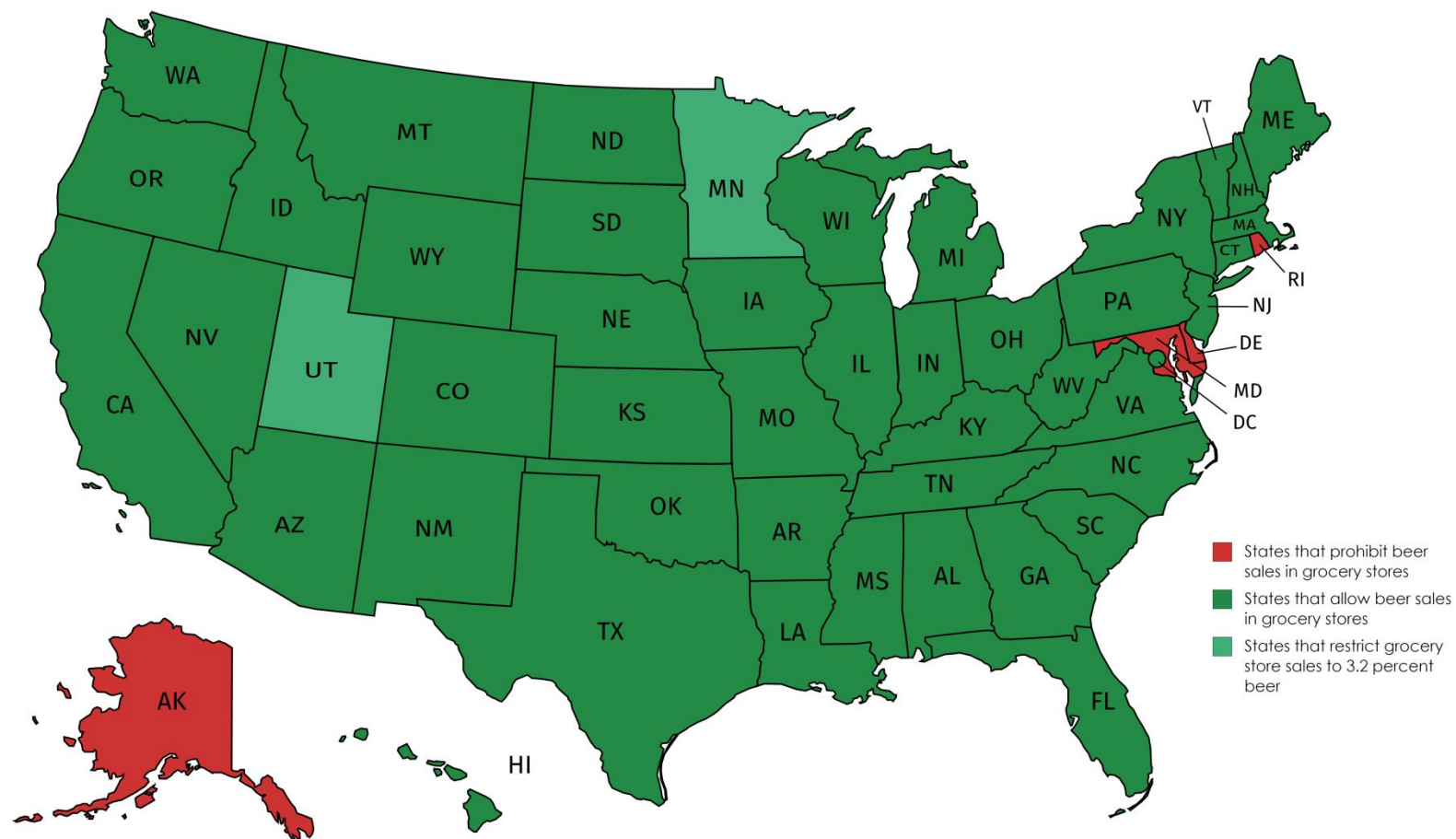




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Beer Sales in Grocery Storesⁱ



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Source: Food Marketing Institute Research and the Beverage Information Group Alcohol Fact Book Database

Notes

- Under Maryland state law, supermarkets and other large chain stores are prohibited from selling alcohol at retail. However, counties have a large amount of authority in this area, and certain counties have “grandfathered” in a limited number of stores, allowing them to sell beer, wine, and spirits.
- Though NJ technically has no ban on selling alcoholic beverages at grocery stores, the state limits each chain to two licenses, so with only a few exceptions, most supermarkets/convenience stores/gas stations/pharmacies do not sell alcoholic beverages.
- PA grocery stores selling beer for off premise consumption must have a “restaurant” license.

ⁱ This map includes states that have recently passed legislation. In 2016, Colorado enacted legislation to allow grocery stores to phase-in the sale of full strength beer beginning in 2019. Also in 2016, Oklahoma voters approved a ballot measure to allow grocery stores to sell full strength beer and wine as of October 1, 2018. In 2017, Kansas enacted legislation allowing the sale of beer with up to 6-percent alcohol (up from 3.2 percent), beginning in July 2019.