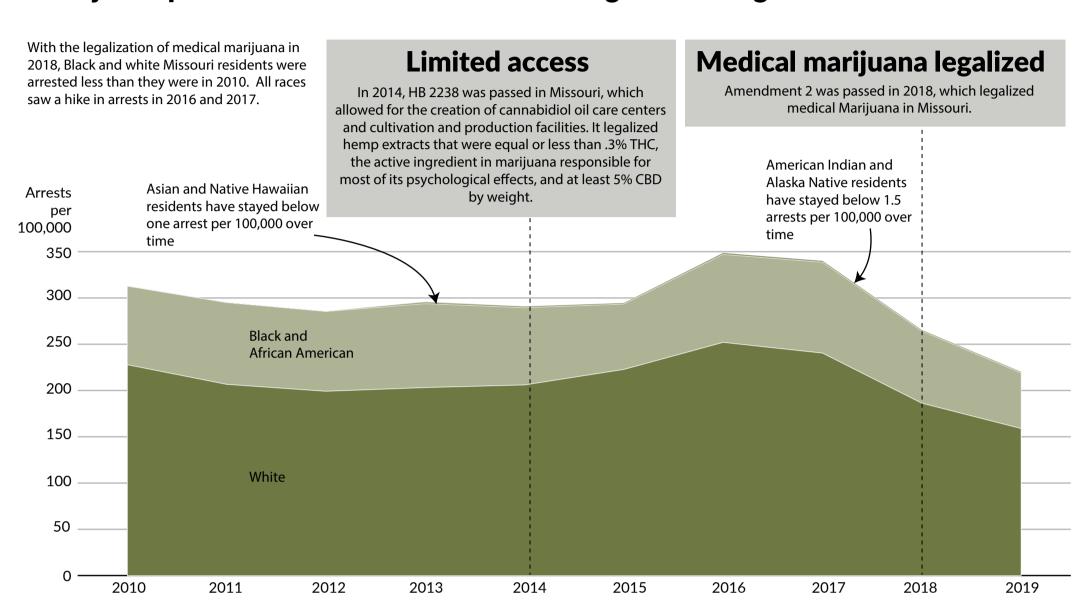
Marijuana arrests decline as legislation gains steam

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Medical marijuana was legalized in Missouri in 2018. Now some legislators are trying to legalize recreational marijuana in 2022. In the meantime, people continue to be arrested for possessing marijuana.

Who exactly is being arrested?

Marijuana possession arrests decline following medical legalization in Missouri



Possession arrests by age and sex

Number of marijuana possession arrests

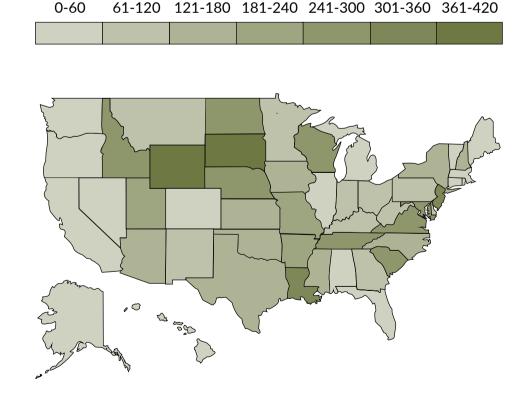
In 2019, the age group with the majority of arrests is 20 to 24.

Under 10 Men Women 15-19 20-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55-59 60-64 65+ 2,500 2,000 1,500 1,000 500 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500

Possession arrests across the U.S.

In the United States, Wyoming and South Dakota had the highest rate of marijuana arrests in 2019 — both at more than 400 arrests per 100,000 people in the state. Missouri had a rate of 221 arrests per 100,000 residents.

Marijuana possession arrests per 100,000

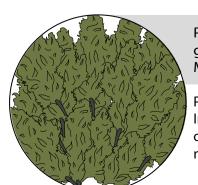


How much pot is a crime in Missouri?



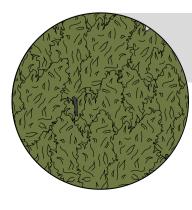
Possession of up to 10 grams: Misdemeanor

Possible consequence: Maximum fine is \$500. On the second offense, incarceration for up to one year and a maximum fine of \$2,000.



Possession of 10 grams to 35 grams: Misdemeanor

Possible consequence: Incarceration for up to one year and a maximum fine of \$2,000.



Possession of 35 grams to 35 kilograms: Felony

Possible consequence: Incarceration up to seven years and a maximum fine of \$10,000. Possession of this amount is historically charged with intent to distribute.