

what every **city official** should know about

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

some fast facts on what it means for your community



education & youth

1. 1 in 6 who start use in adolescence become addicted.
2. Since legalization, Colorado youth rank #1 in use nationally.
3. The top two school violations in Colorado are possession (43%) and being under the influence during school hours (45%).



public health

1. Emergency Department rates increased 49% in Colorado following legalization.
2. Hospital rates increased 32% in Colorado following legalization.
3. Since legalization, 1 in 6 Colorado infants test positive for marijuana. This is more than double compared to prior to legalization.



public safety

1. Marijuana-related traffic deaths increased 62% in the first year and 48% in a three-year average following recreational legalization in Colorado.
2. 8,701 reported property and violent crimes increase since legalization (16%).
3. "Denver is losing visitors and valuable convention business as a result of these overall safety (or perception of safety) issues..." – VISIT DENVER report



economics & business

1. Colorado annual tax revenue from the sale of recreational and medical marijuana accounts for only about 0.5 percent of Colorado's total statewide budget (FY2016).
2. As of January 2016, there were 424 retail marijuana stores in the state of Colorado compared to 322 Starbucks and 202 McDonald's.
3. In Muskegon County, 51% of businesses surveyed said legalization would affect business. 75% oppose legalization.



Know the law on Medical Marijuana:

As of December 20, 2016 if you have a medical marijuana card, marijuana-infused edibles are now legal, and the State of Michigan has now begun the process of creating a licensing structure that will commercialize the medical marijuana industry. This includes growing, processing, transporting, dispensing, and testing marijuana used for medicinal purposes.



You have the power to decide if marijuana is right for Muskegon.

68% of local jurisdictions in Colorado have already banned medical and recreational marijuana businesses.



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