

### PREVALENCE |

(Proportion of students who has used drugs in a given reference period.)

Lifetime

Current

Equal prevalence between the sexes at both reference periods.



# REACTION OF FRIENDS



2 in 10 students said none of their friends would try to convince them to stop if they knew they were smoking marijuana; or would not disapprove if they knew they were smoking marijuana.

## **AVERAGE AGE OF FIRST USE**

Just after 13 years — as early as 10 years and as late at 14 years, on average; later for females (14 years) than males (13 years).

Mainly from friends (14% of those who used marijuana in the past year) and use it mainly at a friend's house (7% of those used used in the past year).

## SOURCE & LOCATION OF USE

# **EASE OF ACCESS**

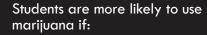
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

4 in 10 students felt that marijuana is easy to obtain.

# SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT/ **PERCEPTIONS**

4 in 10 students believe that there are drugs at their school; and that students bring, try, or deal with drugs at their school.

## **RELATIONSHIP WITH MARIJUANA USE**



- they are curious about trying an illegal drug and have the opportunity
- it is easily accessible
- their friends smoke marijuana
- their friends approve of them smoking marijuana and do not try to stop them
- they have tried hashish and cannabis resin
- they know adults who use marijuana or who sold or dealt drugs

PERCEPTIONS OF HARM

Smoking marijuana sometimes is perceived to be harmful by 7 in 10 students; and 8 in 10 felt the same about smoking marijuana frequently. In contrast, these proportions are lower than for those who perceived harm in smoking cigarette or drinking alcohol.

The target population comprised all students in grade levels M2 through S4, attending public, private, and home schools on the Island. In total 3,017 students (53% females, 46% males) completed the self-administered questionnaire; the majority of whom considered themselves as Black (53%).

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