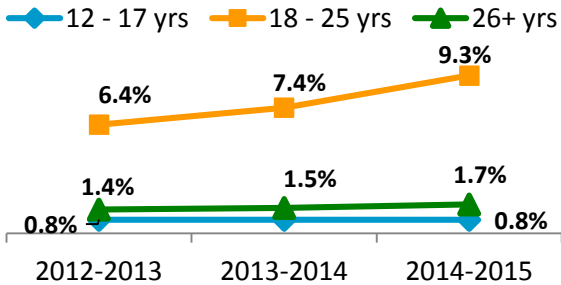


# Cocaine Use in Vermont Data Brief, October 2017

Since 2009, cocaine use in the United States has remained relatively stable.<sup>1</sup> However, Vermont consistently ranks in the top five states for cocaine use in the United States for persons aged 18-25 (NSDUH). This data brief examines prevalence of cocaine use, associated mortality, and treatment for cocaine use in Vermont.

## Percent reporting cocaine use in the past year, by age



Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health

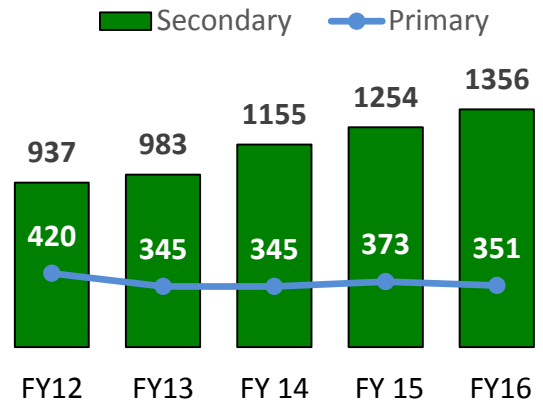
## Cocaine use is going up for those 18-25 years old; stable in other age groups

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## Those in treatment report that cocaine is typically used with other substances

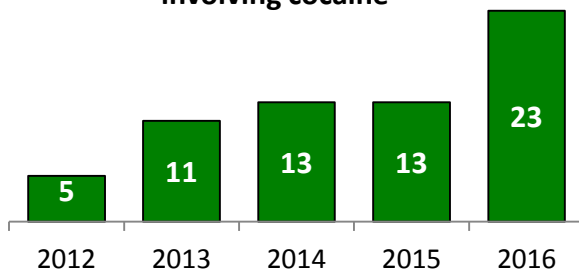
Cocaine is often not reported as the primary substance of abuse. However, between 2012 and 2016 there has been a 45% increase in the number of people reporting cocaine as an secondary substance of abuse at treatment admission.

## Number of people treated for cocaine use



Source: VT Substance Abuse Treatment Information System

## Number of accidental and undetermined drug-related fatalities involving cocaine



Source: Vermont Office of Vital Statistics

## Fatalities involving cocaine are increasing

From 2012 to 2016 the number of drug-related fatalities involving cocaine occurring in Vermont increased from 5 to 23 annually. Of the 23 that died in 2016, 87% had other substances in their system.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/cocaine/what-scope-cocaine-use-in-united-states>