# Ohio Voter Views of Issue 2 to Legalize Adult Use of Marijuana 

Key Findings of a Survey of Likely November Voters Conducted August 14-23, 2023

## Survey Methodology

## Dates

## Survey Type

Research Population
Total Interviews

Margin of Sampling Error

Contact Methods

Data Collection Modes

Survey Tracking

August 14-23, 2023
Dual-mode Voter Survey
Likely November 2023 Voters in Ohio, modeling turnout similar to that observed in the August 8 special election 843
(Full Sample) $\pm 3.5 \%$ at the $95 \%$ Confidence Level (Half Sample) $\pm 4.9 \%$ at the $95 \%$ Confidence Level


2022, 2020 and 2019 Voter Surveys

## Political Context

## A growing majority of Ohio voters feels things are on the wrong track.

Would you say that things in Ohio are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

August 2023


September/October 2022


## Nearly two-thirds approve of the medical marijuana system - slightly fewer than in 2020.

Do you approve or disapprove of Ohio's current system for allowing medical marijuana use?

| $\square$ Strng. Appr | $\square$ Smwt. Appr. | - Don't Know/*Refused | -Smwt. Disappr. | $\square$ Stng. | isappr. | Total Appr | Total Disappr. |
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| ust 2023 | 29\% | 34\% | 12\% | 13\% | 12\% | 63\% | 25\% |


| August 2023 | $29 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
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|  | $45 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $16 \%$ |



## Two-thirds support legalization in principle, and a majority does so "strongly"...

Support in Principle for Legal Marijuana in Ohio


| *September/October 2022 | 55\% | 16\% | 6\%6\% | 18\% | 70\% | 24\% |
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| *September 2020 | 63\% | 10\% | 6\% | 20\% | 73\% | 21\% |
| *April 2019 | 55\% | 13\% |  | 26\% | 67\% | 30\% |

## ...and nearly two-thirds also believe that legalization of marijuana in Ohio is "inevitable."

Regardless of your position on the ballot measure we have been discussing, do you think the legalization of marijuana in Ohio is inevitable?
$\square$
*September/October 2022 $\square$
*September 2020


## Views of the Marijuana Measure

## Three in five support the measure given potential ballot language alone.

An Act to Control and Regulate Adult-Use Cannabis. The Act would enact a new chapter of the Ohio Revised Code regarding adult use cannabis to authorize and regulate the cultivation, processing, sale, purchase, possession, home grow, and use of adult use cannabis by adults at least 21 years of age. It would:

- Set limits on the amount of cannabis products that can be possessed at any one time;
- Tax adult use marijuana sales at a rate of $10 \%$ in addition to usual sales taxes;
- Establish and fund a social equity and jobs program; and
- Fund addiction education and treatment services related to use of cannabis and other controlled substances like opiates.


| Undecided, lean no | $1 \%$ | Total |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Probably no |  | $7 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Nofinitely no |  | $36 \%$ |  |

Undecided $\square 5 \%$

## These results are remarkably consistent with other, publicly-released polls.

| Current Polling | Total Yes | Total No | Undecided |
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| FM3 Poll (August) | $59 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Fallon Research (August) | $59 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Suffolk (July) | $59 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Historic Polling | Total Yes | Total No | Undecided |
| Concept (2022) | $63 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Ballot Label (2020) | $61 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Ballot Label (2019) | $57 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

# A slim majority of independents backs the measure, as do four in five Democrats. 

Initial Marijuana Vote by Party, Ideology \& 2020 Presidential Vote

| - Def. Yes | Yes U | - Un |  | Und., Lean No |  | rob. No | No | Total Yes | Total No |
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| Democrats | 59\% |  |  |  | 17\% | 6\% | 8\% | 83\% | 13\% |
| Independents | 26\% | 21\% | 5\% | 10\% | 9\% | 30\% |  | 51\% | 39\% |
| Republicans | 28\% | 14\% |  | 9\% |  | 41\% |  | 45\% | 51\% |



| Trump Voters | $26 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ |  |  |  | $41 \%$ |
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| Biden Voters |  | $58 \%$ |  | $18 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $81 \%$ |

## Liberal/moderate Republicans support the measure much more broadly than conservatives in their party.

Initial Marijuana Vote by Party by Ideology

| ■ Def. Yes $■$ Prob. Yes $\llbracket$ Und., Lean Yes $\square$ Undecided $\llbracket$ Und., Lean No $\square$ Prob. No ■ Def. No |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Total |
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| Liberal Democrats | 63\% |  | 20\% |  | 7\% | 85\% | 11\% |
| Moderate/Conservative Democrats | 54\% | 10\% | 14\% 5\% | 6\% | 9\% | 78\% | 17\% |


| Liberal/Moderate Independents | $29 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
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| Conservative Independents | $26 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
|  |  | $48 \%$ |  |  |  |  |


| Liberal/Moderate Republicans | $39 \%$ |  | $15 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
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| Conservative Republicans | $25 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
|  |  | $54 \%$ |  |  |  |  |

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