Marijuana Use Among Denver High School Students

Results from the 2015 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey

![Image of students]

26% of Denver high school students used marijuana one or more times in the past 30 days

Who has been using marijuana?

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No significant difference in past 30 day use by race

- Black: 23%
- White: 23%
- Hispanic: 26%
- Other: 42%

No significant difference in past 30 day use by gender

- Male: 29%
- Female: 23%

Percent of students who did the following marijuana-related activities

- Used marijuana in their lives: 46%
- Used marijuana before the age of 13: 15%
- Had driven after using marijuana: 12%
- Rode with a driver who had been using marijuana: 25%

Compared to 2013, fewer students thought marijuana use was dangerous and that their parents would disapprove of their use.

YOUR INFLUENCE MATTERS

Consequences

- Minor in Possession charges
- Removal from extracurriculars
- Loss of federal financial aid
- Loss of a job

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Health Outcomes

- Respiratory issues
- Cannabis use disorder
- Risk of motor vehicle crash
- Memory and learning impairments

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Prevention

- Talk with your teen
- Get to know their friends
- Establish clear rules
- Minimize exposure at home

SHARE YOUR OPINION

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Sources: Healthy Kids Colorado Survey, 2015
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