In 2013, **one in five** high school (HS) students reported using marijuana within the past month (rates have not changed since 2009) (1).

- **9 times or less**: 53%
- **10 to 19 times**: 15%
- **20 or more times**: 32%

Of those HS students who used in the past month, about **one in three** used **20 times or more** (1).

**Male** HS students were about **2X** as likely to have used marijuana 20 times or more in the past month as females (8.5% vs. 4.5%) (1).

In 2011-12, about **one in four** (23%) 18 to 25 year olds in Maine used marijuana in the past month (2).

- **United States**: 8%
- **Maine**: 9%  
- **12 to 17**: 5%
- **18 to 25**: 6%
- **26 and older**: 6%

**Youth Initiation**

- **Under 13**: 72%
- **13 to 16**: 22%
- **17 or older**: 6%

In 2013, **72%** of high school students who had ever used marijuana first did so between the ages **13 and 16** (1).

Of those high school students who ever tried Marijuana, **One in five** did so for the first time **before the age of 13** (1).

**Academic Performance**

Students who used marijuana **20 times** or more in the past month were more than **4X** as likely to report getting mostly D’s and F’s as compared to students who had not used in the past month (1).

**Youth Access**

- **Very hard**: 35%
- **Sort of hard**: 29%
- **Sort of easy**: 15%
- **Very easy**: 21%

In 2013, **over half** (56%) of high school students felt marijuana would be **easy to get** (1).

High school students who thought marijuana was **easy to obtain** were **5X** as likely to use it (1).

**Sources**
1. Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (2013)  
2. National Survey on Drug Use and Health (2011-12)

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**Perception of Harm**

Less than half (46%) of high school students felt smoking marijuana regularly was **risky** (1).

![Perception of Harm Graph]

Perceptions of harm among high school students **decreased** by 13 percentage points from 2009 to 2011. (1).

High school students who thought there is **little to no risk** in smoking marijuana regularly were almost **8X** as likely to use (1).

**Community and Social Norms**

15% of HS students reported that their **parents feel it would be a little bit wrong or not wrong at all** for them to use marijuana (1).

HS students who believe their **parents feel it would be a little bit wrong or not wrong at all** for them to use marijuana were **4X** as likely to use (1).

HS students who thought **friends did not think it was wrong** for them to use marijuana were almost **10X** as likely to use (1).

**Perception of Enforcement**

**Treatment**

**77%** of high school students felt kids in the community would **not be caught by police** for using marijuana (1).

High school students who thought that they would **not be caught by the police** were more than **3X** as likely to smoke marijuana (1).

**Sources**

1. Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (2013)
2. National Survey on Drug Use and Health (2011-12)
3. Treatment Data Set (2013)

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