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ACTION TEAM TO  
PREVENT MARIJUANA USE



# MARIJUANA USE FACT SHEET

## **Statistics:**

- 15.4% of Garrett County high school youth used marijuana in the past 30 days. (MD YRBS 2016)
- Between grade levels, the percentage of marijuana users in Garrett County increased steadily – from 8.9% in grade 9 to 17.9% in grade 12. (MD YRBS 2016)
- Garrett County high school youth see smoking cigarettes as riskier than smoking marijuana. (76.7% vs. 51.5%) (Garrett County Core Measure Survey, 2017)
- By 12th grade, less than half of all Garrett County youth see marijuana use as risky (47.6%). (Garrett County Core Measure Survey, 2017)
- Garrett County 12th grade males are much more likely to have smoked marijuana than Garrett County 12th grade females. (25.4% vs. 10%) (MD YRBS 2016)

## **Core Messages:**

- Research proves that 1 in 10 adults and 1 in 6 youth who use marijuana will become addicted to it.
- In the past 15 years, marijuana potency has tripled and since 1960 it has grown five times stronger. Today's marijuana is not the marijuana of the 1960's.
- Marijuana users have a higher risk of depression, anxiety, psychosis and schizophrenia (6 fold increase in risk).
- Marijuana users have many of the same respiratory problems tobacco smokers have, such as chronic cough and more frequent chest colds.



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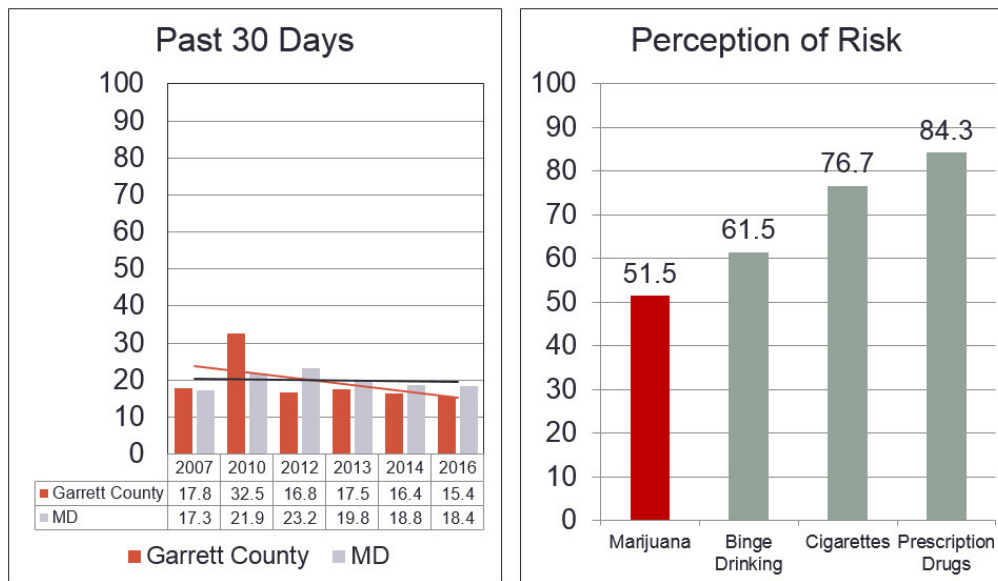
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## Marijuana Use, High School



Source: Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey (2016)  
and Garrett County Core Measures Survey (2017)



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