

Public health

Cannabis Legalization Evaluation

In November, 2012, Washington State voters passed Initiative 502 to regulate and tax cannabis for persons twenty-one years of age and older. As part of I-502, WSIPP was directed to “conduct cost-benefit evaluations of the implementation” of the law. The evaluations must include measures of impacts on public health, public safety, cannabis use, the economy, the criminal justice system, and state and local costs and revenues.

A preliminary report was released in September 2015. Subsequent reports will be released in 2017, 2022, and 2032.

Monitoring Trends in Use Prior to Implementation of I-502

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