

# U.S. Marijuana Fast Facts

## Did You Know?

For the first time, daily marijuana use exceeds daily tobacco cigarette use among 12th graders!

Regular marijuana use can result in as much as an 8 point drop in IQ level.

## Dependence Rates Among Users

Those that Have EVER Used: 1/10



Users Who Start as Teens: 1/6



Those that Use Daily: 5/10



## ER Visits Linked to Marijuana Use



Possible causes of increase:  
 -More vehicular accidents related to drugged driving  
 -Higher potency of products  
 -Edibles/products ingested by children

## 2011 ER Visits: Heroin and Marijuana



\*Stats Based on National Data

## Levels of THC in Marijuana Products Today

80-90%  
Shatter & Liquid

50-80%  
Wax

40-80%  
Hash Oil

3.7%  
in 1990  
(smoked cigarette)

9.6%  
in 2013  
(smoked cigarette)

A diminishing perception of the drug's risk among teenagers may lead to increased rates of use among this age group in the future.

= higher potency of products

Increased danger/harm to users

## How does marijuana use impact health?

Risk for Mental Illness  
 Psychosis, Depression, Anxiety, Schizophrenia

Respiratory problems

Heart Rate  
 Forces the heart to work harder to keep up

Risk of Problems for an Unborn Baby

## Impacts on Youth

- Impaired cognitive functioning including learning, memory, and problem solving
- Impaired coordination, judgement, and reaction time
- Reduced school performance
- Increased risk of addiction and use of other illicit drugs

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