



# Rolling out legalization of recreational marijuana

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Eighteen states, two U.S. territories, and Washington D.C. now define adult-use of recreational marijuana as legal within their borders. In the past five months, Arizona, South Dakota, Montana, Virginia, New Mexico, New York and New Jersey all legalized marijuana — Virginia being the first state in the Old South to do so.

Here's a look at when state laws go into effect and when retail sales of recreational marijuana can take place.

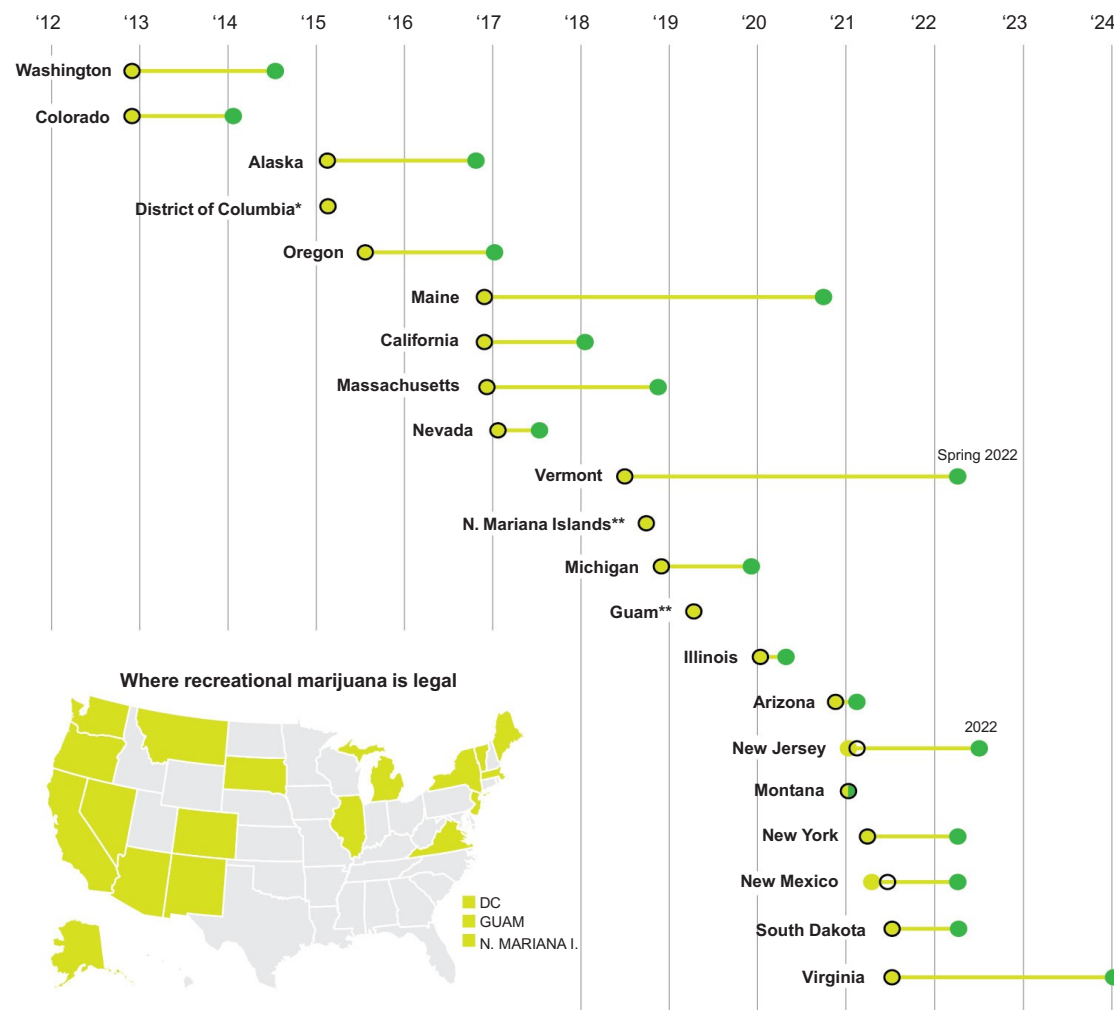
● **When state law goes into effect** for legal adult-use recreational marijuana

○ **Possession allowed** of adult-use recreational marijuana

● **Retail sales allowed** of adult-use recreational marijuana

\*No regulatory framework exists in D.C. for a commercial cannabis market.

\*\*Retail sales in the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam were originally set to begin in April 2020 but have been delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic.



Sources: National Conference of State Legislatures, New Frontier Data, NORML, Leafly.com, news reports