

Oregon Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) 1997 High School

Q53. How old were you when you tried marijuana
for the first time?
Weighted Column Percents

	Total	Grade			
		9th	10th	11th	12th

I have never tried marijuana	56.2	62.9	54.3	52.9	52.7
8 years old or younger	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.3	1.1
9 or 10 years old	1.8	2.4	2.1	1.5	1.0
11 or 12 years old	7.1	9.9	8.0	5.3	3.5
13 or 14 years old	19.4	20.7	22.2	18.5	14.5
15 or 16 years old	12.2	2.4	11.2	19.1	20.6
17 years old or older	1.7	.0	.3	1.4	6.6
Female					
I have never tried marijuana	57.9	64.0	56.5	53.8	55.5
8 years old or younger	1.0	1.2	1.5	.9	.5
9 or 10 years old	1.3	1.9	1.4	1.0	.6
11 or 12 years old	6.2	9.0	7.0	4.7	2.6
13 or 14 years old	19.8	21.8	22.7	18.3	14.4
15 or 16 years old	12.2	2.1	10.8	20.1	20.2
17 years old or older	1.6	.0	.2	1.2	6.3
Male					
I have never tried marijuana	54.4	61.7	52.2	51.9	49.8
8 years old or younger	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.9	1.7
9 or 10 years old	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.1	1.5
11 or 12 years old	8.0	10.9	9.1	5.9	4.5
13 or 14 years old	19.0	19.5	21.7	18.7	14.6
15 or 16 years old	12.2	2.7	11.6	18.0	20.9
17 years old or older	1.8	.0	.3	1.6	7.0

	Total N =				
	31,854				

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Unweighted Frequencies

	Total	Grade			
		9th	10th	11th	12th
I have never tried marijuana	17,668	5,879	4,744	3,830	3,215
8 years old or younger	538	175	179	101	83
9 or 10 years old	621	248	193	114	66
11 or 12 years old	2,322	976	716	396	234
13 or 14 years old	6,174	1,990	1,932	1,330	922
15 or 16 years old	3,961	255	992	1,433	1,281
17 years old or older	570	0	21	113	436
Female					
I have never tried marijuana	9,243	3,043	2,471	2,011	1,718
8 years old or younger	185	62	65	35	23
9 or 10 years old	226	103	62	42	19
11 or 12 years old	1,027	453	310	177	87
13 or 14 years old	3,228	1,069	1,010	684	465
15 or 16 years old	2,058	123	485	783	667
17 years old or older	262	0	9	50	203
Male					
I have never tried marijuana	8,425	2,836	2,273	1,819	1,497
8 years old or younger	353	113	114	66	60
9 or 10 years old	395	145	131	72	47
11 or 12 years old	1,295	523	406	219	147
13 or 14 years old	2,946	921	922	646	457
15 or 16 years old	1,903	132	507	650	614
17 years old or older	308	0	12	63	233
Total N =					
31,854					

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