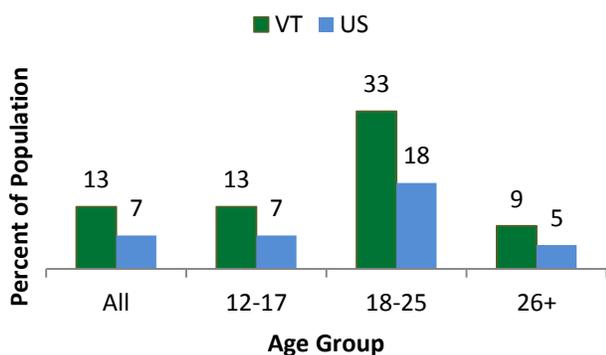


Prevalence of Use

Compared to other States, Vermont¹ has:

- The **highest** prevalence of past 30 day marijuana use among 18–25 year olds. Past 30 day prevalence rates have significantly **increased** since 2002.¹
- The **highest** prevalence of past 30 day marijuana use among 12–17 year olds.¹
- Among the **highest** prevalence of past 30 day marijuana use across all ages.¹

Percent of population that has used marijuana in the past 30 days by age group (2011/2012¹)



Prevalence During Pregnancy

Data from the 2011 Vermont Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System show that:

- 20% of pregnant women report smoking marijuana or hash during the 12 months before pregnancy.⁵
- 6% of pregnant women report smoking marijuana or hash during their most recent pregnancy.⁵
- 6% of pregnant women report smoking marijuana or hash since their new baby was born.⁵

Perception of Harm

Only 31 percent of high school students thought people their age greatly risked harming themselves, physically or in other ways, if they smoked marijuana regularly.² This is concerning because:

- 32% of 12th grade students report riding with someone using marijuana in the past month.²
- 23% of 12th grade students report driving when using marijuana in the past month.²
- These rates are **higher** than driving after drinking alcohol or riding in a car with a drinking driver.²

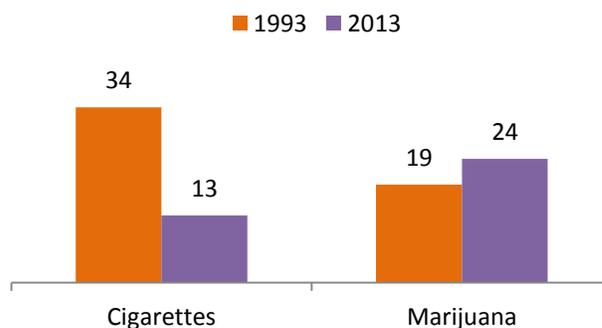
Among the 8% of adults who reported marijuana use in the past month, 25% said they recently drove after use.⁴ In 2014, there were 8 motor vehicle fatalities in Vermont attributable to marijuana use (4 attributable to alcohol).⁶

Treatment

In state fiscal year 2013, over 1,300 Vermonters were treated for marijuana disorders:³

- Of those treated, 64% were under the age of 25.³
- 66% of adolescents (12-17 year olds) in substance abuse treatment are there for a marijuana disorder.³

Among high school students, more students now report using marijuana than smoking cigarettes within the past month.²



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