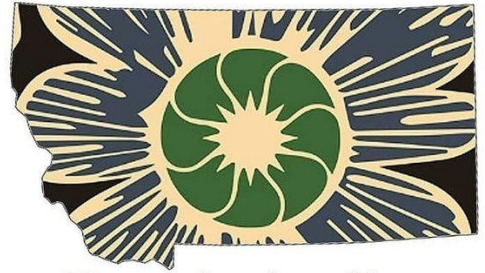


A resolution addressing entheogenic plant practices



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Entheogens Defined

- Entheogens are defined herein as the full spectrum of plants, fungi, and natural materials and/or their extracted compounds, limited to those containing the following types of compounds: indole amines, tryptamines, and phenethylamines
- Entheogens can benefit psychological and physical wellness, support and enhance religious and spiritual practices, and can reestablish human's unalienable and direct relationship to nature.



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Current Research: Physical Health

Cell Reports

Article

Psychedelics Promote Structural and Functional Neural Plasticity

Graphical Abstract



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Current Research: Recidivism, Crime Reduction, IPV

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Short Report

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Treatment of opioid use disorder with ibogaine: detoxification and drug use outcomes

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Psychedelics as Medicines for Substance Abuse Rehabilitation: Evaluating Treatments with LSD, Peyote, Ibogaine and Ayahuasca

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Original Paper

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Psilocybin can occasion mystical-type experiences having substantial and sustained personal meaning and spiritual significance

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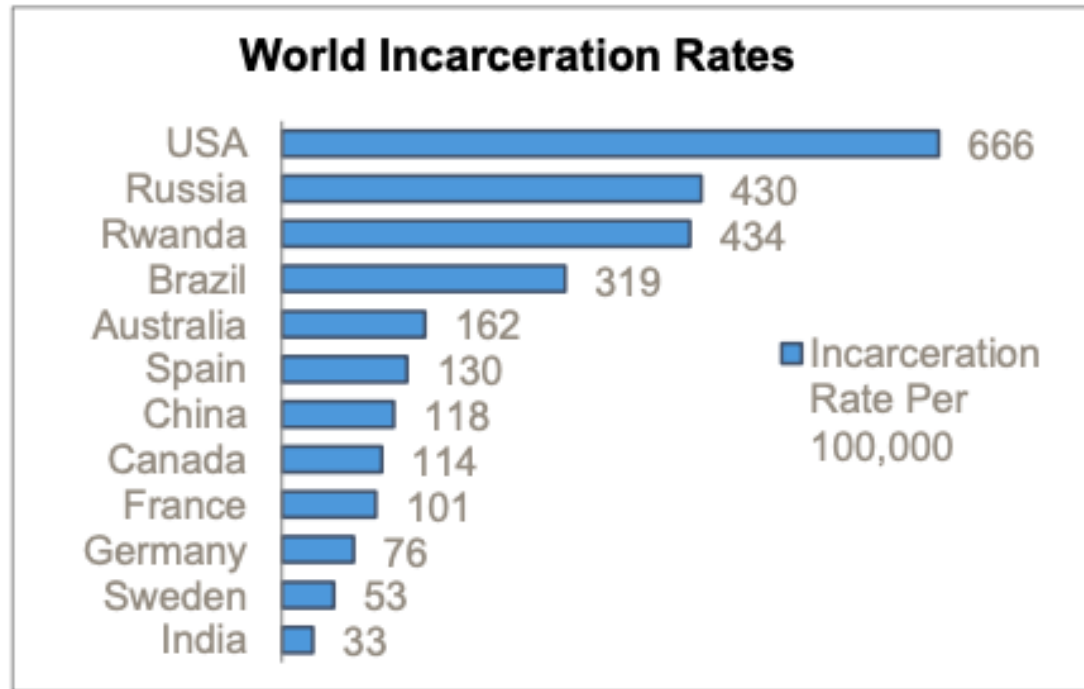


Working Towards Humane Drug Policy

The United States government leads the world in rates of incarceration.

Arrests for entheogenic plants make it harder for Missoulians to:

- 1) Find secure employment
- 2) Find secure, affordable housing
- 3) Receive non-bias information



Source: *International Centre for Prison Studies, World Prison Brief.*³

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The United States drug policies have disproportionately harmed Black, Indigenous, & People of Color (BIPOC) in the United States and in our community.

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(2010-2018 [Study](#) by ACLU)

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2018 SUMMARY

Montana ranks

1st

in the nation for largest racial disparities in arrests for marijuana possession

Black people were

9.6x

more likely than white people to be arrested for marijuana possession ↑

Arrests for the possession of marijuana made up

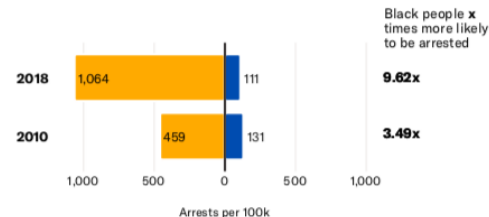
45%

of all drug arrests in the state ↓

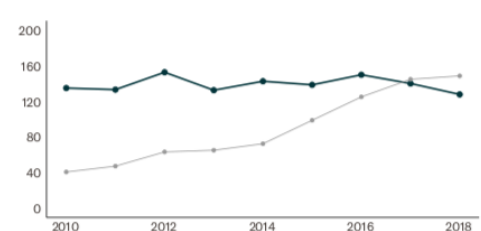
Direction of → indicates increase or decrease since 2010.

ARRESTS OVER TIME

Rates of **Black arrests** compared to **white arrests** for marijuana possession, per 100k people



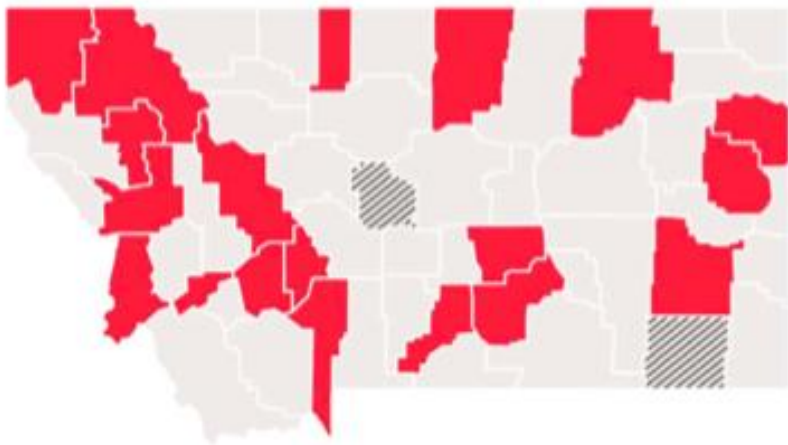
Statewide **marijuana possession** arrest rates compared to all other drug arrest rates, per 100k people



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BY THE COUNTY

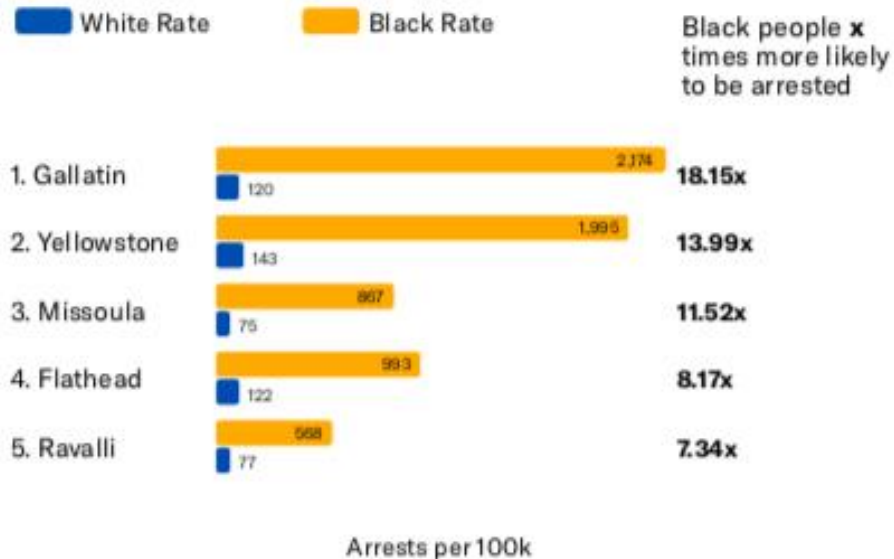
All counties with **racial disparities** above the national average (3.64x)



Counties with missing data are striped. (2010-2018 [Study](#) by ACLU)

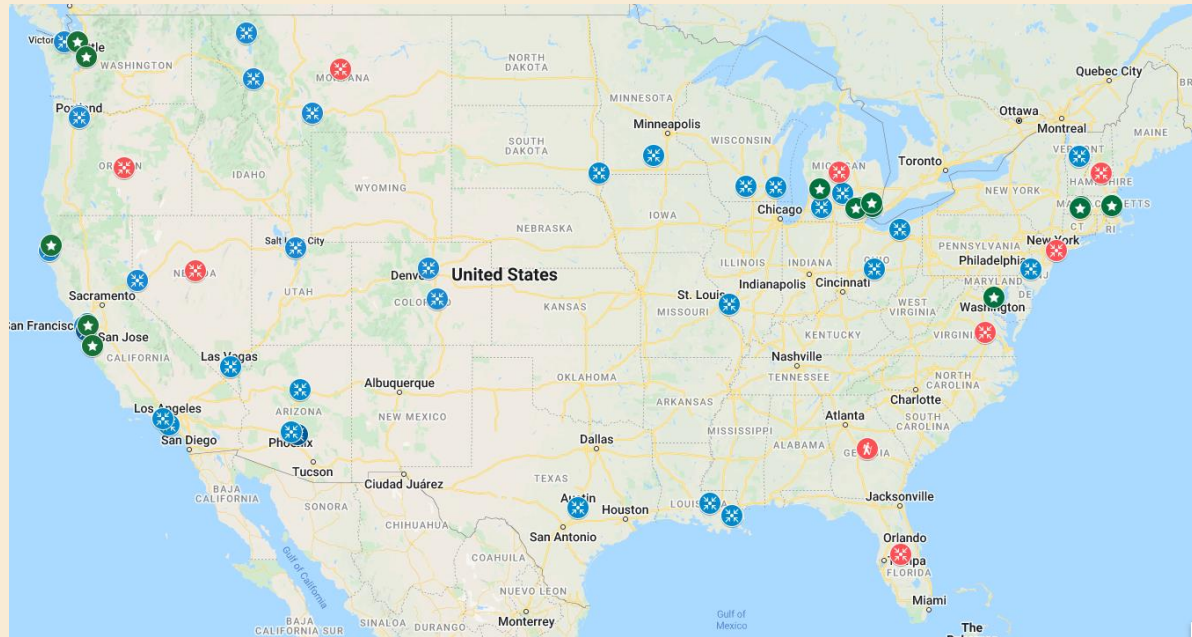
Counties with the largest racial disparities

Counties with a pop. of >30,000, a data coverage of >50% and at least 25 marijuana possession arrests are included.



Decriminalization Policy Nationwide

Cities/states that have decriminalized entheogens:
Denver, Oakland, Santa Cruz,
Ann Arbor, Washtenaw
County, MI, Oregon,
Washington DC, Somerville,
Cambridge, Northampton,
Eastampton, Seattle, Arcata,
Detroit, Port Townsend,
Hazel Park



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After Decriminalization

Denver study: No threat to public health or safety

No known reports of emergencies or increased crime related to entheogens in the decriminalized cities

There has been no major increase in arrests related to the distribution of psilocybin mushrooms and no major cartel elements or organized crime. According to limited and preliminary university-level observational research for Colorado, most individuals set a positive intention prior to use and reported using psilocybin mushrooms for self exploration and mental health.

In March 2021, the Denver Psilocybin Mushroom Policy Review Panel (the Panel) unanimously agreed that decriminalizing psilocybin has not created any significant public health or safety issue since May 2019.

There have been no significant negative impacts on public safety as a result of decriminalizing psilocybin possession in the City of Denver.



What This Means for City Council

- This not a complex legalization or regulation model, we are simply asking to not arrest individuals for growing, gathering, and gifting entheogens.
- To continue making entheogens not a funding priority for law enforcement or other agencies in Missoula
- To restrict budget expenditures for investigation, persecution, arrest for solely entheogenic issues
- To call upon the County Attorney to cease prosecution of persons involved in use of entheogens
- To instruct city's lobbyists to support at state level





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