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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 1-16, 2025, with a random sample of –1,000—adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –500—national adults in Form A and the sample of –500— national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, party identification, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

Now, thinking about illegal drugs,

20. Overall, how would you describe the problem of drugs [ROTATED: in the United States/in the area where you live] -- is it extremely serious, very serious, moderately serious, not too serious, or not serious at all?

A. In the United States

	<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Moderately serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2025 Oct 1-16	36	35	25	3	1	1
2023 Oct 2-23	45	29	20	3	2	*
2021 Oct 1-19	33	31	26	7	2	1
2019 Oct 1-13	37	36	22	4	1	*
2018 Oct 1-10	37	32	22	5	2	2
2017 Oct 5-11	33	38	23	4	1	*
2016 Oct 5-9	32	33	27	6	2	2
2011 Oct 6-9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2009 Oct 1-4	35	33	26	5	1	1
2007 Oct 4-7	35	38	24	1	1	1
2005 Oct 13-16	37	33	23	5	1	1
2003 Oct 6-8	31	40	24	3	1	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	43	40	15	1	1	*

B. In the area where you live

	<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Moderately serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2025 Oct 1-16	11	18	35	24	10	2
2023 Oct 2-23	19	16	36	18	10	*
2021 Oct 1-19	15	16	28	28	13	1
2019 Oct 1-13	16	17	37	22	8	*
2018 Oct 1-10	14	17	37	22	10	1
2017 Oct 5-11	13	16	36	20	12	2
2016 Oct 5-9	13	19	35	20	11	1
2011 Oct 6-9	11	18	36	25	10	1
2009 Oct 1-4	14	16	38	23	8	1
2007 Oct 4-7	14	15	39	21	10	2
2005 Oct 13-16	14	19	35	23	8	1
2003 Oct 6-8	13	17	36	22	11	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	13	21	39	19	6	2

21. Now, how much progress do you feel the nation has made over the last year or two in coping with the problem of illegal drugs -- Has it made much progress, made some progress, stood still, lost some ground, or lost much ground?

	<u>Made much progress</u>	<u>Made some progress</u>	<u>Stood still</u>	<u>Lost some ground</u>	<u>Lost much ground</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<i><u>Total made progress</u></i>
2025 Oct 1-16	10	35	28	15	8	4	45
2023 Oct 2-23	2	22	23	23	29	1	24
2019 Oct 1-13	4	37	27	18	12	2	41
2018 Oct 1-10	5	33	26	19	14	3	38
2017 Oct 5-11	2	30	28	23	14	2	32
2011 Oct 6-9	3	28	31	21	14	3	31
2009 Oct 1-4	3	30	31	19	13	3	33
2007 Oct 4-7	3	31	31	19	13	3	34
2005 Oct 13-16	2	31	30	23	13	1	33
2003 Oct 6-8	3	35	32	17	11	2	38
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	6	41	23	17	12	1	47
1999 Sep 23-26	4	42	27	14	12	1	46
1996 Nov 21-24	3	28	22	24	22	1	31
1995 Sep 14-17	2	36	30	19	11	2	38
1976 Jun	2	25	29	25	15	4	27
1974 Apr	4	36	21	19	16	5	40
1972 May	3	32	20	21	20	5	35

Next,

22. Do you think the use of marijuana should be legal, or not?

	<u>Yes, legal</u>	<u>No, illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2025 Oct 1-16	64	33	2
2024 Oct 1-12	68	31	1
2023 Oct 2-23	70	29	1
2022 Oct 3-20	68	31	1
2021 Oct 1-19	68	32	*
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	68	32	*
2019 Oct 1-13	66	33	1
2019 May 15-30	64	34	2
2018 Oct 1-10	66	32	2
2017 Oct 5-11	64	34	2
2016 Oct 5-9	60	39	1
2015 Oct 7-11	58	40	2
2014 Oct 12-15	51	47	2
2013 Oct 3-6	58	39	3
2012 Nov 26-29	48	50	1
2011 Oct 6-9	50	46	3
2010 Oct 7-10 ^	46	50	4
2009 Oct 1-4 ^	44	54	2
2005 Oct 13-16 ^	36	60	4
2003 Nov 10-12 ^	34	64	2
2001 Aug 3-5	34	62	4
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5 ^	31	64	5
1995 Aug 28-30	25	73	2
1985 May 17-20	23	73	4
1980 Jun 27-30	25	70	5
1979 May 18-21	25	70	5
1977 Apr 1-4	28	66	6
1973 Jan 26-29	16	78	6
1972 Mar 3-5	15	81	4
1969 Oct 2-7	12	84	4

^ Asked of a half sample.

1969-2020 wording: Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?

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QN20A: Drug problem in U.S. BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Extremely serious	36%	34%	38%	32%	42%	33%	37%	36%	26%	37%	43%	51%	35%	22%	39%	40%	31%
Very serious	35%	33%	37%	34%	36%	43%	30%	33%	36%	34%	34%	39%	33%	34%	37%	32%	34%
Moderately serious	25%	27%	22%	28%	17%	18%	28%	26%	30%	24%	20%	10%	26%	37%	21%	24%	30%
Not too serious	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%	0%	4%	6%	2%	2%	4%
Not serious at all	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%	-	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
(DK)/(Refused)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%

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QN20B: Drug problem in Your Area BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Extremely serious	11%	8%	13%	10%	11%	8%	13%	10%	8%	10%	13%	8%	13%	10%	15%	10%	8%
Very serious	18%	18%	19%	17%	19%	21%	22%	14%	14%	21%	21%	26%	17%	13%	21%	18%	17%
Moderately serious	35%	37%	32%	35%	34%	33%	31%	39%	35%	33%	35%	39%	34%	33%	35%	36%	35%
Not too serious	24%	23%	26%	25%	23%	28%	22%	24%	29%	25%	19%	21%	23%	29%	22%	22%	29%
Not serious at all	10%	12%	9%	10%	10%	10%	11%	10%	12%	9%	10%	6%	12%	13%	6%	12%	11%
(DK)/(Refused)	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%

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QN21: U.S. Progress Made on Drug Problem BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Made much progress	10%	12%	7%	11%	8%	4%	8%	14%	7%	8%	13%	24%	6%	1%	9%	9%	9%
Made some progress	35%	37%	33%	38%	28%	33%	30%	39%	32%	39%	36%	50%	28%	32%	32%	40%	31%
Stood still	28%	28%	28%	27%	31%	28%	36%	23%	33%	26%	24%	13%	35%	31%	26%	24%	36%
Lost some ground	15%	15%	14%	13%	17%	21%	13%	13%	13%	17%	14%	8%	15%	21%	16%	17%	13%
Lost much ground	8%	4%	12%	7%	12%	10%	9%	7%	10%	7%	9%	5%	9%	11%	11%	8%	7%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4%	3%	6%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	4%	1%	6%	4%	6%	2%	4%

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QN22: Marijuana Use Legal BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Yes, legal	64%	64%	64%	66%	61%	72%	68%	57%	69%	65%	60%	40%	66%	85%	61%	67%	66%
No, not legal	33%	33%	34%	32%	36%	26%	30%	40%	29%	32%	38%	58%	32%	12%	38%	30%	33%
(DK)/(Refused)	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%

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