



Maryland Delegate Districts 15, 27A, 40 Survey Results

- Q1** Every year, over 20,000 people in Maryland are arrested for marijuana possession, and face the possibility of three months in jail and a fine, along with serious negative consequences for employment and housing. In addition, Maryland spends over \$100 million on those arrests and prosecutions. Do you think the state of Maryland should reduce the amount of time and money spent on arresting and prosecuting people for small-time marijuana possession, or not?
- Yes..... 60%
- No..... 33%
- Not sure 7%
- Q2** Your delegates are considering a bill that will turn possession of small amounts of marijuana into a civil offense with a \$100 fine, like a parking ticket. Would you prefer possession of small amounts of marijuana be a criminal misdemeanor offense or a civil offense like a parking ticket?
- Criminal..... 33%
- Civil..... 60%
- Not sure 7%
- Q3** Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for office if he or she voted in favor of a bill to reduce penalties for possessing a small amount of marijuana, or would it not make a difference?
- More likely..... 48%
- Less likely..... 24%
- Wouldn't make a difference..... 24%
- Not sure 4%
- Q4** Would you like for the coalition working to pass the marijuana reform bill to let you know how your delegate votes?
- Yes..... 60%
- No..... 40%

- Q5** If you identify as a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3. If unaffiliated, press 4.
- Democrat..... 66%
- Republican..... 17%
- Independent..... 15%
- Unaffiliated..... 3%
- Q6** If you identify as very liberal, press 1. If liberal, press 2. If moderate, press 3. If conservative, press 4. If very conservative, press 5. If none of the above, press 6.
- Very liberal..... 17%
- Liberal..... 19%
- Moderate..... 35%
- Conservative..... 17%
- Very conservative 3%
- None of the above 9%
- Q7** If you identify as Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If white, press 3. If Asian, press 4. If another ethnicity, press 5. If you prefer not to answer, press 6.
- Hispanic / Latino 6%
- African-American 44%
- White 38%
- Asian..... 3%
- Other..... 3%
- NA..... 6%
- Q8** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2. If you prefer not to answer, press 3.
- Woman 50%
- Man..... 44%
- NA..... 6%



Q9 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.....	12%
35 to 49.....	24%
50 to 64.....	45%
65 or older.....	19%

Q10 District

15.....	33%
27A.....	33%
40.....	33%



	Base	Party			
		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Unaffiliated
Should MD Reduce Time/\$ for Marijuana Prosecution?					
Yes	60%	66%	40%	59%	45%
No	33%	28%	53%	34%	40%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	7%	15%

	Base	Party			
		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Unaffiliated
Prefer Criminal or Civil Offense for Marijuana Possession?					
Criminal	33%	29%	45%	40%	23%
Civil	60%	65%	50%	55%	50%
Not sure	7%	7%	5%	5%	27%

	Base	Party			
		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Unaffiliated
More/Less Likely to Vote for Candidate Who Supports Reduced Penalties					
More likely	48%	54%	30%	43%	36%
Less likely	24%	18%	44%	31%	13%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	24%	25%	21%	40%
Not sure	4%	5%	0%	5%	12%

	Base	Party			
		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Unaffiliated
Want to Know How Your Del. Votes?					
Yes	60%	63%	55%	52%	67%
No	40%	37%	45%	48%	33%

	Base	Ideology					
		Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative	None of the above
Should MD Reduce Time/\$ for Marijuana Prosecution?							
Yes	60%	73%	62%	58%	50%	57%	60%
No	33%	24%	31%	35%	41%	38%	28%
Not sure	7%	3%	6%	7%	8%	5%	13%

	Base	Ideology					
		Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative	None of the above
Prefer Criminal or Civil Offense for Marijuana Possession?							
Criminal	33%	36%	16%	35%	39%	39%	39%
Civil	60%	58%	76%	58%	58%	57%	46%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%	7%	3%	5%	15%

	Base	Ideology					
		Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative	None of the above
More/Less Likely to Vote for Candidate Who Supports Reduced Penalties							
More likely	48%	67%	64%	39%	36%	41%	37%
Less likely	24%	14%	14%	26%	35%	40%	29%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	14%	21%	32%	20%	19%	28%
Not sure	4%	5%	1%	3%	9%	-	7%

	Base	Ideology					
		Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative	None of the above
Want to Know How Your Del. Votes?							
Yes	60%	70%	59%	50%	64%	78%	73%
No	40%	30%	41%	50%	36%	22%	27%





	Base	Race					
		Hispanic / Latino	African-American	White	Asian	Other	NA
Should MD Reduce Time/\$ for Marijuana Prosecution?							
Yes	60%	36%	66%	58%	47%	63%	62%
No	33%	51%	28%	35%	33%	37%	30%
Not sure	7%	13%	6%	7%	20%	-	8%

	Base	Race					
		Hispanic / Latino	African-American	White	Asian	Other	NA
Prefer Criminal or Civil Offense for Marijuana Possession?							
Criminal	33%	63%	24%	35%	63%	41%	33%
Civil	60%	34%	69%	59%	35%	51%	56%
Not sure	7%	3%	7%	6%	3%	9%	11%

	Base	Race					
		Hispanic / Latino	African-American	White	Asian	Other	NA
More/Less Likely to Vote for Candidate Who Supports Reduced Penalties							
More likely	48%	14%	59%	45%	36%	29%	33%
Less likely	24%	64%	13%	28%	42%	26%	28%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	21%	23%	23%	22%	46%	31%
Not sure	4%	2%	5%	4%	-	-	8%

	Base	Race					
		Hispanic / Latino	African-American	White	Asian	Other	NA
Want to Know How Your Del. Votes?							
Yes	60%	42%	75%	48%	48%	43%	62%
No	40%	58%	25%	52%	52%	57%	38%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	NA
Should MD Reduce Time/\$ for Marijuana Prosecution?				
Yes	60%	61%	58%	65%
No	33%	30%	37%	25%
Not sure	7%	9%	5%	10%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	NA
Prefer Criminal or Civil Offense for Marijuana Possession?				
Criminal	33%	32%	35%	27%
Civil	60%	60%	61%	60%
Not sure	7%	8%	4%	13%





	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	NA
More/Less Likely to Vote for Candidate Who Supports Reduced Penalties				
More likely	48%	41%	55%	49%
Less likely	24%	24%	24%	24%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	27%	20%	25%
Not sure	4%	7%	1%	2%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	NA
Want to Know How Your Del. Votes?				
Yes	60%	60%	61%	61%
No	40%	40%	39%	39%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
Should MD Reduce Time/\$ for Marijuana Prosecution?					
Yes	60%	65%	53%	64%	57%
No	33%	32%	41%	31%	29%
Not sure	7%	3%	6%	6%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
Prefer Criminal or Civil Offense for Marijuana Possession?					
Criminal	33%	42%	32%	31%	33%
Civil	60%	53%	63%	64%	53%
Not sure	7%	5%	5%	5%	14%





	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
More/Less Likely to Vote for Candidate Who Supports Reduced Penalties					
More likely	48%	43%	35%	55%	50%
Less likely	24%	24%	29%	21%	25%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	25%	30%	22%	21%
Not sure	4%	8%	5%	3%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
Want to Know How Your Del. Votes?					
Yes	60%	58%	49%	66%	63%
No	40%	42%	51%	34%	37%

	Base	District		
		15	27A	40
Should MD Reduce Time/\$ for Marijuana Prosecution?				
Yes	60%	51%	66%	63%
No	33%	39%	28%	31%
Not sure	7%	10%	5%	6%

	Base	District		
		15	27A	40
Prefer Criminal or Civil Offense for Marijuana Possession?				
Criminal	33%	39%	34%	26%
Civil	60%	57%	60%	64%
Not sure	7%	5%	6%	10%





	Base	District		
		15	27A	40
More/Less Likely to Vote for Candidate Who Supports Reduced Penalties				
More likely	48%	40%	46%	58%
Less likely	24%	33%	24%	15%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	23%	27%	22%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	6%

	Base	District		
		15	27A	40
Want to Know How Your Del. Votes?				
Yes	60%	43%	65%	72%
No	40%	57%	35%	28%

