

Study: Number of Americans taking doubles in 10 years

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A heck of a lot more Americans were taking up in 2012-13 than 10 years before – and not for medical reasons, either – according to a new study.

The percentage of American adults who had used marijuana within the last year was 9.5 percent, the study found. That compared to 4.1 percent in 2001-02.

The study – published this week in *Jama Psychiatry*, a monthly journal published by the American Medical Association – was sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. It was based on in-person interviews with more than 36,000 Americans over the age of 18.

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