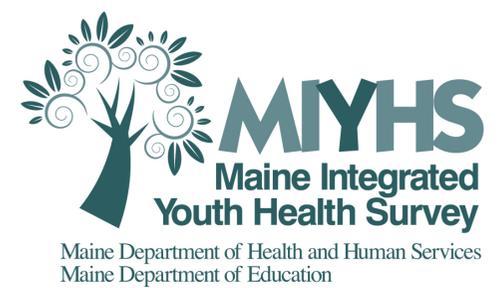


# Marijuana Use Among Maine Youth

Data from the 2019 Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MIYHS)



## Among Maine High School Students...

**36%** have ever tried marijuana

There is no significant difference in marijuana use between males and females

**MALES** try marijuana earlier than **FEMALES**

♂ Among those that have tried marijuana, **19%** of males and **14%** of females tried it before age 13 ♀

**22%** have used marijuana at least once in the past 30 days

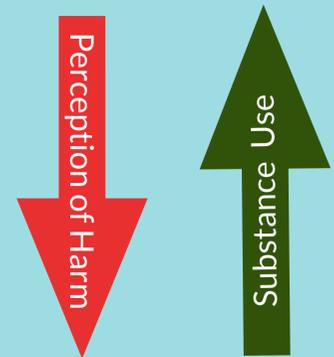
**53%** believe it is **EASY** to get marijuana

**60%** have at least 1 friend that has used marijuana in the past year

### Perception of Harm

**2 in 3** students believe there is little to no risk in using marijuana once or twice a week

**1 in 5** students believe their parents think it wouldn't be very wrong for them to use marijuana



## Among Maine Middle School Students...

**38%**

4 in 10 students believe there is little to no risk to people that use marijuana once or twice a week

1 in 10 students have ever tried marijuana

**9%**

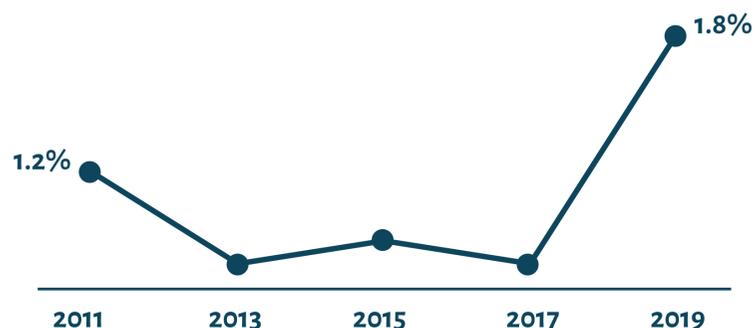
Among students who have tried marijuana, 1 in 5 tried it before age 11

**18%**

**4%**

1 in 20 students have used marijuana at least once in the past 30 days

## Among Maine 5th and 6th Graders...



The percentage of students that have tried marijuana DOUBLED since 2017

### About the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MIYHS)

The MIYHS is a collaboration between the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Department of Education, conducted biennially since 2009. Its purpose is to identify emerging trends facing youth by quantifying the health and related behaviors and attitudes of 5th through 12 graders using direct student surveys. All middle and high schools in Maine are invited to participate in the survey. For more information, visit:

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