

Tobacco, alcohol and cannabis consumption during early adolescence - Results from the French section of the 2006 HBSC survey



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This issue of *Tendances* presents the initial results from the French section of the HBSC survey (Health Behaviour in School Aged Children) carried out in 41 countries or regions throughout the western world. This survey is coordinated by the medical department of the Toulouse Education Authority¹, with the cooperation and support of the Inpes and of the OFDT. In 2006, for the second time ever, it carried out a national survey of students aged 11, 13 and 15 in mainland France concerning their health-related behaviour and the consumption of psychoactive products.

The analyses presented here have been carried out by the OFDT as part of the partnership existing with HBSC since the 2002 survey. They concern only the use of psychoactive products and will be accompanied by other themes in the report to be published in 2008. After having presented the breakdown of experimentation trends between 11 and 15 years and shown that most teenagers have never consumed illegal products, the description will be focusing on children aged 15 years for whom the questions are far more detailed. Finally, a number of related factors such as the perceived

state of health or sociability will provide bases for discussion.

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