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	WASHINGTON STATE	OREGON	CALIFORNIA	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	BRITISH COLUMBIA
Population (number of inhabitants in 2021)	7 738 692	4 246 155	39 237 836	8 602 335	14 223 942	5 000 879
Approval of the reform	2012 Referendum (56%) (Initiative 502/state statute)	2014 Referendum (56%) (Measure 91/state statute)	2016 Referendum (57%) (Proposition 64)	2018 Federal law ( <i>Cannabis Act</i> )		
				<a href="#">An Act to constitute the Société québécoise du cannabis, to enact the Cannabis Regulation Act and to amend various highway safety-related provisions, 2018</a>	1. <a href="#">Bill 174, Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017</a> 2. <a href="#">Cannabis Control Act, 2017</a>	1. <a href="#">Bill 30-2018: Cannabis Control and Licensing Act</a> 2. <a href="#">Bill 31-2018: Cannabis Distribution Act</a>
Minimum age for purchase and possession	21 years old	21 years old	21 years old	21 years old*	19 years old	19 years old
Entry into force of retail sales (point of sale)	8 July 2014	1 October 2015 (dispensaries) then 1 October 2016 (Shops)	1 January 2018	17 October 2018	1 April 2019	17 October 2018
Regulatory authority	Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board (WSLCB) (Production-distribution-sale) (formerly the Liquor Control Board)	Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Control Commission (OLCC) (Production-distribution-sales)	Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) - since 2021, after a three-headed regulation from 2018 to 2021	Health Canada (production) Wholesaler and retailer: Société québécoise du cannabis (SQDC). The provincial Ministry of Health (MSSS) is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Cannabis Control Act regarding sales and promotion practices.	Health Canada (production) Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (distribution-sale)	Health Canada (production) BC Liquor Distribution Branch (distribution-sale)

\* Legal age raised to 21 in December 2018 by the newly elected provincial government, 18 in the initial version.

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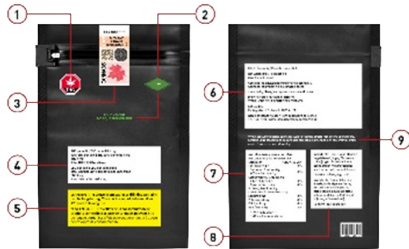
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<b>Personal quantity authorised for purchase</b> (Maximum authorised transaction threshold)	Herbal cannabis: 1 oz (28.3 g) Extracts and concentrates: 7 g Edibles/space food: <b>Solids:</b> 16 oz (≈10 bars of chocolate) <b>Drinks mixed with cannabis:</b> 72 oz (≈ six 12 oz sodas or 2.13 l)	Herbal cannabis: 1 oz (28.3 g) Extracts and concentrates: 5 g Edibles/space food: <b>Solids:</b> 16 oz (≈ 450 g) (≈10 bars of chocolate) <b>Drinks mixed with cannabis:</b> 72 oz (≈ six 12 oz sodas or 2.13 l)	Herbal cannabis: 1 oz (28.3 g) Concentrates: ¼ oz (8 g) Edibles: limit not specified	Herbal cannabis: 30 g (federal rule) Edibles: 450 g Concentrates (solids or liquids): 7.5 g		
<b>Threshold for authorised personal quantities</b>	No restrictions	56 g in public (2 oz) 228 g at home (8 oz)	No restrictions	30 g dried in public 150 g maximum at home	No restrictions	1 kg maximum at home
<b>Home growing (maximum authorised)</b>	<b>Prohibited</b> One of the 3 American states that are exceptions (along with Illinois and New Jersey)	Authorised 4 plants	Authorised 6 plants	<b>Prohibited</b>	Authorised 4 plants (federal rule)	Authorised 4 plants (federal rule)
<b>Distribution and physical sales model</b>	Private	Private	Private	<u>Distribution and physical sale:</u> Public Société québécoise du cannabis (SQDC)	<u>Distribution:</u> Public <u>Physical sale:</u> Private	<u>Distribution:</u> Public <u>Physical sale:</u> Hybrid (Public-Private)
<b>Online sales model</b>	Private	Private	Private	Public Société québécoise du cannabis (SQDC)	Public (Ontario Cannabis)	Public
<b>Number of licensed retail stores</b>	2014 (July): < 20 retail stores 2017: 377 2020: 484 2022: 443 2023: 503	2018: 260 2019: 550 2020: 650 2022: 707 2023: more than 770	2018: 358 temporary retail stores 2019: 448 2020: 918 2021: 823 2022: 1 200 2023: 1 216	2019: 20 2020: 45 2021: 77 2022: 90	2019: 53 2020: 572 2021: 1 460 2022: 1 727	2019: 141 (131 private + 10 public) 2020: 304 (281 private + 23 public) 2021: 418 (387 private + 31 public)
<b>Physical accessibility: Number of stores per 100 000 habitants</b>	2018: 6.58 2021: 6.6 2022: 5.8 2023: 6	2018: 14.02 2021: 17.9 2022: 16.8 2023: 19	2018: 0.91 2021: 2.1 2022: 4.5 2023: 3.1	2019: 0.2 2020: 0.6 2021: 0.9 2022: 1.2 2023: 1	2019: 0.1 2020: 0.5 2021: 8.5 2022: 12.1 2023: 11	2019: 2.8 2020: 6.4 2021: 8.9 2022: 10.1 2023: 9

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<b>Accessibility of stores</b>	Everyday from 8:00 to midnight	Everyday from 7:00 to 22:00	Everyday from 6:00 to 22:00 (except municipal restrictions)	Monday-Friday 10:00-21:00 Saturday-Sunday: 10:00-17:00	9:00-23:00	9:00-23:00
<b>Maximum THC content authorised in products on sale</b>	10 mg of THC per packet Child-proof packaging Labelling of THC content Approval of cannabis-infused products, packaging, and labelling before going on sale	10 mg of THC per unit since April 2022 (increased by 5 mg) but no more than 100 mg per packet (increased by 50 mg)	10 mg of THC per unit Mandatory labelling of THC content	30% maximum for all products except edibles, Edible products: 5 mg per portion (vs 10 mg at federal level) and 10 mg per package (idem at federal level). Ban on cannabis-infused confectionery, desserts, or chocolate products	10 mg per portion and per package for edibles 1 000 mg per package of extract	
<b>Restrictions on public consumption</b>	Authorised as for tobacco	Authorised as for tobacco	Authorised as for tobacco	Vaping and smoking prohibited in areas accessible to the public. Authorisation to consume edibles (unless prohibited by the municipality). Municipalities may set up consumption zones in parks.	Authorised as for tobacco	Authorised as for tobacco
<b>Driving under the influence (Legal limit for THC concentration in blood)</b>	5 ng/ml of blood	No defined limit	No defined limit	2 ng/ml of blood (Federal limit) More severe penalties for 5 ng/Limit in case of THC-alcohol combination	2 ng/ml of blood (Federal limit)	2 ng/ml of blood (Federal limit)
<b>Retail sales tax (sales + excise taxes)</b>	37% (excise tax, on retail sales) + optional sales taxes: state (7-10.4%) + local (0.5-3.1%)	17% (excise tax, on retail sales) Up to 20% depending on county and municipality (local taxes up to 3%)	15% (excise tax, on retail sales) (19% eventually)  \$9.25 on post-harvest dry weight (flowers) \$2.75 on fresh leaf weight	14.975% GST/QST**  Flower: \$0.75/g After trim: \$0.225/g Seeds: \$0.75/g	13% HST** Flower: \$0.75/g + 3.9% of the base amount After trim: \$0.225/g + 19.3% of the base amount Seeds: \$0.75 + 19.3% of the base amount	12% GST/PST** (Including 7.5% provincial tax on sales) Flower: \$0.75/g After trim: \$0.22/g Seeds: \$0.75/g Provincial tax of 20% on vaping products and cannabis-infused e-liquids

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<b>Specific sales restrictions</b>	Limit on the number of stores (334 then 556)	Restriction on trade names		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 30% THC</li> <li>■ Ban on characteristic cannabis flavours in THC extracts</li> </ul>		
<b>Health warnings</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prohibited for children.</li> <li>2. Risk of intoxication.</li> <li>3. Not recommended before driving.</li> <li>4. Risk of dependence.</li> <li>5. Prohibited out of state.</li> <li>6. Smoking is dangerous to your health.</li> </ol> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prohibited for children.</li> <li>2. Not recommended before driving.</li> </ol> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prohibited for children.</li> <li>2. Not recommended during pregnancy.</li> <li>3. Risk of intoxication.</li> <li>4. Not recommended before driving.</li> <li>5. Health risks.</li> </ol> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cannabis smoke is harmful.</li> <li>2. Do not use if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.</li> <li>3. Do not drive or operate heavy machinery after consuming cannabis.</li> <li>4. Frequent and prolonged use of cannabis containing THC can lead to mental health problems overtime.</li> <li>5. Adolescents and young adults are at greater risk of harmful effects from cannabis.</li> <li>6. The higher the THC content of a product, the more likely a person is to experience undesirable effects and the more their senses are impaired.</li> <li>7. It can take up to four hours to feel the full effects of consuming edible cannabis products.</li> <li>8. The effects of consuming edible cannabis products may be long-lasting.</li> </ol> 		
<b>Restrictions on advertising</b>	Advertising restrictions (with no mention of billboards)	Advertising restrictions (with no mention of billboards)	Advertising restrictions (with no mention of billboards)	Advertising prohibited		
<b>Allocation of tax revenue</b>	50% Public health 31% General Fund 13% Other 4% Counties and Municipalities	40% Public schools 15% Law enforcement 25% Mental health and care programmes 20% Counties and Municipalities	60% Education, prevention, early treatment, and care 20% Law enforcement 20% Environment	75% of sales tax for provinces and territories 25% for the federal government		

\*\* GST: Goods and Services Tax. / QST: Quebec Provincial Sales Tax. / PST: British Columbia Provincial Sales Tax. / HST: Harmonized Sales Tax (combination of GST and PST)