



Cannabis legalization: What has changed?

An analysis using the 2018 and 2019 National Cannabis Survey

C-45 legalized the non-medical use of cannabis for adults



Cannabis Act enacted October 17, 2018

- ◆ Keep cannabis out of reach of youth
- ◆ Keep profits out of the hands of criminals
- ◆ Protect public health and safety by allowing adults access to safe, legal cannabis

2018

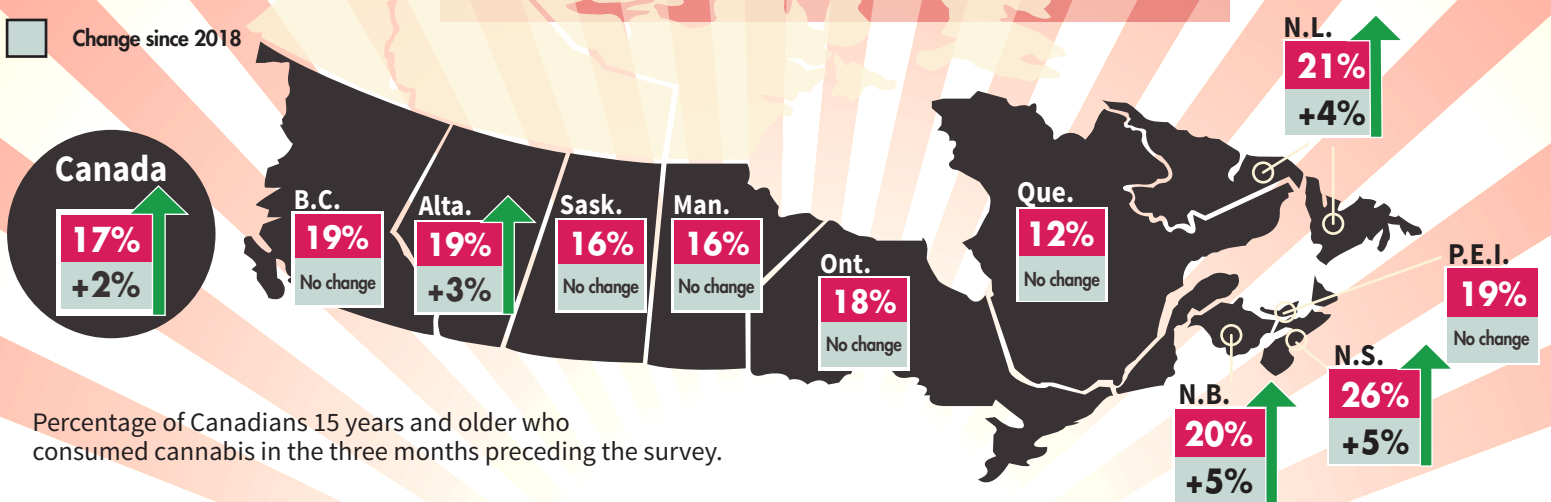
Before legalization

2019

After legalization

Cannabis use by province - After legalization (2019)

- ↑ Increase since legalization
- Change since 2018



Percentage of Canadians 15 years and older who consumed cannabis in the three months preceding the survey.

After legalization

4%

of Canadians (1.2 million people) reported being a passenger in a vehicle driven by someone who had used cannabis within 2 hours of driving; **lower** than before legalization.

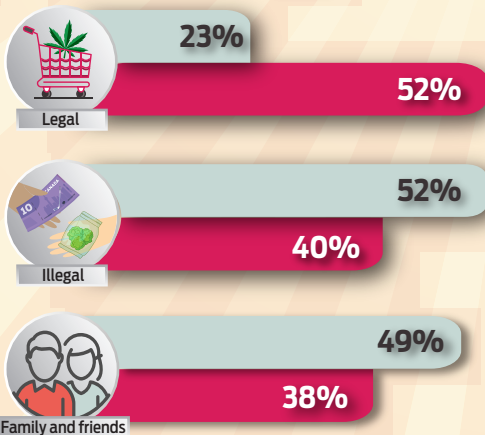


13%

of cannabis users (620,000 people) with a valid driver's licence reported driving within 2 hours of using cannabis; **unchanged** from before legalization.

After legalization, more consumers reported getting cannabis from legal sources and fewer reported getting it from illegal ones or from family and friends.

2018 (before legalization) 2019 (after legalization)



Source: National Cannabis Survey, 2018 (Quarters 1, 2 and 3) and 2019 (Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4).

DID YOU KNOW? AFTER LEGALIZATION...



of Canadians (1.8 million people) consumed cannabis daily or almost daily; unchanged from before legalization.



of 18- to 24-year-olds reported consuming cannabis in the 3 months preceding the survey; the highest rate among all age groups and unchanged from before legalization.



of 15- to 17-year-olds reported consuming cannabis in the 3 months preceding the survey; lower than before legalization (20%).

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For more information, please consult the *Health Reports* article - "What has changed since cannabis was legalized?"

Also visit: www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/cannabis.html