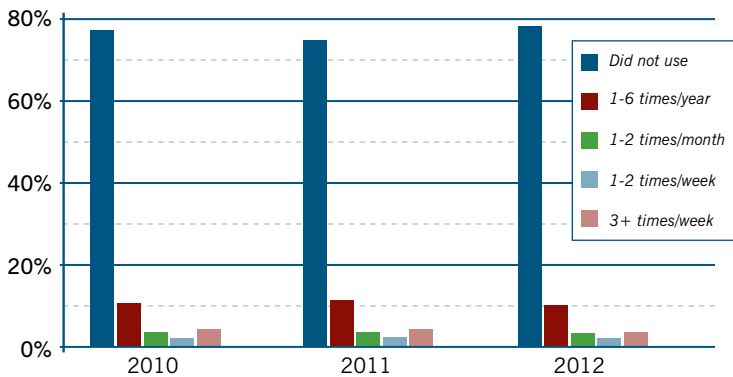


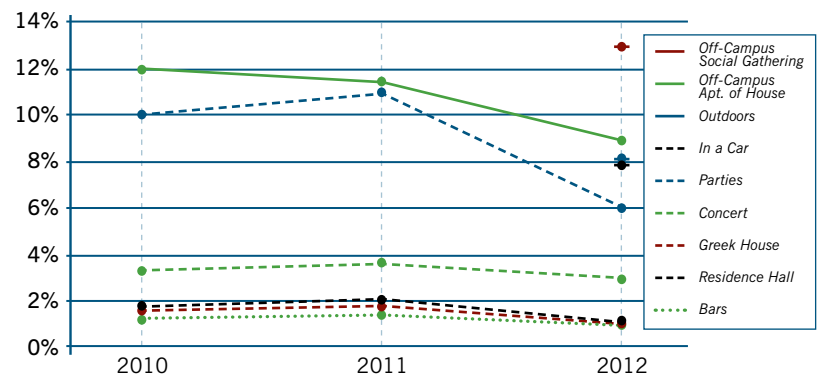
## MARIJUANA & MISSOURI COLLEGE STUDENTS

The following data is taken from the Partners in Prevention, Missouri College Health Behavior Survey (MCHBS). Partners in Prevention is Missouri's higher education substance abuse consortium dedicated to creating healthy and safe college campuses, currently consisting of 21 colleges and universities. The survey is implemented annually at the participating campuses. The survey inquires about various student health behaviors, including the frequency and location of marijuana use. The table and chart below provide reported locations and rates of student marijuana use.

**Marijuana Use**



**Location of Marijuana Use**



### DISCUSSION

Student reported frequency of marijuana use has remained relatively stable over the past three years. Nearly 80% of students report not using marijuana in the past year. Of the 20% of students who reported using marijuana, more than half report using only 1-6 times in the past year. Approximately 4% report using once or twice a month, around 2% report using 1-2 times per week and about 5% report using marijuana three or more times per week.

The survey also inquired about where students used marijuana. The most common locations reported were at off-campus apartments or houses and parties. Since 2010, there appears to be a reduction in marijuana use in these locations.

In 2012, additional location options for reported marijuana use were added to the survey including: social gatherings or friends house (off-campus), outdoors and in a car. Approximately 13% of students reported using marijuana at social gatherings or at a friend's house (off-

campus), and 8% of students reported using marijuana outdoors or in a car.

### SUMMARY

The data provides a promising picture of our statewide marijuana use. For the past three years, nearly 80% of our students report not using marijuana and the percentage of students who reported using marijuana three or more times in the past week has not exceeded 5%. As campuses look towards implementing environmental management strategies, it appears the majority of the marijuana smoking behaviors are occurring at off-campus living locations and social gatherings. Partners in Prevention looks forward to the results of the 2013 survey, which will provide information on student perceptions of marijuana use. This data may provide insights on interventions to correct misperceptions of student use through social marketing and education campaigns.

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