



## Key Poll Findings: Illinois Voters Support Medical Marijuana Expansion

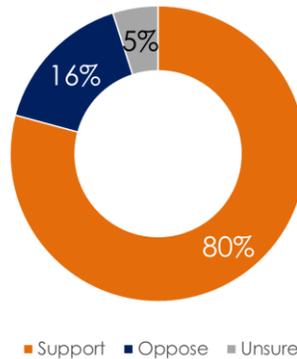
Survey research of likely voters in Illinois finds widespread support for measures which increase access to medical marijuana.

### **Support for Medical Marijuana Is Bipartisan and Statewide**

A staggering 80% of likely voters in Illinois support allowing patients to use medical marijuana as recommended by a doctor. Voters of all political party affiliations (Republican: 66%, Democrat: 87%, Independent: 82%) and across the state (City: 84%, Suburbs: 82%, Rest of State: 76%) voice their support.

*Q: Do you support or oppose allowing patients in Illinois to legally use medical marijuana if their doctor recommends it?*

Republicans:  
66% Support/29% Oppose  
Democrats:  
87% Support/9% Oppose  
Independents:  
82% Support/12% Oppose



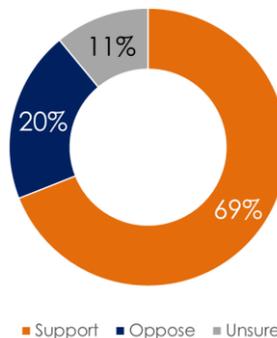
City of Chicago:  
84% Support/11% Oppose  
Suburbs of Chicago:  
82% Support/14% Oppose  
Rest of State:  
76% Support/19% Oppose

### **Voters Believe the Medical Marijuana Program Should Be Expanded**

A strong majority of likely voters believe that the medical marijuana program should be expanded, specifically to include military veterans who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, as proposed in the expansions being considered by the Medical Cannabis Advisory Board. Again, support holds across the state (Chicago: 75%, Suburbs: 69%, Rest of State: 66%). Likely voters of all races demonstrate strong support for expanding the program (White: 69%, African-American: 73%, Hispanic: 69%). Women (67%) and men (71%) both support an expansion of the program.

*Q: Currently, the medical marijuana pilot program is limited to only a few different diseases. For example, military veterans who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder cannot get medical marijuana even if their doctor recommends it. Do you support or oppose expanding Illinois' medical marijuana program so that more people are eligible for it like veterans suffering from PTSD?*

White:  
69% Support/21% Oppose  
African-American:  
73% Support/15% Oppose  
Hispanic:  
69% Support/31% Oppose



City of Chicago:  
75% Support/13% Oppose  
Suburbs of Chicago:  
69% Support/20% Oppose  
Rest of State:  
66% Support/24% Oppose

### **The Benefits Outweigh the Risks**

Almost three-in-four likely voters say the benefits of medical marijuana outweigh the potential risks. Majorities of voters of all political parties agree (Republicans: 56%/44%, Democrats: 81%/19%, Independents: 78%/22%), as do both women (74%/26%) and men (71%/29%).



*METHODOLOGY: The sample size for the survey is 800 likely voters in Illinois and the margin of error is +/-3.50%. Responses were gathered through 600 land line interviews conducted using Interactive Voice Response (IVR) and 200 cell phone interviews conducted using live caller agents. The survey was conducted January 12-13, 2016 by Harper Polling. The total percentages for responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.*