



# Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheet

## Current Marijuana Use for Washington State

Year: 2012

Grade: 8

Gender: Both

Number of Students Surveyed: 10,202

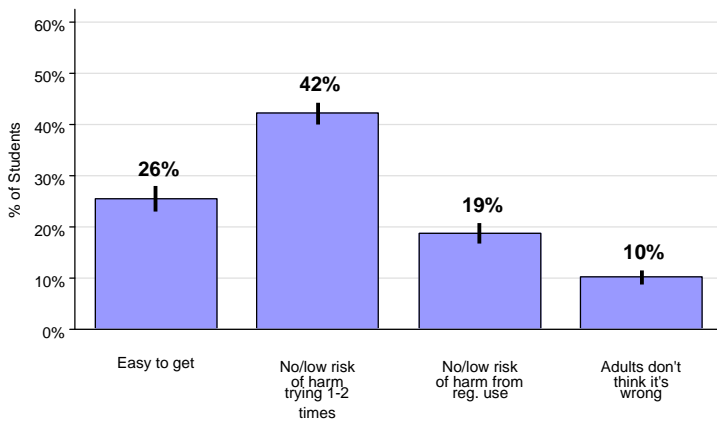
### Background:

- 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:

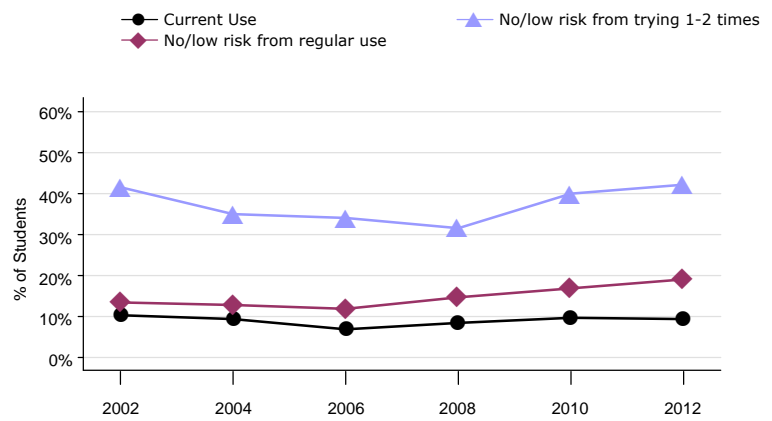
- Parents, schools, kids, and communities can work together to keep youth safe. To see a list of prevention organizations in your county, go to the Start Talking Now website: [www.starttalkingnow.org](http://www.starttalkingnow.org).
- For free guides on preventing alcohol and other drug use, call the ADAI Clearinghouse at the University of Washington: 206-221-8325, or [adaiclearinghouse.org](http://adaiclearinghouse.org).
- Parents can find prevention tips at The Partnership at DrugFree.org website: [www.drugfree.org](http://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](http://www.waRecoveryHelpLine.org)

**Attitudes about Marijuana Use  
Grade 8, 2012**



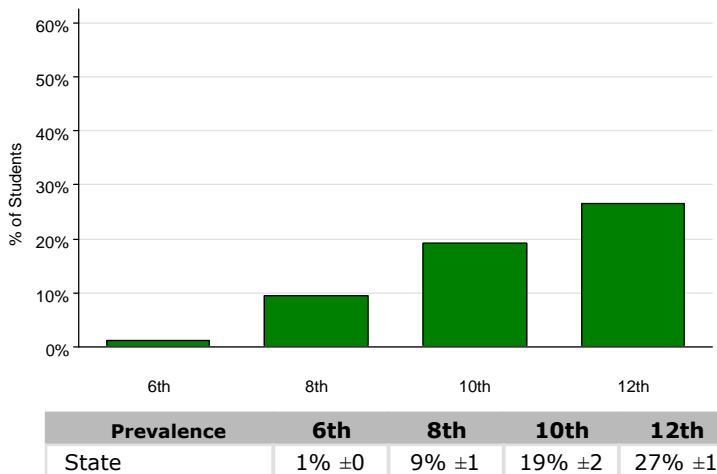
*In 2012, 19% of 8th graders in our state thought there was little or no risk of using marijuana regularly.*

**Current Marijuana Use and Perception of Harm Trends  
Grade 8**

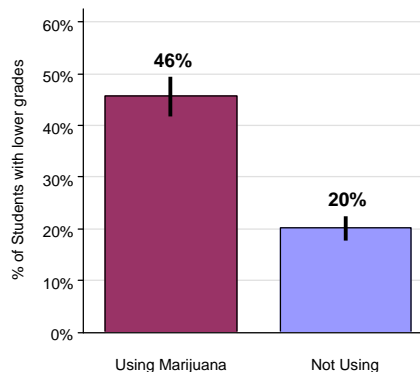


Prevalence	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012
Current Use	10% ±1	9% ±1	7% ±1*	8% ±1	9% ±1	9% ±1
No/low risk from trying 1-2 times	41% ±3	35% ±2*	34% ±3	32% ±2	40% ±2*	42% ±2
No/low risk from regular use	14% ±2	13% ±2	12% ±2	15% ±2*	17% ±2	19% ±2

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



**Statewide  
Relationship between Lower Grades and Marijuana Use  
Grade 8, 2012**



*Statewide, 8th 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 is displayed with 95% confidence intervals (as ± or black bar |)  
\*indicates a significant change from the previous year, p<0.05