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Excise taxes on adult recreational cannabis surpassed alcohol in Massachusetts for the first time.

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In September of 2021, the [Cannabis Control Commission](#) reported that

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In addition to the 10.75% excise tax on recreational use, there is a 6.25% state sales tax on cannabis in Massachusetts and a local tax that can reach up to 3%. According to the [Associated Press](#), this added up to \$208 million in total tax revenue during the last fiscal year.

In 2019, 22 retailers made \$444.9 million in sales from recreational marijuana use in Massachusetts, according to the Cannabis Control Commission. In 2020, despite two months of closures forced by [COVID-19](#), retailers generated a total of \$702 million and by September 2021, the commission reported that retailers had generated \$844 since the start of the new year.

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