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**SAFE** AND  
**DRUG-FREE**  
**YOUTH**

# YOUTH CANNABIS USE AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

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The most common drug combination among youth in impaired driving crashes is alcohol and cannabis.<sup>3</sup>



**51%**



of crashes involving drivers under 21 who tested positive for cannabis between 2020–2025 were fatal.<sup>3</sup>



**13.6**

is the average age of first use in Texas.<sup>2</sup>

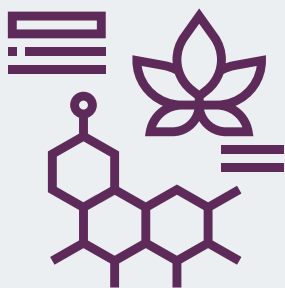


**18%**

of Texas high school students have used cannabis at least once in their lifetime.<sup>2</sup>



Cannabis is the most commonly used illicit drug among Texas youth.<sup>2</sup>



**17%**

of Texas crash fatalities involved THC, based on toxicology reports.<sup>3</sup>

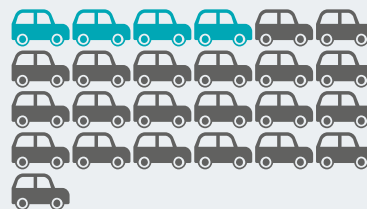


**19%**

of Texas college students say they rode with a driver who had been high or drunk within the past year.<sup>2</sup>



Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens.<sup>1</sup>



In Texas, nearly

**1/4**

of teen drivers who died in motor crashes tested positive for cannabis.<sup>3</sup>

Resources:

<sup>1</sup> CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Texas 2024: <https://nccd.cdc.gov/Youthonline/App/Results.aspx?LID=2024>  
<sup>2</sup> 2024 Texas School Survey: <https://www.texaschoolsurvey.org/Documents/Reports/State/22State712.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> TxDOT Crash Data:

Texas Department of Transportation. Motor Vehicle Crash Statistics. [TxDOT Crash Data: https://www.txdot.gov/data-maps/crash-reports-records/motor-vehicle-crash-statistics.html](https://www.txdot.gov/data-maps/crash-reports-records/motor-vehicle-crash-statistics.html) (Accessed July 24, 2024).