In 2015, youth in high schools\(^1\):

1 in 6 young people are considered frequent users of marijuana.

- 17% males and 16% females used weed at least once or more in the past 30 days.
- 1 in 3 young people reported ever trying marijuana.
- Marijuana use and initiation, before age 13, was higher among males.

In 2017, among youth 12-to-17 years of age\(^2\):

Among young people who used marijuana, APPROXIMATELY HALF went to school high.

- Average age of initiating marijuana use was 13 years of age.
- Over half of young people perceived easy access to obtain marijuana on the street.

From 2005 to 2015, among youth 17-years of age and younger\(^3\):

Emergency Department visits related to marijuana poisoning, dependence, and abuse increased four-fold among both boys and girls and was even greater among African Americans and Latinos.

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2. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention And Control: Community Needs Assessment Survey, 2017. Contact Tkim@ph.lacounty.gov.