

Marijuana's link to opioid misuse

Narrative

A special analysis by SAMHSA of its 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows the link between marijuana and opioid abuse.

Adolescents (ages 12-17)

In the past year:

- 21.8 million used *no marijuana*. Of those, 1.6% (343 thousand adolescents) misused opioids.
- 3.1 million used marijuana. Of those, 13.8% (426 thousand adolescents) misused opioids.
- 250 thousand used marijuana daily/near daily. Of those, 31.8% (79 thousand adolescents) misused opioids.

Young Adults (ages 18-25)

In the past year:

- 22.4 million used *no marijuana*. Of those, 3.3% (745 thousand young adults) misused opioids.
- 12 million used marijuana. Of those, 14.6% (1.7 million young adults) misused opioids.
- 2.6 million used marijuana daily/near daily. Of those, 24.1% (630 thousand young adults) misused opioids.

Adults (ages 26 & older)

In the past year:

- 187 million adults used *no marijuana*. Of those, 2.6% (4.8 million adults) misused opioids.
- 26 million adults used marijuana. Of those, 12.9% (3.3 million adults) misused opioids.
- 5.3 million adults used marijuana daily/near daily. Of those, 18.6% (975 thousand adults) misused opioids.