

# Marijuana is changing what it means to go to high school.



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## Marijuana Use Among 7th-12th Graders in 2018



**1 in 5**

9th-12th grade students reported using marijuana within the past 30 days.



**13-15 years**

The age that most students tried marijuana for the first time.



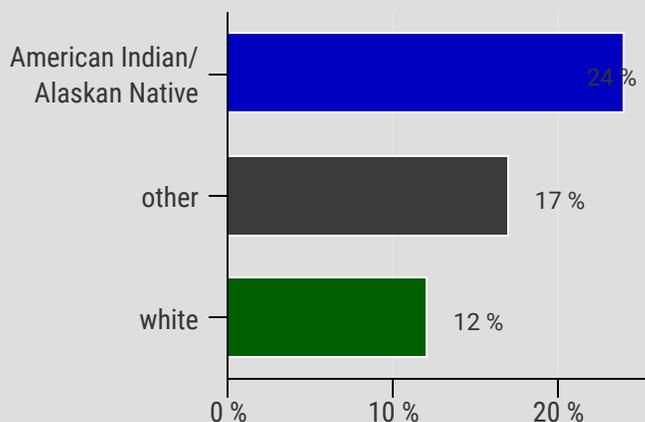
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Students were offered drugs on school property.



1 in 4 9th-12th students did not believe there is any harm in using marijuana weekly.

Students who used marijuana within the past 30 days, by race

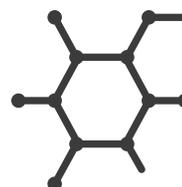


Use of marijuana by youth doubled from 7th grade to 9th grade and tripled from 7th grade to 12th grade.



**11 x**

Students who used marijuana were 11 x more likely to report using alcohol within the past 30 days.



**8 x**

Students who used marijuana were 8 x more likely to report using other drugs within the past 30 days.



**D's and F's**

9th-12th grade students who used marijuana made up 45% of students with poor grades, as opposed to 14% of students with mostly A's.\*



**20%**

20% of students indicated they intend to use marijuana as an adult. If they had previously used marijuana this increased to 56%.

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Sources: Prevention Needs Assessment (2018);

\*Alcohol and Other Drug Related Behaviors and Academic Achievement Report (2019), Montana Office of Public Instruction