

Perceptions Of Cannabis And Its Associations With Mental Health Amongst Budtenders (BUDCAN)

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Please complete the survey below.

Thank you!

Demographics

What best describes your gender identity? Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Genderqueer or gender non-conforming
- ☐ Cisgender man
- ☐ Transman (female to male)
- ☐ Transwoman (male to female)
- ☐ Two-Spirit
- ☐ Cisgender Woman
- ☐ Prefer to self-describe
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please specify:

What is your racial or ethnic background? Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Asian-East (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese)
- ☐ Asian-South (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi)
- ☐ Asian-South East (e.g., Malaysian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian)
- ☐ Black-African (e.g., Ghanaian, Kenyan, Somali)
- ☐ Black-Caribbean (e.g., Barbadian, Jamaican)
- ☐ Black-North American (e.g., Canadian, American)
- ☐ First Nations
- ☐ Indian-Caribbean (e.g., Guyanese with origins in India)
- ☐ Indigenous/Aboriginal not included elsewhere
- ☐ Inuit/Inuk
- ☐ Latin American (e.g., Argentinian, Chilean, Salvadorian)
- ☐ Métis
- ☐ Middle Eastern (e.g., Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese)
- ☐ White-European (e.g., English, Italian, Portuguese, Russian)
- ☐ White-North American (e.g., Canadian, American)
- ☐ Prefer to self-describe
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please specify:

What is your age?

What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

- ☐ Less than high school diploma
- ☐ High school diploma or GED
- ☐ Some college, but no degree
- ☐ Associate's Degree (e.g., AA, AS)
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree (e.g., BA, BBA, and BS)
- ☐ Master's Degree (e.g., MA, MS, and MEng)
- ☐ Professional Degree (e.g., MD, DDS, JD)
- ☐ Doctorate (e.g., PhD, EdD)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

What best describes your cannabis use history?

- ☐ Never user
- ☐ Previous user (i.e., more than 6 months ago)
- ☐ Current user (i.e., less than 6 months ago)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Perceptions

What do you believe to be the main reason(s) for cannabis use among customers? Please rank your top 3 choices.

First: _____
 Second: _____
 Third: _____

Please specify first choice:

Please specify second choice:

Please specify third choice:

In the last 30 days, approximately how often do customers ask you to recommend cannabis product(s)?

- ☐ Never
☐ Rarely (less than 10% of the time)
☐ Occasionally (about 30% of the time)
☐ Sometimes (about 50% of the time)
☐ Frequently (about 70% of the time)
☐ Usually (about 90% of the time)
☐ Always

In the last 30 days, approximately how often have customers purchased a product that you have recommended?

- ☐ Never
☐ Rarely (less than 10% of the time)
☐ Occasionally (about 30% of the time)
☐ Sometimes (about 50% of the time)
☐ Frequently (about 70% of the time)
☐ Usually (about 90% of the time)
☐ Always

On average, how many minutes do you spend assisting a single customer when engaged by them?

In the last 30 days, approximately how often have customers asked about the psychological effects of cannabis?

- ☐ Never
☐ Rarely (less than 10% of the time)
☐ Occasionally (about 30% of the time)
☐ Sometimes (about 50% of the time)
☐ Frequently (about 70% of the time)
☐ Usually (about 90% of the time)
☐ Always

How do you rate the effect of high potency THC products (greater than 20% THC or greater than 200mg/g THC) on mental health?

- ☐ Extremely harmful
☐ Somewhat harmful
☐ Neither harmful nor beneficial
☐ Somewhat beneficial
☐ Extremely beneficial
☐ I don't know

How do you rate the effect of high CBD products (greater than 20% CBD or greater than 200mg/g CBD) on mental health?

- ☐ Extremely harmful
☐ Somewhat harmful
☐ Neither harmful nor beneficial
☐ Somewhat beneficial
☐ Extremely beneficial
☐ I don't know

How do you rate the effect of cannabis on symptoms of anxiety (e.g., restlessness, irritability, nervousness)?	<input type="radio"/> Extremely harmful <input type="radio"/> Somewhat harmful <input type="radio"/> Neither harmful nor beneficial <input type="radio"/> Somewhat beneficial <input type="radio"/> Extremely beneficial <input type="radio"/> I don't know
In the last 30 days, how often did customers ask you about the effects of cannabis on symptoms of anxiety?	<input type="radio"/> Never <input type="radio"/> Rarely (less than 10% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Occasionally (about 30% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Sometimes (about 50% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Frequently (about 70% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Usually (about 90% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Always
How do you rate the effect of cannabis on symptoms of depression (e.g., low mood, sadness, lack of motivation)?	<input type="radio"/> Extremely harmful <input type="radio"/> Somewhat harmful <input type="radio"/> Neither harmful nor beneficial <input type="radio"/> Somewhat beneficial <input type="radio"/> Extremely beneficial <input type="radio"/> I don't know
In the last 30 days, how often did customers ask you about the effects of cannabis on symptoms of depression?	<input type="radio"/> Never <input type="radio"/> Rarely (less than 10% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Occasionally (about 30% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Sometimes (about 50% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Frequently (about 70% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Usually (about 90% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Always
How do you rate the effect of cannabis on symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) (e.g., flashbacks and intrusive thoughts, being easily started or frightened, nightmares)?	<input type="radio"/> Extremely harmful <input type="radio"/> Somewhat harmful <input type="radio"/> Neither harmful nor beneficial <input type="radio"/> Somewhat beneficial <input type="radio"/> Extremely beneficial <input type="radio"/> I don't know
In the last 30 days, how often did customers ask you about the effects of cannabis on symptoms of PTSD?	<input type="radio"/> Never <input type="radio"/> Rarely (less than 10% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Occasionally (about 30% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Sometimes (about 50% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Frequently (about 70% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Usually (about 90% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Always
How do you rate the effect of cannabis on symptoms of psychosis (e.g., hallucinations, delusions, disorganized thinking)?	<input type="radio"/> Extremely harmful <input type="radio"/> Somewhat harmful <input type="radio"/> Neither harmful nor beneficial <input type="radio"/> Somewhat beneficial <input type="radio"/> Extremely beneficial <input type="radio"/> I don't know
In the last 30 days, how often did customers ask you about the effects of cannabis on symptoms of psychosis?	<input type="radio"/> Never <input type="radio"/> Rarely (less than 10% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Occasionally (about 30% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Sometimes (about 50% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Frequently (about 70% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Usually (about 90% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Always

How do you rate the effect of cannabis on symptoms of schizophrenia (e.g., psychosis, lack of motivation, social withdrawal, difficulty with attention/concentration/memory)?	<input type="radio"/> Extremely harmful <input type="radio"/> Somewhat harmful <input type="radio"/> Neither harmful nor beneficial <input type="radio"/> Somewhat beneficial <input type="radio"/> Extremely beneficial <input type="radio"/> I don't know
In the last 30 days, how often did customers ask you about the effects of cannabis on symptoms of schizophrenia?	<input type="radio"/> Never <input type="radio"/> Rarely (less than 10% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Occasionally (about 30% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Sometimes (about 50% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Frequently (about 70% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Usually (about 90% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Always
How do you rate the effect of cannabis on symptoms of bipolar disorder (e.g., mood swings; abnormally upbeat, racing thoughts, distractibility, and low mood, lack of motivation, diminished interest and/or pleasure)?	<input type="radio"/> Extremely harmful <input type="radio"/> Somewhat harmful <input type="radio"/> Neither harmful nor beneficial <input type="radio"/> Somewhat beneficial <input type="radio"/> Extremely beneficial <input type="radio"/> I don't know
In the last 30 days, how often did customers ask you about the effects of cannabis on symptoms of bipolar disorder?	<input type="radio"/> Never <input type="radio"/> Rarely (less than 10% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Occasionally (about 30% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Sometimes (about 50% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Frequently (about 70% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Usually (about 90% of the time) <input type="radio"/> Always
How do you rate the effect of cannabis on symptoms of eating disorders (e.g., behaviours around weight loss, preoccupation with weight/food, concern with body size/shape)?	<input type="radio"/> Extremely harmful <input type="radio"/> Somewhat harmful <input type="radio"/> Neither harmful nor beneficial <input type="radio"/> Somewhat beneficial <input type="radio"/> Extremely beneficial <input type="radio"/> I don't know
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How do you rate the effect of cannabis on symptoms of social anxiety (e.g., fear of social situations, self-consciousness in social situations, avoidance of social situations)?	<input type="radio"/> Extremely harmful <input type="radio"/> Somewhat harmful <input type="radio"/> Neither harmful nor beneficial <input type="radio"/> Somewhat beneficial <input type="radio"/> Extremely beneficial <input type="radio"/> I don't know
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How do you rate the effect of cannabis on sleep (e.g., quality of sleep, ability to fall asleep/stay asleep)?

- ☐ Extremely harmful
- ☐ Somewhat harmful
- ☐ Neither harmful nor beneficial
- ☐ Somewhat beneficial
- ☐ Extremely beneficial
- ☐ I don't know

In the last 30 days, how often did customers ask you about the effects of cannabis on sleep?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Rarely (less than 10% of the time)
- ☐ Occasionally (about 30% of the time)
- ☐ Sometimes (about 50% of the time)
- ☐ Frequently (about 70% of the time)
- ☐ Usually (about 90% of the time)
- ☐ Always

How do you rate the effect of cannabis on cognition (e.g., concentration, attention, memory)?

- ☐ Extremely harmful
- ☐ Somewhat harmful
- ☐ Neither harmful nor beneficial
- ☐ Somewhat beneficial
- ☐ Extremely beneficial
- ☐ I don't know

In the last 30 days, how often did customers ask you about the effects of cannabis on cognition?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Rarely (less than 10% of the time)
- ☐ Occasionally (about 30% of the time)
- ☐ Sometimes (about 50% of the time)
- ☐ Frequently (about 70% of the time)
- ☐ Usually (about 90% of the time)
- ☐ Always

What is the most common question topic customers ask you about when deciding to purchase cannabis?

- ☐ Physical effects (e.g., tired, energized, etc.)
- ☐ Psychological effects (e.g., calm, happy, etc.)
- ☐ Based on recreational motivations (e.g., movies, party, etc.)
- ☐ Potency (e.g., high THC)
- ☐ Strain (e.g., sativa, indica, hybrid)
- ☐ Method of consumption (e.g., smoking, edibles, vaping)
- ☐ Price

Knowledge

What are or have previously been your sources of information around cannabis? Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Job training (e.g., CannSell)
- ☐ Published research
- ☐ Formal education/academic course
- ☐ Non-academic literature (e.g., medical magazines, op-eds)
- ☐ Cannabis industry resources (e.g., websites, newsletters, social media)
- ☐ Cannabis organization/advocacy group (e.g., NORML, EduCanNation, CWIC) resources (e.g., websites)
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Personal experience
- ☐ General social media (e.g., LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram)
- ☐ Other general resources (e.g., infographics, fact sheets, social media, podcasts, books)
- ☐ Not listed

Please describe:

Please rate your level of knowledge of the following cannabis-related topics.

New products: _____
 Specific strains: _____
 Specific methods of consumption: _____
 Psychological effects: _____
 Physical effects: _____
 Legal regulations: _____
 THC vs. CBD effects: _____
 (Optional) Other, specify: _____

Which of the following do you believe has the greatest impact on public perceptions/knowledge around cannabis?
 Please rank your top 3 choices.

First: _____
 Second: _____
 Third: _____

Specify first choice:

Specify second choice:

Specify third choice:

How often do customers ask you questions that would be better suited for a medical professional?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Rarely (less than 10% of the time)
- ☐ Occasionally (about 30% of the time)
- ☐ Sometimes (about 50% of the time)
- ☐ Frequently (about 70% of the time)
- ☐ Usually (about 90% of the time)
- ☐ Always

To what extent do you feel responsible for communicating scientifically accurate information on cannabis to customers?

- ☐ Not at all responsible
☐ Slightly responsible
☐ Somewhat responsible
☐ Moderately responsible
☐ Extremely responsible

To what extent do you feel responsible for promoting safe cannabis use to customers?

- ☐ Not at all responsible
☐ Slightly responsible
☐ Somewhat responsible
☐ Moderately responsible
☐ Extremely responsible

What is working?

What does the cannabis retail system do well when it comes to supporting customers experiencing mental health concerns or mental illness who want to buy and consume cannabis?

What should change?

What are some things that would help the cannabis retail system better support customers experiencing mental health concerns or mental illness who want to buy and consume cannabis?

THANK YOU

How was your experience taking this survey? How can we improve for next time? Please leave your comments and suggestions here!

Please click 'Submit' to complete the survey and access the link to redeem an eGift Card.