Youth Marijuana Use  
Spokane County, WA

In 2014, Washington State retailers began selling marijuana. For people under age 21, it remains an illegal substance.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, the information was reported by youth in 10th grade in Spokane County, Washington, 2016. Current marijuana use = use in the past 30 days.

16% use marijuana currently | 27% have ever tried marijuana

Current Marijuana Users by Grade Over Time

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Frequency of Marijuana Use Among Current Users

- All 30 days: 32%
- 20-29 days: 17%
- 10-19 days: 12%
- 6-9 days: 12%
- 3-5 days: 12%
- 1-2 days: 18%

Distribution of How Current Users Obtained Marijuana

- From Friends: 33%
- At a party: 10%
- Bought at store: 10%
- Paid someone to get it: 9%
- Home, with permission: 6%
- Home, without permission: 5%
- Hospital, doctor’s order: 3%
- Other: 14%

Method of Marijuana Use Among Current Users

- Smoke it: 73%
- Eat it: 12%
- Other way: 9%
- Drink it: 6%
- * Vape it: 2%
- * Stole from store: 7%

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Marijuana prevention is important for all youth. Some youth are more at risk of using marijuana than others.

These three groups, youth struggling in school, bullied because perceived as lesbian, gay, or bisexual (LGB), and youth who live with someone who uses marijuana have higher use rates of marijuana.

These risk factors include:

- having a low perception of harm of regular marijuana use
- parents NOT talking with them about not using marijuana
- reporting that it is easy to get marijuana
- and fewer believing use by someone their age is wrong.

Resources

Responsible adult marijuana use: http://www.srhdd.org/WeedToKnow.asp
Talking to youth about marijuana: http://starttalkingnow.org/
Healthy Youth Survey data: http://www.askhys.net/
National Institute on Drug Abuse: https://www.drugabuse.gov/
Science-based information for the public: http://learnaboutmarijuanawa.com/