

## What kind of data does MMP collect?

- MMP gathers data from face-to-face interviews and medical records.
- In 2011–2012, 501 people receiving HIV medical care in Oregon participated in MMP.

*Note: All figures and statistics in this fact sheet are based on MMP participant data for the combined 2011 and 2012 project years.*



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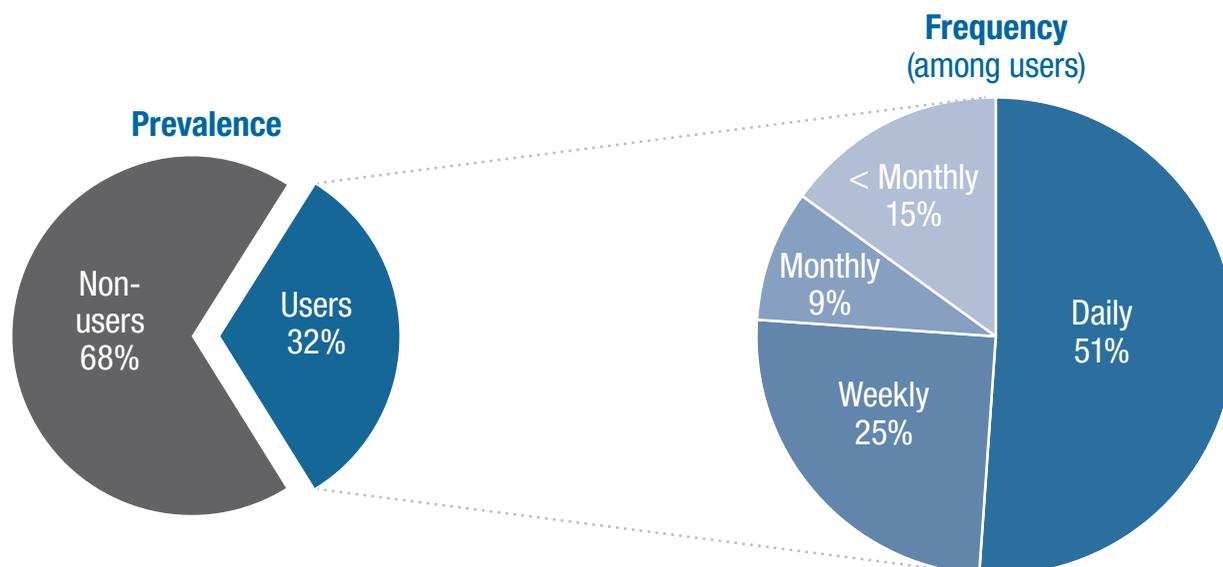
## Who receives care in Oregon?

- 85% identify as male
- 59% identify as gay and 9% as bisexual
- 45% are age 50+
- 67% have at least some college education
- 26% work full-time and 8% part-time
- 30% live outside the Portland metro area

## How many MMP participants use medical marijuana?

MMP asks participants about their use of medical marijuana to treat symptoms related to HIV or HIV medication over the past 12 months. Participants are asked how often (if ever) they used medical marijuana, their main reason for use, and their primary source for obtaining marijuana.

### Medical marijuana use MMP 2011–2012



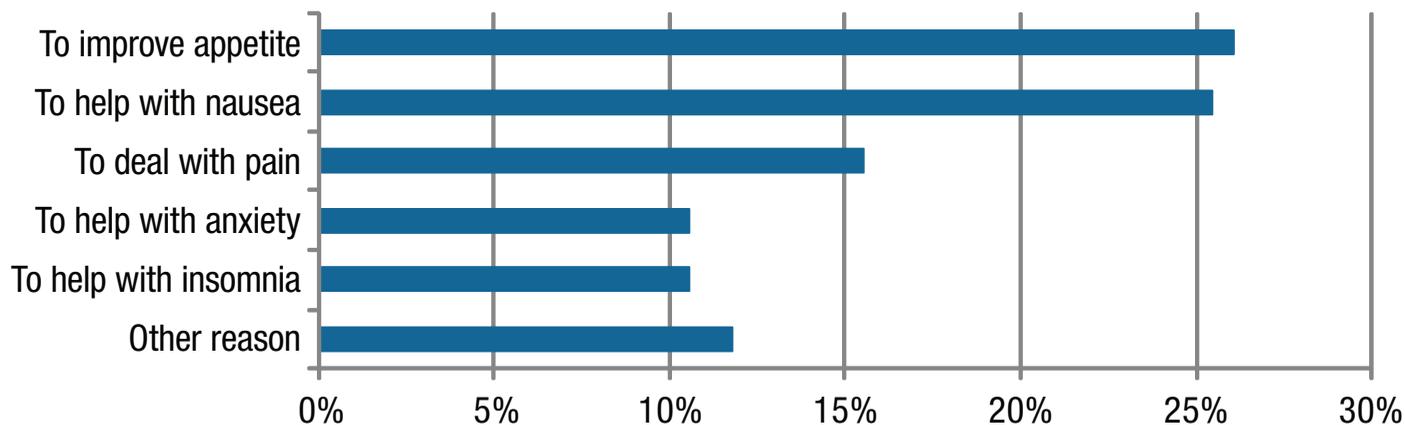
One in three MMP interview participants used medical marijuana in the past 12 months. Among these medical marijuana users, approximately three of four used it on a daily or weekly basis.



## Why do people use medical marijuana?

The majority of participants who use medical marijuana reported either appetite stimulation or nausea reduction as their main reason for doing so.

**Main reason for medical marijuana use**  
MMP 2011–2012



While only 16% of medical marijuana users reported pain as their primary reason for use, more than three-quarters (76%) of users experienced some type of chronic pain. Additionally, more than one-third (35%) of users were diagnosed with or treated for anxiety in the prior year.

## Who is more likely to use medical marijuana?

Medical marijuana use is not associated with any significant change in viral load, CD4 count or medication adherence. Daily or weekly medical marijuana users are, however, significantly more likely than non-users to have the following characteristics:

### Demographics

- Age 55 or under
- Non-Hispanic White
- No college degree
- Not employed full-time

### Other substance use

- Tobacco
- Recreational marijuana
- Other non-injection drugs

## Where do people obtain medical marijuana?

- 35% from a designated grower or caregiver
- 30% from a dealer
- 17% from a medical marijuana dispensary
- 14% from their own plants
- 4% from friends or other sources

58% of medical marijuana users were registered with the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP).



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