



Cannabis Legalization: More Popular than New Hampshire Elected Officials

Results from 2019 polling show that cannabis legalization is more popular in New Hampshire than any of the state's best-known elected officials. According to Granite State Polls published by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center in 2019, 68% of Granite Staters support legalization (50% strongly), while Gov. Chris Sununu has a 59% approval rating.

The crosstabs indicate that more than three-quarters of Democrats and strong majorities of independents and Republicans support legalization. Also, legalization enjoys support from an overwhelming 81% of Granite Staters between the ages of 18 and 49 and a plurality (49%) of those 65 and older:

- **78%** of Democrats in favor (56% strongly), 17% opposed (10% strongly)
- **74%** of independents in favor (60% strongly), 20% opposed (12% strongly)
- **56%** of Republicans in favor (41% strongly), 40% opposed (30% strongly)
- **81%** of 18-34 year olds in favor (72% strongly), 15% opposed (6% strongly)
- **81%** of 35-49 year olds in favor (61% strongly), 16% opposed (11% strongly)
- **59%** of 50-64 year olds in favor (38% strongly), 35% opposed (26% strongly)
- **49%** of 65 and over in favor (28% strongly), 45% opposed (33% strongly)

More Granite Staters support legalization than hold favorable opinions of the state's best-known elected officials:

- Marijuana legalization: 68%^[1]
- Governor Chris Sununu: 59%^[2]
- New Hampshire Legislature: 55%^[3]
- Senator Jeanne Shaheen: 51%^[4]
- Senator Maggie Hassan: 47%^[5]
- President Donald Trump: 44%^[6]

[1] https://scholars.unh.edu/survey_center_polls/554/

[2] https://scholars.unh.edu/survey_center_polls/569/

[3] https://scholars.unh.edu/survey_center_polls/559/

[4] https://scholars.unh.edu/survey_center_polls/565/

[5] *Ibid.*

[6] https://scholars.unh.edu/survey_center_polls/568/