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## DRUG USE IN THE AMERICAS

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Without whose work, we would not be able to provide the panorama that we have today.

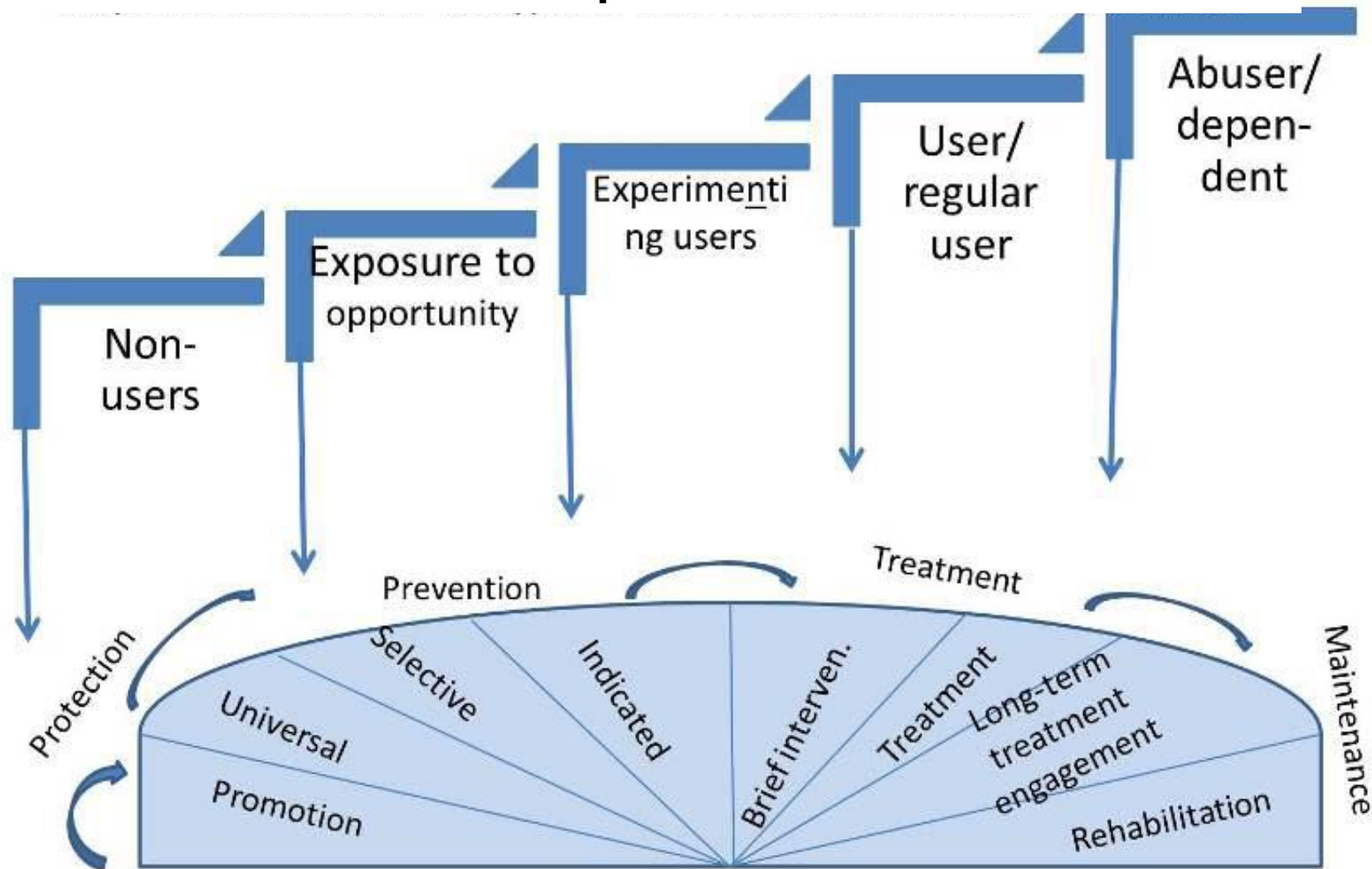
- Purpose: Develop an analysis of the state of the drug problem in the hemisphere utilizing the latest information available (primarily between 2012 and 2014), with emphasis on trends over time, and wherever possible, implications for drug policy.

- What the report tells us
  - Drug use among minors
  - Relationship between drug use and indicators on supply control
  - Trends in drug use
  - New trends and concerns

# Introduction



## From the OAS Report:





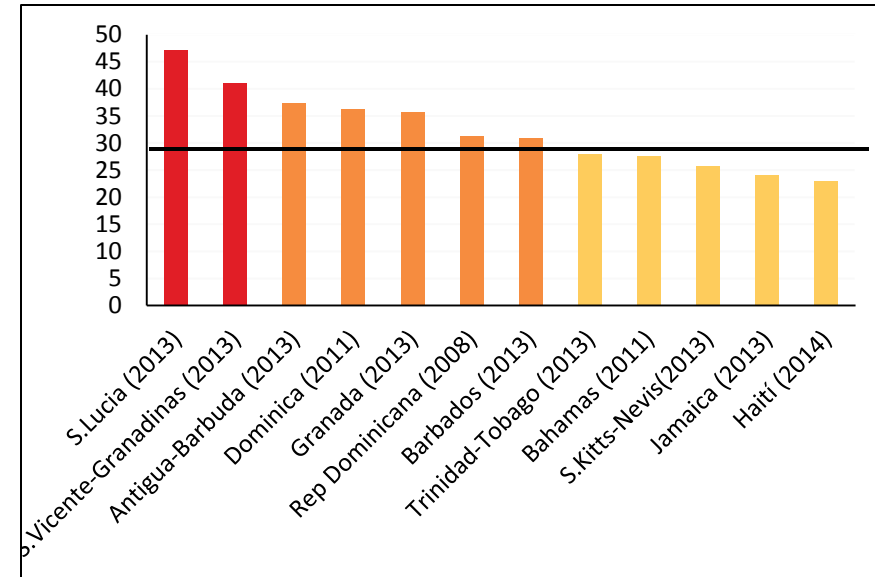
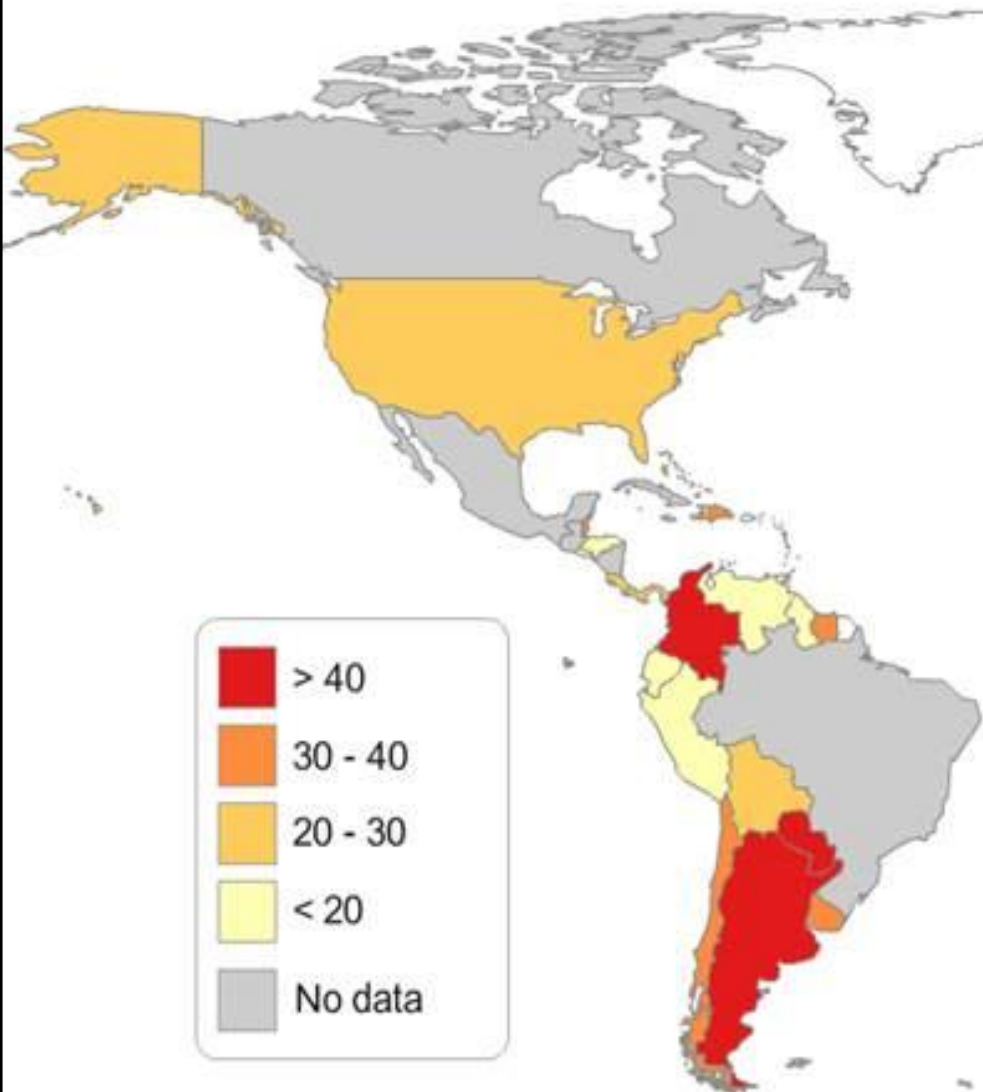
# REVIEW OF SOME DATA

## REPORT

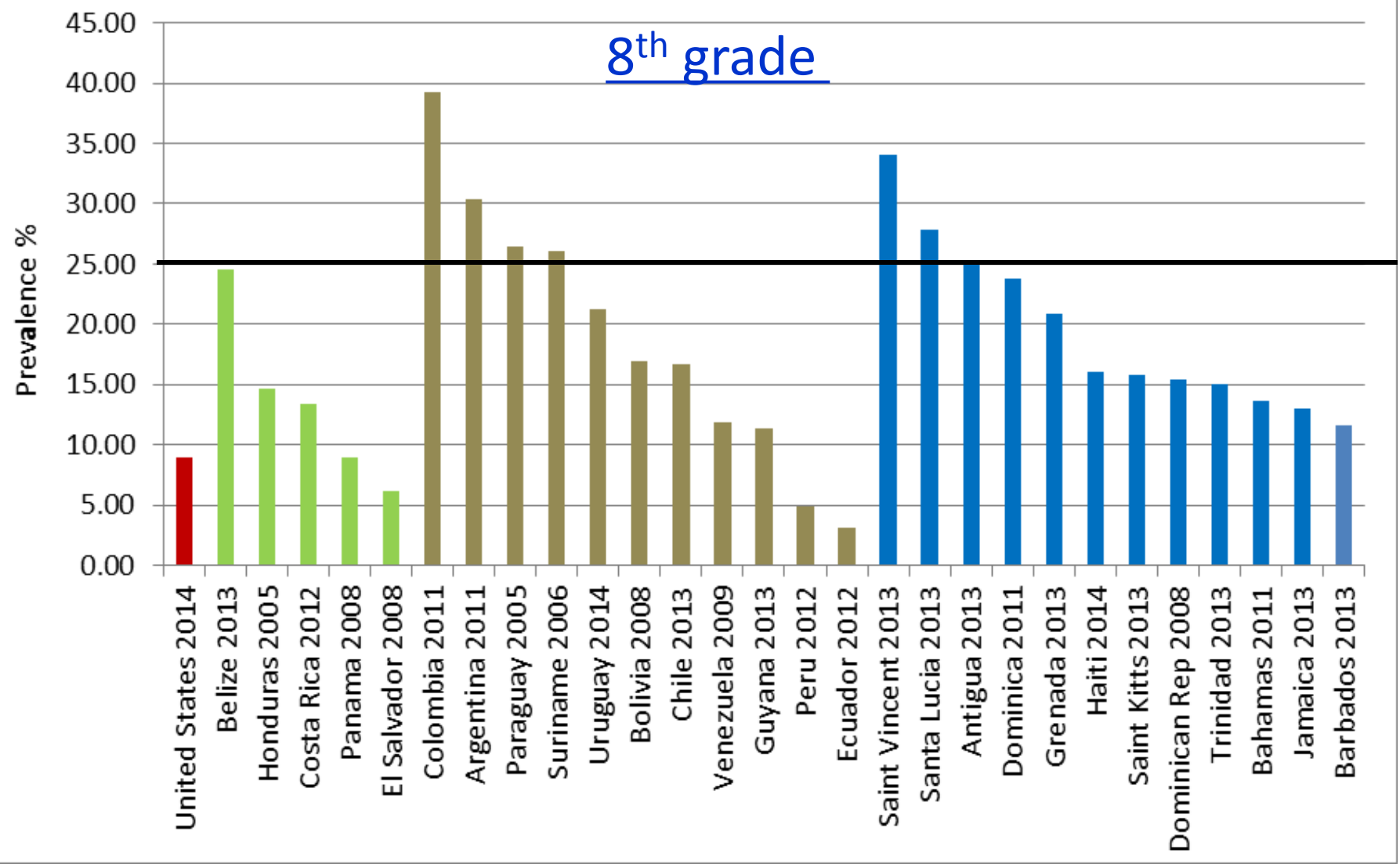
# Past month prevalence of alcohol use among Secondary school students



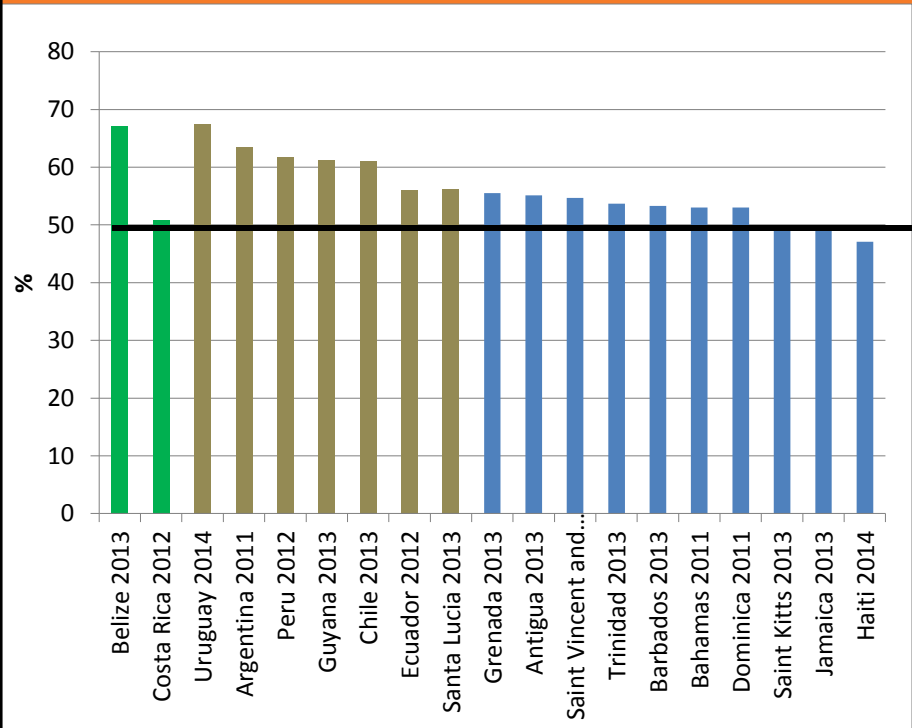
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# “Binge drinking” (among past month users)



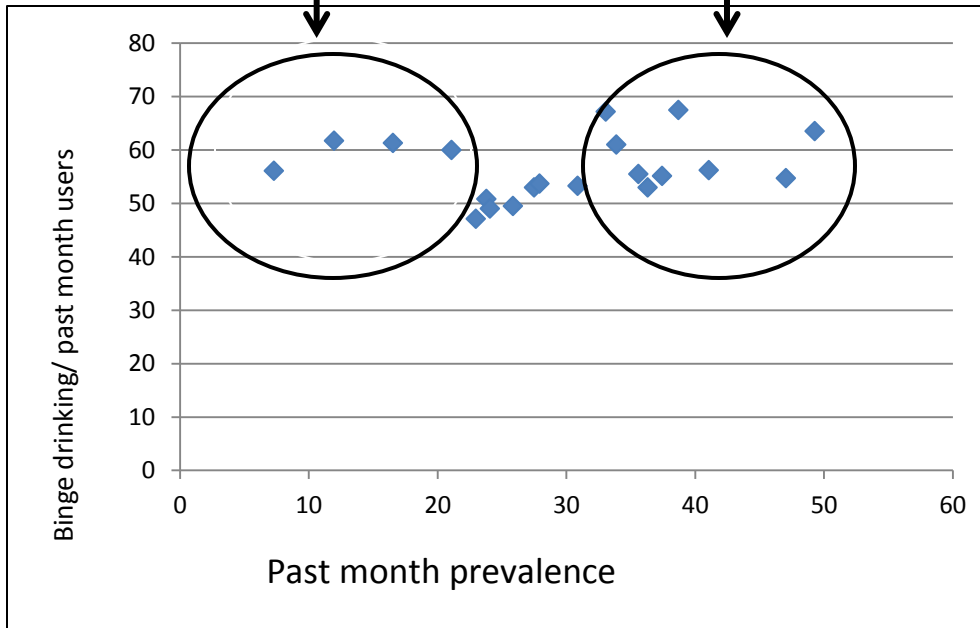
1 out of 2 past month users

Countries with low prevalence

Countries with high prevalence

Binge drinking=5 drinks in a single occasion during the 2 weeks prior to the survey

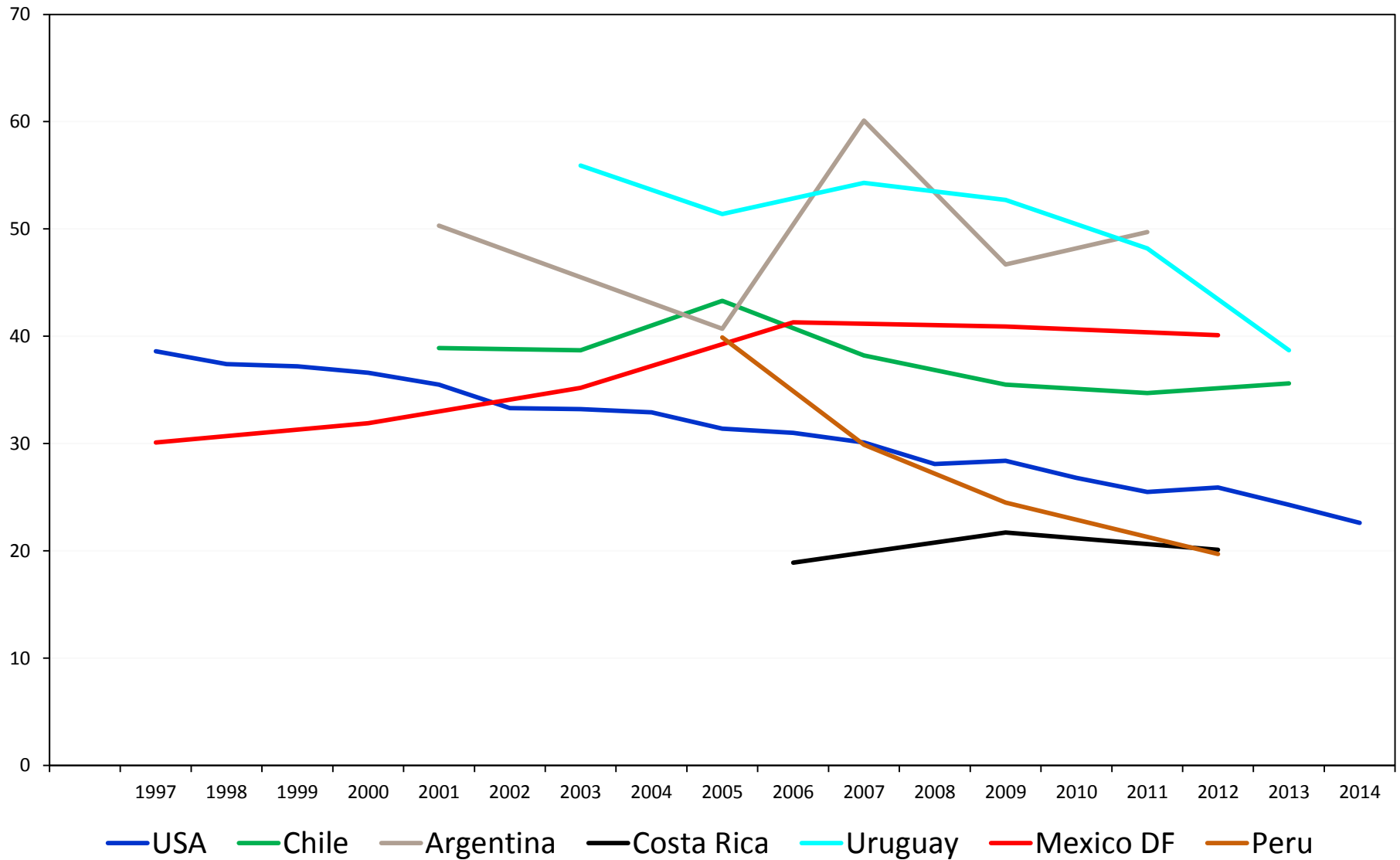
**Implications for selective and indicated intervention???**



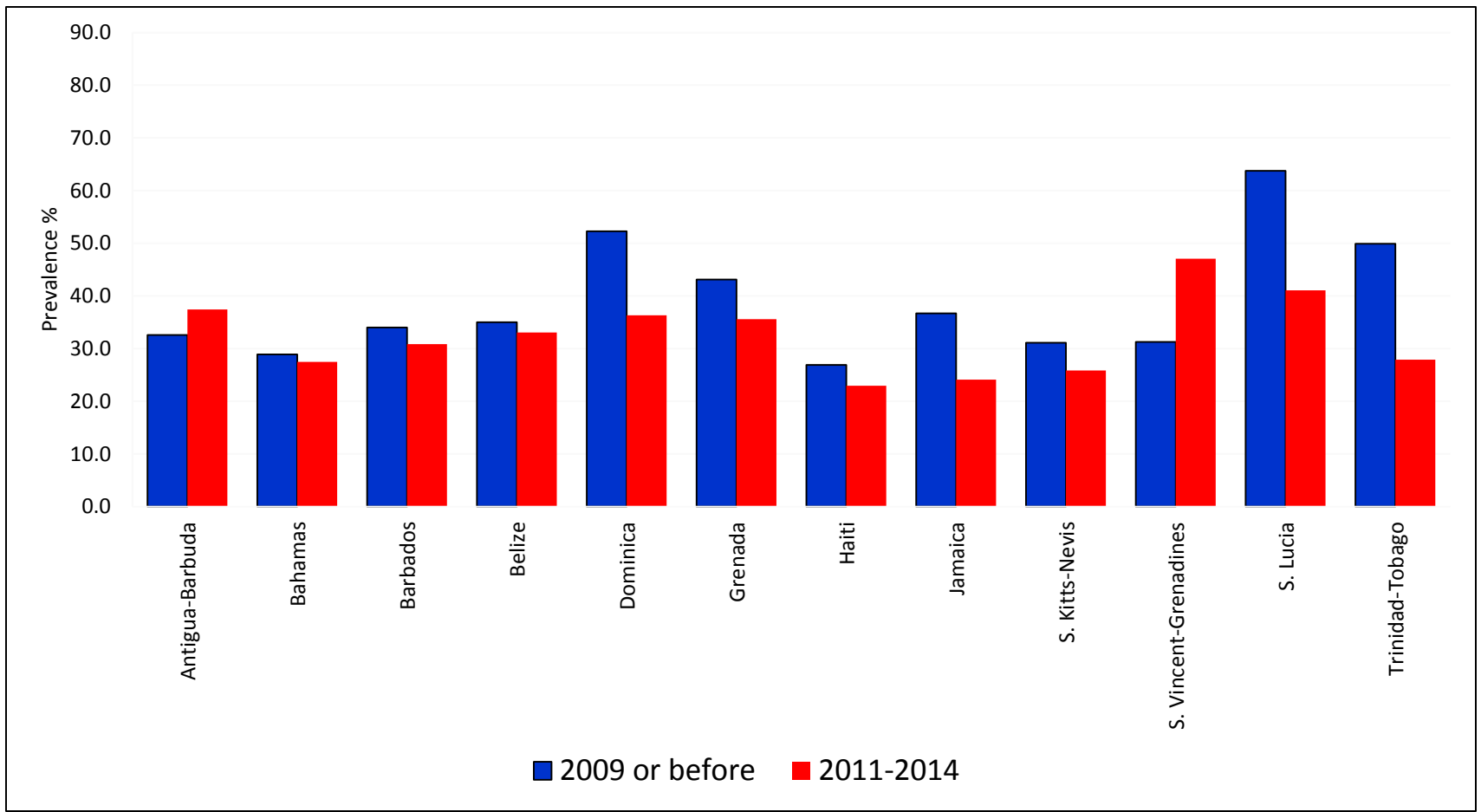
# Trends in past month alcohol use, secondary school students



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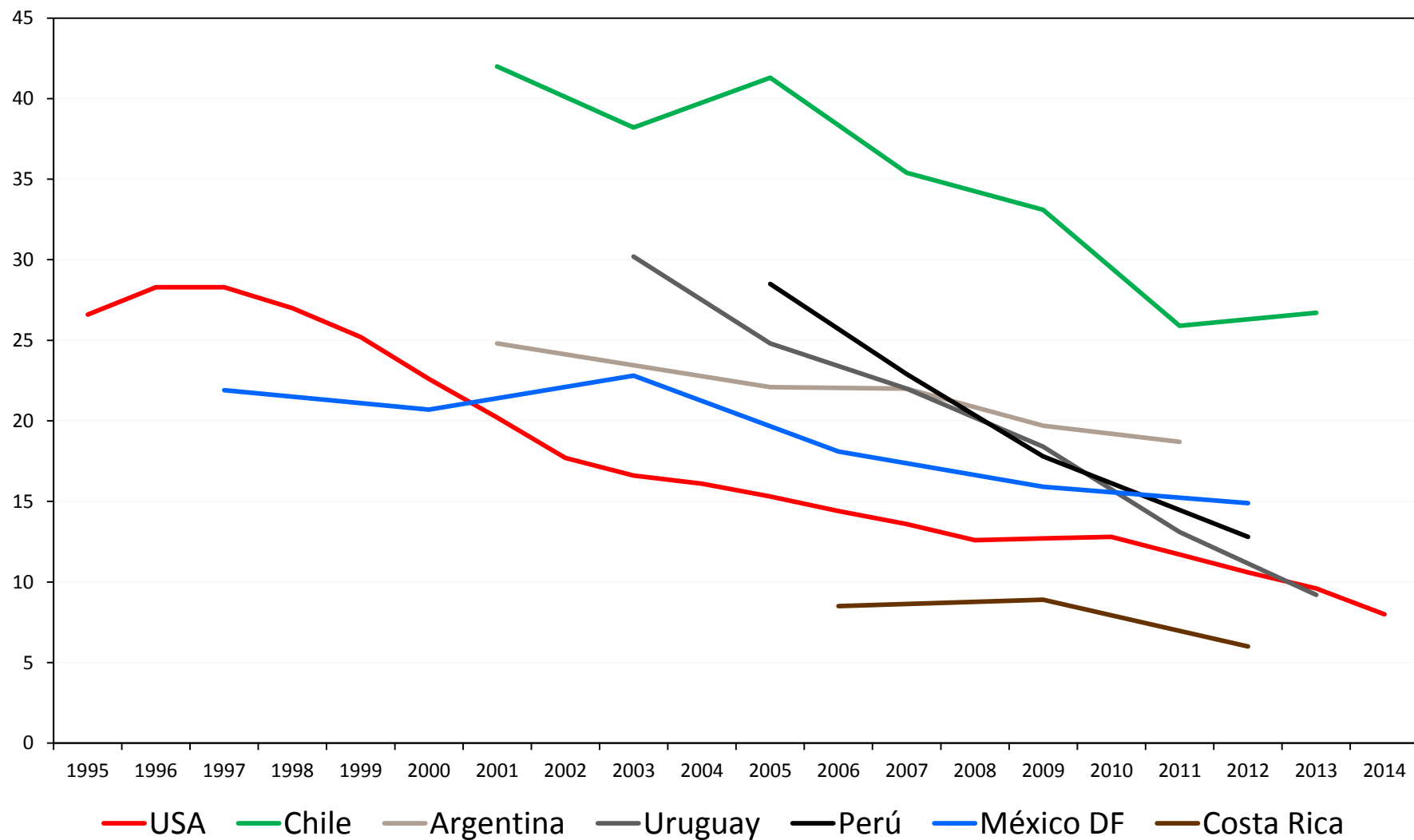
# Past month prevalence among secondary school students, Caribbean



# Trends in past month tobacco use, secondary school students



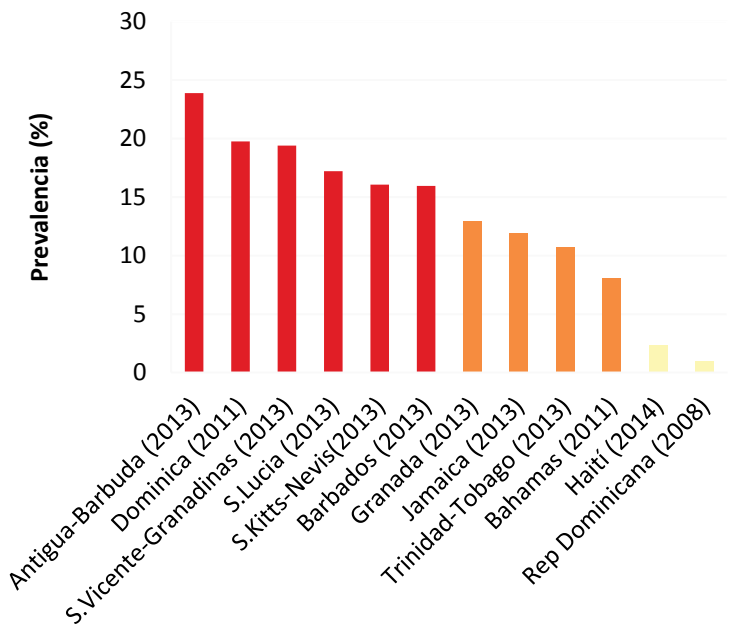
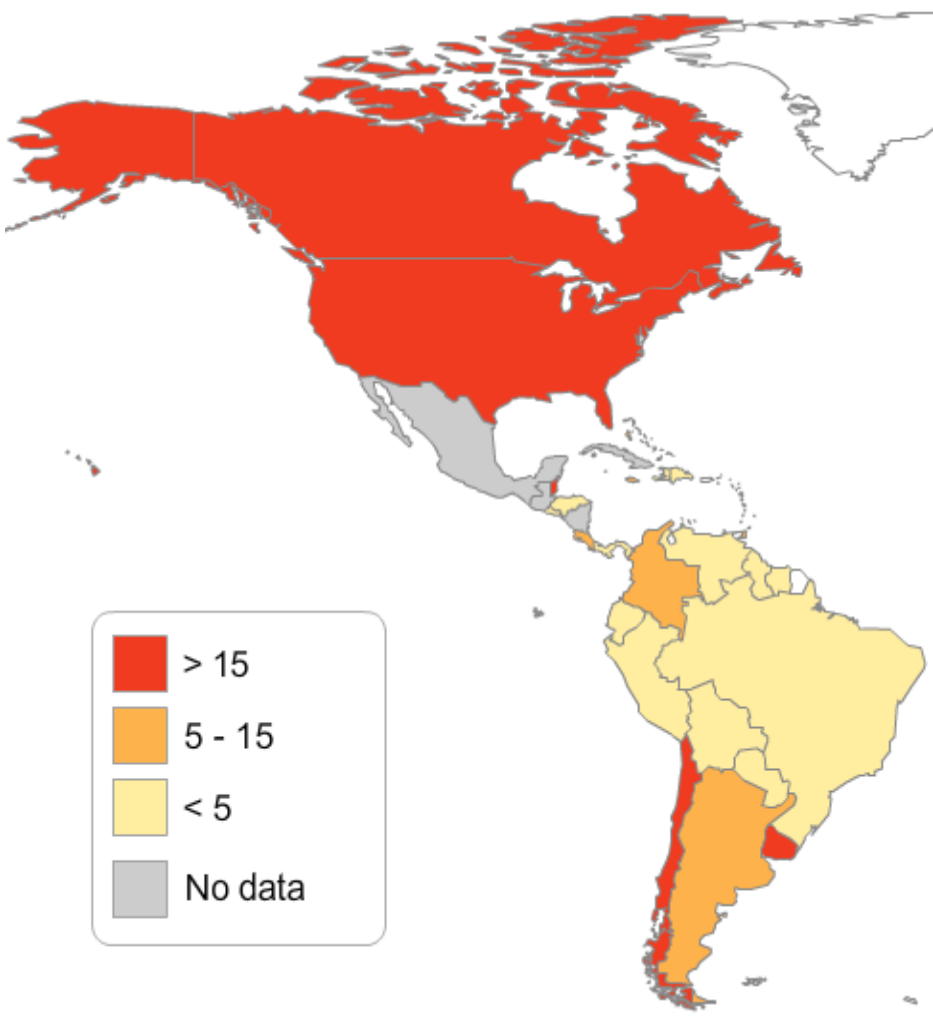
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# Marijuana—Past year prevalence, secondary school students



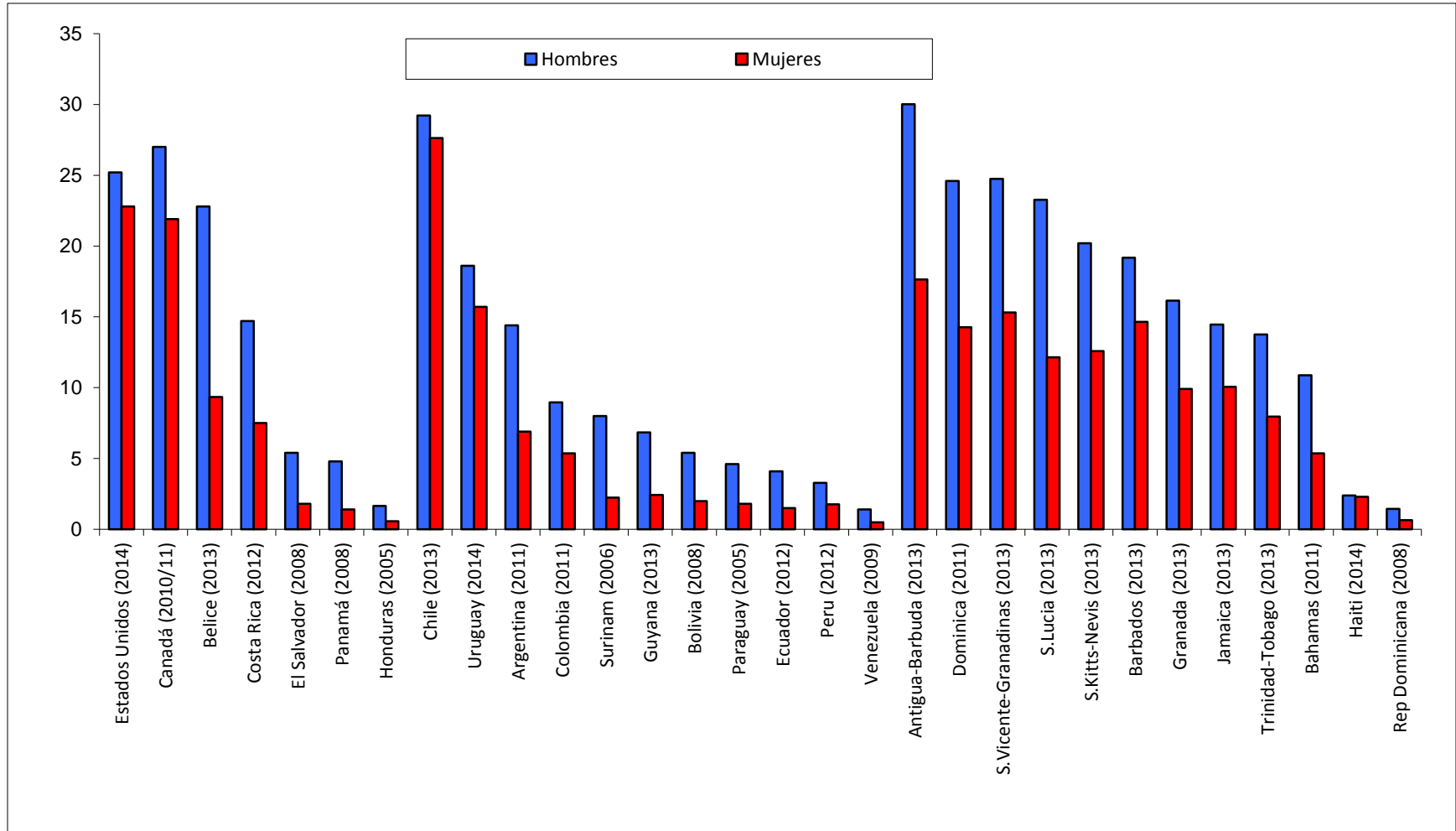
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# Past year prevalence of marijuana use secondary schools, by sex, according to sub-region.



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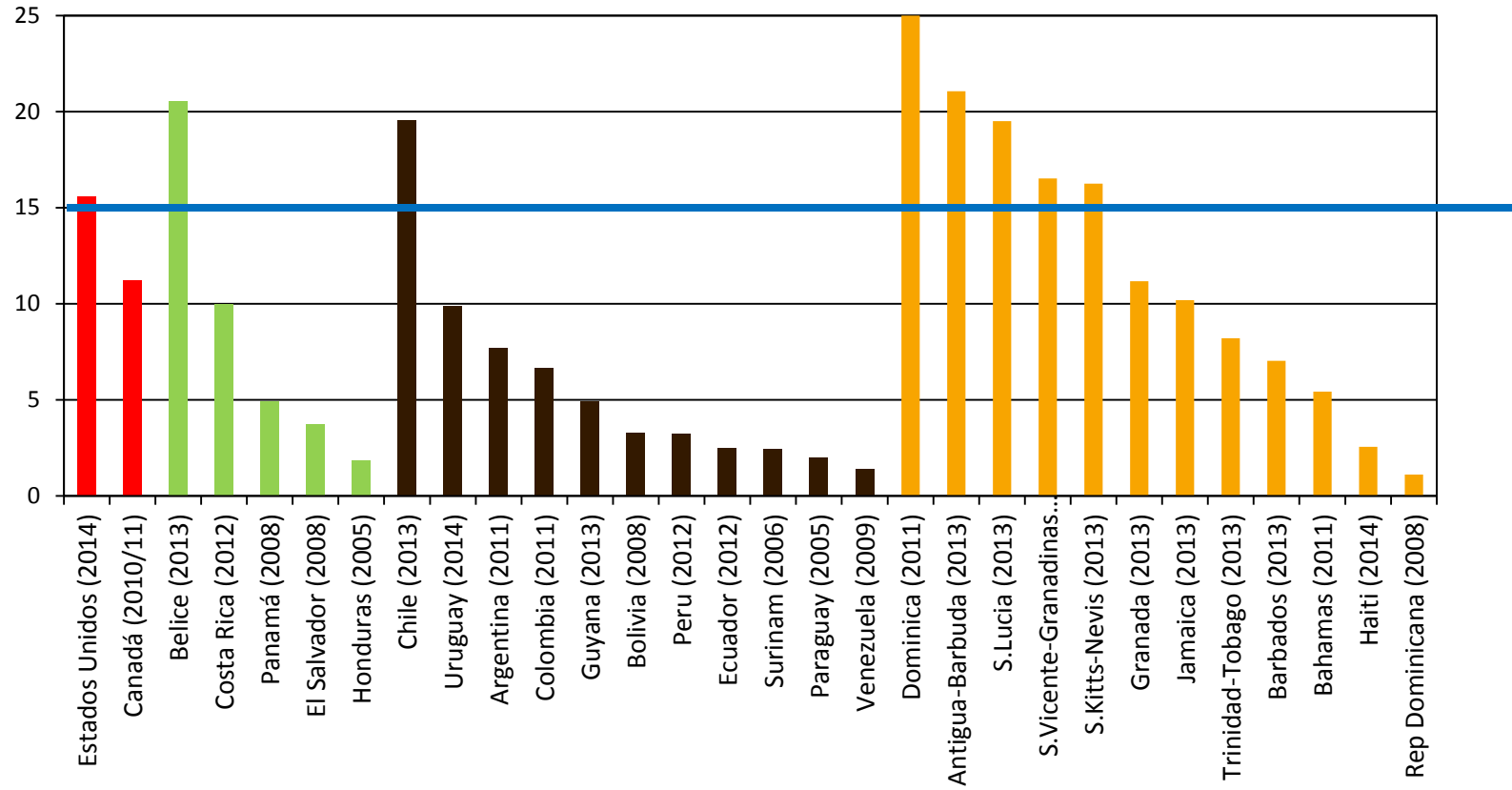


# Past year prevalence of marijuana 8<sup>th</sup> graders by sub-region



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## 8<sup>th</sup> grade

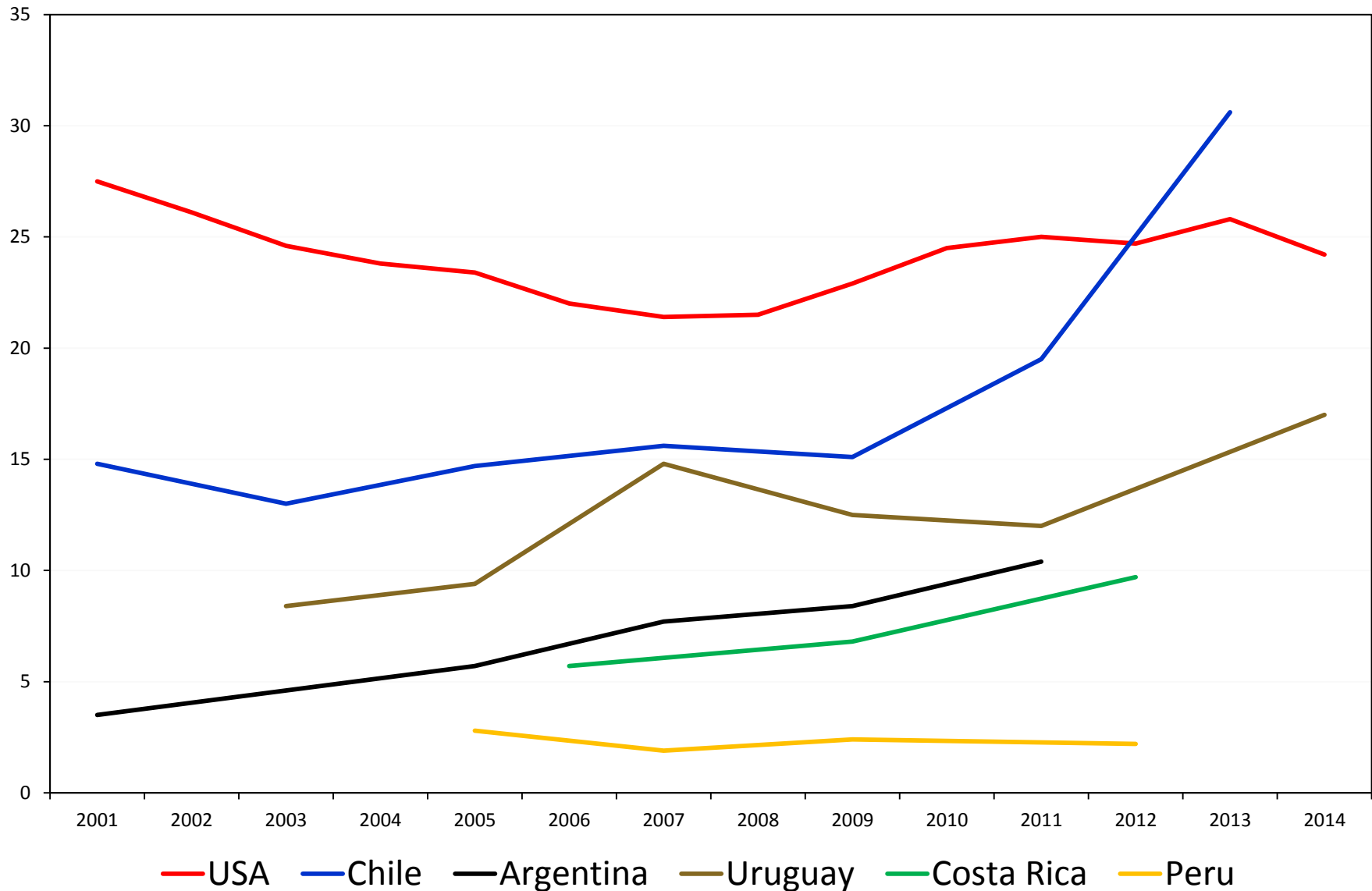




# Trends in past year marijuana, secondary schools



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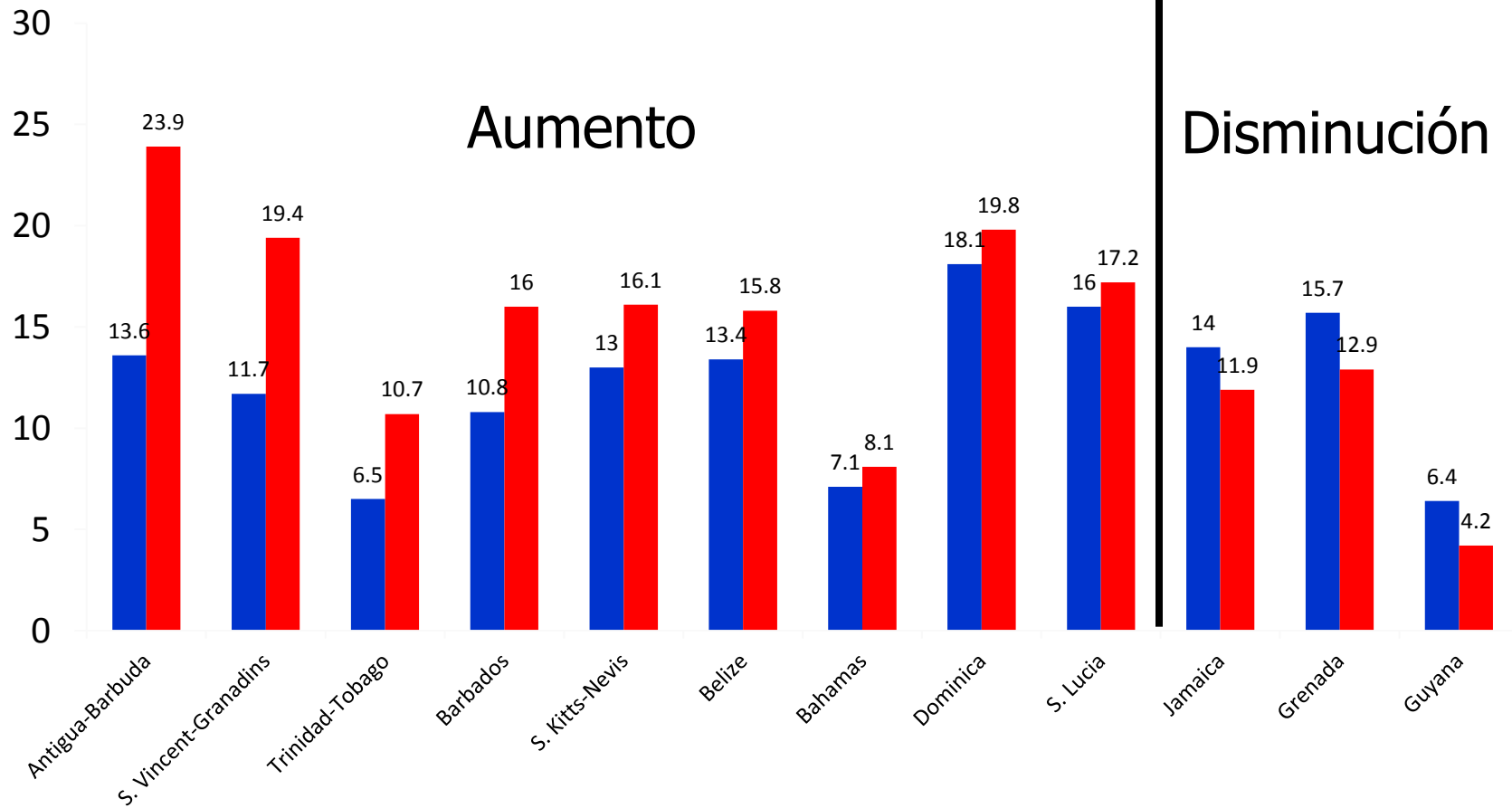


# Comparison, past year marijuana use, Caribbean



2006

2013

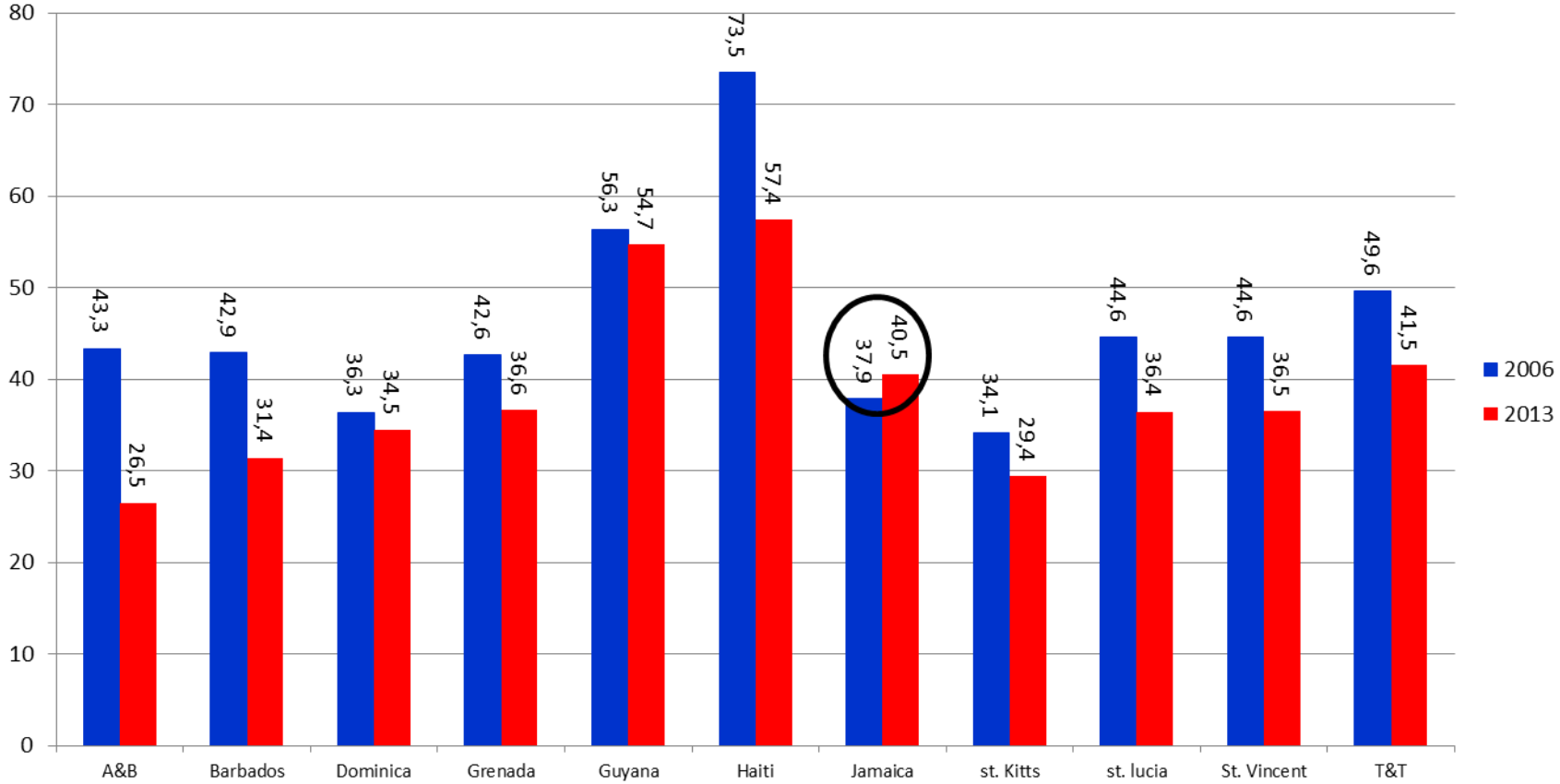


Aumento

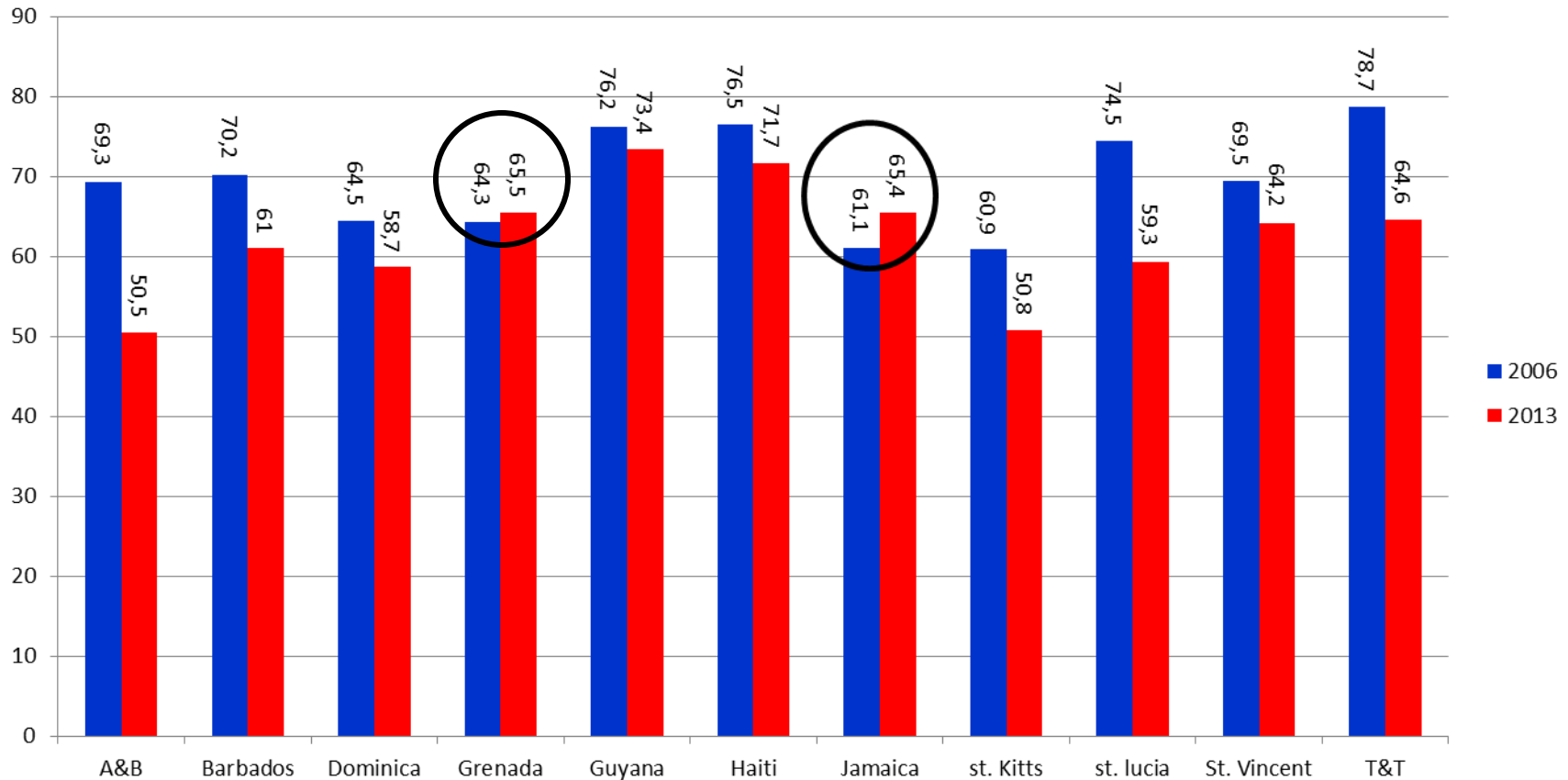
Disminución



## Perception of risk for smoking marijuana sometimes (% of students), Caribbean

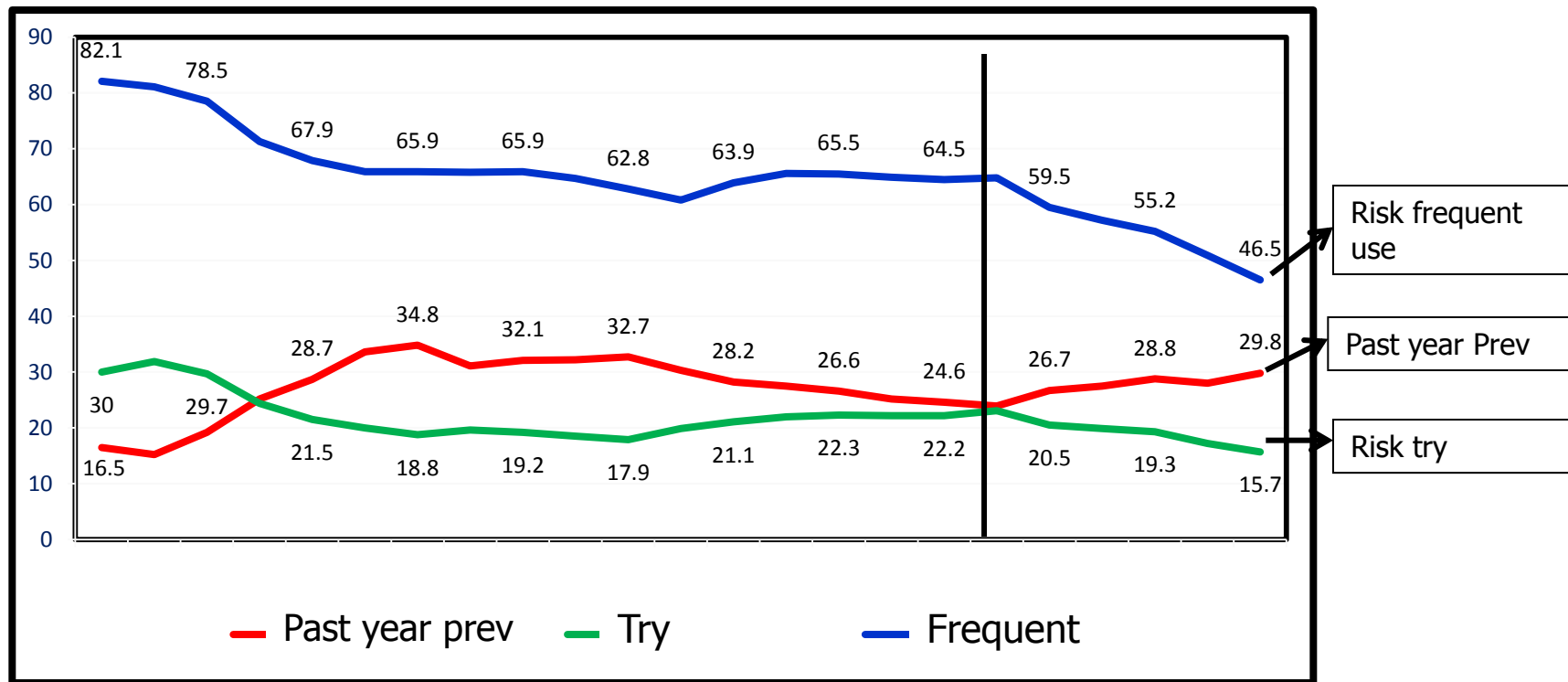


# Perception of high risk in smoking marijuana regularly (% of students), Caribbean





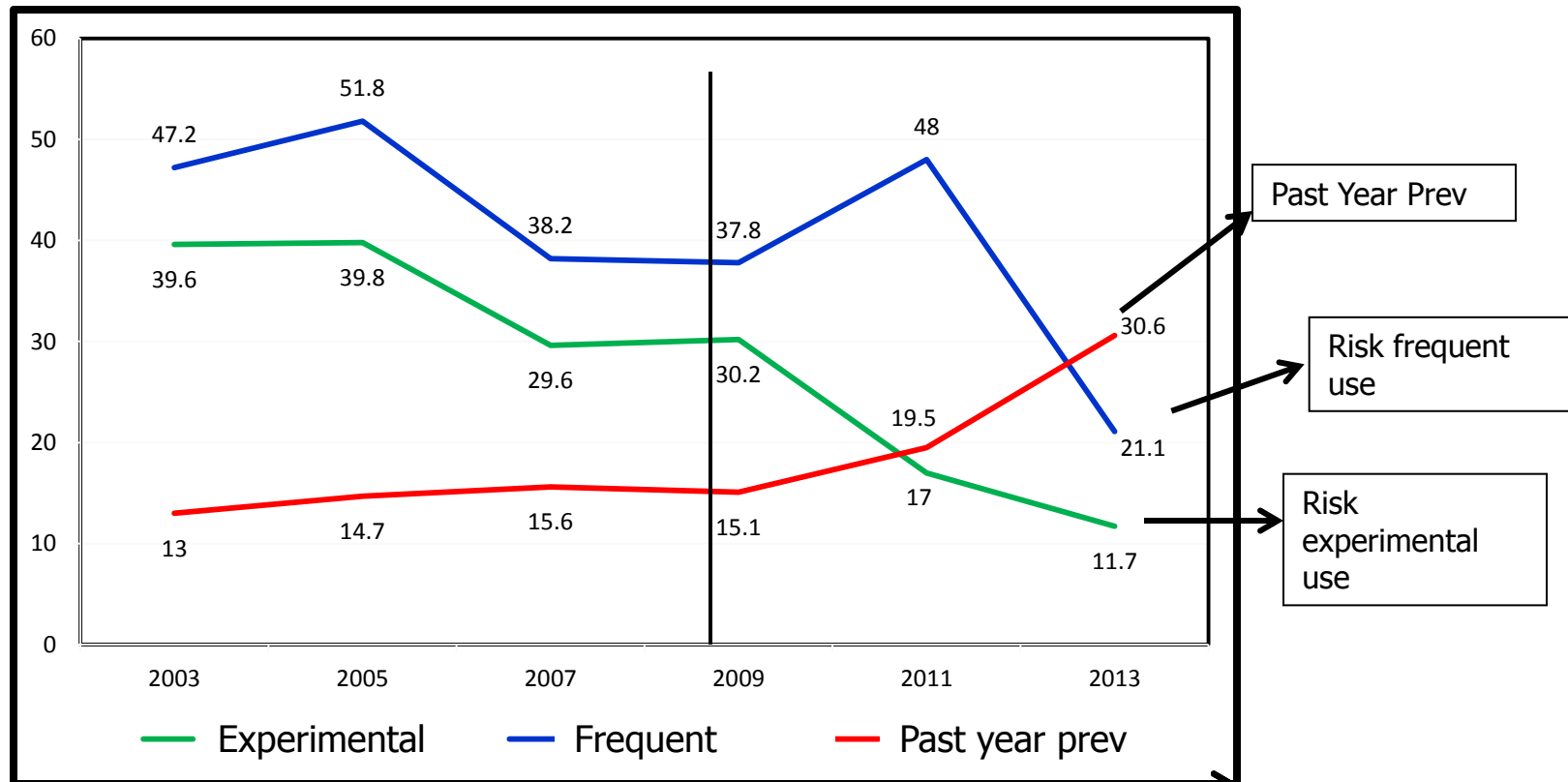
# Past year prevalence and perception of high risk, USA, Grade 10



Source: University of Michigan, Monitoring the Future Study, 2013

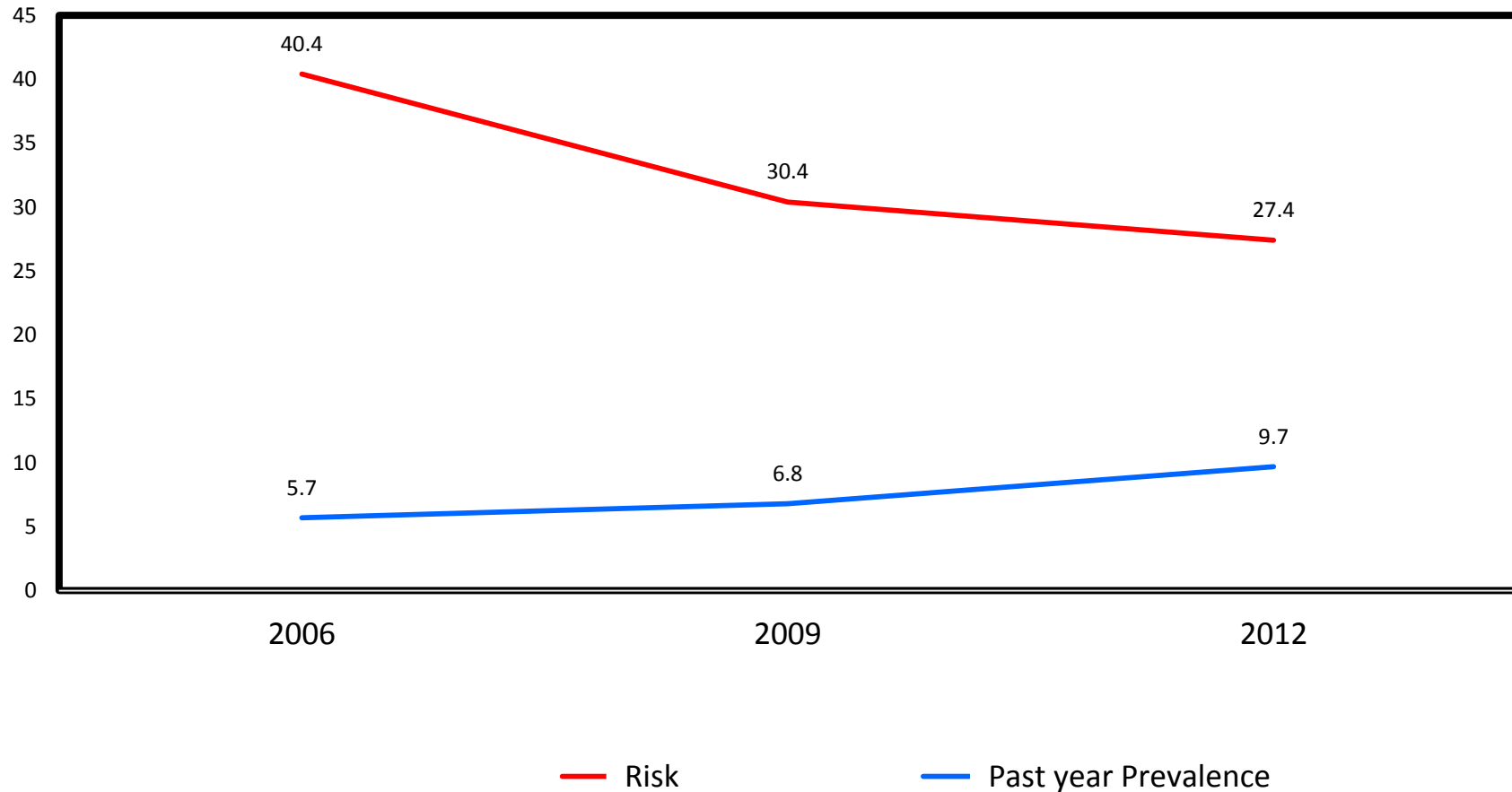


# Percent that considers high risk associated with marijuana use and past year prevalence, Secondary Schools, Chile, 2003-2013

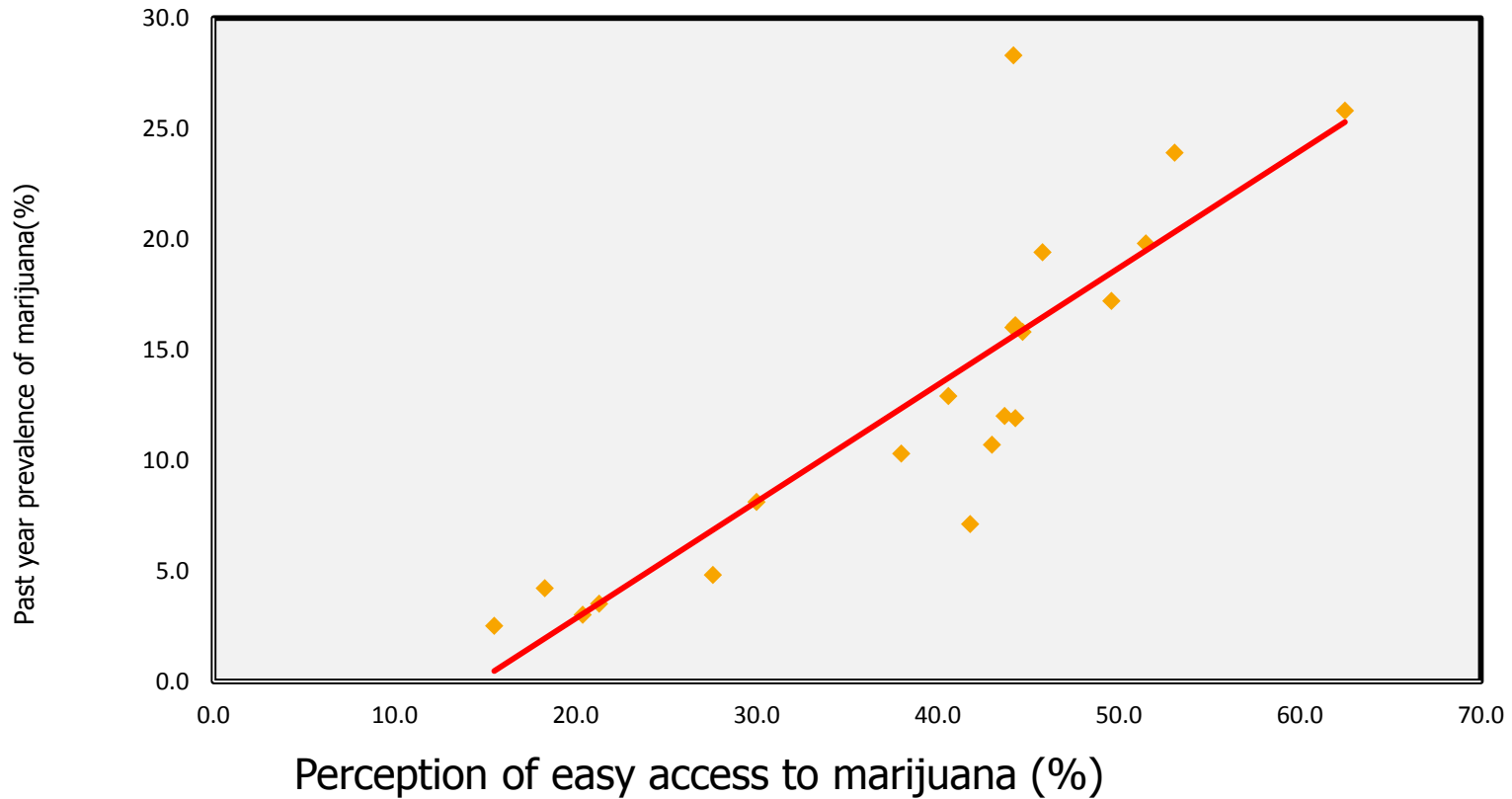




# Costa Rica: past year prevalence of marijuana, according to perception of high risk of using sometimes, Secondary schools

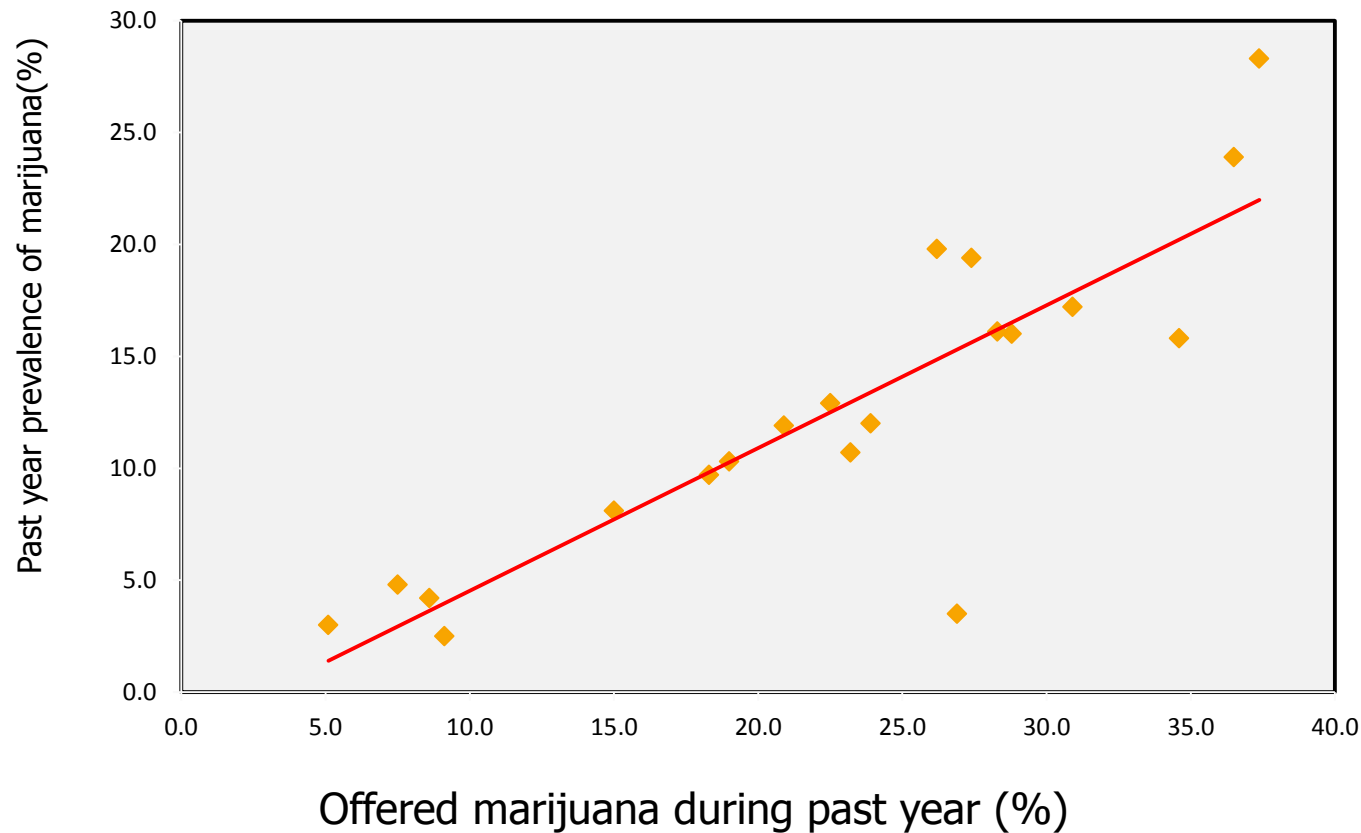


## Secondary School Students: past year prevalence of marijuana use as a function of perception of easy access, multiple countries



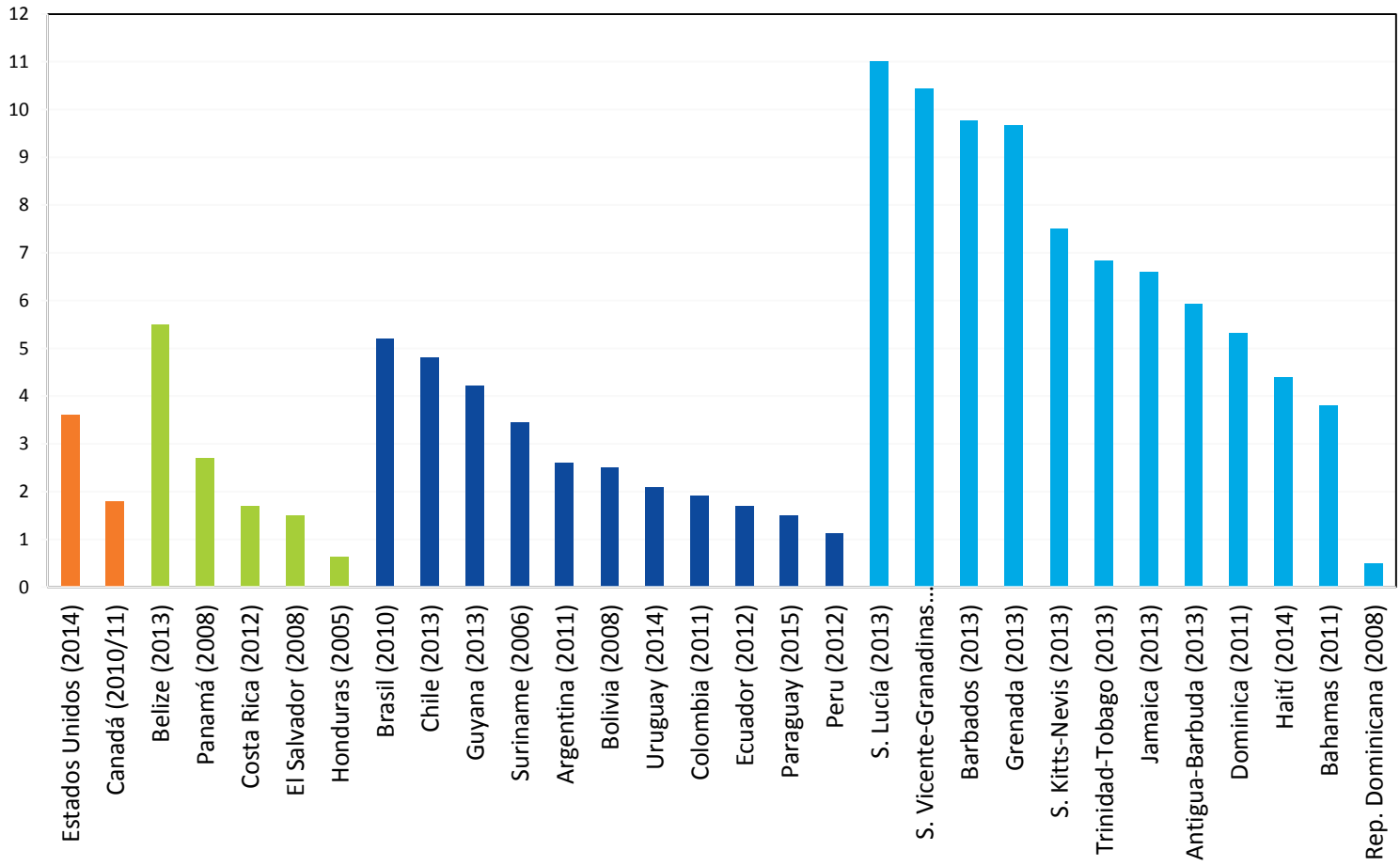


## Secondary school: past year prevalence of marijuana as a function of having been offered marijuana during the past year, multiple countries

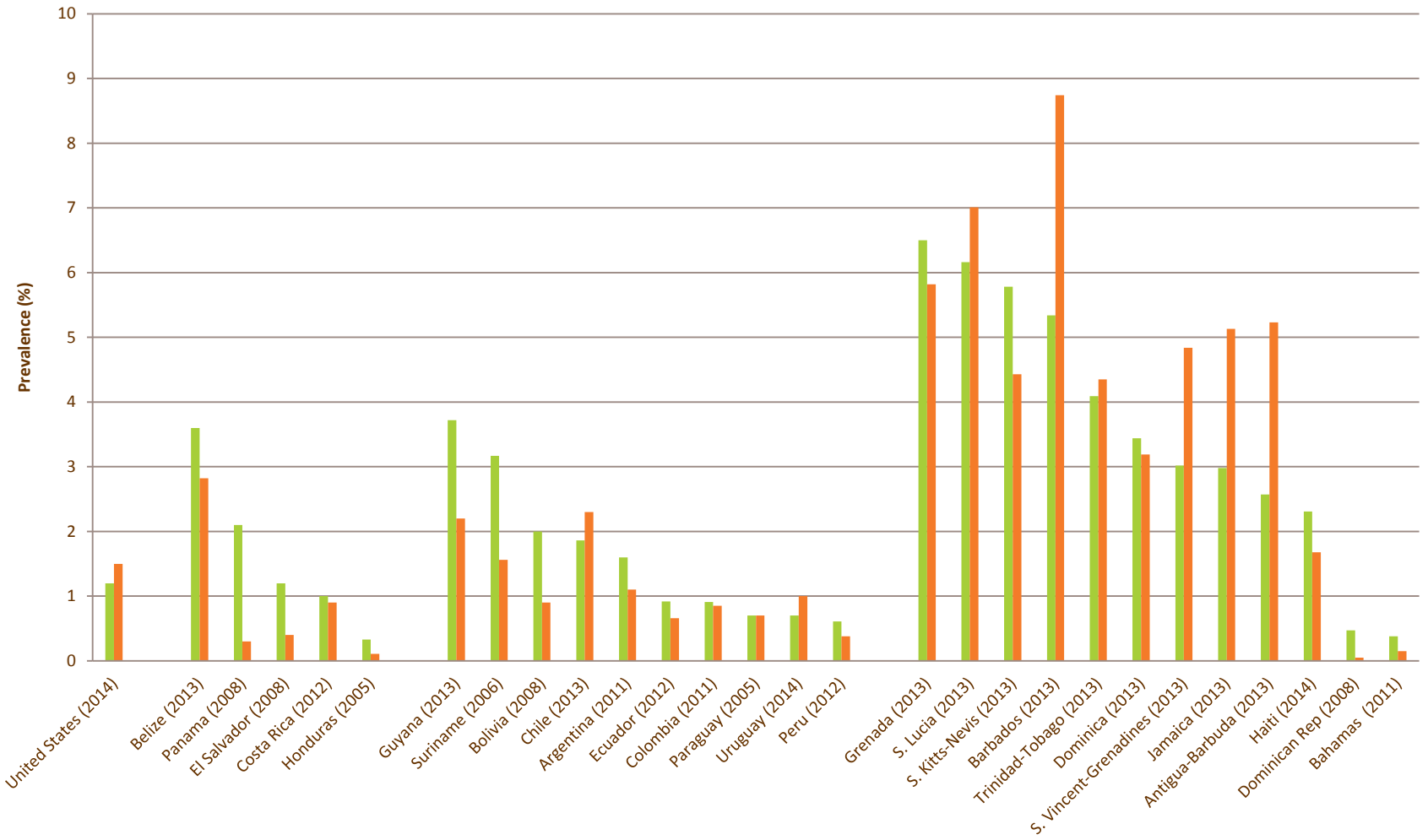




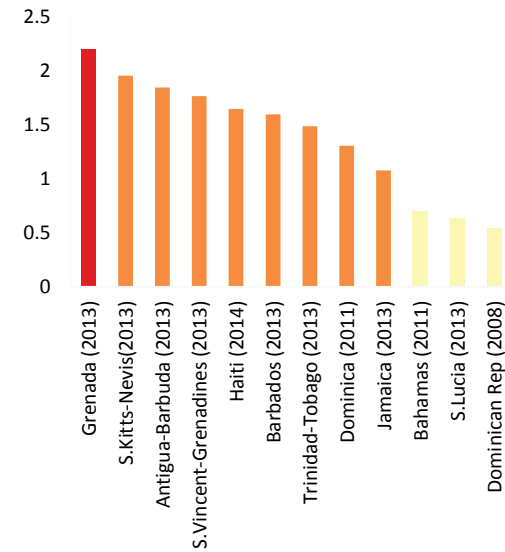
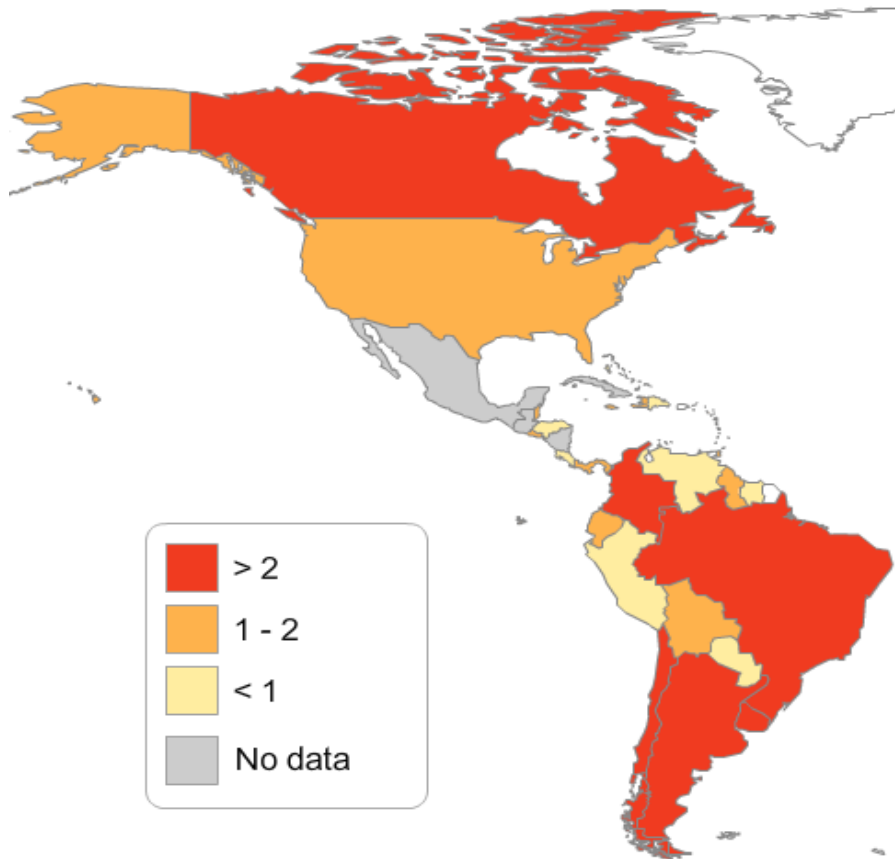
## Past year inhalants, secondary schools

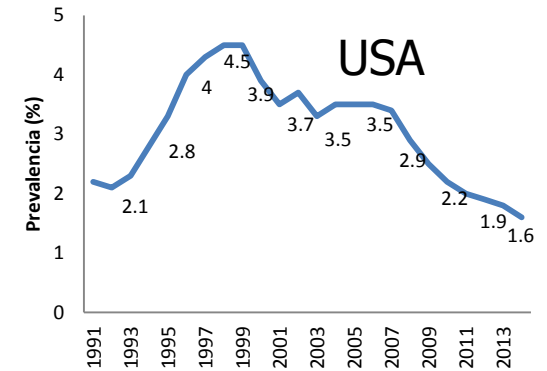
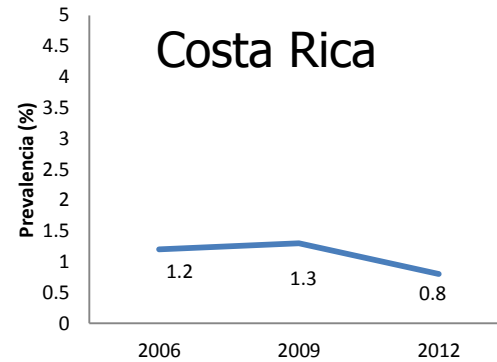
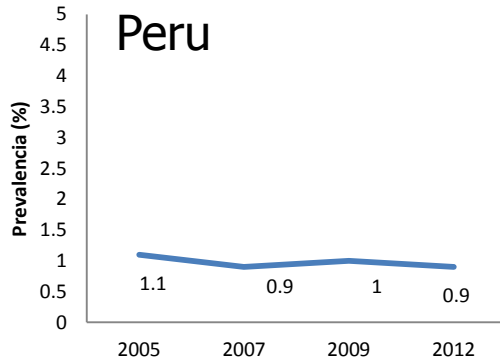
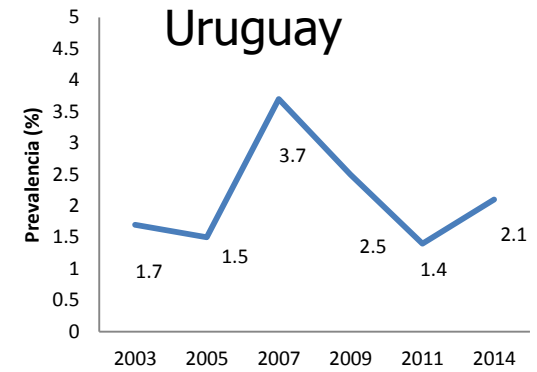
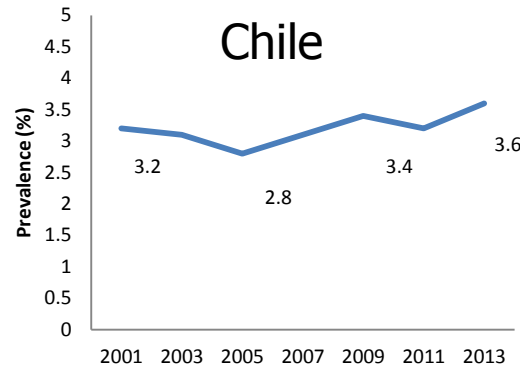
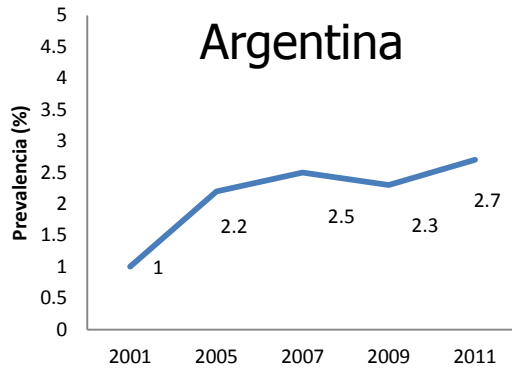


# Inhalants by sex

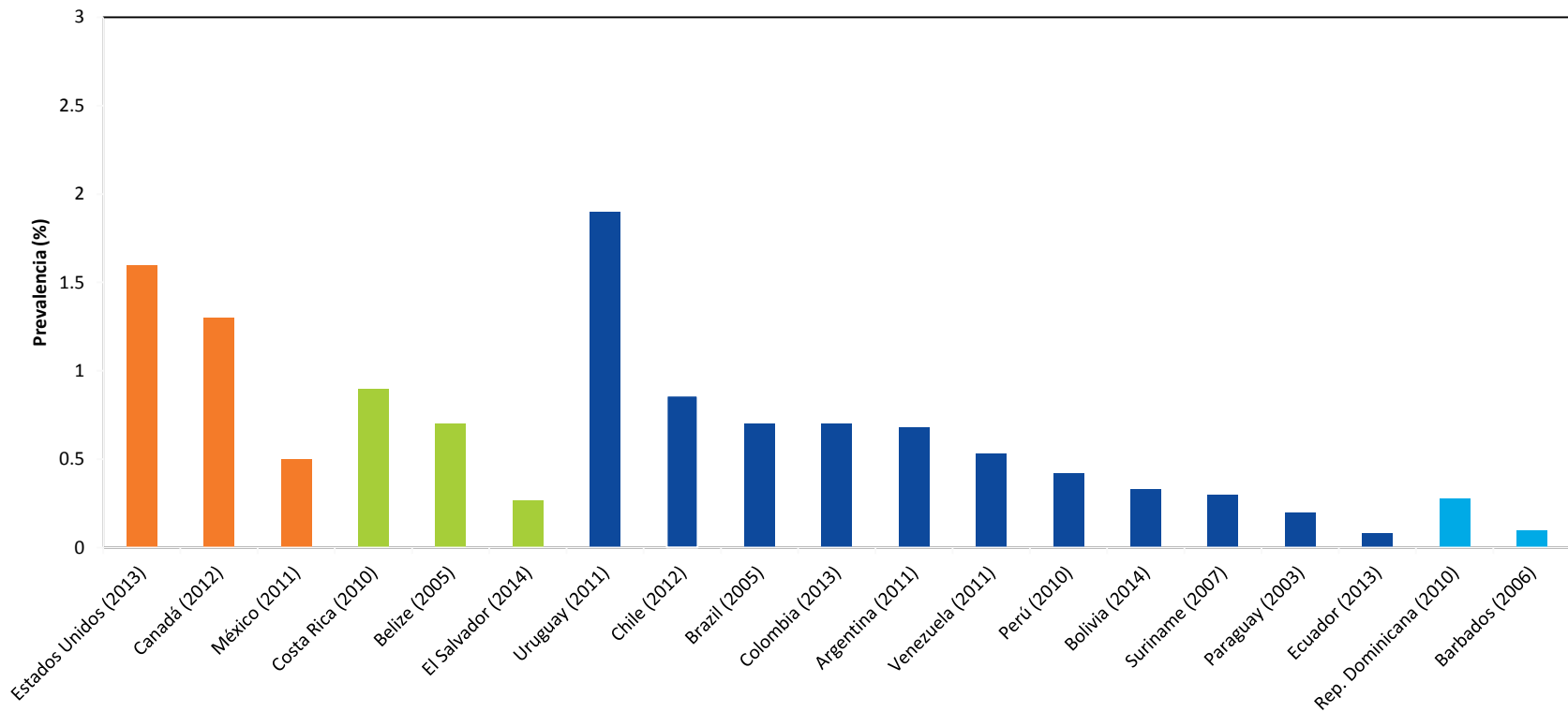


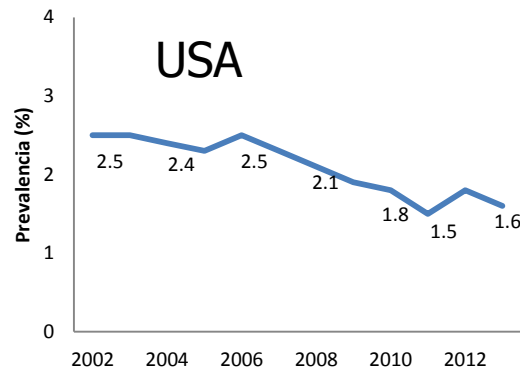
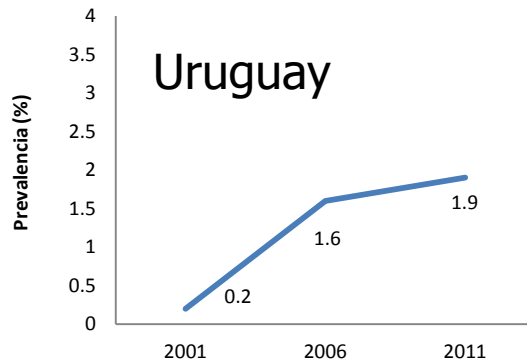
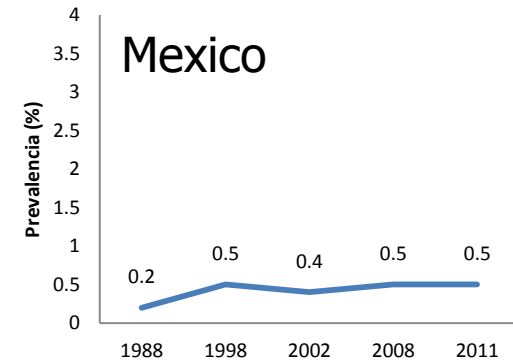
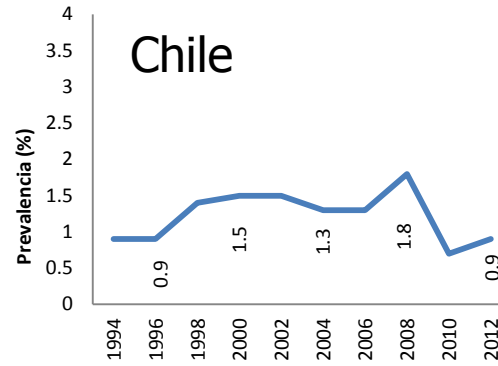
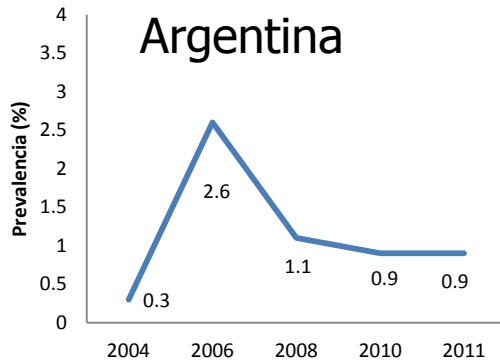
# Past year cocaine, secondary school





# Last year cocaine, general population







Smokable cocaine:

cocaine base paste,

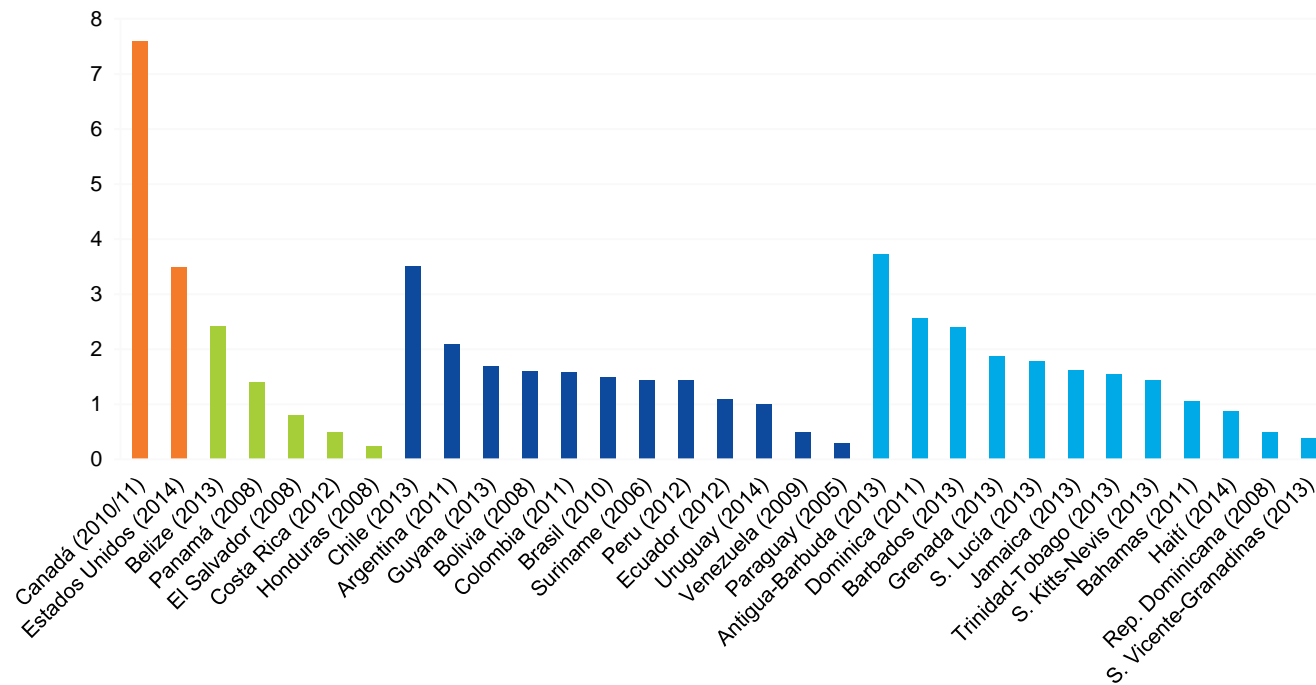
crack





# Amphetamine type stimulants: amphetamine, methamphetamine, ecstasy-type substances, others

## Last year ecstasy secondary school





# Heroin



2004



2014



## Other thematic areas of the report

- New psychoactive substances
- Pharmaceutical use without medical prescription
- Opioids and opiates



# Areas of concern

- Early initiation of drug use
- Problematic use
- ....
- ....
- **Adulteration of substances.** Need more research, early warning systems and dissemination of information to the community on associated risks.



# Monitoring, evaluation and analysis of the country situation

- An up-to-date analysis of health conditions and trends and of their determinants, with particular emphasis discrepancies in health risks, harms and access to services.

- **First, knowledge**
  - So that we may....
- **Take action**
  - And eventually....
- **Evaluate**





Thank you!

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