

How many people use cannabis?

Although cannabis is the most commonly used illicit drug in Australia, many teenagers choose not to use it. Let's have a look at the statistics. First, let's think about the prevalence of other common behaviours in your students in your school year.

How many students are in your year at school?

How many people in your school year do you think have watched Netflix in the past week?

How many people in your school year do you think have played a game of sport in the past month?

How many people in your school year do you think have been on an overseas trip in their lives?

Thinking about the students in your year is a way to visualise what percentages look like when applied to your peers. Now let's think about cannabis use amongst people in your year at school.

How many people in your school year do you think have used cannabis in the past week?

How many people in your school year do you think have used cannabis in the past month?

How many people in your school year do you think have used cannabis ever? Even just trying it once in their lives.



A large National Survey of Australian Secondary School Students (ASSAD 2017) found that in people aged 12-15 (Year 7-10), 3% had used cannabis in the past week, 5% had used it in the past month, and 9% had ever used cannabis in their lives.

Were these proportions higher, lower or the same as what you estimated?