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## Marijuana Policy Across the States

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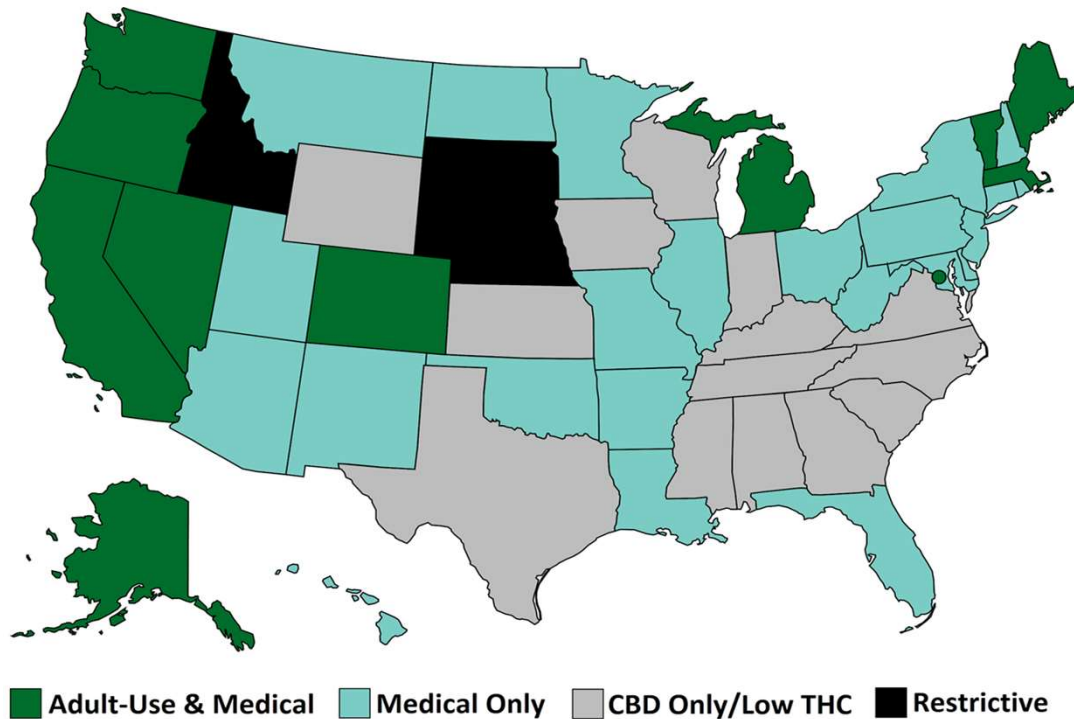
# About Weedmaps

- Weedmaps is the oldest and largest cannabis technology company in the world
- Our website connects people with dispensaries, delivery services, doctors, deals, brands, lab data and real-time menus
- For nearly a decade, Weedmaps has advocated for responsible federal, state and local policies to guide the modernization of the cannabis industry

# Brief History of U.S. Cannabis Policy

- Despite widespread medicinal cannabis use in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, federal and state cannabis policies shift toward prohibition beginning in 1906
- Poison Act of 1907: California becomes the first state to outlaw adult-use cannabis, labeling it a poison
- Increased prohibition via the Marihuana Tax Act (1937), Boggs Act (1952), Narcotics Control Act (1956) and Controlled Substance Act (1970)
- California becomes the first state to legalize medical marijuana in 1996
- 21st century: The U.S. government adopts a more flexible approach to cannabis policy that accommodates medical and adult-use cannabis laws
- U.S. Department of Justice issues Cole Memorandum in 2013

# Current U.S. Cannabis Policy Landscape



**Cannabis Regulations:** 47 states & DC

**Adult-Use & Medical:** 11 states & DC

**Medical Only:** 23 states

**CBD Only/Low THC:** 14 states

**Restrictive Policies:** 3 states

**Bottom Line:** The vast majority of states now have some form of legal cannabis access (98.6% of the U.S. population lives in a state with regulated cannabis access).

# Early Legalizations Efforts in the Wild West

- Ballot Initiatives
- Lacking Infrastructure
- Gray Market Operators
- Local (In)actions
- Legislative Action
- Continuous Improvement

# East Coast Takes on Legalization

- Ballot Initiatives
- Best Practices : Infrastructure
- Social Justice Reforms
- Continuous Improvement

# Legislative Action for Legalization

- Midwest Coast is the Best Coast (IL for the Legislative Win)
- Comprehensive Legislative Reform
- Social Equity at Center
- Criminal Justice Reforms
- Eye to the Future