



Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

Current Marijuana Use for Washington State

Year: 2012

Grade: 12

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 6,467

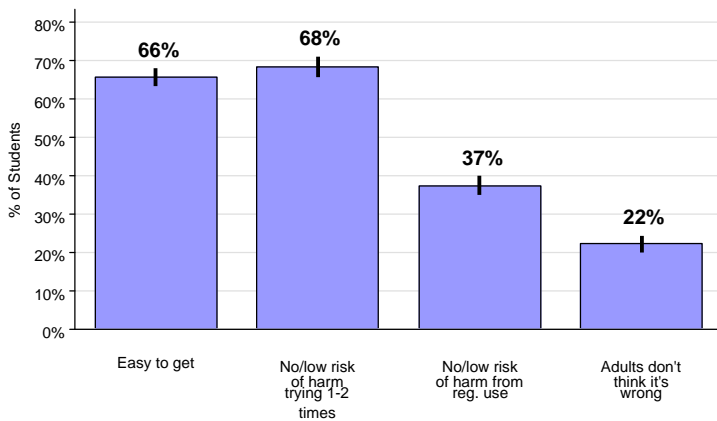
Background:

- Smoking marijuana affects neuropsychological functioning, such as hand-eye coordination, reaction time, and memory.
- Marijuana potency appears to have increased over time.
- The earlier someone starts using marijuana, the greater their vulnerability to addiction and psychiatric disorders.

For More Information:

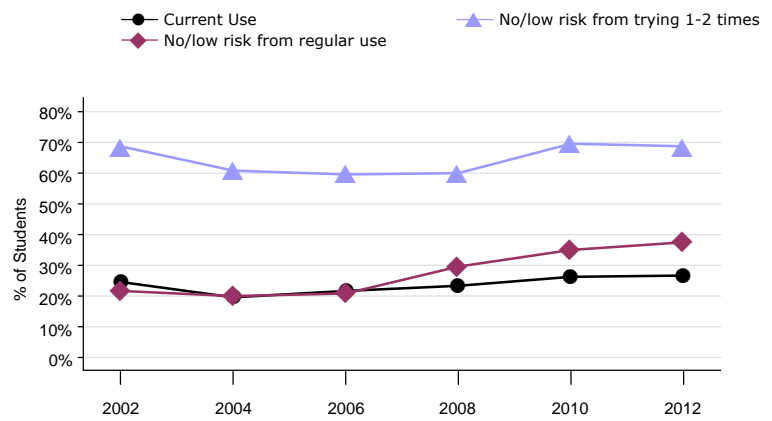
- Parents, schools, kids, and communities can work together to keep youth safe. To see a list of prevention organizations in your county, go to the Start Talking Now website: www.starttalkingnow.org.
- For free guides on preventing alcohol and other drug use, call the ADAI Clearinghouse at the University of Washington: 206-221-8325, or adaiclearinghouse.org.
- Parents can find prevention tips at The Partnership at DrugFree.org website: www.drugfree.org
- For 24 hour help for mental health, substance abuse and problem gambling, call 1-866-789-1511 or visit www.waRecoveryHelpLine.org

**Attitudes about Marijuana Use
Grade 12, 2012**



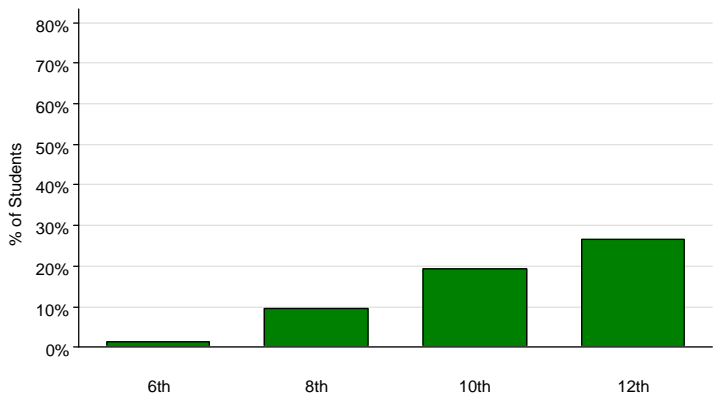
In 2012, 37% of 12th graders in our state thought there was little or no risk of using marijuana regularly.

**Current Marijuana Use and Perception of Harm Trends
Grade 12**

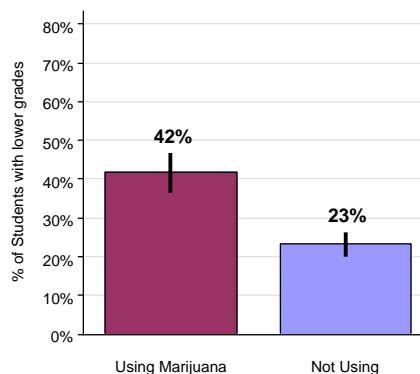


Prevalence	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012
Current Use	25% ±2	19% ±2*	22% ±2	23% ±2	26% ±2	27% ±1
No/low risk from trying 1-2 times	69% ±3	61% ±3*	60% ±3	60% ±3	70% ±3*	68% ±3
No/low risk from regular use	22% ±2	20% ±2	21% ±2	29% ±2*	35% ±2*	37% ±3

**Current Marijuana Use
Statewide, All Grades, 2012**



**Statewide
Relationship between Lower Grades and Marijuana Use
Grade 12, 2012**



Statewide, 12th graders who use marijuana are more likely to get lower grades in school (C's, D's or F's) compared to those who don't use.

Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
State	1% ±0	9% ±1	19% ±2	27% ±1

Prevalence is displayed with 95% confidence intervals (as ± or black bar |)
*Indicates a significant change from the previous year, p<0.05