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**Attitudes toward legalization of the use of marijuana**

United States, selected years 1969-2011

Question: "Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?"

	Yes, legal	No, illegal	Don't know/ refused
1969	12%	84%	4%
1972	15	81	4
1973	16	78	6
1977	28	66	6
1979	25	70	5
1980	25	70	5
1985	23	73	4
1995	25	73	2
2000 <sup>a</sup>	31	64	5
2001	34	62	4
2003 <sup>a</sup>	34	64	2
2005 <sup>a</sup>	36	60	4
2009 <sup>a</sup>	44	54	2
2010 <sup>a</sup>	46	50	4
2011	50	46	3

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2011 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,005 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 6-9, 2011. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

<sup>a</sup> Asked of a half sample.

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