



VIEWS ON WORKPLACE MARIJUANA
TESTING IN MANITOBA
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SURVEY INSTRUMENT

The survey instrument was designed by Probe Research in close consultation with the Winnipeg Free Press.

METHODOLOGY

Between Nov. 23 and Dec. 14, 2017, Probe Research surveyed a random and representative sampling of 1,000 adults residing in Manitoba.



With a sample of 1,000, one can say with 95 percent certainty that the results are within ± 3.1 percentage points of what they would have been if the entire adult population of Manitoba had been surveyed. The margin of error is higher within each of the survey's population sub-groups.



Modified random digit dialing, including both landline and wireless numbers, ensured all Manitoba adults had an equal opportunity to participate in this Probe Research survey. A CATI-to-web approach was employed whereby a live-voice operator randomly recruited respondents by telephone, inviting them to complete the survey via a secure online questionnaire.



Minor statistical weighting has been applied to this sample to ensure that age and gender characteristics properly reflect known attributes of the province's population. All data analysis was performed using SPSS statistical analysis software.

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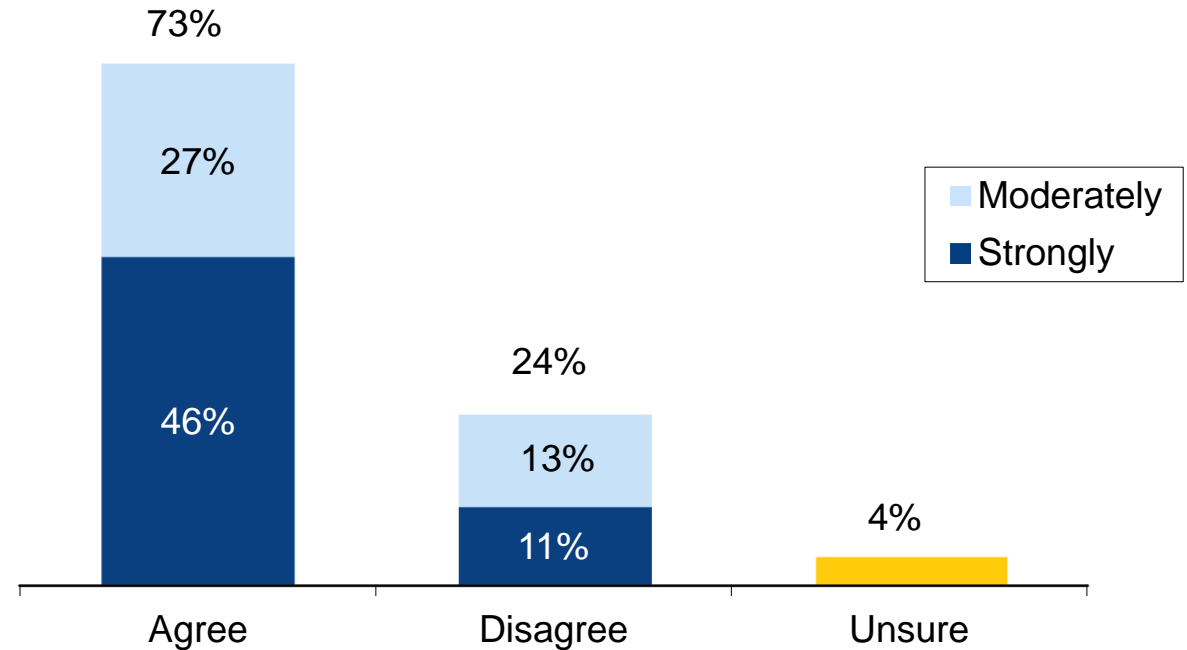
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KEY FINDINGS

- Nearly three-quarters of Manitoba adults agree employers ought to have the right to administer an on-the-job screening test to employees suspected of using marijuana. Views on this question are reasonably intense, with nearly one-half of Manitobans *strongly favouring* an employer's right to test employees for cannabis use.
- Older adults, people living outside Winnipeg and homeowners are most likely to strongly favour the prerogative of employers to administer drug screening tests to staff. Winnipeggers, younger adults and renters are less likely to favour workplace marijuana screening.
- Views on this issue also break down along partisan lines. Those who support the provincial Progressive Conservative party are most likely to favour an employer's right to test an employee suspected of using marijuana on the job. Supporters of the provincial NDP are less likely to support this practice.

SUPPORT FOR WORKPLACE MARIJUANA TESTING

Q1. "Marijuana will be legal in Manitoba next summer. Please read the following statements and, for each one, tell us if you strongly agree, moderately agree, moderately disagree or strongly disagree: Employers who suspect an employee is using marijuana on the job should be able to insist on a mandatory screening test." (n=1,000)



Base: Manitoba adults

Most likely to *strongly agree* employers should be able to insist on a drug test:

- Non-Winnipeg residents (54%) vs. Winnipeggers (41%)
- Older adults, those 55+ (56%) vs. younger adults, those 18-34 (36%)
- Homeowners (49%) vs. renters (37%)
- Provincial PC supporters (59%) vs. NDP supporters (28%)

PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

	TOTAL (n=1,000)	MEN (n=484) (%)	WOMEN (n=516)
GENDER			
Men	48	100	
Women	52		100
AGE			
18-34 years	33	34	32
35-44 years	19	22	16
45-54 years	18	17	20
55+ years	29	27	31
HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
<\$30K	13	13	13
\$30K-\$59K	22	22	22
\$60K-\$99K	33	33	32
\$100K+	32	33	33
EDUCATION			
High school or less	18	18	17
Some post-secondary	22	24	21
Post-secondary graduate	60	59	63

Valid responses only
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