

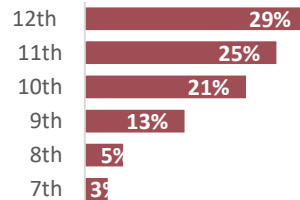
CONSUMPTION



Marijuana use among adult Mainers steadily increased over the past several years. In 2018-19, the highest past month rate of marijuana use among adults was observed among 18 to 25-year-olds (35%).¹

About 17,000 Mainers 12 years and older reported using marijuana for the first time in their life in 2018–19. Six thousand initiates were between 12 and 17; representing a 20% increase from 2017-18.¹

In 2019, past month marijuana use among students increased with grade level. Rates nearly triple from 8th grade (5%) to 9th grade (13%).²



Marijuana use among women in their third trimester of pregnancy has remained stable since 2016; one in 10 reported using marijuana during their third trimester in 2019.³

CONSEQUENCES

In 2020, there were 5,625 marijuana related emergency department visits; a 21% increase from 2019. Rates were disproportionately higher for males and Mainers ages 18 to 25.⁴

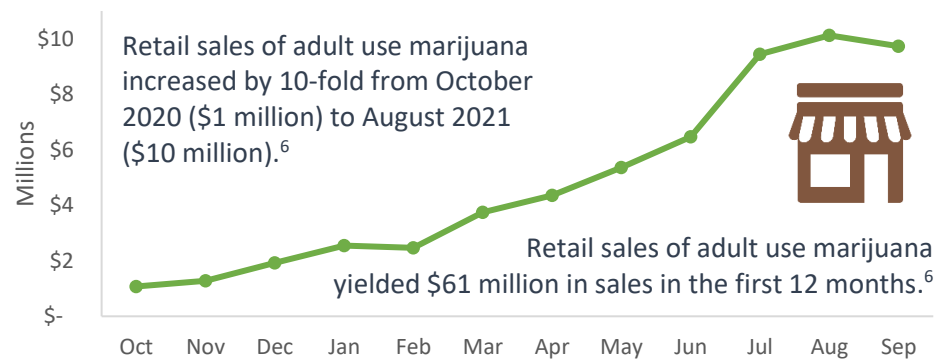


The number of poison center calls in Maine related to exposure of cannabis products among those 5 years old and under increased 10-fold from 2016 (2 calls) to 2020 (23).⁵



¹ National Drug Use and Health Survey* ⁴ Maine CDC Syndromic Surveillance
² Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey* ⁵ Northern New England Poison Center
³ Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Survey* ⁶ Office of Marijuana Policy
⁷ US Surgeon General

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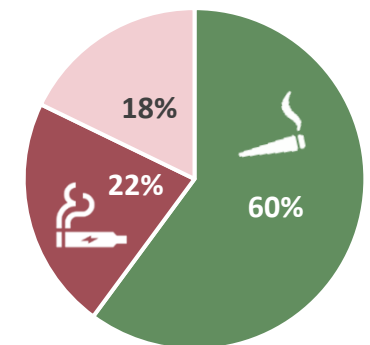
In 2019, only about one-third of high school students felt smoking marijuana once or twice a week was risky and more than half believed that marijuana is easy to obtain in 2019.²



As the brain and body continue to develop until age 25, research suggests marijuana use in youth may impact a variety of health and social issues.⁷

Maine Adult Use Marijuana Retail Sales, by Product Type

In the first year of retail sales of adult use marijuana, 60% of sales were for usable marijuana (e.g., bud, flower, joints), followed by marijuana concentrates (e.g., oil, vape products, wax) at 22%, and infused products (e.g., edibles, drinks, topicals) at 18%.⁶



■ Usable Marijuana ■ Concentrate ■ Infused Product