

Youth Marijuana Use in North Carolina

| Marijuana Use among 12–17-Year-Olds, 2023–2024 | NC | National Average |
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| <i>Had a marijuana use disorder in the past year</i> | 3.00% | 4.7% |
| <i>Used marijuana in the past 30 days</i> | 5.8% | 6.0% |
| <i>Used marijuana in the past 12 months</i> | 8.8% | 10.8% |
| <i>Had ever used marijuana in their lifetime</i> | 11.0% | 13.2% |

| Risk Factors among 12–17-Year-Olds, 2023–2024 | NC | National Average |
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| <i>Thought there was a great risk of harm associated with smoking marijuana once or twice per week</i> | 35.2% | 34.3% |
| <i>Thought marijuana was fairly easy or very easy to obtain</i> | 32.5% | 36.8% |
| <i>Thought most or all of the students in their grade used marijuana</i> | 25.30% | 24.20% |
| <i>Had been approached by someone selling drugs in the past 30 days</i> | 5.2% | 5.9% |

| Associations with Marijuana Use among 12–17-Year-Olds, 2023–2024* | Past-Year Marijuana Use | No Past-Year Marijuana Use |
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| <i>Had a substance use disorder in the past year for any substance</i> | 52.5% | 2.7% |
| <i>Self-rated their overall health as excellent or very good</i> | 50.7% | 70.2% |
| <i>Had thought about, planned, and/or attempted suicide in the past year</i> | 30.8% | 9.6% |
| <i>Had a major depressive episode in the past year</i> | 40.9% | 19.1% |

| Additional Outcomes |
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| In 2023, 9,529 admissions to substance use treatment programs in North Carolina noted that marijuana was the primary, secondary, or tertiary substance used. |
| In 2023–2024, 67.1% of 12–17-year-olds in North Carolina said that they had received drug education in school in the past year. |
| In FY 25, North Carolina had 15 Drug-Free Communities (DFC) coalitions, which are federally funded groups focused on preventing youth substance use. |
| In 2023–2024, 330,000 individuals aged 16 or older in North Carolina drove under the influence of marijuana in the past year. |

* = among the population in the United States.

Sources are available at:
<https://johnnysambassadors.org/statefactsheets>