

Marijuana Use Among Youth in Colorado



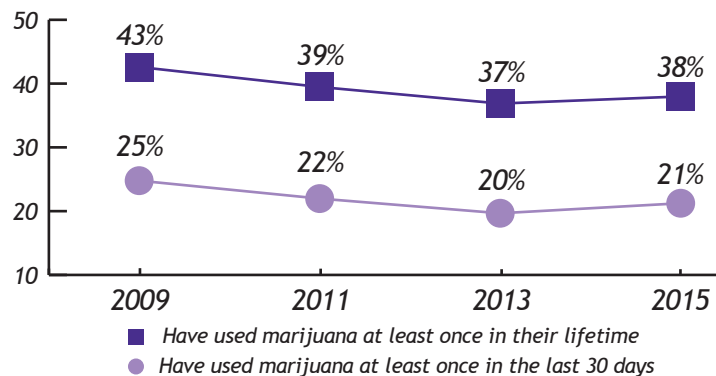
The Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS) is a tool we use to better understand the health of Colorado's middle and high school students so we can support them in making healthy choices. The following images represent Colorado high school student data from 2015. For more information and complete survey data, visit healthykidscolo.org.

MARIJUANA USE



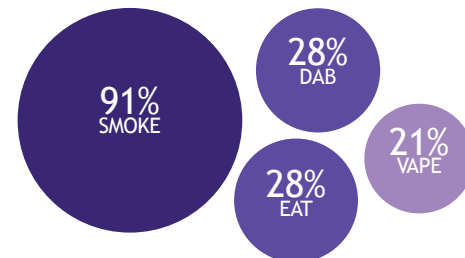
4 out of 5 (78%) Colorado high schoolers, have **NOT** used marijuana in the last 30 days.

YOUTH MARIJUANA USE REMAINS RELATIVELY UNCHANGED

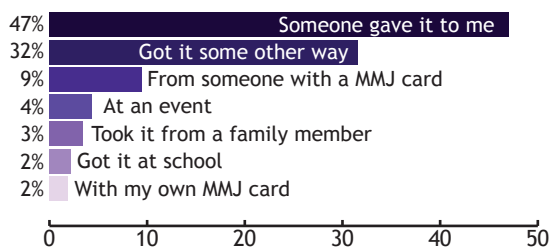


HOW YOUTH USE MARIJUANA

Among high school students who have used marijuana in the last 30 days

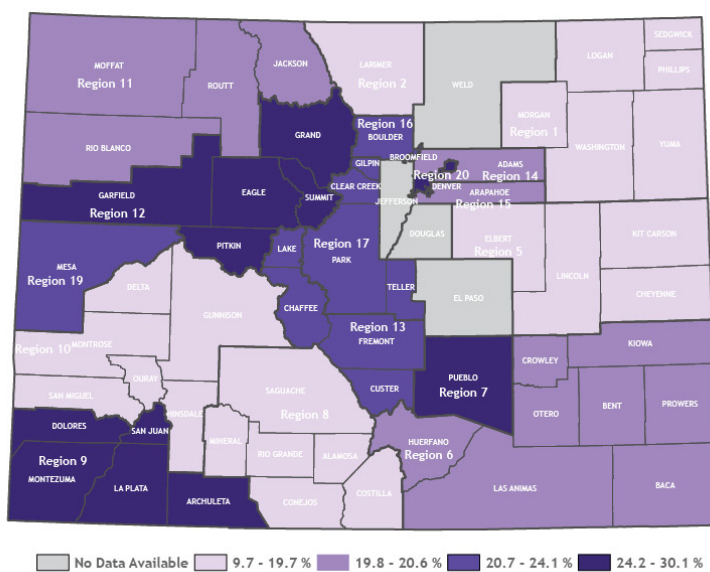


HOW YOUTH GET MARIJUANA

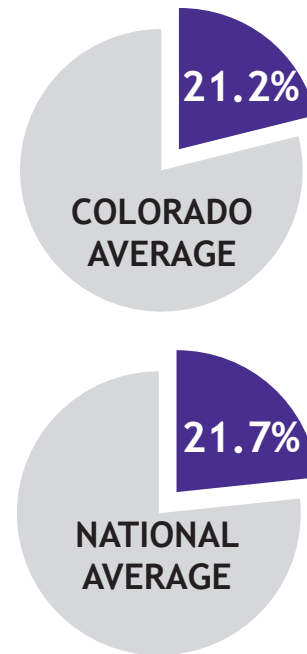


REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

Of youth who currently use marijuana

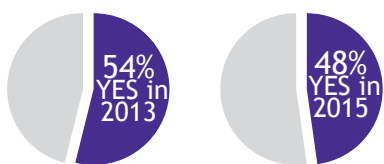


CO YOUTH CURRENT MARIJUANA USE COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE



IS MARIJUANA USE RISKY?

Fewer students see regular marijuana use as risky behavior.

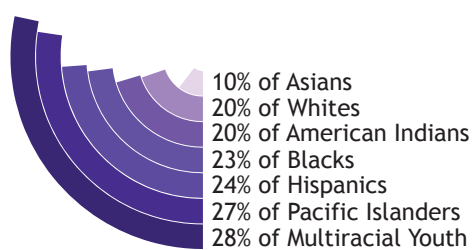


Go to GoodToKnowColorado.com/talk to learn more about how to talk with youth.

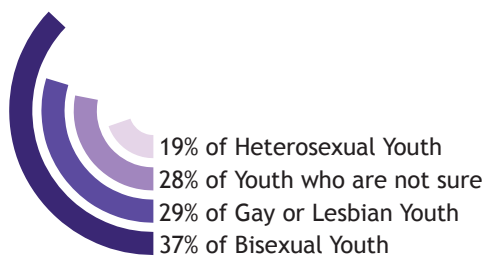
HEALTH INEQUITIES

Demographic breakdown of marijuana users among a specific identity

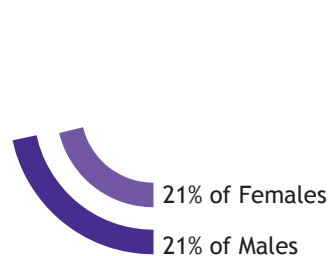
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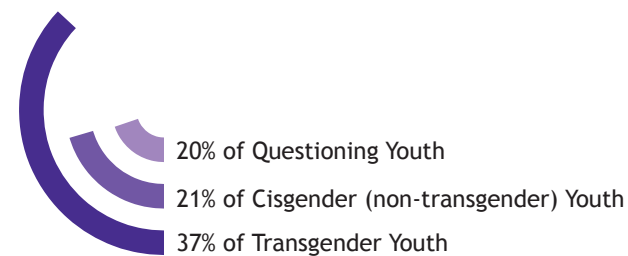
SEXUAL ORIENTATION



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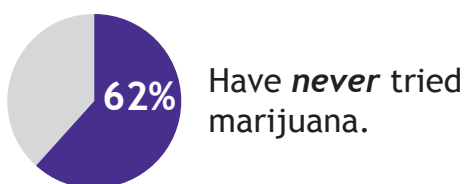


GENDER IDENTITY



Health equity is when all people, regardless of who they are or what they believe, have the opportunity to attain their full health potential. Achieving health equity requires valuing all people equally with focused and ongoing efforts to address inequalities.

AGE OF FIRST USE

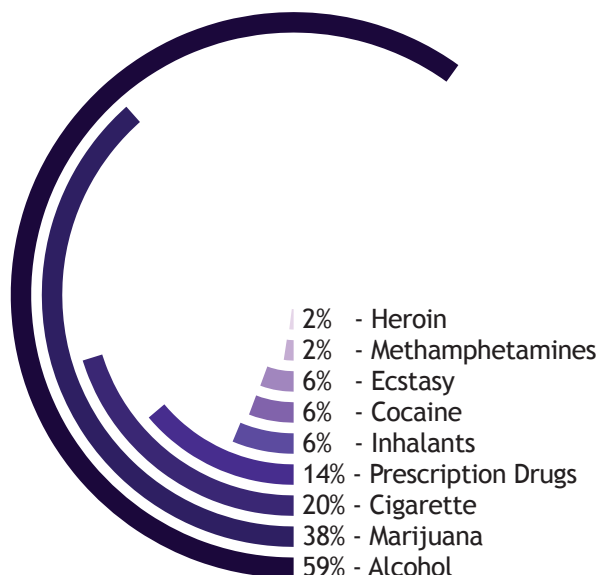


Of those who said they have tried marijuana



MARIJUANA IS THE SECOND MOST USED SUBSTANCE

Percent of high school students who have used substances at least once in their lifetime



ADULTS CAN HELP REDUCE YOUTH MARIJUANA USE



Supportive Teachers: Youth who agree that teachers care and encourage them are 1.7x LESS likely to use.



Talking with Parents: Youth who can ask a parent/guardian for help are 1.6x LESS likely to use.



Family Rules: Youth who have clear family rules are 1.7x LESS likely to use.



Parents' Opinion: If a parent feels like it's wrong, their children are 4x LESS likely to use.