



Louisiana Survey Results

Q1 If you knew that Louisiana already has a law allowing certain seriously ill patients to consume marijuana for specified medical conditions, would you support or oppose allowing them to get it with a doctor's prescription?

Support 68%
Oppose 27%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Current Louisiana law provides for prison terms ranging up to 20 years and thousands of dollars in fines for a person convicted multiple times of the simple possession of marijuana. Do you support or oppose the penalty of long prison terms for those convicted of marijuana possession?

Support 32%
Oppose 61%
Not sure 7%

Q3 Louisiana law allows a sentence of life without parole for someone convicted of marijuana possession, if the person has prior felony convictions. This is a longer sentence than for many violent crimes. Do you support or oppose allowing a marijuana possession conviction to trigger a life sentence?

Support 23%
Oppose 71%
Not sure 5%

Q4 Currently, first-time possession of an ounce or less of marijuana in Louisiana is considered a criminal misdemeanor with punishment of up to six months in jail. What do you think the maximum punishment for first-time possession of an ounce or less of marijuana should be: a civil fine of \$50 with no jail time, a civil fine of \$100 with no jail time, or do you support keeping it a criminal misdemeanor with punishment of up to six months in jail?

\$50 fine, no jail time 29%
\$100 fine, no jail time 31%
Up to 6 months in jail 35%
Not sure 5%

Q5 Currently, if a person has prior marijuana violations and is charged with marijuana possession again, it is considered a criminal felony with punishment of up to 20 years in prison. What do you think should be the maximum punishment for possession of an ounce or less of marijuana if a person has prior marijuana violations: should it be a civil offense with a fine, no matter how many times a person possesses a small amount of marijuana; should it be a criminal misdemeanor with up to six months in jail; or do you support keeping it a criminal felony subject to up to 20 years in prison?

Fine, no matter how many offenses 41%
Up to 6 months in jail 37%
Up to 20 years in prison 18%
Not sure 4%





Q6 Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for office if he or she voted to reduce penalties for the possession of marijuana?

More likely..... 43%
Less likely..... 34%
Wouldn't make a difference..... 15%
Not sure..... 8%

Q7 Do you personally know anyone who has ever used marijuana?

Yes..... 66%
No..... 26%
Not sure..... 8%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman..... 53%
Man..... 47%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 40%
Republican..... 45%
Independent / Other..... 15%

Q10 Do you consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal..... 15%
Moderate..... 23%
Somewhat conservative..... 27%
Very conservative..... 24%

Q11 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White..... 64%
African-American..... 28%
Other..... 8%

Q12 If you are 18 to 34 years old, press 1. If 35 to 49, press 2. If 50 to 64, press 3. If you are 65 or older, press 4.

18 to 34..... 15%
35 to 49..... 24%
50 to 64..... 35%
65 or older..... 26%

Q13 If you live in the New Orleans metro area, press 1. If you live in the Baton Rouge metro area, press 2. If you live in Northern Louisiana, press 3. If you live in central Louisiana, press 4. If you live in Acadiana, press 5.

New Orleans MSA..... 27%
Baton Rouge MSA..... 18%
Northern LA..... 25%
Central LA..... 15%
Acadiana..... 15%

Q14 If you identify as Catholic, press 1. If Evangelical, any denomination, press 2. If Protestant, press 3. If another religion, press 4. If no religion at all, press 5. If you don't care to say, press 6.

Catholic..... 30%
Evangelical..... 22%
Protestant..... 22%
Another religion..... 20%
No religion at all..... 3%
Don't care to say..... 3%





	Base	Know a Marijuana User?		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Support/Oppose Marijuana w/ Prescription				
Support	68%	75%	53%	59%
Oppose	27%	21%	41%	33%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	8%

	Base	Know a Marijuana User?		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Support/Oppose Long Prison Terms for Simple Possession				
Support	32%	30%	38%	26%
Oppose	61%	65%	54%	50%
Not sure	7%	5%	8%	24%

	Base	Know a Marijuana User?		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Support/Oppose Life Sentence for Possession				
Support	23%	25%	22%	16%
Oppose	71%	72%	71%	68%
Not sure	5%	3%	7%	16%

	Base	Know a Marijuana User?		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Preferred Sentence for 1st-Time Possession				
\$50 fine, no jail time	29%	34%	17%	32%
\$100 fine, no jail time	31%	28%	43%	15%
Up to 6 months in jail	35%	33%	38%	34%
Not sure	5%	5%	3%	19%

	Base	Know a Marijuana User?		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Preferred Sentence for Subsequent Violation				
Fine, no matter how many offenses	41%	45%	33%	28%
Up to 6 months in jail	37%	35%	43%	32%
Up to 20 years in prison	18%	17%	19%	26%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	13%

	Base	Know a Marijuana User?		
		Yes	No	Not sure
More/Less Likely to Support Pro-decriminalization Candidate				
More likely	43%	48%	33%	40%
Less likely	34%	32%	45%	20%
Wouldn't make a difference	15%	16%	13%	12%
Not sure	8%	5%	9%	28%





	Base	Know a Marijuana User?		
		Yes	No	Not sure
Know a Marijuana User?				
Yes	66%	100%	-	-
No	26%	-	100%	-
Not sure	8%	-	-	100%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Marijuana w/ Prescription			
Support	68%	68%	67%
Oppose	27%	27%	28%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Long Prison Terms for Simple Possession			
Support	32%	30%	34%
Oppose	61%	61%	60%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Life Sentence for Possession			
Support	23%	23%	24%
Oppose	71%	70%	73%
Not sure	5%	7%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Preferred Sentence for 1st-Time Possession			
\$50 fine, no jail time	29%	26%	33%
\$100 fine, no jail time	31%	30%	32%
Up to 6 months in jail	35%	38%	31%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Preferred Sentence for Subsequent Violation			
Fine, no matter how many offenses	41%	36%	46%
Up to 6 months in jail	37%	39%	35%
Up to 20 years in prison	18%	19%	18%
Not sure	4%	7%	1%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
More/Less Likely to Support Pro-decriminalization Candidate			
More likely	43%	45%	41%
Less likely	34%	32%	36%
Wouldn't make a difference	15%	14%	15%
Not sure	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Know a Marijuana User?			
Yes	66%	63%	70%
No	26%	30%	22%
Not sure	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Support/Oppose Marijuana w/ Prescription				
Support	68%	77%	59%	71%
Oppose	27%	18%	37%	23%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Support/Oppose Long Prison Terms for Simple Possession				
Support	32%	27%	35%	36%
Oppose	61%	64%	57%	63%
Not sure	7%	9%	7%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Support/Oppose Life Sentence for Possession				
Support	23%	19%	27%	24%
Oppose	71%	77%	67%	69%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Preferred Sentence for 1st-Time Possession				
\$50 fine, no jail time	29%	41%	19%	30%
\$100 fine, no jail time	31%	26%	35%	32%
Up to 6 months in jail	35%	28%	41%	33%
Not sure	5%	5%	6%	5%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Preferred Sentence for Subsequent Violation				
Fine, no matter how many offenses	41%	47%	33%	45%
Up to 6 months in jail	37%	33%	44%	28%
Up to 20 years in prison	18%	13%	20%	25%
Not sure	4%	6%	3%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
More/Less Likely to Support Pro-decriminalization Candidate				
More likely	43%	53%	31%	54%
Less likely	34%	25%	44%	30%
Wouldn't make a difference	15%	13%	17%	11%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Know a Marijuana User?				
Yes	66%	69%	64%	66%
No	26%	23%	28%	29%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Marijuana w/ Prescription						
Support	68%	74%	65%	77%	71%	54%
Oppose	27%	22%	33%	16%	23%	42%
Not sure	5%	4%	2%	7%	5%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Long Prison Terms for Simple Possession						
Support	32%	23%	17%	24%	38%	47%
Oppose	61%	64%	76%	70%	55%	47%
Not sure	7%	13%	7%	6%	7%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Life Sentence for Possession						
Support	23%	19%	14%	18%	28%	32%
Oppose	71%	79%	81%	77%	65%	63%
Not sure	5%	1%	4%	4%	7%	6%





	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Preferred Sentence for 1st-Time Possession						
\$50 fine, no jail time	29%	56%	44%	33%	13%	21%
\$100 fine, no jail time	31%	18%	38%	34%	40%	18%
Up to 6 months in jail	35%	21%	14%	27%	41%	55%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%	6%	6%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Preferred Sentence for Subsequent Violation						
Fine, no matter how many offenses	41%	59%	43%	53%	31%	29%
Up to 6 months in jail	37%	37%	40%	28%	41%	39%
Up to 20 years in prison	18%	4%	8%	15%	24%	28%
Not sure	4%	1%	9%	4%	3%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
More/Less Likely to Support Pro-decriminalization Candidate						
More likely	43%	60%	42%	54%	40%	29%
Less likely	34%	23%	32%	27%	36%	46%
Wouldn't make a difference	15%	10%	19%	9%	16%	18%
Not sure	8%	7%	7%	9%	8%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Know a Marijuana User?						
Yes	66%	77%	56%	71%	63%	66%
No	26%	6%	41%	25%	29%	26%
Not sure	8%	16%	3%	4%	9%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Marijuana w/ Prescription				
Support	68%	68%	68%	65%
Oppose	27%	27%	26%	32%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	3%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Long Prison Terms for Simple Possession				
Support	32%	38%	17%	41%
Oppose	61%	57%	71%	53%
Not sure	7%	5%	12%	6%





	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Life Sentence for Possession				
Support	23%	27%	12%	36%
Oppose	71%	68%	81%	64%
Not sure	5%	5%	7%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Preferred Sentence for 1st-Time Possession				
\$50 fine, no jail time	29%	24%	38%	42%
\$100 fine, no jail time	31%	27%	43%	18%
Up to 6 months in jail	35%	42%	16%	37%
Not sure	5%	7%	2%	2%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Preferred Sentence for Subsequent Violation				
Fine, no matter how many offenses	41%	35%	52%	47%
Up to 6 months in jail	37%	39%	37%	21%
Up to 20 years in prison	18%	22%	6%	28%
Not sure	4%	4%	6%	3%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
More/Less Likely to Support Pro-decriminalization Candidate				
More likely	43%	39%	51%	52%
Less likely	34%	38%	27%	30%
Wouldn't make a difference	15%	16%	13%	8%
Not sure	8%	7%	10%	9%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Know a Marijuana User?				
Yes	66%	72%	57%	51%
No	26%	21%	36%	34%
Not sure	8%	7%	7%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
Support/Oppose Marijuana w/ Prescription					
Support	68%	73%	70%	71%	59%
Oppose	27%	24%	29%	25%	32%
Not sure	5%	3%	1%	5%	9%





	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
Support/Oppose Long Prison Terms for Simple Possession					
Support	32%	41%	33%	25%	36%
Oppose	61%	59%	64%	67%	50%
Not sure	7%	-	2%	9%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
Support/Oppose Life Sentence for Possession					
Support	23%	24%	37%	16%	21%
Oppose	71%	76%	63%	77%	69%
Not sure	5%	-	-	7%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
Preferred Sentence for 1st-Time Possession					
\$50 fine, no jail time	29%	33%	32%	30%	23%
\$100 fine, no jail time	31%	32%	28%	33%	29%
Up to 6 months in jail	35%	29%	37%	31%	39%
Not sure	5%	6%	3%	5%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
Preferred Sentence for Subsequent Violation					
Fine, no matter how many offenses	41%	59%	36%	43%	31%
Up to 6 months in jail	37%	32%	38%	37%	39%
Up to 20 years in prison	18%	6%	24%	16%	22%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	3%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
More/Less Likely to Support Pro-decriminalization Candidate					
More likely	43%	46%	37%	50%	38%
Less likely	34%	38%	37%	29%	36%
Wouldn't make a difference	15%	12%	19%	15%	13%
Not sure	8%	3%	7%	6%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
Know a Marijuana User?					
Yes	66%	72%	70%	72%	52%
No	26%	21%	28%	21%	34%
Not sure	8%	7%	2%	7%	14%





	Base	Location				
		New Orleans MSA	Baton Rouge MSA	Northern LA	Central LA	Acadiana
Support/Oppose Marijuana w/ Prescription						
Support	68%	72%	60%	62%	78%	69%
Oppose	27%	23%	35%	35%	17%	23%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%	2%	5%	8%

	Base	Location				
		New Orleans MSA	Baton Rouge MSA	Northern LA	Central LA	Acadiana
Support/Oppose Long Prison Terms for Simple Possession						
Support	32%	29%	35%	36%	30%	30%
Oppose	61%	65%	61%	57%	63%	58%
Not sure	7%	6%	4%	7%	7%	13%

	Base	Location				
		New Orleans MSA	Baton Rouge MSA	Northern LA	Central LA	Acadiana
Support/Oppose Life Sentence for Possession						
Support	23%	21%	26%	25%	20%	24%
Oppose	71%	74%	73%	66%	76%	71%
Not sure	5%	5%	1%	9%	4%	5%

	Base	Location				
		New Orleans MSA	Baton Rouge MSA	Northern LA	Central LA	Acadiana
Preferred Sentence for 1st-Time Possession						
\$50 fine, no jail time	29%	37%	23%	28%	23%	30%
\$100 fine, no jail time	31%	28%	40%	28%	33%	28%
Up to 6 months in jail	35%	27%	33%	40%	37%	37%
Not sure	5%	7%	4%	4%	6%	6%

	Base	Location				
		New Orleans MSA	Baton Rouge MSA	Northern LA	Central LA	Acadiana
Preferred Sentence for Subsequent Violation						
Fine, no matter how many offenses	41%	44%	48%	36%	39%	35%
Up to 6 months in jail	37%	33%	32%	44%	40%	37%
Up to 20 years in prison	18%	15%	17%	19%	18%	23%
Not sure	4%	8%	2%	2%	3%	5%

	Base	Location				
		New Orleans MSA	Baton Rouge MSA	Northern LA	Central LA	Acadiana
More/Less Likely to Support Pro-decriminalization Candidate						
More likely	43%	50%	35%	39%	46%	47%
Less likely	34%	26%	46%	34%	33%	36%
Wouldn't make a difference	15%	18%	15%	14%	12%	13%
Not sure	8%	5%	4%	14%	10%	5%

	Base	Location				
		New Orleans MSA	Baton Rouge MSA	Northern LA	Central LA	Acadiana
Know a Marijuana User?						
Yes	66%	64%	57%	69%	72%	70%
No	26%	29%	38%	26%	21%	14%
Not sure	8%	7%	5%	5%	7%	16%

	Base	Religion					
		Catholic	Evangelical	Protestant	Another religion	No religion at all	Don't care to say
Support/Oppose Marijuana w/ Prescription							
Support	68%	68%	66%	65%	69%	97%	67%
Oppose	27%	27%	33%	32%	23%	3%	6%
Not sure	5%	5%	1%	3%	8%	-	27%





	Base	Religion					
		Catholic	Evangelical	Protestant	Another religion	No religion at all	Don't care to say
Support/Oppose Long Prison Terms for Simple Possession							
Support	32%	33%	31%	40%	29%	6%	24%
Oppose	61%	59%	63%	53%	64%	94%	58%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%	7%	7%	-	18%

	Base	Religion					
		Catholic	Evangelical	Protestant	Another religion	No religion at all	Don't care to say
Support/Oppose Life Sentence for Possession							
Support	23%	23%	27%	30%	13%	13%	35%
Oppose	71%	71%	72%	64%	82%	87%	40%
Not sure	5%	6%	1%	6%	5%	-	25%

	Base	Religion					
		Catholic	Evangelical	Protestant	Another religion	No religion at all	Don't care to say
Preferred Sentence for 1st-Time Possession							
\$50 fine, no jail time	29%	32%	23%	26%	33%	70%	15%
\$100 fine, no jail time	31%	26%	37%	26%	41%	6%	24%
Up to 6 months in jail	35%	36%	35%	46%	23%	13%	37%
Not sure	5%	7%	6%	3%	3%	11%	24%

	Base	Religion					
		Catholic	Evangelical	Protestant	Another religion	No religion at all	Don't care to say
Preferred Sentence for Subsequent Violation							
Fine, no matter how many offenses	41%	38%	38%	33%	51%	75%	46%
Up to 6 months in jail	37%	36%	41%	43%	34%	19%	13%
Up to 20 years in prison	18%	23%	19%	21%	8%	6%	26%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	3%	7%	-	15%

	Base	Religion					
		Catholic	Evangelical	Protestant	Another religion	No religion at all	Don't care to say
More/Less Likely to Support Pro-decriminalization Candidate							
More likely	43%	36%	39%	38%	60%	81%	38%
Less likely	34%	37%	42%	38%	20%	6%	38%
Wouldn't make a difference	15%	21%	13%	12%	11%	9%	13%
Not sure	8%	6%	6%	11%	9%	3%	11%

	Base	Religion					
		Catholic	Evangelical	Protestant	Another religion	No religion at all	Don't care to say
Know a Marijuana User?							
Yes	66%	67%	64%	74%	55%	87%	69%
No	26%	23%	30%	22%	36%	13%	12%
Not sure	8%	10%	6%	5%	8%	-	19%

