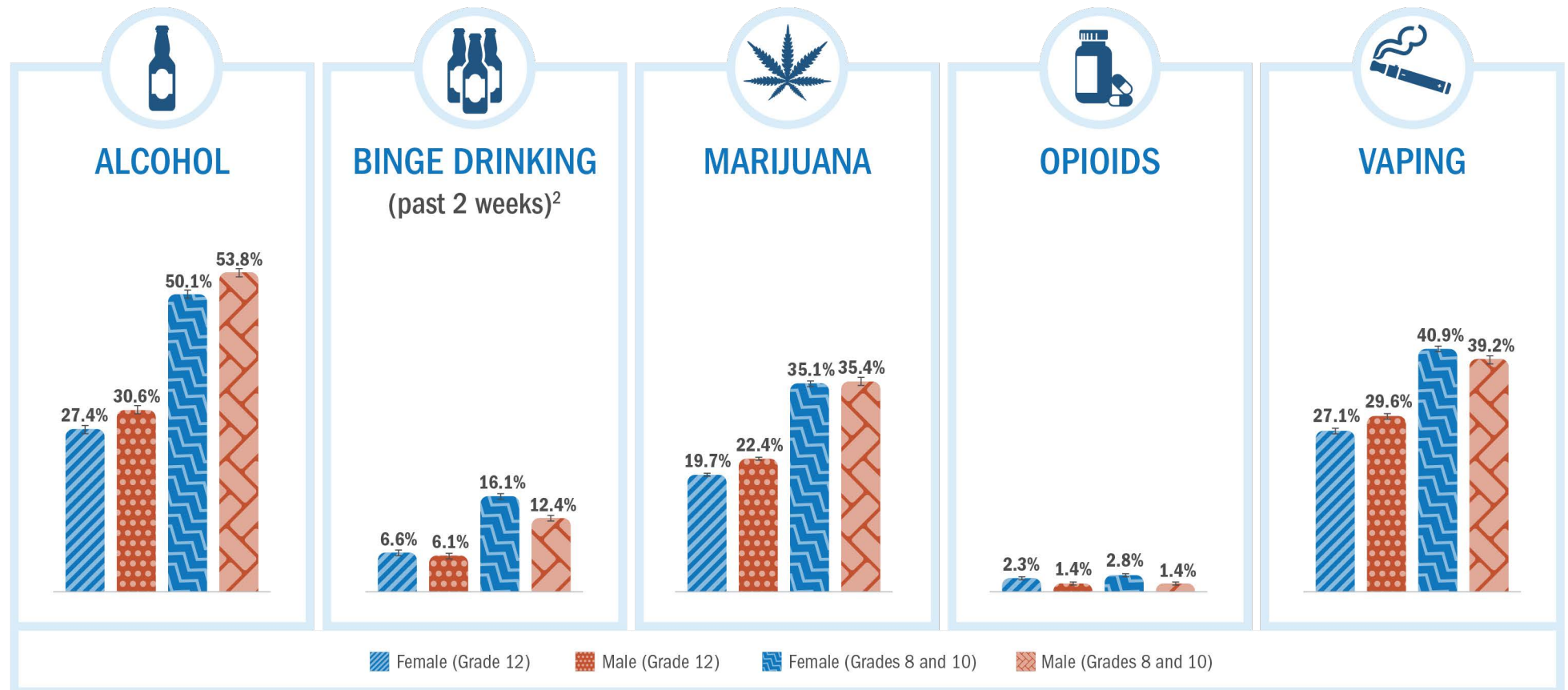


Past-Year Substance Use by Gender (2019)

Ensuring safe, supportive schools includes attending to the mental health and substance use needs of students.

The following data show the national prevalence of youth substance use among males and females.¹



Across all substances, there are insignificant gaps between males and females in both Grades 8/10 and Grade 12. For nearly all substances, there are substantial increases in the percentage of adolescents using from Grades 8/10 to Grade 12.

Note: The lines on top of the bars represent standard errors, a measure of the accuracy of the estimate.

¹ Data are from Miech, R. A., Johnston, L. D., Bachman, J. G., O'Malley, P. M., Schulenberg, J. E., & Patrick, M. E. (2020). *Monitoring the future: A continuing study of American youth, 2019*. NAHDAP <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/NAHDAP/studies/37882>

² Binge drinking is defined as males consuming five or more drinks and females consuming four or more drinks in about 2 hours.