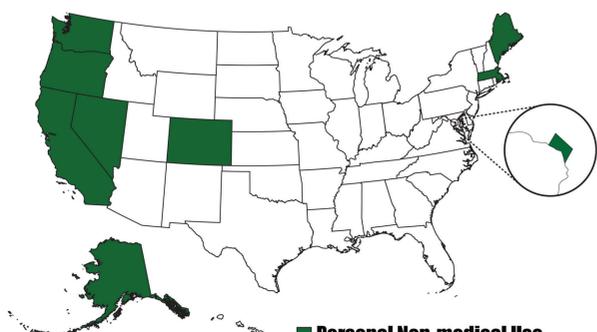
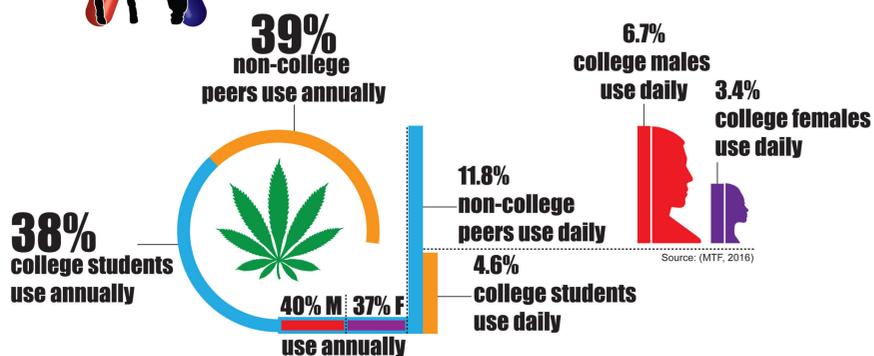


# MARIJUANA USE and PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS



## PREVALENCE



Under Federal Law, marijuana is a Schedule I Controlled Substance defined as a drug with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse.

## Annual Rate of Rx Drug Misuse/Abuse in College

### Prescription Stimulants

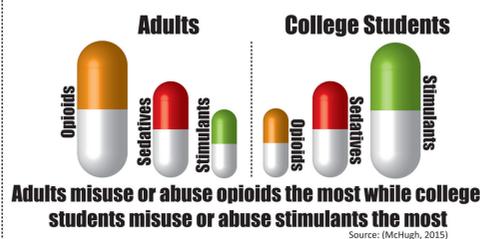
11.1% in 2012 | 9.7% in 2015



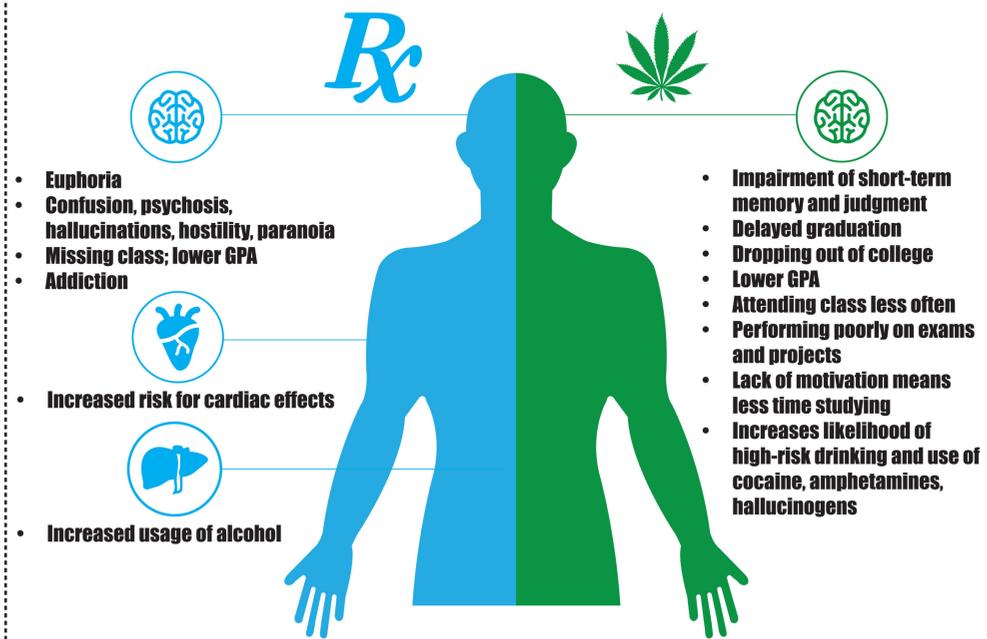
### Prescription Sedatives

8% of non-college peers use

4.4% of college students use



## CONSEQUENCES



Driving while intoxicated



Impairment of motor coordination



**1 in 6**

college students drove under the influence of a drug other than alcohol at least once in the past year

**Marijuana** was the most commonly drug used

followed by cocaine

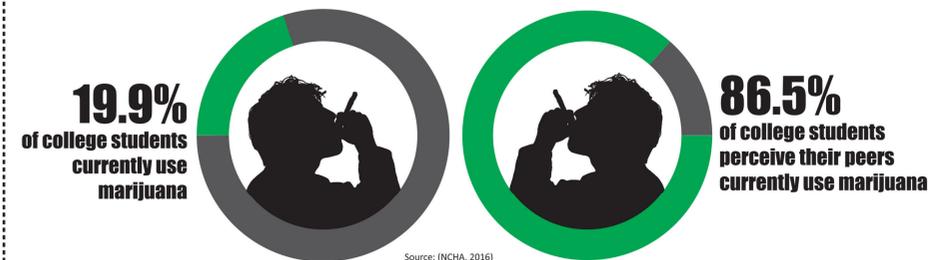
**Rx** and prescription opioids

Source: (NIDA, 2016)

## PREVENTION

### Preventing Marijuana Use and Prescription Drug Misuse

- Help students understand health risks and consequences
- Focus on demographic and social groups at higher risk (i.e., fraternity and sorority life)
- Screen students to identify frequent marijuana users to address potential academic consequences
- Address misperceptions of perceived use versus actual use
- Work with physicians to inform students about potential health and/or legal consequences of prescription drug misuse
- Work with physicians to not overprescribe



### MOVING FORWARD →

- More data collection and research needed
- Conduct campus and community needs assessments
- Use campus- and community-specific data to drive prevention programming
- Evaluate efforts to determine what's working...and what's not
- Share findings with others to celebrate success and collaborate on challenges



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