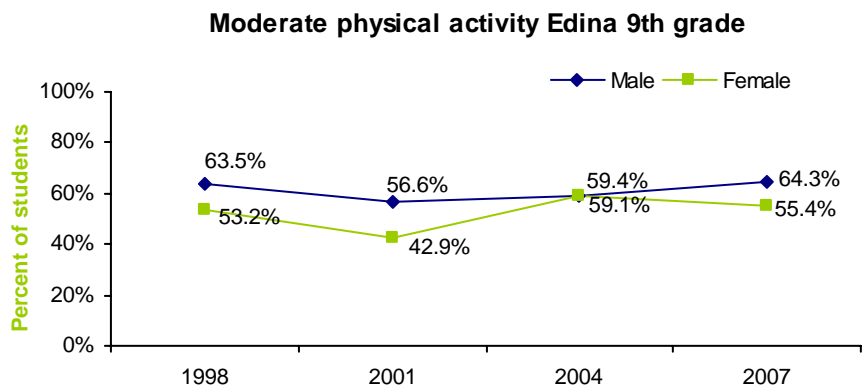
## NUTRITION & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Significantly fewer Edina 9<sup>th</sup> grade females than males report adequate milk consumption (drinking three or more glasses of milk in the day prior to taking the survey).



On average in 2007, 60% of Edina 9<sup>th</sup> graders met recommendations for moderate physical activity (30 minutes a day, five or more days a week).

However, 9<sup>th</sup> grade females continue to lag behind 9<sup>th</sup> grade males in physical activity.



## HEALTHY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

In 2007, more Edina 9<sup>th</sup> grade males than females reported being able to talk with both parents about problems.

Overall parental connectedness has increased since 1992.

