

Medical Marijuana: Legalization Status

(Dates are for the initial year of voter or legislative action.

Subsequent changes may have been made.)

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STATES AND TERRITORIES THAT HAVE LEGALIZED BROAD MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE

Alaska (1998)
Arizona (2010)
California (1996)
Colorado (2000)
Connecticut (2012)
Delaware (2011)
Hawaii (2000)
Illinois (2013)
Maine (1999)
Maryland (2003)
Massachusetts (2012)
Michigan (2008)
Minnesota (2014)
Montana (2004)
Nevada (2000)
New Hampshire (2013)
New Jersey (2009)
New Mexico (2007)
New York (2014)
Oregon (1998)
Rhode Island (2007)
Vermont (2004)
Washington (1998)

TOTAL STATES: 23

District of Columbia (1998, effective 2010)

Guam (2014)

Puerto Rico (2015)

STATES AND TERRITORIES THAT HAVE LEGALIZED LIMITED ACCESS TO MARIJUANA PRODUCTS (LOW THC/HIGH CANNABIDIOL PRODUCTS)

Alabama (2014)
Florida (2014)
Georgia (2015)
Iowa (2014)
Kentucky (2014)
Mississippi (2014)

Missouri (2014)
North Carolina (2014)
South Carolina (2014)
Tennessee (2014)
Utah (2014)
Virginia (2015)
Wisconsin (2013)
TOTAL STATES: 13

STATES AND TERRITORIES THAT HAVE LEGALIZED RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA

Alaska (2014)
Colorado (2012)
Oregon (2014)
Washington (2012)
TOTAL STATES: 4

District of Columbia (2014)

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