



Marijuana Use in Missouri

After alcohol and e-cigarettes, past-month marijuana use is most common among Missouri youth.¹ The use has been highest among those aged 18-25 years.² Marijuana is used as hand-rolled cigarettes, pipes, water pipes, vapes, or as edibles (mixed with candies, brownies, etc.).

After declining for almost a decade, the past-month marijuana uses among 6-12 graders in Missouri increased in 2020 (figure 1). According to national data, the past-month use has been increasing slightly over the past decade (figure 2).

Figure 1: Past month marijuana use by 6-12 graders, MSS 2010-20

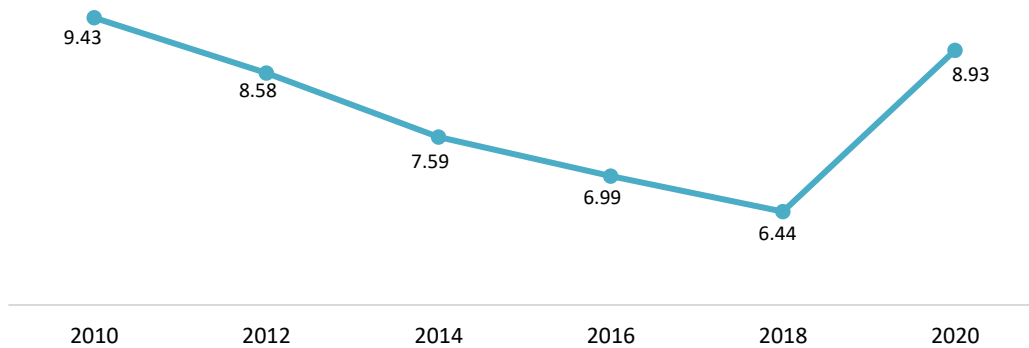


Figure 2: Past-month marijuana use by individuals aged 12 years and older, NSDUH 2013-19



When comparing to males, the past-month use is higher among 6-12 grade females. Further, the use is higher among Black youth than Hispanic and White peers (figure 3, 4).

Figure 3: Past-month marijuana use by gender, MSS 2020

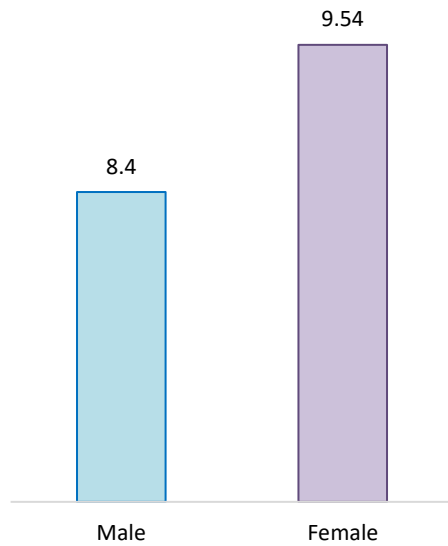
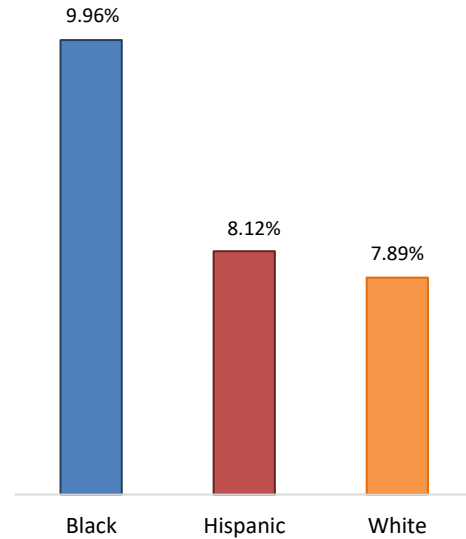
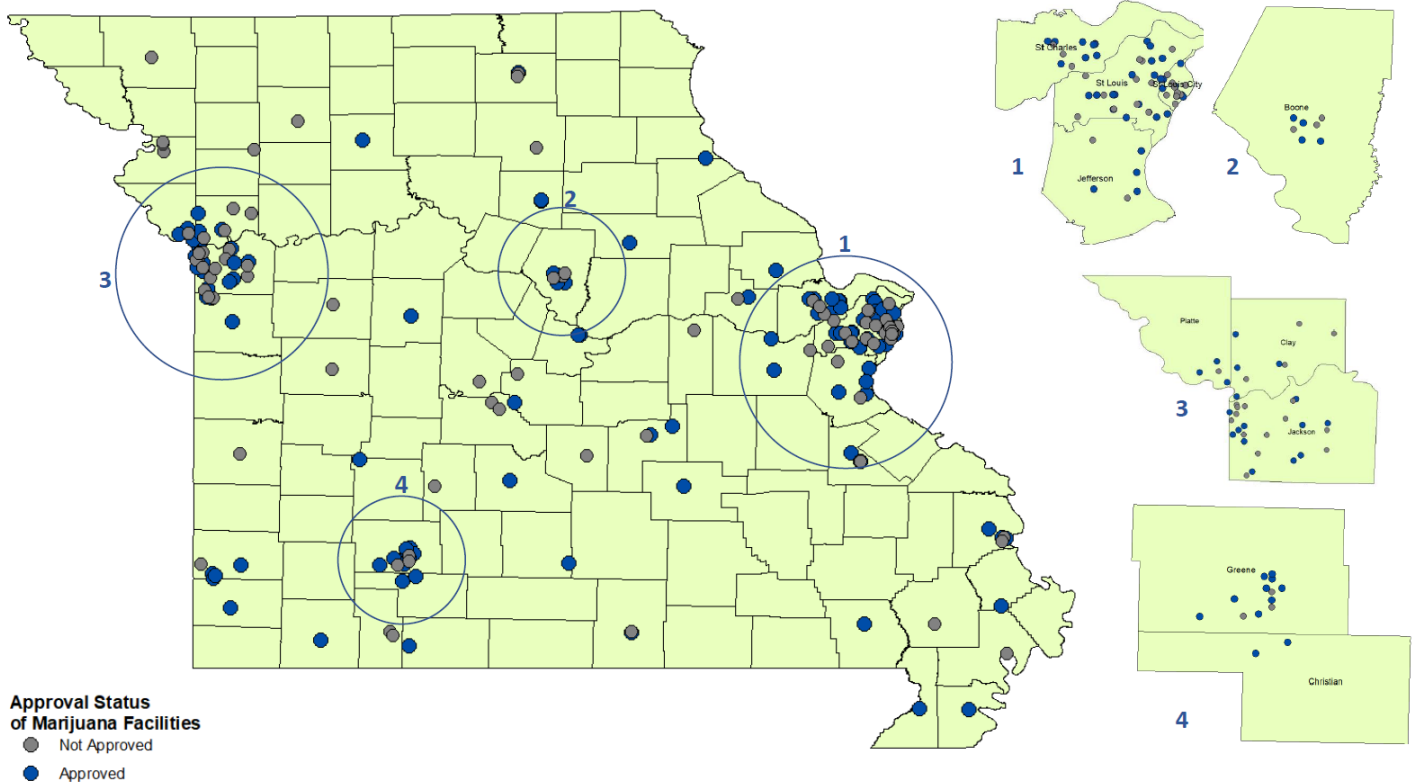


Figure 4: Past-month marijuana use by race/ethnicity, MSS 2020



After legalization of medical marijuana in 2018, the state's first dispensary made the sale in October 2020 in St Louis. As of June 2021, there are 192 licensed dispensary facilities, with 118 approved to operate.³



References:

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2. National Survey on Drug Use and Health
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