

## British Columbians Believe Alcohol to be more harmful than Cannabis

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Angus Reid Survey Data – September 2011

From September 7 to September 9, 2011, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 800 British Columbian adults who are Angus Reid Forum panellists.

The margin of error – which measures sampling variability – is +/-3.5%

The results have been statistically weighed according to the most current education, age, gender and region census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of British Columbia. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

### Poll Results

**A majority of British Columbians disagree that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive drug.**

1. Would you agree that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive drug?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Strongly agree	19%	20%	14%	21%	24%	17%	21%	14%	24%	14%	31%	29%	10%	14%	12%	
Moderately agree	23%	24%	24%	23%	22%	25%	22%	25%	25%	12%	13%	24%	23%	24%	16%	
Moderately disagree	25%	23%	25%	26%	36%	24%	26%	23%	28%	25%	21%	25%	36%	20%	30%	
Strongly disagree	30%	31%	35%	28%	15%	33%	28%	37%	21%	48%	32%	19%	28%	41%	38%	100%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	

Most British Columbians disagree that marijuana is a “gateway” drug that can lead to the use of more dangerous drugs like cocaine.

2. Would you agree that marijuana is a “gateway” drug that can lead to the use of more dangerous drugs like cocaine?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Strongly agree	21%	21%	15%	24%	29%	20%	22%	15%	27%	9%	36%	31%	11%	17%	6%	
Moderately agree	23%	25%	22%	20%	11%	24%	22%	20%	26%	19%	12%	24%	27%	20%	25%	
Moderately disagree	21%	20%	22%	23%	22%	19%	23%	26%	19%	24%	18%	21%	22%	22%	26%	18%
Strongly disagree	31%	31%	37%	30%	26%	33%	30%	37%	24%	44%	32%	22%	34%	39%	37%	82%
Not sure	3%	2%	4%	3%	12%	3%	3%	2%	3%	5%	2%	2%	6%	3%	7%	

A majority of British Columbians disagree that regular marijuana use is more harmful than regular alcohol or tobacco use.

3. Would you agree that regular marijuana use is more harmful than regular alcohol use?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
Strongly agree	12%	13%	8%	11%	21%	11%	13%	10%	13%	12%	29%	15%	10%	10%	9%	
Moderately agree	18%	18%	20%	20%	15%	19%	18%	17%	22%	7%	7%	24%	13%	15%	10%	
Moderately disagree	27%	28%	33%	20%	37%	27%	27%	26%	29%	29%	33%	29%	33%	23%	34%	
Strongly disagree	31%	31%	30%	36%	15%	31%	32%	39%	23%	42%	25%	21%	30%	42%	32%	82%
Not sure	11%	11%	10%	12%	12%	12%	10%	9%	12%	10%	6%	11%	14%	10%	14%	18%

**Most British Columbians disagree that marijuana use more harmful than tobacco**

4. Would you agree that regular marijuana use is more harmful than regular tobacco use?

	Total	Region				Gender		Last Provincial Vote				Last Federal Vote				
		GVRD	Vancouver Island	South Interior	North Interior	Male	Female	NDP	LIB	Green	PC	PC	LIB	NDP	Green	Other
<b>Strongly agree</b>	18%	17%	14%	19%	32%	16%	19%	15%	20%	14%	27%	24%	12%	14%	9%	
<b>Moderately agree</b>	22%	22%	22%	22%	19%	22%	22%	24%	23%	11%	14%	23%	21%	22%	22%	
<b>Moderately disagree</b>	25%	25%	33%	19%	18%	25%	25%	21%	28%	29%	28%	26%	28%	23%	31%	
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	25%	25%	22%	29%	21%	26%	25%	31%	18%	34%	24%	16%	25%	33%	21%	82%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	11%	8%	11%	9%	11%	10%	9%	11%	12%	6%	11%	14%	7%	17%	18%

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