

DRUG LAW POLL May 2021

- CLIENT:** Family First New Zealand
- POLL DATES:** Mon 03 to Tue 18 May 2021. The median response was collected on Tue 11 May 2021.
- TARGET POPULATION:** Eligible New Zealand voters.
- SAMPLE POPULATION:** Eligible New Zealand voters who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone.
- SAMPLE SIZE:** 1,000 respondents agreed to participate.
- SAMPLE SELECTION:** A random selection of 18,000 nationwide phone numbers.
- WEIGHTING:** The results are weighted to reflect the overall voting adult population in terms of gender, age, area and deprivation.
- SAMPLE ERROR:** Based on this sample of 1,000 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.1%, at the 95% confidence level.
- CODE COMPLIANCE:** This poll was conducted in accordance with the Research Association New Zealand Code of Practice and the International Chamber of Commerce/European Society for Opinion and Market Research Code on Market and Social Research.

Last year, the majority of NZers voted no to legalising cannabis for recreational use. But there have been recent calls to still make changes to the drug laws in some way. Of the following three options, which do you support the most?

- **Keep the current drug laws which were amended in 2019. The current law specifies that while drugs remain illegal, consideration should be given to whether a health approach is more beneficial when determining whether a prosecution is required in the public interest for personal drug possession and use, and that the Police focus on drug dealers and manufacturers.**
- **Decriminalise the use and possession of cannabis only, but not other drugs**
- **Decriminalise the use and possession of ALL drugs, including P (Meth), MDMA, cocaine, cannabis etc**

		Count	Col %
Drug law preference	Status Quo	313	31%
	Decriminalise cannabis	477	48%
	Decriminalise all drugs	84	8%
	Unsure	124	12%
	Total	998	100%

48% support the decriminalisation of cannabis only and 8% the decriminalisation of all drugs. 31% back the status quo and 12% are unsure.

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Drug law preference	Status Quo	35%	26%
	Decriminalise cannabis	44%	52%
	Decriminalise all drugs	6%	12%
	Unsure	14%	10%
	Total	100%	100%

64% of men back some form of decriminalization compared to 50% of women.

		Age Group			
		18-30 Col %	31-45 Col %	46-60 Col %	61+ Col %
Drug law preference	Status Quo	29%	20%	36%	41%
	Decriminalise cannabis	55%	50%	44%	39%
	Decriminalise all drugs	7%	15%	11%	2%
	Unsure	9%	15%	9%	18%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Over 60s most support the status quo and under 30s most support decriminalising cannabis only.

		2020 Referendum Vote			
		Yes Col %	No Col %	Not Vote Col %	Unsure Col %
Drug law preference	Status Quo	7%	61%	22%	10%
	Decriminalise cannabis	73%	19%	56%	30%
	Decriminalise all drugs	11%	5%	11%	10%
	Unsure	9%	15%	11%	50%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Of those who voted no in the referendum on legalisation, 61% support the status quo. 19% support cannabis decriminalisation, 5% decriminalisation of all drugs and 15% are unsure.

		Area Type		
		Metro Col %	Prov Cities Col %	Towns/Rural Col %
Drug law preference	Status Quo	30%	31%	32%
	Decriminalise cannabis	49%	37%	52%
	Decriminalise all drugs	6%	19%	6%
	Unsure	15%	13%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

		Probed Party Vote (All Voters)				
		National	Labour	ACT	Green	Undecided
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Drug law preference	Status Quo	47%	22%	25%	23%	31%
	Decriminalise cannabis	39%	56%	40%	53%	50%
	Decriminalise all drugs	3%	8%	21%	25%	6%
	Unsure	11%	14%	14%	0%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

National voters back the status quo, while Labour voters back decriminalisation of cannabis. Green and ACT voters more likely to support decriminalizing all drugs.

		Count	Col %
2020 Referendum Vote	Yes	488	49%
	No	483	48%
	Not Vote	9	1%
	Unsure	20	2%
	Total	1000	100%

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