

Marijuana Use in Missouri...



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- ⊕ Marijuana is the most commonly abused illicit drug in the United States. Research clearly shows that marijuana has the potential to cause new problems in daily life or make a person's existing problems worse.¹
- ⊕ 5.9% of all Missourians 12 and older reported using marijuana in the past month. This is a number that has remained relatively steady over the past few years and is slightly below the national average.² Lifetime use rate of marijuana is not available from any national surveys.
- ⊕ Although students put off marijuana use longer than other drugs (13.53 average age of first use for marijuana, 12.54 for alcohol and 12.29 for inhalants), 10% of 8th graders said they had already tried marijuana at least once. By 12th grade almost 2 in 5 students (39%) had smoked marijuana.³
- ⊕ People age 18-25 are most likely to have used marijuana in the last month (16.7%).²
- ⊕ Young males (grade 6-12) are significantly more likely than young females to smoke marijuana.³
- ⊕ African-American students are more likely to have tried marijuana at least once in their life when compared to Caucasians.³

¹ NIDA - <http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/infofacts/marijuana>

² NSDUH - <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k9state/AppB.pdf>

³ Missouri Student Survey, 2010 data