

Marijuana Use and Attitudes in Missouri Youth



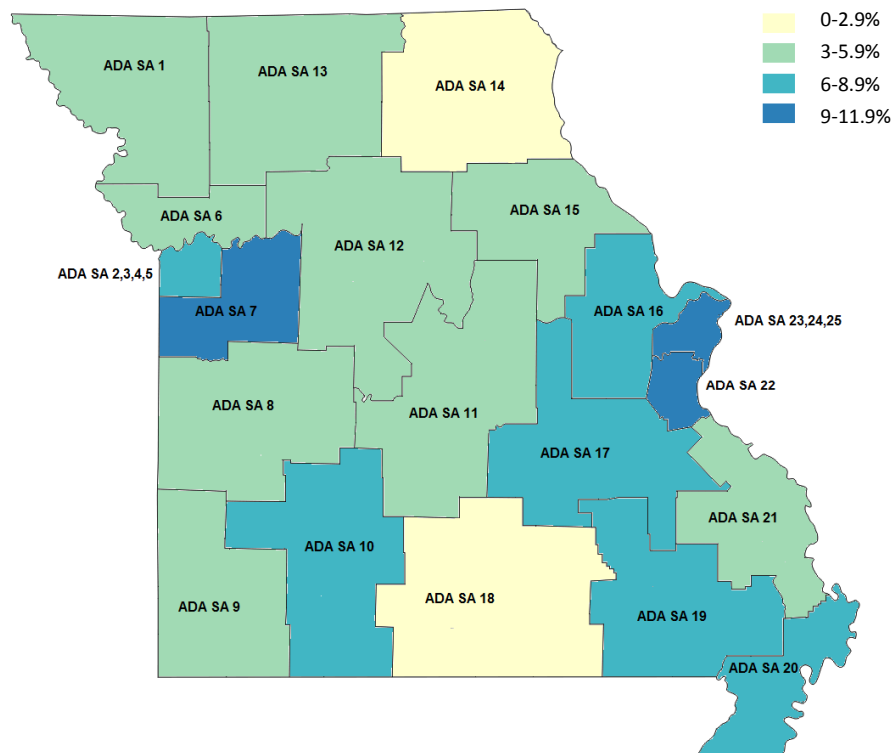
The 2014 Missouri Student Survey shows that 15.2% of students surveyed report smoking marijuana in their lifetime; 7.6% of all students have used it at least once in the past 30 days and 1.2% report smoking on a daily basis. The average age of first use is 13.9.

When asked how wrong it would be to “use marijuana”, approximately 1 in 5 (20.3%) of students said it would be only a little bit wrong or not wrong at all. Interestingly, when the dosage was quantified to “once or twice a week” the number only dropped slightly (18.1%) indicating that youth may not see a difference between occasional and regular use. This number is reflected in the 18.6% of youth who report seeing “no risk at all” in smoking marijuana once or twice a week.

In addition to the perception of harm, 34% said that it would be at least sort of easy for them to get marijuana if they wanted some.

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Percent of All Students Reporting Past Month Use by Service Area



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