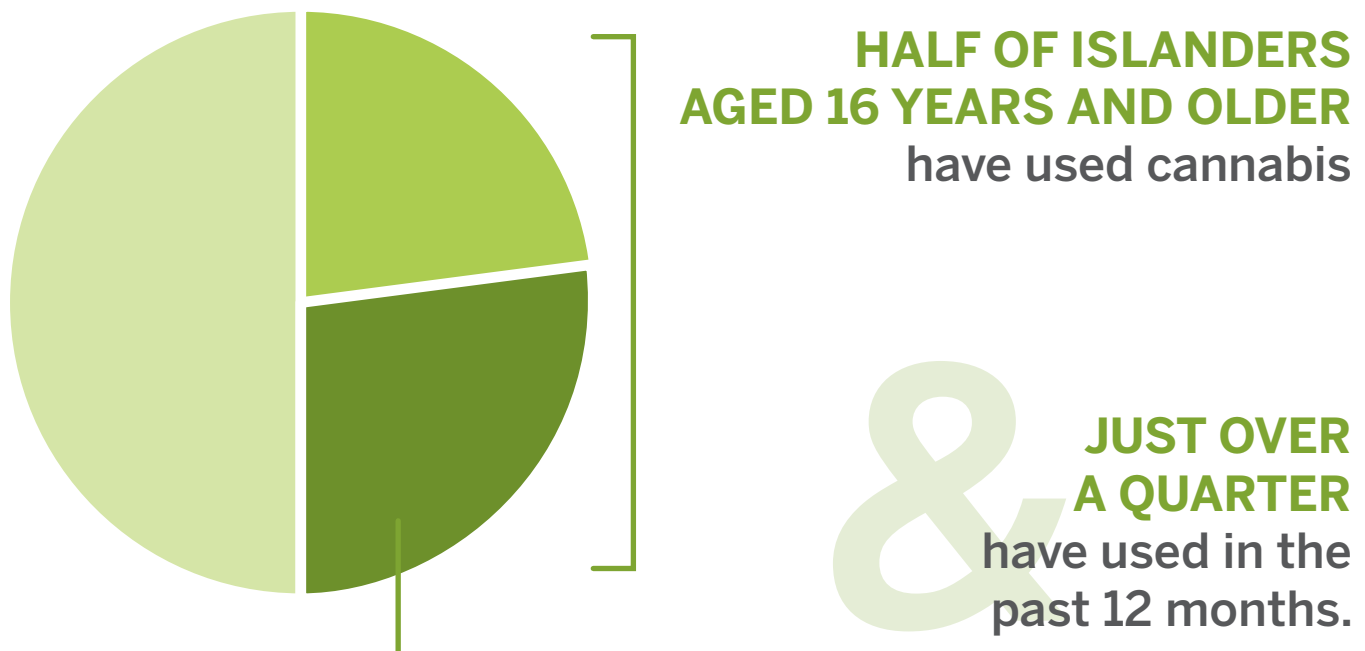


CANNABIS USE

is common in PEI and is likely to increase.



Among people who used cannabis in the previous month:

**OVER
HALF** used
it more than 2
days per week



while
26%
used it daily

With legalization, consumption is anticipated to increase:

35% OF CURRENT
USERS MAY
INCREASE
CONSUMPTION

AND ROUGHLY
30% OF FORMER
USERS AND
NON-USERS
MAY TRY
CANNABIS

CANNABIS USE

is more common among vulnerable populations.

The population groups most highly represented among people who use cannabis are:



YOUTH



UNEMPLOYED



LOWER
EDUCATION LEVELS



LOWER INCOME



LOWER SELF-RATED
MENTAL HEALTH



MANY PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY USE **CANNABIS** are engaging in higher risk behaviors.

Reported higher risk behaviors included:



Daily or near daily cannabis use.



Beginning cannabis use at a younger age.



Using cannabis with a poor mental health status.



Using high-potency cannabis products.



Using combusted cannabis products.



Using cannabis in combination with alcohol and tobacco.



Driving within 6 hours of cannabis use or being a passenger of someone who used within six hours.



Using cannabis to get stoned or high before or while at school or at work.

MANY PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY USE **CANNABIS**

have a lower perception of cannabis-related health and social risks.

They are most likely to:



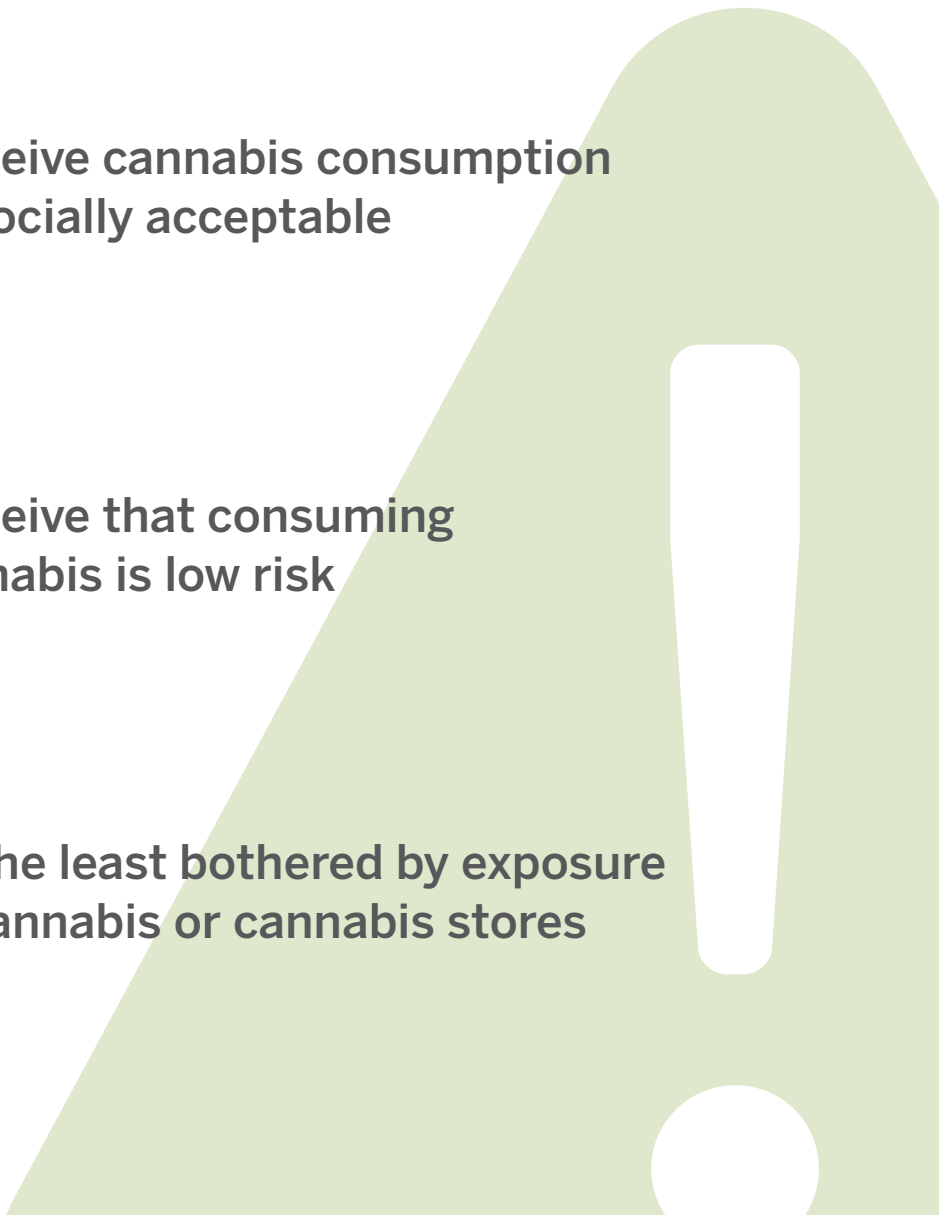
Perceive cannabis consumption as socially acceptable



Perceive that consuming cannabis is low risk



Be the least bothered by exposure to cannabis or cannabis stores



THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE GAPS regarding lower-risk cannabis use.

LESS THAN
50%
OF INDIVIDUALS RESPONDED CORRECTLY THAT.....

- Cannabis has short-term and long-term health risks.
- Cannabis with higher THC than CBD is unsafe.
- Cannabis edibles should not be eaten on an empty stomach.
- Cannabis use with alcohol is unsafe.
- Synthetic cannabinoids increase health risks.

ISLANDERS KNEW THAT PEOPLE UNDER AGE **19** SHOULD NOT CONSUME CANNABIS.....

& THAT CANNABIS IS UNSAFE DURING PREGNANCY

