



Marijuana

The 2022-23 Tennessee Together Student Survey was administered to public school students in 8th, 10th, and 12th grade. There were 186 schools across 35 counties that opted to participate.

The final sample included 23,011 students with final results weighted to represent the statewide population in surveyed grades.

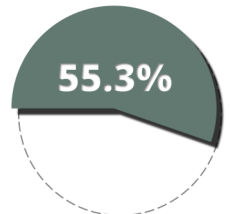
The survey measured youth behaviors, attitudes and social norms related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, including the misuse of prescription medications.



One in six students in Tennessee, or 16.8%, reported ever using marijuana.

AVERAGE AGE OF INITIATION **14.1** years old

More than half of students reported that it was either "very" or "fairly difficult" to obtain marijuana.

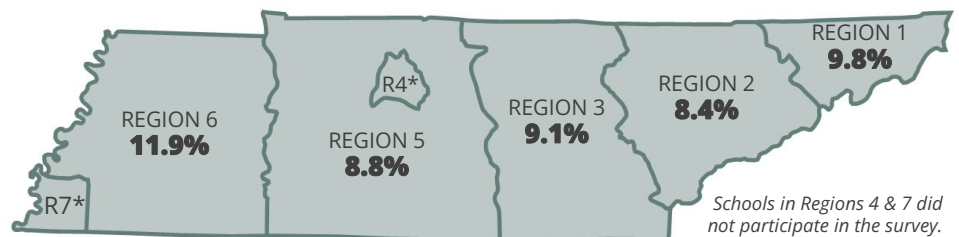


PAST 30-DAY USE

9.3% of students reported using marijuana **in the past 30 days.**

53.4% of the students who used in the past 30 days reported use on six or more days, defined as **high-frequency** use.

PAST 30-DAY USE BY TDMHSAS PLANNING AND POLICY REGION



PEER MISUSE

21.4% of students reported that **at least one of their closest friends** had used marijuana* in the past year.

**excludes vaping marijuana*

PARENT COMMUNICATION

51.7% of students reported speaking **with their parents** specifically about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the past year.

PARENT, PERSONAL, AND PEER APPROVAL

90.9% of students perceived that their **parents** feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" to smoke marijuana.

79.9% of **students** felt it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" for someone their age to smoke marijuana.

71.1% of students perceived that their **friends** feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" to smoke marijuana.

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

PERCEIVED RISK

