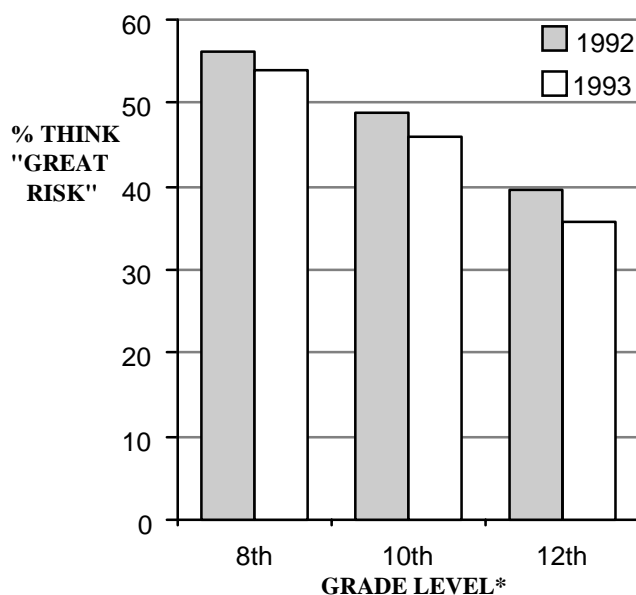


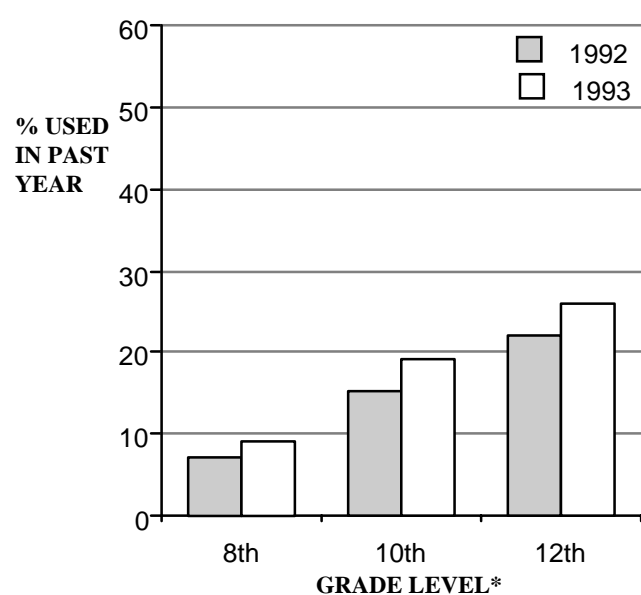
Marijuana Use Up Among U.S. 8th, 10th, and 12th Graders

Newly released data from the 1993 Monitoring the Future Study indicate a rise in marijuana use among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students across the country. The largest increase among students reporting use within the past year was observed among high school seniors -- an increase of 4.1 percentage points, from 21.9% in 1992 to 26% in 1993. In 1993, the percentage of 8th, 10th, and 12th graders who thought smoking marijuana occasionally was a great risk to the user decreased significantly over the previous year. The increase in marijuana use and the decrease in perceived risk of the drug suggest a new generation of drug users.

As the Percentage Of Students Who Think Occasional Use Is "A Great Risk" Is Decreasing ...



...The Percentage Who Used In Marijuana The Past Year Is Increasing.



* Approximate Sample Size:

8th Grade = 18,600 in 1992; 18,800 in 1993.

10th Grade = 14,800 in 1992; 15,500 in 1993.

12th Grade = 15,800 in 1992; 17,000 in 1993.

SOURCE: Findings from the 1993 Monitoring the Future Study, National Institute on Drug Abuse, released January 31, 1994.

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