

CBS News Poll – March 29-31, 2022

Adults in the U.S.



Sample 1,612 Adults in the U.S.
Margin of Error ±3.1%

15. Regardless of your state's current laws, do you think the recreational use of marijuana in your state should be...?

Legal	66%
Not legal	34%

16. Although some states have legalized the recreational use of marijuana, it still remains illegal under federal law. Do you think the recreational use of marijuana under federal law should be...?

Legal	66%
Not legal	34%

17. If a licensed business that sells recreational marijuana were to open in your neighborhood, would you...?

Favor it	34%
Oppose it	30%
Wouldn't matter much	36%

18. How often do you personally use marijuana?

Regularly	14%
Occasionally	10%
Hardly ever	13%
Never	63%

Questions held for future release.

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15. Legality of Recreational Marijuana

Regardless of your state's current laws, do you think the recreational use of marijuana in your state should be...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Legal	66%	66%	65%	63%	74%	68%	55%	82%	65%	49%
Not legal	34%	34%	35%	37%	26%	32%	45%	18%	35%	51%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,609)	(778)	(832)	(334)	(411)	(520)	(345)	(446)	(466)	(526)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Legal	66%	82%	46%	78%	69%	47%	65%	68%	71%	66%	63%
Not legal	34%	18%	54%	22%	31%	53%	35%	32%	29%	34%	37%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,609)	(517)	(473)	(532)	(520)	(451)	(1,021)	(203)	(244)	(633)	(388)

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16. Federal Status of Marijuana

Although some states have legalized the recreational use of marijuana, it still remains illegal under federal law. Do you think the recreational use of marijuana under federal law should be...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Legal	66%	67%	65%	68%	73%	67%	54%	81%	66%	50%
Not legal	34%	33%	35%	32%	27%	33%	46%	19%	34%	50%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,602)	(775)	(827)	(334)	(409)	(518)	(342)	(445)	(466)	(523)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Legal	66%	81%	45%	79%	67%	49%	65%	71%	70%	66%	62%
Not legal	34%	19%	55%	21%	33%	51%	35%	29%	30%	34%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,602)	(516)	(469)	(530)	(519)	(447)	(1,018)	(202)	(242)	(631)	(386)

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17. Legal Marijuana Sold in Neighborhood

If a licensed business that sells recreational marijuana were to open in your neighborhood, would you...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor it	34%	34%	35%	40%	44%	35%	17%	46%	32%	23%
Oppose it	30%	31%	29%	30%	21%	30%	41%	17%	31%	47%
Wouldn't matter much	36%	35%	36%	30%	35%	35%	42%	37%	36%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,606)	(777)	(829)	(334)	(410)	(518)	(345)	(442)	(467)	(526)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favor it	34%	41%	18%	45%	33%	21%	34%	37%	41%	37%	27%
Oppose it	30%	19%	49%	17%	30%	48%	32%	22%	24%	29%	38%
Wouldn't matter much	36%	40%	32%	38%	37%	31%	34%	41%	35%	34%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,606)	(517)	(472)	(530)	(520)	(449)	(1,021)	(202)	(244)	(633)	(388)

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18. Frequency of Marijuana Use

How often do you personally use marijuana?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Regularly	14%	16%	12%	19%	21%	12%	3%	17%	15%	8%
Occasionally	10%	12%	9%	15%	12%	10%	4%	13%	11%	7%
Hardly ever	13%	13%	12%	16%	15%	9%	12%	18%	14%	8%
Never	63%	59%	67%	49%	52%	69%	81%	52%	60%	77%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,605)	(776)	(828)	(333)	(409)	(520)	(343)	(445)	(465)	(526)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Regularly	14%	14%	8%	16%	15%	8%	11%	26%	17%	14%	8%
Occasionally	10%	12%	5%	13%	11%	7%	9%	13%	14%	8%	9%
Hardly ever	13%	18%	7%	16%	11%	9%	13%	9%	15%	15%	10%
Never	63%	56%	80%	55%	63%	76%	67%	52%	54%	63%	72%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,605)	(515)	(472)	(528)	(521)	(450)	(1,018)	(201)	(244)	(631)	(387)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 1,612 adults in the U.S. was conducted between March 29-31, 2022.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2020 Presidential vote. Respondents were selected to be representative of adults nationwide. The weights range from 0.5 to 6.1, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.8.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately 3.1%. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.