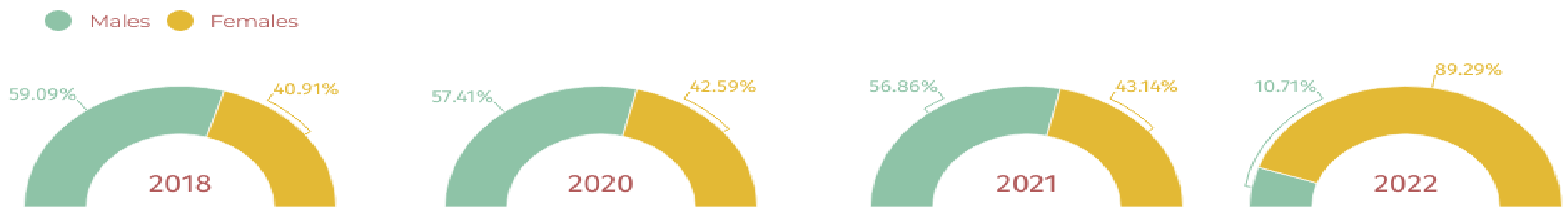


Impact of Cannabis Legalization on Addiction among 18-25 Years Old in Ontario, Quebec, and British Columbia: A Comparative Analysis

Prevalence Rates of Cannabis Use Across Canada



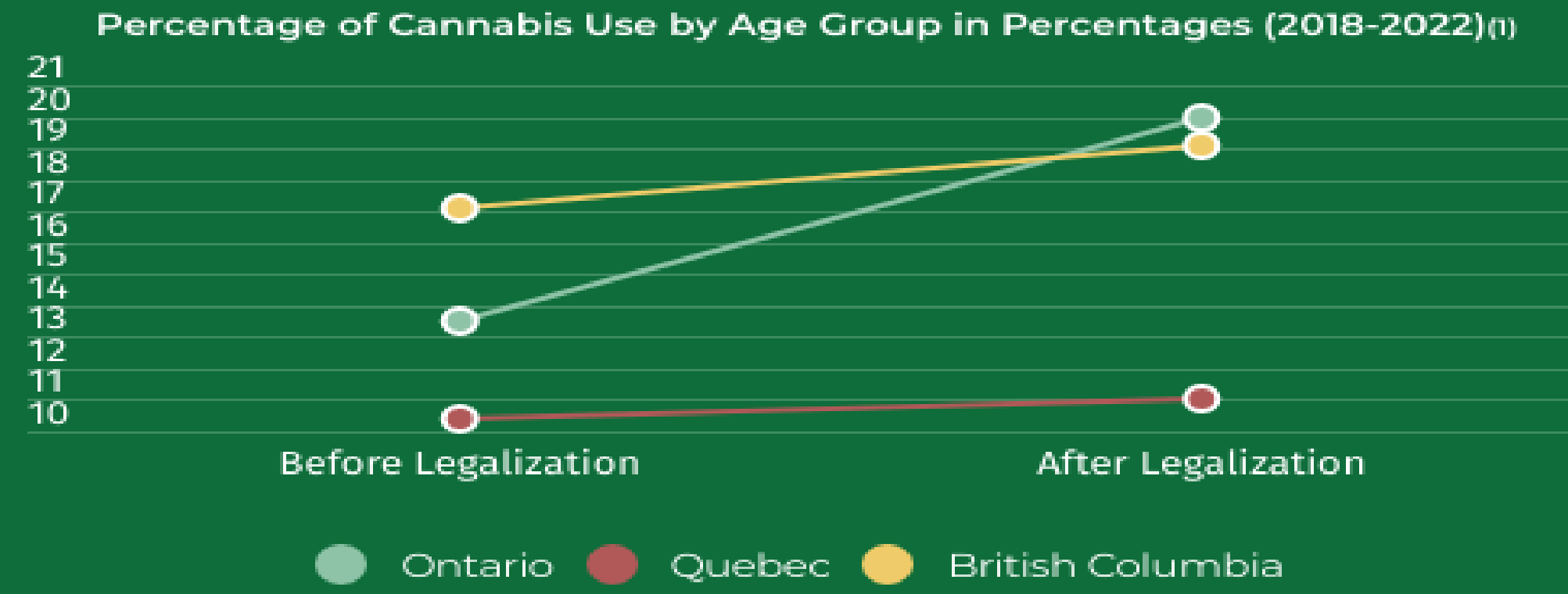
Prevalence Amongst Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia (2)

Before Legalization

Prevalence in Ontario - 13.5% (about 1.58 million users).

Prevalence in Quebec - 10.4% (around 712,000 users).

Prevalence in British Columbia - 17.1% (roughly 675,000 users).



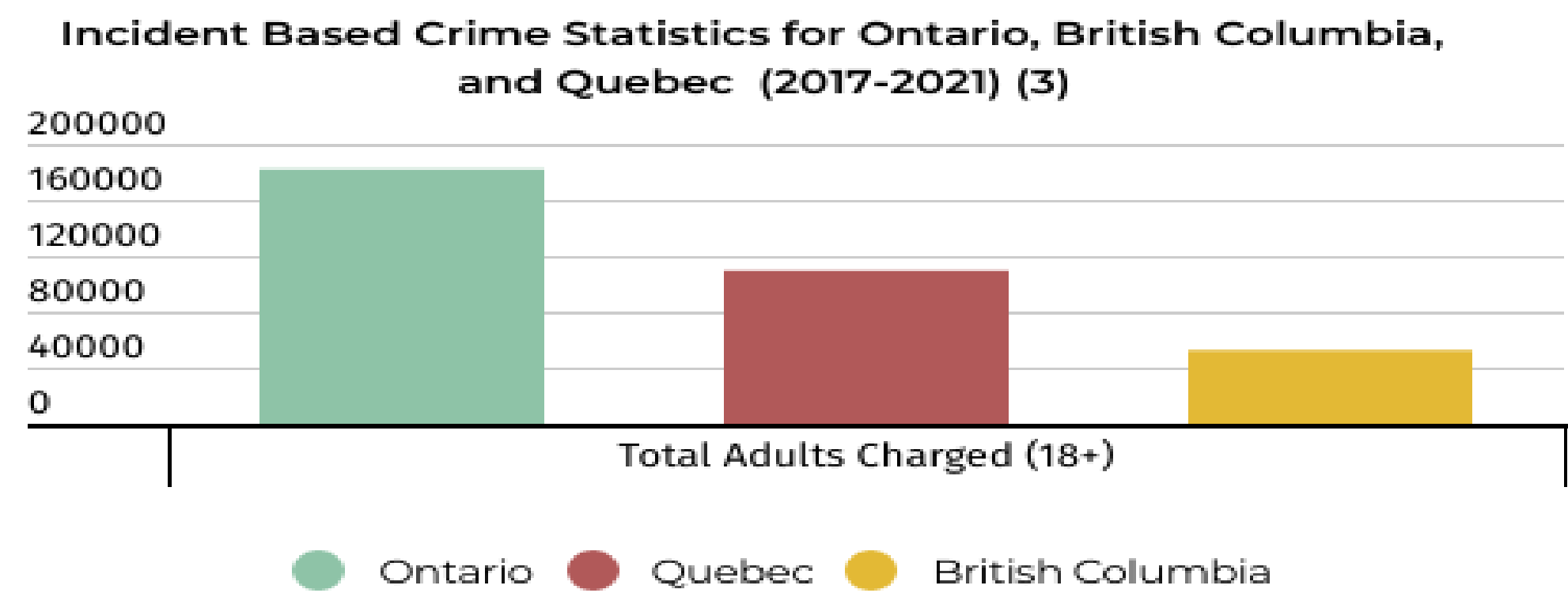
After Legalization

Prevalence in Ontario - 23.1% (about 2.83 million users).

Prevalence in Quebec - 10.6% (around 748,900 users).

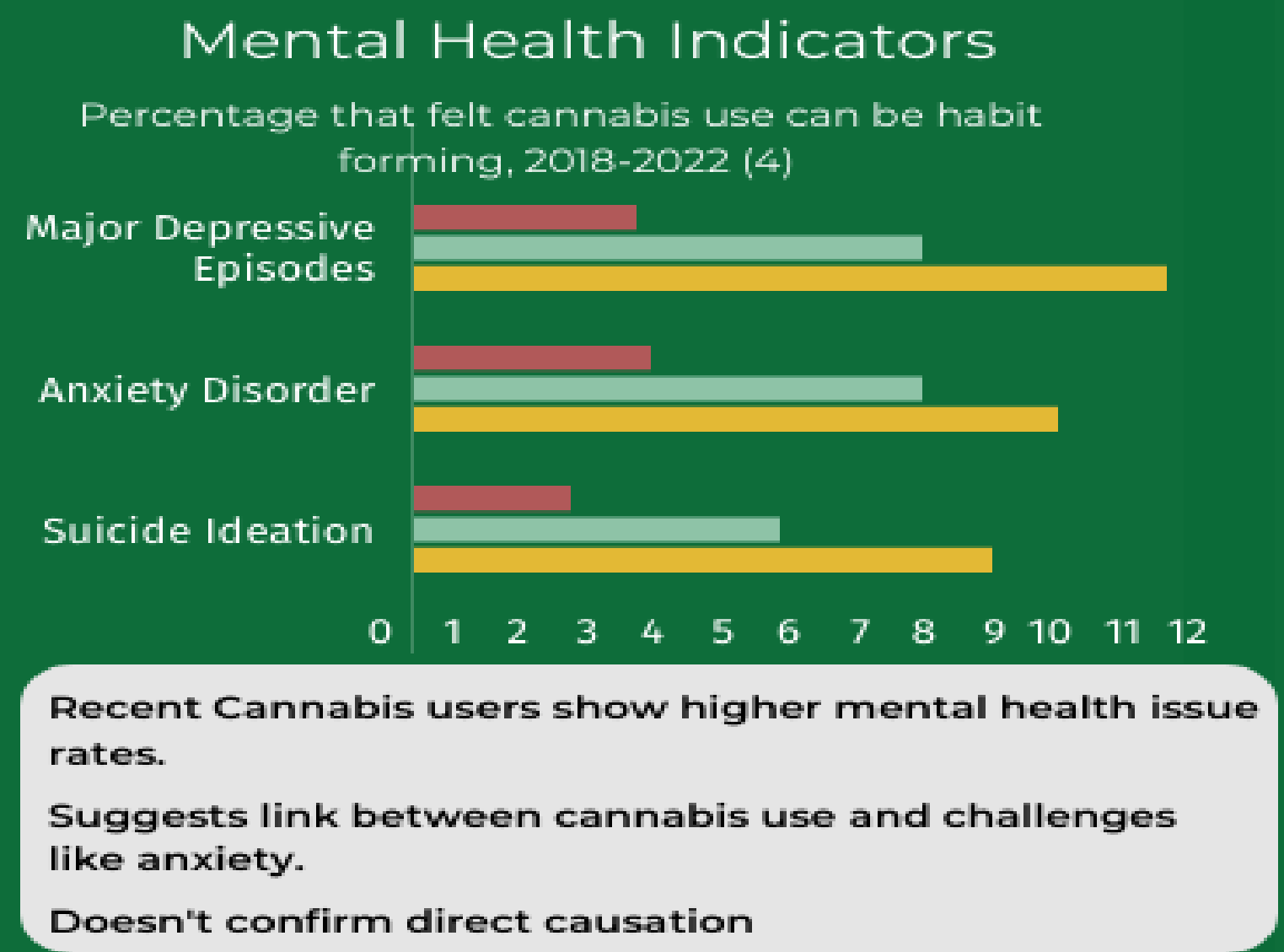
Prevalence in British Columbia - 24.8% (about 1.03 million users).

Incidence Based Crime



Among all three provinces, Ontario has the highest total of individuals charged after using cannabis.

Perceived Outcomes

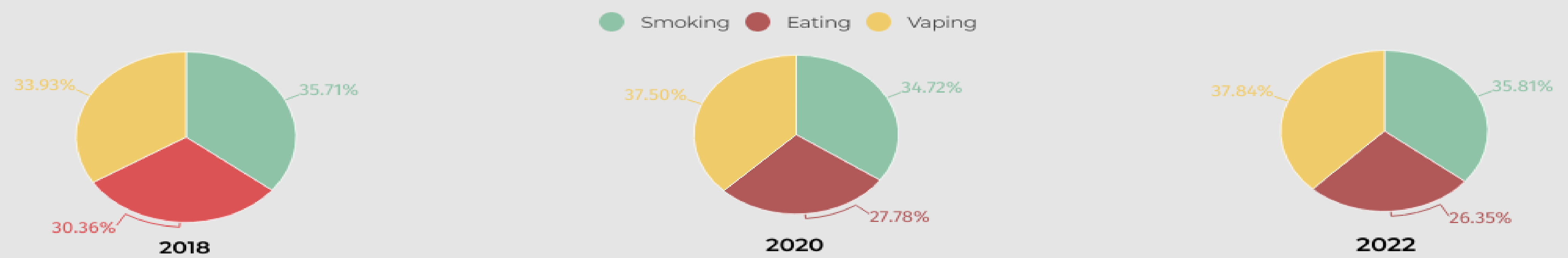


91% of individuals who have used cannabis believe it to be habit forming. (5)

89% of individuals who have not used cannabis believe it to be habit forming. (5)



Perceived Moderate or Great Risk from Regular Use Among those who Used Cannabis in the Past 12 Months by Consumption Method, 2018-2022 (7)



Recommendations

- Enhanced Public Awareness Campaigns
- Mental Health Support Programs
- Early Intervention Initiatives
- Education for Healthcare Professionals
- Regulatory Adjustments

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