

San Diego Medical Marijuana Dispensaries Survey

(n=505 San Diego City Adults)

Margin of Sampling Error +/- 4.4%

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Weighted on Age and Gender

Hi this is _____ with Competitive Edge Research, a national polling firm. We are not selling anything. We are conducting important research on health topics on behalf of health professionals and we're calling the good folks of San Diego to ask your opinion. Most people find it interesting and all your answers will be kept strictly confidential. Please let me begin by asking . . .

Q1. What was your age on your last birthday?

	%
18 to 24	9.9
25 to 34	14.7
35 to 44	17.1
45 to 54	21.2
55 to 64	17.9
65 to 74	10.1
75 and over	9.1
<i>Mean age</i>	<i>48.8</i>

Q2. Area

	%
South City	48.2
North City	51.8

Q3. About how many years have you resided in your community?

	%
< 3 Years	10.8
3-5 Years	10.0
6-10 Years	18.5
11-20 Years	23.2
21+ Years	37.5

Q4. What is the name of the community in which you reside?

Currently being coded

- Q5. If a measure was on the ballot to make the recreational use of marijuana legal in California, would you vote “yes” or vote “no” on such a measure?

	%
Yes, definitely	28.9
Yes, probably	11.1
No, probably	8.2
No, definitely	39.2
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	11.2
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	1.5

- Q6. How serious of a problem is crime in your community? Is it . . . (*The order of the scale below was alternated*)

	%
Extremely serious	2.7
Very serious	6.9
Somewhat serious	32.4
Not too serious	38.0
Not serious at all	18.4
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	1.6

The topic of this survey is medical marijuana and I want to assure you that all your responses are held strictly confidential, it goes by quick and any opinion you have is valid – there are no wrong answers.

- Q7. First, California voters approved the Compassionate Use Act in 1996 which legalized marijuana for medical use and the courts have ruled that patients have the right to use medical marijuana. Thinking about how the City of San Diego should handle the issue of medical marijuana dispensaries, do you think the city should . . .

	%
Pass laws to ban them	8.5
Strictly control them by heavily regulating them	37.0
Moderately control them by placing few regulations on them	27.1
Not place any regulations on them	4.9
Or do you not have enough information at this time	20.1
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	2.4

- Q8. Is there a medical marijuana dispensary located in your neighborhood?

	%
Yes	7.8
No	48.9
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	43.2

Q9. How far away from your home would you want the nearest medical marijuana dispensary to be located? Would you want it . . .

	%
Within one mile	13.1
One to two miles	9.0
Two to five miles	13.6
5 to 10 miles or	15.5
More than 10 miles away	8.9
Or would you not want it located in the City of San Diego?	21.2
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	8.8
It makes no difference to me (<i>not read</i>)	9.7

Q10. San Diego’s Police Chief estimates that 40 to 50 medical marijuana dispensaries operate in the City. Do you think that is . . . (*The order of the scale below was alternated*)

	%
Too many dispensaries	38.3
The right amount	32.9
Too few dispensaries	8.3
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	20.6

Q11. How many medical marijuana dispensaries should there be in the City of San Diego? (*Asked of those who say there are too many or too few dispensaries in Q9, n=241*)

“Too many dispensaries” (*n=201*)

	%
None	24.1
1-3	14.9
4-6	10.8
7-10	13.8
11-20	15.9
21-30	6.1
>30	0.5
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	13.3
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	0.5

“Too few dispensaries” (*n=40*)

	%
None	0.0
1-5	4.6
6-59	0.0
60-70	14.0
71-80	14.0
100-150	20.9
>150	16.3
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	30.2
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	0.0

I am going to read you some possible ways to regulate marijuana dispensaries. Please tell me whether you think the following regulations are a Good idea or a Bad idea for the city of San Diego. One regulation would be to . . . (Q12-Q17 were randomized)

Q12. Require people applying for a permit to operate a medical marijuana dispensary to send a notification letter to nearby residents

	%
Good idea, strongly	47.2
Good idea, somewhat	17.2
Bad idea, somewhat	11.4
Bad idea, strongly	18.8
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	4.0
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	1.4

Q13. Prohibit medical marijuana dispensaries from operating within residentially zoned areas of the City of San Diego.

	%
Good idea, strongly	47.2
Good idea, somewhat	16.8
Bad idea, somewhat	11.1
Bad idea, strongly	16.9
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	6.3
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	1.6

Q14. Require medical marijuana dispensaries to be at least one thousand feet away from schools and youth facilities.

	%
Good idea, strongly	74.8
Good idea, somewhat	7.9
Bad idea, somewhat	2.8
Bad idea, strongly	10.6
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	2.7
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	1.1

Q15. Prohibit medical marijuana dispensaries from having outward signage allowing them to be identified only by a street address.

	%
Good idea, strongly	33.5
Good idea, somewhat	21.8
Bad idea, somewhat	11.3
Bad idea, strongly	21.0
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	11.6
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	0.8

Q16. Require dispensary employees and managers to be fingerprinted by law enforcement authorities and have their criminal backgrounds checked.

	%
Good idea, strongly	76.1
Good idea, somewhat	10.9
Bad idea, somewhat	3.4
Bad idea, strongly	7.8
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	1.2
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	0.6

Q17. Require medical marijuana dispensaries to be non-profit organizations.

	%
Good idea, strongly	45.9
Good idea, somewhat	17.1
Bad idea, somewhat	6.0
Bad idea, strongly	16.1
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	14.2
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	0.7

(Q18-Q20 were randomized)

Q18. The Anaheim City Council voted in 2007 to ban medical marijuana dispensaries from the city of Anaheim. Here are two opinions on this issue from Anaheim residents. (*Opinions were randomized*)

Smith says cities should be allowed to decide if they want medical marijuana dispensaries in their communities. The Anaheim City Council says the dispensaries promote teen drug use and attract crime into neighborhoods and they are just doing their job by protecting their residents.

Jones says by banning medical marijuana dispensaries, the city of Anaheim is denying patients' access to their medicine in their communities. The voters in the state have already approved the use of medical marijuana and cities should not be allowed to ignore the state law.

Do you agree with more with Smith or Jones?

	%
Smith/cities decide, strongly	25.4
Smith/cities decide, somewhat	14.2
Jones/cities not allowed to ignore law, somewhat	18.9
Jones/cities not allowed to ignore law, strongly	32.9
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	7.6
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	1.0

Q19. Federal drug enforcement officials seized more than 3,000 patient records from medical marijuana dispensaries in San Diego and San Marcos in 2005 and 2006. The records show that only 2% of those patients had serious medical conditions, such as AIDS, glaucoma or cancer and most were young. Knowing this, are you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the city of San Diego permanently banning medical marijuana dispensaries?

	%
Support, strongly	22.2
Support, somewhat	10.3
Oppose, somewhat	15.9
Oppose, strongly	38.9
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	11.5
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	1.2

Q20. Recently, the City of San Diego announced it is facing a \$179 million budget deficit, and will face significant layoffs of public employees and service cuts, including police and fire protection. If more law enforcement resources are needed to keep medical marijuana dispensaries safe and compliant with city laws, would you support or oppose increasing the number of medical marijuana dispensaries?

	%
Support, strongly	12.3
Support, somewhat	11.6
Oppose, somewhat	15.7
Oppose, strongly	47.6
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	9.7
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	3.3

And please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements . . . (Q21-Q23 were randomized)

Q21. “Medical marijuana treats conditions such as glaucoma, cancer and other serious illnesses and should be considered the same as any other drug prescription.”

	%
Agree strongly	50.1
Agree somewhat	18.5
Disagree somewhat	7.9
Disagree strongly	17.3
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	5.5
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	0.7
Net Agreement	+43.4

Q22. “Officials must make sure that San Diego’s medical marijuana patients have convenient access to their medicine in the city.”

	%
Agree strongly	50.7
Agree somewhat	25.9
Disagree somewhat	9.1
Disagree strongly	11.3
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	2.6
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	0.3
Net Agreement	+56.2

Q23. “Medical marijuana dispensaries are associated with drug cartels.”

	%
Agree strongly	13.5
Agree somewhat	8.1
Disagree somewhat	18.6
Disagree strongly	38.6
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	20.3
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	1.0
Net Agreement	-35.6

Q24. Now that you’ve heard more information, thinking about how the City of San Diego should handle the issue of medical marijuana dispensaries, do you think the city should . . .

	%
Pass laws to ban them	9.5
Strictly control them by heavily regulating them	42.4
Moderately control them by placing few regulations on them	27.5
Not place any regulations on them	3.1
Or do you not have enough information at this time	16.4
Unsure (<i>not read</i>)	1.1

I would like to ask you about your use of marijuana. Please remember that all your answers will absolutely be kept strictly confidential.

Q25. Have you ever tried, even once, marijuana?

	%
Yes	44.9
No	53.9
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	1.2

Q26. What is your best estimate of the number of days you used marijuana during the past year?
(Of those who have tried marijuana, n=213)

	%
None	72.4
1-7	9.8
8-30	4.5
31-60	2.3
>60	10.9

Q27. Do you use marijuana for medical purposes? (Of those who have used marijuana in the last year, n=51)

	%
Yes	42.7
No	57.3

Q28. Some people have a prescription for their medical marijuana and some do not. How about you? (Asked of medical marijuana users, n=22)

	%
Yes	33.5
No	66.5

Q29. Do you obtain your medical marijuana from . . . (Asked of medical marijuana users, n=22)

	%
Medical marijuana dispensaries	16.7
Door-to-door mobile delivery services or	13.6
Some other way	65.0
Both (not read)	4.6

Q30. About how many miles do you travel to obtain your medical marijuana? (Asked of medical marijuana users who do not have medical marijuana delivered, n=19)

	%
0	8.1
1	29.1
2-5	15.1
6-10	6.2
11-15	12.0
16+	20.0
Unsure	9.6

Q31. Do you have a friend or family member who uses marijuana?

	%
Yes	41.0
No	57.1
Refused (not read)	1.9

Q32. Do you have a friend or family member who uses marijuana for medical purposes? (Asked of those who have a friend or family member who uses marijuana, n=202)

	%
Yes	46.0
No	52.1
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	1.9

Thanks. Now I have just a few demographic questions to make sure we have a representative sample .
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Q33. Do you have access to a computer with internet service?

	%
Yes	80.5
No	18.7
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	0.8

Q34. What is the last level of education you have completed?

	%
Less than a high school diploma	6.7
High school	15.6
Some college	29.3
College degree	27.2
Advanced degree	20.1
Refused (<i>not read</i>)	1.0

Q35. And when it comes to social issues and politics do you consider yourself to be . . .

	%
Very liberal	11.1
Somewhat liberal	38.5
Somewhat conservative	29.0
Very conservative	11.9
Somewhere in between (<i>Not read</i>)	3.7
Unsure (<i>Not read</i>)	3.8
Refused (<i>Not read</i>)	1.9

Q36. How many children under the age of 18 are living in your household?

	%
None	63.9
1	11.2
2	16.6
3	4.0
4+	3.0
Refused (<i>Not read</i>)	1.2

Q37. What is your marital status?

	%
Married	50.4
Single, never married	28.9
Divorced	11.3
Widowed	7.4
Refused (<i>Not read</i>)	2.0

Q38. And is your family's ethnic heritage mainly . . .

	%
White	50.8
Hispanic	16.7
Asian	6.4
African-American	4.7
Native-American	0.2
Is it mixed race	16.8
Something else	2.1
Refused (<i>Not read</i>)	2.3

Q39. And please stop me when I reach the category closest to your household's total annual income...

	%
Less than \$20,000	13.6
\$20 to 40,000	19.3
\$40 to 60,000	15.9
\$60 to 80,000	12.3
\$80 to 100,000	9.1
\$100 to \$150,000	9.6
More than \$150,000	8.5
Refused (<i>Not read</i>)	11.5

Thanks for your time and your opinion counts, goodbye.

40. GENDER (BY OBSERVATION)

	%
Male	49.1
Female	50.9

41. LANGUAGE

	%
English	92.3
Spanish	7.7