

DID YOU KNOW

that both La Plata County AND the City of Durango are Considering Raising Taxes on Marijuana?

SOME FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE CURRENT TAXATION OF MARIJUANA:

Currently, retail marijuana sales are taxed at a rate of **20%**

15% is a state special sales tax
(of which 15% goes to the local licensing authority, i.e. Durango/La Plata County)

+
3% is Durango's sales tax
+
2% is La Plata's sales tax

Alcohol is taxed at a rate of only 7.9%

which is remarkable considering the Colorado Constitutional Amendment states that marijuana shall be "TAXED IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO ALCOHOL".

Source: <http://www.fcgov.com/mmj/pdf/amendment64.pdf>

Marijuana has an excise tax (i.e. wholesale tax) rate of 15%.
Alcohol has an excise tax rate, which depends on the type of alcohol,
but it is MUCH lower. For example, beer: 8 cents per gallon.

Source: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/revenue/colorado-liquor-excise-taxes>

Legalized marijuana has **NOT INCREASED CRIME** rates

Source: <https://coloradopolitics.com/despite-claims-data-show-legalized-marijuana-not-increased-crime-rates/>

In fact, a Colorado Department of Public Safety report showed a 6 percent
DECREASE IN THE VIOLENT CRIME rate statewide from 2009 to 2014

Source: <http://cdpsdocs.state.co.us/ors/docs/reports/2016-SB13-283-Rpt.pdf>

IN APRIL 2017 ALONE (the most recent month of published information),
retail marijuana sales generated the following tax revenue:

From the **2.9% state** sales tax = **\$3,511,986**

From the **10% special** sales tax = **\$8,186,608**

From the **15% excise** tax = **\$5,699,916**

From **all taxes, fees & licenses** = **\$18,563,939**

Source: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/revenue/colorado-marijuana-tax-data>

From January to May 2017,
the City of Durango has collected

\$321,369

in sales tax from marijuana sales alone

Source: <http://www.durangogov.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/286>

ON TOP OF its 3% sales tax, Durango has received the following amounts through May 2017 from the special sales tax:

\$26,322 in January

\$27,021 in February

\$32,463 in March

\$31,680 in April

That puts Durango on track to collect **\$1.12 MILLION** in 2017

(source: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/revenue/colorado-marijuana-tax-data>)

40 There are currently
approximately
marijuana licenses
in La Plata County/Durango

The industry as a whole **employs HUNDREDS** of people.