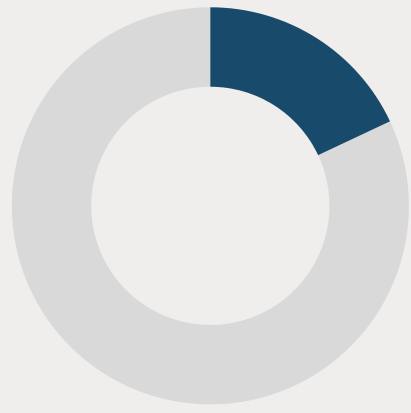


Marijuana in New Jersey and Public Health

Marijuana is the most commonly used drug in the U.S.

It has increased since 2002.
18% of Americans have used marijuana at least once in 2019 (SAMHSA).



35% of 18-25 year olds

in NJ used marijuana at least once in 2019 (SAMHSA).

Black people are **3X more** likely than other racial groups to be arrested for marijuana possession in NJ (ACLU NJ).

Bills that passed

New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance and Marketplace Modernization Act (A21)

- Legalizes personal use of marijuana for certain adults
- Removes marijuana as a Schedule 1 drug
- Decriminalizes small amounts of marijuana and hashish possession

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- Provides substance use assessment
- Reduces 10 grams or less of marijuana to a civil penalty
- Attorney General will provide guidance to law enforcement on implementation

Public Health Approach

- Advocate for regulation on cannabis products geared toward youth
- Provide statewide education prevention programs on health risks to marijuana usage
- Establish surveillance systems on marijuana usage and dispensaries to track data in real time and report to NJ Department of Health

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