

YouGov Survey Results

Fieldwork: 7th - 10th January 2022

Sample Size: 1115 adults in London (18+)



Weighted Sample
Unweighted Sample

Total	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region		Ethnicity (1)					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	Inner London	Outer London	White	Asian	Black	Mixed/Other	Refused	
1115	270	406	126	502	329	549	566	120	592	231	172	658	457	394	721	671	193	139	95	17	
1115	292	361	114	523	323	471	644	115	538	254	208	716	399	387	728	728	178	105	77	27	
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

With regard to soft drugs such as cannabis, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

The sale and possession of such drugs should remain a criminal offence as now	28	44	21	31	23	39	25	32	16	26	32	42	29	28	24	31	31	26	24	23	32
The sale and possession of such drugs should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking i	23	22	23	26	23	23	22	23	31	21	24	20	23	22	18	25	23	22	20	25	19
The sale and possession of such drugs should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')	32	22	38	33	40	24	37	27	26	34	32	30	35	29	38	29	34	26	34	34	8
Don't know	17	12	18	10	14	14	16	17	27	19	13	9	14	21	20	15	12	26	23	19	41

If soft drugs like cannabis were decriminalised, do you think this would lead to more or less people using drugs, or would it make no difference?

More people using drugs	31	46	25	26	28	37	30	32	32	28	33	39	34	28	28	33	32	30	31	23	38
Fewer people using drugs	8	6	10	5	8	8	8	8	11	9	6	6	8	9	7	9	6	11	10	12	6
Would make no difference	42	38	46	46	45	42	45	40	32	44	44	43	44	41	46	40	47	32	41	40	16
Don't know	18	10	19	23	18	13	17	19	25	19	17	12	15	23	18	18	14	27	18	25	40

If soft drugs like cannabis were decriminalised, do you think this would lead to more or less crime?

More crime	19	30	16	14	15	27	20	17	14	17	20	27	20	17	17	20	19	19	18	13	22
Less crime	40	28	47	49	49	28	45	36	48	43	36	32	43	36	42	40	43	36	36	44	15
Would make no difference	23	29	20	19	20	29	18	27	14	21	27	27	21	25	23	22	23	19	29	18	19
Don't know	18	14	17	17	16	15	17	20	24	19	17	13	16	22	18	19	15	27	17	25	44

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	Ethnicity (2)		Support for possession of soft drugs such as cannabis to be decriminalised			
	White	BME	Oppose	Oppose, but it should be regarded as a minor offence	Support	Don't know
1115	671	427	317	251	360	186
1115	728	360	326	258	362	169
	%	%	%	%	%	%

With regard to soft drugs such as cannabis, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

The sale and possession of such drugs should remain a criminal offence as now	28	31	24	100	0	0	0
The sale and possession of such drugs should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking i	23	23	22	0	100	0	0
The sale and possession of such drugs should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')	32	34	30	0	0	100	0
Don't know	17	12	23	0	0	0	100

If soft drugs like cannabis were decriminalised, do you think this would lead to more or less people using drugs, or would it make no difference?

More people using drugs	31	32	29	71	23	12	13
Fewer people using drugs	8	6	11	2	15	11	4
Would make no difference	42	47	36	17	47	73	21
Don't know	18	14	23	10	15	4	62

If soft drugs like cannabis were decriminalised, do you think this would lead to more or less crime?

More crime	19	19	17	54	6	1	8
Less crime	40	43	38	7	48	77	17
Would make no difference	23	23	22	24	35	18	14
Don't know	18	15	23	15	11	4	62

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A new pilot scheme is being planned for some London boroughs in which under-25s who are caught with small quantities of cannabis would be offered classes or counselling, rather than being arrested. The scheme will not decriminalise the drug, nor will it apply to other drugs. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose this scheme?

Strongly support	24	15	29	32	33	17	21	27	29	23	23	25	28	19	24	24	24	22	29	28	2
Somewhat support	39	40	40	44	40	40	40	39	36	40	38	41	41	38	37	41	41	35	39	36	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	63	55	69	76	73	57	61	66	65	63	61	66	69	57	61	65	57	68	64	30	
Somewhat oppose	10	12	10	8	9	10	10	10	11	11	8	7	10	9	10	10	10	9	10	12	11
Strongly oppose	9	18	6	2	6	14	11	7	3	9	12	11	8	10	8	10	10	9	8	6	15
TOTAL OPPOSE	19	30	16	10	15	24	21	17	14	20	20	18	18	19	18	20	18	18	18	26	
Don't know	17	15	16	14	12	19	18	17	21	17	18	16	13	23	20	16	15	25	14	17	43

And would you support or oppose this pilot scheme being run in your local area?

Strongly support	24	15	30	33	32	18	22	27	26	23	25	27	28	18	25	24	25	23	23	28	0
Somewhat support	35	36	34	42	38	33	35	35	30	36	33	37	38	31	33	36	37	30	37	26	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	59	51	64	75	70	51	57	62	56	59	58	64	66	49	58	60	62	53	60	54	28
Somewhat oppose	10	12	10	5	8	10	10	10	14	10	9	5	10	9	9	10	9	10	10	12	11
Strongly oppose	11	21	6	6	8	17	13	8	3	10	14	13	9	13	10	11	11	10	7	12	14
TOTAL OPPOSE	21	33	16	11	16	27	23	18	17	20	23	18	19	22	19	21	20	20	17	24	25
Don't know	21	17	19	14	14	23	21	20	27	20	20	17	15	29	22	20	17	27	23	22	46

How successful, if at all, do you think this scheme would be at preventing young people from committing crimes/reoffending in the future?

Very successful	4	2	6	3	6	2	5	4	3	5	3	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	9	0
Somewhat successful	32	23	36	44	39	22	30	33	37	31	31	32	35	26	33	31	31	32	41	25	9
TOTAL SUCCESSFUL	36	25	42	47	45	24	35	37	40	36	34	35	39	30	36	36	35	36	44	34	9
Not very successful	22	27	21	18	18	26	22	22	23	21	22	27	22	22	21	23	25	18	14	20	25
Not successful at all	15	26	10	10	11	24	17	13	9	15	18	17	15	15	16	15	17	11	13	10	17
TOTAL NOT SUCCESSFUL	37	53	31	28	29	50	39	35	32	36	40	44	37	37	37	38	42	29	27	30	42
Don't know	27	23	27	26	25	25	25	28	29	28	26	21	23	32	27	27	23	34	28	36	49

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Strongly support	24	24	26	16	31	34	11
Somewhat support	39	41	37	36	52	44	21
TOTAL SUPPORT	63	65	63	52	83	78	32
Somewhat oppose	10	10	10	15	8	8	6
Strongly oppose	9	10	8	23	3	3	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	19	20	18	38	11	11	12
Don't know	17	15	20	11	7	11	56

And would you support or oppose this pilot scheme being run in your local area?

Strongly support	24	25	24	16	27	37	9
Somewhat support	35	37	31	31	44	40	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	59	62	55	47	71	77	29
Somewhat oppose	10	9	10	14	13	7	3
Strongly oppose	11	11	10	28	4	3	5
TOTAL OPPOSE	21	20	20	42	17	10	8
Don't know	21	17	25	12	11	13	63

How successful, if at all, do you think this scheme would be at preventing young people from committing crimes/reoffending in the future?

Very successful	4	4	5	3	4	8	1
Somewhat successful	32	31	34	21	41	42	16
TOTAL SUCCESSFUL	36	35	39	24	45	50	17
Not very successful	22	25	17	28	25	20	12
Not successful at all	15	17	12	29	8	12	8
TOTAL NOT SUCCESSFUL	37	42	29	57	33	32	20
Don't know	27	23	33	19	24	18	63