

CANNABIS USE IN MONTANA

Key terms:

“Adult Use” refers to the sale of non-medical cannabis in licensed dispensaries in Montana. Sales in Montana began January 1, 2022.

“Cannabis” refers to all products derived from the *Cannabis sativa* plant. For this document, the term cannabis is used instead of marijuana.

Key Points:

- In 2024, sales of cannabis in Montana totaled over **\$324 million**; 85.6% was for adult use.¹
- In 2023, **60%** of all cannabis-related poison control center calls (n=39) in Montana were related to children aged 10 years and under.² **One in four** hospitalizations for cannabis-related poisoning occurred in children aged 10 years and under.³
- Since the start of adult use sales, cannabis-related emergency department visits have increased **19.5%** from **5,133** visits in 2020-2021 to **6,113** visits in 2022-2023. The cost of these visits to Montana residents totals more than **\$41.2 million**.³
- Among Montanans receiving treatment for substance use disorders in 2024, **32.1%** reported cannabis as their primary or secondary substance of misuse.⁴
- **One-third** of college students in Montana report driving under the influence of cannabis within the past three months.⁵ Almost **10%** of high school students reported driving under the influence of cannabis and **16.8%** reported riding in a vehicle with someone else driving under the influence of cannabis within the past 30 days.⁶

	United States	Montana
Percent of high school students who report using cannabis within the past 30 days ⁷	17%	19.6%
Percent of adults aged 18+ who report using cannabis in the past month ⁸	14.9%	19.5%
Percent of fatal crashes that involved a drugged driver that tested positive for cannabis ⁹	-	28.5%

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