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Youth Truth

45% of 12th graders reported using marijuana once or more in their lifetime, with 23% reporting use in the last 30 days.

1 in every 15 HS seniors (6.5%) is a daily or near-daily marijuana user.

1 in 6 youth who use marijuana will become addicted and with regular use, youth may lose 6 to 8 IQ points.

40% of 12th graders in CA say they get their weed from someone’s medical marijuana prescription.

KeepItReal

Whether you think a drug is harmful is a key indicator of future use.

Marijuana use over the past decade has continued to grow for 8th, 10th, and 12th graders.

The less risky a youth believes a drug to be, the more likely she will use it.

More than 60% of high school seniors don’t view regular marijuana use as harmful.

WeedReality

A study in Sweden found that heavy marijuana use at age 18 increased the risk of schizophrenia 6x.

A 2012 study found that more marijuana use was associated with more symptoms of depression, especially for teens.

Youth that smoke weed frequently are almost 6x more likely to drop out of high school, more than 3x less likely to enter college, and more than 4x less likely to earn a college degree than nonsmokers.

FactZone

Teens who were heavy marijuana users had abnormal changes in their brain related to memory.

Quitting their use of marijuana did NOT fully restore their memory loss.

The younger youth were when they started using marijuana heavily, the more abnormally their brain regions were shaped.

In prior research, Marijuana abuse has been linked to development of schizophrenia.