



ACCEPTANCE TOWARD DECRIMINALIZATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA



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INTRODUCTION

Marijuana may have therapeutic and medical benefits due to a variety of chemicals. The effect have gained global attention in recent years. Decriminalisation of marijuana means many will benefit from its medical potential. However, it may come together with much risk. Therefore the study gains acceptance among Malaysian on the issue.

METHODS

- Study Design:** Cross Sectional Online Survey
- Study Population:** Malaysian who are 18 years and older
- Sample Size:** 2,047 people
- Inclusion Criteria:** Aged 18 and above, have access to the internet and able to understand Malay or English language



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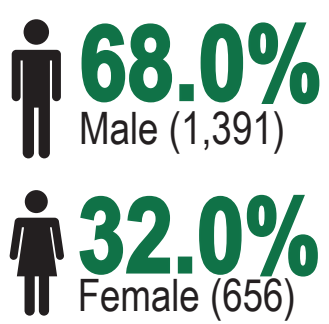
RESULT

- over five in 10 respondents strongly agree to support the use of medical marijuana if there is evidence from clinical research **54.3%**
- strongly agree to use medical marijuana for my own treatment if Malaysia law allows it to be used **50.3%**
- strongly agree to support the use of medical marijuana among their family members or close acquaintance if there is evidence based from clinical research **49.5%**
- strongly agree marijuana use for medical purposes requires consultation, prescription and monitoring from trained medical doctor **53.8%**
- strongly agree medical marijuana is safe for mental and physical health **40.2%**
- strongly agree on decriminalization of medical marijuana for the purpose and treatment in Malaysia **51.3%**

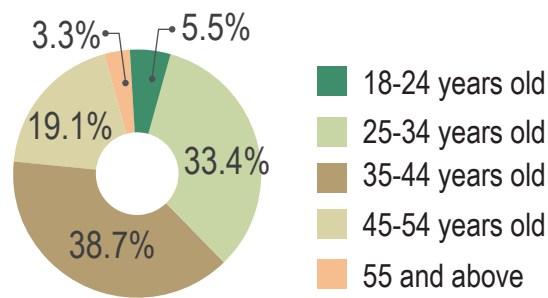
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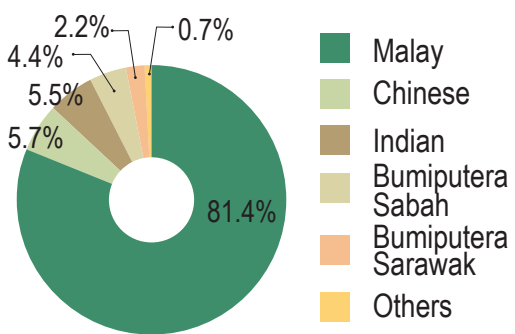
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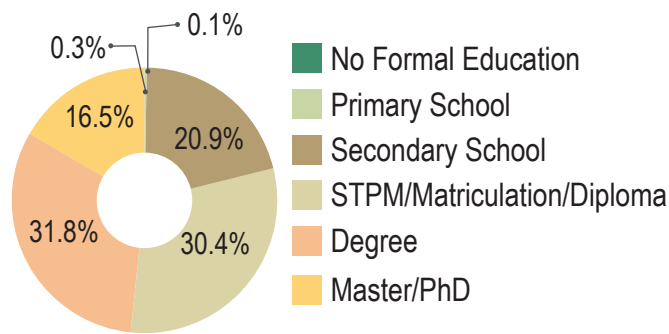
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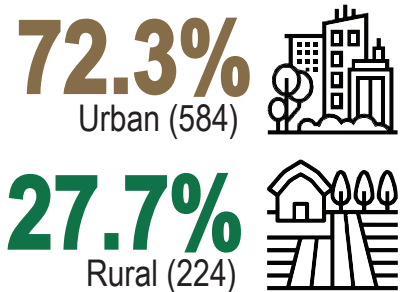
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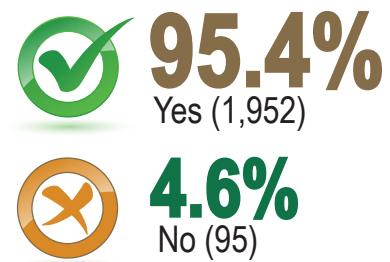
Education Level



Living Area:



Have you ever heard of medical marijuana:



OBJECTIVE

To determine public acceptance towards decriminalization of medical marijuana



Disagree Neutral Agree

I support the use of medical marijuana if there is evidence from clinical research.	107 (5.7)	120 (5.9)	1810 (88.4)
I agree to use medical marijuana for my own treatment if Malaysia law allows it to be used.	164 (8.0)	198 (9.7)	1685 (82.3)
I support the use of medical marijuana among my family members or close acquaintance if there is evidence based from clinical research.	141 (6.9)	172 (8.4)	1734 (87.2)
I agree marijuana use for medical purposes requires consultation, prescription and monitoring from trained medical doctor.	133 (6.5)	130 (6.4)	1784 (87.2)
I agree medical marijuana is safe for mental and physical health.	152 (7.4)	414 (20.2)	1481 (72.3)
I agree on decriminalization of medical marijuana for the purpose of treatment in Malaysia.	171 (8.4)	210 (10.3)	1666 (81.4)

Table : Acceptance Towards Decriminalization of Medical Marijuana.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The study shows that high acceptance towards decriminalisation of medical marijuana among the respondents. This research can be expanded with a focus group discussion to get the respondents' perspectives on the reasons for their high degree of support of decriminalisation

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