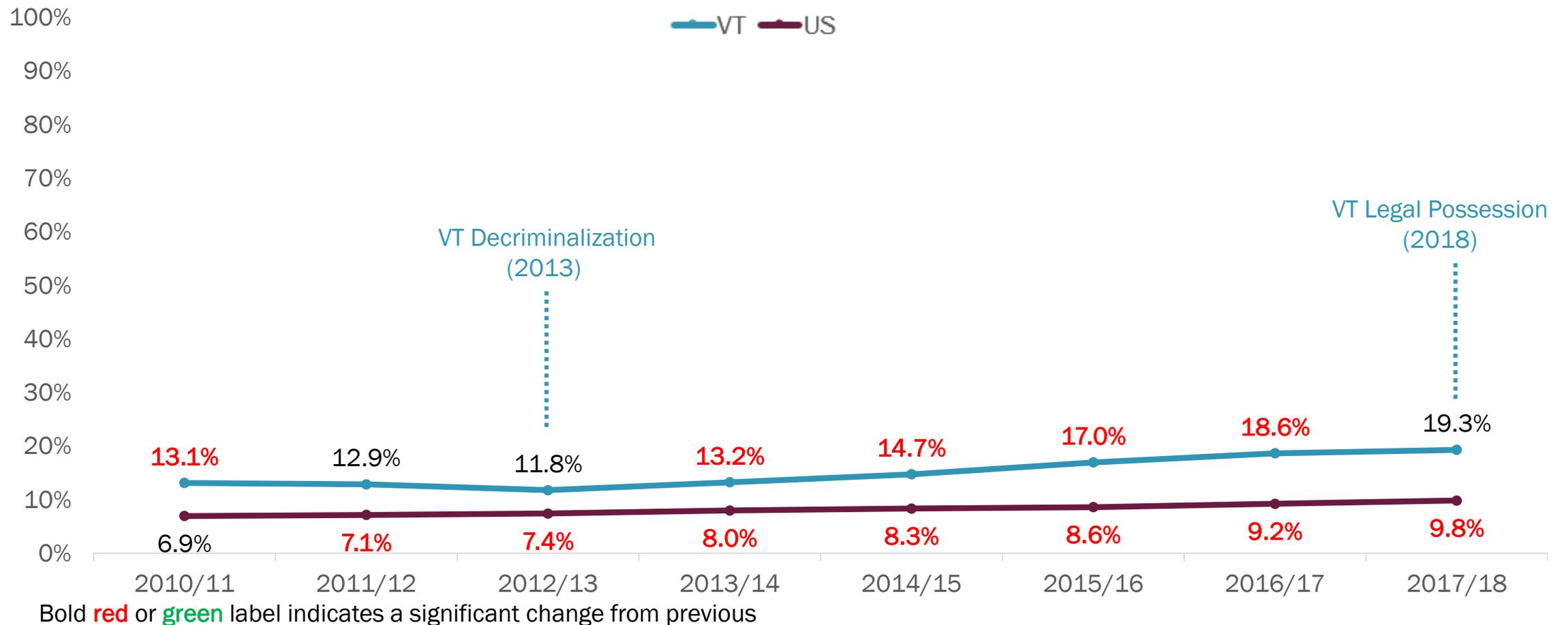


# Cannabis and Lamoille Youth



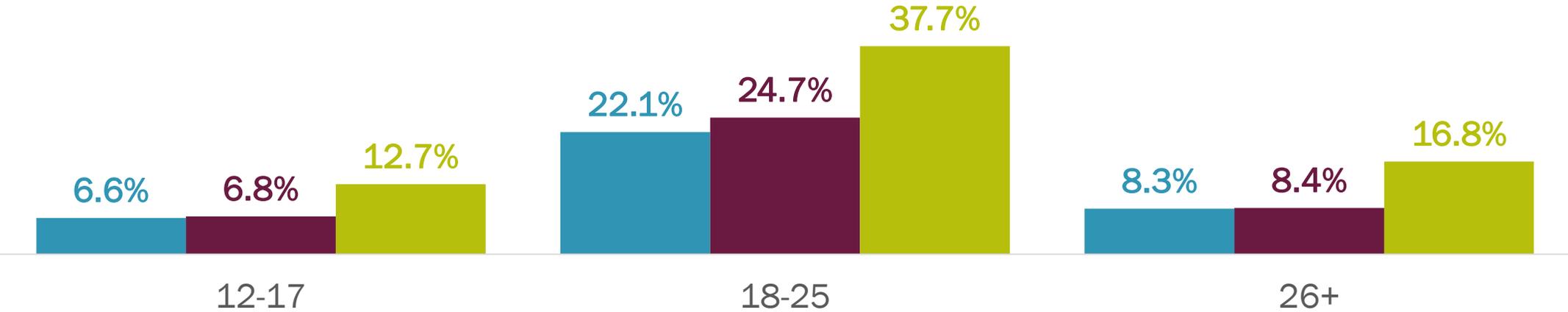
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# The percentage of Vermonters age 12+ using marijuana in the past month is consistently higher than the national average. Vermont and US have both had significant increases in use.

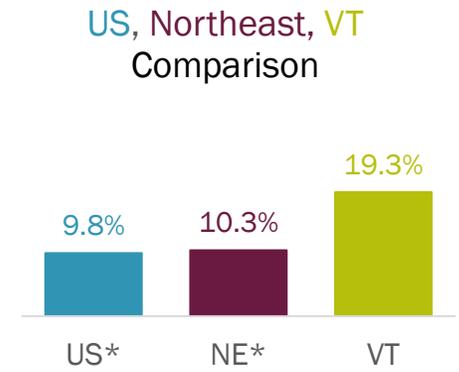
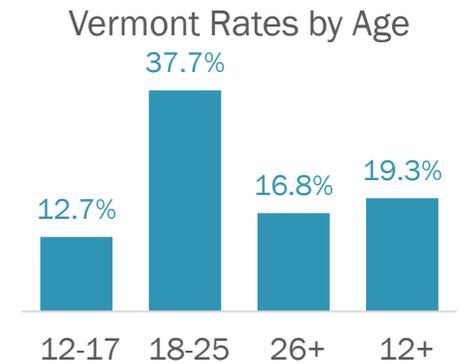
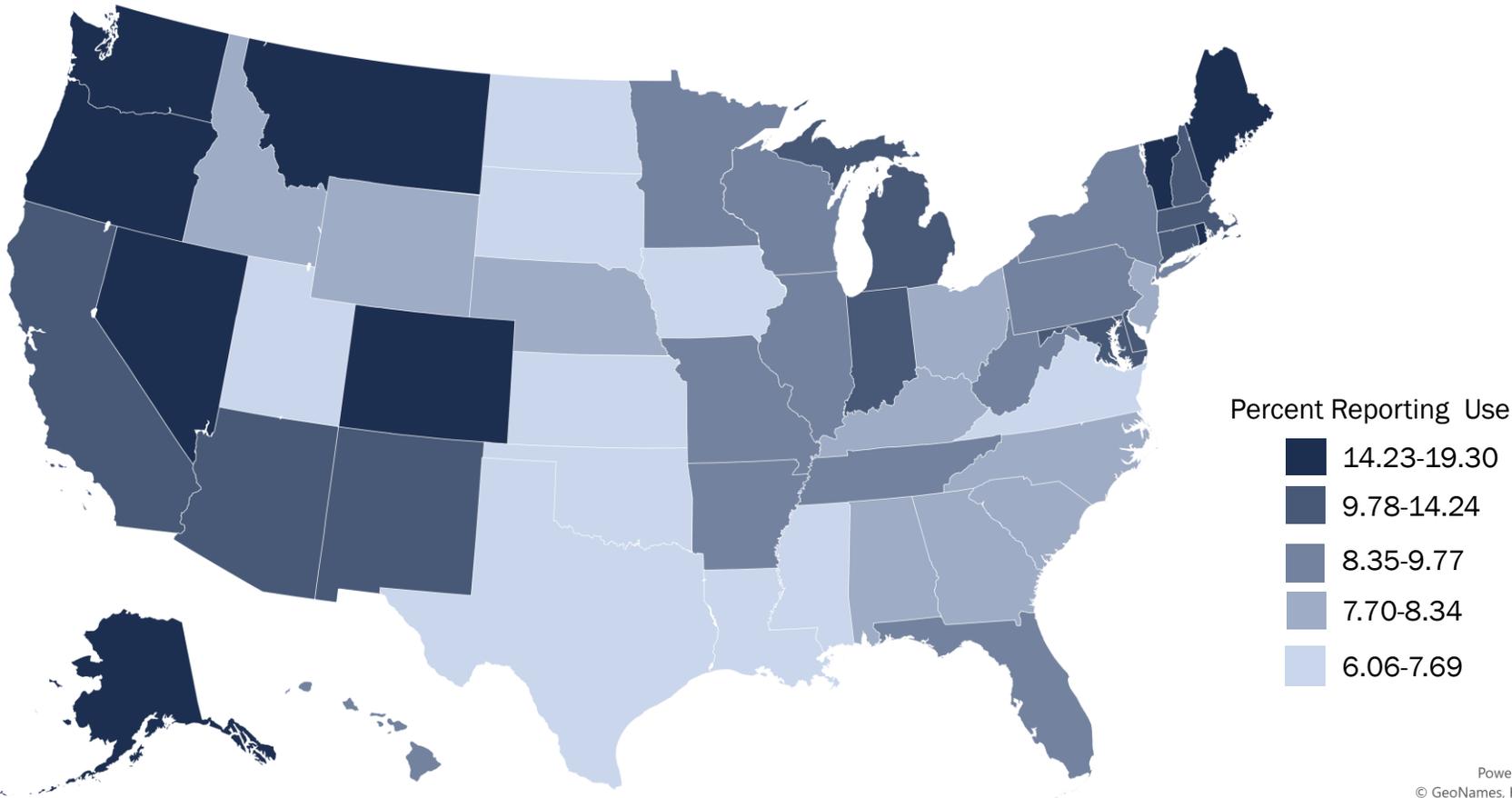


# In 2017/2018 a significantly higher percentage of Vermonters used marijuana in the past month compared to the US and the Northeast, in each age group.

■ US ■ Northeast ■ Vermont



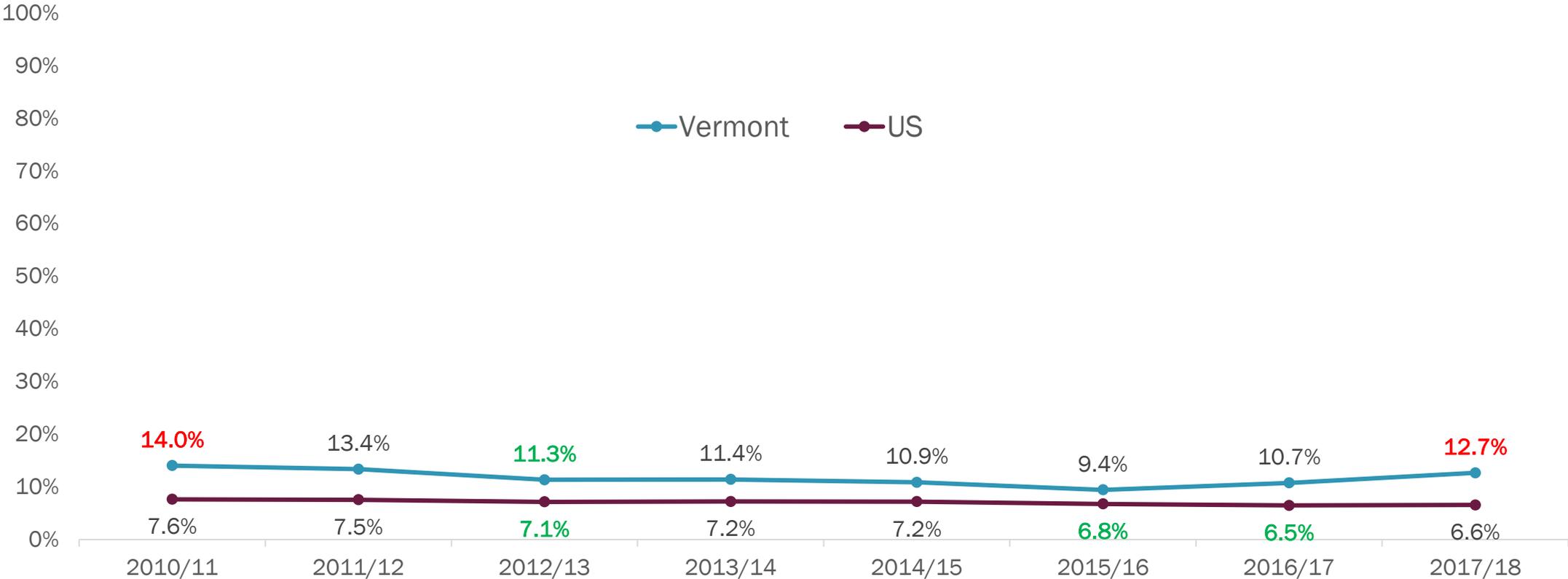
# Vermont past month marijuana use among people age 12+ is among the highest in the US (2017-2018).



\*VT is Statistically Higher than both the Northeast and US

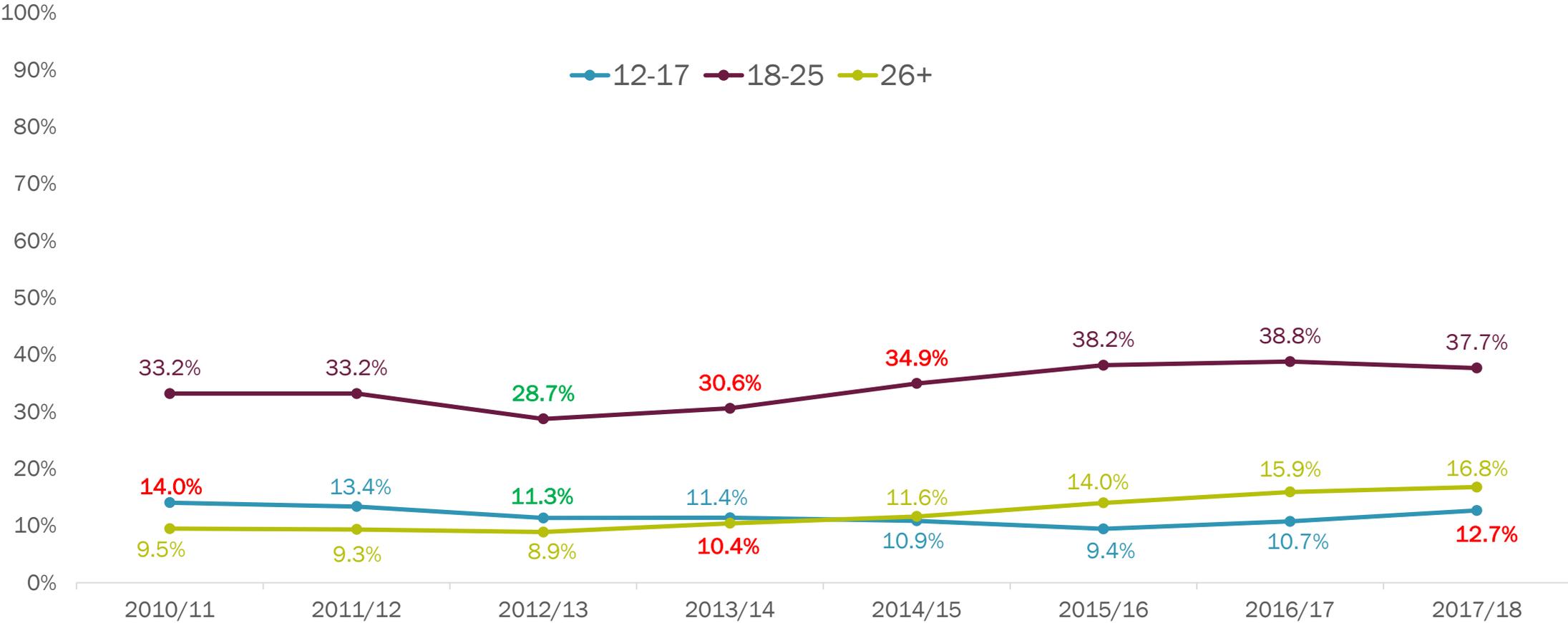
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# The percentage of Vermonters age 12-17 using marijuana in the past month is consistently higher than the national average.



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# The percentage of Vermonters age 18-25 using marijuana in the past month is consistently higher than other age groups

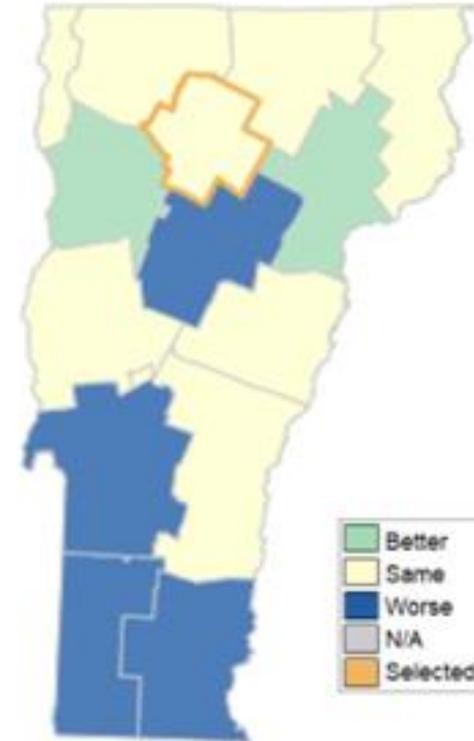
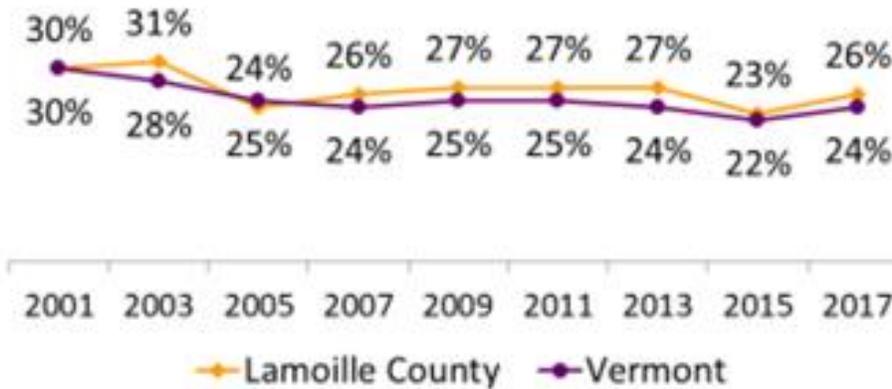


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# Prevalence: High School Youth – Marijuana

Percent of adolescents in grades 9-12 who used marijuana in the past 30 days

Lamoille County	Vermont	Statistical Comparison
26%	24%	Same



Among Lamoille County students using marijuana in the past 30 days, 36% reported frequent use (10+ times). This is similar to the Vermont average (41%).

Source: Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey

## Risk Factors for Substance Use: High School

Percent of students in grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>  
reporting risks

Risk Factor	Lamoille	Vermont	Statistical Comparison
Marijuana use before age 13	9%	6%	Worse
Believe it is easy to get marijuana	58%	58%	Same
Think people greatly risk harming themselves smoking marijuana	20%	24%	Better
Believe their parents would think it is wrong or very wrong to use marijuana	73%	76%	Same
Believe it is wrong or very wrong for people their age to use marijuana	54%	55%	Same

Source: Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey (2017)

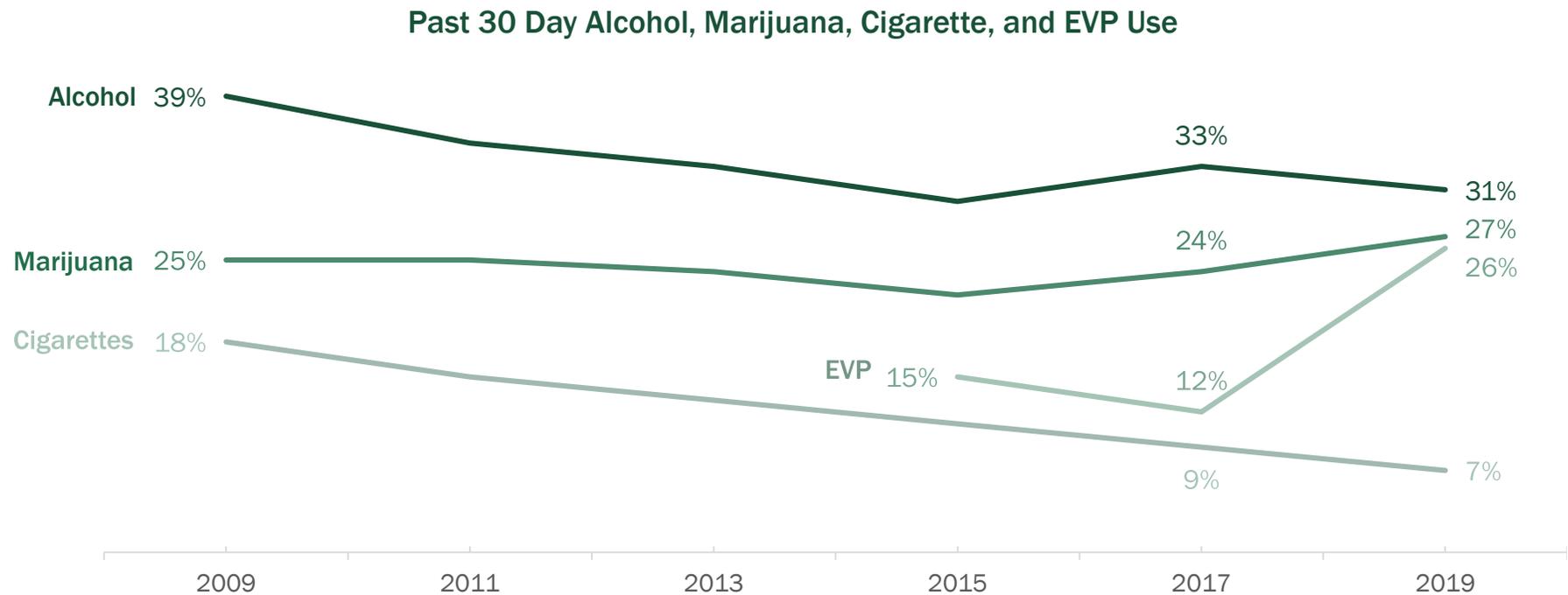
# Current Alcohol, Tobacco, and Marijuana Use

Over the past decade, the percent of students who currently smoke cigarettes has consistently and significantly decreased.

Current alcohol use has decreased over the past decade and between 2017 and 2019.

Current use of marijuana significantly increased between 2017 and 2019 but remains similar over the past decade.

Following a significant decrease in EVP use between 2015 and 2017, current EVP use more than doubled between 2017 and 2019.



# Parental Disapproval

\* EVP new 2019

Overall, most students believed their parents would feel that it is wrong or very wrong for them to use alcohol, marijuana, or EVP. Less than 10% were not sure if their parents would think it was wrong for them the use alcohol (4%), marijuana (4%), or EVP (6%).

Since 2009, the percent of students who believed their parents would think it was wrong for them to drink alcohol or use marijuana has significantly decreased. Compared to 2017, significantly more students believed their parents would think it was wrong or very wrong for them to use alcohol. Parental perceptions of marijuana use between 2017 and 2019 did not change.

Parental disapproval of EVP was new in 2019. Most students (84%) believe their parents would feel it is wrong or very wrong to use EVP.

