



THE CRIMINALIZATION OF CANNABIS

3.64

Black people are 3.64 times more likely to be arrested for possession of cannabis compared to their white counterparts

50%

Once arrested, Black people are also more likely to be sentenced, having jail or prison sentences 50% longer than averages

40%

Black people, while only comprising 13% of the United States population, comprised roughly 40% of federal and state incarcerated people for drug offenses in 2015

The historic criminalization of cannabis, which is so closely intertwined with black and brown communities, has resulted in the physical criminalization of these people through increased incarceration and arrests.



In 2018 in California, a legalized state, non-white Hispanics were twice as likely to be arrested for cannabis compared to their white counterparts



Currently, the policing system is responsible for routinely over-monitoring, harassing, and profiling black and brown people

PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED ARE 10 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE HOMELESS AND ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE EMPLOYED THAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC

