

Ages of Majority (adulthood) in US states, Canadian provinces, and foreign countries

Age of Majority (Adulthood):

- Afghanistan 18
- Albania 18
- Argentina 18/18
- Armenia 18/none
- Angola 18
- Australia 18
- Austria 18
- Bahamas 18
- **Bahrain** 21
- Barbados 18
- Belarus 18
- Belgium 18
- Bhutan 18
- Bolivia 18
- Bosnia & Herzegovina 18
- Brazil 18 (16 for voting)
- Brunei 18
- Bulgaria 18
- Burundi 18
- Cambodia 18
- **Cameroon** 21

- **Canada** 18-19 (Age of majority is provincial and territorial jurisdiction)
 - Alberta 18
 - **British Columbia** 19
 - Manitoba 18
 - **New Brunswick** 19
 - **Newfoundland and Labrador** 19
 - **Northwest Territories** 19
 - **Nova Scotia** 19
 - **Nunavut** 19
 - Ontario 18

○ Prince Edward Island	18
○ Quebec	18
○ Saskatchewan	18
○ Yukon Territory	19
• Chad	21
• Chili	18
• Colombia	18
• Cote d'Ivoire	21
• Croatia	18
• Cuba	18
• Cyprus	18
• Czech Republic	18
• Denmark	18
○ Faeroe Islands	18
○ Greenland	18
• Djibouti	18
• Dominican Republic	18
• Dominica	18
• Ecuador	18
• Egypt	21
• El Salvador	18
• Estonia	18
• Fiji	18
• Finland	18
• France	18
• Gabon	18
• Germany	18
• Gibraltar	17
• Greece	18
• Guatemala	18
• Guinea	21 (Minors are emancipated upon marriage)
• Guyana	18
• Honduras	21
• Hong Kong	18
• Hungary	18
• Iceland	18
• India	18
• Indonesia	18 (males), 15 (females)
• Iran	18
• Ireland	18

• Italy	18
• Jamaica	18
• Japan	20
• Kenya	18
• Kyrgyzstan	16
• Laos	18
• Latvia	18
• Lebanon	18
• Lesotho	21
• Liechtenstein	18
• Lithuania	18
• Luxembourg	18
• Macao	18
• Madagascar	21
• Malaysia	18 (21 for voting)
• Malta	18
• Mauritania	18
• Mexico	18
• Moldova	18
• Monaco	21
• Mozambique	18
• Namibia	21
• Nepal	16
• Netherlands	18 (All adult rights attained at 16)
• New Zealand	18
• Norway	18
• Oman	18
• Pakistan	18 (males), 16 (females)
• Panama	18
• Peru	18
• Philippines	21 (Minors are emancipated upon marriage)
• Poland	18
• Portugal	18
• Qatar	18
• Republic of Korea	20
• Romania	18
• Russia	18
• Rwanda	18
• Saudi Arabia	18
• St Kitts & Nevis	18
• Senegal	18
• Serbia	18
• Singapore	21

• Seychelles	18
• Slovakia	18
• Slovenia	18
• South Africa	21
• Spain	18
• Sudan	18
• Swaziland	21
• Sweden	18
• Switzerland	18
• Syria	18
• Republic of China Taiwan	18
• Tajikistan	17
• Tanzania	18
• Thailand	20
• Trinidad & Tobago	18
• Tunisia	20
• Turkey	18
• Turkmenistan	16
• Ukraine	18
• UK	
◦ England	18
◦ Wales	18
◦ Scotland	16 (voting age is 18)
• United States	18 (except in 5 states and 2 territories)
◦ Alabama	19
◦ Alaska	18
◦ Arizona	18
◦ Arkansas	18; or if still in high school at 18, upon graduation
◦ California	18 (<u>CA Family Code</u> Â§Â§ 6500 and 6501)
◦ Colorado	18
◦ Connecticut	18
◦ Delaware	18
◦ District of Columbia	18 (<u>D.C. Stat.</u> Â§ 46-101)
◦ Florida	18
◦ Georgia	18
◦ Hawaii	18
◦ Idaho	18
◦ Illinois	18
◦ Indiana	18
◦ Iowa	18
◦ Kansas	18
◦ Kentucky	18; or if still in high school at 18, upon graduation or reaching age 19, whichever is earlier

- Louisiana 18 (La. Civ. Code Ann. art. 29)
- Maine 18
- Maryland 18
- Massachusetts 18
- Michigan 18
- Minnesota 18
- Missouri 18
- Mississippi 21
- Montana 18
- Nebraska 19
- New Hampshire 18
- New Mexico 18
- Nevada 18; or if still in high school at 18, upon graduation
 - or reaching age 19, whichever is earlier
- New Jersey 18, for most purposes (N.J.S. 9:17B-3)
- New York 18
- North Carolina 18
- North Dakota 18
- Ohio 18 or upon graduation from high school (if earlier)
- Oklahoma 18
- Oregon 18
- Pennsylvania 18
- Rhode Island 18
- South Carolina 18
- South Dakota 18
- Tennessee 18; or if still in high school at 18, upon graduation
- Texas 18
- Utah 18 or upon graduation from high school (if earlier)
- Vermont 18
- Virginia 18; or if still in high school at 18, upon graduation
- Washington 18 (RCW 26.28.010)
- West Virginia 18 (W. Va. Code Â§ 2-3-1)
- Wisconsin 18; or if still in high school at 18, upon graduation
 - or reaching age 19, whichever is earlier
- Wyoming 18 (changed from 19 to 18 in 1993)
- American Samoa 18
- Guam 18
- Northern Marianas Islands 18
- Puerto Rico 21
- U.S. Virgin Islands 18
- Uruguay 18
- Uzbekistan 14
- Venezuela 18

- Yemen 18

Countries with age of majority other than 18:

- **Bahrain** 21
- **Cameroon** 21
- **CANADA**
 - **British Columbia** 19
 - **New Brunswick** 19
 - **Newfoundland and Labrador** 19
 - **Northwest Territories** 19
 - **Nova Scotia** 19
 - **Nunavut** 19
 - **Yukon Territory** 19
- **Chad** 21
- **Cote d'Ivoire** 21
- **Egypt** 21
- **Gibraltar** 17
- **Guinea** 21 (Married minors emancipated)
- **Honduras** 21
- **Indonesia** 18 (males), 15 (females)
- **Japan** 20
- **Kyrgyzstan** 16
- **Lesotho** 21
- **Madagascar** 21
- **Netherlands** 18 (All adult rights at 16)
- **Pakistan** 18 (males), 16 (females)
- **Philippines** 21 (Married minors emancipated)
- **Republic of Korea** 20
- **Scotland** 16 (voting age is 18)
- **Singapore** 21
- **South Africa** 21
- **Swaziland** 21
- **Tajikistan** 17
- **Thailand** 20
- **Tunisia** 20
- **Turkmenistan**
- **Uzbekistan** 14
- **USA**
 - **Alabama** 19
 - **Mississippi** 21
 - **Nebraska** 19
 - **Puerto Rico** 21

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See also: **age of consent** (primarily for sexual relations); ranges from 16 to 18 in various US states. In Canada, the age of consent is 16. There is a close-in-age exemption for people aged 12-15. People aged 14-15 are allowed to have sex with people up to 5 years older, and people aged 12-13 are allowed to have sex with people up to 2 years older. Throughout the world, the age of consent ranges from age 13 (as in Spain and South Korea) to age 21 (as in Madagascar). In most countries, the age of consent ranges from 14 to 18.

In many countries, and in many US states, the age of consent for males and for females are different, and usually consent for females is higher. The higher age of consent for females is the result of fathers, who are more dominant-territorial about their daughters than about their sons. In addition, many countries have different age of consent laws for homosexual sex. Some US states had such different ages, but these laws were invalidated by the Supreme Court.

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age of voting; Age 18 in all US states; however, several states allow 17 year olds to vote in primaries (esp. Presidential primaries) if the voter will be 18 years old by the date of the general election.

age of criminal liability; In many states the age of criminal liability is 17 where other rights and privileges do not occur until age 18

emancipation of minors; see local jurisdiction

marriageable age; see local jurisdiction

legal drinking age:

- **Antigua** 16
- **Argentina** 18
- **Armenia** No minimum age
- **Australia** 18
- **Austria** 16
- **Azerbaijan** No minimum age
- **Barbados** 18
- **Belgium** 16
- **Bermuda** 18
- **Canada**: varies from province to province, however all are either 18 or 19 years of age.
 - o Alberta 18
 - o British Columbia 19
 - o Manitoba 18

- New Brunswick 19
- Newfoundland and Labrador 19
- Northwest Territories 19
- Nova Scotia 19
- Ontario 19
- Prince Edward Island 19
- Quebec 18
- Saskatchewan 19
- Yukon 19
- **China** No minimum age / 18 purchase age [Introduced 2006](#)
- **Czech Republic** 18
- **Denmark** 16 (in shops), 18 (in bars and restaurants)
- **Estonia** 18
- **Finland** 18 (beer and wine), 20 (spirits)
- **France** 16
- **Georgia (country)** No minimum age
- **Germany** 16 (beer and wine), 18 (spirits)
- **Greece** 15
- **Israel** 18
- **Italy** No minimum age; it's illegal to serve alcoholic drinks to minor of 16 in public
- **Jamaica** No minimum age
- **Japan** 20
- **Korea** 21
- **Malaysia** 21
- **Netherlands** 16 for beer and wine, 18 for stronger drinks
- **New Zealand** 18
- **Nigeria** No minimum age
- **Norway** 18 (beer and wine), 20 (spirits)
- **Poland** No minimum age (must be over 18 to buy alcohol)
- **Portugal** No minimum age
- **Puerto Rico** 18
- **Republic of China** 18
- **Republic of Ireland** 18
- **Slovenia** 18
- **Spain** 16
- **Sweden** 18 (in bars) and 18 for buying alcohol up to 3.5% /20 (in stores)
- **Switzerland** 16 beer and wine; 18 spirits
- **Turkey:** 18
- **Ukraine** 21
- **United Kingdom** 18; 16 for beer or cider in restaurants; 5 in private, with adults
- **United States** 21
- **Vietnam** No minimum age