

**Oregon Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) 1997 Middle School**  
**Question 31. How old were you when you first tried marijuana?**

Unweighted Column Percents

	6th	7th	8th
Total			
I have never tried marijuana	91.6	84.5	72.0
8 years old or younger	1.4	1.7	1.8
9 years old	1.1	.8	1.0
10 years old	1.5	2.0	2.1
11 years old	3.1	4.0	3.6
12 years old	1.2	4.9	7.3
13 years old	.2	2.2	9.6
14 years old or older	.0	.1	2.6
Female			
Total			
I have never tried marijuana	91.8	86.6	72.5
8 years old or younger	.9	1.4	1.2
9 years old	1.4	.5	.8
10 years old	1.7	1.7	2.2
11 years old	3.2	3.6	3.3
12 years old	1.0	4.2	7.5
13 years old	.0	2.0	10.1
14 years old or older	.0	.1	2.4
Male			
Total			
I have never tried marijuana	91.7	82.5	71.5
8 years old or younger	2.0	1.9	2.5
9 years old	.8	1.1	1.1
10 years old	1.2	2.3	2.0
11 years old	2.8	4.3	3.8
12 years old	1.1	5.5	7.1
13 years old	.4	2.4	9.2
14 years old or older	.0	.1	2.7

Total N =  
9,463

Unweighted Frequencies

	6th	7th	8th
Total			
I have never tried marijuana	1,421	3,010	3,154
8 years old or younger	22	59	80
9 years old	17	27	43
10 years old	23	71	93
11 years old	48	141	156
12 years old	18	174	319
13 years old	3	78	422
14 years old or older	0	2	114

Female

Total

I have never tried marijuana	735	1,535	1,586
8 years old or younger	7	24	26
9 years old	11	8	18
10 years old	14	31	49
11 years old	26	64	73
12 years old	8	74	164
13 years old	0	35	220
14 years old or older	0	1	53

Male

Total

I have never tried marijuana	682	1,462	1,562
8 years old or younger	15	34	54
9 years old	6	19	25
10 years old	9	40	44
11 years old	21	76	83
12 years old	8	98	154
13 years old	3	43	202
14 years old or older	0	1	60

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