

Mississippi Marijuana Penalties

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		Incarceration	Fine
Possession			
30 g or less (first offense)	misdemeanor (summons only, no arrest)	none	\$100 - \$250
30 to 250 g	felony	3 years	\$3,000
250 to 500 g	felony	2 - 8 years	\$50,000
500 g to 5 kg	felony	6 - 24 years	\$500,000
5 kg or more	felony	10 - 30 years	\$1,000,000
30g or less within a motor vehicle (except trunk)	misdemeanor	90 days	\$1,000
Sale			
Less than 1 oz	felony	3 years	\$3,000
1 oz to 1 kg	felony	20 years	\$30,000
1 kg to 10 lbs	felony	30 years	\$5,000 - \$1,000,000
More than 10 lbs	felony	life without parole	variable
To a minor	felony	double penalty	double penalty
Within 1,500 feet of school, church and other specified areas	felony	double penalty	double penalty
Miscellaneous (paraphernalia, license suspensions, drug tax stamps, etc...)			
<p>Second and subsequent offenses double first offense penalties. Any conviction causes driver's license suspension for 6 months. Possession of paraphernalia is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$500 fine and up to six months in jail. However, a paraphernalia charge may not be brought if the person is also charged with possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.</p>			
Details			
<p>Possession of 30 grams or less of marijuana is punishable by a fine of \$100 - \$250 for the first offense. For possession of greater than 30 grams the penalty increases to a fine of up to \$3,000 and up to three years in prison. The penalty for possession of 250 grams or more is 2 - 8 years in prison and a fine up to \$50,000. For possession of 500 grams or more the penalty is 6 - 24 years in prison and a fine up to \$500,000. For possession of 5 kilograms or greater the penalty is 10 -30 years in prison and a fine up to \$1,000,000. There are additional penalties for possession in any part of a motor vehicle except the trunk.</p> <p>Sale or delivery of less than one ounce is punishable by up to three years in prison and a fine up to \$3,000. Sale of one ounce or more is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a fine up to \$30,000. For sale of one kilogram or more the penalty is up to 30 years in prison and a fine of \$5,000 - \$1,000,000. For sale of more than 10 pounds, the penalty is life in prison without the possibility of parole.</p> <p>Sale to a minor doubles the penalty. Sale within 1,500 feet of the buildings of a school, church, public park, ballpark, gymnasium, youth center, or movie theater also doubles the penalties available.</p>			


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Possession of 30 grams or less of marijuana in the passenger compartment of a car is a misdemeanor with a fine of no more than \$1000 and no more than 90 days in county jail.

For second or subsequent offenses of over 30 grams of marijuana the penalty increases to twice the amount available to first offenders. A second conviction within two years for possession of 30 grams or less carries a fine of \$250 and not less than 5 or more than 60 days in county jail.

For drug convictions, the offender's driver's license is suspended for six months.

 **Decriminalization:** The state has decriminalized marijuana to some degree. Typically, decriminalization means no prison time or criminal record for first-time possession of a small amount for personal consumption. The conduct is treated like a minor traffic violation.

Also see Federal Laws http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=4575

About this Report

NORML's State Guide to Marijuana Penalties outlines most penalties for prohibited marijuana conduct in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and under federal law. To view the list of prohibited conduct and penalties, click the map icon to the left to find your jurisdiction.

Marijuana laws and penalties change rapidly and are enforced and interpreted differently even in the same legal jurisdiction. Please consult a criminal defense lawyer if you have been busted or if you want to know how a particular conduct might be punished. If you spot an error or have information that should be included in NORML's State Guide to Marijuana Penalties, please inform the NORML Foundation (foundation@norml.org).

Please note:

- The guide does not list penalties for every marijuana offense nor every enhanced sentence such as possessing marijuana near a school, involving a minor, and automatic driver's or professional license suspension. Your state may require an enhanced sentence even if the enhancement is not in the guide.
- Unless otherwise specified, please assume that listed penalties apply only to first convictions. Prior convictions often place a defendant in a higher penalty range, and convictions while on probation for a previous offense may result in revocation of probation.
- Except where indicated otherwise, a listed fine is the maximum fine for the conviction and the minimum fine is zero.
- "Possession" usually means "possessing marijuana only for personal use". If the government accuses you of possessing marijuana for other reasons, the accompanying penalties will probably exceed those for possessing marijuana for personal use. Possessing large amounts of marijuana frequently results in more serious charges of "possession with intent to distribute", "trafficking", and/or "sale".
- Many factors contribute to a defendant's sentence. Factors include level of involvement in the prohibited conduct, location, age, presence or absence of minors, use or presence of weapons, conduct for which a person has been acquitted, and many other things.
- If you are in trouble, please know your rights and hire an attorney.

Warning: The information contained in this report is for informational purposes only. Individuals are encouraged to confirm their state's laws before engaging in any particular behavior, or before going to court without a lawyer.

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Metric units to United States units of measurements:
One ounce (oz.) = 28.35 grams
One pound (lb.) = 16 ounces = 453.59 grams
One kilogram (kg.) = 1,000 grams (g) = 2.2 pounds (lbs.)