Adolescent Marijuana Use in Delaware and Nationally

It has been shown that, in general, as the perceived risk of trying marijuana increases, actual use will decrease. This has been true of Delaware high school students in the past, as seen below using data from the annual Delaware School Survey of public school 11th graders administered by the University of Delaware Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies. Data from the 2012 national Monitoring the Future Study (12th graders) indicate that Delaware high school students have similar beliefs and behaviors as high school students nationally, but are less likely to perceive great risk and more likely to use marijuana than their peers. The comparison between Delaware and the nation is particularly striking since the national data are for 12th graders and the Delaware data are for 11th graders.

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