

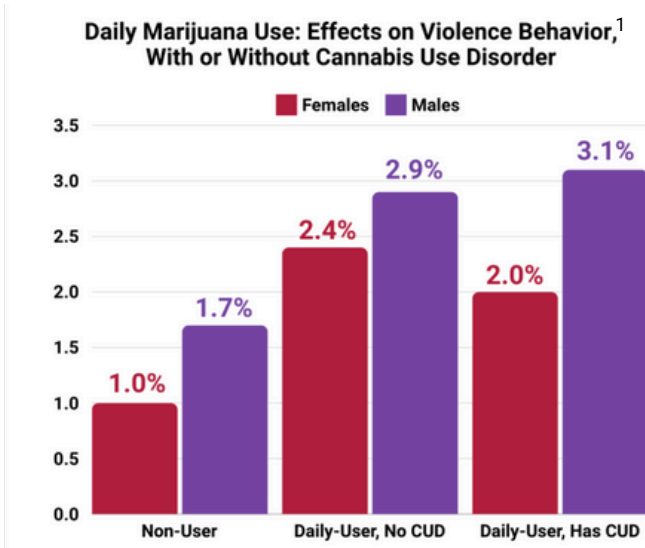
Marijuana and Crime

Legalization creates profound social costs which multiply into increased crime, an influx of cartel activity, and an overall threat to public safety. There is a high risk of marijuana usage co-occurring with other offenses, including violence and robbery.

Post-legalization crime rates in Oregon:²

Relative to non-legalized states

Per 100,000 population, an increase of...

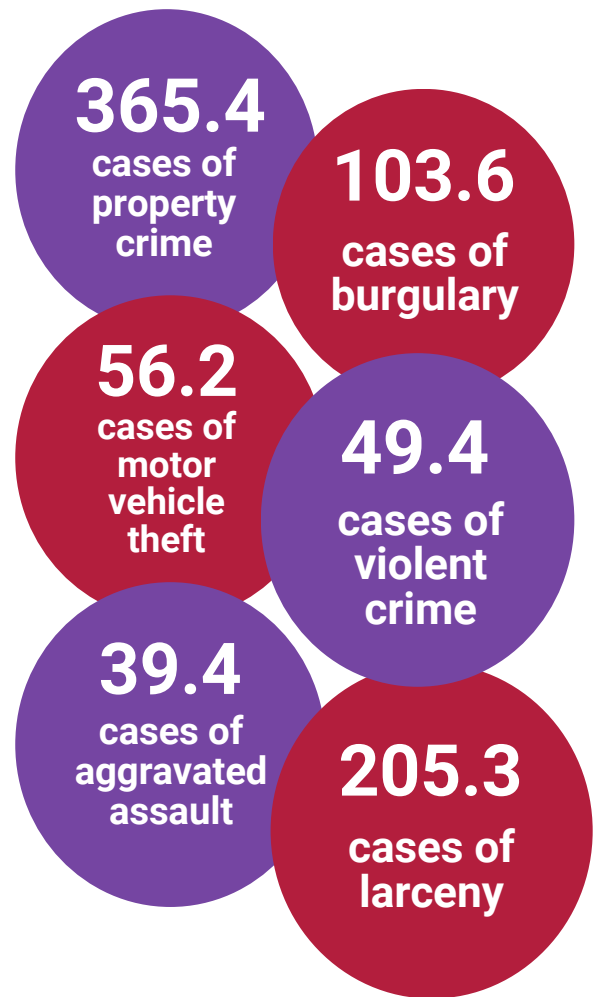


A survey of police forces in Illinois, post-legalization, shows "Twenty-six percent of respondents... stated that marijuana is the biggest contributor to violent crime in their area of responsibility (AOR) and 27 percent stated it was one of their top three drug threats"³

University of Colorado (2019) Study:⁴

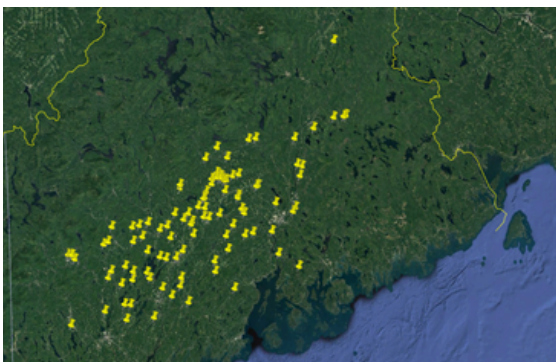
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increase in property crime after marijuana legalization



Chinese Marijuana Farms

Since 2023, the DEA has reported hundreds of CCP-linked, cartel marijuana farms operating in legal states.



- Over 270 were reported in Maine alone, generating over \$4.3 billion in profit for the Chinese government⁵
- They use enslaved, human trafficked labor; dozens of workers have died and suffered sexual abuse⁶
- A House testimony wrote: "Chinese criminal organizations and networks have been cultivating tens of thousands of marijuana farms and grows houses throughout the United States... namely, in states that legalized marijuana"⁷

Endnotes

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