

# LEGALIZATION FROM THE CRIME LAB AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSPECTIVE

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# INCREASE IN DUI SUBMISSIONS FOR 2021

Year	Number of DUIs Submitted Through October	Number of DUIs Submitted For the Year
2019	2844	3358
2020	2960	3520
2021	3216	????

As of October 2021: 9% increase in DUI cases  
11% increase in Postmortem cases

# INCREASE IN THC TESTS PERFORMED

Year	Number of THC tests performed
2019	840
2020	1035
2021	900 through October Made a policy change to reduce postmortem testing starting January 1, 2020

# AGE COMPARISON IN THC POSITIVE DUI CASES

PER SE DRIVING LAW IN MT  
= 5 NG/ML

## 2020

<u>Age Range</u>	<u>14-20</u>	<u>21-30</u>	<u>31-40</u>	<u>41-50</u>	<u>51-60</u>	<u>61-70</u>	<u>72-82</u>
<u>Number of Cases</u>	135	208	169	106	56	32	4
<u>Mean THC</u>	11.38	10.80	10.09	8.42	8.72	7.90	5.03

## 2019

<u>Age Range</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>21-30</u>	<u>31-40</u>	<u>41-50</u>	<u>51-60</u>	<u>61-70</u>	<u>71-78</u>
<u>Number of Cases</u>	119	183	138	75	59	32	4
<u>Mean THC</u>	10.94	8.71	8.90	9.02	9.14	9.35	4.38

## 2018

<u>Age Range</u>	<u>14-20</u>	<u>21-30</u>	<u>31-40</u>	<u>41-50</u>	<u>51-60</u>	<u>61-70</u>	<u>71-75</u>
<u>Number of Cases</u>	123	196	135	66	51	26	3
<u>Mean THC</u>	9.97	9.27	7.19	10.66	8.85	10.23	5.1

# LEGALIZATION AND DRIVING

- Anticipate an increase in DUI cases involving marijuana and / or poly drug use
- Anticipate an increase in DUI crashes involving marijuana and / or poly drug use
- Likely to see an increase in marijuana and / or poly drug use as a factor in fatal crashes

# LAW ENFORCEMENT PREPARATION FOR LEGALIZATION

- 20 Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training courses have been conducted in the last two years
- An extra Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) course was conducted this year with a grant from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- Another DRE course will be conducted in December 2021 expanding to the program to areas with limited access to DREs
- Oral fluid testing was approved by the legislature and the framework on how this will be used to combat impaired driving is currently in the works

# CONCERNING PRODUCTS

- High THC plant material
- Edibles
- Extracts
- CBD
  - When heat is added
- New and Novel THC types
  - Delta 8 THC
  - THC-0-Acetate





QUESTIONS