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HOW TO MAKE MONEY IN THE MARIJUANA STOCK MARKET PARENTS PERCENTAGES OF SMOKING POT

I was really surprised to read Leah Groth on AOL wrote: "Not too long ago it was taboo for adults to even mention marijuana — much less that they use it. Fast forward to 2017, and the majority of marijuana users aren't just adults, they're also parents. Yahoo News and the Marist Poll [surveyed](#) 1,122 adults in America and found that 54 percent of cannabis users are parents, while 30 percent are parents with children under the age of 18.

But that's not even the most surprising part of the new study. Nearly half of pot-using parents (47 percent, to be exact) have consumed it in front of their children, shared it with their children or both. Meanwhile, 60 percent of pot-using parents have told their children honestly that they use cannabis.

While these statistics may be startling, it's likely that just as many parents are getting stoned these days as they were a decade ago — but because of the drug's destigmatization in recent years, more of them are owning up to it. After all, weed is now legal in some form in 26 states as well as the District of Columbia.

A slew of celebrity parents have candidly confessed their love for cannabis — Kate Hudson, Morgan Freeman, Megan Fox and Madonna are just a few — but very few cop to sharing their stash with their kids. Melissa Etheridge recently admitted that she smokes marijuana with her 20-year-old daughter, Bailey, and 18-year-old son, Beckett. Etheridge tells Yahoo that she thinks of it simply as a bonding mechanism.

"I have smoked with my older two," she said. "It was funny at first, and then they realized it's a very natural, end-of-the-day [activity].... And it brings you much closer. I'd much rather have a smoke with my grown kids than a drink — oh, God, no." The 55-year-old's 10-year-old twins haven't been kept in the dark about her pot use, either. "My children have a very clear understanding of cannabis," she continued. "When I hold it without shame or confusion, then they can understand it as simple as if I was pointing to a bottle of Percocet and said, 'That's Mama's medicine.' You take the naughtiness out of it, and it's not something that kids run to."