Marijuana Use Facts

26,000,000+
(Up 2 million from last year)

The number of individuals, age 12 and older, who were current users of marijuana in 2017.

Marijuana Use in Connecticut

In 2017, about 3 out of every ten (34.5%) CT high school students said they had ever tried marijuana, and 1 out of 5 (20.4%) was a current user.

Cocaine Use Facts

Young people who have used marijuana are at greater risk of using cocaine than those who have not.

Cocaine use speeds up HIV infection. According to research, cocaine impairs immune cell function and promotes reproduction of the HIV virus.

Heroin Use Facts

Studies have shown some loss of the brain’s white matter associated with heroin use, which may affect decision-making, behavior control, and responses to stressful situations.

Sources: dea.gov, cdc.gov, drugabuse.gov and NSDUH, 2015-2016

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