

Cannabis in Thunder Bay District

Community Survey Report

In the summer of 2019, the Thunder Bay District Health Unit in collaboration with the Thunder Bay Drug Strategy surveyed residents in Thunder Bay District, aged 14 and older. We ask respondents about their cannabis use, perceptions of cannabis risks, intentions around edible cannabis products, and knowledge needs and preferences in relation to cannabis.

Eight Key Findings



Over half of respondents who use cannabis describe their use as recreational, while a sizable proportion describe their use as primarily for medical purposes.



Most respondents who reported cannabis use in the past three months reported frequent use (daily or almost daily).



Respondents residing in the City of Thunder Bay were more likely than District respondents to report using edible cannabis.



Most survey respondents reported at least some intention to try edible cannabis post-legalization.



Topics of interest to survey respondents were: mental health effects, physical health effects, edible cannabis and medical use.



Survey respondents prefer to get their cannabis-related information via the internet from scientists, public health and people who use cannabis.



Many respondents displayed inaccurate perceptions of cannabis-related risk.



The majority of respondents had not heard of Canada's Lower Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines.