

**VOLUME 7B, APPENDIX H: “AGE OF MAJORITY BY STATE AND  
UNITED STATES’ POSSESSIONS”**

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES**

Changes are identified in this table and also denoted by [blue font](#).

Substantive revisions are denoted by an asterisk (\*) symbol preceding the section, paragraph, table, or figure that includes the revision.

Unless otherwise noted, chapters referenced are contained in this volume.

Hyperlinks are denoted by [\*\*\*bold, italic, blue, and underlined font\*\*\*](#).

The previous version dated [May 2022](#) is archived.

PARAGRAPH	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
All	Updated formatting to comply with current administrative instructions.	Revision
All	Updated table to include when a state or United States possession has a different age of majority for purposes of child support.	Revision
Guam	Added Guam to the table.	Addition

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## \*AGE OF MAJORITY BY STATE AND UNITED STATES' POSSESSIONS

State	Age
Alabama	19
Alaska	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, child support may be extended for an unmarried child, by order, until graduation from high school, or technical/vocational training or age 19, whichever comes first)
Arizona	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18; child support shall continue while the child is attending high school or equivalency program, but no later than age 19)
Arkansas	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18; if child is still attending high school at age 18, child support continues until high school graduation or end of the school year after child turns age 19, whichever comes first)
California	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18; if unmarried child is attending high school full-time, child support continues until child completes 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, or age 19, whichever comes first)
Colorado	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 19; if child is still in high school or equivalent program, support continues until the end of the month following graduation. If child ceases attending high school or equivalent program before graduation, and re-enrolls, child support continues until end of the month following graduation, but no later than age 21)
Connecticut	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18; if unmarried child is attending high school full-time, child support continues until child completes 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, or age 19, whichever comes first)
Delaware	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18; if child is attending high school, support continues until graduation, or age 19, whichever comes first)
District of Columbia	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 21, unless otherwise emancipated)
Florida	18*
Georgia	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18; or until the child graduates from high school or age 20, whichever comes first)

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State	Age
Guam	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18 or graduation from high school, whichever comes later, not to exceed age 19)
Hawaii	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, may be extended beyond age 18 if child is attending school full-time)
Idaho	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, may be extended until the child discontinues high school education or age 19, whichever is sooner)
Illinois	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18; if child is 18 and attending high school, support terminates upon graduation or age 19, whichever comes first)
Indiana	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 19; if age 19 and child is attending secondary school, support may be extended, upon petition, until graduation from secondary school)
Iowa	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 19, if child is attending high school full-time and expected to graduate or obtain GED)
Kansas	18 (for the purpose a parent paying child support, age 18; if age 18 and child is still in high school, extended until June 30 of year child turns age 18)
Kentucky	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18, but if child is not emancipated by marriage, child support will continue while child is in high school, but no later than end of the school year in which the child turns age 19)
Louisiana	18*
Maine	18*
Maryland	18*
Massachusetts	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, may be extended beyond age 18 if child is still in high school, or to age 21 or 23, under certain conditions)
Michigan	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, may be extended to age 19.5 if the child is attending high school full-time with a reasonable expectation of graduating)

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State	Age
Minnesota	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18 or until age 20, if child is attending secondary school)
Mississippi	21 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 21, if child support order was issued by a Mississippi court)
Missouri	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, 18, or until child completes secondary school program or age 21, whichever comes first. Child support may extend to age 21, if the child is enrolled in an institution of vocation or higher education and meets certain requirements)
Montana	18*
Nebraska	19**
Nevada	18*
New Hampshire	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18 or when the child graduates high school, whichever is later)
New Jersey	18 (unless otherwise emancipated, age 19, for the purpose of a parent paying child support)
New Mexico	18*
New York	18 (unless otherwise emancipated, age 21, for the purpose of a parent paying child support)
North Carolina	18 (up to age 20, for the purpose of a parent paying child support, if the child is still attending high school and has not graduated)
North Dakota	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, child support continues beyond age 18 until child graduates from high school or age 19, whichever comes first)
Ohio	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, child support continues beyond age 18 until child graduates from high school or age 19, whichever comes first)
Oklahoma	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, if the child is attending high school, child support continues until graduation or age 20, whichever occurs first)
Oregon	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, child support may be extended up to age 21 while the child is attending school)
Pennsylvania	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18 or until the child graduates from high school, whichever occurs later)
Puerto Rico	21 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 21, unless otherwise emancipated)

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State	Age
Rhode Island	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, until high school graduation or age 19, whichever comes first)
South Carolina	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18 and has finished high school, or until the end of the school year after the child turns age 19, whichever is later)
South Dakota	18*
Tennessee	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18 and has graduated from high school, or until the class of which the child is a member when the child turned 18 graduates, whichever occurs first)
Texas	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18 or until graduation from high school, whichever occurs later)
Utah	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18, or graduation from high school during the child's normal and expected year of graduation, whichever occurs later)
Vermont	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18 or termination of secondary education, whichever occurs later)
Virginia	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, child support continues until high school graduation or age 19, whichever comes first)
Virgin Islands	18
Washington	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, support continues if child is participating full-time in a secondary school program and is under the age of 19)
West Virginia	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18 or until age 20 if enrolled in a secondary educational or vocational program)
Wisconsin	18*
Wyoming	18 (for the purpose of a parent paying child support, age 18, or until age 20 if attending high school or an equivalent program full-time)

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Note: The age listed for the purpose of a parent paying child support is the age under the corresponding state's law, and [presumes a child is not otherwise emancipated by military service, marriage, death, judicial decree, or self-support](#). Child support may also be extended due to [disability](#).

\*The age of majority in this state is age 18. However, for the purpose of a parent paying child support, this state dictates that child support is to continue until age 19 if the child is still attending high school or a secondary school.

\*\*[If a child under age 19 marries, child support ends](#).