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## Study: One in Seven Colorado Adults Use Marijuana

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment **reports** that roughly one in seven, or 13.5 percent of adults in Colorado currently use marijuana. In addition, nearly half the adult population of Colorado, 48.9 percent, have tried pot. Marijuana has been legal for recreational use in Colorado since 2012, and the first stores opened January 1, 2014. The study of adults ages 18 and older was conducted in 2014 and released last week. The findings are relevant to Colorado businesses because it is possible to extrapolate from the survey that one in seven of all adult customers, clients or employees apparently used marijuana last year.

Among current users, 33.2 percent reported using marijuana daily. According to the survey, in Colorado, adults with higher incomes and adults who have attended at least some college are more likely to have tried marijuana at some point than those with lower incomes, although they may not be current or regular users.

Headquartered in Denver, with offices throughout the western United States and in Atlantic City and the District of Columbia, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP assists clients to navigate the growing array of marijuana laws, while maintaining compliance with federal, state and local law. To this end, Brownstein has developed a detailed 50-state survey of the different kinds of marijuana laws currently in effect. These laws vary widely, even with respect to states that allow the medical or recreational use of marijuana. Brownstein will continue to update the survey, monitor changing marijuana laws and provide periodic updates on significant developments in the area. If you or your company would like assistance with marijuana-related compliance issues, or would like to receive a copy of the 50-state survey and periodic updates, please email Bill Berger at [bberger@bhfs.com](mailto:bberger@bhfs.com) or Matt Arentsen at [marentsen@bhfs.com](mailto:marentsen@bhfs.com).

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