

Table 2.89

High school seniors' attitudes toward legalization of the sale of marijuana if the use of marijuana were legal

United States, 1975-2003

Question: "If it were legal for people to USE marijuana, should it also be legal to SELL marijuana?"

Class of	No	Yes, but only to adults	Yes, to anyone	Don't know
1975	27.8%	37.1%	16.2%	18.9%
1976	23.0	49.8	13.3	13.9
1977	22.5	52.1	12.7	12.7
1978	21.8	53.6	12.0	12.6
1979	22.9	53.2	11.3	12.6
1980	25.0	51.8	9.6	13.6
1981	27.7	48.6	10.5	13.2
1982	29.3	46.2	10.7	13.8
1983	27.4	47.6	10.5	14.6
1984	30.9	45.8	10.6	12.8
1985	32.6	43.2	11.2	13.1
1986	33.0	42.2	10.4	14.4
1987	36.0	41.2	9.2	13.6
1988	36.8	39.9	10.5	12.8
1989	38.8	37.9	9.2	14.1
1990	40.1	38.8	9.6	11.6
1991	36.8	41.4	9.4	12.5
1992	37.8	39.5	9.6	13.1
1993	36.7	40.7	10.1	12.5
1994	33.1	41.7	11.6	13.7
1995	32.3	43.4	11.7	12.6
1996	29.4	46.7	11.1	12.8
1997	29.1	44.8	12.5	13.7
1998	30.2	42.4	11.9	15.5
1999	30.2	42.9	12.1	14.7
2000	27.4	45.5	13.4	13.6
2001	30.0	43.6	12.0	14.3
2002	29.1	43.6	13.6	13.7
2003	30.5	43.2	11.6	14.7

Note: See Notes, [tables 2.79](#) and [2.88](#). For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 6](#).

Source: Lloyd D. Johnston et al., *Monitoring the Future National Survey Results on Drug Use, 1975-2003*, Vol. 1, Secondary School Students (Bethesda, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2004), p. 320. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.