

From May 26 to June 8, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 547 likely voters in Vermont using SMS and web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=547 unless otherwise specified.

This report is for respondents: **VT**

**[1]** When thinking about how to approach drug laws in Vermont, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White	Parent	Not a parent
We should treat drug use as a health issue, focusing on reducing the harms of addiction and offering voluntary treatment, health, and recovery services.	81	91	84	59	84	78	81	81	77	86	80	71	84
We should treat drug use as a criminal problem, focusing on the arrests and incarceration of people who use drugs.	17	9	12	38	13	21	18	16	19	13	17	26	14
Don't know	2	0	4	3	3	2	1	3	4	0	2	4	2
Weighted N	547	192	235	120	263	284	180	367	322	225	528	130	405

**[2]** Some lawmakers are proposing to change the way we deal with possession of small amounts of drugs and addiction in Vermont.

Instead of being arrested, jailed, and subjected to criminal penalties, individuals found in possession would receive a civil fine and be directed towards services like addiction treatment and health care. Criminal penalties for selling, dealing, or manufacturing drugs, however, would remain in place.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White	Parent	Not a parent
Strongly support	50	64	48	32	50	50	54	48	45	57	50	50	50
Somewhat support	34	27	39	36	33	35	30	36	36	31	34	30	36
Somewhat oppose	8	5	6	16	11	6	9	8	10	5	8	7	9
Strongly oppose	7	4	5	16	5	9	7	7	8	6	7	12	5
Don't know	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	84	91	87	68	83	85	84	84	81	88	84	80	86
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	15	9	11	32	16	15	16	15	18	11	15	19	14
SUPPORT (NET)	+69	+82	+76	+36	+67	+70	+68	+69	+63	+77	+69	+61	+72
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**[3]** As described previously, the proposal to eliminate criminal penalties for the possession of small amounts of drugs would result in individuals being issued a civil fine.

Under another proposal, no financial penalty would be issued, but the individual would still be given information on services like drug treatment, health care, and recovery support.

Would you support or oppose waiving the financial penalty for possessing small amounts of drugs?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White	Parent	Not a parent
Strongly support	29	37	31	11	25	33	37	25	26	34	29	28	29
Somewhat support	25	33	22	19	29	22	26	25	24	27	25	22	27
Somewhat oppose	24	20	21	34	23	24	20	25	24	22	24	26	23
Strongly oppose	19	8	19	34	20	18	17	20	22	15	19	21	18
Don't know	3	1	7	1	3	3	1	4	3	3	3	3	3
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	54	70	53	30	54	55	63	50	50	61	54	50	56
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	43	28	40	68	43	42	37	45	46	37	43	47	41
SUPPORT (NET)	+11	+42	+13	-38	+11	+13	+26	+5	+4	+24	+11	+3	+15
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**[4]** Below are other policies that are being proposed to address drug use, addiction, and overdose. For each, please say whether you support or oppose it.

— Opening overdose prevention centers, which offer safe spaces for people to use pre-obtained drugs in controlled settings, with access to sterile equipment, tools to check drugs for the presence of fentanyl, trained professionals who can intervene in the event of an overdose, and access to health and social services.

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White	Parent	Not a parent
Strongly support	33	48	33	10	32	34	37	31	25	45	32	28	35
Somewhat support	26	32	23	20	26	25	29	24	26	25	26	28	25
Somewhat oppose	13	10	13	19	14	13	12	14	15	11	13	14	12
Strongly oppose	19	5	22	33	18	19	10	23	20	16	19	17	19
Don't know	10	5	9	18	11	8	11	9	14	4	10	12	9
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	59	80	56	30	58	59	66	55	51	70	58	56	60
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	32	15	35	52	32	32	22	37	35	27	32	31	31
SUPPORT (NET)	+27	+65	+21	-22	+26	+27	+44	+18	+16	+43	+26	+25	+29
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**[5]** Below are other policies that are being proposed to address drug use, addiction, and overdose. For each, please say whether you support or oppose it.

— Creating non-police crisis-response teams who would be sent, instead of armed police, to respond to 911 calls involving suspected drug use or intoxication

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White	Parent	Not a parent
Strongly support	39	56	40	10	41	37	48	35	27	56	39	30	42
Somewhat support	29	29	26	35	29	28	25	30	32	24	29	32	28
Somewhat oppose	12	5	13	21	11	13	9	14	17	5	12	9	13
Strongly oppose	15	6	17	28	14	16	10	18	18	11	15	15	15
Don't know	5	5	5	6	5	5	8	3	6	3	5	14	2
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	68	85	66	45	70	65	73	65	59	80	68	62	70
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	27	11	30	49	25	29	19	32	35	16	27	24	28
SUPPORT (NET)	+41	+74	+36	-4	+45	+36	+54	+33	+24	+64	+41	+38	+42
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**[6]** Below are other policies that are being proposed to address drug use, addiction, and overdose. For each, please say whether you support or oppose it.

— Removing records of criminal cases related to drug possession and use from public view after any sentence related to the case are completed

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White	Parent	Not a parent
Strongly support	30	34	34	18	32	29	38	27	26	37	31	29	31
Somewhat support	30	36	25	32	31	30	26	33	28	33	30	31	31
Somewhat oppose	16	15	17	15	15	17	12	18	18	13	16	10	18
Strongly oppose	15	9	16	22	13	17	12	16	16	13	15	20	14
Don't know	8	6	8	12	9	7	13	6	11	3	8	10	6
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	60	70	59	50	63	59	64	60	54	70	61	60	62
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	31	24	33	37	28	34	24	34	34	26	31	30	32
SUPPORT (NET)	+29	+46	+26	+13	+35	+25	+40	+26	+20	+44	+30	+30	+30
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**[7]** Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for state legislature or federal office if the candidate **supports** eliminating criminal penalties for the possession of small amounts of drugs in Vermont?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White	Parent	Not a parent
Much more likely	32	50	27	15	32	33	40	29	27	40	32	35	31
Somewhat more likely	33	35	38	18	31	35	35	32	33	32	32	34	33
Somewhat less likely	11	6	7	29	12	11	11	12	15	7	12	9	13
Much less likely	10	3	8	24	9	10	5	12	10	10	10	10	9
Wouldn't affect my choice	14	6	20	13	17	11	8	16	15	11	14	11	14
MORE LIKELY (TOTAL)	65	85	65	33	63	68	75	61	60	72	64	69	64
LESS LIKELY (TOTAL)	21	9	15	53	21	21	16	24	25	17	22	19	22
MORE LIKELY (NET)	+44	+76	+50	-20	+42	+47	+59	+37	+35	+55	+42	+50	+42
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**[8]** Have you or someone close to you ever experienced addiction and/or a drug overdose?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White	Parent	Not a parent
Yes, I have or someone close to me has personally experienced addiction or drug overdose	50	52	46	56	51	49	63	44	57	40	51	58	48
No, neither I nor anyone close to me has experienced addiction or drug overdose	44	46	44	40	43	45	31	51	36	55	43	37	47
Not sure	6	2	10	4	6	6	6	5	7	5	6	5	5
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