

# Medical and non-medical cannabis use in Canada

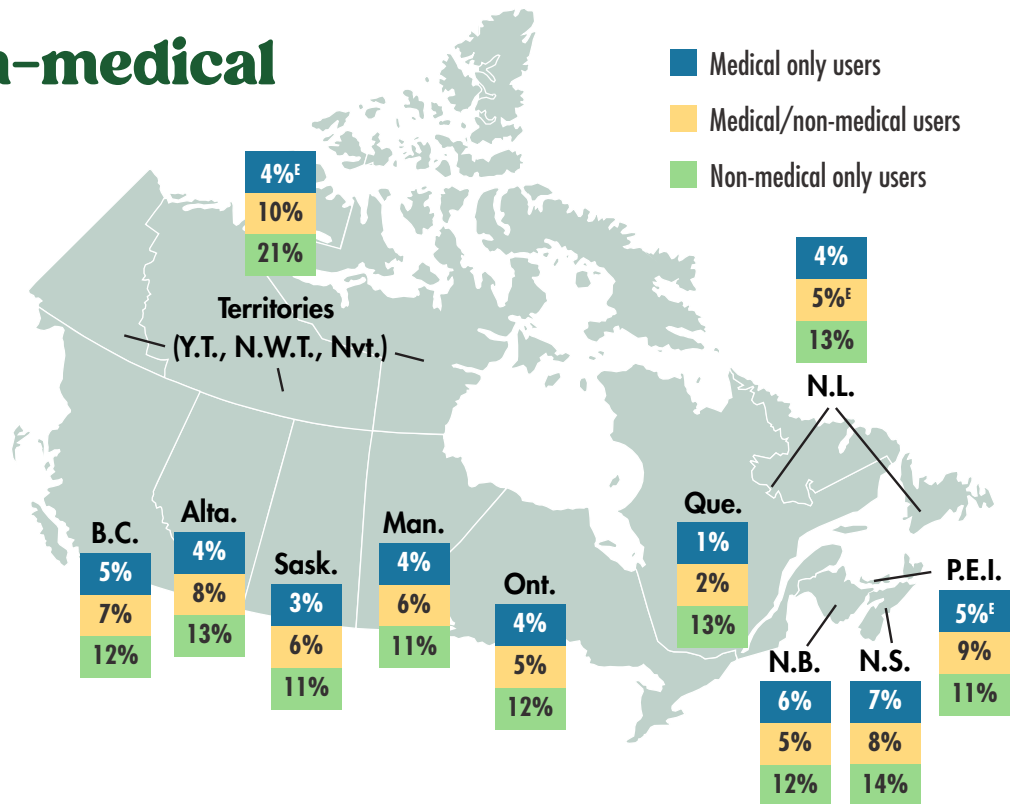
An analysis of cannabis consumption among the population aged 15 or older in the previous 12 months based on data from the 2019/2020 Canadian Community Health Survey

2019/2020

## Medical and non-medical cannabis use

In 2019/2020,

- \* **21%** of people aged 15 and older reported consuming cannabis in the previous 12 months. More specifically,
  - \* **13%** used cannabis exclusively for non-medical purposes
  - \* **5%** used cannabis for both medical and non-medical purposes
  - \* **4%** for medical purposes only



## Top reasons for medical use<sup>1</sup>

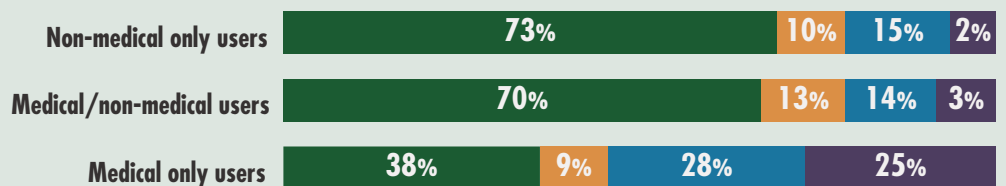
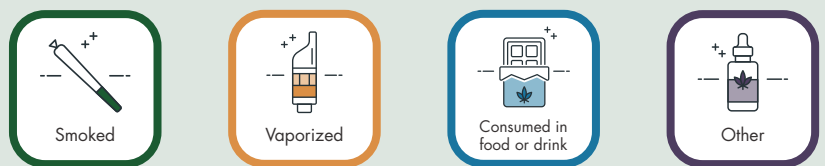


Among people who reported consuming cannabis for **medical reasons**, a higher proportion of those **aged 15 to 19** reported using cannabis to treat symptoms of **anxiety** or **depression**

Age group	Pain	Anxiety or depression	Problems sleeping
Total	59%	36%	37%
15 to 19	39%	63%	28% <sup>£</sup>
20 to 24	47%	48%	43%
25 to 44	54%	43%	38%
45 to 64	67%	26%	36%
65+	72%	12%	29%

1. Includes people who consumed cannabis for medical only purposes and for both medical and non-medical reasons.

The method of consuming cannabis varies by reason for use. Compared with **non-medical** users, a lower proportion of **medical** users chose smoking as the **main consumption** method.



**Note:** Respondents who reported consuming cannabis once in their life, occurring in the previous 12 months, were excluded from this analysis.

<sup>£</sup> This estimate is of marginal quality and should therefore be interpreted with caution.

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey, 2019/2020.

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