

# Marijuana for Medical Use in Colorado

Utah Meeting

August 18, 2015



# Colorado: 2011



# Colorado: 2000

Amendment 20 – “Marijuana for Medical Use”



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# LEGALIZE MEDICAL MARIJUANA

## I'M A PATIENT NOT A CRIMINAL



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Amendment 20 – “Marijuana for Medical Use”

Patients

Physicians

Primary Caregivers

# Colorado: 2000

## Amendment 20 – “Marijuana for Medical Use”

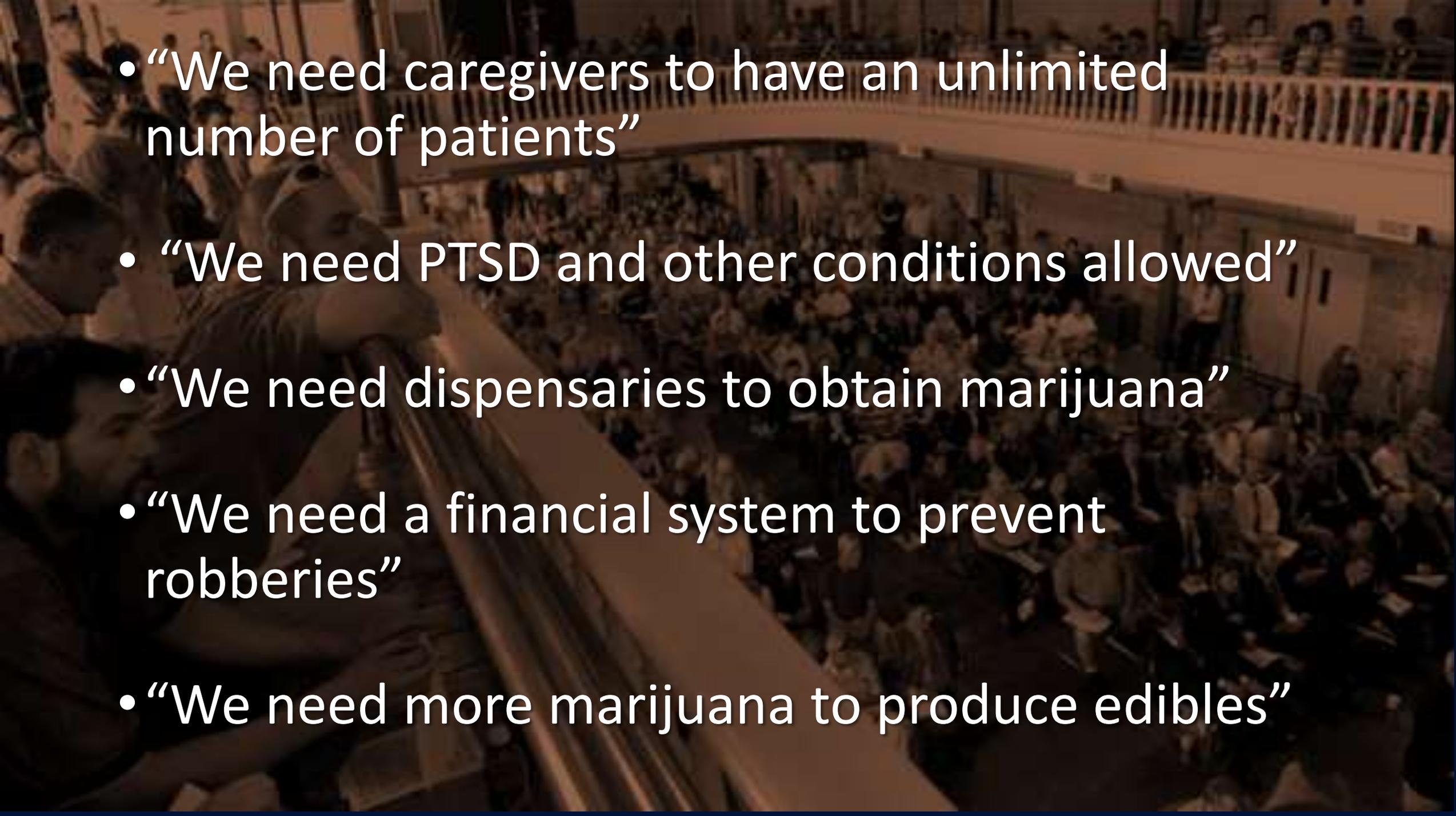


- 2 Ounces (120 Cigarettes)
- 6 Plants







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- A large crowd of people is gathered in a stadium or arena. In the foreground, a person is seen from the side, looking towards the crowd. The crowd is dense and fills the background. The lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting an indoor or evening setting.
- “We need caregivers to have an unlimited number of patients”
  - “We need PTSD and other conditions allowed”
  - “We need dispensaries to obtain marijuana”
  - “We need a financial system to prevent robberies”
  - “We need more marijuana to produce edibles”











# Medical Marijuana Registry Application Form

NEW

PLEASE SEE BACK OF THIS SHEET FOR INSTRUCTIONS

RENEWAL

APPLICANT

Schuman

1000 1000 243

310-70-6090

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BIRTHDAY

Denver

Denver

12/12/1988

CAREGIVER

None

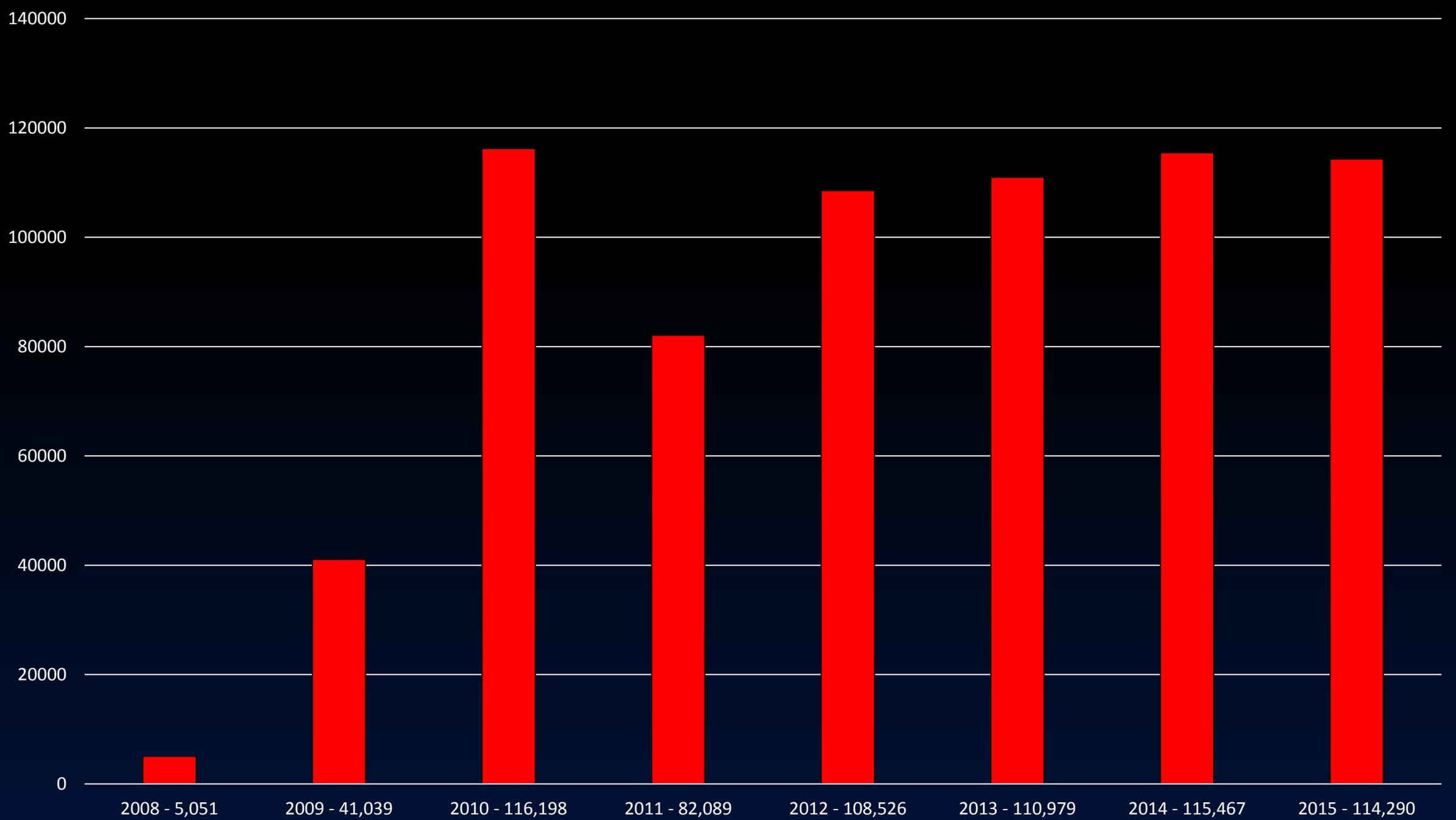
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**HIGH STREET**

**GROWERS**

**330 Federal Blvd**

**\$9.99**

**1/8 oz**

**HIGH STREET  
GROWERS**





# The Reality of Regulation

## COLORADO'S "MEDICAL" MARIJUANA

*Are Regulations Working or is "Medical"  
Marijuana Being Diverted?*



August 2012

## Medical Marijuana Regulatory System

### Part I

Department of Revenue  
Department of Public Health and  
Environment

Performance Audit  
March 2013



OFFICE OF THE  
STATE AUDITOR

## Medical Marijuana Regulatory System

### Part II

Department of Public Health and  
Environment  
Department of Revenue

Performance Audit  
June 2013



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*Sativa A.M. Blend*  
**MED·a·mints**   
10 Cannabis Infused Vanilla Mints  
NET WT 0.35 OZ (10g)





# MOUNTAIN HIGH SUCKERS

CBD ENRICHED MOUNTAIN HIGH EDIBLES



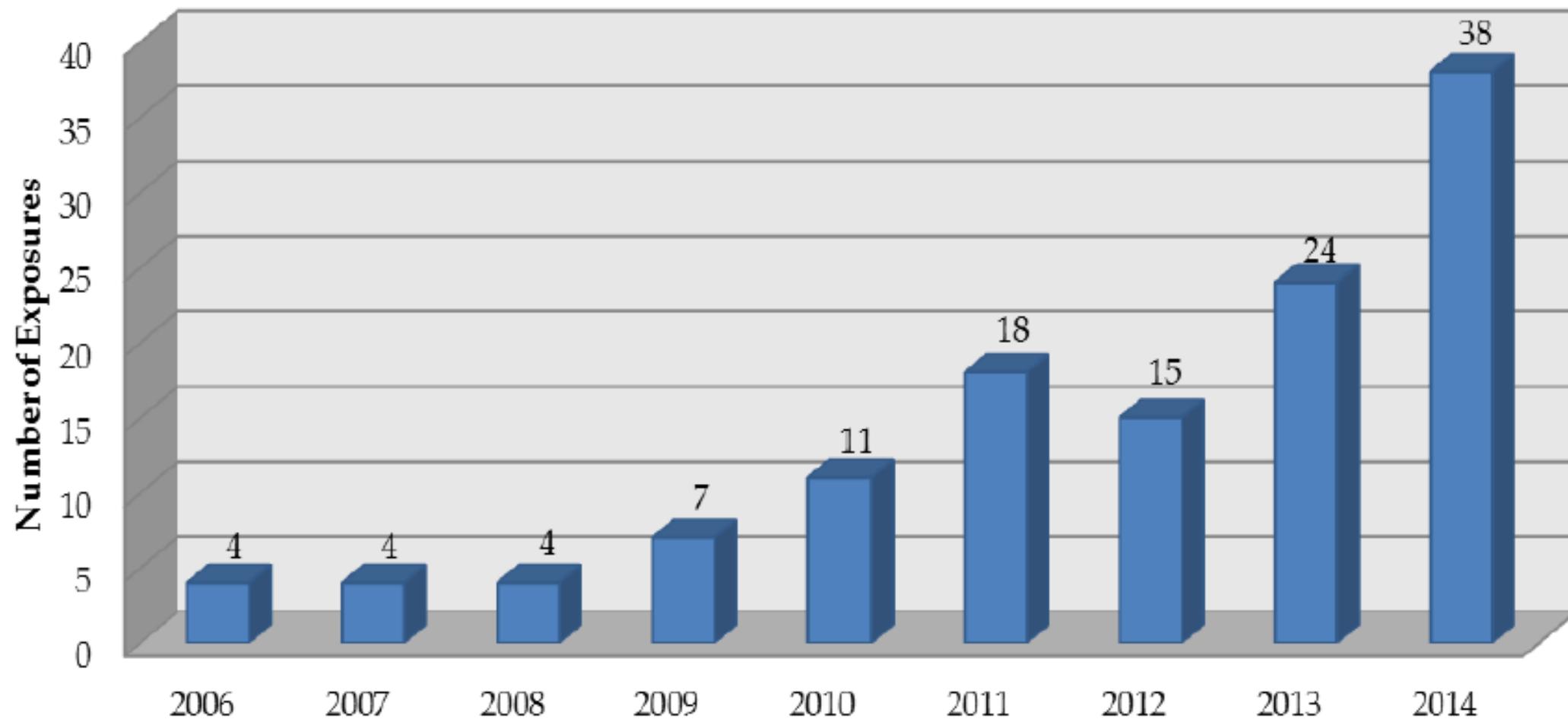






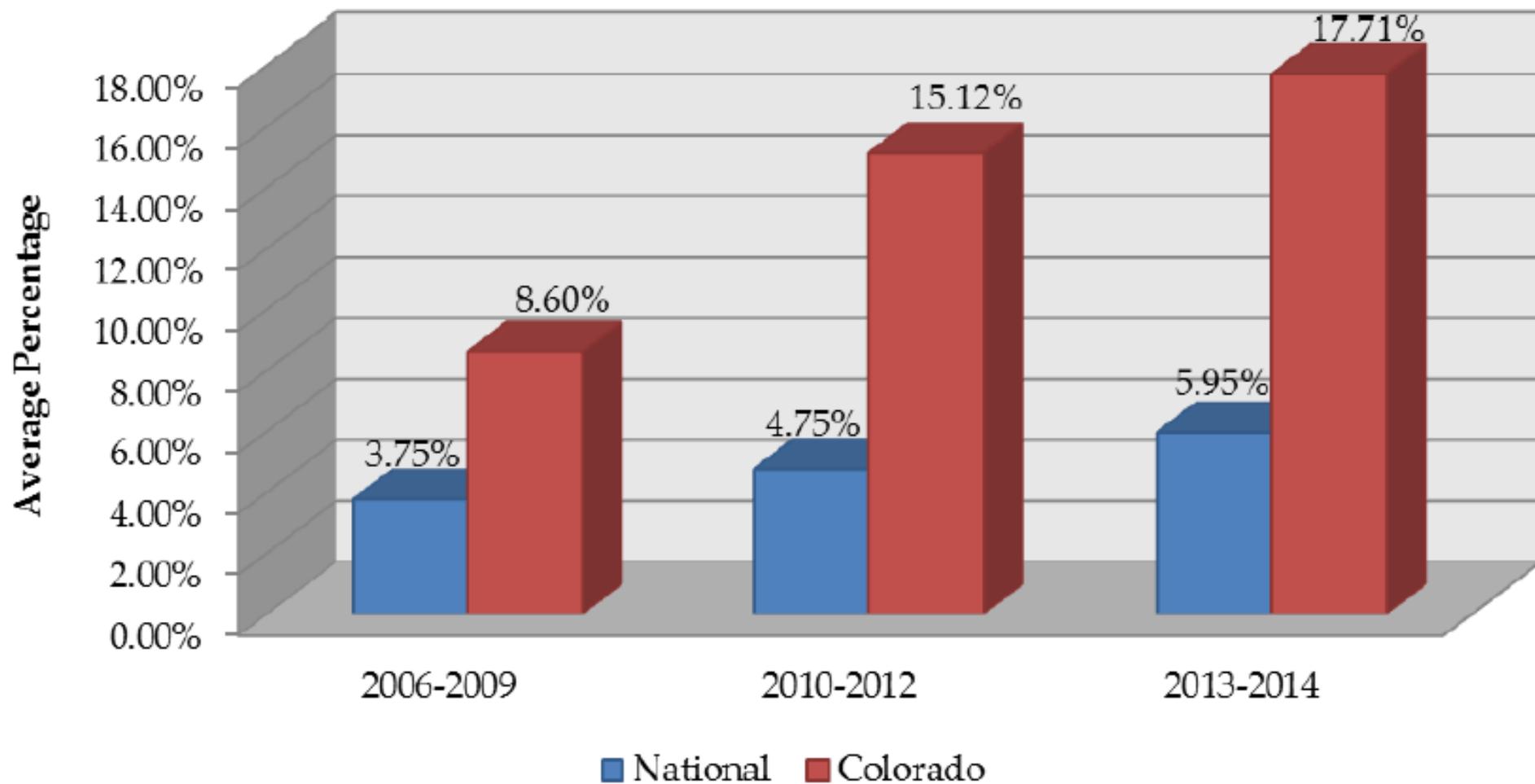


# Marijuana-Related Exposures Children Ages 0 to 5



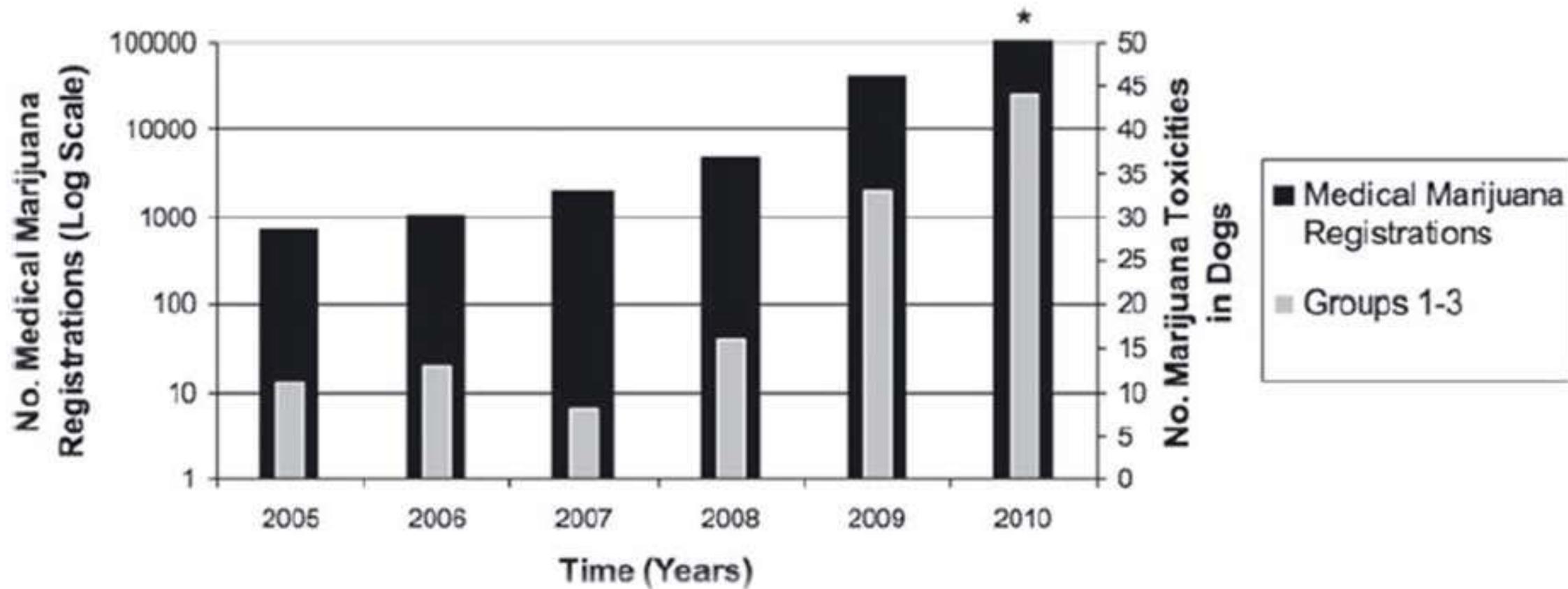
SOURCE: Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center

# Average Percent of Marijuana Exposures Ages 0 to 5



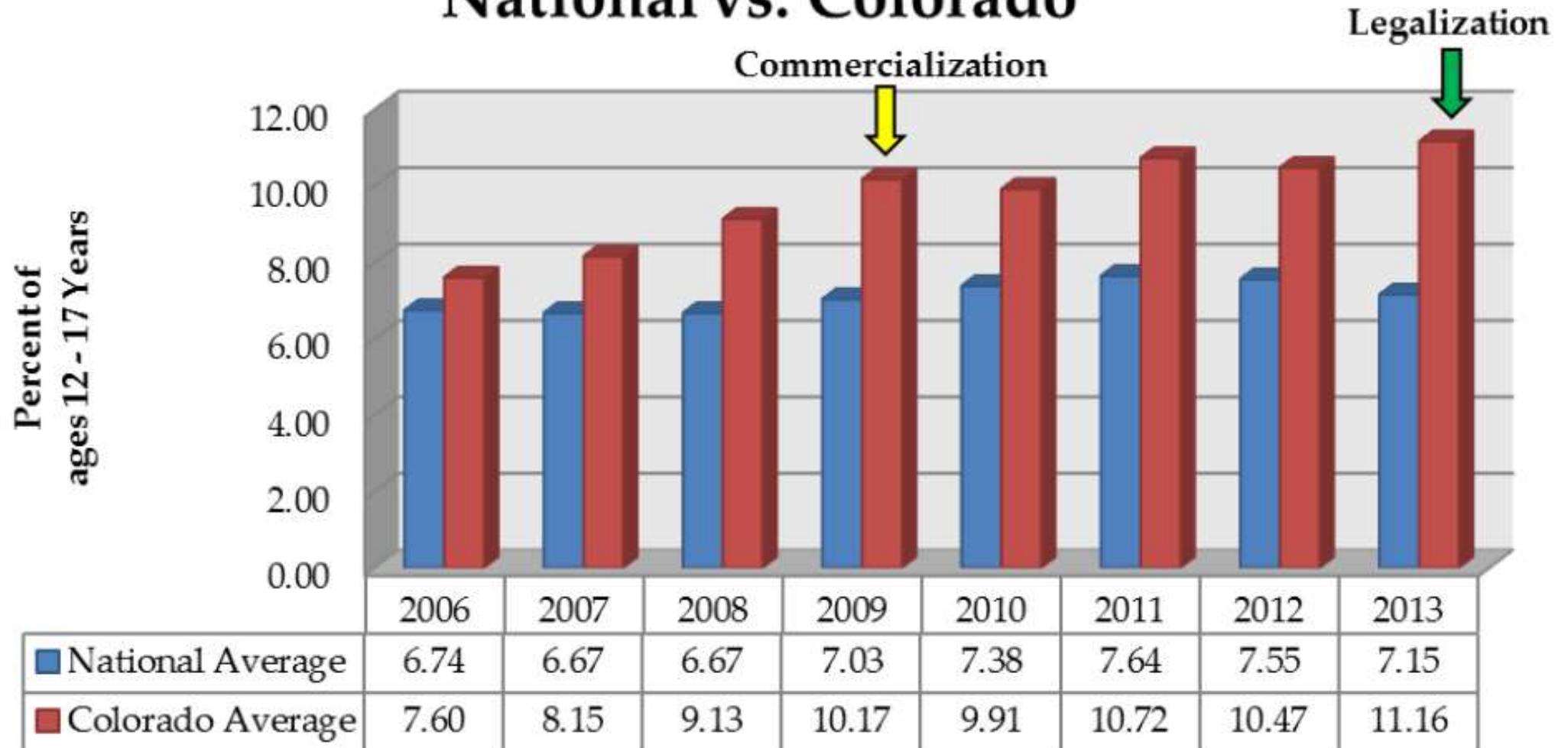
SOURCE: Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center

Total number of medical marijuana registry cards and all dogs with THC toxicosis. \*The number of registered users as of September 30, 2012 and is not the complete year.



SOURCE: *Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care* 22(6) 2012, pp 690-696, doi: 10.1111/j.1476-4431.2012.00818.x

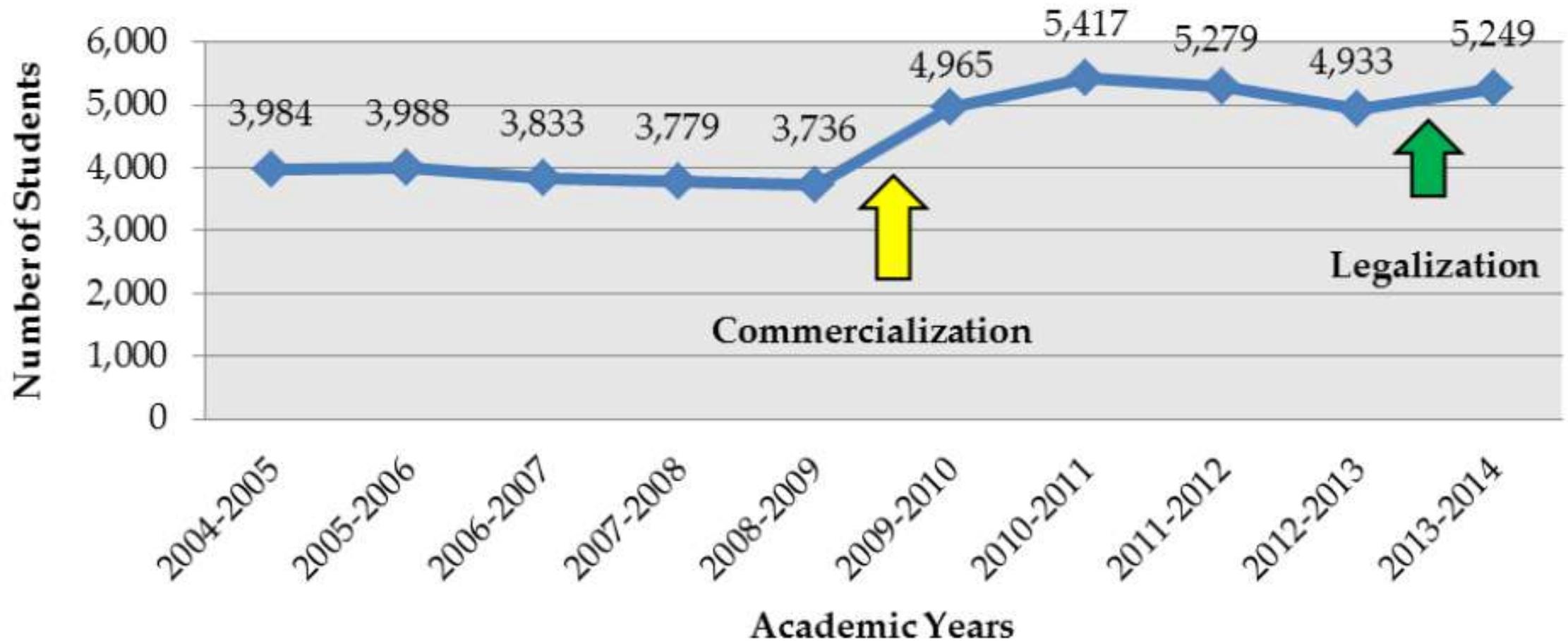
# Youth (Ages 12 to 17 Years) Past Month Marijuana Use National vs. Colorado



SOURCE:

SAMHSA.gov, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006-2013

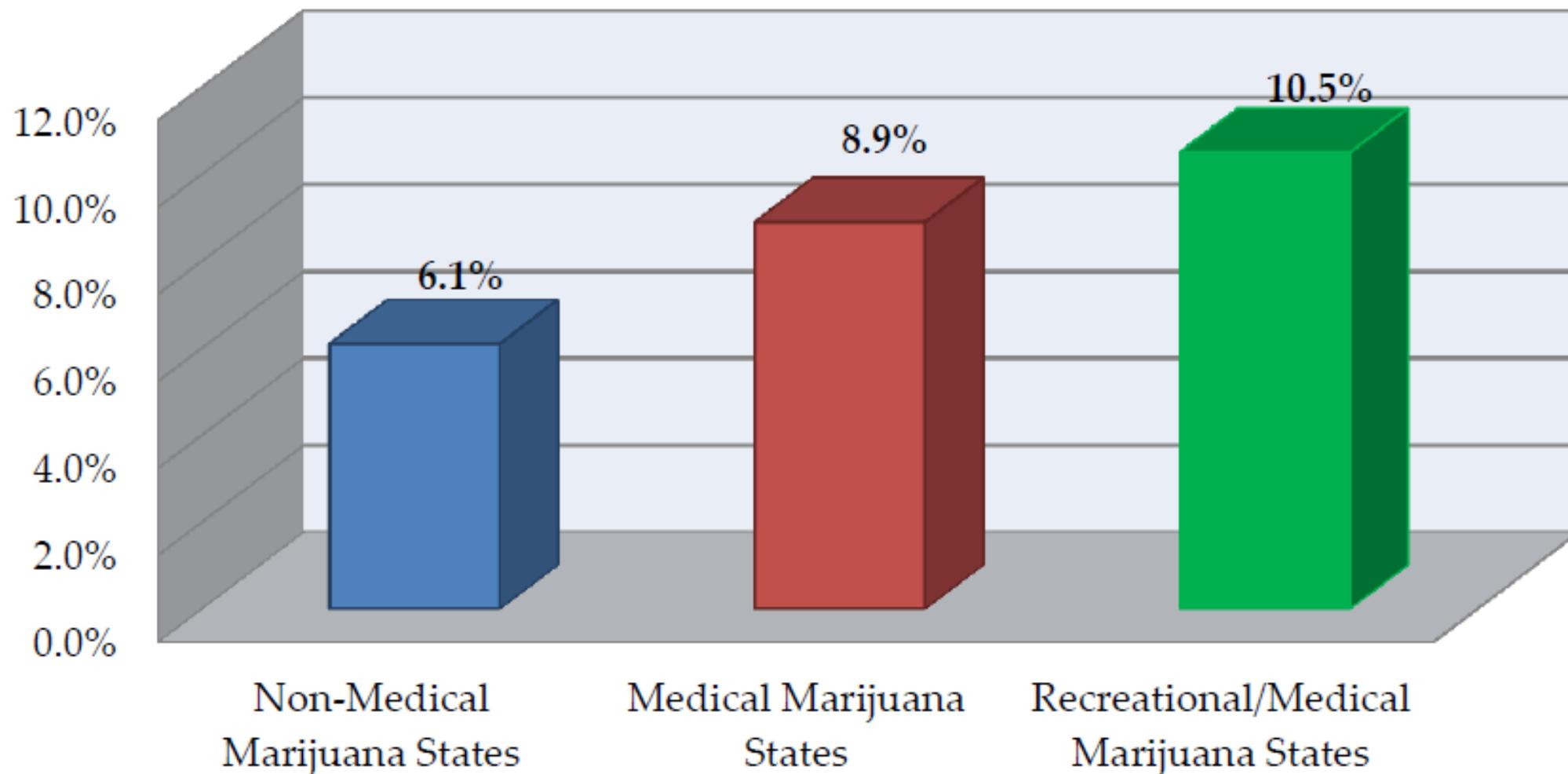
# Drug-Related Suspensions/Expulsions



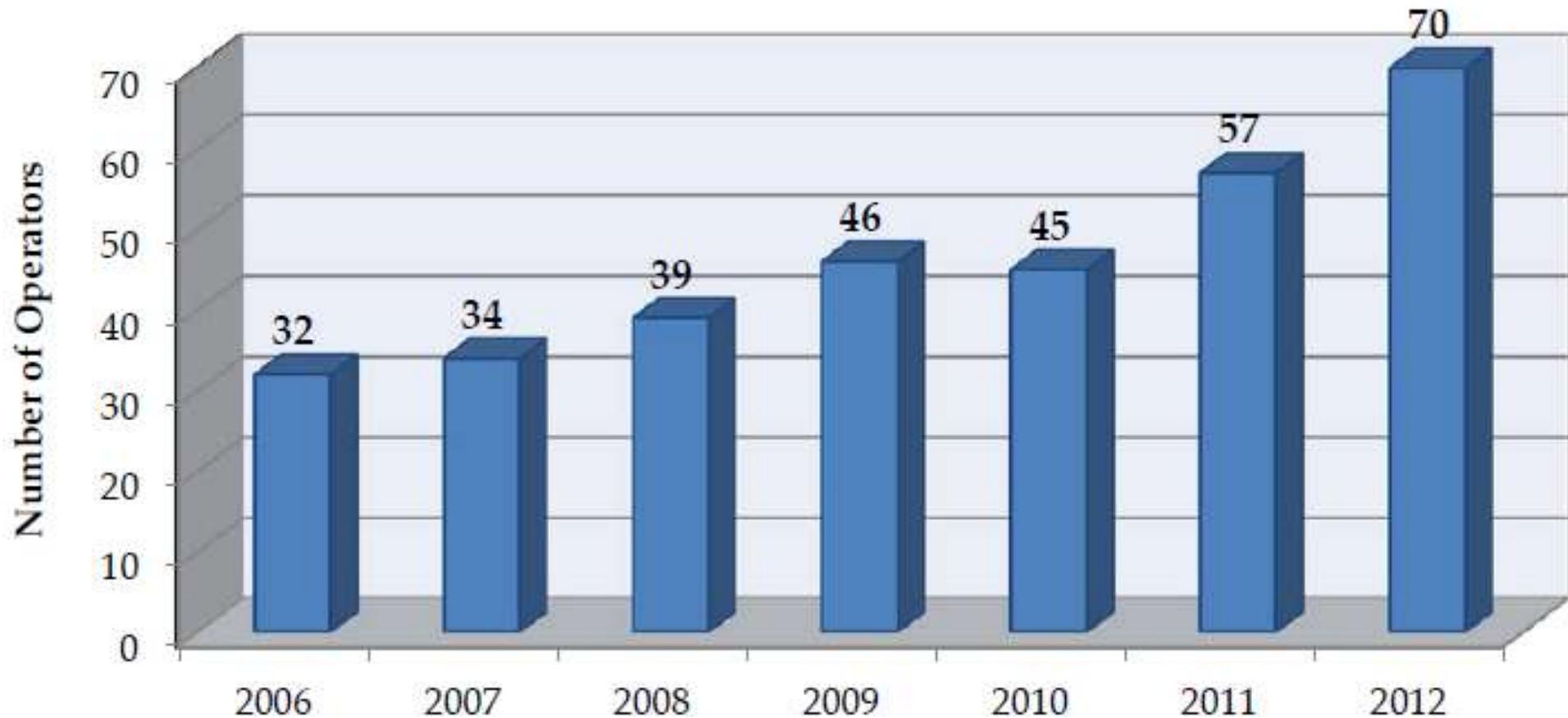
SOURCE:

Colorado Department of Education, 10-Year Trend Data: State Suspension and Expulsion Incident Rates and Reasons

## Average Past Month Use by 12 to 17-Year-Olds, 2013



# Operators Involved in Fatalities Testing Positive for Marijuana



**SOURCE:** National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), 2006-2011 and RMHIDTA 2012 (See NOTE on page 8)

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The Legalization of Marijuana in  
Colorado

*The Impact*



*A Preliminary Report*

Rocky Mountain  
HIDTA

Volume 1 / August 2013

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OF MARIJUANA  
IN COLORADO

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Rocky Mountain High Intensity  
Drug Trafficking Area

THE  
LEGALIZATION  
OF MARIJUANA  
IN COLORADO  
*THE IMPACT*

**Volume 3  
Preview 2015**



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## 2 Young Students Suspected Of Bringing Marijuana To School



SHADOW RIDGE MIDDLE

12551

5:06 59



# Parents Charged After Toddler Eats Pot Cookies



## MARIJUANA INVESTIGATIONS

- \* 11-year-old boy shot in the foot
- \* 10-month-old boy overdosed on medical marijuana











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RETAIL MEDICAL

XJ-13

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# Marijuana for Medical Use

- THEORY - A Compassionate Legal Exception
- REALITY - Creates An Entitlement and a Legal Connundrum

Probation/Parole

Child Maltreatment Cases

Schools

Jails/Prison

Employers

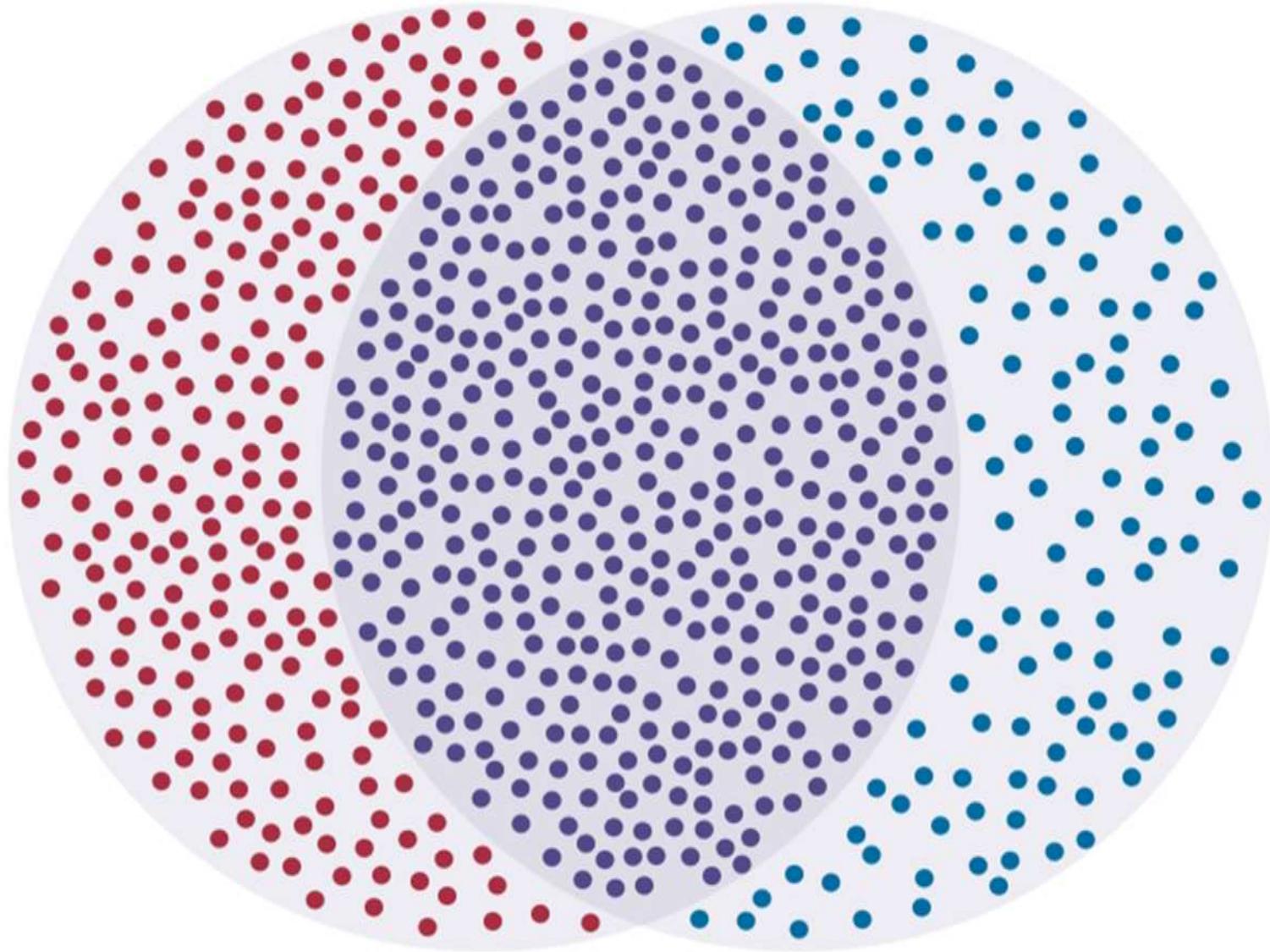
Returning Seized Marijuana

# Results: 779

Indica  
218

Hybrid  
431

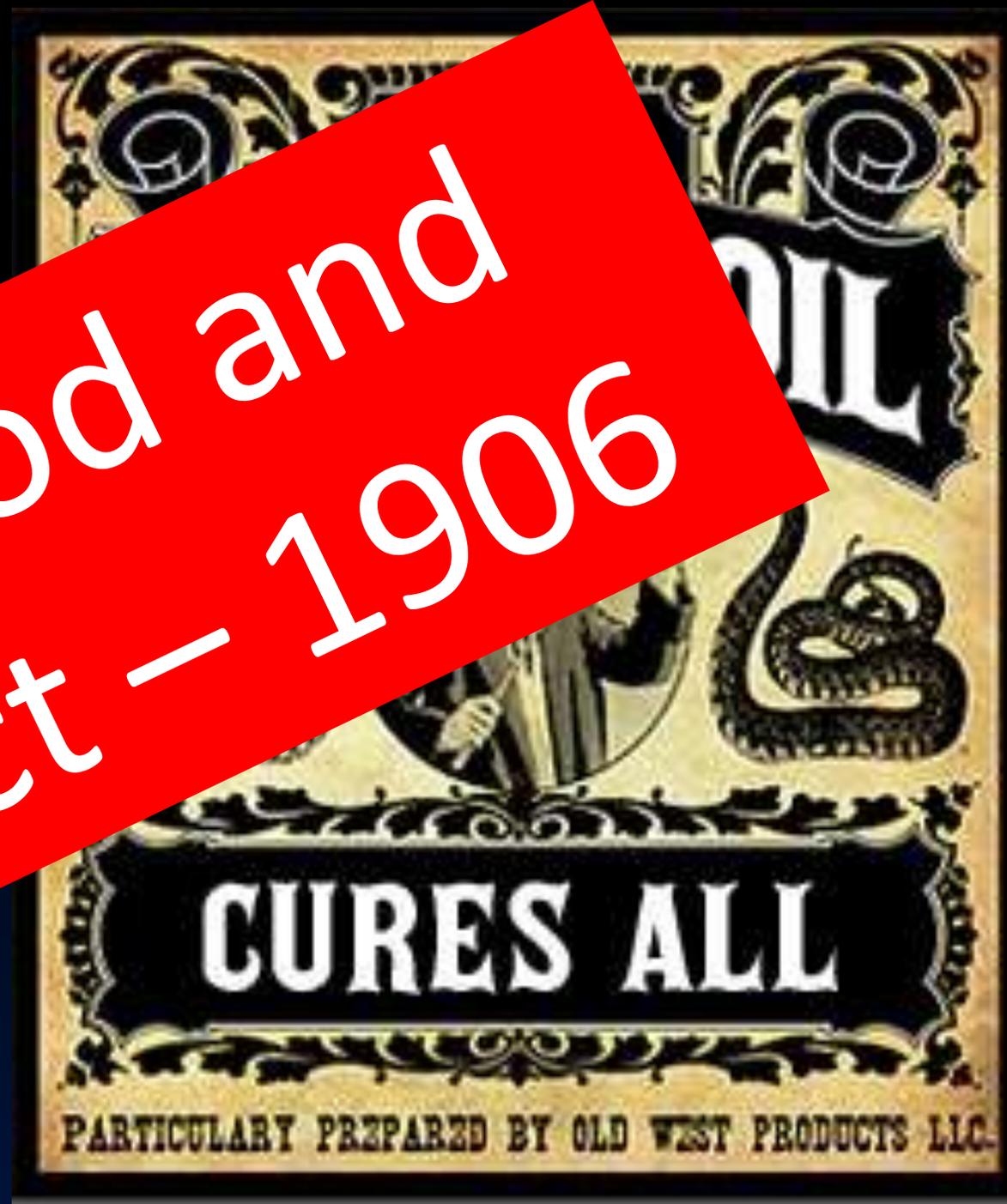
Sativa  
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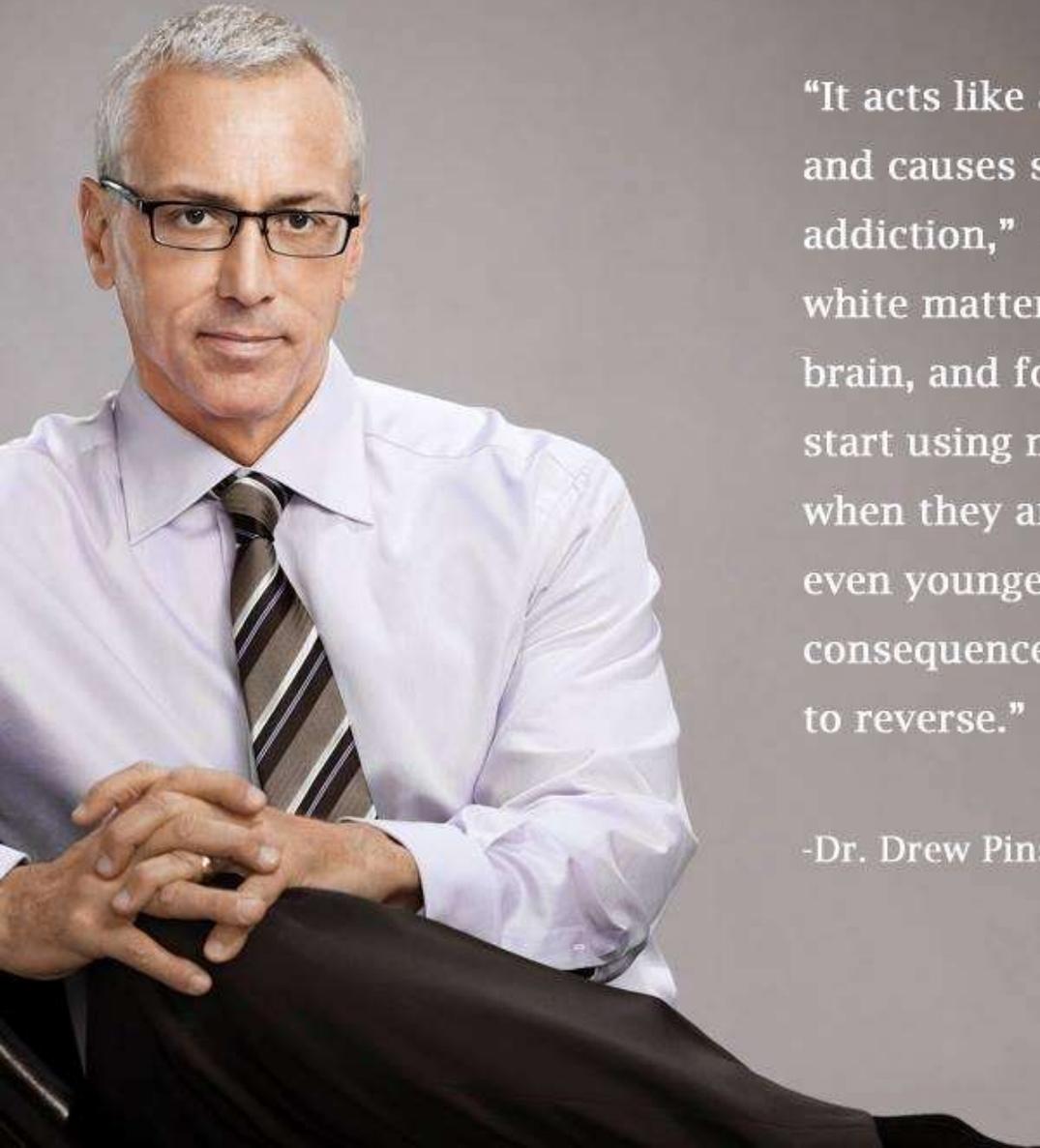
<http://graphics.latimes.com/marijuana-strains/>



Pure Food and  
Drug Act — 1906



# Dr. Drew on marijuana: “It acts like an opiate and causes severe addiction”



“It acts like an opiate and causes severe addiction,” It affects the white matter of the brain, and for kids who start using marijuana when they are 12, or even younger, those bad consequences tend not to reverse.”

-Dr. Drew Pinsky





- Chief and Ponzio Family Chair, Children's Hospital Colorado
- Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology, University of Colorado School of Medicine
- President, American Epilepsy Society

**Dr. Amy Brooks-Kayal**



“The families and children coming to Colorado are receiving unregulated, highly variable artisanal preparations of cannabis oil prescribed, in most cases, by physicians with no training in pediatrics, neurology or epilepsy.”

**Dr. Amy Brooks-Kayal**



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“As a result, the epilepsy specialists in Colorado have been at the bedside of children having severe dystonic reactions and other movement disorders, developmental regression, intractable vomiting and worsening seizures that can be so severe they have to put the child into a coma to get the seizures to stop.”



“Possibly of most concern is that some families are now opting out of proven treatments...because they have put all their hope in CBD oils.”

**Dr. Amy Brooks-Kayal**

***“Use the issue of medicinal marijuana ‘as a red herring’ to give marijuana a good name.”***

***Keith Stroup, NORML  
Emory Wheel, 1979***

***“Never take an open legalization position. Change the image and build credibility. After you do this, you can say whatever you want and people will believe you.”***

***Media Strategies Workshop  
Drug Policy Foundation, 11/1992***

***“Take the moral ground from conservatives  
and start appealing to people’s hearts.”***

***Drug Policy Foundation  
Daily Dispatch, 11/18/1994***

# Drug Policy Alliance

Envisions a just society in which the use and regulation of drugs are grounded in science, compassion, health and human rights, in which people are no longer punished for what they put into their own bodies but only for crimes committed against others, and in which the fears, prejudices and punitive prohibitions of today are no more.





[YouTube: Deadly Impact of Medical Marijuana in Colorado](#)





Brant Clark (credit: CBS)



Daniel Juarez (credit: CBS)

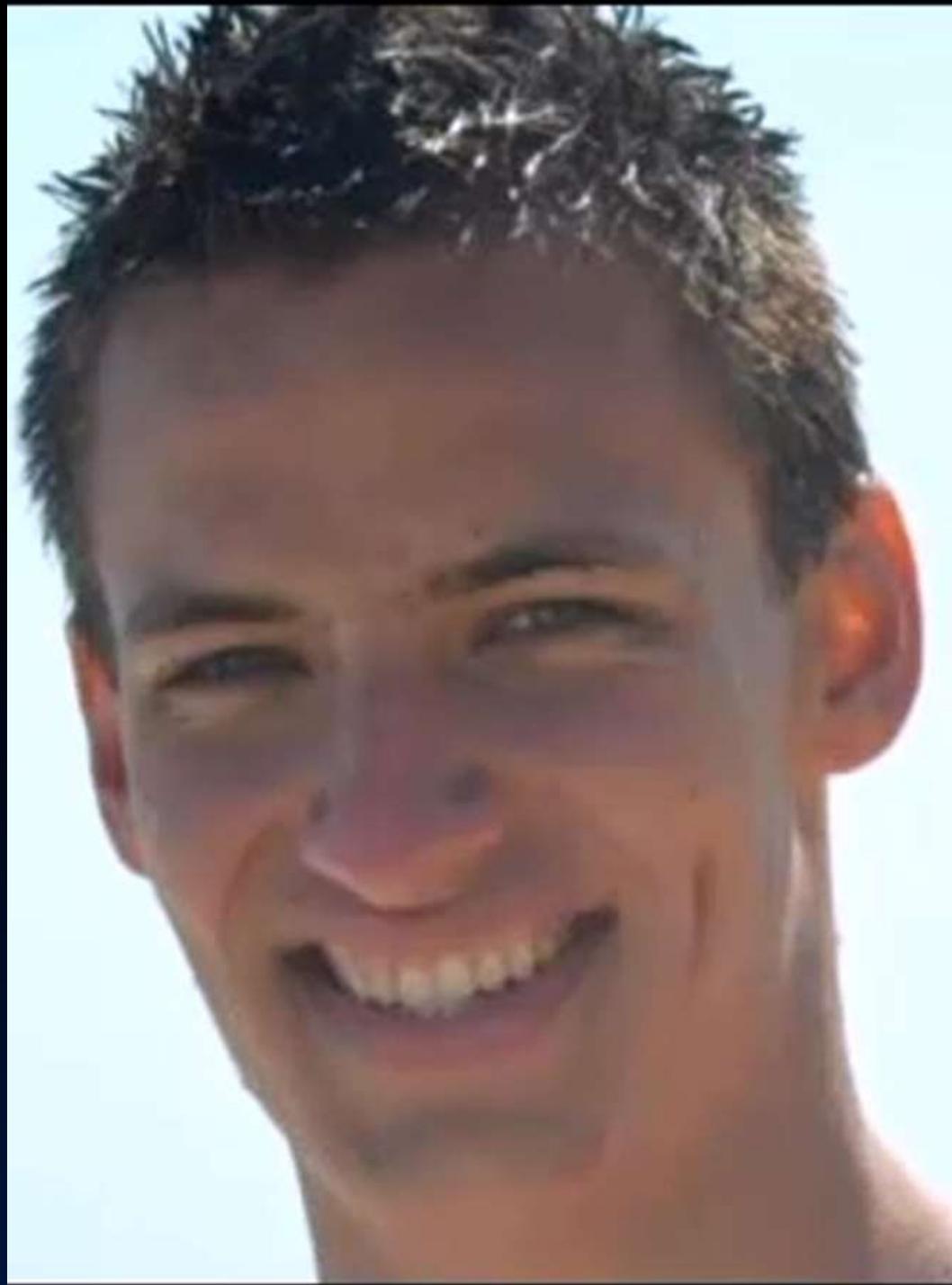
# Two Denver deaths tied to recreational marijuana use



Levy Thamba Pongi, left, and Kristine Kirk / CBS DENVER/CBS NEWS



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