



Empowering Our Community Through Comprehensive Strategies.

# DATA FEATURE

## Health: Youth Drug Access

**66%**

**ALCOHOL ACCESS**

of 1,825 students surveyed in the Siouxland Tri-State Region said it would be difficult to access alcohol.

- SIOUXLAND CARES SIOUX CITY METRO AREA YOUTH SURVEY, 2022

**75%**

**TOBACCO ACCESS**

of 1,825 students surveyed in the Siouxland Tri-State Region said it would be difficult to access tobacco.

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**76%**

**MARIJUANA ACCESS**

of 1,825 students surveyed in the Siouxland Tri-State Region said it would be difficult to access marijuana.

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### ABOUT US

Source For Siouxland is a collaborative, strategic community planning initiative for a vibrant, safe, and healthy Siouxland. We measure the Economic Stability, Education, Health, Safety, and Quality of Life of the Siouxland Area in order to identify opportunities to build a stronger and more engaged community, prioritize the opportunities, and lead collective impact teams that will improve community outcomes.

### INFORMATION BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE SFS LEADERSHIP TEAM:

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## YOUTH DRUG ACCESS: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES IN SIOUXLAND

#### Alcohol Access:

In the Siouxland Tri-State area, the percentage of students who reported that it was difficult to access alcohol increased over time, rising from 45% in 2016 to 66% in 2022. This upward trend suggests that alcohol may be becoming harder for youth to obtain, which could reflect stronger enforcement of age restrictions or more community awareness efforts.

#### Tobacco Access:

Student perceptions of difficulty in accessing tobacco also improved during the same period. In 2016, 57% of students said it was hard to get tobacco, and by 2022, that number had climbed to 75%. This change may indicate successful tobacco prevention initiatives and reduced availability of tobacco products to underage youth.

#### Marijuana Access:

Reports from students regarding difficulty accessing marijuana remained relatively stable but improved overall—from 66% in 2016 to 76% in 2022. This steady increase shows some progress in reducing marijuana availability among youth, even as laws and perceptions around marijuana use have evolved across the country.