



Arkansas Drug Trends

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Learning Objectives



Compare key drug trends in Arkansas from the 2023–2024 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) to neighboring HHS Region VI states and national estimates



Evaluate the implications of these data trends for prevention planning, policy, and community intervention strategies in Arkansas



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Roadmap for Today

- ✓ Arkansas Adult Use Rates
- ✓ Region VI Rates by Substance
 - Adults 18+
 - Teens 12-17
 - Young Adults 18-25
- ✓ Discussion of Data Implications



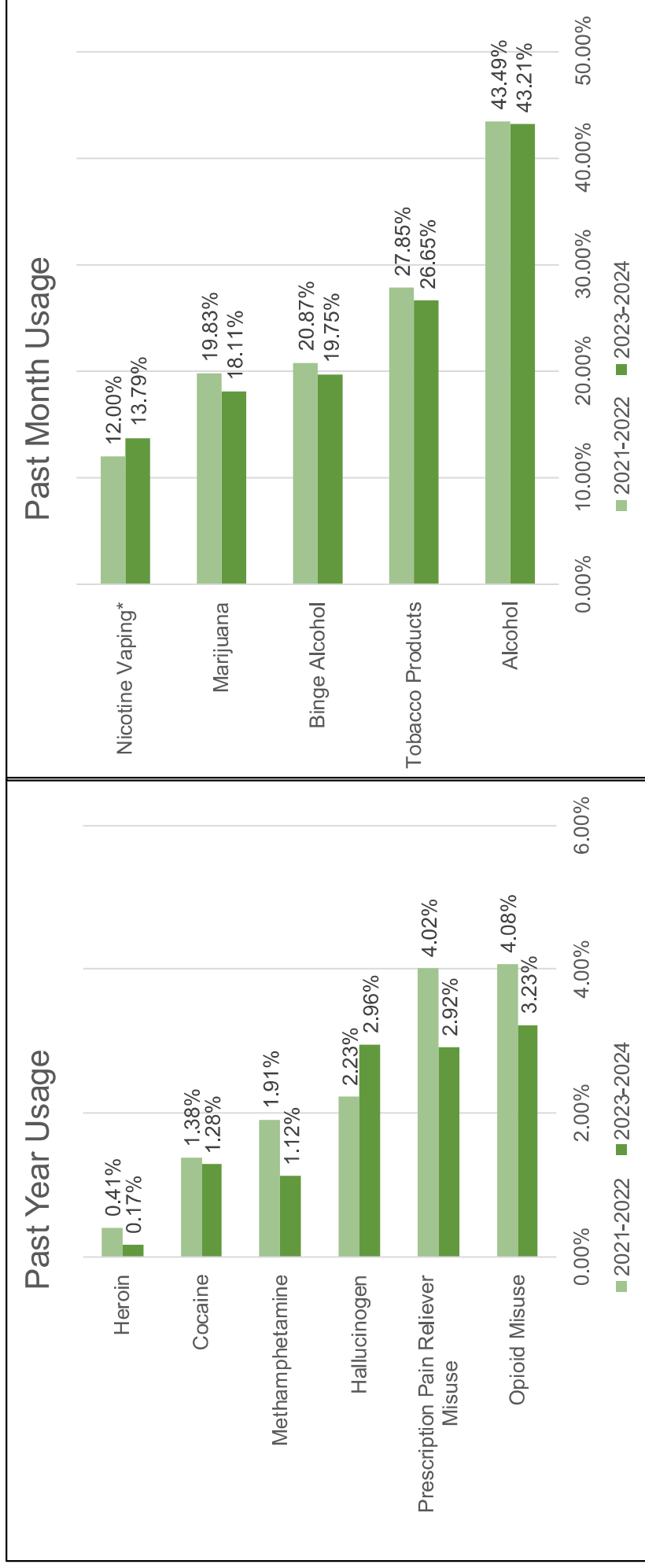
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Arkansas Adult Usage

Annual Average Percentages



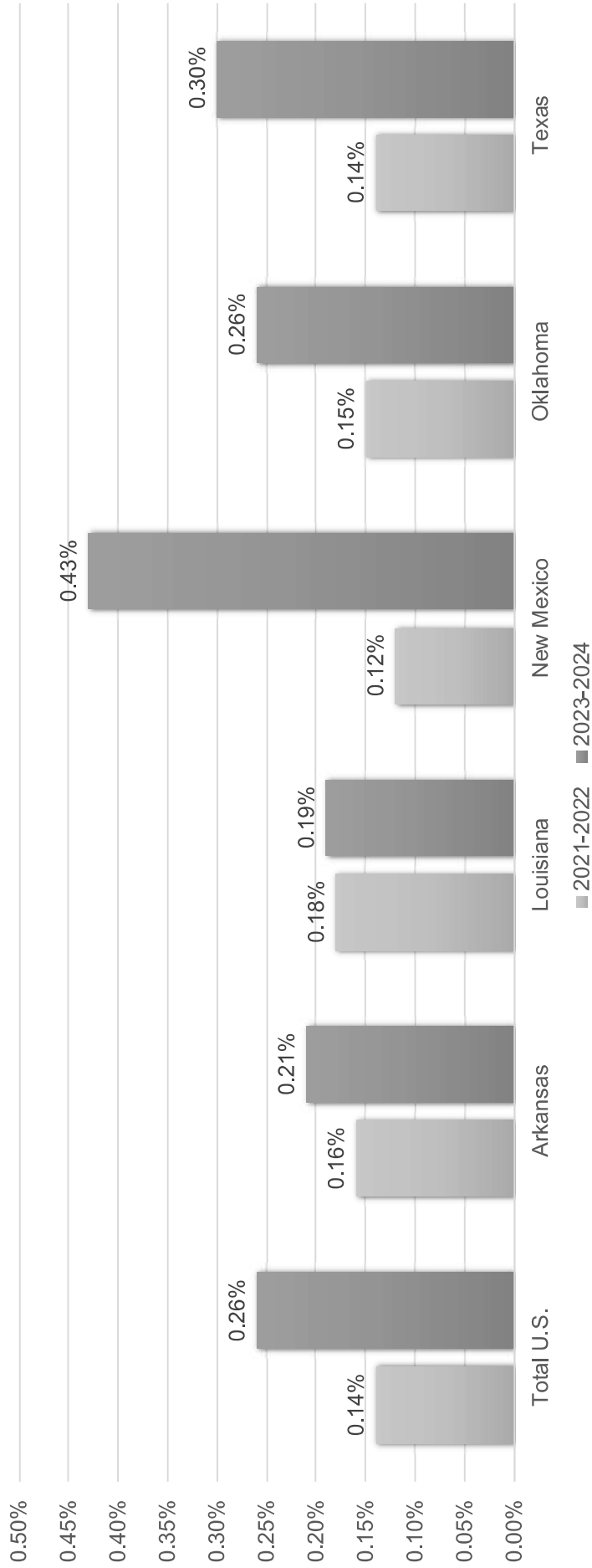
Adult Cocaine Use in the Past Year

Annual Average Percentages



Cocaine Use in the Past Year, Ages 12-17

Average Annual Percentages



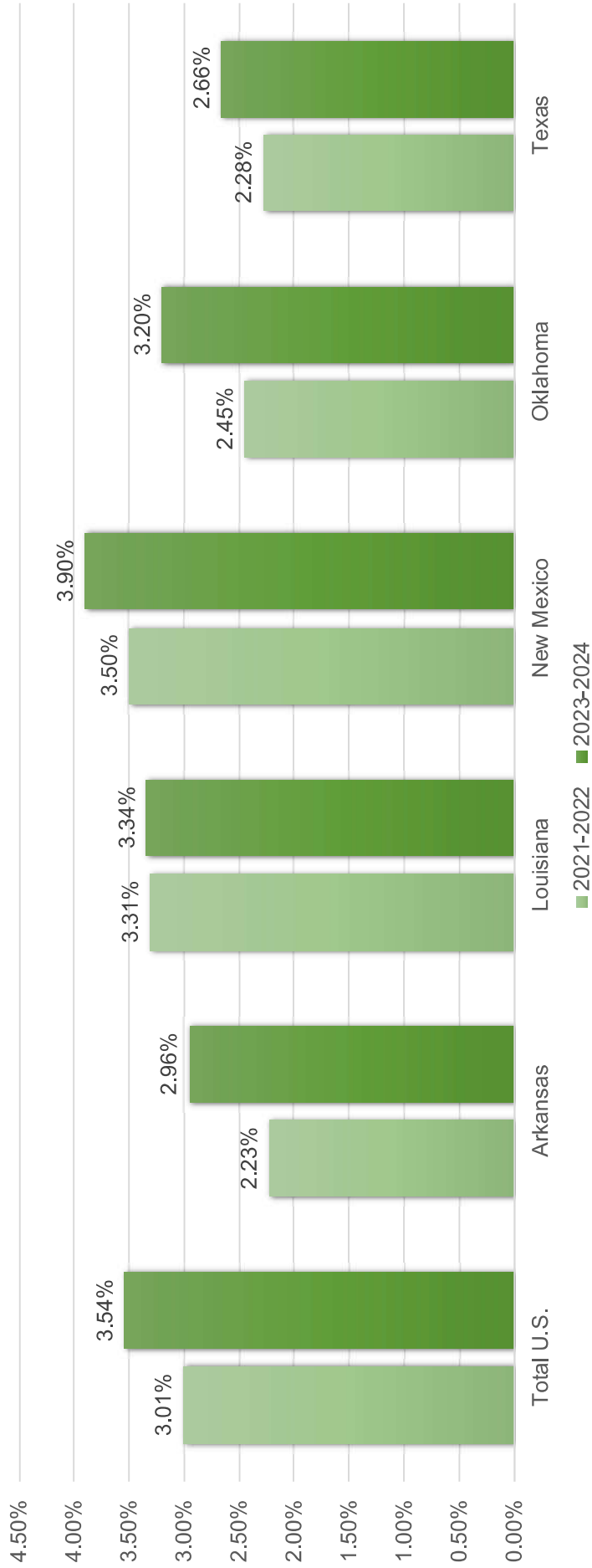
Adult Heroin Use in the Past Year

Annual Average Percentages



Adult Hallucinogen Use in the Past Year

Annual Average Percentages



Hallucinogen Use in the Past Year, Ages 12-17

Annual Average Percentages

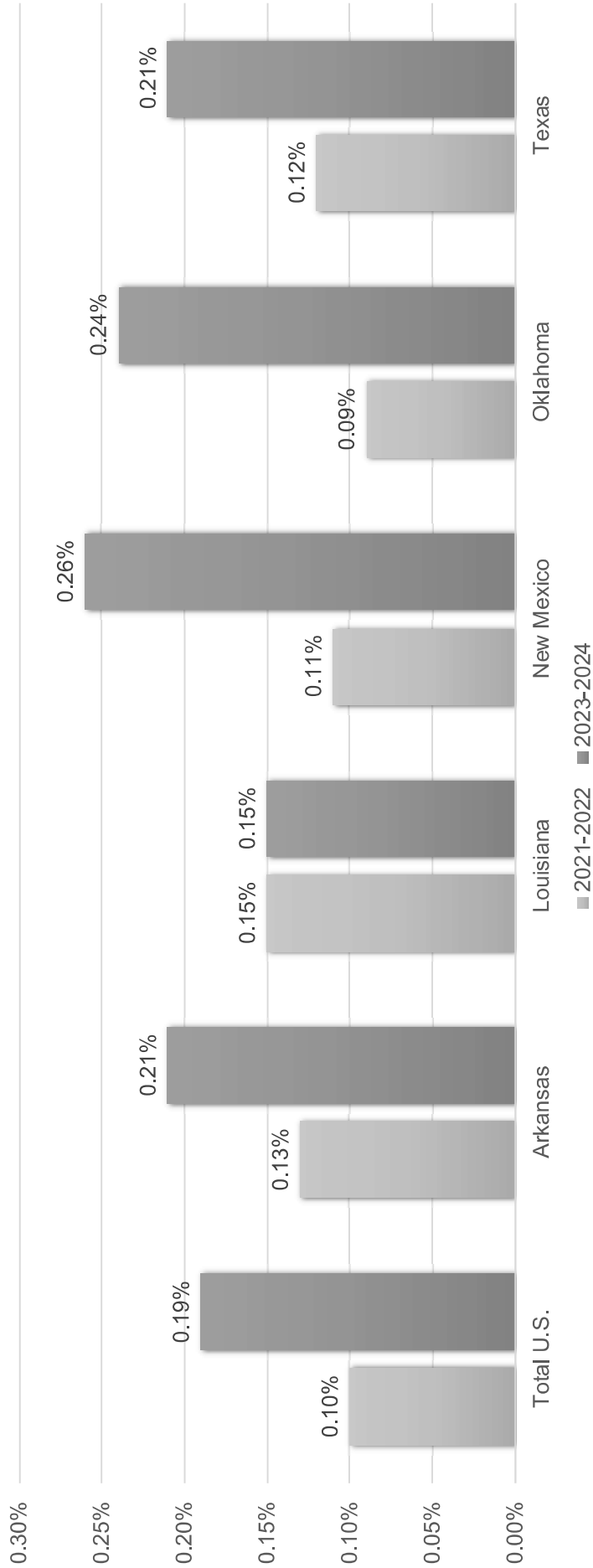


Adult Methamphetamine Use in the Past Year

Annual Average Percentages



Methamphetamine Use in the Past Year, Ages 12-17, *Average Annual Percentages*



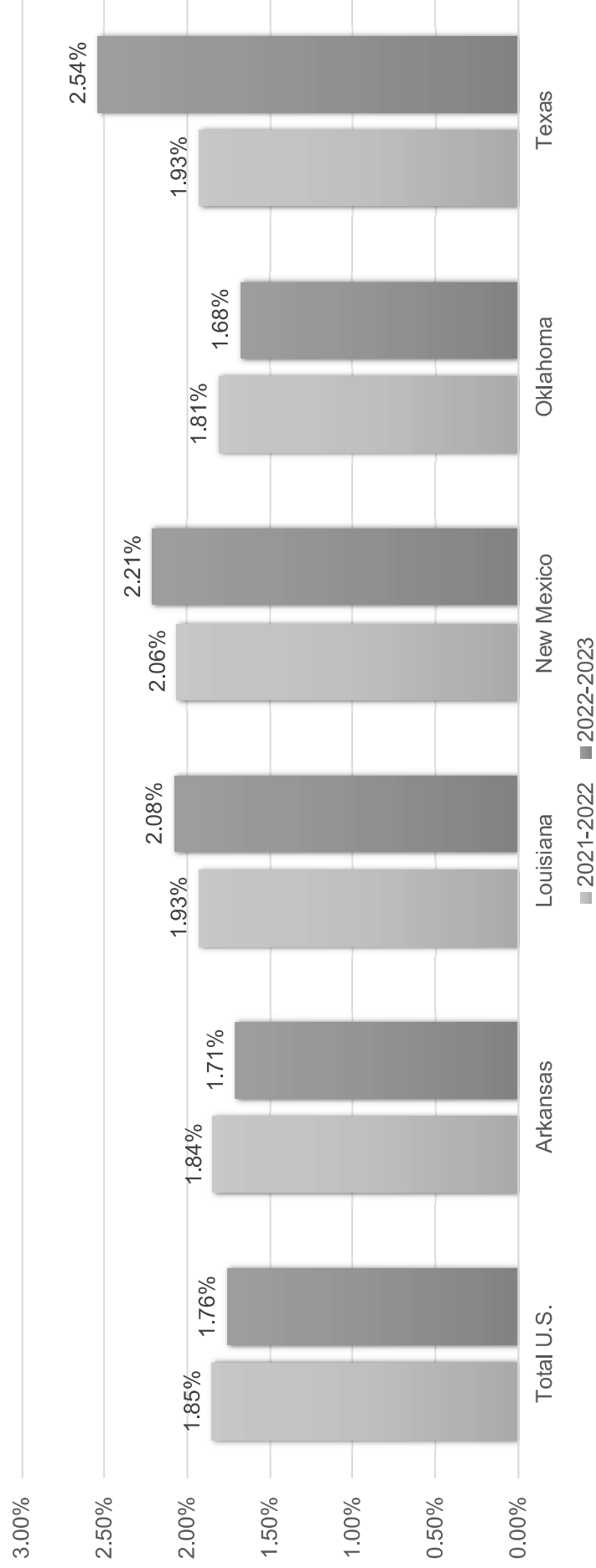
Adult Opioid Misuse in the Past Year

Annual Average Percentages



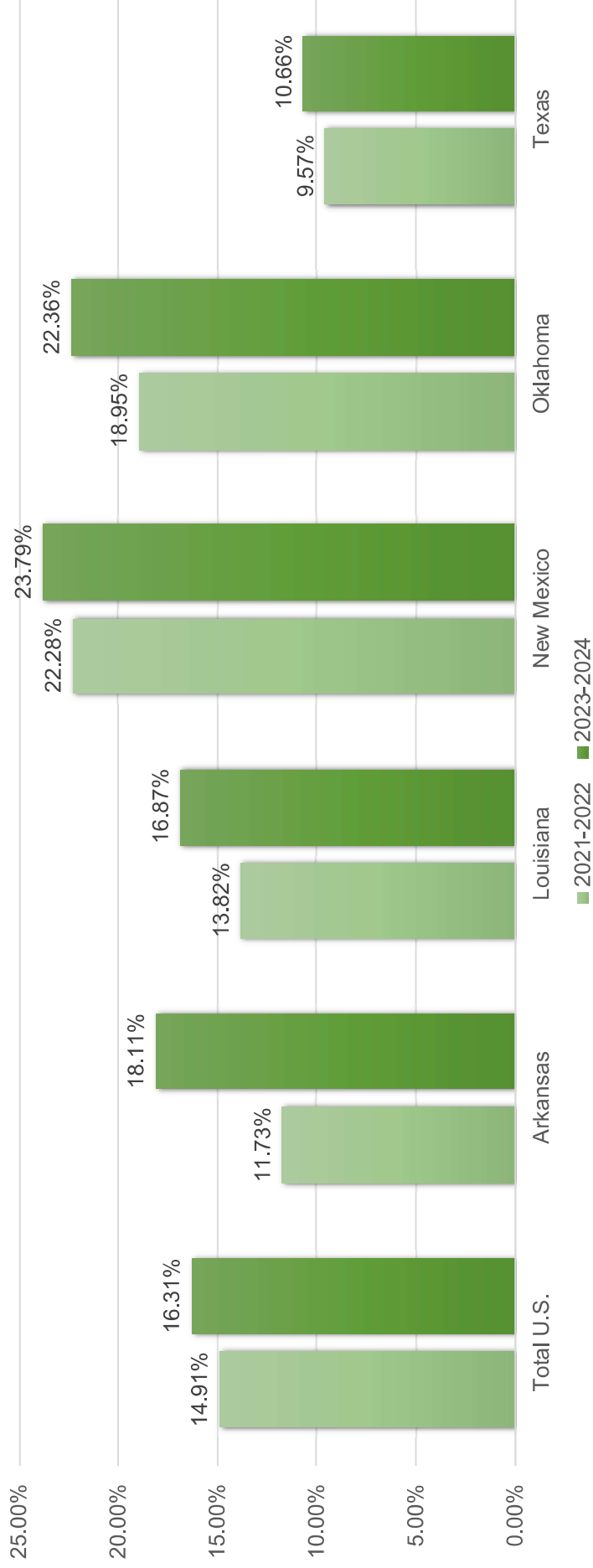
Opioid Misuse in the Past Year, Ages 12-17

Annual Average Percentages



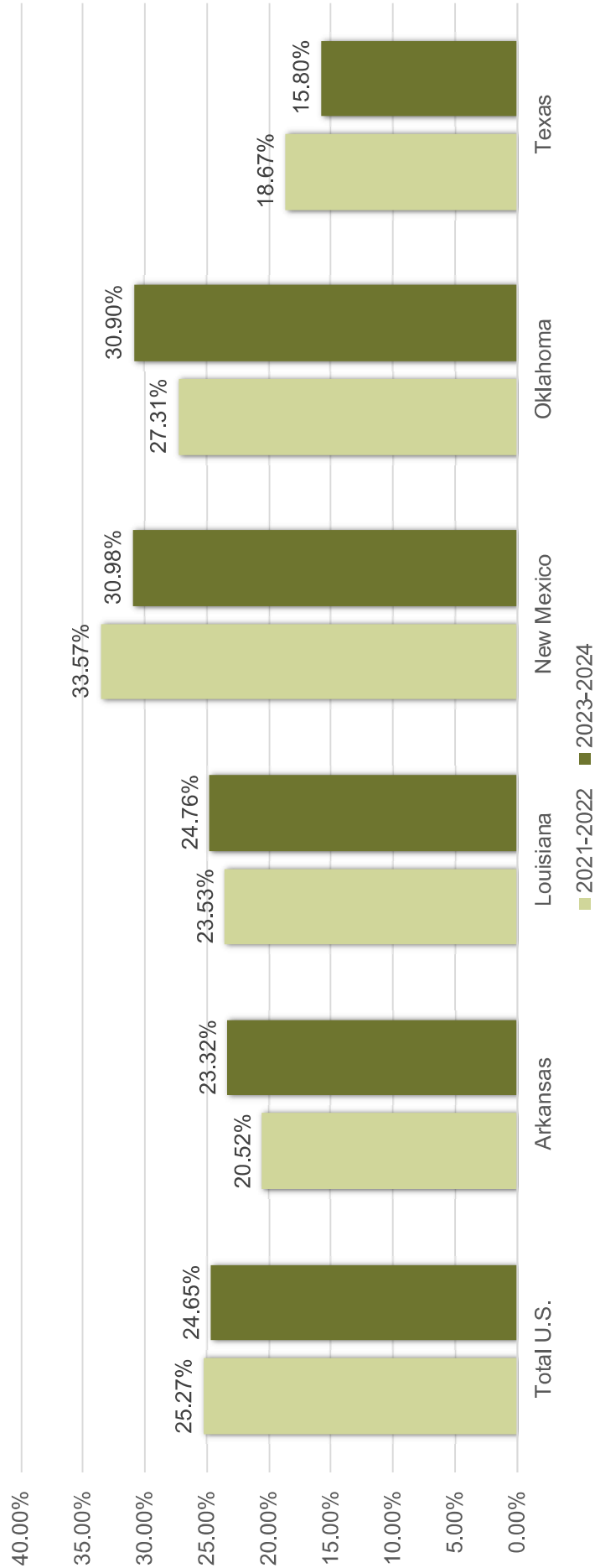
Adult Marijuana Use in the Past Month

Annual Average Percentages



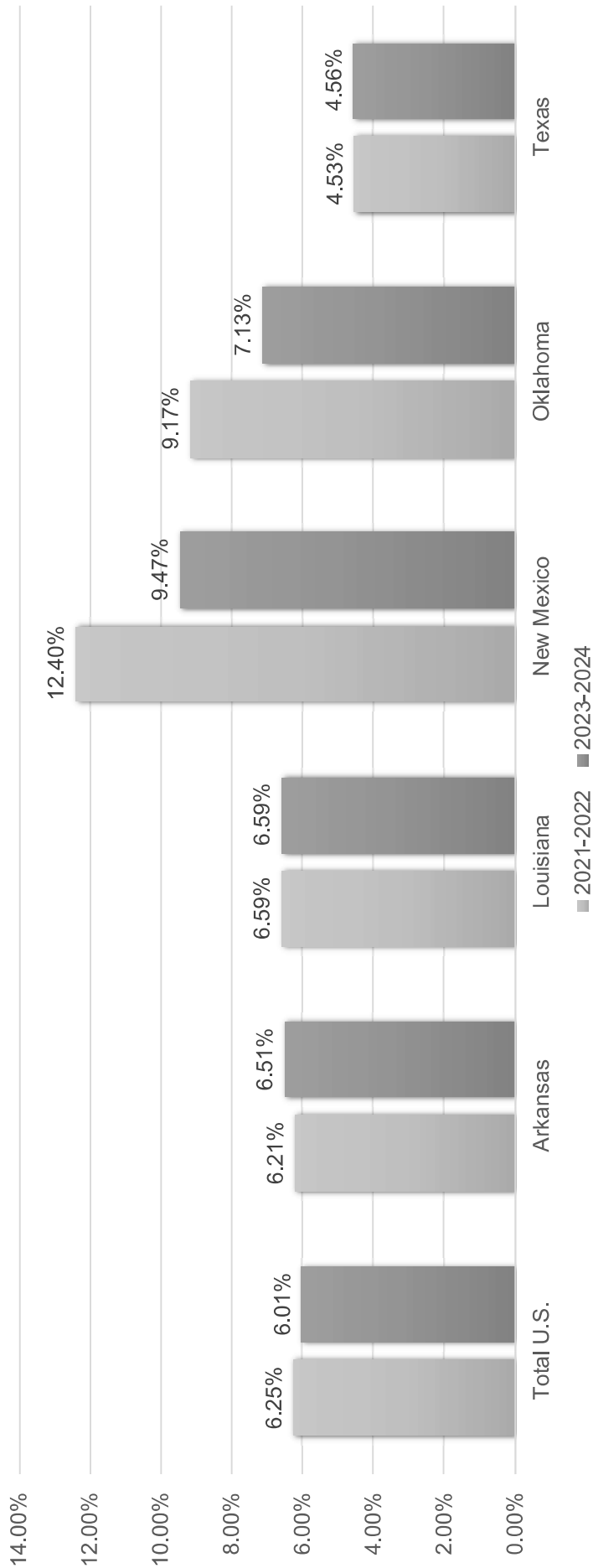
Marijuana Use in the Past Month, Ages 18-25

Average Annual Percentages



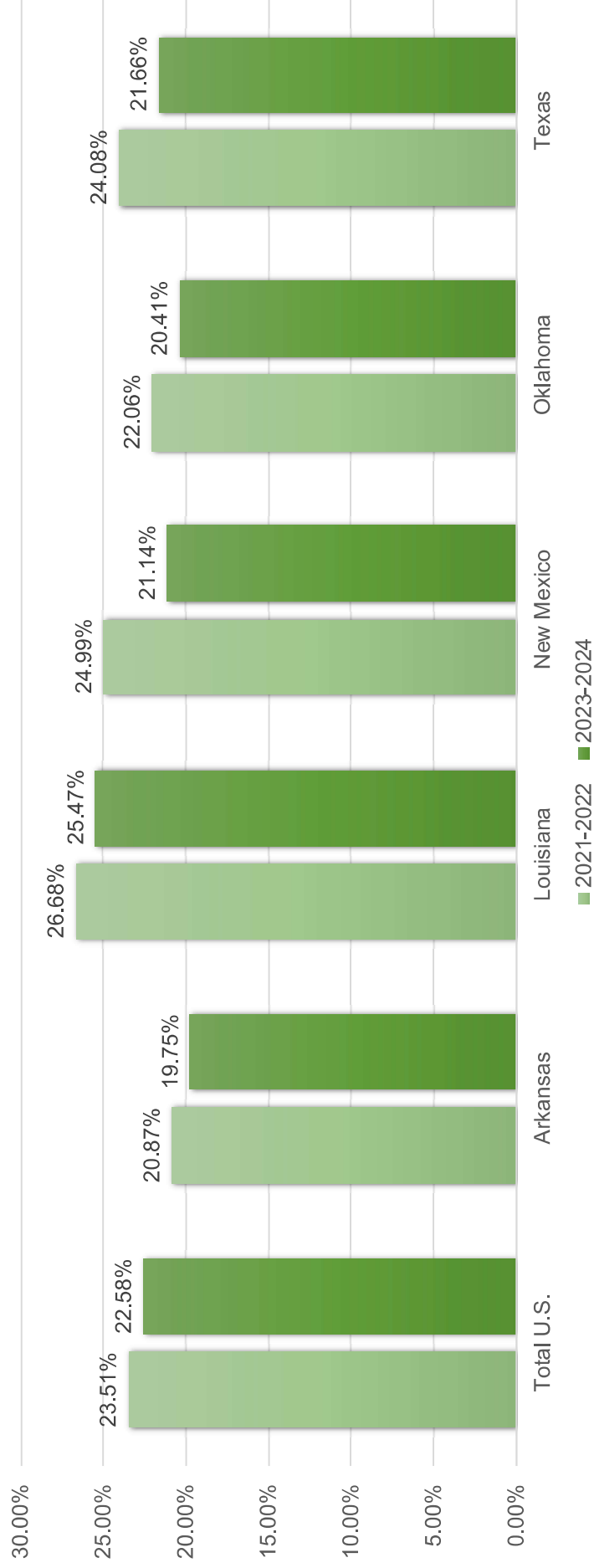
Marijuana Use in the Past Month, Ages 12-17

Average Annual Percentages

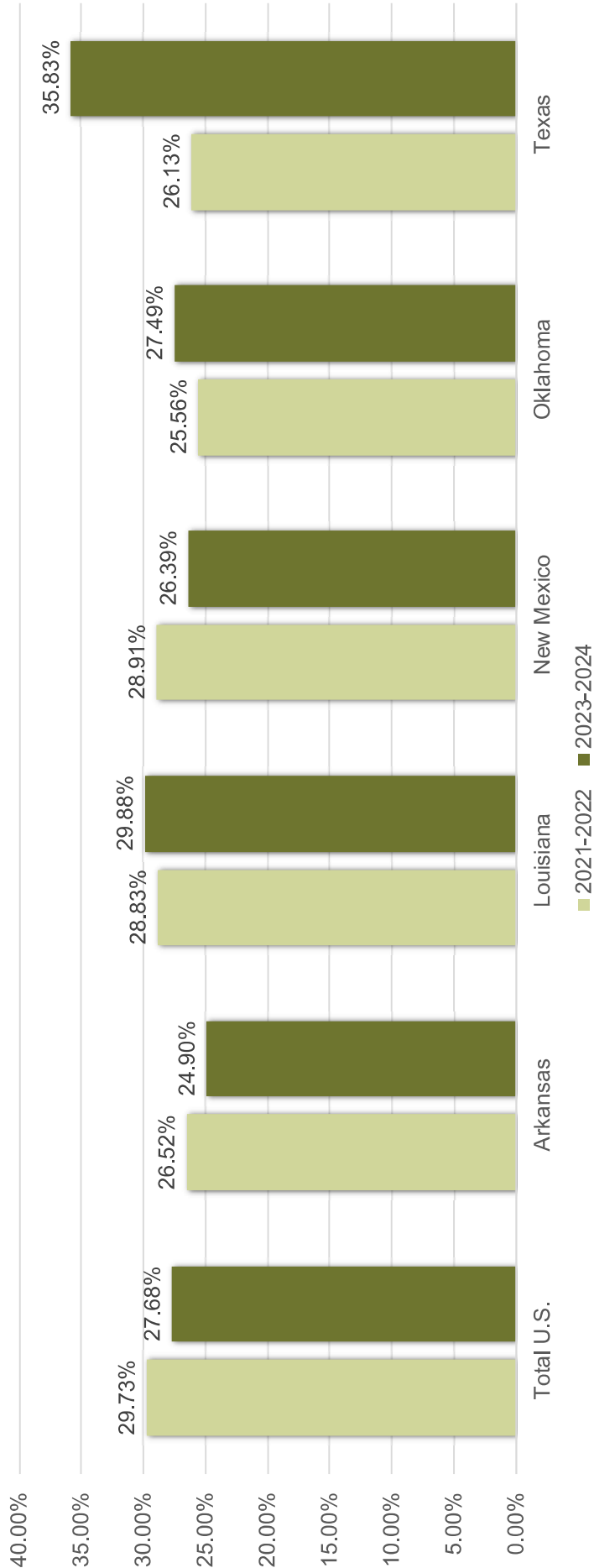


Adult Binge Alcohol Use in the Past Month

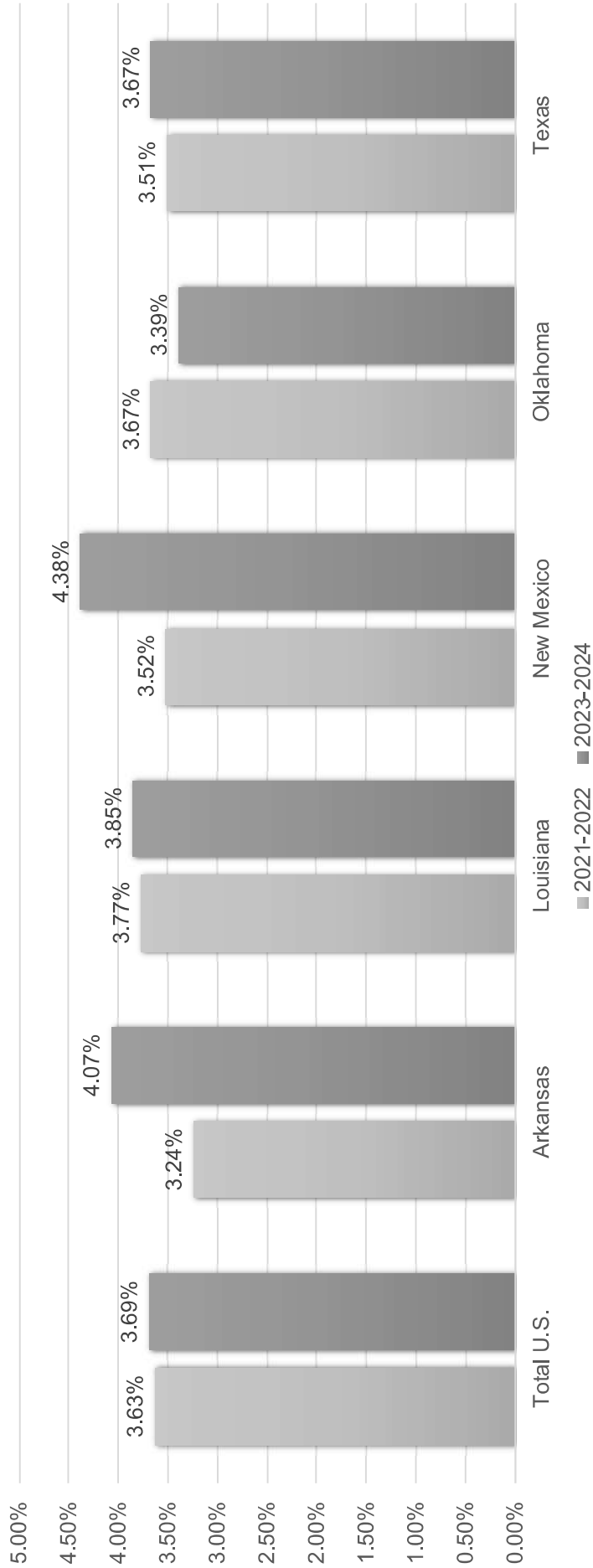
Annual Average Percentages



Binge Alcohol Use in the Past Month, Ages 18-25, Average Annual Percentages



Binge Alcohol Use in the Past Month, Ages 12-17, Average Annual Percentages



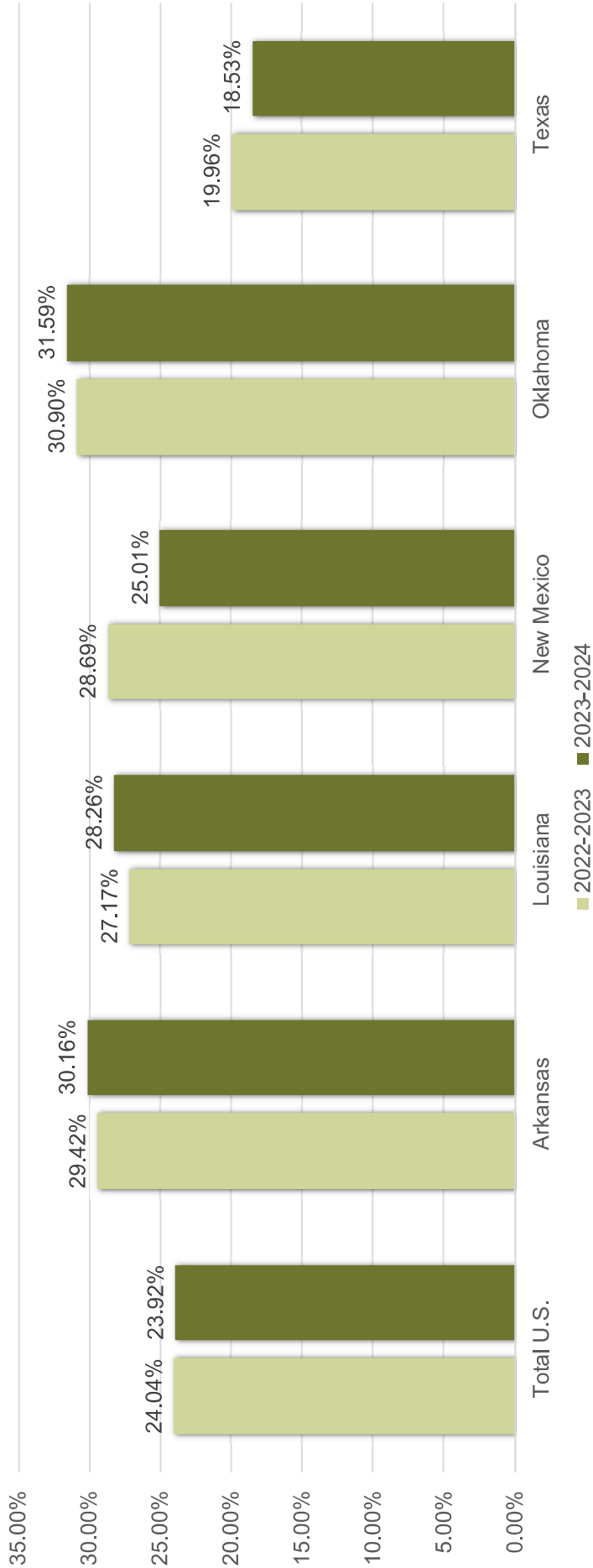
Adult Tobacco Product Use in the Past Month

Annual Average Percentages



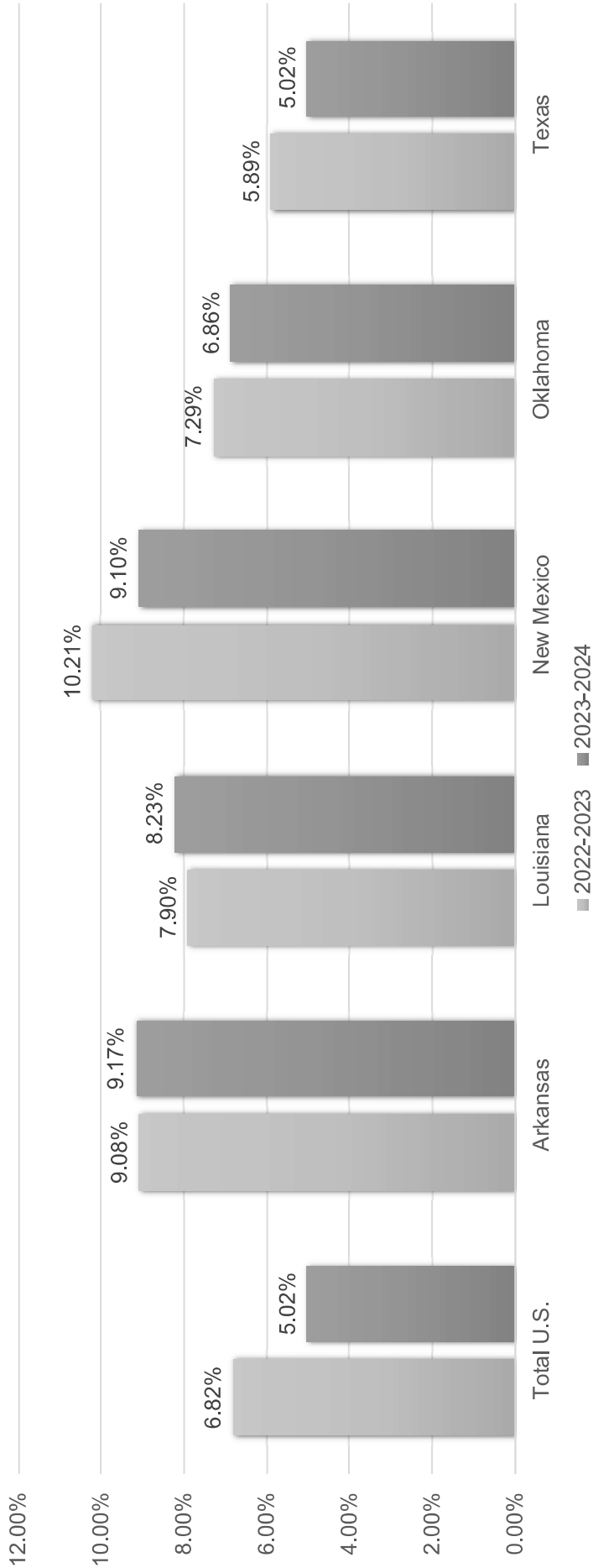
Nicotine Vaping in the Past Month, Ages 18-25

Average Annual Percentages



Nicotine Vaping in the Past Month, Ages 12-17

Average Annual Percentages



Discussion

**WHAT ARE
IMPLICATIONS
FOR
PREVENTION
PLANNING?**

**WHAT ARE THE
IMPLICATIONS
FOR POLICY?**

**WHAT ARE
THE
IMPLICATIONS
FOR
COMMUNITY
INTERVENTION
STRATEGIES?**



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