

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
2021 SURVEY OF BLACK AMERICANS  
Oct. 4-17, 2021  
BLACK AMERICANS TOTAL N=3,912  
GENERAL PUBLIC TOTAL N=6,513**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES GREATER THAN ZERO BUT LESS THAN 0.5 ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.**

**OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

MARIJUANA3

Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults?

	<u>It should be legal for medical AND recreational use</u>	<u>It should be legal for medical use ONLY</u>	<u>It should NOT be legal</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<i>Black Americans</i> Oct. 4-17, 2021	57	28	11	4
<i>Black Americans*</i> Apr. 5-11, 2021	65	26	8	1
<i>Black Americans*</i> Sep. 3-15, 2019	61	29	9	*
<i>Black Americans*†</i> Aug. 16 – Sep. 12, 2016	50	37	13	1
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<i>General public</i> Oct. 4-17, 2021	57	31	11	1
<i>General public</i> Apr. 5-11, 2021	60	31	8	1
<i>General public</i> Sep. 3-15, 2019	59	32	8	*
<i>General public†</i> Aug. 16 – Sep. 12, 2016	49	35	15	1

\* This was asked of non-Hispanic Black Americans

† In Aug. 16 – Sep. 12, 2016, question wording asked about “medical and personal use” of marijuana.

**ASK ALL:  
MARICRIM**

Marijuana used to be illegal in the U.S. Some people were arrested or put in prison for using, selling, or having it. Now, some states have made marijuana legal.

Do you favor or oppose...

## a. Releasing people from prison who are being held for marijuana-related offenses only

Black Americans Oct. 4-17, 2021		General public Oct. 4-17, 2021
<b>74</b>	<b>NET Favor/Strongly favor</b>	<b>67</b>
50	Strongly favor	41
24	Favor	25
<b>20</b>	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>NET Oppose/Strongly oppose</b>	<b>11</b>
3	Oppose	7
2	Strongly oppose	4
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>	<b>*</b>

**MARICRIM CONTINUED**

## b. Removing or expunging marijuana-related offenses from people's criminal records

Black Americans Oct. 4-17, 2021		General public Oct. 4-17, 2021
<b>74</b>	<b>NET Favor/Strongly favor</b>	<b>61</b>
52	Strongly favor	40
22	Favor	22
<b>19</b>	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>NET Oppose/Strongly oppose</b>	<b>14</b>
3	Oppose	10
2	Strongly oppose	5
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>	<b>*</b>

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