



Safer Access to Marijuana Act: Potency, Packaging, and Placement

2026 Early Childhood and Behavioral Health Committee Bill

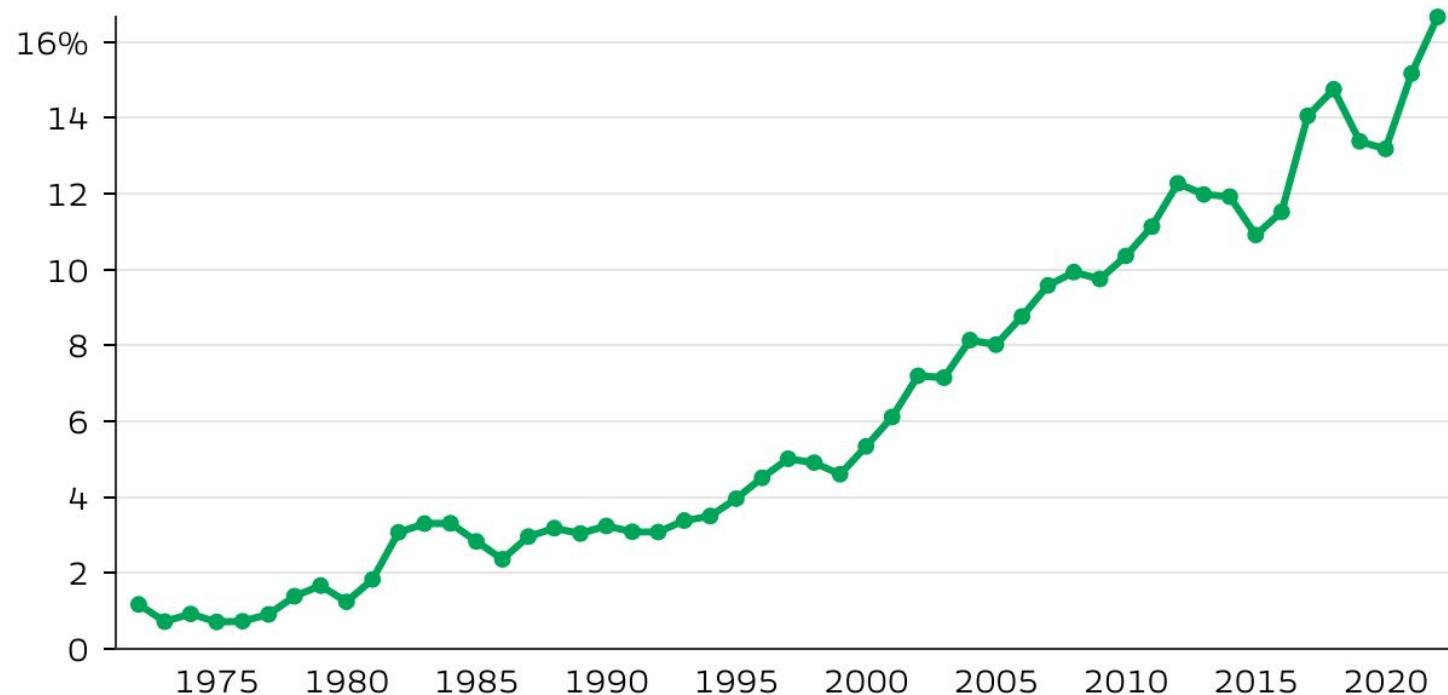
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Goal:

Prevent cannabis use disorder, chronic psychosis, cannabis misuse, and overconsumption of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) for all Oregonians, **especially children.**

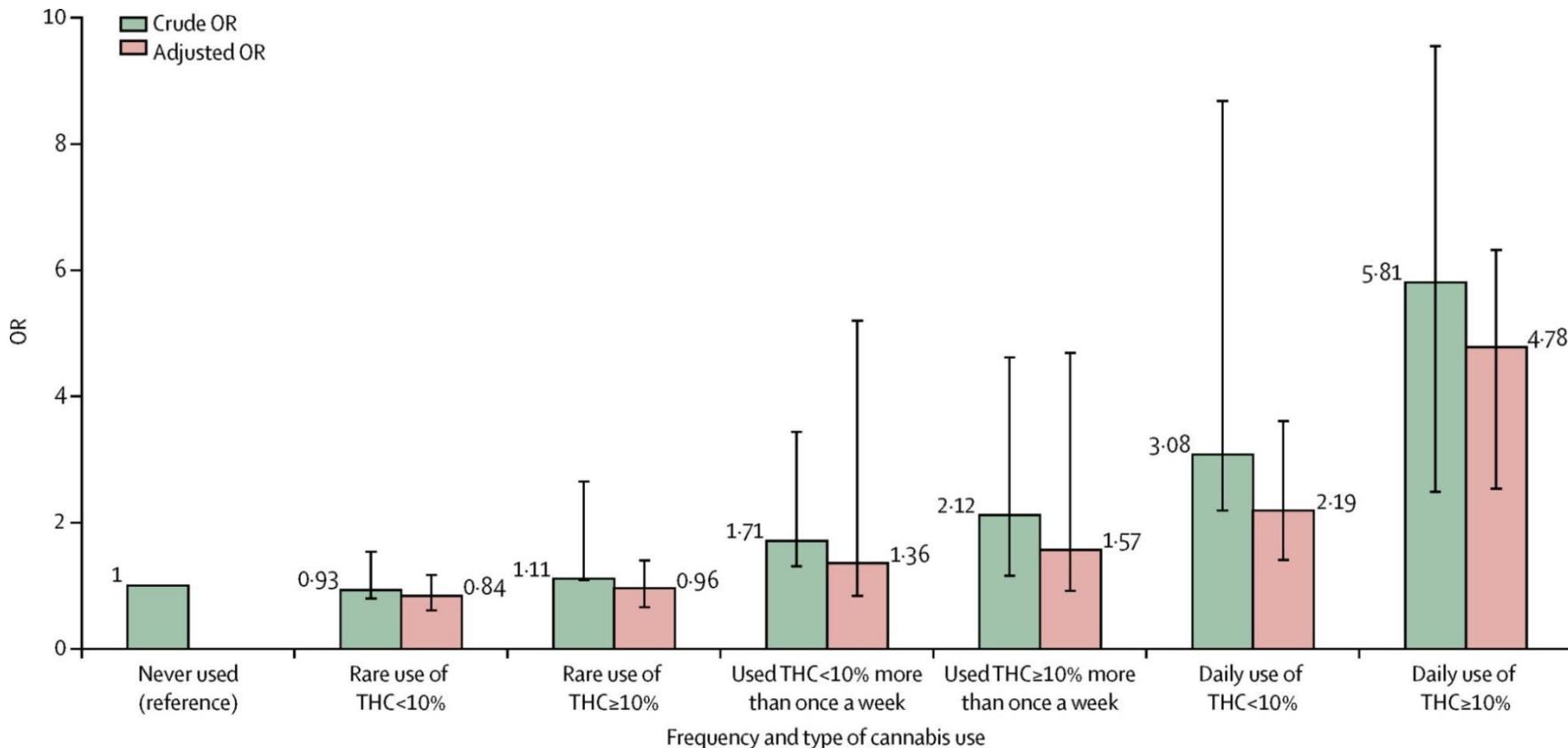
Today's cannabis is a lot stronger than its predecessors

Cannabis available today contains more than 10 times as much **THC**, on average, than it did in the 1970s



SOURCE: NIDA POTENCY MONITORING PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Frequent Use of High-Potency Cannabis Increases Odds of Psychotic Disorders



Crude and fully adjusted Odds Ratios of psychotic disorders for the combined measure of frequency plus type of cannabis use in the whole sample

Marijuana Viewed as Least, Cigarettes as Most Harmful Among Eight Substances

In general, how harmful do you feel each of the following is to people who use them -- very harmful, somewhat harmful, not too harmful or not at all harmful?

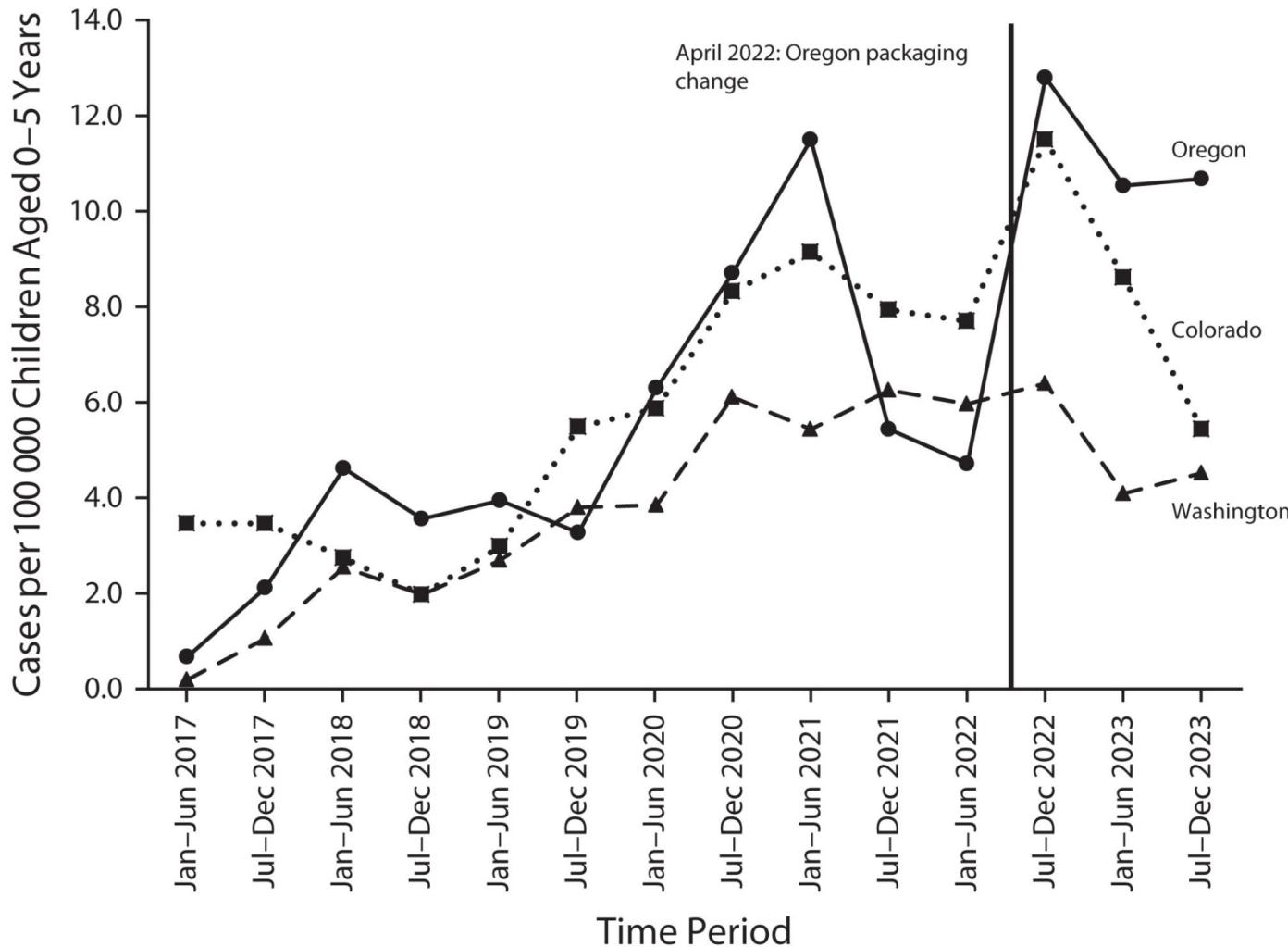
■ % Very harmful ■ % Somewhat harmful ■ % Not too harmful ■ % Not at all harmful ■ % Depends (vol.)/No opinion



July 1-21, 2024

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding. Items were randomly ordered, with alcohol always asked last.

(vol.) = volunteered response



Potency

Limit the THC content of concentrates, edibles, and flowers and **prohibit infusions** of additional THC into flower or pre-rolls

Packaging

Require **single-unit packaging** and **prominent warning labels** about the risks of mental health problems, and ensure packaging **protects minors from negative health effects** of unlawfully ingesting cannabis products

Placement

Place **additional restrictions on siting** of cannabis retail stores and dispensaries near child-oriented facilities, and **give local governments additional flexibility** in setting buffer zones