### 2021 South Carolina Youth Tobacco Survey Results



46% of high school students surveyed indicated they have used some form of tobacco.





21% of high school students surveyed used a vape in the past 30 days, with roughly 15,000 students using the device "because of its flavor."

average of high school vape users was 14% while South Carolina's was **21%**.



## **Underage Access to Tobacco Products**

24% Gas Station/ Convenience Store



43% Social Sources (Friends)



21% Vape Shops (Up 12.5% since 2019)





Data From:

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control; Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control. 2021 SC Youth Tobacco Survey. Visit their

website for the full report.

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# Vapes and E-Cigarettes: What You Need To Know



#### What's A Vape?

Vapes, also called e-cigarettes, are electronic devices that heat liquid nicotine and produce a toxic aerosol cloud of harmful particles in the air. There are many different manufacturers, device designs and shapes, battery types, product colors, and e-liquid flavors.

#### What's In A Vape?

Nicotine, a highly addictive, toxic chemical that is harmful to adolescent brain development

Cancer Causing Chemicals, such as

Formaldehyde and Acrolein (herbicide)

Dangerous flavorings, such as menthol and cinnamon, that can impact heart and cardiovascular health

**Tiny Particles** that can reach deep into the lungs and cause permanent damage

# What's A Vape Aerosol Cloud?

If you are around someone vaping, you could be inhaling the substances found in the vape aerosol cloud; this is known as secondhand smoke. The Vape Cloud is not just water vapor: It can contain harmful and potentially harmful substances such as volatile organic compounds, nicotine, and heavy metals such as nickel, tin, and lead.



Information and facts are from the CDC. More information can be found by visiting their website.

