

In a glimpse

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The use of psychoactive substances among adolescents in French overseas territories

- The levels of use of psychoactive substances among high school students in French overseas departments and territories are lower than those in mainland France.
- Junior high school students in Guadeloupe, Martinique, and French Guiana are found to have higher levels of alcohol use than those in mainland France.
- The levels of substance use among adolescents overseas are generally developing in a similar way to those in mainland France, in comparison with 2015.
- In Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana, and Réunion, the use of tobacco, alcohol, and cannabis among young people has sharply declined, in comparison with 2015.
- At the same time, the use of shisha is stagnating or in some cases increasing in Guadeloupe and Martinique, in comparison with 2015.
- The use of electronic cigarettes is growing particularly dramatically among junior high school and high school students in Martinique.

Further reading (in French)

Briefing paper: [Les usages de substances psychoactives chez les adolescents en Outre-mer](#) [The use of psychoactive substances among adolescents in French overseas territories], 17 p.
