

Study: Teens more likely to smoke pot than cigarettes

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High school students are more likely to smoke marijuana on a daily basis than they are to smoke cigarettes, according to an annual government survey of drug, alcohol and tobacco use released Wednesday.

About 6 percent of 12th grade students reported that they smoked pot on a daily basis, about the same proportion as in 2014. But just 5.5 percent of high school seniors reported smoking tobacco cigarettes every day, down from 6.7 percent in 2014. It marks the first time since the survey was first conducted in 1975 that daily marijuana use has eclipsed smoking.

The perception of marijuana as “risky” has declined steadily, with 31.9 percent of seniors saying that regular marijuana use may be harmful, down from 36.1 percent in 2014.

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