



WHERE DO MALAYSIANS FIND INFORMATION ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA?



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INTRODUCTION

- >> The potential medical benefits of marijuana and its various elements have long been under intense scrutiny and public debate.
- >> Decriminalisation of medical marijuana is related to granting patients legal access to medication in the form of medical marijuana to treat their symptoms or sickness.
- >> Due to high public interest on the subject, the Malaysian government is currently assessing the possibility of decriminalising medical marijuana in the country.

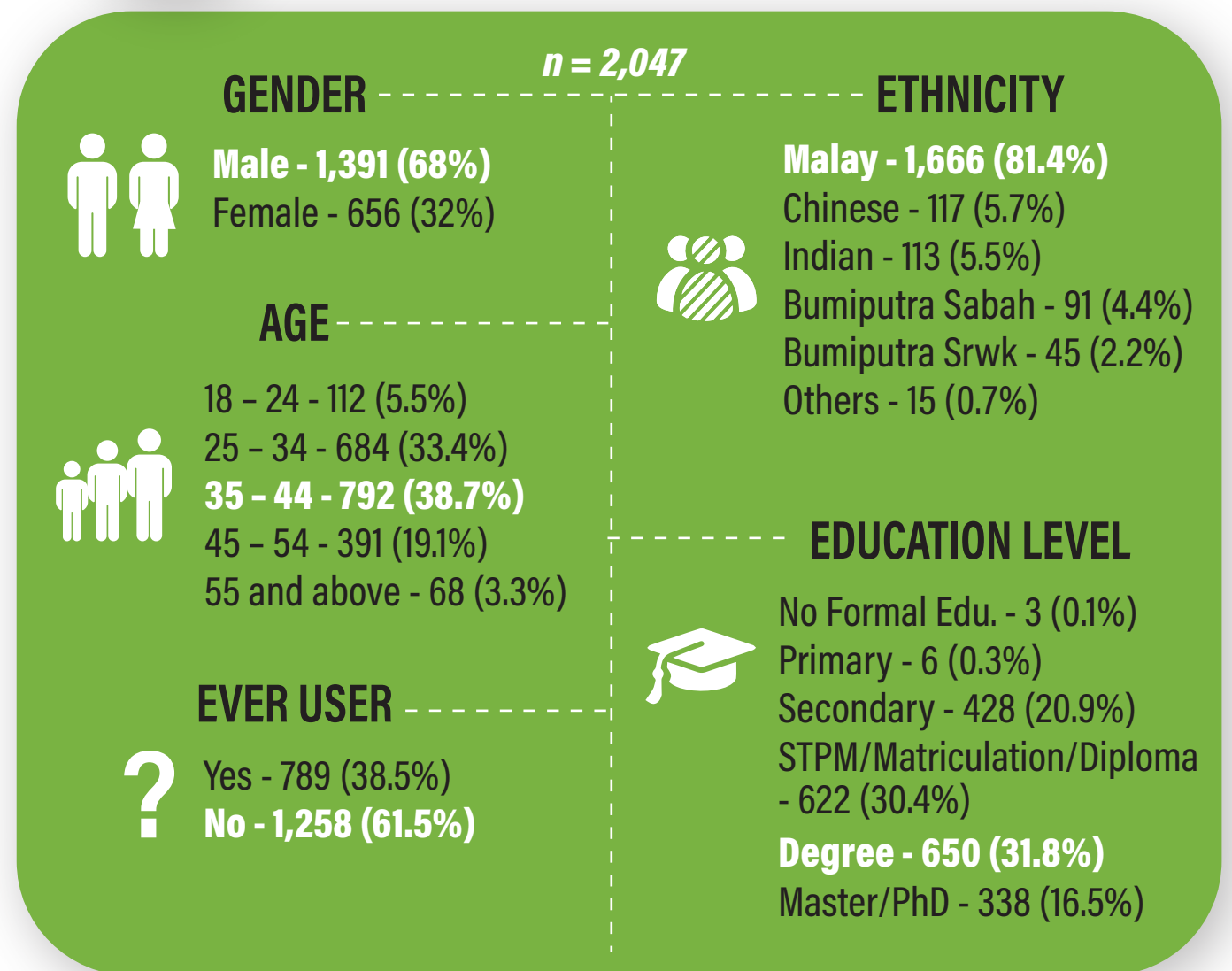


METHODS

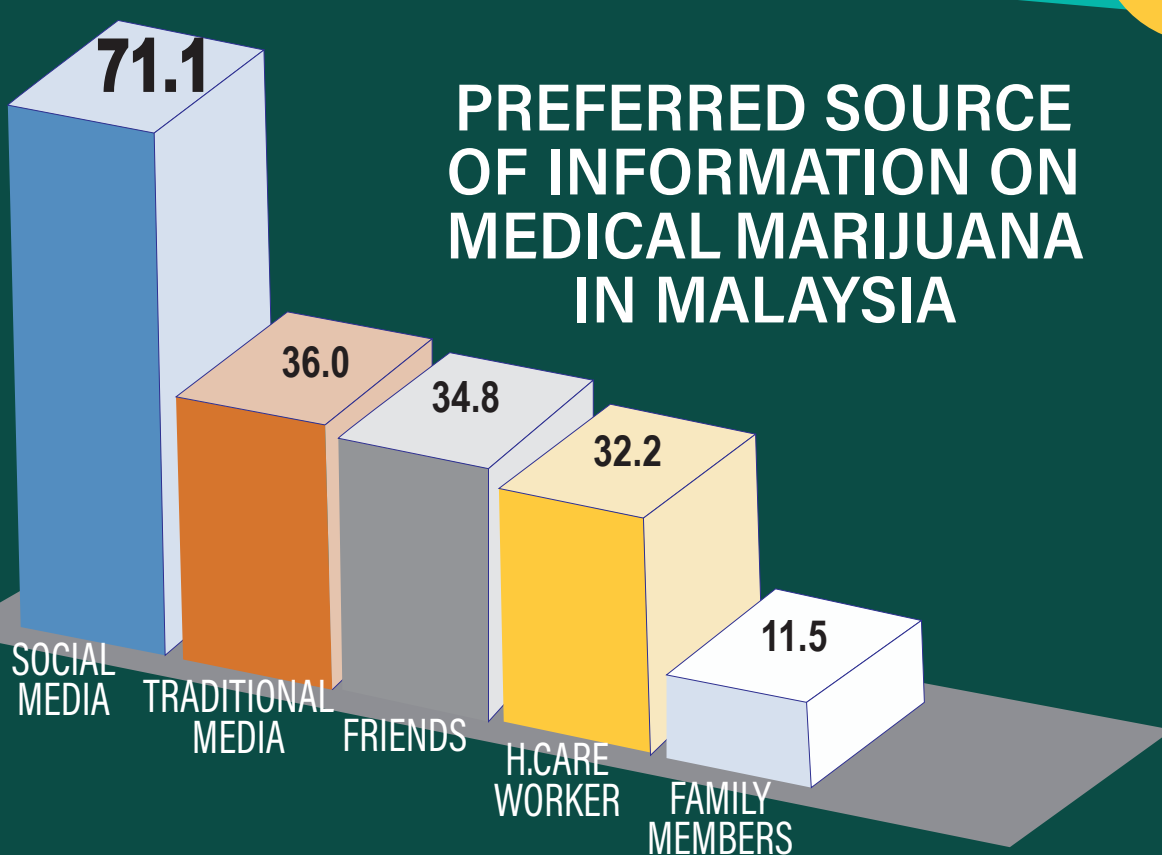
- >> A cross-sectional study
- >> A nationwide online self administered questionnaire
- >> 2,047 respondents aged 18 years and older among both users and non-users of marijuana.



SOCIO DEMOGRAPHIC



RESULTS



Popular search topics:

70.7% physical and psychological effects

70.1% law-related information

>50% interested in

67.2% health risks associated with usage

56.5% the risks of addiction

77.1% Women more interested about physical and psychological effects

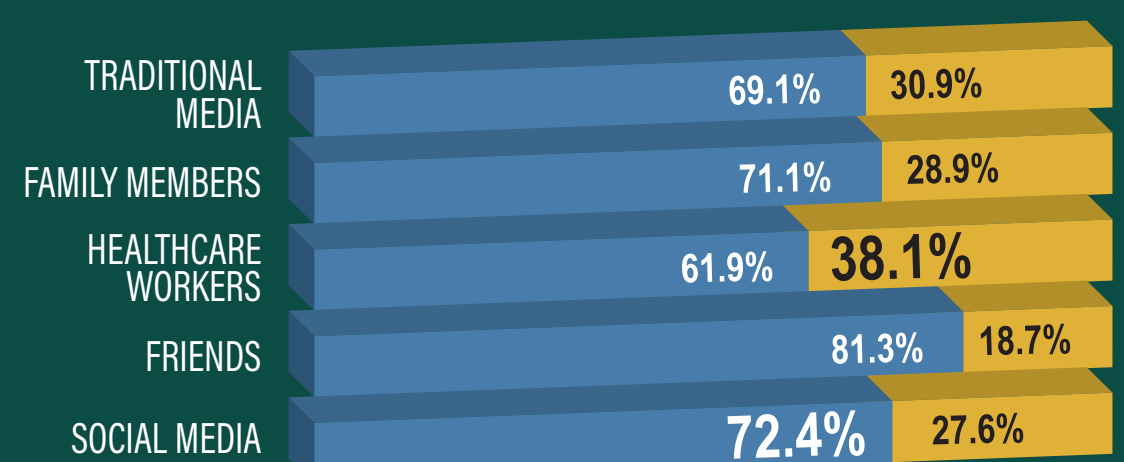
70.6% Men more interested in information about laws

Those who have used drugs were most interested in the rules and penalties

74.3%

66.0% physical and psychological consequences of medical marijuana

PREFERRED SOURCE OF INFORMATION BASED ON GENDER



MALE

FEMALE



CONCLUSION

- >> The study indicates that social media is the most influential source of information among males
- >> Female respondents preferred to get information from health professionals
- >> The dissemination of medical marijuana decriminalisation should be focused on media and healthcare workers
- >> However, it falls on the information seeking individuals to seek information from only trustworthy sites to ensure reliable and accurate information is gained.

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