

## 2013 MIYHS: 30 Day Marijuana Use and Select Family/Community/Individual Risk Factors, Maine

All rate ratios show a statistically significant difference<sup>1</sup>

### High School Students

Among high school students who think that it is very easy or sort of easy to get marijuana, **34.6%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **4.6%** of students who think marijuana is sort of hard or very hard to get. High school students who believe that marijuana is easy to get are **7.6** times as likely to use the drug.

Among high school students who believe that their parents feel it is a little wrong or not wrong at all for the student to smoke marijuana, **60.8%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **14.5%** of students who think their parents feel it is wrong or very wrong. High school students who don't believe their parents think it is wrong for them to use marijuana are **4.2** times as likely to use the drug.

Among high school students who believe that their friends feel it is a little wrong or not wrong at all for the student to smoke marijuana, **37.4%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **3.9%** of friends who think their parents feel it is wrong or very wrong. High school students who don't believe their friends think it is wrong for them to use marijuana are **9.6** times as likely to use the drug.

Among high school students who think there is no risk or slight risk of harming themselves if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week, **33.9%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **4.3%** of students who think the risk is moderate to great. High school students who think there is little risk from smoking marijuana once or twice a week are **7.8** times as likely to use the drug.<sup>2</sup>

Among high school students who think there is no risk or slight risk of harming themselves if they smoke marijuana regularly, **38.0%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **4.8%** of students who think the risk is moderate to great. High school students who think there is little risk from smoking marijuana once or twice a week are **7.9** times as likely to use the drug.<sup>3</sup> Among high school students who think that they will probably not or definitely not be caught by the police if they smoke marijuana in their neighborhood, **25.6%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **7.9%** of students who think they probably will or definitely will be caught by the police. High school students who think they will not be caught by the police if they smoke marijuana in their neighborhood are **3.2** times as likely to use the drug.

Among high school students who think that there is a pretty good to very good chance that they would be considered "cool" if they smoked marijuana, **34.0%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **19.0%** of students who think there is no, little, or some chance of seeming

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<sup>1</sup> Percentages rounded to nearest tenth. Rate ratios calculated using unrounded percentages, then rounded to nearest tenth. Contact [stephen.corral@maine.gov](mailto:stephen.corral@maine.gov) for excel file if you would like to review unrounded figures.

<sup>2</sup> (hn220)How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or other ways) if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week? Percentage of students who answered 'No risk' or 'Slight risk'

<sup>3</sup> (hn103)How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they smoke marijuana regularly? Percentage of students who answered 'No risk' or 'Slight risk'

cool. High school students who think they will be considered cool if they smoke marijuana are **1.8** times as likely to use the drug.

Among high school students who personally know adults who have gotten drunk or high in the past year, **25.1%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **7.2%** of students who had not known adults that had gotten drunk or high. High school students who know adults that have gotten drunk or high in the past year are **3.5** times as likely to use marijuana.

Among high school students who reported feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities during the previous 12 months, **33.0%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **17.6%** of students who did not report they did not feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities during the previous 12 months. High School students who report feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities during the previous 12 months are **1.9** times more likely to use marijuana.

Among high school students who seriously considered attempting suicide during the previous 12 months, **37.4%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **18.6%** of students who did not. High School students who seriously considered attempting suicide during the previous 12 months are **2.0** times more likely to use marijuana.

### **Middle School Students**

Among middle school students who think that it is very easy or sort of easy to get marijuana, **18.7%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **1.2%** of students who think marijuana is sort of hard or very hard to get. Middle school students who believe that marijuana is easy to get are **15.5** times as likely to use the drug.

Among middle school students who believe that their parents feel it is a little wrong or not wrong at all for the student to smoke marijuana, **33.0%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **2.8%** of students who think their parents feel it is wrong or very wrong. Middle school students who don't believe their parents think it is wrong for them to use marijuana are **12.0** times as likely to use the drug.

Among middle school students who believe that their friends feel it is a little wrong or not wrong at all for the student to smoke marijuana, **20.5%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **1.0%** of students who think their friends feel it is wrong or very wrong. Middle school students who don't believe their friends think it is wrong for them to use marijuana are **20.8** times as likely to use the drug.

Among middle school students who think there is no risk or slight risk of harming themselves if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week, **13.1%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **0.8%** of students who think the risk is moderate to great. Middle school students who think there is little risk from smoking marijuana once or twice a week are **15.5** times as likely to use the drug.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> (mn166)How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week? Percentage of students who answered 'No risk' or 'Slight risk'

Among middle school students who think there is no risk or slight risk of harming themselves if they smoke marijuana regularly, **16.0%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **1.0%** of students who think the risk is moderate to great. Middle school students who think there is little risk from smoking marijuana once or twice a week are **15.6** times as likely to use the drug.<sup>5</sup>

Among middle school students who think that they will probably not or definitely not be caught by the police if they smoke marijuana in their neighborhood, **8.3%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **1.3%** of students who think they probably will or definitely will be caught by the police. Middle school students who think they will not be caught by the police if they smoke marijuana in their neighborhood are **6.6** times as likely to use the drug.

Among middle school students who think that there is a pretty good to very good chance that they would be considered “cool” if they smoked marijuana, **16.7%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **3.2%** of students who think there is no, little, or some chance of seeming cool. Middle school students who think they will be considered cool if they smoke marijuana are **5.2** times as likely to use the drug.

Among middle school students who personally know adults who have gotten drunk or high in the past year, **6.9%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **1.2%** of students who don't know adults who have gotten drunk or high. Middle school students who know adults that have gotten drunk or high in the past year are **5.7** times as likely use marijuana.

Among middle school students who reported having ever felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities, **10.6%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **2.2%** of students who did reported they did not ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities. Middle School students who report having ever felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities are **4.8** times more likely to use marijuana.

Among middle school students who reported having ever seriously considered killing themselves, **13.2%** had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with **2.5%** of students who did reported they did not ever seriously thought of killing themselves. Middle School students who report having ever seriously considered killing themselves are **5.3** times more likely to use marijuana.

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<sup>5</sup> (mn79)How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they smoke marijuana regularly? Percentage of students who answered 'No risk' or 'Slight risk'