

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: Marist Poll of 1,511 National Adults

This survey of 1,511 adults was conducted October 23rd through November 1st 2023 by the Marist Poll. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the United States were contacted through a multi-mode design: By phone using live interviewers, by text, or online. Survey questions were available in English and Spanish. Phone and online samples were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its adult population. The samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2020 American Community Survey 5-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.3 percentage points. There are 1,318 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. Tables include results for subgroups to only display crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. It should be noted that although you may not see results listed for a certain group, it does not mean interviews were not completed with those individuals. It simply means the sample size is too small to report. The error margin was adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

		National Adults	National Registered Voters
		Column %	Column %
National Adults		100%	
National Registered Voters		87%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	37%
	Republican	n/a	32%
	Independent	n/a	30%
	Other	n/a	1%
Gender	Men	49%	50%
	Women	51%	50%
Age	Under 45	46%	43%
	45 or older	54%	57%
Age	18 to 29	21%	18%
	30 to 44	25%	24%
	45 to 59	25%	26%
	60 or older	28%	31%
Generation	Gen Z	17%	14%
	Millennials	26%	26%
	Gen X	26%	27%
	Baby Boomers	20%	21%
	Silent/Greatest	11%	12%
Race/Ethnicity	White	59%	61%
	Black	11%	11%
	Latino	15%	14%
	Other	14%	14%
Region	Northeast	17%	16%
	Midwest	21%	22%
	South	38%	37%
	West	24%	25%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	40%	36%
	\$50,000 or more	60%	64%
Education	Not college graduate	60%	57%
	College graduate	40%	43%
Education by Race	White - Not College Graduate	33%	33%
	White - College Graduate	26%	28%
	Non-White - Not College Graduate	27%	25%
	Non-White - College Graduate	14%	14%
Education - Race - Gender	Men - White - Not College Graduate	16%	17%
	Men - White - College Graduate	15%	16%
	Men - Non-White - Not College Graduate	11%	10%
	Men - Non-White - College Graduate	7%	7%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	17%	16%
	Women - White - College Graduate	11%	12%
	Women - Non-White - Not College Graduate	16%	15%
	Women - Non-White - College Graduate	7%	7%
witeevanX	White Evangelical Christians	17%	18%
Area Description	Big city	19%	19%
	Small city	20%	18%
	Suburban	30%	32%
	Small town	16%	16%
	Rural	15%	16%
Area Description - Gender	Small city/Suburban Men	27%	27%
	Other area Men	22%	23%
	Small city/Suburban Women	23%	22%
	Other area Women	28%	28%

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		Generation					Age				Age		
		National Adults (A)	Gen Z (B)	Millennials (C)	Gen X (D)	Baby Boomers (E)	Silent/Greatest (F)	18 to 29 (G)	30 to 44 (H)	45 to 59 (I)	60 or older (J)	Under 45 (K)	45 or older (L)
		Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %
Do you think laws regarding whether the use of marijuana is legal or not should be:	Determined by the federal government	35%	41% DEF	47% DEF	29%	29%	24%	42% IJ	42% IJ	29%	29%	42% L	29%
	Left to each individual state government to decide	63%	59%	53%	69% BC	68% BC	64% C	58%	58%	69% GH	66% GH	58%	67% K
	Vol: Both	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2% cd	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	Vol: Unsure	2%	0%	0%	2% BC	2% BC	9% BCDE	0%	0%	2% GH	5% GHI	0%	4% K
If marijuana were to be legalized nationally, do you think it should be legalized:	Only for medicinal use	25%	27% C	20%	22%	29% Cd	35% bCD	24%	22%	20%	31% GHI	23%	26%
	For both medicinal and recreational use	59%	66% EF	74% BDEF	61% EF	48% F	26%	69% J	71% IJ	63% J	39%	70% L	50%
	Or, should it not be legalized nationally at all	15%	7%	6%	16% BC	22% BCd	36% BCDE	7%	7%	15% GH	27% GHI	7%	22% K
	Vol: Unsure	1%	0%	0%	2% c	1% c	4% BCde	0%	0%	1% gh	3% GH	0%	2% K
Do you think marijuana:	Is addictive and leads to other drug use/ls addictive	49%	53% CD	43%	44%	48%	68% BCDE	51% hl	45%	44%	57% HI	48%	51%
	Is not addictive for most people/ls not addictive at all	48%	47% F	57% BEF	53% F	49% F	20%	49% J	55% gJ	54% J	37%	52% L	45%
	Vol: Unsure	2%	0%	0%	3% BC	3% BC	12% BCDE	0%	0%	3% GH	6% GHI	0%	5% K
Do you think marijuana:	Is addictive and leads to other drug use	21%	21% C	14%	22% C	20% c	30% BCDE	19%	17%	22% h	24% gH	18%	23% K
	Is addictive	29%	32% D	29% D	22% d	28% d	37% cDE	32% I	28% I	21% I	32% I	30%	27%
	Is not addictive for most people	35%	34% F	41% bF	39% F	37% F	15%	35% J	41% gJ	40% J	27%	38% L	33%
	Is not addictive at all	13%	13% F	16% F	14% F	12% F	5%	14% j	14% j	14% j	10%	14%	12%
	Vol: Unsure	2%	0%	0%	3% BC	3% BC	12% BCDE	0%	0%	3% GH	6% GHI	0%	5% K

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		National Registered Voters		Party Identification			Household Income		Education		Race/Ethnicity		Race/Ethnicity			Gender			
		National Adults (A)	Registered Voters (M)	Democrat (N)	Republican (O)	Independent (P)	Less than \$50,000 (Q)	\$50,000 or more (R)	Not college graduate (S)	College graduate (T)	White (U)	Non-white (V)	White (W)	Black (X)	Latino (Y)	Men (Z)	Women (A1)		
		Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %		
Do you think laws regarding whether the use of marijuana is legal or not should be:		Determined by the federal government		35%	34%	46% OP	26%	28%	35%	35%	33%	38% S	32%	39% U	32%	42% W	36%	35%	34%
		Left to each individual state government to decide		63%	63%	52% N	73% N	68% N	61%	64%	65%	61%	67% V	58% U	67% X	54% W	62%	64%	63%
		Vol: Both		0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
		Vol: Unsure		2%	2%	2%	1%	3% o	3% R	1%	2% t	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3% Z
If marijuana were to be legalized nationally, do you think it should be legalized:		Only for medicinal use		25%	24%	17% NP	38% NP	20%	29% R	22%	25%	24%	23%	27%	23%	22%	23%	21%	29% Z
		For both medicinal and recreational use		59%	59%	72% OP	40%	62% O	56%	62% Q	59%	60%	59%	59%	59%	64%	61%	61% a1	56%
		Or, should it not be legalized nationally at all		15%	16%	10% NP	22% NP	16% N	15%	14%	15%	15%	17% V	12% U	17% y	14%	12% W	17% a1	14%
		Vol: Unsure		1%	1%	1%	1%	2% o	0%	1% q	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	4% WX	1%	1%
Do you think marijuana:		Is addictive and leads to other drug use/is addictive		49%	49%	43% NP	61% NP	45%	49%	49%	47% s	52% s	50%	49%	50%	46%	48%	49%	51%
		Is not addictive for most people/is not addictive at all		48%	48%	55% O	35% O	53% O	48%	49%	50%	46%	47%	50%	47%	53%	51%	49%	47%
		Vol: Unsure		2%	3%	2% Np	4% Np	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3% V	1% U	3% Y	2%	1%	2%	3%
Do you think marijuana:		Is addictive and leads to other drug use		21%	21%	14% NP	30% NP	20% N	21%	21%	20%	23%	20%	23%	20%	20%	21%	22%	20%
		Is addictive		29%	28%	29% P	30% P	25% P	28%	28%	28%	30%	30%	26%	30%	25%	27%	26% z	31% z
		Is not addictive for most people		35%	36%	43% O	24% O	39% O	33%	38% Q	33% S	39% S	34%	37%	34%	33%	39%	38% A1	32%
		Is not addictive at all		13%	13%	13% R	11% R	14% R	16% R	11% T	17% T	7% T	13%	14%	13% Y	19% WY	12% W	11% z	15% z
		Vol: Unsure		2%	3%	2% Np	4% Np	2% Np	3%	2%	3%	2%	3% V	1% U	3% Y	2%	1%	2%	3%

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		Region					Area Description				
		National Adults (A)	Northeast (B1)	Midwest (C1)	South (D1)	West (E1)	Big city (F1)	Small city (G1)	Suburban (H1)	Small town (I1)	Rural (J1)
		Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	Column %	
Do you think laws regarding whether the use of marijuana is legal or not should be:	Determined by the federal government	35%	42% C1E1	27%	36% C1	34% c1	36%	34%	35%	36%	31%
	Left to each individual state government to decide	63%	57%	71% B1D1	61%	66% B1	62%	64%	64%	63%	63%
	Vol: Both	0%	0%	1% D1	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	Vol: Unsure	2%	2%	1%	3% E1	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	6% F1G1H1I1
If marijuana were to be legalized nationally, do you think it should be legalized:	Only for medicinal use	25%	24%	20%	29% b1C1E1	22%	21%	24%	21%	36% F1G1H1J1	25%
	For both medicinal and recreational use	59%	60%	67% b1D1E1	55%	57%	64% I1J1	64% I1J1	62% I1J1	48%	54%
	Or, should it not be legalized nationally at all	15%	15%	12%	15%	18% C1	14%	12%	15%	15%	20% f1G1h1
	Vol: Unsure	1%	1%	1%	0%	3% C1D1	1%	0%	2% G1	0%	1%
Do you think marijuana:	Is addictive and leads to other drug use/Is addictive	49%	54% C1d1	43%	47%	56% C1D1	52%	48%	50%	47%	49%
	Is not addictive for most people/Is not addictive at all	48%	43%	54% B1E1	50% b1E1	43%	47%	50%	49%	48%	47%
	Vol: Unsure	2%	2% e1	4% E1	3% E1	1%	1%	2%	1%	5% F1g1H1	4% F1H1
Do you think marijuana:	Is addictive and leads to other drug use	21%	20%	18%	20%	25% C1	22% G1	13%	24% G1	21% G1	22% G1
	Is addictive	29%	34% C1D1	25%	27%	31% c1	30% H1I1J1	36% H1I1J1	25%	27%	27%
	Is not addictive for most people	35%	35%	36%	35%	34%	33%	38% J1	39% f1J1	34%	28%
	Is not addictive at all	13%	8%	18% B1E1	15% B1E1	9%	15% H1	12%	10%	14%	18% G1H1
	Vol: Unsure	2%	2% e1	4% E1	3% E1	1%	1%	2%	1%	5% F1g1H1	4% F1H1

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National Adults				
Do you think laws regarding whether the use of marijuana is legal or not should be:				
Left to each individual				
	Determined by the federal government	state government to decide	Vol. Both	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
October 2023	35%	63%	<1%	2%
April 2018*	33%	61%	2%	5%

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*CBS News. CBS News Poll, Question 2. 31114992.00001. Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: Roper Center for Public Opinion Research, 2018. Web. Apr-11-2018.

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	Do you think marijuana:				
	Is addictive and leads to other drug use	Is addictive	Is not addictive for most people	Is not addictive at all	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
October 2023	21%	29%	35%	13%	2%
April 2017	20%	29%	29%	19%	4%

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