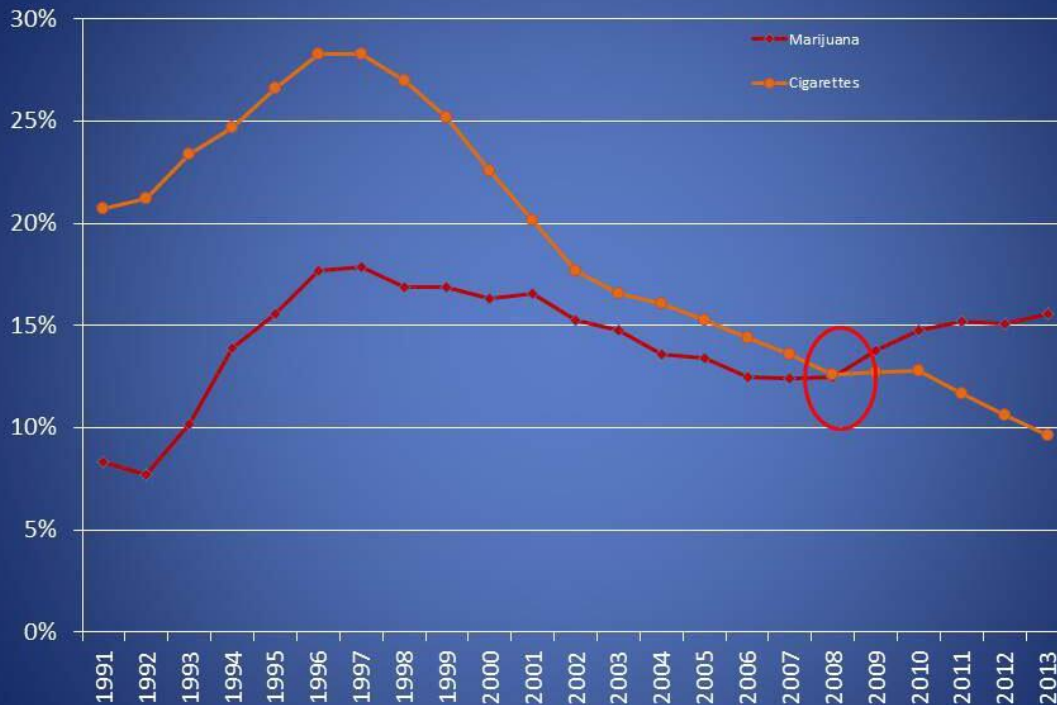


More teens now use marijuana than smoke cigarettes.

Teens' Current Use of Marijuana vs. Cigarettes



SOURCE: University of Michigan, 2013 Monitoring the Future Study

“Daily marijuana use today can have stronger effects on a developing teen brain than it did 10 or 20 years ago.”

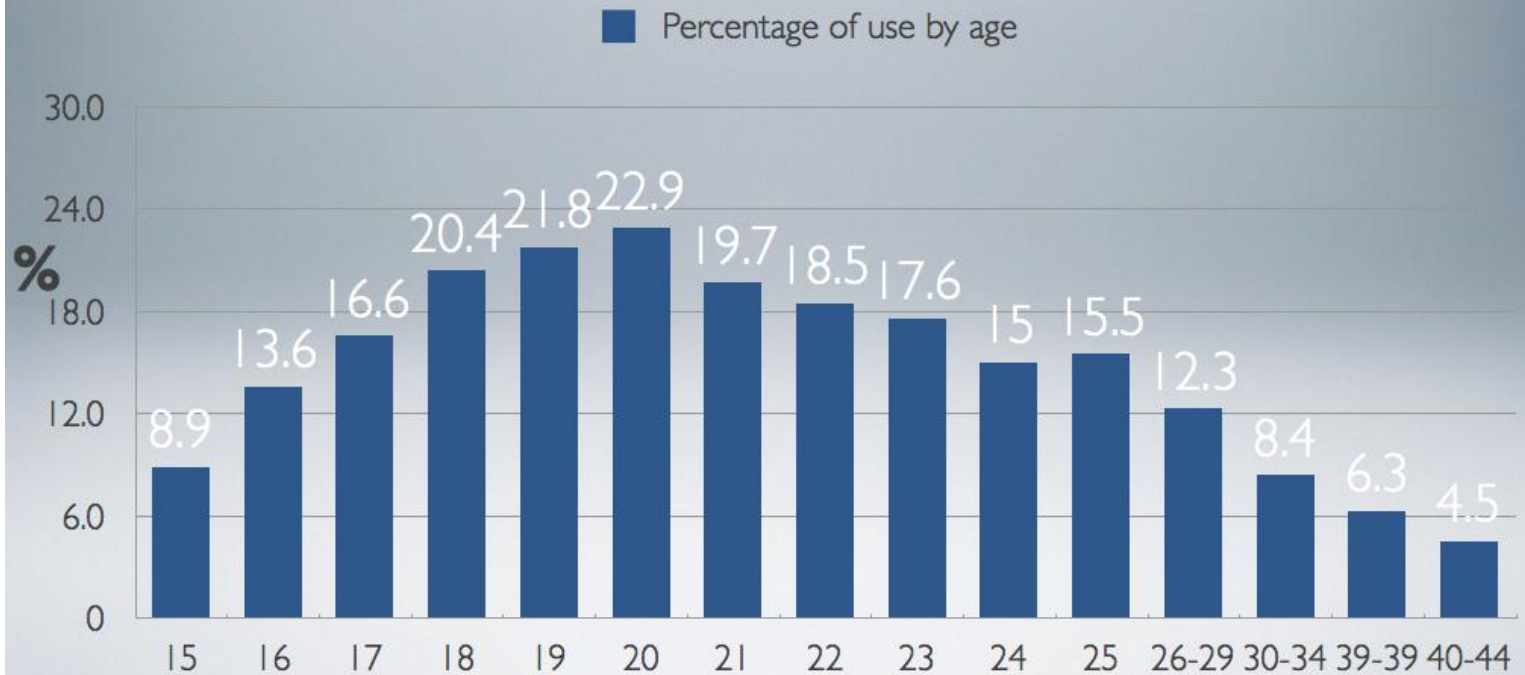
-Dr. Nora Volkow

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MARIJUANA USE BY AGE: U.S.



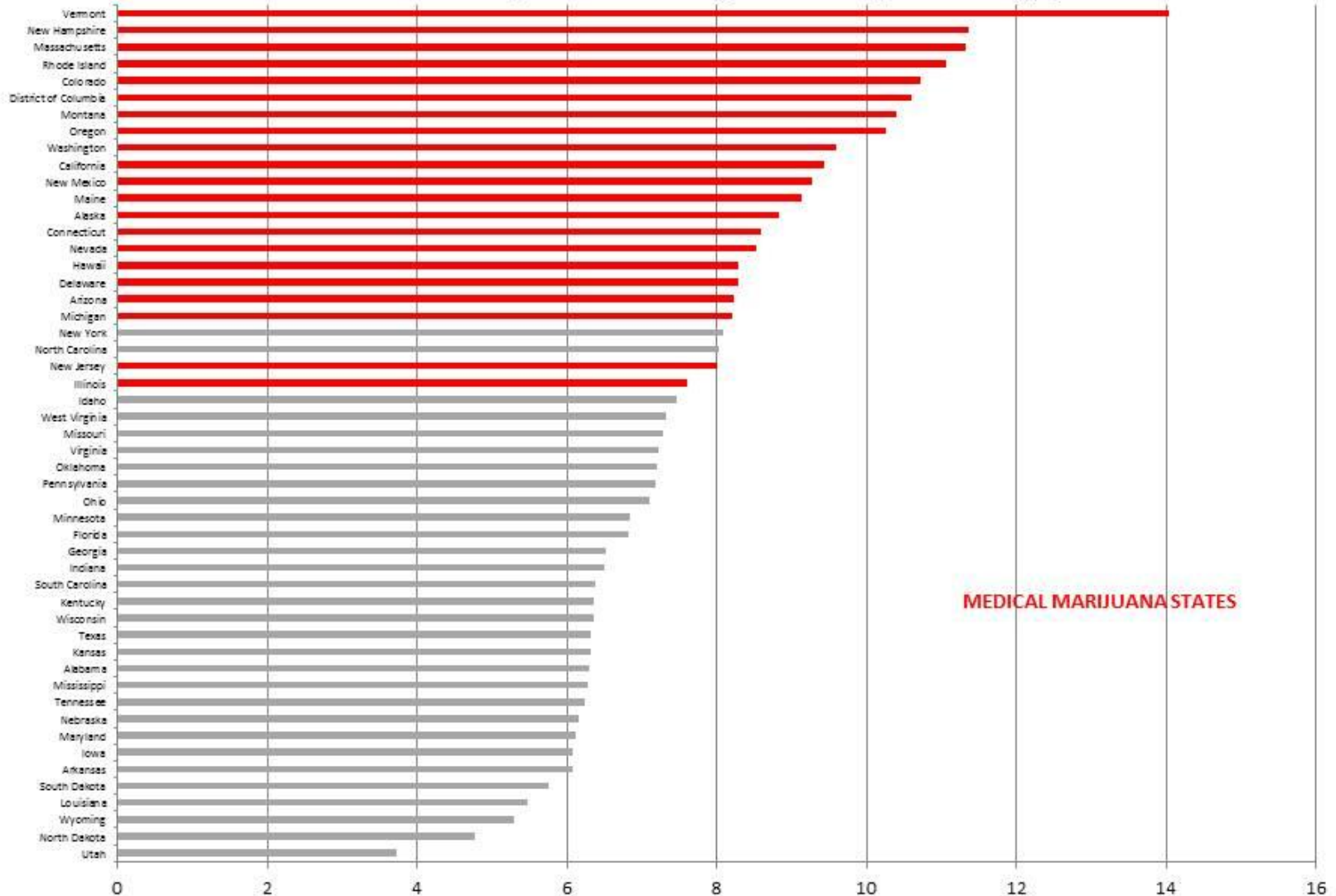
Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health

Of the 2.4 million Americans who use marijuana for the first time each year, almost 60 percent are under the age of 18. One in six young people who try marijuana becomes addicted to the substance.

Marijuana use rates

TEEN USE OF MARIJUANA IS HIGHER IN MEDICAL MARIJUANA STATES

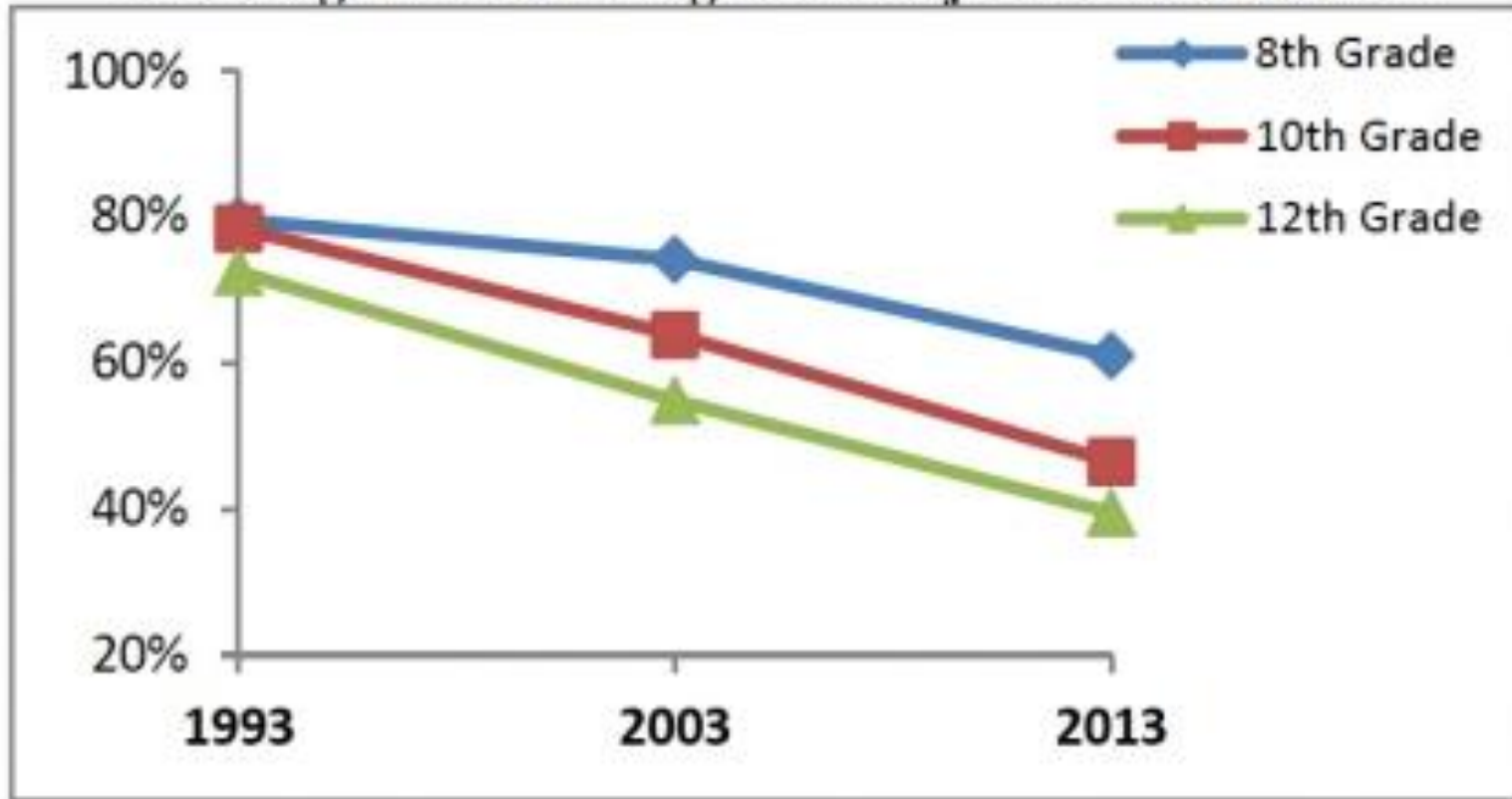
Past Month Marijuana Users Aged 12-17 (Percentage)



% OF 12-17 YEAR-OLDS USING MARIJUANA IN PAST MONTH

Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), HHS/SAMHSA (2010-11) and National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

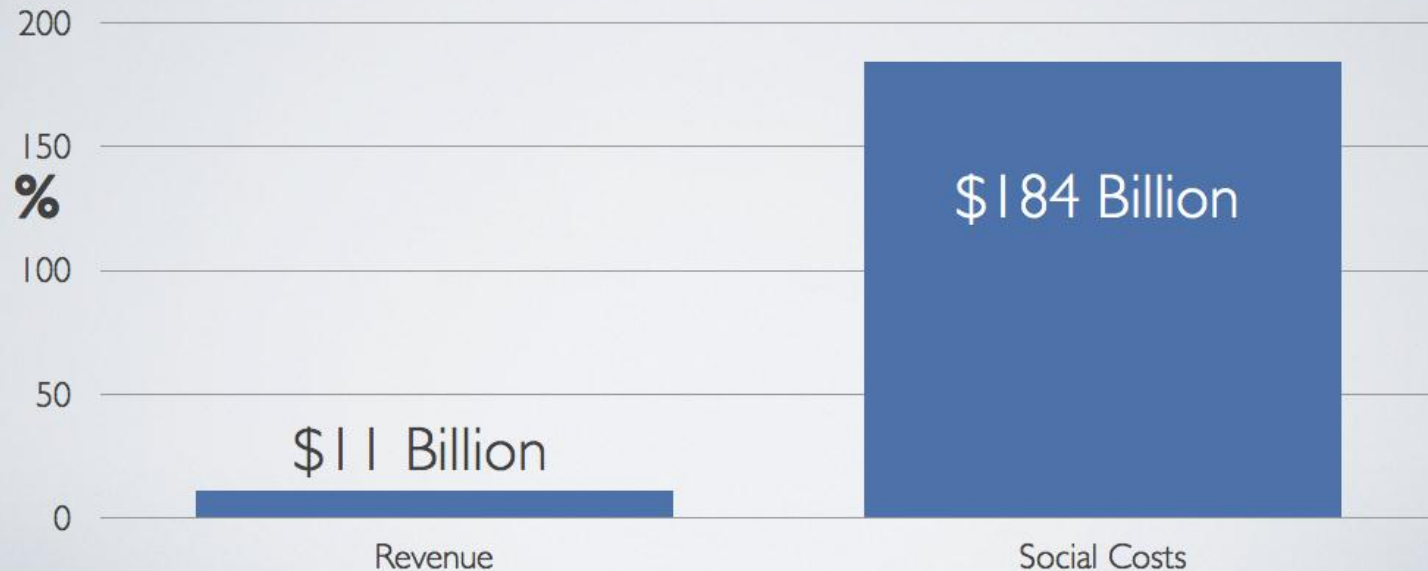
Percentage who think regular marijuana use is harmful



<http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2013/12/sixty-percent-12th-graders-do-not-view-regular-marijuana-use-harmful>

ALCOHOL TAXES VS. SOCIAL COSTS

■ Alcohol tax revenue versus the costs of alcohol use



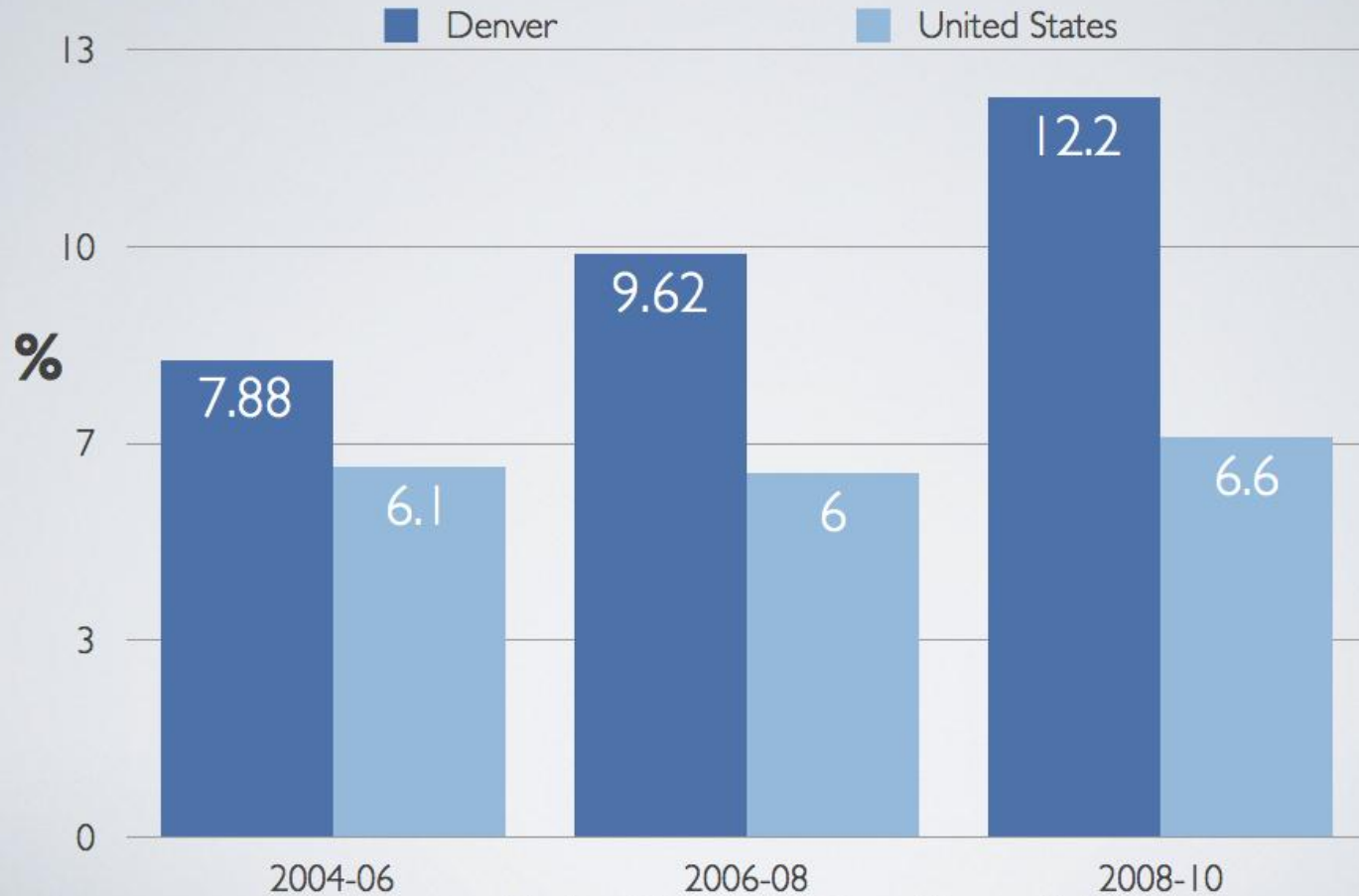
Revenue

Social Costs

Sources: U.S. Census; Harwood (2001); National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

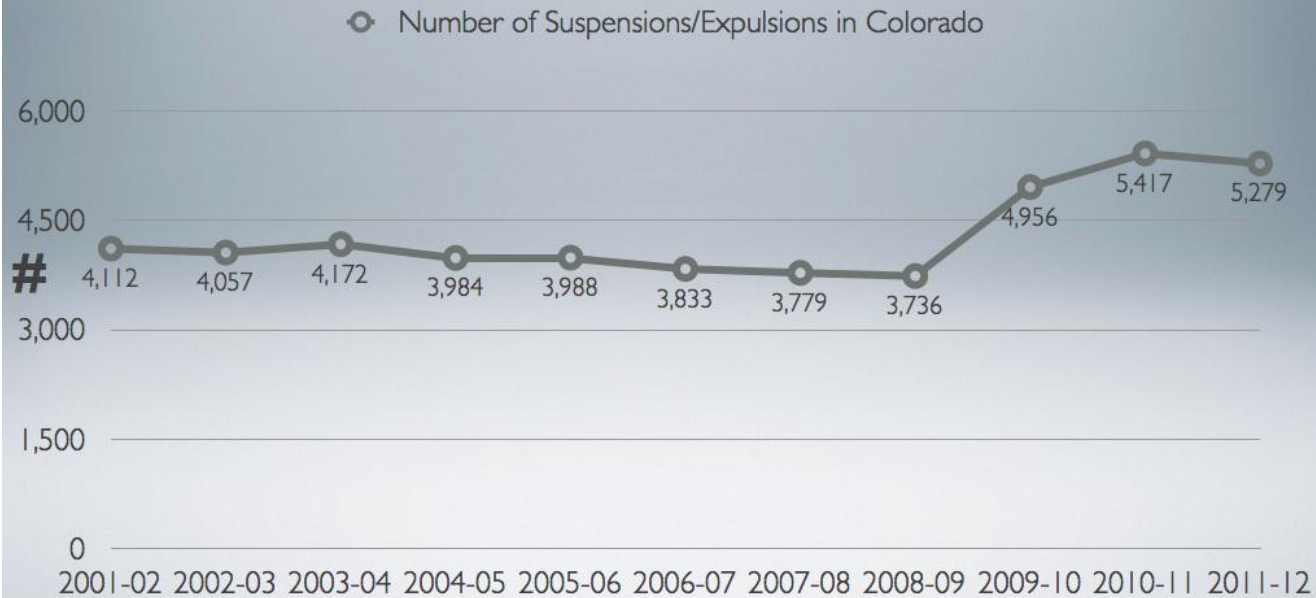
IMPACT IN COLORADO OF LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

PAST-MONTH PREVALENCE OF MARIJUANA USE 12+ YEARS



Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health

DRUG-RELATED SUSPENSIONS/EXPULSIONS

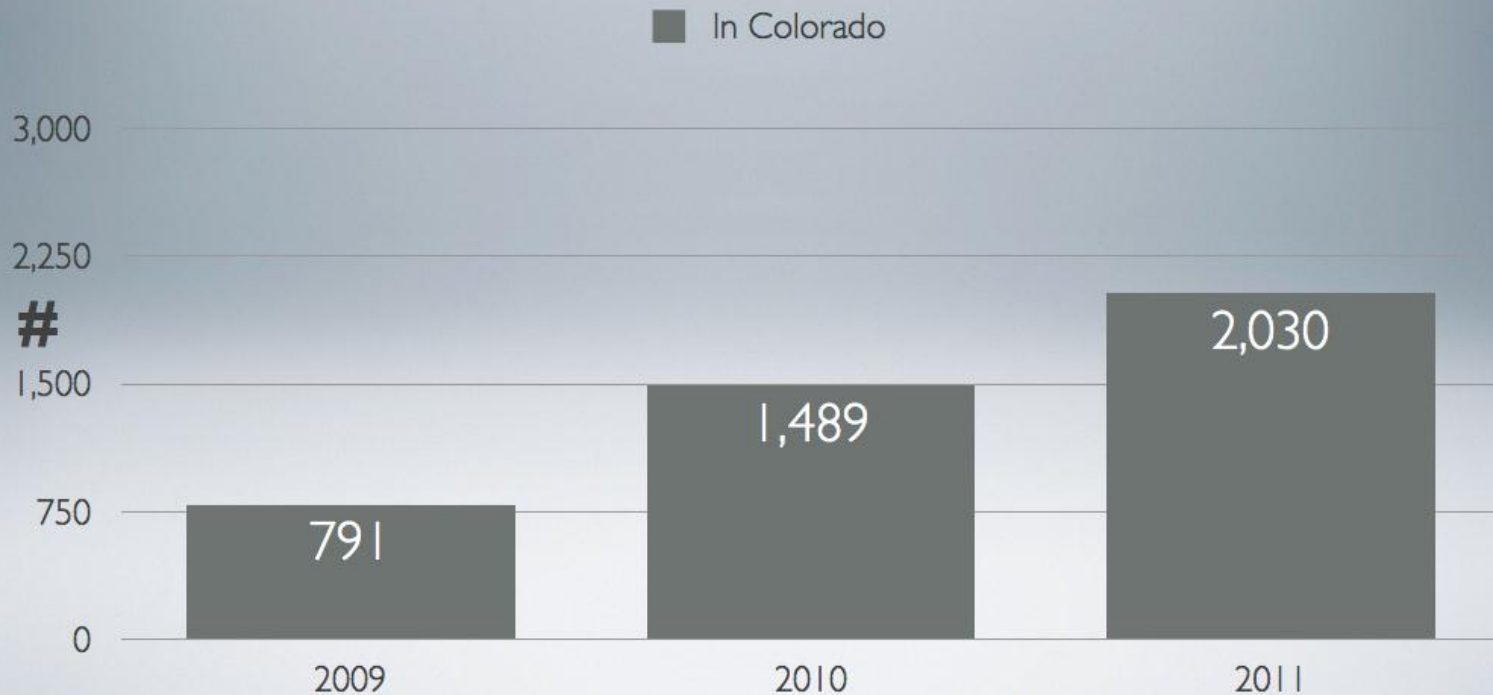


Source: Colorado Department of Education

The Colorado Department of Education included all drugs in this data set. However, department officials reported that most drug-related expulsions reported since the 2008-09 academic year have been related to marijuana. The department commissioned a series of educational materials for teachers, parents and legislators to explain the harms of marijuana after drug-related expulsions spiked 45 percent. It is also worth noting that a 10-year low in drug-related suspensions and expulsions was replaced by a 10-year high in only one academic year.

School expulsions

BLOOD TESTS FOR DUID: POSITIVE FOR THC



Source: Colorado Department of Public Health
and the Environment

HOSPITAL DISCHARGE DIAGNOSES, DENVER METRO

○ Number of diagnoses of marijuana substance use disorder at discharge



Sources: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Hospital Discharge Data Program

Dr. Christian Thurstone, president of the Colorado Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Society and a University of Colorado-Denver youth addiction researcher, said his clinic has been “inundated with young people reporting for marijuana-addiction treatment. . . Every day, we see the acute effects of the policy of legalization,” Thurstone said in a statement distributed by Project SAM.

“And kids are paying a great price.”

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<http://bangordailynews.com/2013/12/19/politics/federal-study-showing-increased-pot-use-among-teens-rekindles-legalization-debate-in-maine/>

“Teens deserve to grow up in an environment where they are prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century, and drug use never factors into that equation.”

-ONDCP Director
Gil Kerlikowske

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