

**Children’s Alcohol Use Nearly Double that of Marijuana Use in States  
Where Proponents Want to Legalize Marijuana and Regulate it Like Alcohol;  
Alcohol Initiation before Age 14 Double, Sometimes Triple that of Marijuana**

State	Percent Who Ever Used		Percent Who Used in Past Month		Percent Who Used before Age 13 or 14	
	Alcohol (Legal Age 21)	Marijuana (Illegal)	Alcohol (Legal Age 21)	Marijuana (Illegal)	Alcohol (Legal Age 21)	Marijuana (Illegal)
California Grade 7	24	10	14	6	29	8
California Grade 9	46	27	25	15	47	23
California Grade 11	72	39	34	20	37	18
Colorado Grades 9-12	72	43	41	25	22	8
Michigan Grades 9-12	69	37	37	21	19	8
Missouri Grades 9-12	71	35	39	21	20	7
Nebraska Grades 9-12	73	32	43	18	24	7
Oregon Grade 8	50	18	23	11	50	18
Oregon Grade 11	68	40	38	22	44	17
Washington Grade 6	26	4	4	2	<b>Average Age of First Use</b>	
Washington Grade 8	39	13	14	9	Age 11.3	Age 12
Washington Grade 10	57	31	28	20	Age 12.8	Age 13.3
Washington Grade 12	71	46	40	26	Age 14	Age 14.5

*Sources: California—2008-2010 California Healthy Kids Survey. Colorado, Michigan, Missouri—2010 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance. Nebraska—2005 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance. Oregon—2009 Oregon Healthy Teens Survey. Washington—2010 Washington Healthy Youth Survey.*