
Oregon Public Health Division
Public use of cannabis in Oregon

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HEALTH PROMOTION AND CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION

Overview

1. Why is public use of cannabis a concern?
2. Cannabis use and attitudes in Oregon
3. Discuss the national landscape around public use of cannabis
4. Discuss implications for Oregon

The public use of cannabis is a public health concern

1. Indoor Clean Air Act (ICAA)
2. Smoke is smoke
3. Renormalization of tobacco
4. Normalization of cannabis
5. Public health perspective



Background

History of Oregon's ICAA

1998-2001: 12 Oregon communities pass smoke-free workplace laws

2001: Statewide



2007: Expansion



2011: Smoke shops



2015: Inhalant delivery systems



Let's not turn back time



Expansion of current smoke shop exemptions



Indoor use of cannabis (and tobacco and....)



What about tourism, economics, and social justice?



Oregon Retail Cannabis Timeline

1998
Measure 67
establishes Oregon
Medical Marijuana
Act

2014
Measure 91
legalizes
marijuana for
recreational use

October 1, 2015
Limited retail sales of
marijuana through
dispensaries

July 2016
Launch Stay True to
You, Youth
Prevention media
campaign

December 31, 2016
Retail marijuana sales
in medical marijuana
dispensaries ends

2013
HB 3460 allows
medical marijuana
dispensaries and
establishes
registry

August 2015
HB 3400 allows local
control of marijuana
sales

SB 460 allows early
sales of non-medical
marijuana through
dispensaries

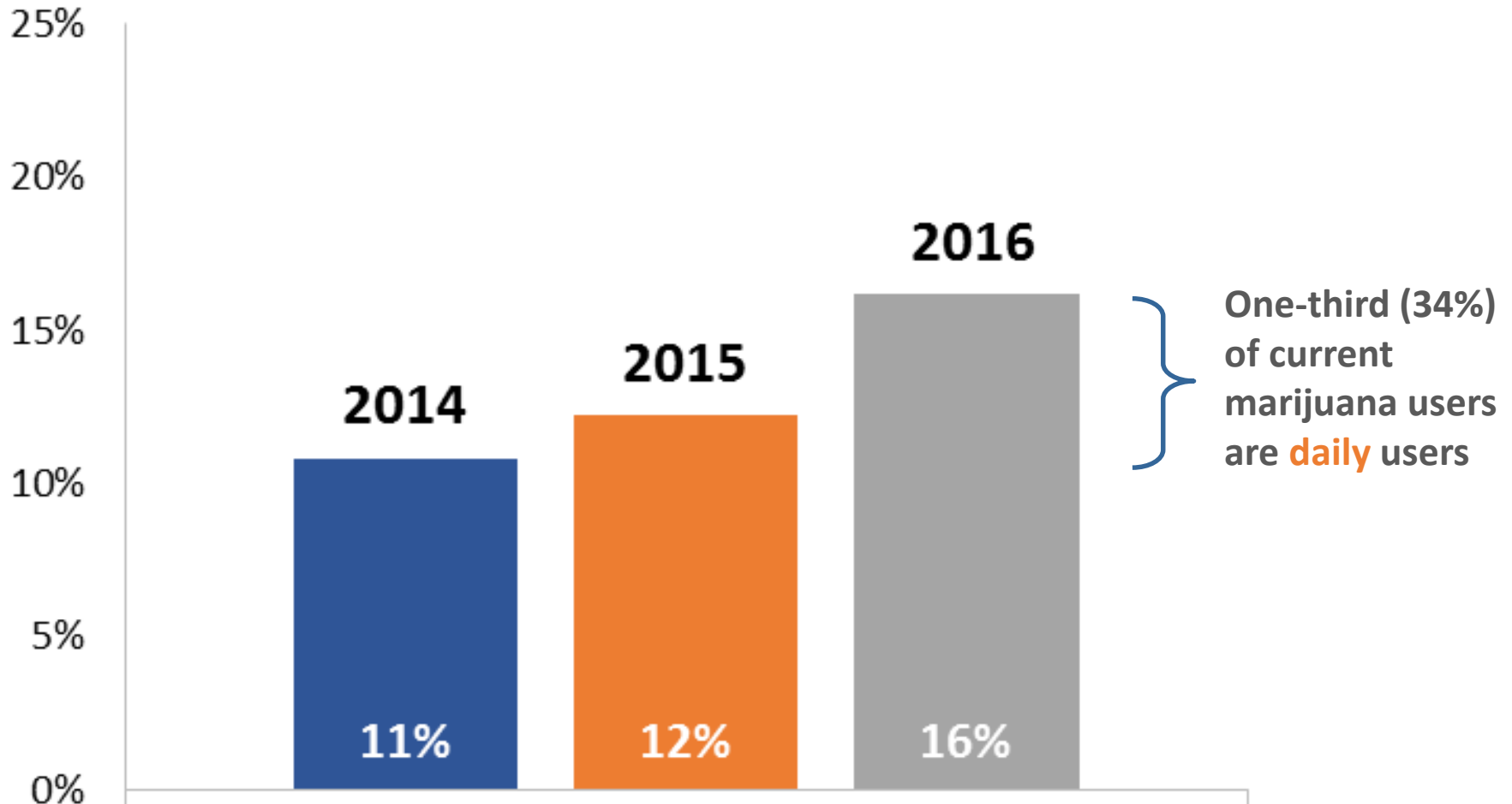
June 2016
Limited retail sales
plus (included
edibles)

October 2016
Begin retail
marijuana
store licensing

Cannabis use and attitudes in Oregon

Current cannabis use among Oregon adults

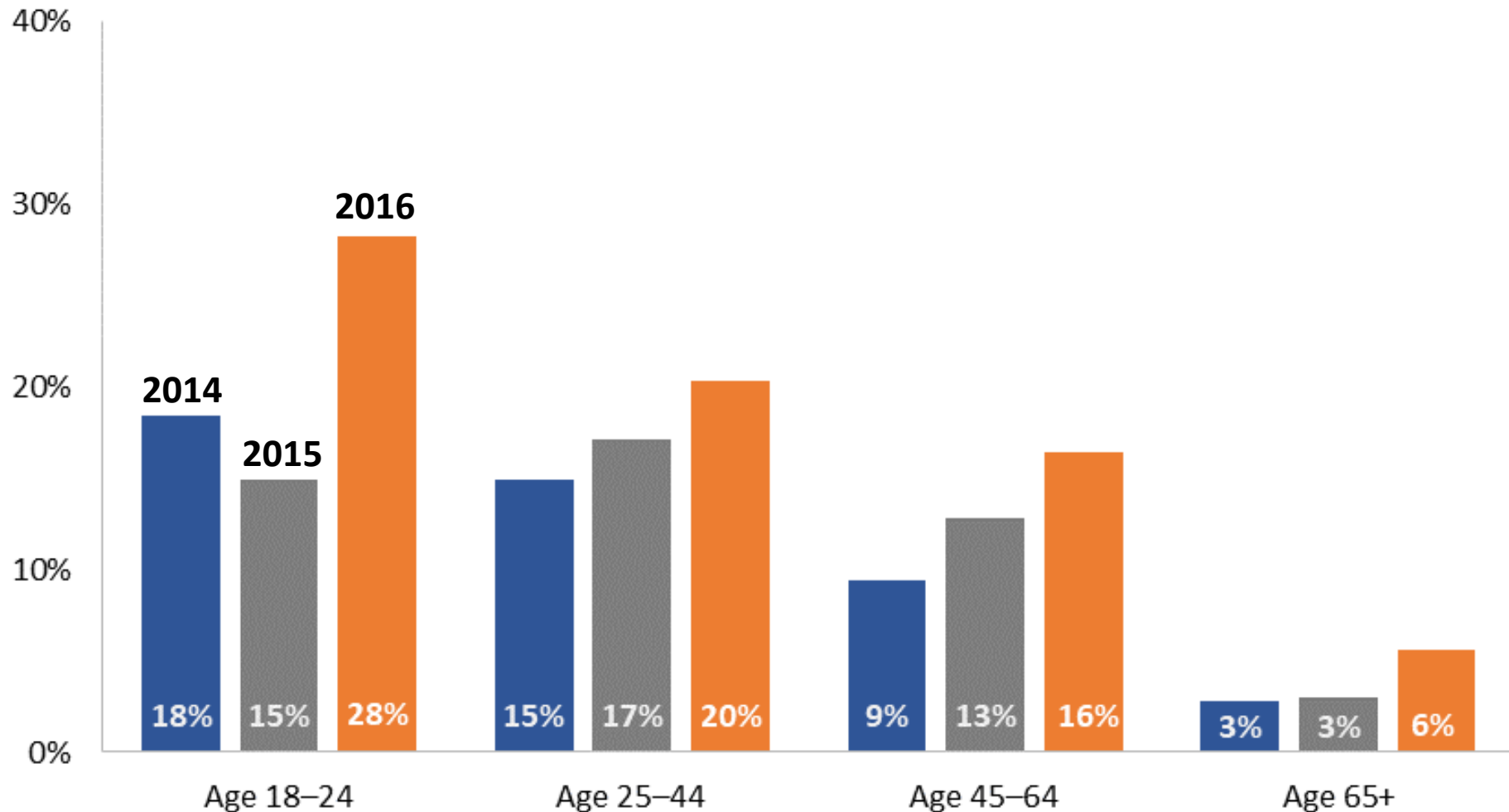
Cannabis use has **increased 50%** among adults since 2014



Source: Oregon Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Current cannabis use among Oregon adults by age

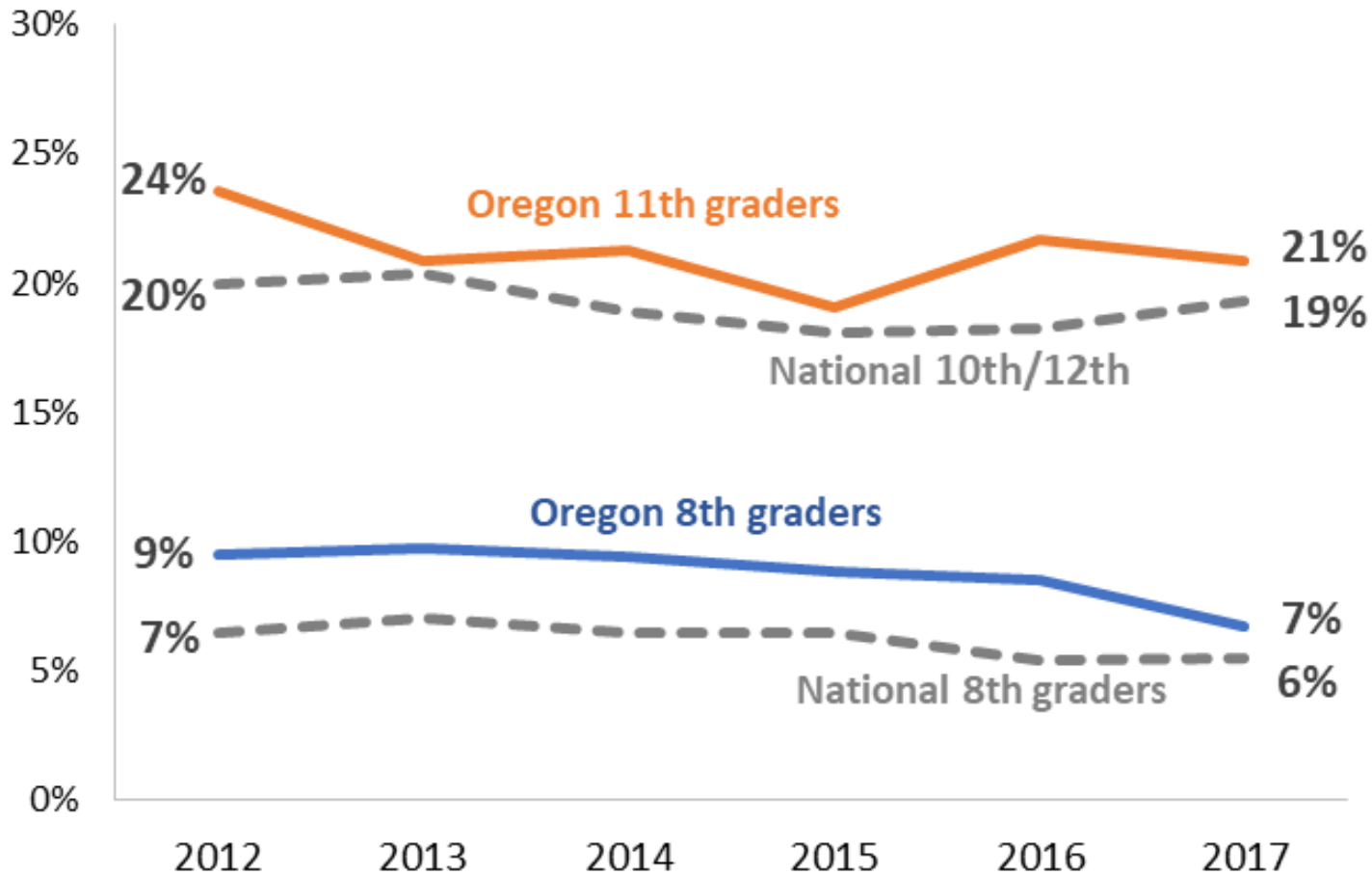
Cannabis use has **increased among all age groups** since 2014



Source: Oregon Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

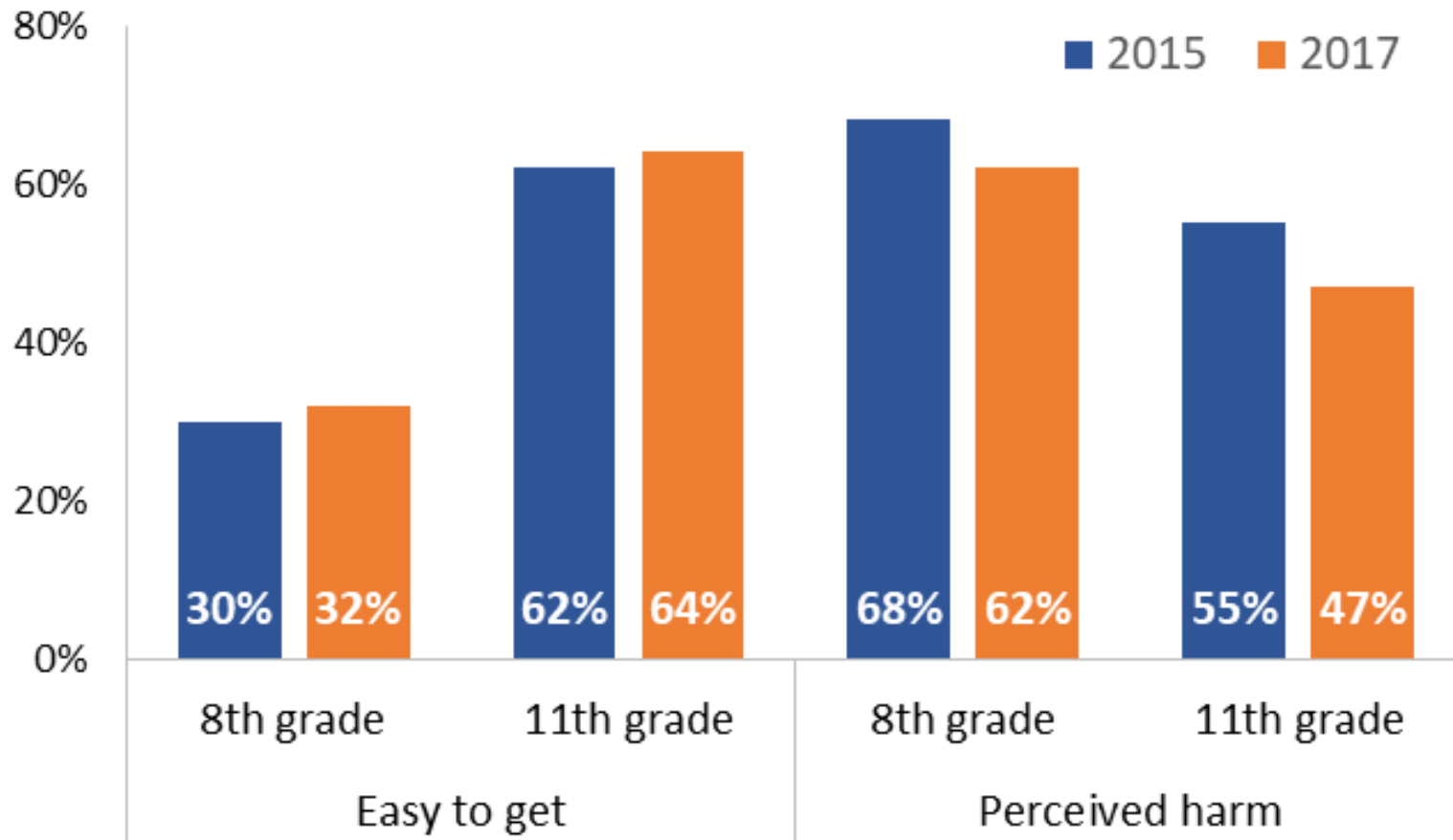
Current cannabis use among Oregon youth

Cannabis use has remained fairly **stable** over time in Oregon and nationally



Access and harm perceptions among Oregon youth

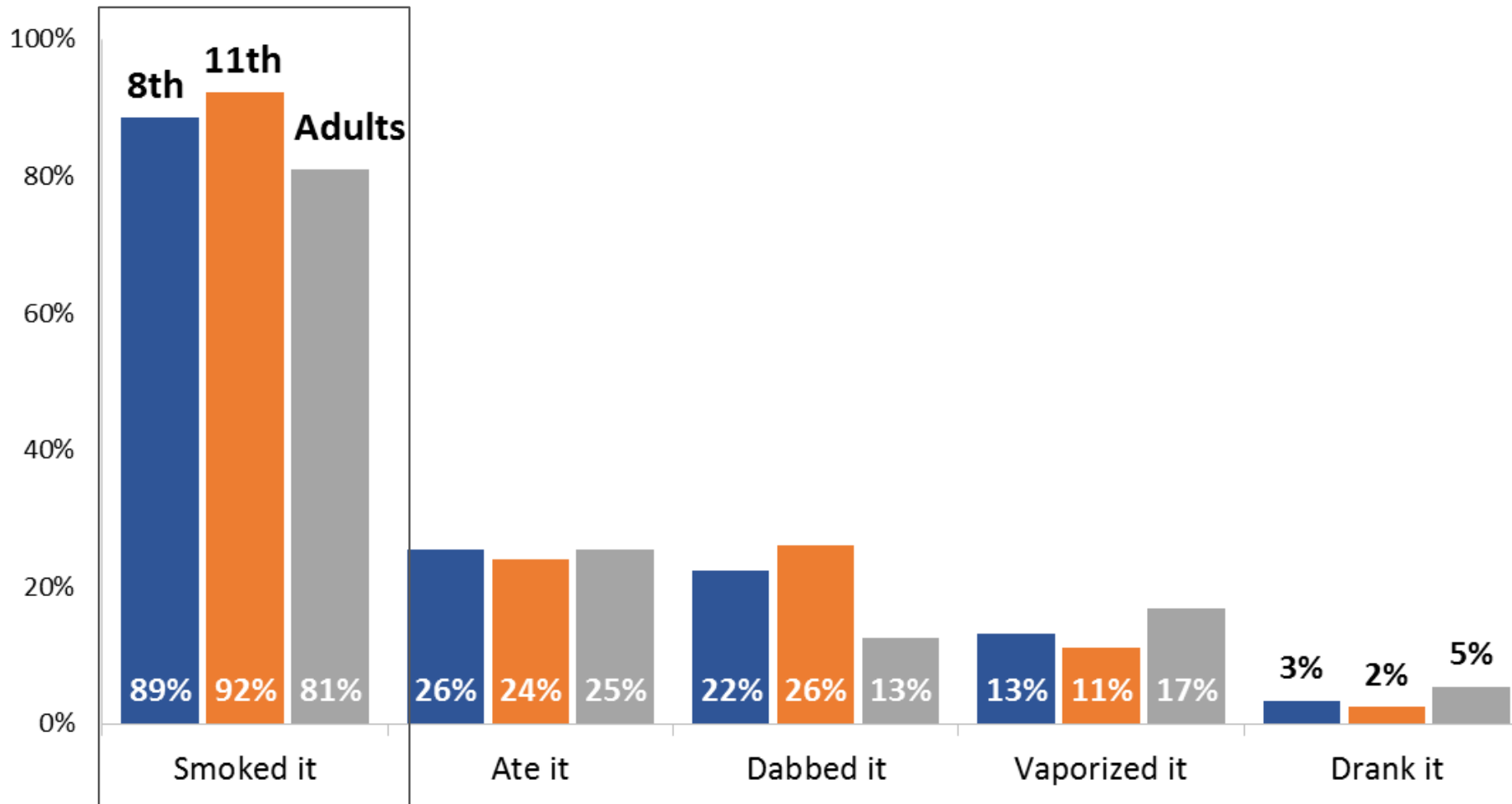
More Oregon youth think that cannabis is easy to get, and fewer perceive cannabis use as harmful



Source: 2017 Oregon Healthy Teens

Method of cannabis use among youth and adults

The vast majority of youth and adult current cannabis users reported **smoking** it



Sources: 2016 Oregon BRFSS; 2017 Oregon Healthy Teens

Co-use of other substances is common

Adults and youth who use currently use cannabis are also **more likely** to consume alcohol, smoke cigarettes, and use e-cigarettes

Among **youth** who use cannabis:

- 63%** also use alcohol
- 30%** also smoke cigarettes
- 45%** also use e-cigarettes

Among **adults** who use cannabis:

- 77%** also use alcohol
- 38%** also smoke cigarettes



Attitudes and perceptions among Oregon adults

The majority of Oregonians support the ICAA

87%

of Oregon adults **support the ICAA**, which includes e-cigarettes and cannabis smoke and vapor

79%

of Oregon adults believe that people should be **protected** from breathing secondhand cannabis smoke or vapor

77%

of Oregon adults believe that **all businesses** should be smoke and vape free indoors

(Inter)national Landscape

States that have legalized retail cannabis sales:

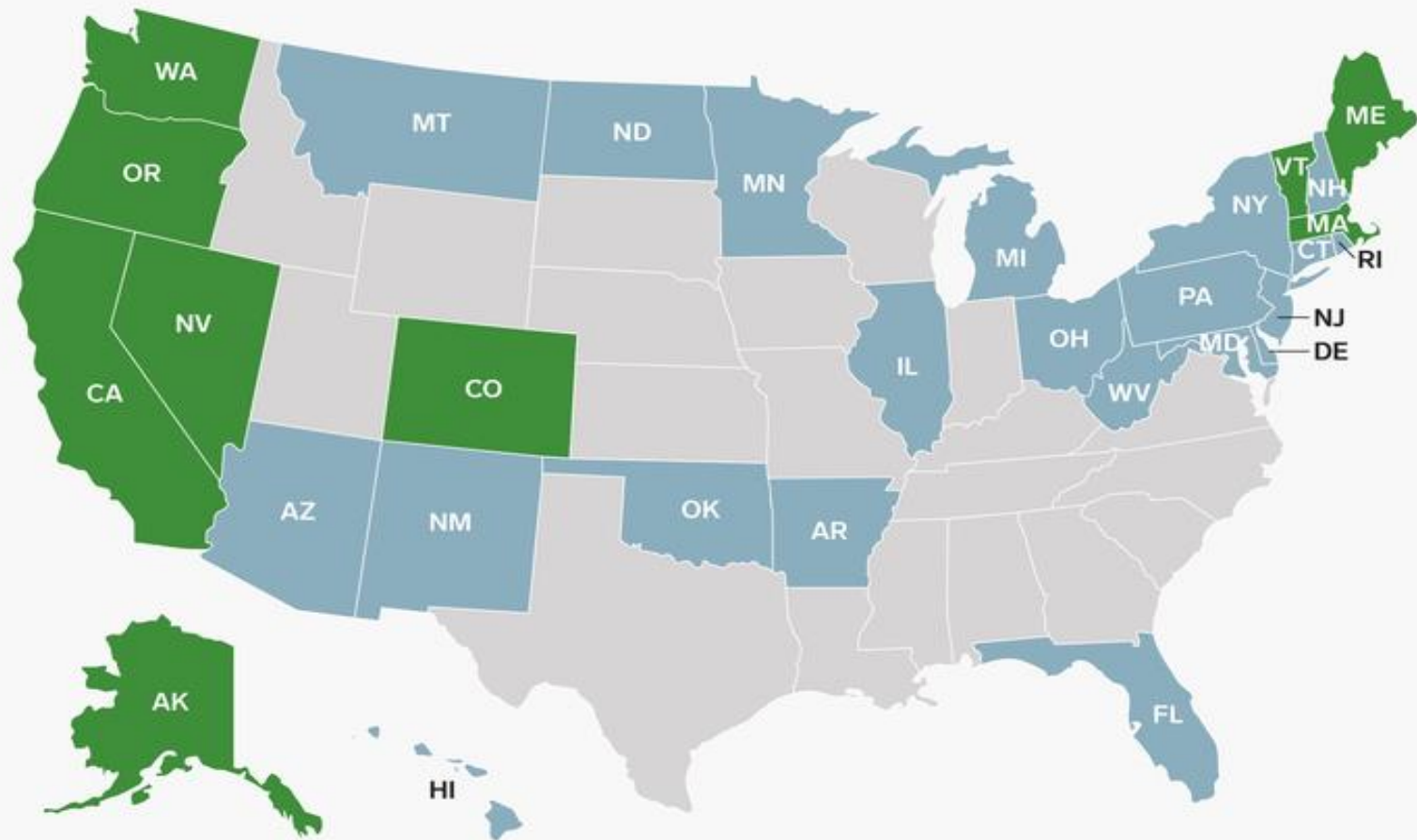
- Colorado
- Oregon
- Alaska
- Washington
- Nevada
- California
- Massachusetts
- Maine



All states (and Canada) are discussing public use of cannabis

States where marijuana is legal

■ Legalized recreational and medical marijuana ■ Legalized medical marijuana



Precedent for public use of cannabis

California has weakened its indoor clean air law to allow for public use of cannabis.

Now is the time to bring the public health perspective and **ensure the ICAA remains strong.**



**What could public use
of cannabis in Oregon
look like?**

Allowing cannabis use **indoors** at licensed:

- Restaurants, cafes, bars
- Smoke shops
- Private clubs
- Retail stores
- Medical dispensaries
- Temporary events
- Jurisdictions where retail cannabis is prohibited



Redefinition of public place (ORS Chapter 475B)

- Sidewalks, streets, parks, etc.
- Allowing cannabis use wherever tobacco use is allowed



Allowing **outdoor** public use of cannabis at licensed:

- Patios
- Designated spaces
- Temporary events
- Jurisdictions where retail cannabis is prohibited



What can we do?

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1. Restate ICAA laws (locally)
2. Expand the ICAA (close exemptions)
3. Ban public consumption at temporary events or permanent outdoor spaces

Questions and Discussion

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Thank you

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