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Lessons Learned in Colorado

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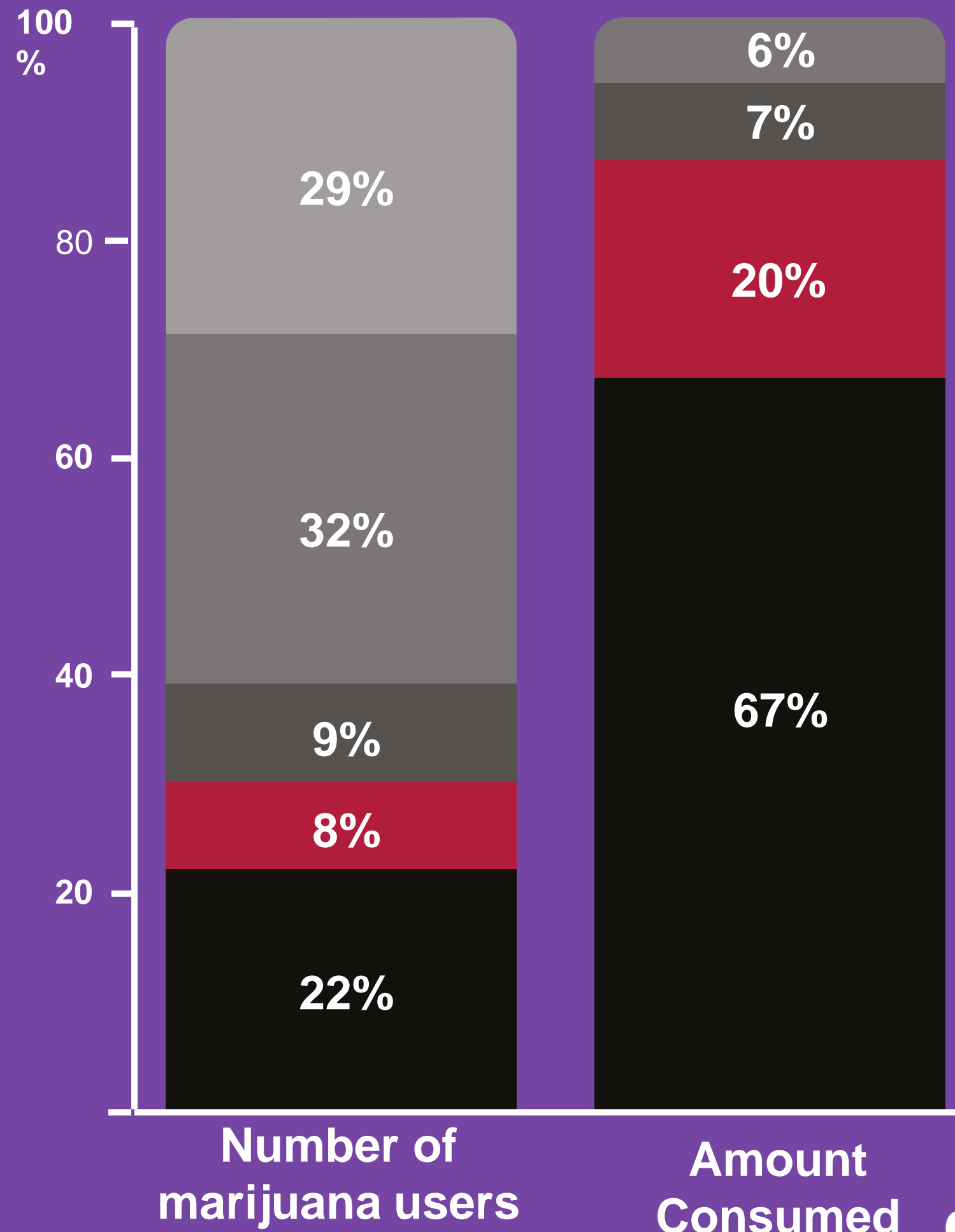
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The addiction for profit model



Source: Colorado Department of Revenue: Market Size and Demand for Marijuana in Colorado

Marijuana's effects on developing babies could include low birth weight, and other developmental problems – including fatal anencephaly

70%

of marijuana dispensaries in Colorado recommended THC products to pregnant women

83%

of medical dispensaries

60%

of retail dispensaries



Denver Health,
2018

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Journal of Pediatrics (2018)

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AAP released statement on 8/30/18 advising pregnant and breastfeeding mothers to avoid the drug completely

Cannabinoids bind to fat molecules, which are abundant in breastmilk



Kerri A. Bertrand, Nathan J. Hanan, Gordon Honerkamp-Smith, Brookie M. Best, Christina D. Chambers. Marijuana Use by Breastfeeding Mothers and Cannabinoid Concentrations in Breast Milk. *Pediatrics*, 2018; e20181076 DOI: 10.1542/peds.2018-1076

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2021 & 2019 Colorado Health Department Reports

14.8% increase
in youth under age
15
using marijuana
over the past 2
years

23,009 homes
with children
are not storing
marijuana
products
safely.

400% increase
in marijuana
poisonings of
children 0-9
years of age

Marijuana
vaping and
dabbing up
40+% among
youth

32,800 homes
where
children 1-14
years of age are
exposed to
second-hand
marijuana smoke

**Marijuana
related
hospitalizations
have increased
since
legalization**

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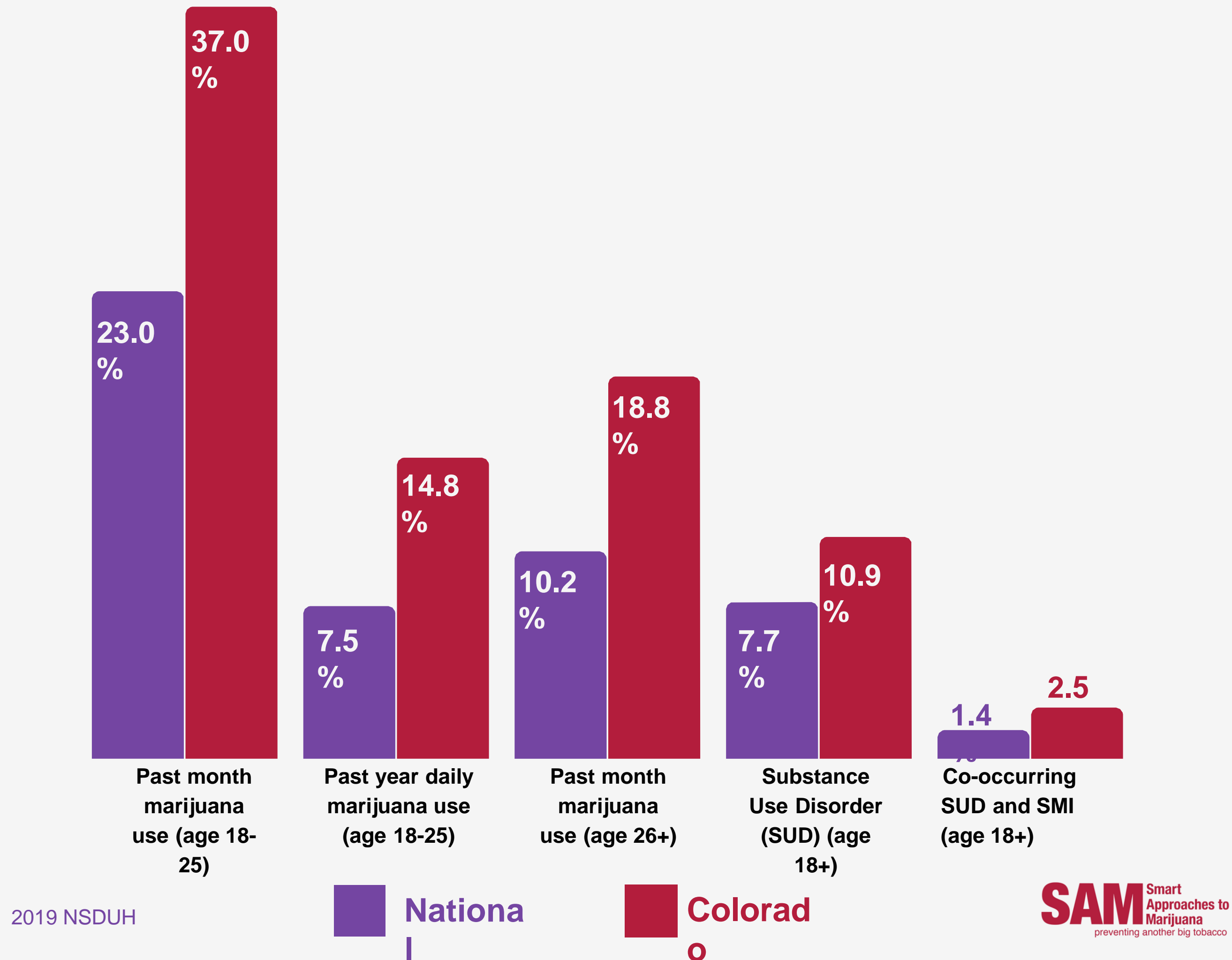
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Alaska

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Comparison of Rates of Mental/Substance Use Disorders Associated with Marijuana Use: National vs. Colorado Data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health



Colorado
112.8%↑

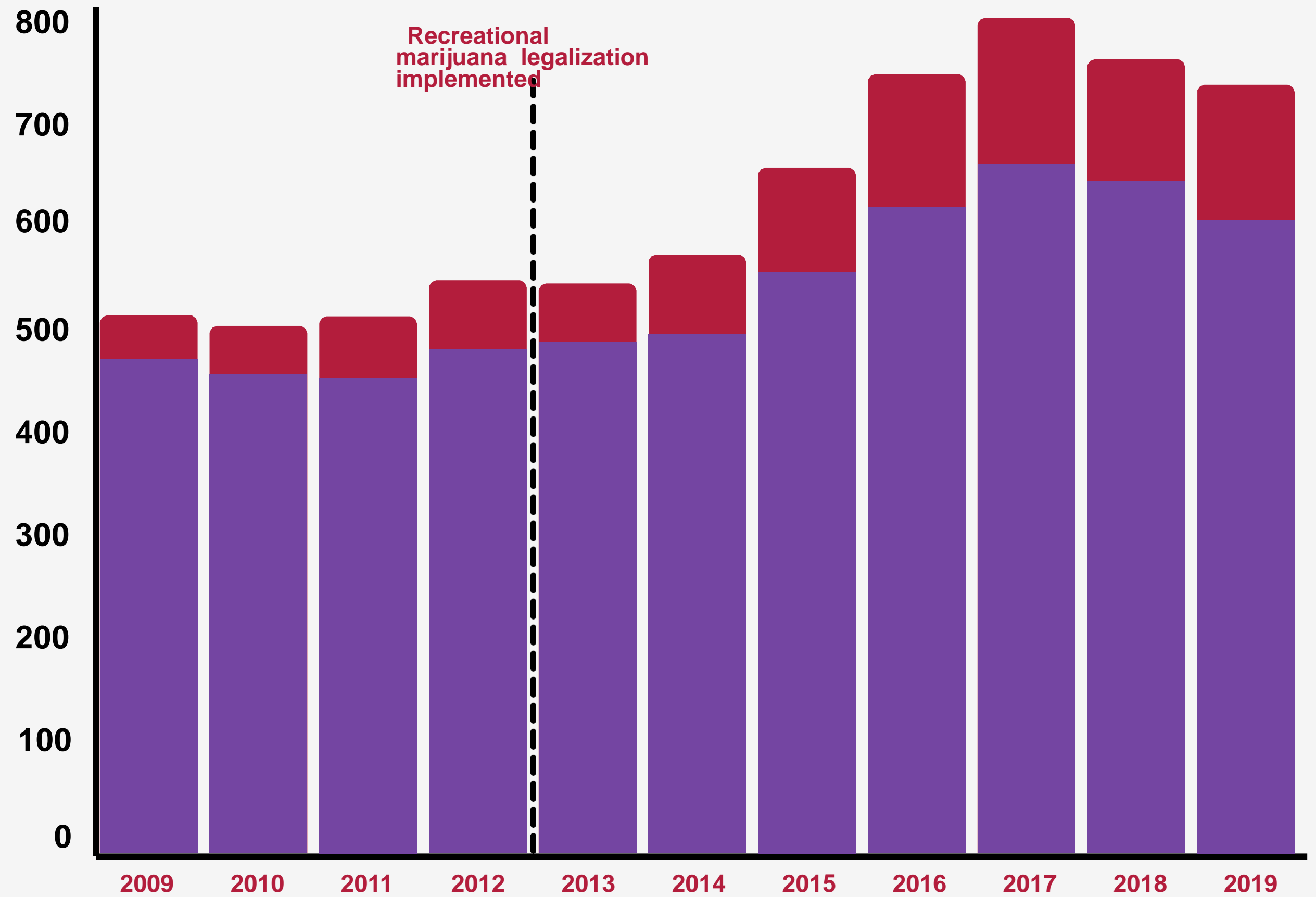
Massachusetts
140%↑

Washington
103.2%↑

Calls to poison control for marijuana exposures in Colorado, Massachusetts, and Washington more than doubled after legalization.



Colorado Traffic Fatalities where the Driver Tested Positive for Marijuana



Colorado Department of Transportation, 2020

Marijuana Workplace Positivity

Massachusetts
113% ↑ since
2016

Oregon
136% ↑
since
2014

Michigan
44% ↑
since
2017

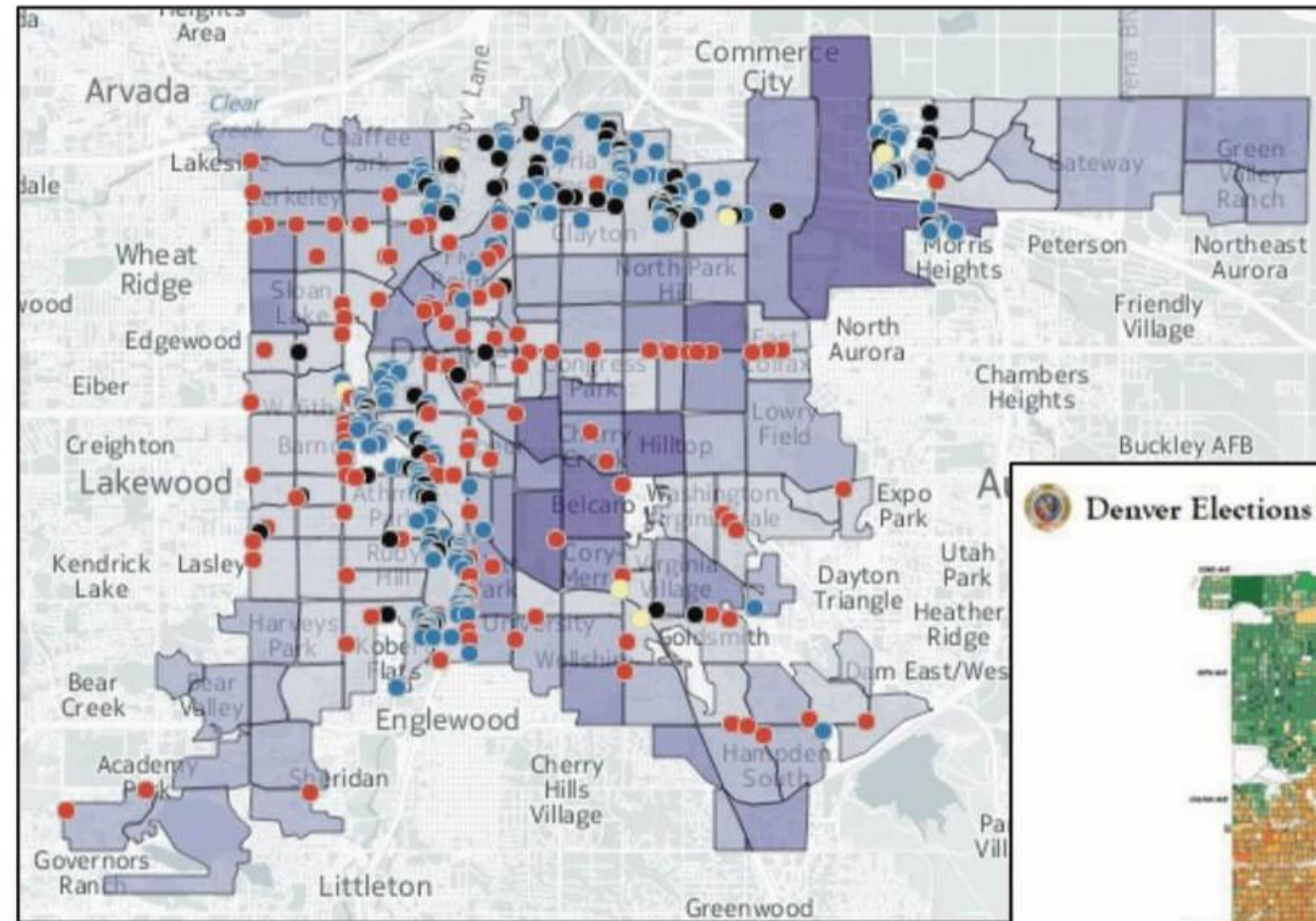
California
45% ↑
since
2016

Nevada
142% ↑
since
2016

Washington
86.3% ↑
since 2014

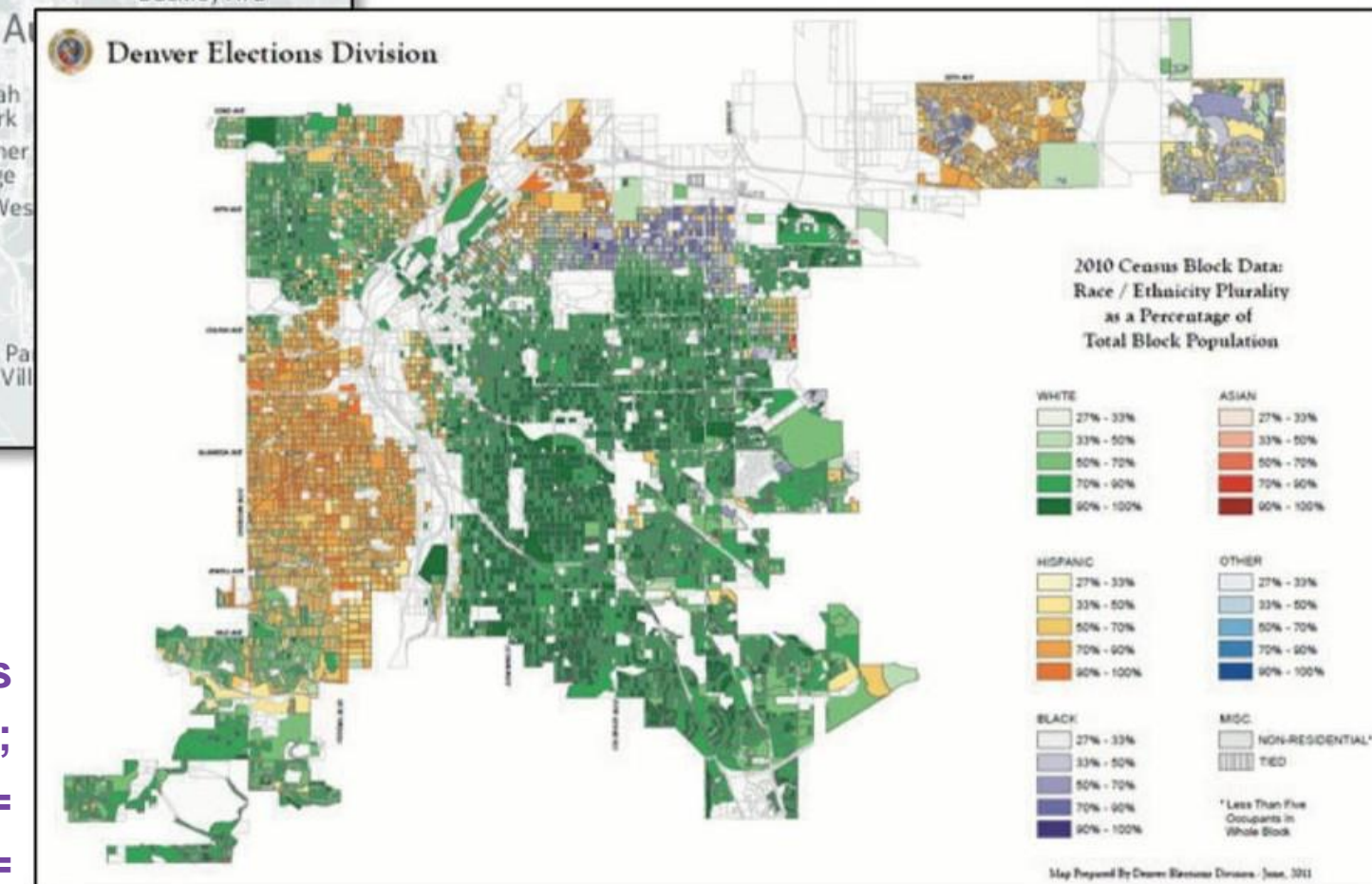
Colorado
63% ↑
since
2013

Marijuana businesses in Denver are concentrated in communities of color

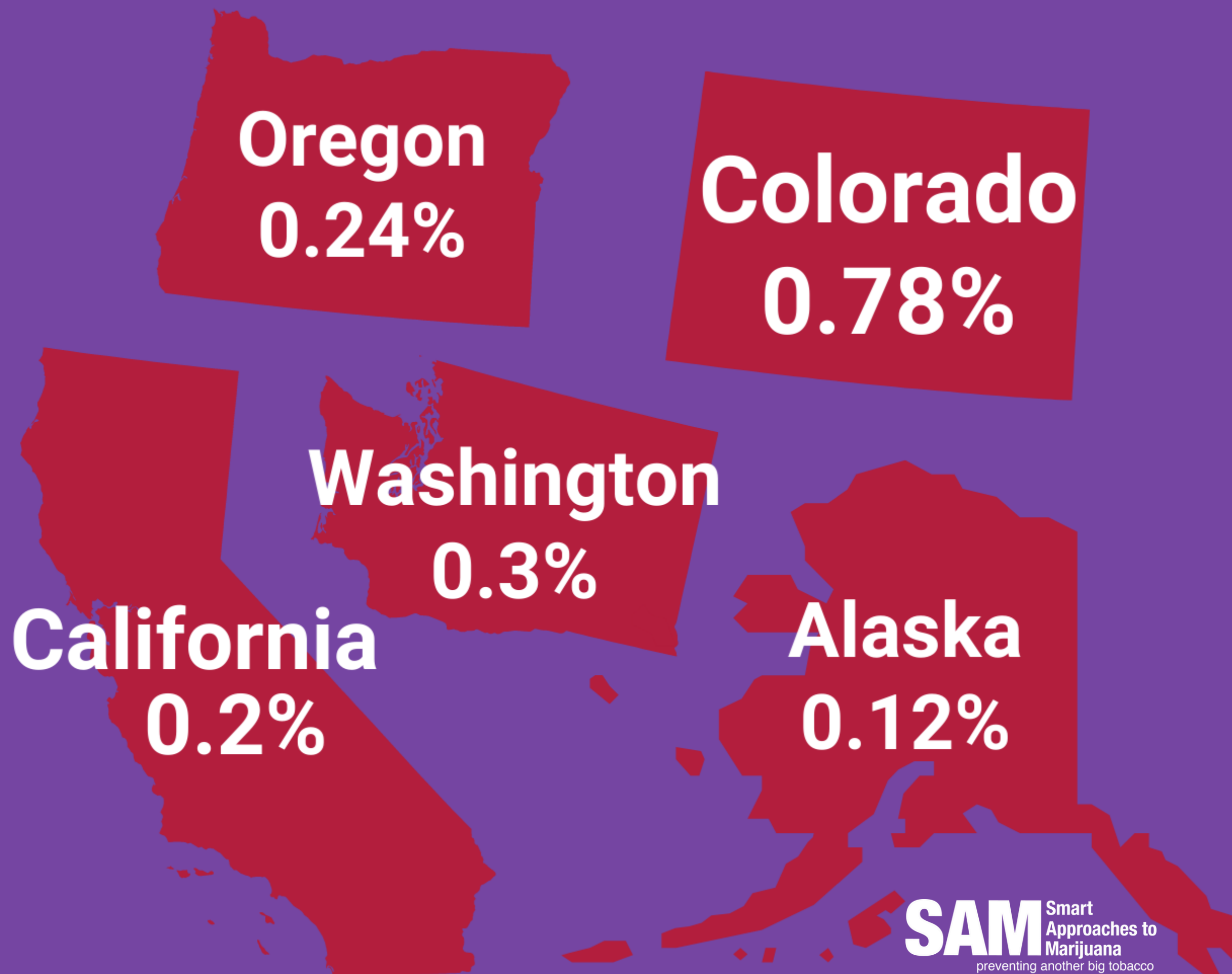


Locations of pot businesses. Dots represent businesses; neighborhoods shaded by income, lighter = lower-income.

Denver neighborhoods colored by race/ethnicity; green = White; orange = Latino; purple = Black; red = Asian; blue = Other.



Marijuana Taxes as a Percent of State Budgets



A majority of localities in "legal" states have opted out of marijuana sales

**California
80%**

**Michigan
79%**

**Colorado
64%**

**Oregon
60%**

My Reason for Being Here

Thank you!

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