



CHS Epidemiology

Counting is hard

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Trends in CHS

- Various definitions: R11, F12
 - Arguments about diagnosis are fun
- Various denominators: share of ED visits, % of past year cannabis users



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- Various definitions
- Various denominators
- Diagnostic vigilance is real
 - Does a given clinician given a set combination of symptoms give the same diagnoses every time?
 - COVID jump in CHS came with growing awareness of people a) being stressed and b) buying cannabis
 - Post-COVID plateau continued until new ICD code



Drivers of CHS

- CHS is young.
- Home-growing?
- CHS is male...or was.
- CHS may have increased among Hispanic Americans.
- Mental health conditions
- Not just legalization of recreational cannabis.