Marijuana Use in Delaware

Prevalence
In 2021, 4% of 8th graders and 11% of 11th graders used marijuana in the past month.¹

Young Adult Use
More than 1 in 5 young adults in Delaware, aged 18-25, report using marijuana in the past month.²

Perception of Risk
In 2021, approximately 1 in 3 8th graders (34%) and 1 in 4 11th graders (24%) perceived regular marijuana use to be a great risk.³

Between 1999-2019, past month marijuana use steadily declined among 8th graders while remaining relatively stable overall for 11th graders. By 2021, rates dropped dramatically, but this latest trend should be interpreted with caution given the likelihood of pandemic-related effects on data collection and substance use behavior.³

Source(s):
¹ National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2019-2020.
³ Note: Delaware School Survey data is unweighted. 11th grade data was not available in 2020.

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