

The MassINC Polling Group
Statewide Poll
Survey of 1,001 Massachusetts residents
Field dates: April 4 - 17, 2024

In 2016, voters in Massachusetts legalized the adult use of marijuana. Today there are dispensaries where adults can purchase marijuana products.

Do you think that legalizing marijuana in Massachusetts was... **ROTATE ORDER**

The right decision	65%
The wrong decision	22%
Don't know / refused	13%

Keeping in mind that this survey is anonymous, have you ever done any of the following:

ROTATE ORDER	Yes	No	Don't know / refused
Used marijuana before it was legalized	48%	48%	4%
Used marijuana since it was legalized	46%	52%	2%
Purchased marijuana or marijuana-based products from a licensed dispensary in Massachusetts	42%	56%	2%
Purchased marijuana outside of a licensed dispensary	29%	68%	3%

Governor Maura Healey has pardoned all state-count misdemeanor convictions for possessing marijuana. The Governor says this pardon could cover hundreds of thousands of individuals. The pardon does not cover criminal convictions related to distributing marijuana or operating a vehicle under the influence.

How much do you support or oppose Governor Healey's pardon of all state-level misdemeanor marijuana possession convictions?

Strongly support	49%
Somewhat support	26%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	8%
Don't know / refused	9%

How much would you support or oppose making marijuana legal for adult use nationwide?

Strongly support	47%
Somewhat support	22%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	14%
Don't know / refused	7%

As you may know, THC is the active chemical in marijuana products. In Massachusetts, edibles and beverages that contain THC from marijuana can only be purchased at dispensaries licensed by the state.

How do you think the state's system for regulating the sale of marijuana products has been going so far?

Excellent	20%
Good	39%
Fair	20%
Poor	9%
Don't know / refused	13%

Hemp is a type of marijuana plant that contains a much smaller amount of THC than the marijuana sold in dispensaries. Products containing THC from hemp are not regulated in the same way as marijuana. They are now being sold at liquor stores, convenience stores, gas stations, and some bars and restaurants.

Do you think that products containing THC from hemp should only be sold at licensed dispensaries, or should they be sold in other places?

Should be sold only at licensed dispensaries	55%
Should be allowed to be sold in other places	28%
Don't know / refused	17%

Demographics

Gender:	Men	48%
	Women	51%
	Non-binary	<1%
	Some other way	<1%
	Don't know / refused	<1%
Age:	18-29	22%
	30-44	24%
	45-59	25%
	60+	29%
Race:	White	73%
	Black	7%
	Latino	10%
	AAPI	7%
	All other / multiple	3%
	Don't know / refused	<1%
Party ID:	Democrat	34%
	Republican	14%
	Independent / other	47%
	Don't know / refused	4%
Education:	High School or less	32%
	Some college, no degree	26%
	College graduate (BA/BS)	24%
	Advanced degree	18%
	Don't know / refused	<1%

About the poll

These results are based on a survey of 1,001 Massachusetts residents. Responses were collected via online survey interviewing April 4 - 17, 2024. The data were weighted to reflect known and estimated population parameters for race, age and gender, education, geography, and political party. Population targets were based on 5-year estimates from the American Community Survey. Party identification was estimated using MPG survey data. The credibility interval for this survey is +/- 3.4 percentage points for the entire sample, including the design effect. All surveys are potentially subject to non-sampling error. This project was conducted by The MassINC Polling Group.