

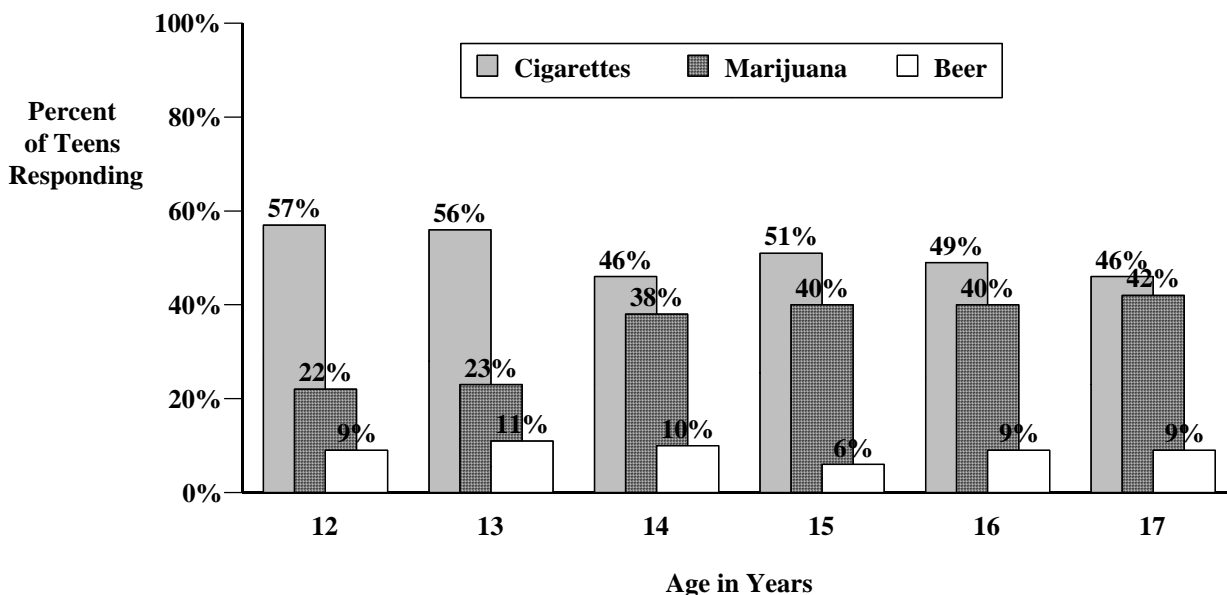
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Teens Report Cigarettes and Marijuana Easier to Buy Than Beer

According to the results of a recent national telephone survey, teens think cigarettes and marijuana are easier to buy than beer. One-half of all teens reported that cigarettes were the easiest to purchase and approximately one-third reported the same for marijuana. In addition, marijuana appears to be more accessible to older teens. Around 20% of teens aged 12 and 13 reported that marijuana was the easiest to purchase, compared to 40% of teens aged 14 to 17. In fact, by age 17, 68% of teens said that they could buy marijuana within a day.

“Which Is Easiest for Someone Your Age to Buy: Cigarettes, Beer, or Marijuana?”
(N=1,200)



NOTE: Percentages do not add to 100 because the response “the same” is excluded from the graph.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from the National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse II: Teens and Their Parents, conducted by Luntz Research Companies for the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA), New York, NY, September 1996. For more information, contact Alyse Booth at 212-841-5200.

KAISER PERMANENTE OFFERING VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRANTS FOR D.C. AREA

Kaiser Permanente is currently accepting grant applications from community-based groups in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area for programs which promote violence prevention among disadvantaged youth. To receive an application by mail, leave a name and mailing address on Kaiser's voice mail line, 301-816-6163. For other information, contact Barbara Henley at 301-816-6404.

Application deadline: November 15, 1996.

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