

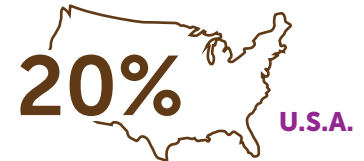
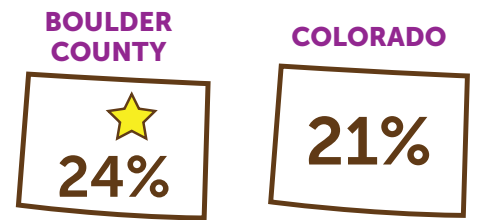
DATA BRIEF | BOULDER COUNTY YOUTH MARIJUANA USE 2019



The Healthy Kids Colorado Survey is the state's only comprehensive survey on the health and well-being of young people. In 2019, the survey sampled approximately 53,500 youth from 195 randomly selected middle and high schools statewide. The voluntary, biennial survey collects a wide range of health and behavioral information that helps public, private and community organizations better understand the youth they serve and support them in making healthy choices. The data included are from a sample of approximately 2,200 local high school youth in Boulder County.

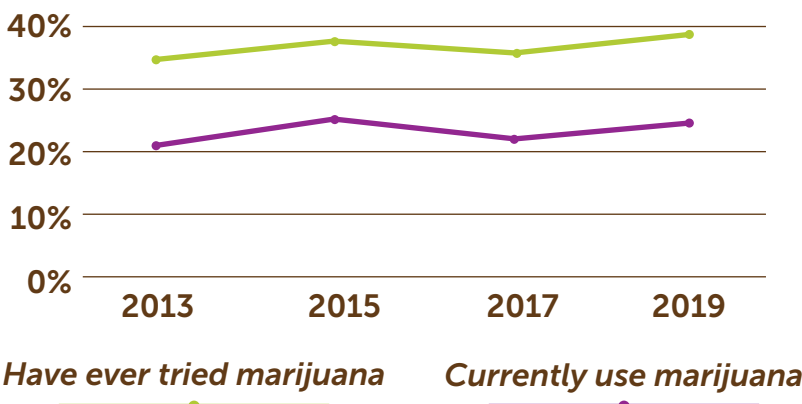
CURRENT USE

Local youth report marijuana use at similar rates to the state and nation

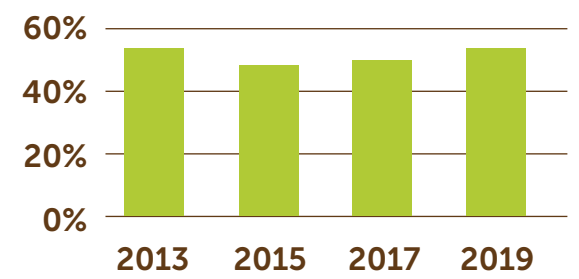


3 OF 4 local youth do NOT use marijuana.

MARIJUANA USE AMONG LOCAL YOUTH REMAINS RELATIVELY STEADY SINCE LEGALIZATION

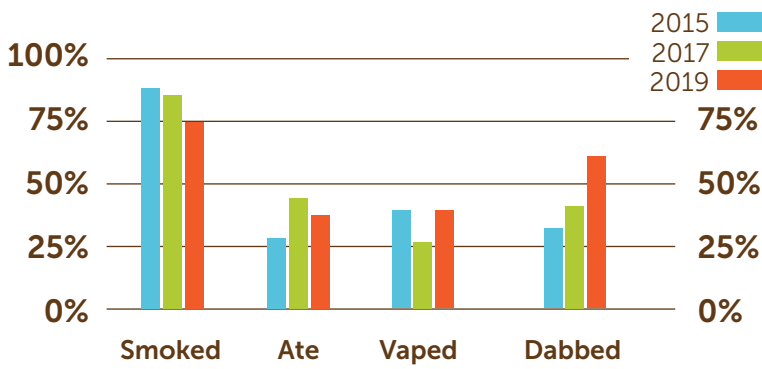


PERCEPTION OF RISK REMAINS CONSISTENT



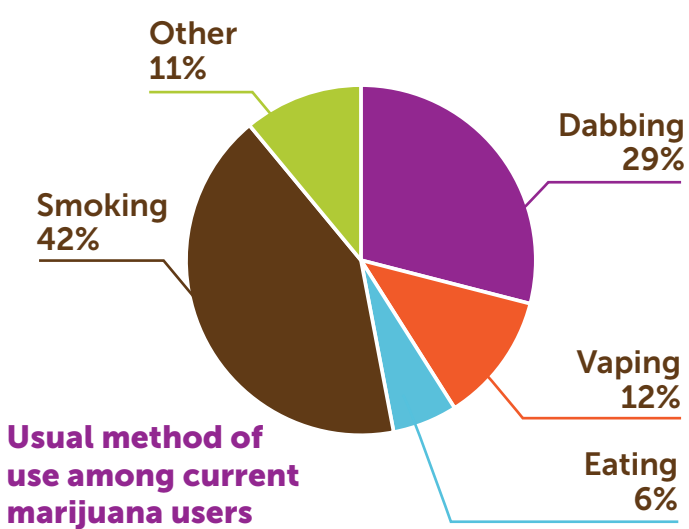
Youth who thought regular marijuana use was harmful were **27% LESS LIKELY** to use marijuana than those who did not.

HOW YOUTH USE MARIJUANA



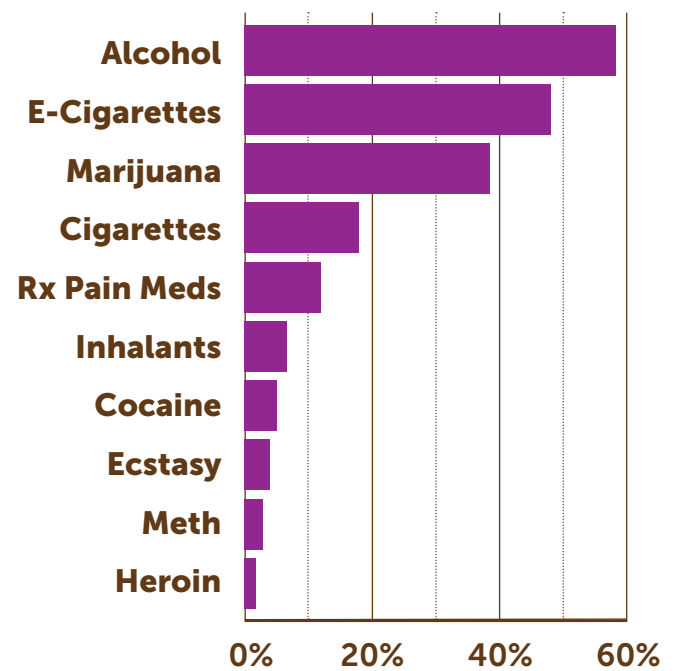
Among current marijuana users, smoking and dabbing are the most common methods of use. **Dabbing has increased significantly since 2015.**

USUAL METHOD OF USE



YOUTH ARE TRYING ALCOHOL & E-CIGARETTES MORE OFTEN THAN MARIJUANA

Percent of local youth who have tried the substance



YOUTH PERCEPTIONS

56% of youth think marijuana is easy to get.



PROTECTIVE FACTORS

All data on behaviors or health outcomes should be considered alongside the upstream factors that influence them, such as feeling safe at school. Social, economic and environmental inequities result in adverse health outcomes and have a greater impact than individual choices. Reducing health disparities through systems change can help improve opportunities for all Coloradans.

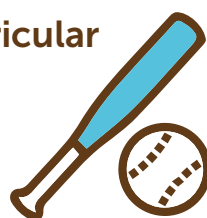
PARENTS CAN HELP PREVENT YOUTH MARIJUANA USE



Youth who report their parents think it's wrong for them to use marijuana are **37% LESS LIKELY** to use.

PRO SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Students who participate in extracurricular activities are **7% LESS LIKELY** to use marijuana than those who do not.



Youth who have an adult to go to with a serious problem are **9% LESS LIKELY** to use marijuana than those who do not.