



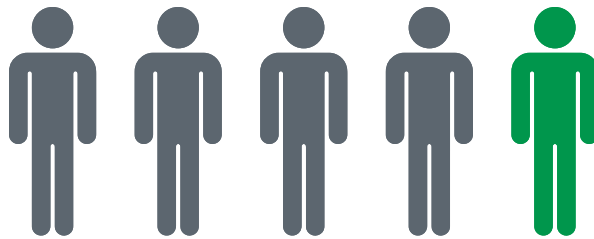
The Healthy Kids Colorado Survey is the state's only comprehensive survey on the health and well-being of young people. In 2017, the survey sampled approximately 56,000 youth from 190 randomly selected middle and high schools statewide. The voluntary, biennial survey collects a wide range of health and behavioral information that

helps public, private and community organizations better understand the youth they serve and support them in making healthy choices. The data below represents high school youth.

MARIJUANA USE

4 out of 5

81% of Colorado youth **DO NOT** use marijuana.

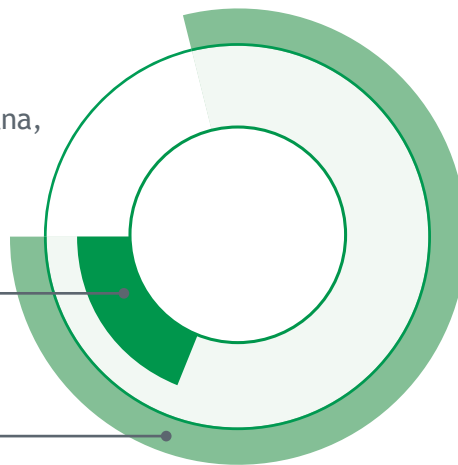


YOUTH PERCEPTION

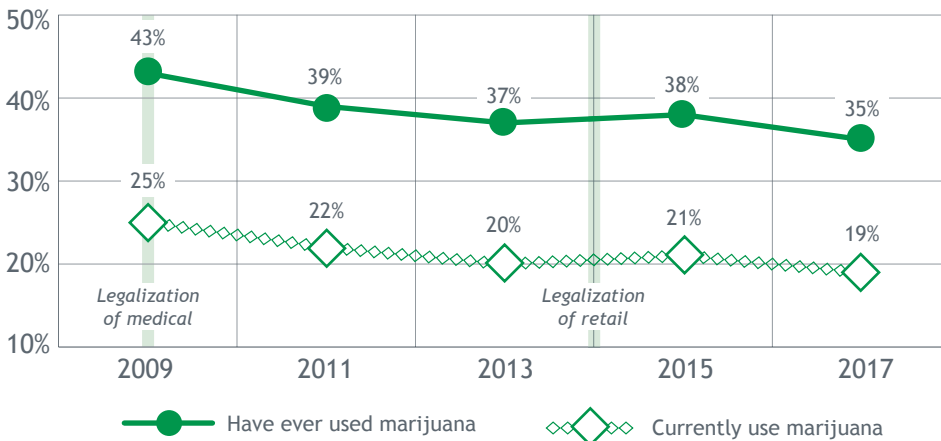
Youth need to know that **MOST** of their peers are **NOT** using marijuana, despite what they may think.

Percent of youth who use marijuana
19%

Percent who **THINK** their peers use marijuana
79%

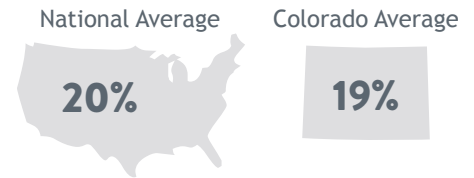


YOUTH MARIJUANA USE REMAINS RELATIVELY UNCHANGED SINCE LEGALIZATION



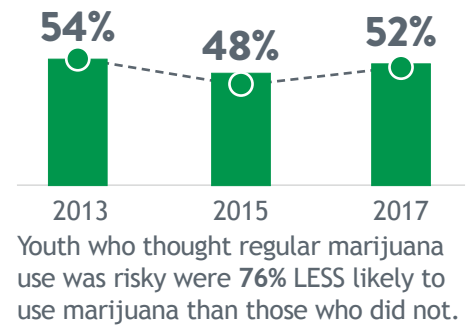
CURRENT USE

Colorado compared to the national average

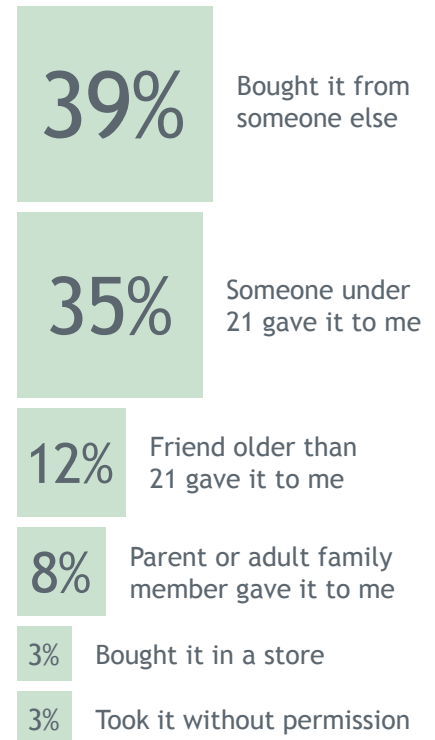


PERCEPTION OF RISK REMAINS THE SAME

IS MARIJUANA USE RISKY?



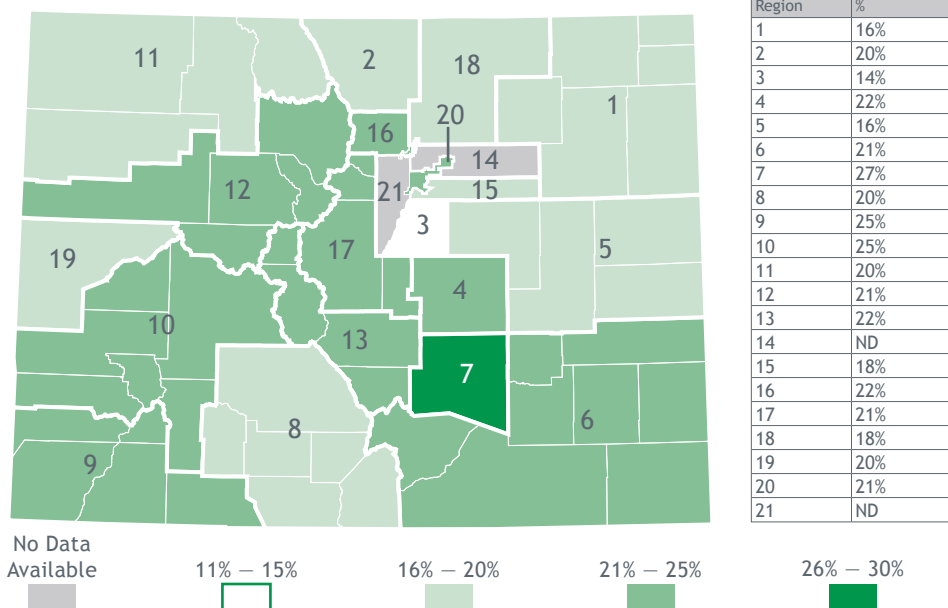
HOW YOUTH GET MARIJUANA



DATA BRIEF COLORADO YOUTH MARIJUANA USE 2018

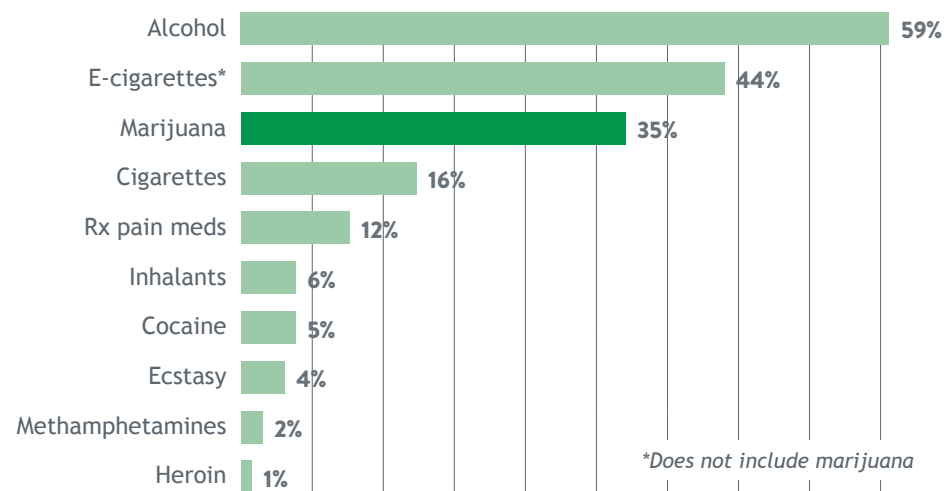


REGIONAL BREAKDOWN Youth who use marijuana



YOUTH ARE TRYING ALCOHOL AND E-CIGARETTES MORE OFTEN THAN MARIJUANA

Youth who have tried these substances



ADULTS CAN HELP PREVENT YOUTH MARIJUANA USE



PARENTS' OPINION

Youth who know their parents think underage use is wrong are 72% LESS likely to use.



TRUSTED ADULTS

Youth who have an adult to go to for help with a problem are 30% LESS likely to use.



SUPPORTIVE TEACHERS

Youth who think their teachers notice they are doing a good job are 28% LESS likely to use.



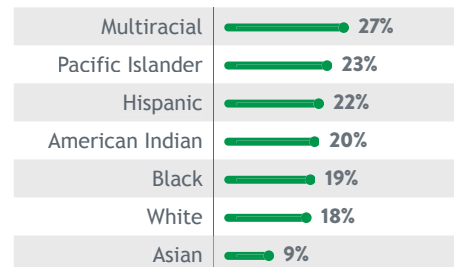
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to learn more about how to talk with youth.

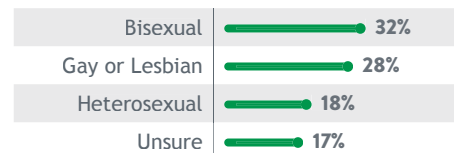
HEALTH DISPARITIES

Demographic breakdown of youth who use marijuana

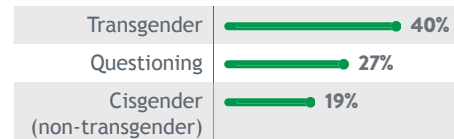
BY RACE / ETHNICITY



BY SEXUAL ORIENTATION



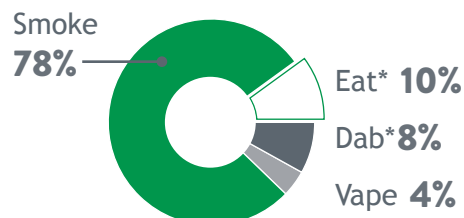
BY GENDER IDENTITY



CDPHE acknowledges that social, economic, and environmental inequities result in adverse health outcomes and have a greater impact than individual choices. Reducing health disparities through systems change can help improve opportunities for all Coloradans.

HOW YOUTH USUALLY USE MARIJUANA

Among youth who currently use, usual method of use



*Statistically significant Increase since 2015.



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LEARN MORE: For more information and complete survey data, visit healthykidscolo.org.