IMPACT IN COLORADO OF LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA
TEEN USE OF MARIJUANA IS HIGHER IN MEDICAL MARIJUANA STATES

Past Month Marijuana Users Aged 12-17 (Percentage)

Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), HHS/SAMHSA (2010-11) and National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
PAST-MONTH PREVALENCE OF MARIJUANA USE 12+ YEARS

Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health
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

In Colorado

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/