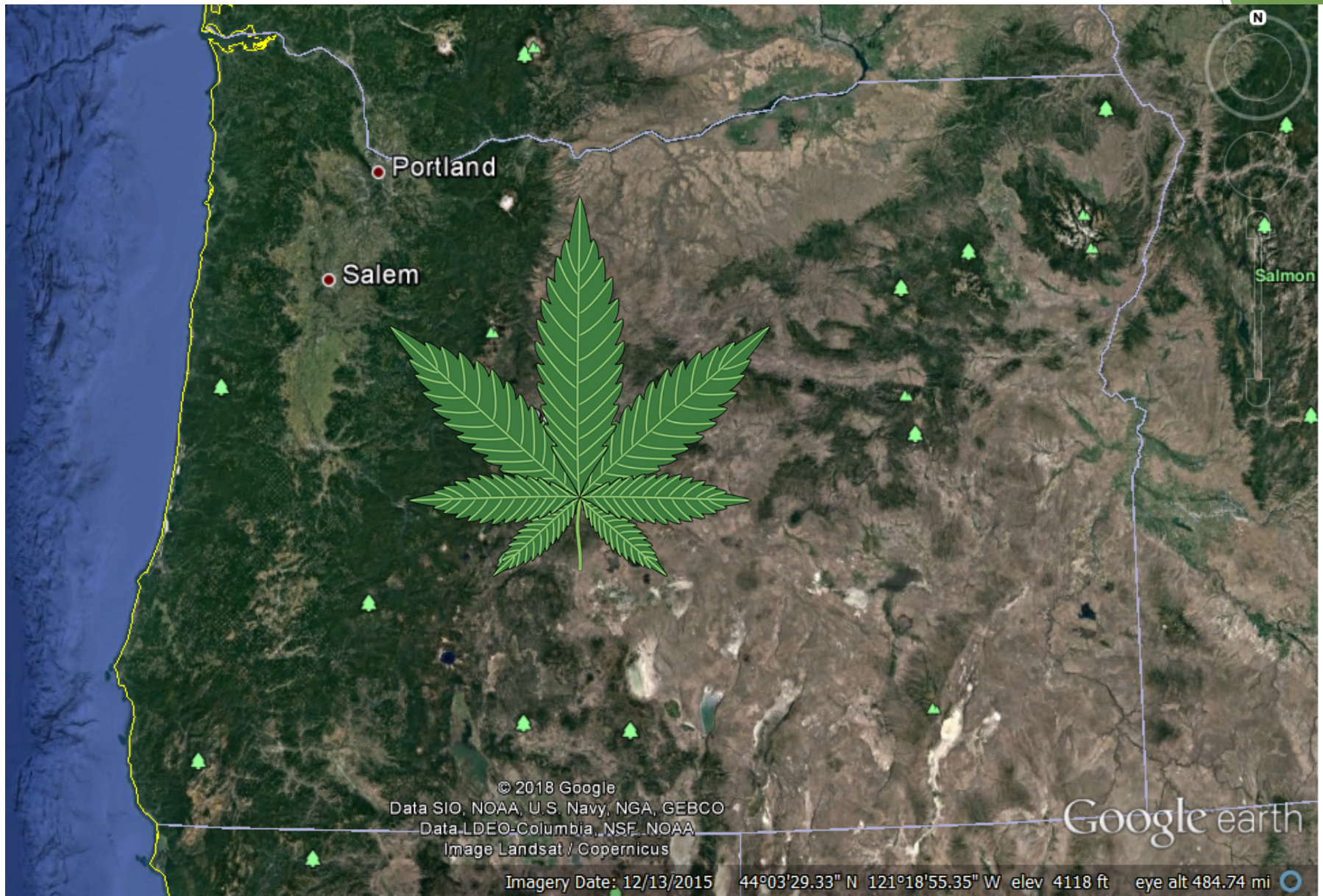


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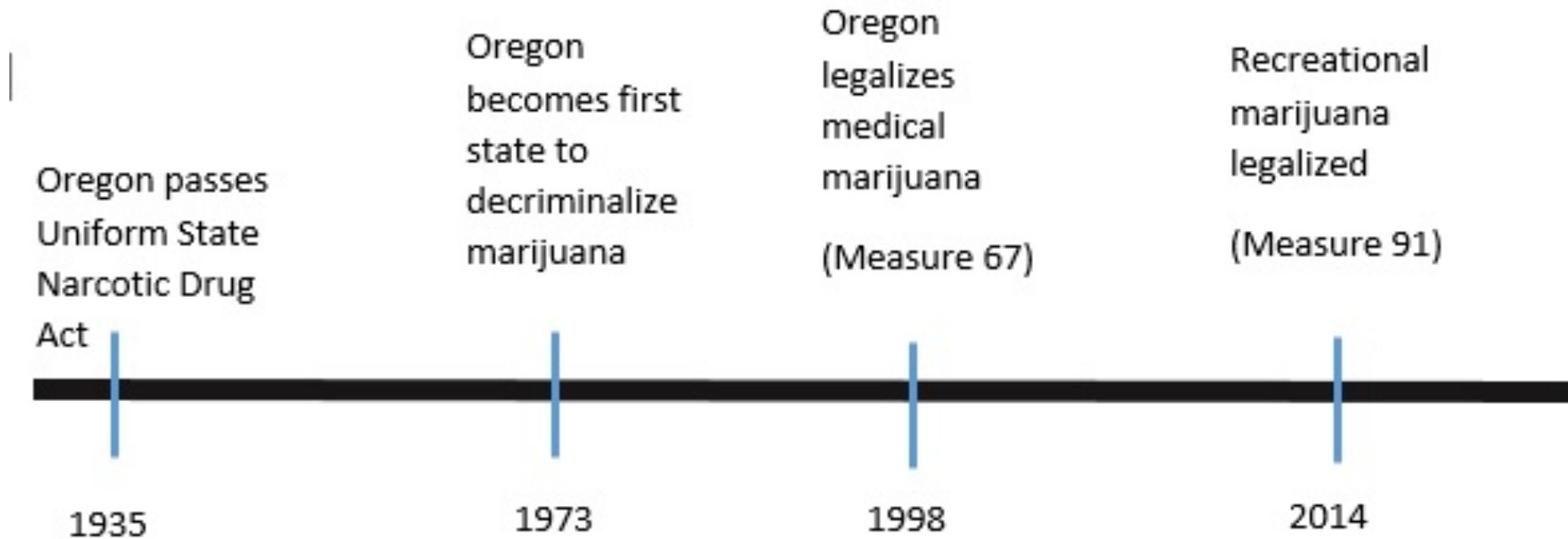




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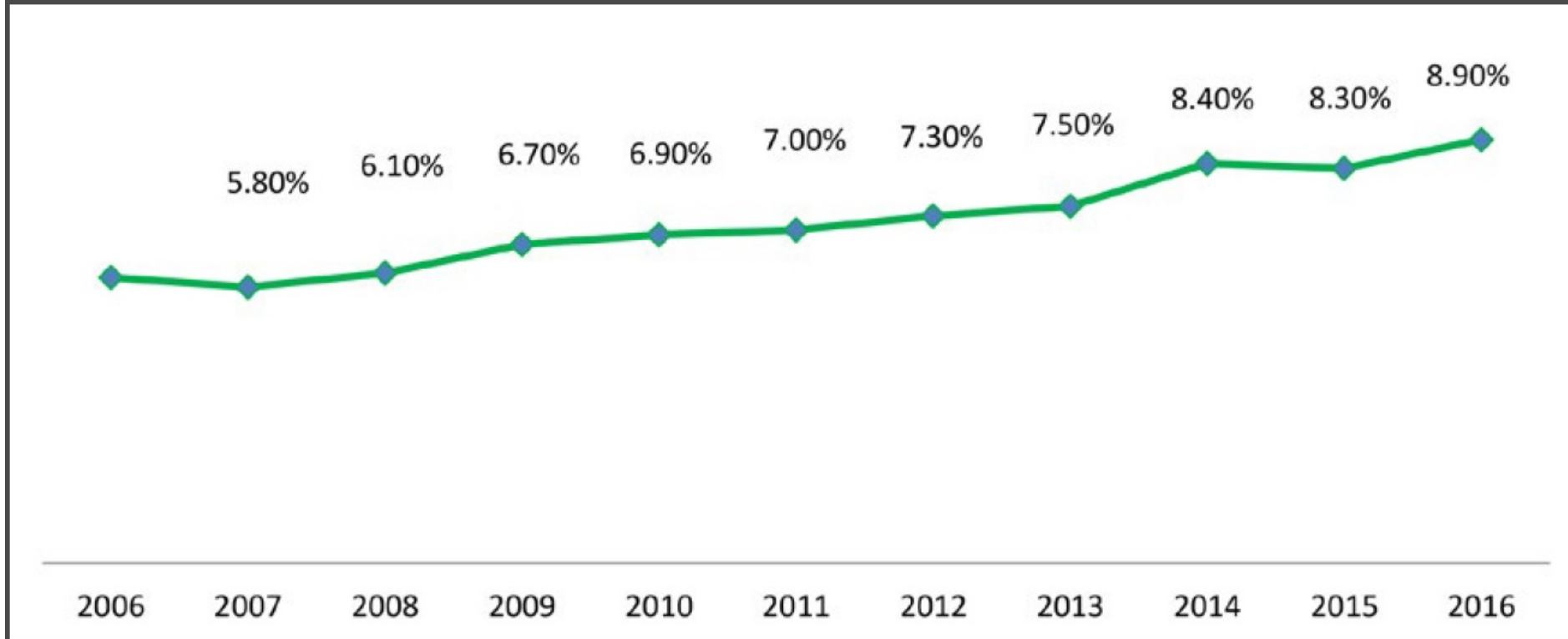
- ▶ Use rates
- ▶ Treatment rates
- ▶ Marijuana related vehicle accidents
- ▶ Intent vs. Reality with legalization

Timeline



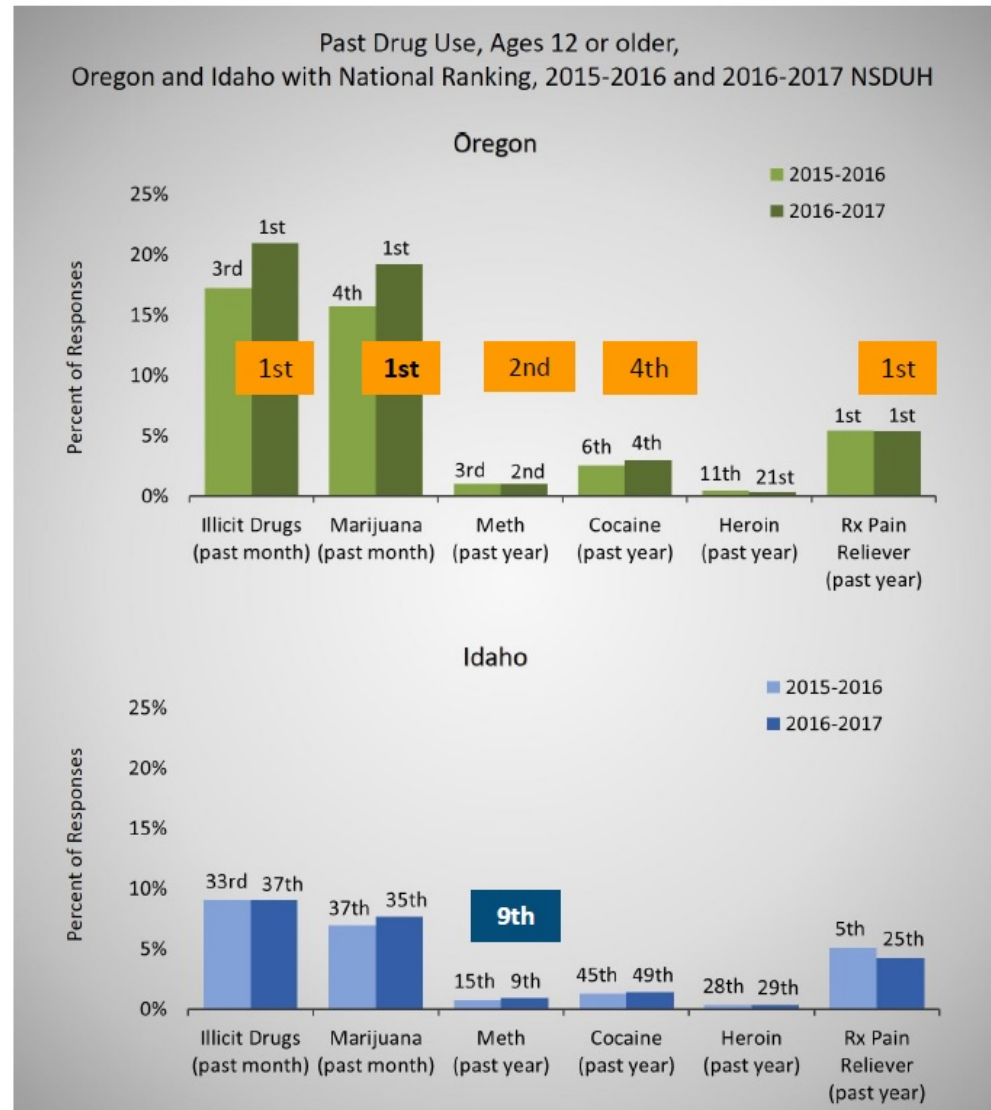
National Use

Figure 95. Percentage of Past Month Marijuana Users Among People Aged 12 or Older, 2006-2016.



Source: Results from the 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, September 2017

Oregon Use



Source: SAMHSA, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

Oregon ranked 1st in nation:

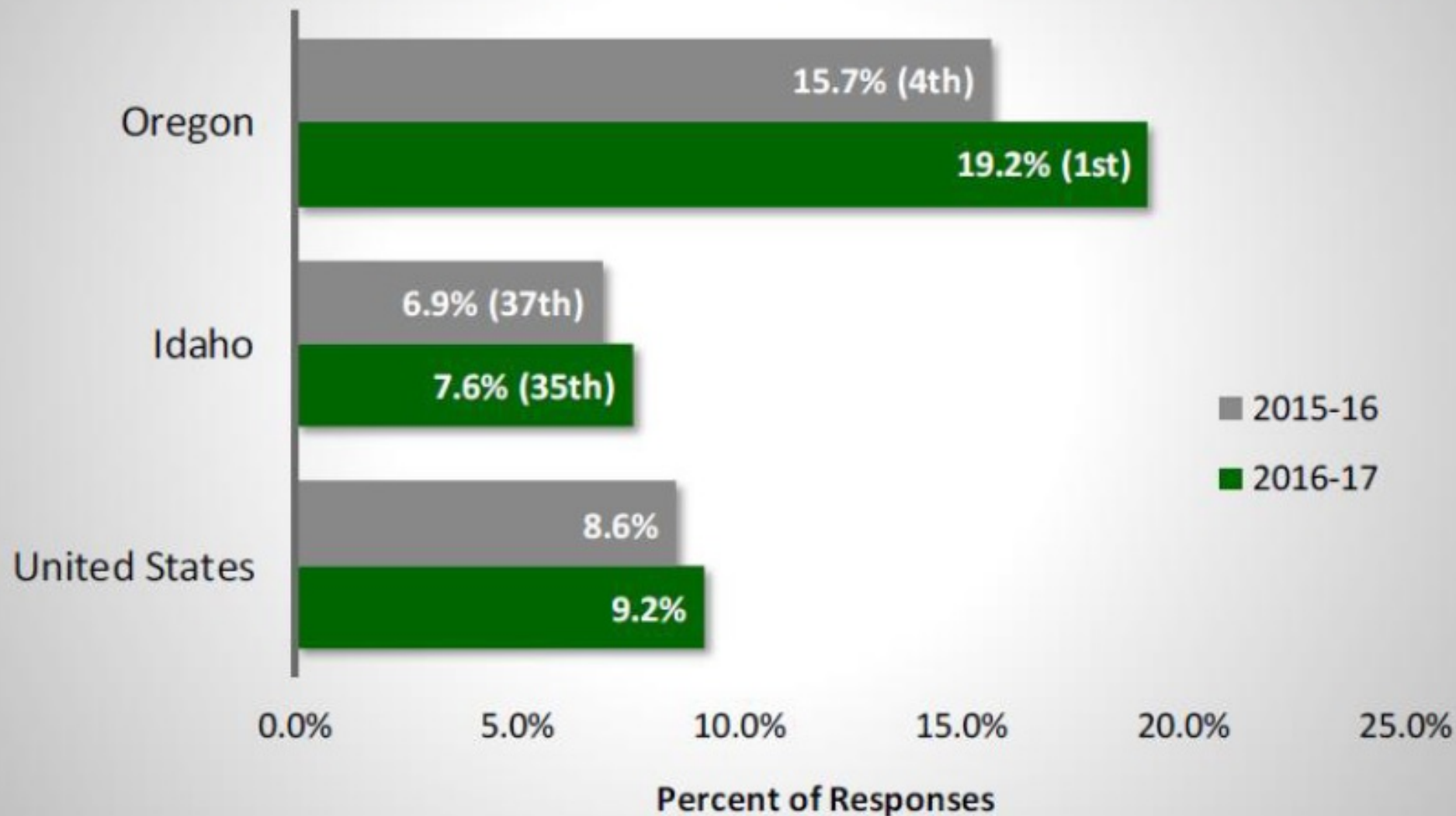
- Illicit drug use (past month)
- **Marijuana use (past month)**
- Pain reliever use (past year)
- 2nd in meth use (past year)
- 4th in cocaine use (past year)

Idaho:

Ranked at or below the national average for all categories except:

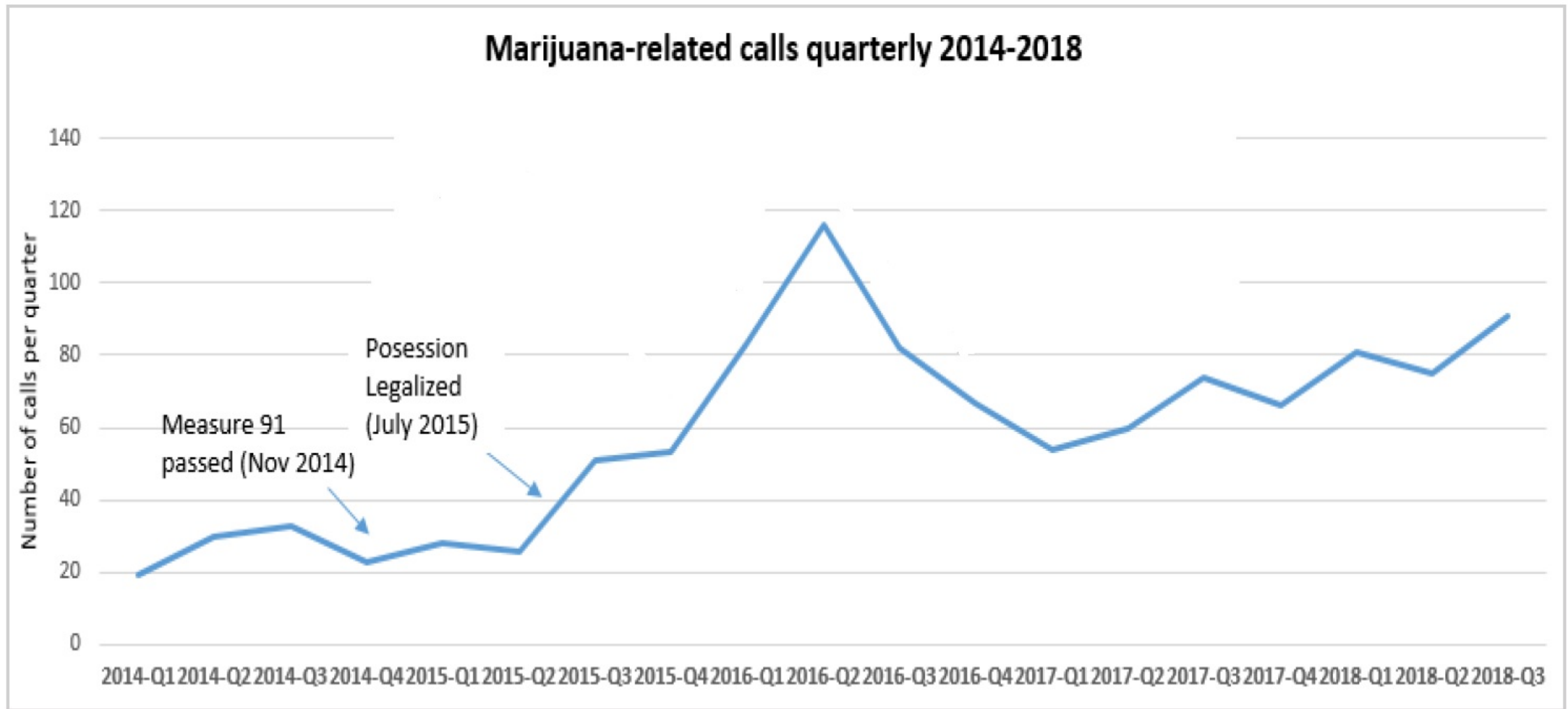
- 9th in meth use (past year)

Past Month Marijuana Use, Ages 12 or Older Oregon, Idaho, and the United States (with National Ranking)



Source: SAMHSA, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

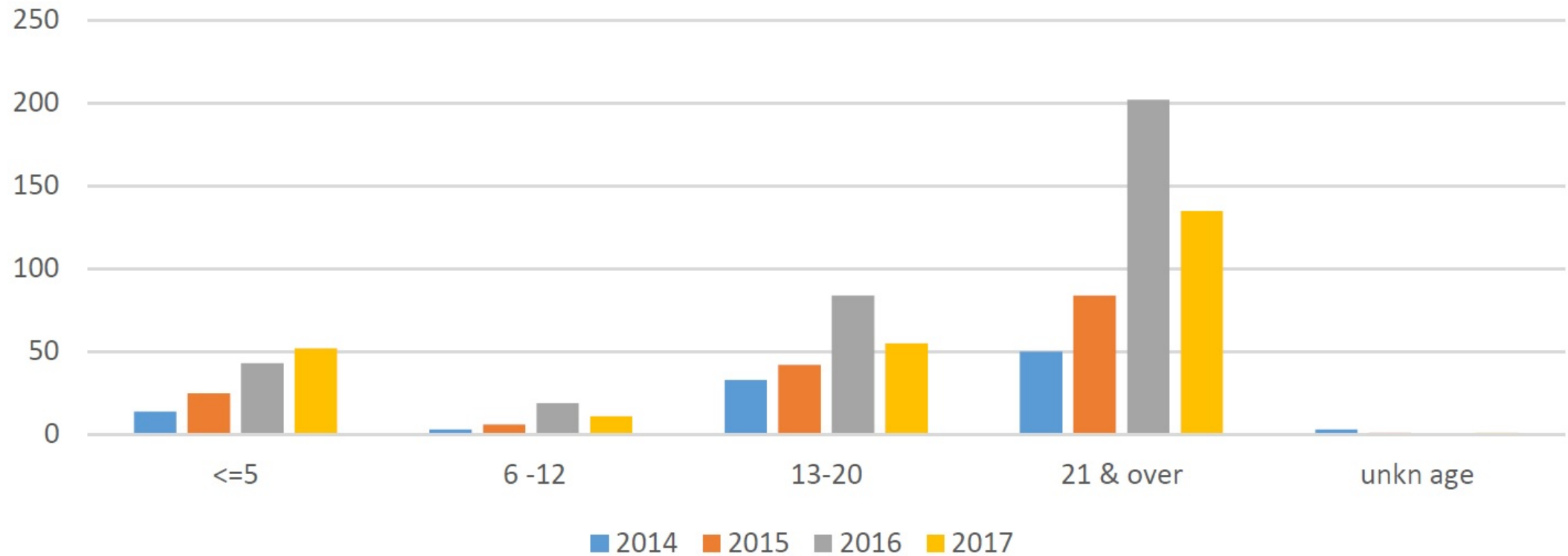
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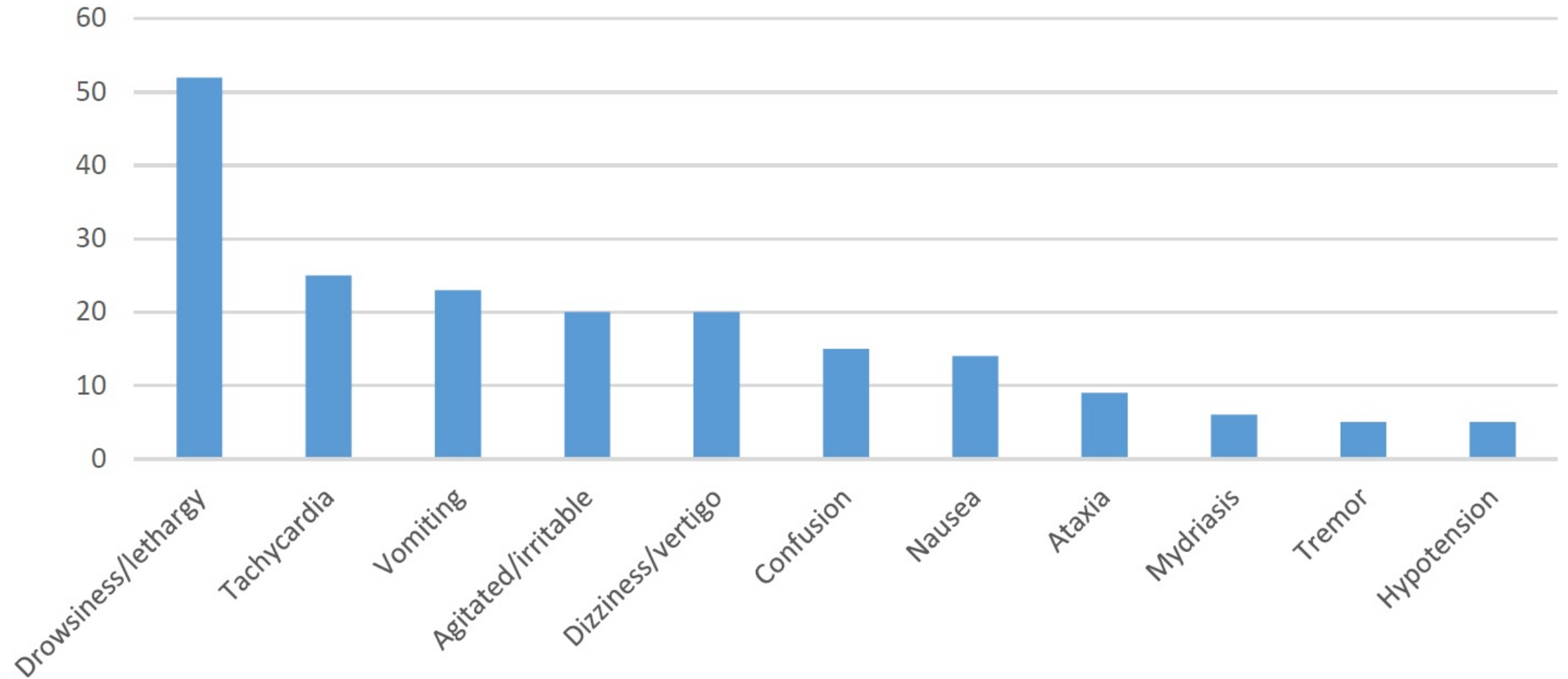
Graph created in collaboration with the Oregon Health Department, Public Health Division

Treatment

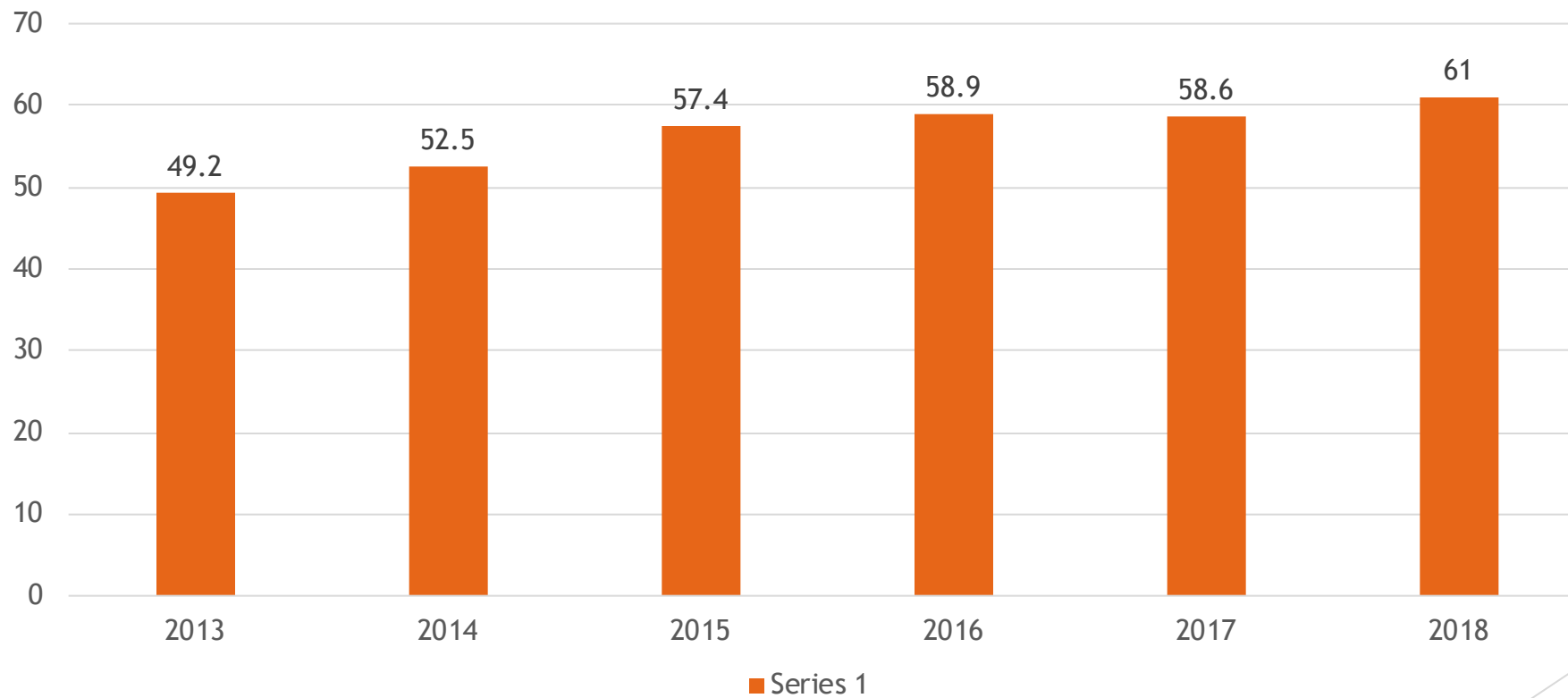
Annual Marijuana Cases 2014-2017 By Age



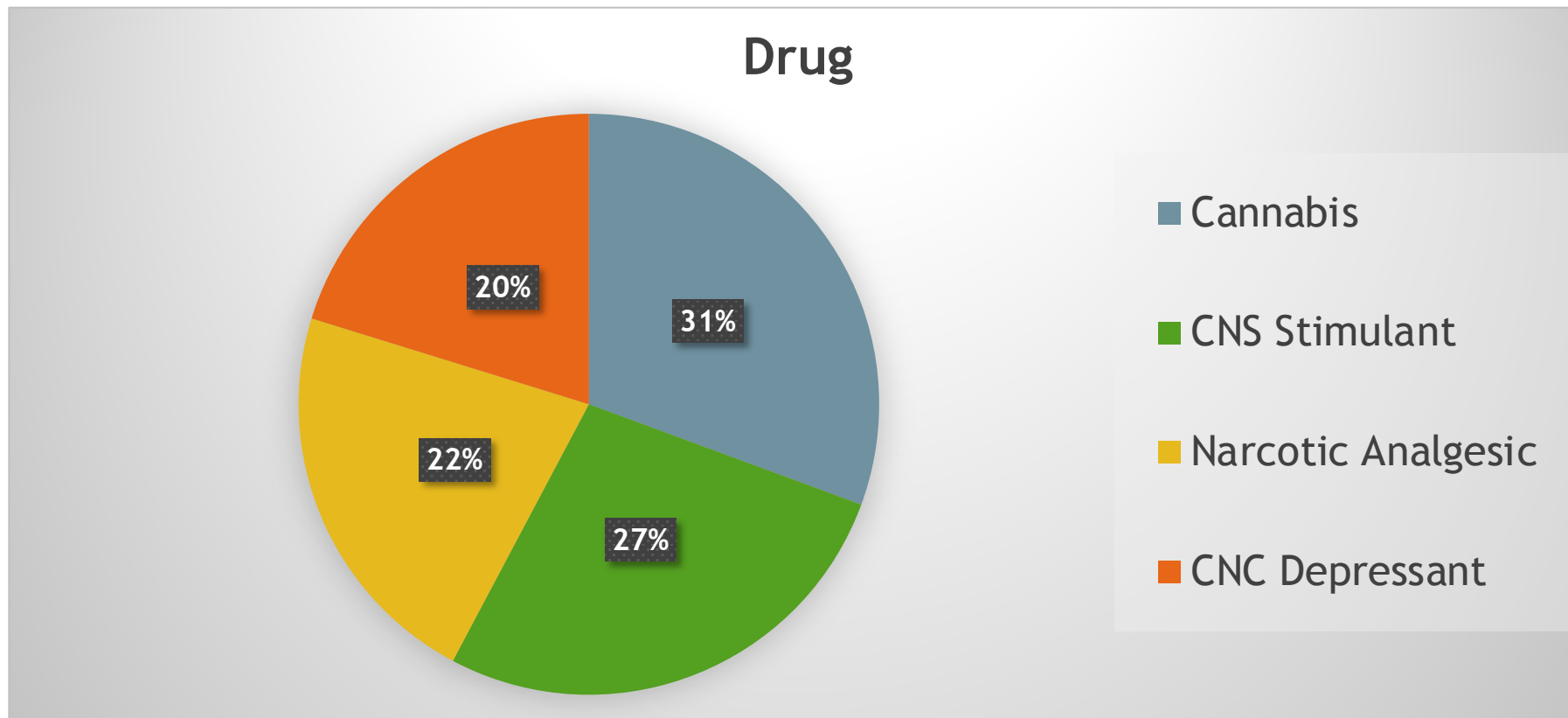
Top 10 clinical effects YR 2017



THC Presence in DUI Drivers

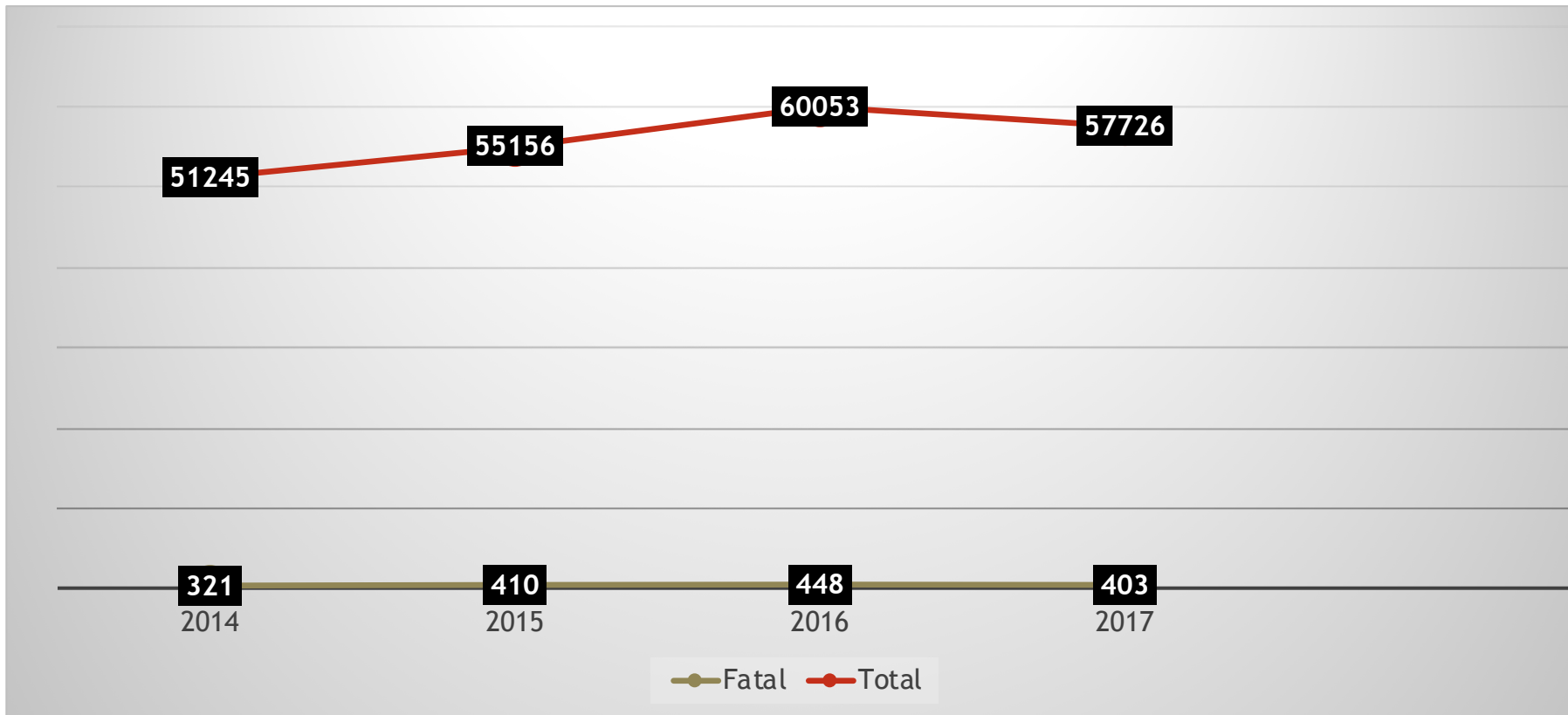


DRE Predictions by Drug Category



Data from IACP MJ Impaired Driving Presentation, 9/5/19

Crash Data



Intent vs. Reality

- ▶ METRC-designed to track from seed to sale
- ▶ Legalization would free up law enforcement resources
- ▶ Legalization would create new revenue source
- ▶ Legalization would reduce black market
- ▶ Legalization would provide safer access

METRC-designed to track from seed to sale

- ▶ METRC was originally designed in Colorado and Oregon adopted it. No other tracking program was available at the time Oregon adopted it. It's very much a work in progress.
- ▶ METRC is designed for **users** to input their sales, waist, selection process, etc. We have found that METRC is not designed to find unusual activity, IE 30,000 in waist. No one monitors unusual activity. Users could also input sales after business hours and regulatory agencies are not tipped off.
- ▶ We have exploited weaknesses in METRC even though people have the impression it's tracked from "Seed to Sale".
- ▶ Oregon currently has over 2 million pounds of marijuana and the state consumes 186,000 to 372,000 pounds per year.

Legalization would free up law enforcement resources

- ▶ With legalization comes confusion. In Oregon we have medical marijuana, hemp, and recreational/commercial operations. Each has its own set of regulations and zoning. It's confusing to citizens and law enforcement personnel so when a citizen calls to complain or to get educated they don't get answers or a solution to their problem.
- ▶ Our positions were created because citizens were not getting proper answers and results. Our bosses realized that a patrol officers don't have the knowledge, expertise, or time to take down an illegal operation.
- ▶ With legalization our state has attracted several black market operations and cartel members from other states to set up illegal operations in our jurisdictions.

Legalization would create new revenue source

- ▶ Deschutes County receives approximately \$440,000 per year from marijuana taxes. They can spend that money on law enforcement, schools, public health/drug treatment.
- ▶ Of the \$440,000 our Commissioners spends \$267,000 of this new revenue on detectives who specifically work marijuana cases because the black market is so prevalent. This does not include Bend PD, which also has a dedicated Detective
- ▶ Not much is left for schools and public health. With marijuana being legal our youth rate has gone up. Marijuana treatment is not getting the funds they need with the increased usage rates.
- ▶ Is it worth it?

Legalization would reduce black market

- ▶ Yeah right!
- ▶ Since July, 2018 we have seized
 - ▶ MJ Plants = 12,812
 - ▶ MJ weight = 2884.12
 - ▶ BHO weight 128.19 lbs.
 - ▶ Labs = 9 BHO labs
 - ▶ Search warrants = 26
 - ▶ Arrests = 26
 - ▶ Cash and Assets Seized = \$212,000.00
 - ▶ Assets Seized = \$1,581,979

Legalization would provide safer access

- ▶ Maybe? In some cases we are going back in time.
- ▶ Voters are likely misinformed as to what they are legalizing: believed legalization would allow people to reasonably use a safe product but new products are being developed that we don't know what the effects are, mainly with high potency THC products.
- ▶ Oregon has had two deaths related to vaping THC that was bought at a licensed dispensary.
- ▶ Edible marijuana products are manufactured into products that attract youth. Chocolates, gummy bears, mints, vaping flavors, etc. We worked so hard to fight big tobacco for this same issues, why is cannabis different? "It's a natural product that comes from a plant" Well so is tobacco...

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