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NEVADA

\$520 MILLION

Legal Status: Recreational

in medical and retail sales in FY18

Number of licensed businesses

Tax Rates

15% tax on wholesale sales from grower to retailer and a 10% excise tax on retail sales. Sales are

subject to the state's 6.85% sales tax.

63 retail dispensaries

Revenue

Nevada took in nearly \$70 million in cannabis taxes in FY18. The state has raised over \$23 million from July-September of this year.

Revenue Spending Wholesale tax revenue supports Nevada schools, while revenues from the retail excise tax support the state's Rainy Day Fund.

Data Sources: State of Nevada Department of Taxation, Marijuana in Nevada, Tax Foundation



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CALIFORNIA

\$2.5 BILLION

Legal Status: Recreational

in legal sales expected in 2018. Potential \$7 billion in future annual sales.

Number of licensed businesses

Tax Rates

15% excise tax and 7.25% regular sales tax on retail cannabis. Cultivators pay a tax of \$9.25/oz

on flower sales and \$2.75/oz on leaves.

358 retail stores as of August 2018

Revenue

California collected more than \$230 million in cannabis taxes through the first three quarters of 2018. Tax revenue increased by more than 50%

from Q1 to Q3.

Revenue Spending California will spend \$10 million annually to study the impact of legal cannabis. The state also plans to annually invest \$3 million in law enforcement, \$10 million for social and medical programs, and \$2 million to study medical cannabis. Remaining funds will be spent on youth drug prevention, environmental restoration, and law enforcement.

Data Sources: Forbes, Marijuana Business Daily, Fox Rothschild LLP, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, Business Insider, Fox Business



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WASHINGTON

Legal Status: Recreational

\$1.3 BILLION

in legal cannabis sales in FY 2017, up from \$786 million in FY 2016

Number of licensed businesses

1,947 licensed cannabis businesses in Washington state

Tax Rates

Washington imposes a cannabis excise tax of 37% in addition to the state's 6.5% general sales tax.

Revenue

Washington collected \$319 million in cannabis taxes and licensing fees in FY 2017, a nearly 70% increase from the previous fiscal year.

Revenue Spending

In FY 2017, Washington spent over \$145 million in revenue to fund health care services, as well as \$35 million on mental health programs, \$15 million on community health centers, and \$1 million to research cannabis. Washington also redistributed \$96 million to its general fund and \$6 million to city and county governments.

Data Sources: Washington State Treasurer, Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, Washington State Department of Revenue,



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OREGON

\$520 MILLION

Legal Status: Recreational

in recreational cannabis sales in 2017. Projected to reach \$1 billion in annual sales by 2020.

Number of licensed businesses

Tax Rates

17 percent sales tax on cannabis. Municipalities can impose an additional tax of up to 3 percent.

1,863 recreational businesses

1,001 cultivators

Revenue

Oregon collected more than \$82 million in cannabis taxes and licensing fees in FY 2018, up from \$70 million in FY 2017 and \$20 million the previous fiscal year.

Revenue Spending Oregon sends 40% of tax revenue to schools, 20% to mental health services, 15% to law enforcement, and 5% to drug treatment and prevention programs.

Data Sources: Portland Business Journal, Oregon Department of Revenue



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MICHIGAN \$1.5 BILLION **Legal Status: Recreational** in annual recreational sales expected by 2023. 10% excise tax and 6% regular sales tax on **Number of licensed Tax Rates** recreational cannabis. **businesses** Michigan is expected to raise \$53 million in tax Revenue revenue in its first year of sales. This number is projected to reach nearly \$130 million by 2023. Michigan has not yet issued business licenses, as the state legalized Revenue Michigan will use its cannabis tax revenue to fund road repairs, schools, and local governments. The cannabis in November Spending state will also spend \$20 million annually to study the 2018 benefits of medical cannabis for veterans.

Data Sources: Michigan Live, The Detroit News



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MASSACHUSET Legal Status: Recreational		Recreational sales began in November 2018
Number of licensed businesses	Tax Rates	Massachusetts imposes a 10.75% excise tax and 6.25% regular sales tax on retail cannabis.
Massachusetts has issued 38 provisional licenses for cannabis businesses, including 15 retail dispensaries.	Revenue Revenue Spending	Massachusetts was projected to raise \$63 million in cannabis revenues in FY19. However, the state may have forfeited \$16 million by delaying implementation of its legal cannabis program. Revenue and license fees from Massachusetts's legal cannabis program fund the state's Marijuana Regulation Fund. This fund will be spent on programs
		for behavioral health, public safety, law enforcement training, and restorative justice.

Revenue, WCVB 5, General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Data Sources: USA Today, Worcester Telegram, Massachusetts Department of



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ALASKA Legal Status: Recreat	ional	20,110 pounds sold in FY18	
Number of license businesses	Tax Rates	Alaska currently taxes the sale of bud/flower at \$50/oz and other parts of cannabis plants at \$15/oz. Beginning in 2019 the state will tax "immature" cannabis at \$25/oz.	
205 active businesses as of May 2018 and 467 more with pending applications	Revenue	In FY18, revenue from tax and fee collections on medical and recreational marijuana reached more than \$11 million. Annual revenue increased by more than 600% from FY17 to FY18.	
	Revenue Spending	Alaska spends 50% of its tax revenue on programs treating substance use disorder, behavioral health and domestic violence. The remainder of the revenue goes to Alaska's general fund.	
Data Sources: Daily News Miner, Alaska Department of Revenue Tax Division, Alaska State Legislature			

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COLORADO Legal Status: Recreational

\$1.5 BILLION

in medical and retail cannabis sales in 2017

Number of licensed businesses

Tax Rates

15% excise tax on wholesale retail cannabis, 15% sales tax on retail cannabis, 2.9% regular sales tax on medical and retail cannabis.

549 retail dispensaries

Revenue

In 2017, the revenue from tax and fee collections reached more than \$247 million. Annual revenue

has more than tripled since 2014.

474 medical centers

732 retail cultivators

680 medical cultivators

Revenue

Excise tax revenue funds the construction of public schools. Revenue from the sales tax is redistributed to Spending local governments and supports grant programs for

schools. In 2017, Colorado raised \$90.3 million in cannabis revenue for its Department of Education.

Data Sources: Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Department of Revenue



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