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65% of Americans say they have tried marijuana by generation:

- **Gen Z**: 52%
- **Millennials**: 68%
- **Gen X**: 67%
- **Boomers**: 72%
- **Silent**: 30%
92% of Americans think that the use of marijuana for medical purposes should be legal.

97% of those who have tried marijuana think it should be legal for medical purposes, compared to 83% of those who have not tried marijuana.

Democrats (94%) are more likely to support medical marijuana than Republicans (88%).
69% of Americans support legalizing marijuana for recreational use.

Support for legalizing marijuana for recreational use among...

- Those who have tried marijuana: 84%
- Those who have not tried marijuana: 43%

Democrats (78%) and independents (74%) are more likely to support legalizing recreational marijuana than Republicans (54%).

Men (74%) are more likely to support legalizing recreational marijuana than women (66%).

30% of Americans oppose legalizing marijuana for recreational use.
AWARENESS OF MEDICINAL MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Among those who live in states where MEDICINAL marijuana is legal (n=739), 89% knew their state allowed MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

Among those who live in states where MEDICINAL marijuana is illegal (n=270), 69% knew their state did not allow MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

Legalization Map Source: https://disa.com/map-of-marijuana-legality-by-state
Among those who live in states where marijuana is legal \((n=442)\), 71% knew marijuana use was legal where they live.

Among those who live in states where marijuana is illegal \((n=384)\), 81% knew marijuana was illegal in their state.

Among those who live in states where marijuana is decriminalized \((n=183)\), 23% knew marijuana was decriminalized and 68% thought it was illegal.
58% of Americans say **alcohol** is more harmful to a person's health than **marijuana**. 4% say marijuana is more harmful than alcohol and 34% say they are equally harmful; 3% say neither are harmful.

Belief that alcohol is more harmful than marijuana, by generation:

- **Gen Z** say 63% that alcohol is more harmful.
- **Millennials** say 71% that alcohol is more harmful.
- **Gen X** say 55% that alcohol is more harmful.
- **Boomers** say 52% that alcohol is more harmful.
- **Silent** say 27% that alcohol is more harmful.

71% of those who have tried marijuana say alcohol is more harmful, compared to just 35% who have never tried marijuana.
91% of Americans say the War on Drugs has not been successful at reducing the use of illegal drugs.
Interviews for this study were conducted on the SSRS Opinion Panel Omnibus from April 1 – 4 2022, among a nationally representative sample of 1,009 respondents age 18 and older. The margin of error for total respondents is +/-3.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level and the design effect is 1.29.

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