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Attitudes toward legalization of the use of marijuana

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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

	Yes, legal	No, illegal	Don't know/ refused
National	50%	46%	3%
Sex			
Male	55	42	3
Female	46	51	4
Race			
White	51	47	3
Nonwhite	49	46	5
Black	50	41	9
Age			
18 to 29 years	62	33	5
30 to 49 years	56	40	4
50 to 64 years	49	50	1
50 years and older	41	57	2
65 years and older	31	67	2
Education			
College post graduate	50	49	1
College graduate	54	43	3
Some college	50	42	8
High school graduate or less	50	49	1
Income			
\$75,000 and over	55	41	4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	55	44	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	45	50	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	45	52	3
Under \$20,000	52	46	2
Region			
East	51	45	4
Midwest	54	43	4
South	44	53	3
West	55	42	3
Politics			
Republican	35	63	2
Independent	57	39	4
Democrat	57	41	3
Ideology			
Conservative	34	64	2
Moderate	57	40	27
Liberal	69	27	4

Note: These data 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](#).

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