

Epidemiology & Surveillance

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living

Youth

In 2007 and 2012, **1 in 5** youth from grades 7 to 12 reported cannabis use in the past year.

Adults

In 2017, **1 in 5** adults reported cannabis use in the past year, while another **1 in 5** are considering trying it after it is legalized.

1 in 2 adults who use cannabis never use lower-THC products, and **1 in 4** frequently use cannabis alongside alcohol.

Patterns of Use

Rates of hospitalizations related to cannabis have **increased** by 45% from 2012 to 2017.

Rates of hospitalizations related to cannabis dependence have **decreased** by 50% from 2010 to 2017.

Hospitalizations

Youth

The rate (per 100,000 youth) of impaired driving by drugs* **decreased** from 3.0 in to 2.0 in 2017.

Adults

The rate (per 100,000 adults) of impaired driving by drugs* **increased** from 2.7 in to 3.1 in 2017.

**These charges are not specific to cannabis related impaired driving, but impairment by any drug.*

Driving While Impaired

Youth, 12 to 17 years

2010: 92 per 100,000



2017: 41 per 100,000

Adults, 18 years and older

2010: 53 per 100,000



2017: 24 per 100,000

As of October 17, 2018, possession of less than 30 grams of cannabis in public is no longer be a crime.

Criminal Possession Charges

Youth, 12 to 17 years

2010: 47 per 100,000



2017: 27 per 100,000

Adults, 18 years and older

2010: 46 per 100,000



2017: 16 per 100,000

As of October 17, 2018, trafficking of illicit cannabis, and trafficking to youth remain criminal offences.

Criminal Trafficking Charges

As retail sales begin, more data will be available such as *what* cannabis products are sold and *where*.

New survey data will be available, such as the National Cannabis Survey, and the Canadian (Student) Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Survey.

We will also able to see if new cannabis related offences are taking place.

Future Direction

Between 2012 and 2017, the rate of Manitobans admitted to hospital who were diagnosed with a cannabis related disorder increased by 45%. Males were more likely than females to receive these diagnoses, as were those between 18 and 34 years of age. While rates of criminal charges have been steadily decreasing over time, new cannabis related offences have been created, including new cannabis impaired driving offences.

SUMMARY

Note: Numbers are subject to change. Missed events in the current report due to a delay of submission to Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living will be included in later reports when data become available.

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