

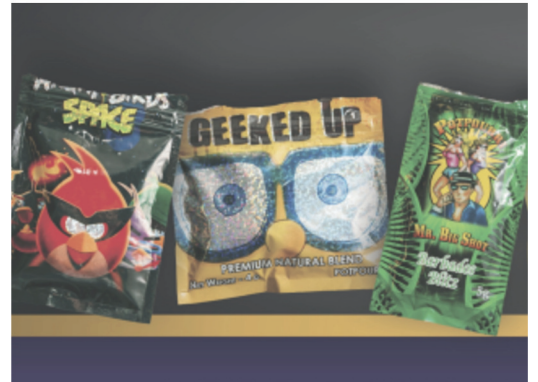
YOUTH MARIJUANA USE

What You Need to Know About Youth Marijuana Use



KNOW THE FACTS

- Marijuana contains **more than 500 chemicals**, of which tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is considered the primary psychoactive (mind-altering) compound, affecting normal brain development among youth.
- Marijuana use is linked to mental health issues like depression and social anxiety and **can increase the risk of temporary psychosis and long-term mental disorders**.
- The adolescent brain continues developing into the mid-20s. Using marijuana during this time can interfere with natural growth and affect decision-making, impulse control, and emotions.



The image above shows the innovative methods to engage younger audiences.

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DATA TRENDS

- According to the 2024 Arizona Youth Survey, 48.4% of 12th graders reported lifetime use of marijuana and/or concentrates, and 24% reported using marijuana and/or concentrates in the past 30 days. (azcjc.gov)
- Marijuana products like dabs, oils, and edibles have increasingly high THC content —some as high as 90%. (dea.gov)
- Regular marijuana users in 8th grade are more likely to pick on or bully someone else 4+ times a year than non-users (12.7% vs. 2.9%). (azcjc.gov)

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