



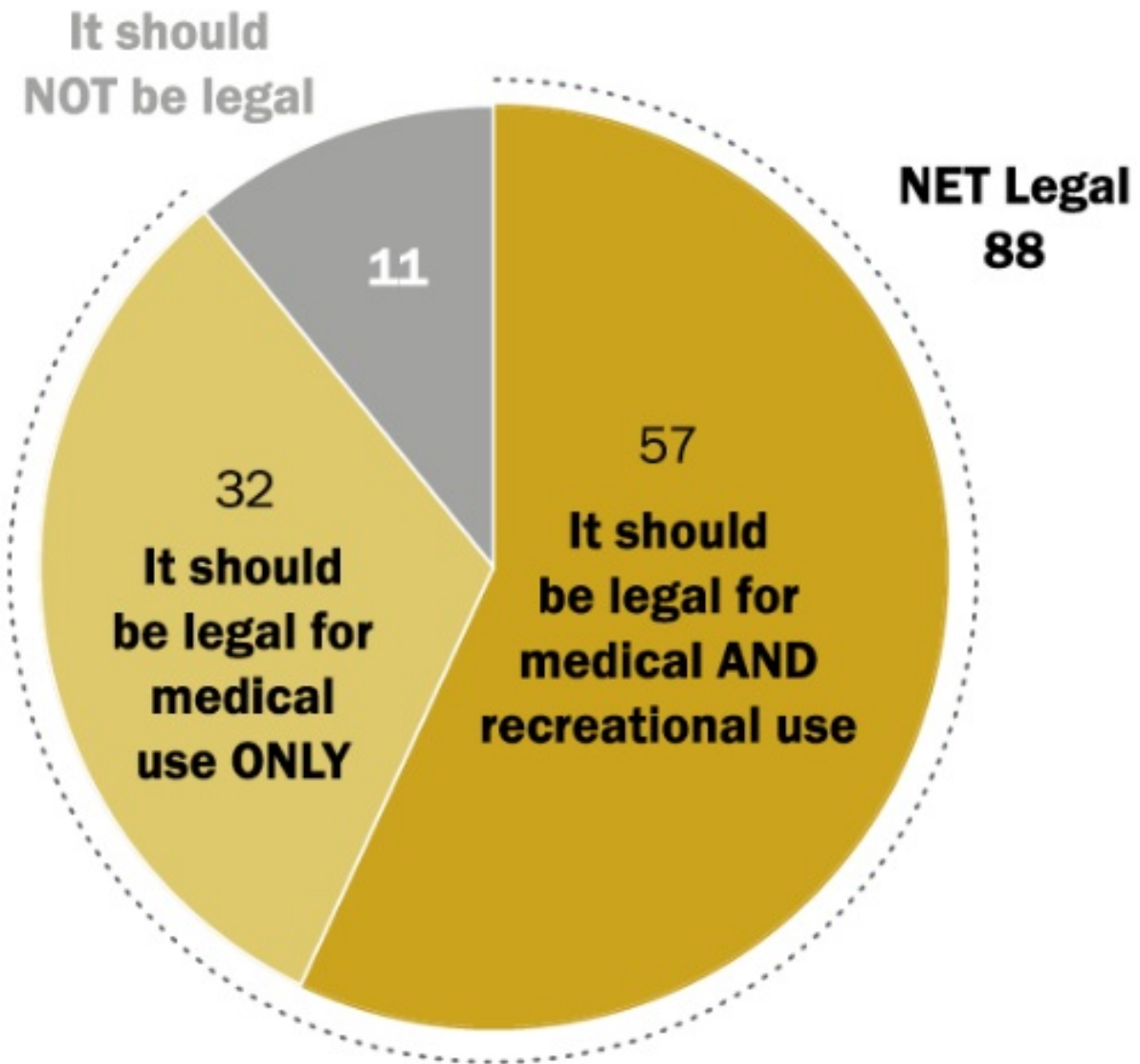
Polls Show Overwhelming Support for Legalizing Cannabis

The public is far ahead of most elected officials on cannabis policy reform. A strong majority of Americans support making cannabis legal and nearly 90% support allowing medical cannabis. The polling firm Civiqs found majority or plurality support in every state for cannabis legalization. Yet, only 24 U.S. states have legalized marijuana, and 10 states still lack a comprehensive medical cannabis law.

- National polls, including by Pew Research Center, Gallup, YouGov, and CNN, show that most Americans support legalization. In October 2025, Gallup found that 64% of Americans support “making marijuana use legal” — more than double the level of support in 2000.
- Gallup’s 2025 poll also found that no age group opposed legalization, reporting 57% support among those 55 and older, 68% for those 35-54, and 72% support from those ages 18-34.
- In 2024, Pew Research Center reported only 11% of Americans think cannabis should not be legal at all.
- Since 2017, the public research firm Civiqs has surveyed more than 330,000 registered voters on legalization. As of December 2025, it found 66% support nationwide and majority or plurality support in every state, ranging from 47% in Wyoming (with 36% opposed) to 77% in Vermont and Oregon.
- Voters in states that have implemented legalization overwhelmingly view the laws as successful or as more of a success than a failure. April 2020 YouGov surveys found 56% to 69% of voters in eight legalization states — California, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington — viewed their state’s legalization laws as mostly or entirely successful. In each state, no more than 20% of voters viewed the law as more of a failure than a success.
- In all 24 legalization states, Civiqs found support for legalization at 62% or higher. In almost every state, Civiqs polling indicates support has increased since voters approved legalization — in some cases dramatically.

Only about 1 in 10 U.S. adults say marijuana should not be legal at all

% of U.S. adults who say the following about marijuana



Note: Fewer than 1% of respondents did not answer the question.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 16-21, 2024.

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State	Initiative Year	% Support on Ballot	Support for Cannabis Use Being Legal, Civiqs, Dec. 2025
Alaska	2014	53.23%	69%

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Arizona	2020	60.03%	67%
California	2016	57.13%	72%
Colorado	2012	55.32%	71%
Maine	2016	50.26%	70%
Maryland	2022	67.20%	69%
Massachusetts	2016	53.66%	76%
Michigan	2018	55.89%	67%
Missouri	2022	53.10%	62%
Montana	2020	56.90%	64%
Nevada	2016	54.47%	69%
New Jersey	2020	67.08%	66%
Ohio	2023	57.19%	63%
Oregon	2014	56.11%	77%
Washington	2012	55.70%	75%

Pollsters have conducted surveys in states that have not yet legalized cannabis and found majority support in several states that have not yet legalized:

State	Date/Polling Firm	% in Favor	Question Wording
Florida	Feb. 2025, University of North Florida	67%	Support “allowing adults in Florida aged 21 and older to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use”
Georgia	2025, Atlanta Journal Constitution	56%	Support making marijuana legal for recreational use
Hawaii	Dec. 2023, Hawai’i Perspectives	58%	Support legalizing “recreational marijuana to allow possession, manufacture, and sale of marijuana by and to adults, under state licensing, regulation and taxation
Indiana	Nov. 2024, Causeway Solutions	70%	Support “legalizing in Indiana for adults over the age of 21?”
Iowa	April 2023, University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll	59%	“Should marijuana be legalized for medical, recreational, or not at all?” (% replying “medical and recreational use”)

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Kansas	Fall 2025, Kansas Speaks Survey	59%	Support "legalization of recreational marijuana in general"
Kentucky	2019, Kentucky Health Issues Poll	59%	Favor "allowing residents to buy and use marijuana ... under any circumstances"
Louisiana	June 2023, Louisiana State University (LSU)	70%	Support "legally allowing people to possess small amounts of marijuana for recreational use"
New Hampshire	April 2025, UNH Granite State Poll	70%	Support "legalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use in New Hampshire"
North Carolina	2024, Carolina Forward	63%	In your view, what should be the legal status of marijuana in North Carolina? (% "legal for recreational and medical")
Pennsylvania	Feb. 2025, Change Research poll	68%	Support cannabis legalization for adult use
South Carolina	April 2023, Winthrop Poll	56%	Favor "a law legalizing the recreational use of marijuana?"
Tennessee	Dec. 2024, Vanderbilt poll	63%	Think "marijuana should be legalized for recreational use"
Texas	Feb. 2025, University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs	62%	Support legalizing the sale and use of marijuana for recreational purposes in Texas by those 21 and older
Wisconsin	June 2025, Marquette Law School poll	67%	Think "the use of marijuana should be made legal"