

Table 2.90

Attitudes toward legalization of marijuana

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1995

Question: "There has been a great deal of public debate about whether marijuana use should be legal. Which one of the following policies would you favor?"

	Using marijuana should be entirely legal	It should be available by prescription for medical purposes	It should be a minor violation like a parking ticket, but not a crime	It should be a crime
National	10.5%	48.8%	13.1%	25.8%
Sex				
Male	13.7	40.9	16.0	27.0
Female	7.6	56.0	10.5	24.7
Race				
White	11.2	49.3	12.5	25.6
Black	10.5	38.1	21.9	25.7
Hispanic	5.5	54.8	8.2	31.5
Age				
18 to 29 years	13.0	42.6	15.2	27.8
30 to 39 years	10.8	44.4	14.8	27.4
40 to 59 years	10.7	49.1	13.8	25.2
60 years and older	7.5	60.9	6.9	22.4
Education				
College graduate	12.9	50.7	12.9	22.1
Some college	9.2	46.1	16.2	25.7
High school graduate	9.8	50.0	10.7	28.8
Less than high school graduate	11.8	47.1	14.7	25.5
Income				
Over \$60,000	15.6	46.2	18.8	17.2
Between \$30,000 and \$60,000	10.2	48.1	14.4	26.2
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	9.2	51.3	9.2	30.0
Less than \$15,000	7.6	53.8	10.9	25.2
Community				
Urban	7.6	48.4	15.9	26.1
Suburban	11.7	52.5	9.1	24.5
Small city	11.2	46.5	15.5	25.7
Rural/small town	10.2	47.4	14.1	27.0
Region				
Northeast	7.3	54.2	16.4	19.8
Midwest	12.2	42.4	16.0	27.3
South	11.7	46.7	10.5	28.8
West	9.5	53.3	12.0	24.4
Politics				
Republican	7.5	46.6	11.9	32.0
Democrat	11.8	50.7	15.4	21.4
Independent/other	11.4	50.8	12.5	23.7

Note: See Note, table 2.22. The "don't know" and "refused" categories have been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100.

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