

Canadians largely prefer that the federal government take the lead in regulating the sale of marijuana

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Summary

Over half of Canadians share the view that the federal government should lead in setting rules for selling marijuana across Canada. When it comes to where marijuana is sold, Canadians are split in their preferences between solely government outlets, non-government stores and the opinion that it makes no difference as long as the sale is regulated. Canadians have mixed impressions regarding the legal age of consumption, largely split between an age of 18 and 21.

- **More than half Canadians say that the federal government should lead in setting rules for the sale of marijuana** – When asked which statement was closest to their view, 57 per cent of Canadians sided with the federal government taking the lead in setting the rules for selling marijuana. About a third (32%) of Canadians answered that provinces should lead in setting rules for selling marijuana across Canada. Eleven per cent are unsure.
- **Canadians have mixed views regarding where legal marijuana should be sold** – When asked which statement was closest to their view, 29 per cent of Canadians responded that it doesn't make any difference where legal marijuana is sold as long as there are rules and regulations that control access, while 26 per cent are open to legal marijuana being sold through non-government stores like pharmacies and speciality stores, and 25 per cent want all legal marijuana to be sold only in provincially owned government outlets. Seventeen per cent of respondents side with the view that marijuana should continue to be illegal. Two per cent are unsure.
- **Canadians are split when it comes to the legal age of marijuana consumption** – Asked at what age marijuana should legally be allowed to be consumed in Canada, 30 per cent answered with 21 years of age, followed by 18 years of age (28%), 19 years of age (17%), 25 years of age (five per cent), and 20 years of age (two per cent). Twelve per cent believe marijuana should continue to be illegal and five per cent are unsure.

These observations are based on a Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,000 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, conducted between July 23rd and 26th, 2017 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The margin of error for a random survey of 1,000 Canadians is ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

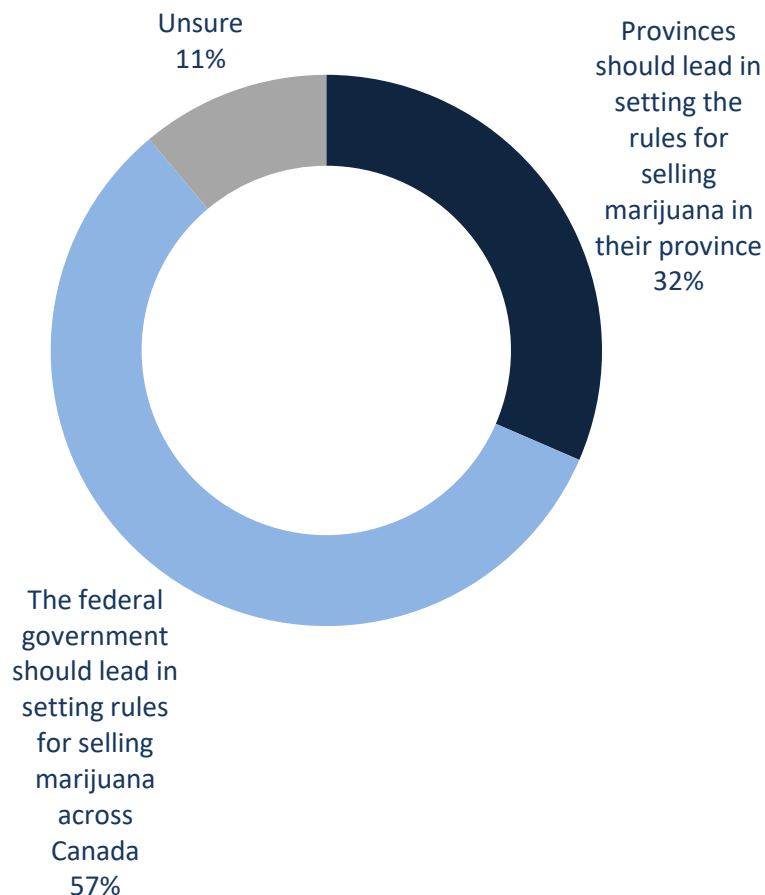
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View on setting rules for marijuana sale

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Subgroups	Federal government should lead
Atlantic (n=100)	66.1%
Quebec (n=250)	43.8%
Ontario (n=300)	61.3%
Prairies (n=200)	62.2%
British Columbia (n=150)	59.8%
Male (n=511)	56.2%
Female (n=489)	58.4%
18 to 29 (n=163)	53.7%
30 to 39 (n=164)	62.2%
40 to 49 (n=195)	56.8%
50 to 59 (n=225)	54.7%
60 plus (n=253)	59.4%

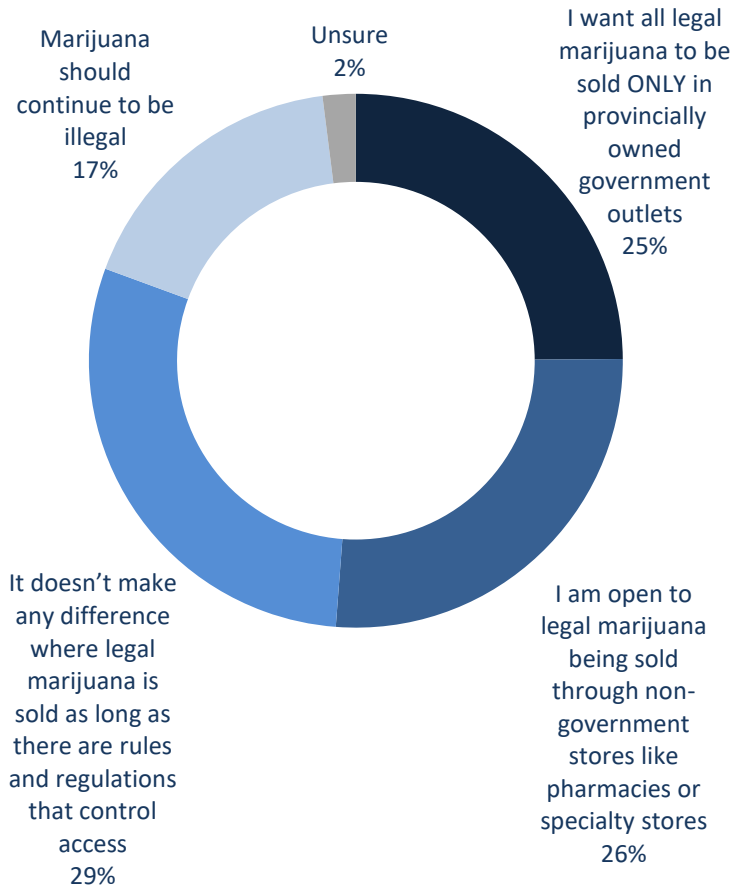
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QUESTION – Which of the following is closer to your own view?



Opinion on sale of legal marijuana

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Subgroups	It doesn't make any difference
Atlantic (n=100)	35.2%
Quebec (n=250)	22.1%
Ontario (n=300)	28.4%
Prairies (n=200)	36.7%
British Columbia (n=150)	30.2%
Male (n=511)	29.3%
Female (n=489)	29.6%
18 to 29 (n=163)	34.6%
30 to 39 (n=164)	24.2%
40 to 49 (n=195)	28.9%
50 to 59 (n=225)	23.7%
60 plus (n=253)	33.2%

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QUESTION – Assuming that regardless of where marijuana is sold, it will be regulated by the government, which of the following best reflects your personal views on the sale of legal marijuana?

Legal age for marijuana consumption in Canada

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Mentions	Frequency (n=1000)
16	0.6%
18	27.6%
19	17.0%
20	1.9%
21	29.5%
22	0.3%
24	0.4%
25	5.4%
Marijuana should continue to be illegal	12.4%
Unsure	5.1%

QUESTION – At what age do you believe marijuana should legally be allowed to be consumed in Canada?



Methodology

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,000 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between July 23rd and 26th, 2017 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The sample included both land- and cell-lines across Canada. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada.

Individuals randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

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Technical Note

Element	Description
Organization who commissioned the research	CTV
Final Sample Size	1,000 Randomly selected individuals.
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.
Demographics (Captured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work as per the MRIA Code of Conduct
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs.
Time of Calls	Individuals were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.
Field Dates	July 23 rd to 26 th , 2017.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.

Element	Description
Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2014) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line could not participate.
Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2014) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.
Estimated Response Rate	Sixteen percent, consistent with industry norms.
Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Question Content	This was module two of an omnibus survey. The previous module asked about the top national unprompted issue of concern.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Survey Company	Nanos Research
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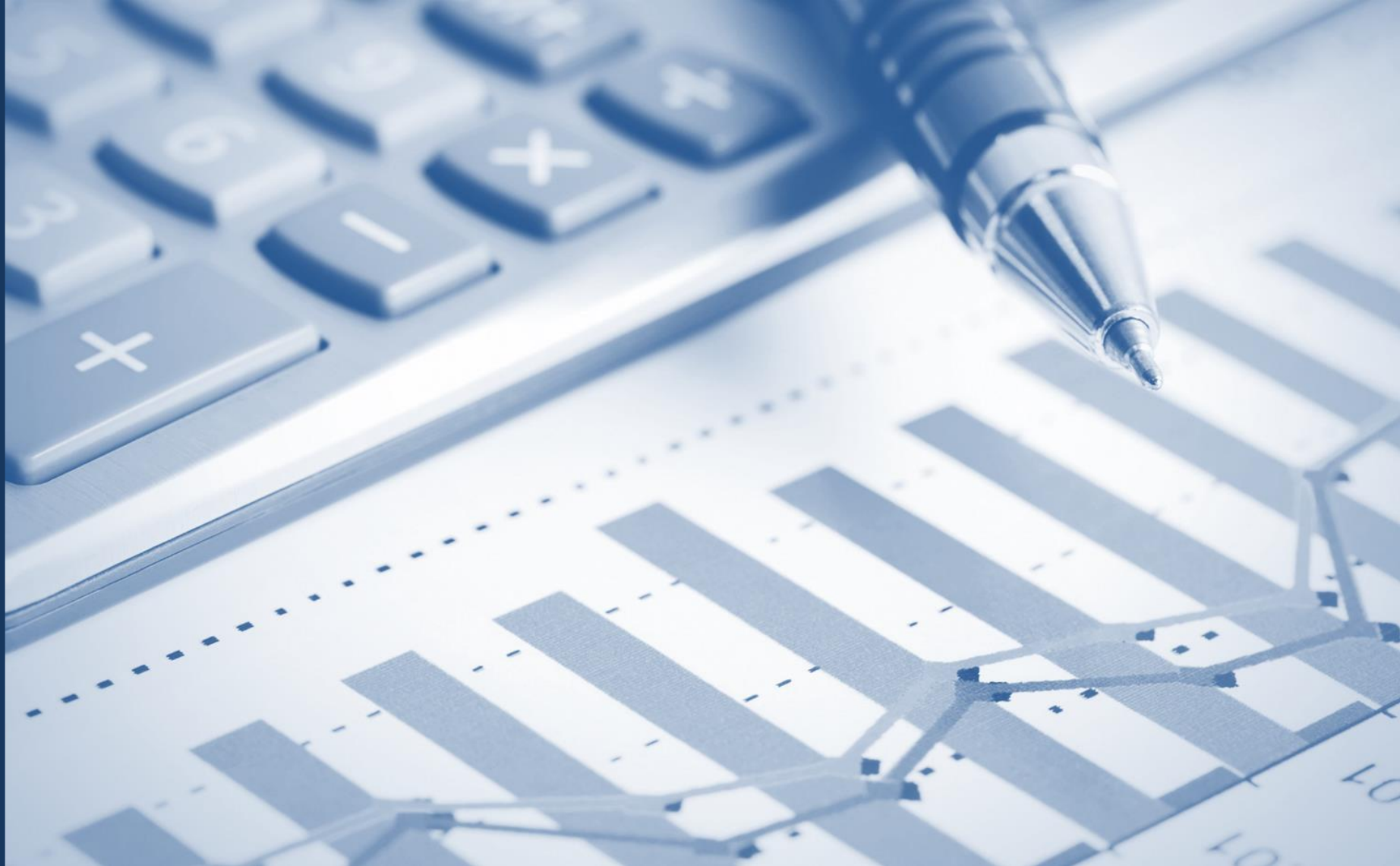
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Tabulations



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			Region							Gender		Age				
			Canada 2017-07	Atlantic Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
Question - Which of the following is closer to your own view?	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	511	489	163	164	195	225	253	
		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	487	513	197	163	187	189	265	
	Provinces should lead in setting the rules for selling marijuana in their province	%	31.5	23.5	46.8	27.1	23.1	31.5	33.5	29.7	31.6	26.2	31.0	37.1	31.1	
	The federal government should lead in setting rules for selling marijuana across Canada	%	57.4	66.1	43.8	61.3	62.2	59.8	56.2	58.4	53.7	62.2	56.8	54.7	59.4	
	Unsure	%	11.1	10.5	9.5	11.6	14.6	8.7	10.3	11.9	14.8	11.6	12.1	8.2	9.5	
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	I want all legal marijuana to be sold ONLY in provincially owned government outlets	%	24.9	29.1	26.4	26.9	16.5	26.7	24.4	25.3	20.3	22.1	23.7	31.1	26.4	
	I am open to legal marijuana being sold through non-government stores like pharmacies or specialty stores	%	26.3	18.7	27.7	25.0	27.4	30.2	26.3	26.4	28.2	27.2	28.4	26.4	22.9	
	It doesn't make any difference where legal marijuana is sold as long as there are rules and regulations that control a	%	29.4	35.2	22.1	28.4	36.7	30.2	29.3	29.6	34.6	24.2	28.9	23.7	33.2	
	Marijuana should continue to be illegal	%	17.4	15.1	22.5	17.0	18.0	10.4	18.6	16.3	15.4	26.4	14.9	15.9	16.2	
	Unsure	%	2.0	1.9	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.5	1.5	2.4	1.5	.0	4.0	3.0	1.3	

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		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	487	513	197	163	187	189	265
	16.00	%	.6	3.4	.4	.2	.0	.4	.6	.5	1.4	1.0	.0	.7	.0
	18.00	%	27.6	12.9	30.9	22.7	41.4	23.4	27.5	27.7	55.0	28.8	24.9	22.1	12.4
	19.00	%	17.0	22.3	4.7	21.4	9.0	35.9	16.3	17.7	16.8	19.5	16.9	19.9	13.6
	20.00	%	1.9	3.4	3.2	.5	1.8	1.8	2.3	1.6	1.3	.0	3.5	2.5	2.0
	21.00	%	29.5	35.7	35.8	26.9	24.6	26.5	28.9	30.0	14.6	29.0	28.8	25.9	43.8
	22.00	%	.3	.0	.0	.8	.0	.0	.5	.0	.0	.0	.8	.0	.4
	24.00	%	.4	.0	.5	.6	.0	.4	.1	.6	.0	.0	.7	.7	.4
	25.00	%	5.4	5.5	6.6	5.8	4.1	4.2	4.4	6.3	.0	7.4	6.6	9.0	4.7
Marijuana should continue to be illegal			12.4	11.5	14.6	15.0	11.7	4.6	13.6	11.1	8.2	8.8	13.1	14.4	15.6
Unsure			5.1	5.5	3.3	5.9	7.4	2.9	5.7	4.5	2.6	5.5	4.6	4.8	7.1

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