

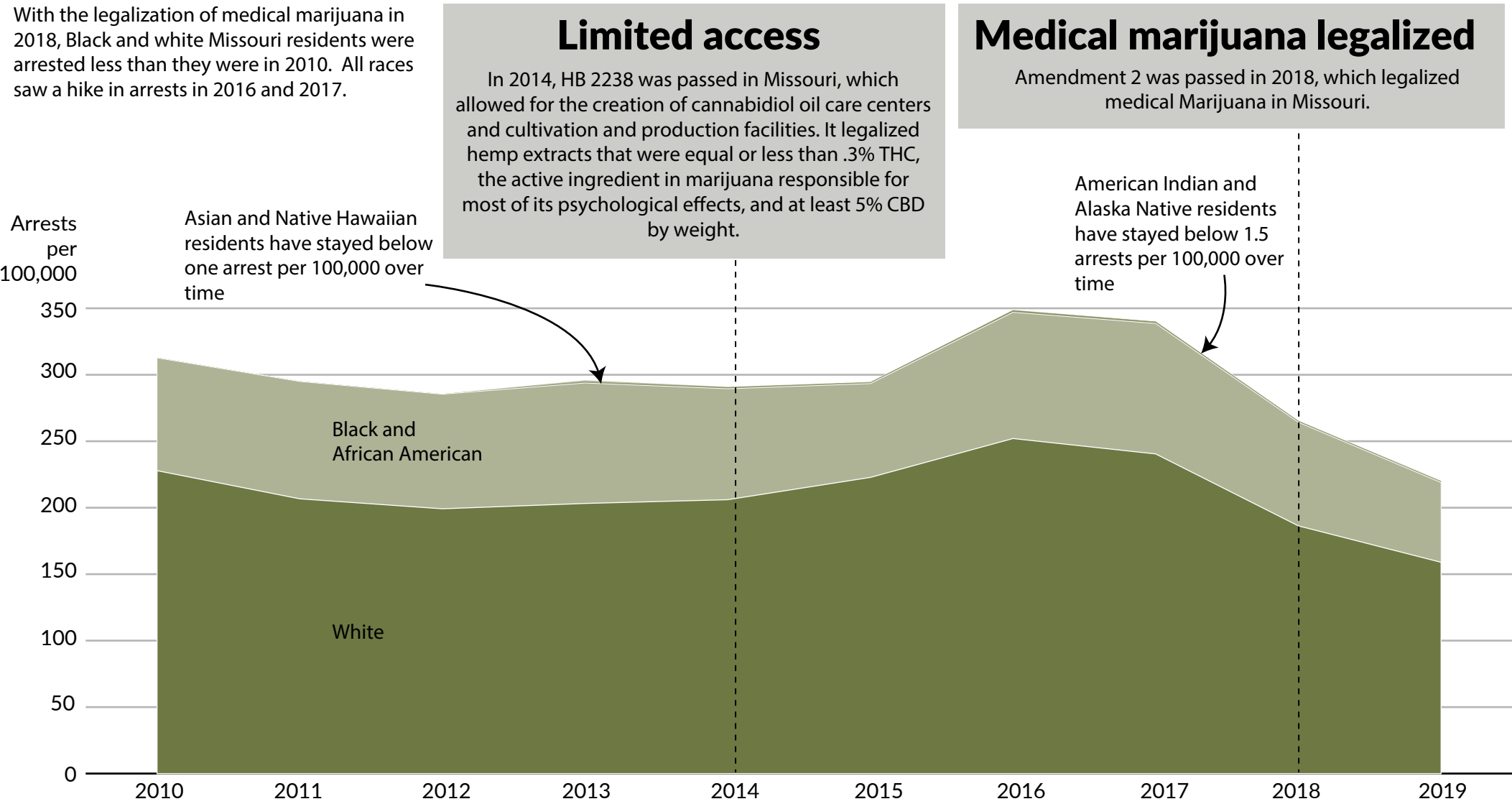
# Marijuana arrests decline as legislation gains steam

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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?

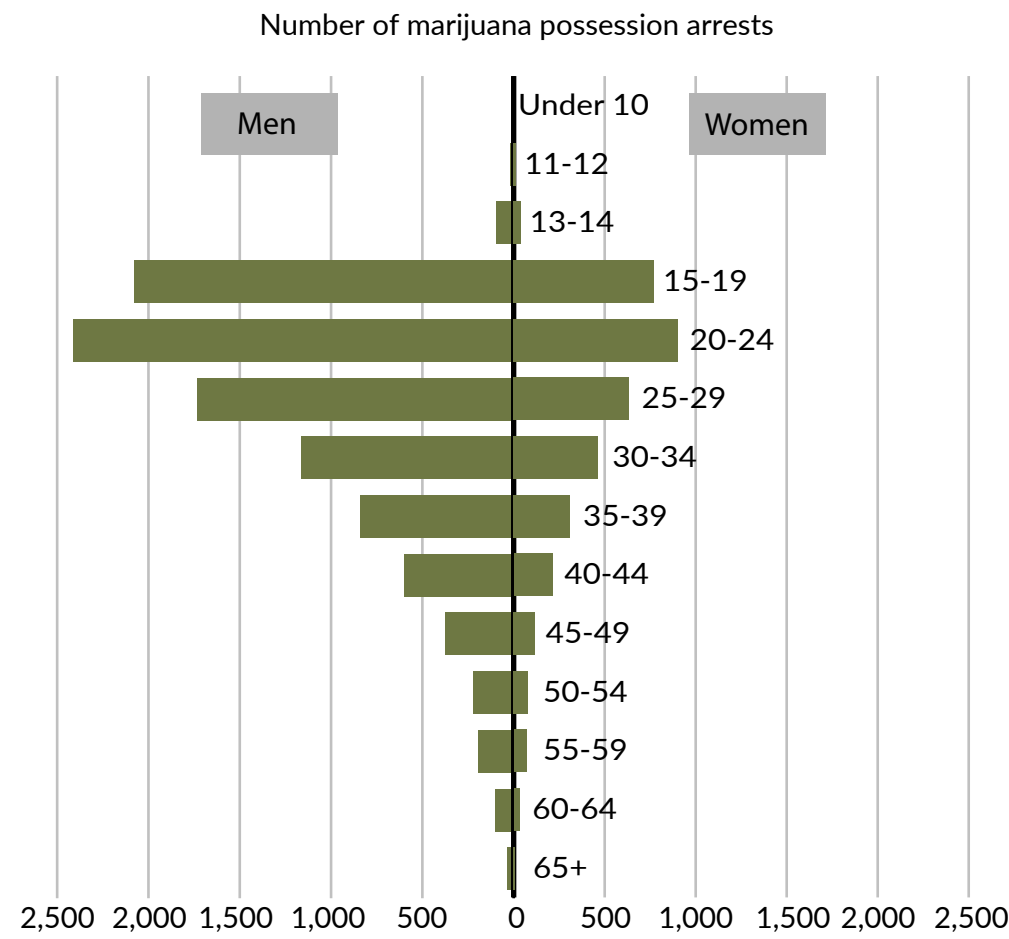
## Marijuana possession arrests decline following medical legalization in Missouri

With the legalization of medical marijuana in 2018, Black and white Missouri residents were arrested less than they were in 2010. All races saw a hike in arrests in 2016 and 2017.



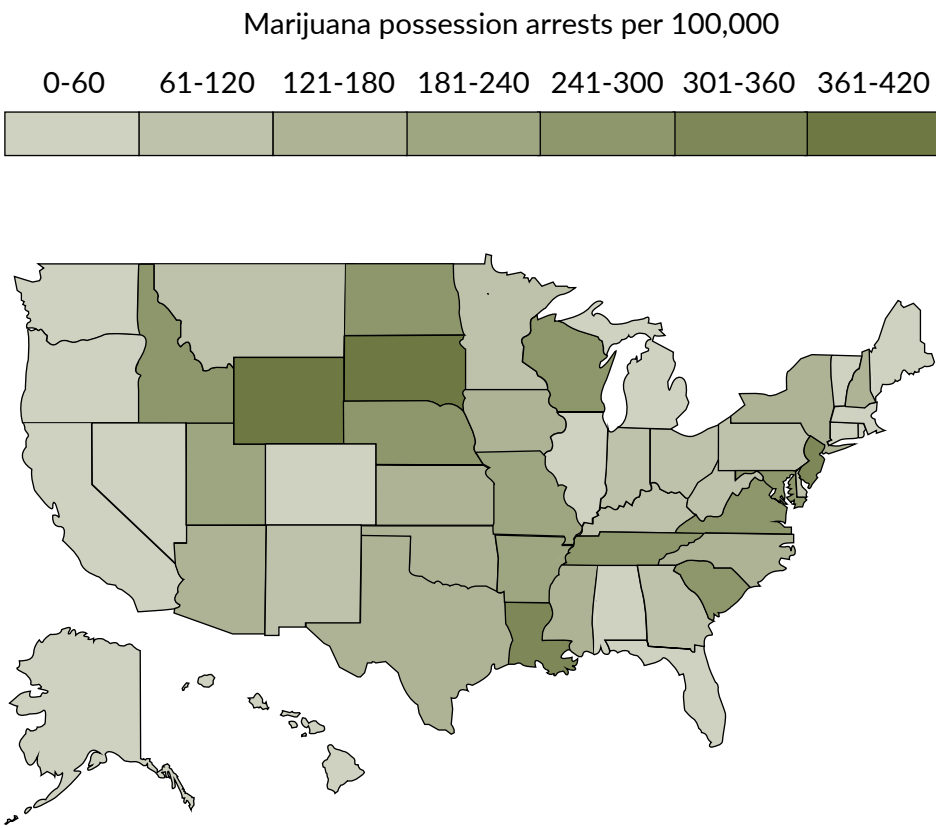
## Possession arrests by age and sex

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



## 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.



## How much pot is a crime in Missouri?

