

Table 2.0003.2005

Attitudes toward treating possession of marijuana as a criminal offense

United States, selected years 1977-2005

Question: "Do you think the possession of small amounts of marijuana should or should not be treated as a criminal offense?"

	Yes, treated as a criminal offense	No, not treated as a criminal offense	Don't know/ refused
1977	41%	53%	6%
1980	43	52	5
1985	50	46	4
2000 ^a	51	47	2
2003 ^a	52	46	1
2005	43	55	2

Note: See Note, [table 2.13.2005](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aAsked of a half sample.

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