

2024 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION DAY AT THE GEORGIA CAPITOL

MARIJUANA FACTS 2024



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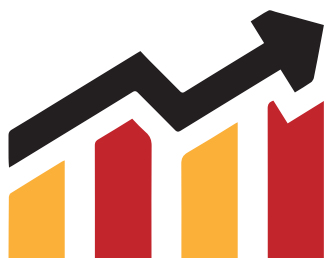
Recent data suggest that 30% of those who use marijuana may have some degree of marijuana use disorder.¹

Cannabis smoking increases the risk of suicide attempts, suicidal ideation, and suicide planning in young individuals of 11–21 years of age.²



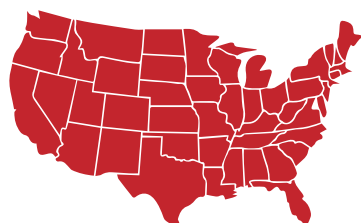
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People who begin using marijuana before the age of 18 are four to seven times more likely to develop a marijuana use disorder than adults.³



The risks of physical dependence and addiction increase with exposure to high concentrations of THC, and higher doses of THC are more likely to produce anxiety, agitation, paranoia, and psychosis.⁴

Several studies have shown that drivers with THC in their blood were roughly twice as likely to be responsible for a deadly crash or be killed than drivers who hadn't used drugs or alcohol.⁵



College students in states with recreational marijuana laws are 18% more likely to have used cannabis within the past 30 days compared to students in states where it remains illegal. Six years after states adopted legal marijuana, students were 46% more likely to use pot than students in non-legal states.⁶

Marijuana use during pregnancy can be harmful to a baby's health and cause many serious problems, including stillbirth, preterm birth, and growth and development issues.⁷



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