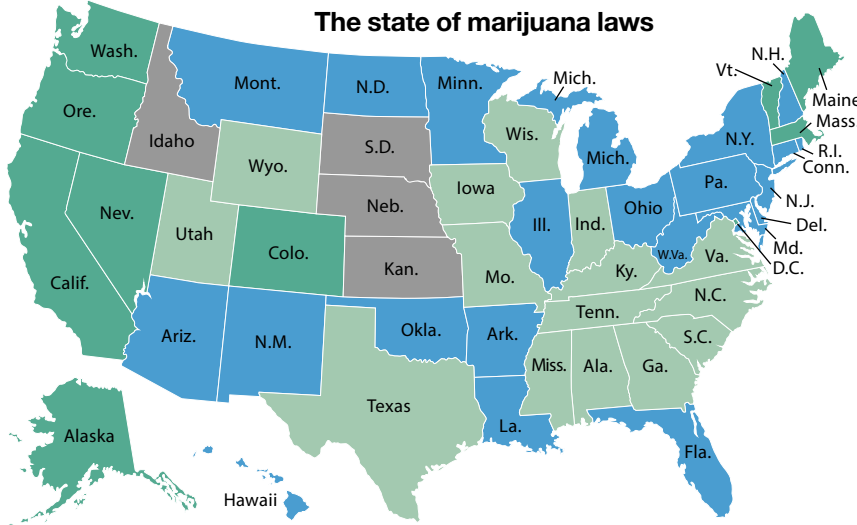


# Higher and higher

On June 26, voters made Oklahoma the 31st state to legalize some form of medical marijuana. Nine of those states (and the District of Columbia) also have approved recreational use, so the legalized pot trade has become big business. In the eyes of the feds, all of this activity is still against the law, although President Donald Trump in early June suggested he'd support legislation that gave states the final say on legalization and enforcement. Given the vigorous debate over whether marijuana is a gateway to more drug use and addiction, the issue is far from settled.

**The state of marijuana laws**



- Recreational
- Medical
- Medical CBD\*

\*Allows CBD, an extract from the plant, but does not have THC, the psychoactive chemical in cannabis, or allows very low levels.

Ohio approved medical use in 2016, but rules are still being implemented.

Vermont's approval for recreational marijuana became effective July 1.

Oklahoma's voters on June 26 approved medical use of marijuana. Rules still need to be developed.

Indiana's new rules for limited medical uses became effective July 1.

— National Cannabis Industry Association, Marijuana Policy Project, NORML

**\$9 BILLION**

Total sales in 2017 for legalized marijuana—recreational and medical. That total is projected to rise to \$11 billion this year and more than \$23 billion in 2022.  
—BDS Analytics

**128 MILLION**

Number of U.S. adults who have tried marijuana

**NEARLY 600,000**

Number of arrests annually for possession of marijuana

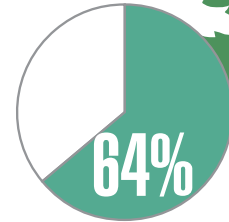
**2.13 MILLION**

Number of medical marijuana patients based on data from 26 of the states (including D.C.) with legalized medical marijuana, as of May 2018

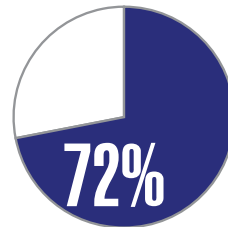
**3.51 MILLION**

Number of medical marijuana patients if the data were extrapolated to all 50 states (based on an average of 10.79 patients per 1,000 population)

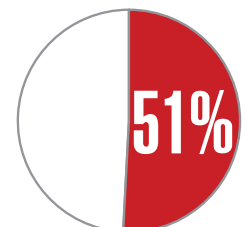
—ProCon.org



Percentage of Americans surveyed by Gallup in 2017 who supported legalization of marijuana, a record high. In 1969, public support for legalization was only 12%. A majority of respondents has backed legalization since 2013.



Percentage of Democrats surveyed in 2017 who supported legalization



Percentage of Republicans surveyed in 2017 who supported legalization (the first time a majority of Republicans favored legalization)

—Gallup