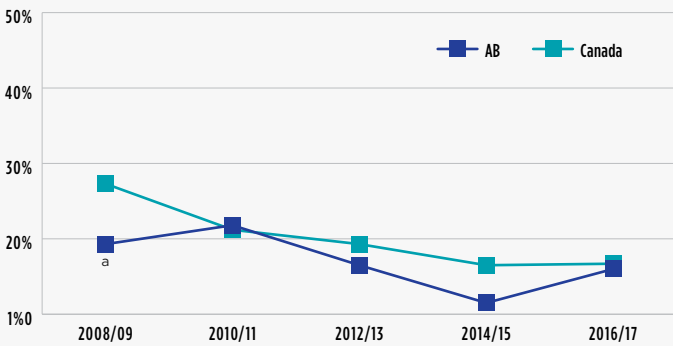


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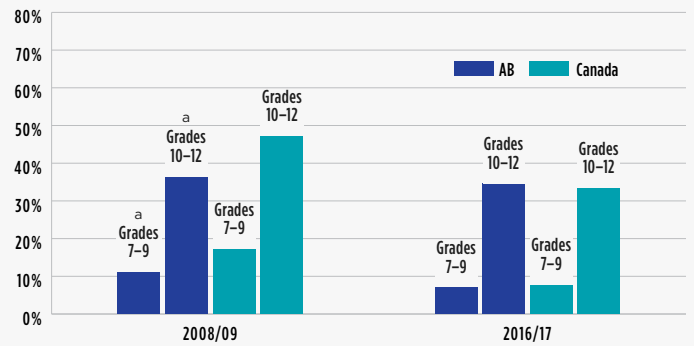


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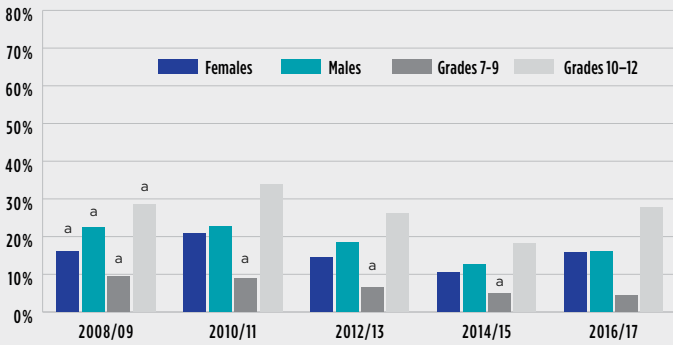
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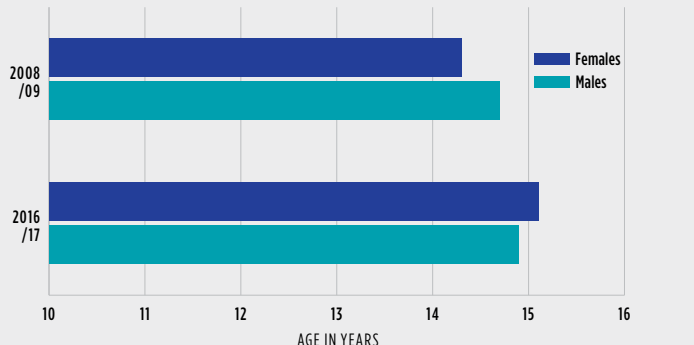
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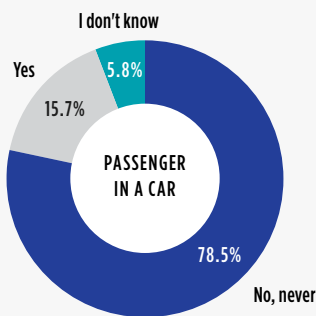
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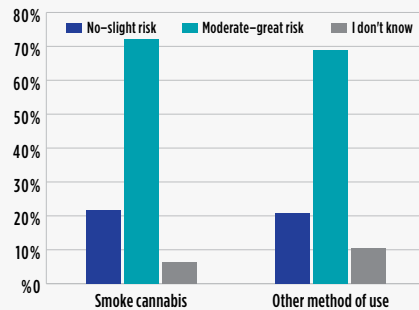
Average age of first use of cannabis among grade 12 students, AB, 2008/09 and 2016/17



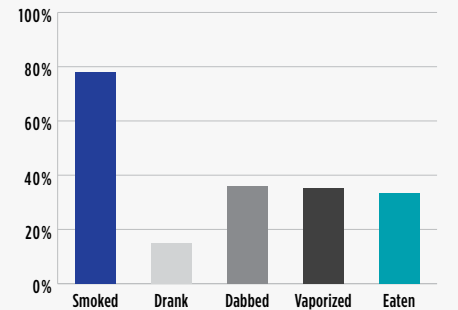
Passenger in a vehicle driven by someone who has used cannabis in the last two hours, AB, 2016/17



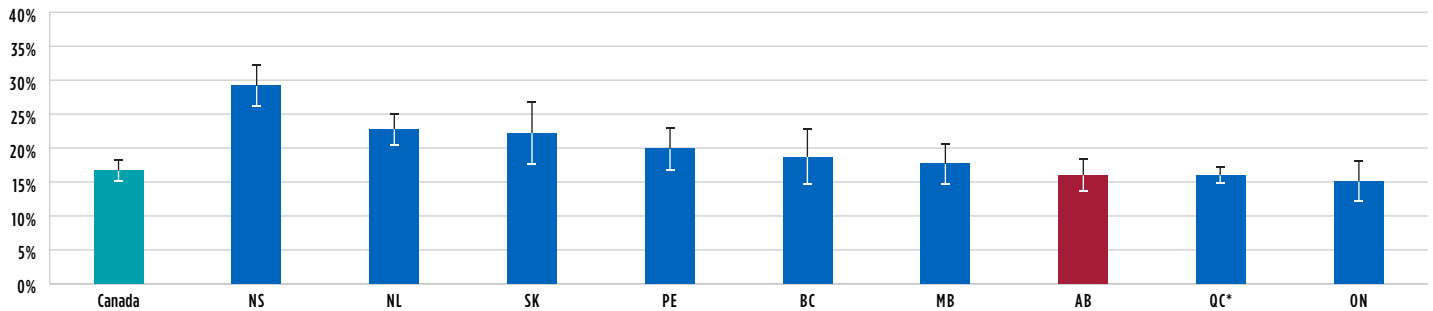
Perceived harm of cannabis use by smoking or other method on a regular basis, AB, 2016/17



Mode of cannabis use among users, AB, 2016/17



Provincial variation, past 12 month cannabis use by province, 2016/17 (with 95% confidence intervals)



* Data are collected from grade 7 to 11 only as there is no grade 12 in QC.

	2008/09	2010/11	2012/13	2014/15	2016/17
Past 12 month cannabis use, AB, 2008/09–2016/17					
All AB	19.3% ^a [11.2–27.4]	21.8% [19.5–24.2]	16.5% [14.1–18.8]	11.5% [10.0–13.1]	16.0% [13.5–18.5]
male	22.4% ^a [11.8–33.0]	22.8% [19.8–25.8]	18.5% [15.7–21.4]	12.5% [10.4–14.6]	16.1% [13.2–19.0]
female	16.0% ^a [9.3–22.7]	20.9% [18.2–23.6]	14.4% [11.6–17.1]	10.5% [8.8–12.1]	15.9% [13.5–18.2]
Grades 7–9	9.3% ^a [3.7–14.8]	8.9% ^a [4.6–13.2]	6.4% ^a [4.1–8.6]	4.8% ^a [2.9–6.7]	4.5% [3.5–5.6]
Grades 10–12	28.4% ^a [15.4–41.3]	33.8% [31.2–36.4]	26.0% [22.4–29.7]	18.1% [16.4–19.7]	27.7% [23.0–32.3]
Lifetime cannabis use, AB, 2008/09–2016/17					
AB	24.5% ^a [14.8–34.1]	26.3% [21.7–31.0]	20.5% [18.2–22.7]	16.0% [13.9–18.1]	20.7% [17.8–23.7]
Canada	32.6% [30.7–34.4]	25.6% [23.5–27.7]	23.9% [21.3–26.5]	21.8% [20.2–23.3]	20.7% [18.8–22.6]
Average age of first use of cannabis among grade 12 students, AB, 2008/09–2016/17					
AB	14.5 [13.9–15.1]	14.5 [14.3–14.8]	15.2 [14.9–15.5]	15.0 [14.8–15.3]	15.0 [14.7–15.2]
Passenger in a vehicle driven by someone who has used cannabis in the last two hours, AB, 2016/17					
Yes					15.7% [13.0–18.3]
No					78.5% [75.7–81.4]
I don't know					5.8% [5.2–6.4]
Perceived harm of smoking cannabis use on a regular basis, AB, 2016/17					
No-slight risk					21.6% [19.3–23.8]
Moderate-great risk					72.1% [69.5–74.8]
I don't know					6.3% [5.5–7.1]
Perceived harm of cannabis use by method other than smoking, on a regular basis, AB, 2016/17					
No-slight risk					20.7% [18.4–23.0]
Moderate-great risk					68.9% [66.3–71.5]
I don't know					10.4% [9.5–11.3]

^a Moderate sampling variability, interpret with caution.

^b Data are not reportable due to low numbers.

^c Figures in brackets represent 95% confidence intervals.

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