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**Drogas e interseccionalidad: repensando las
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adolescencia y juventud**

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Contextos de regulación, los jóvenes y los mercados grises

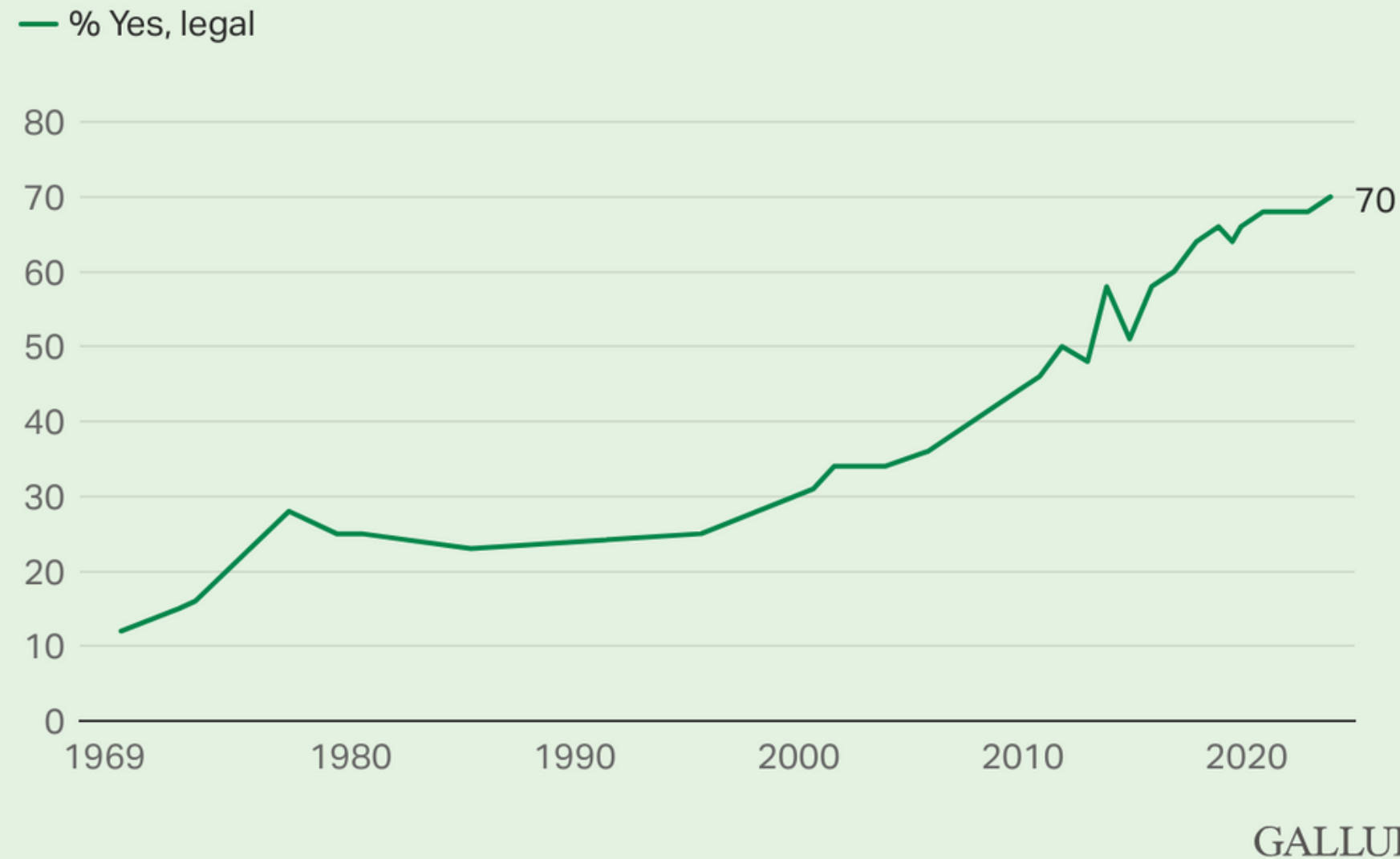
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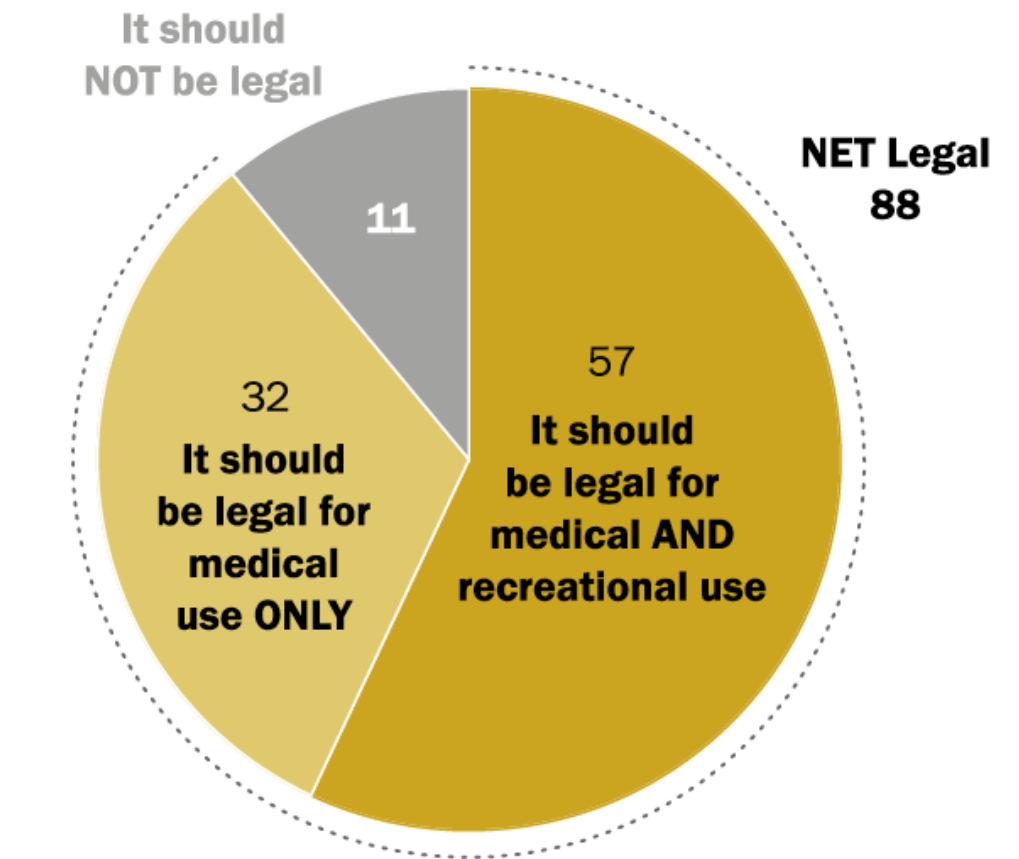
The Green Wave: Americans' Support for Marijuana, 1969-2023

Do you think the use of marijuana should be legal, or not?



Only about 1 in 10 U.S. adults say marijuana should not be legal at all

% of U.S. adults who say the following about marijuana



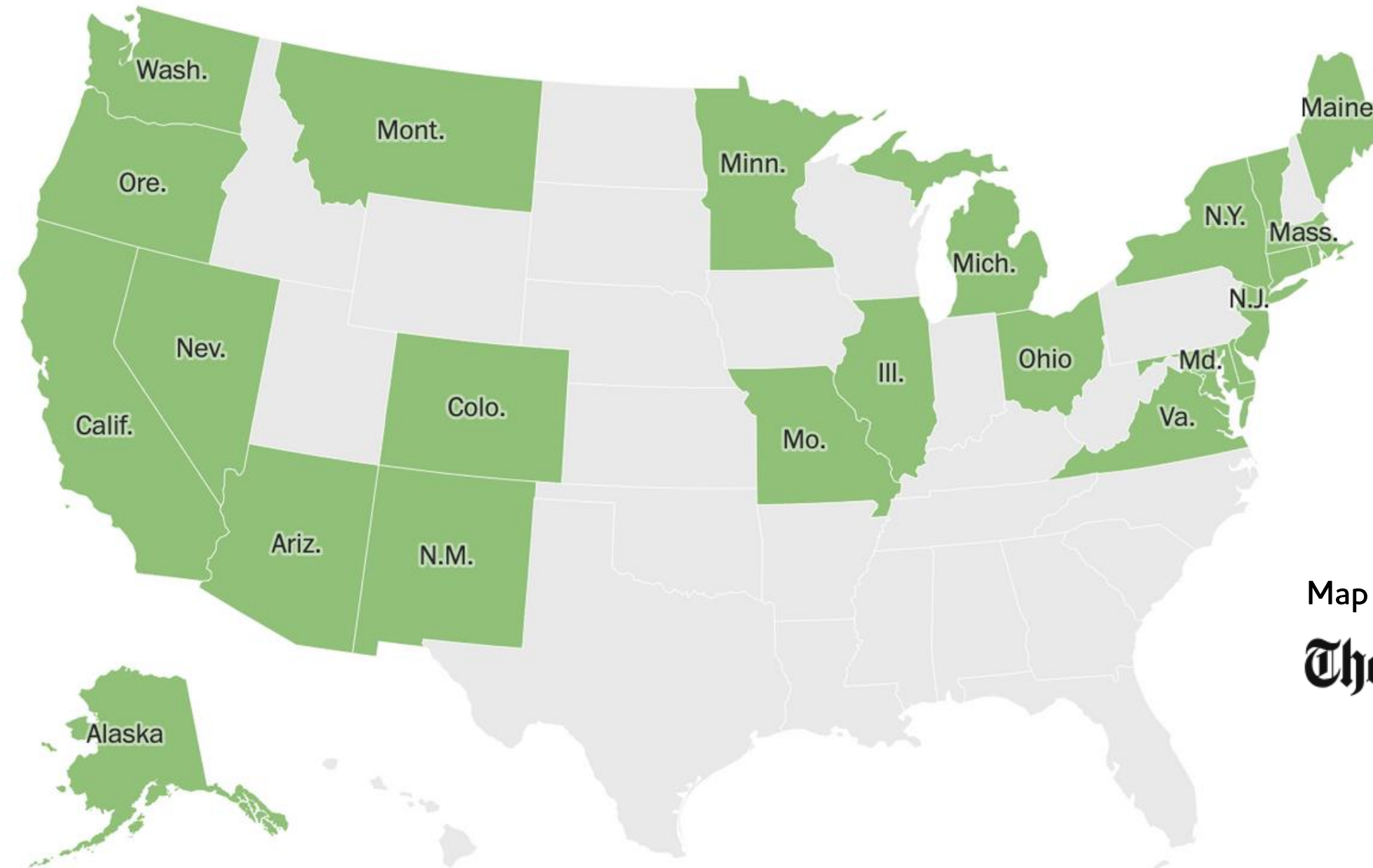
Note: Fewer than 1% of respondents did not answer the question.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 16-21, 2024.

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REGULACIÓN DEL CANNABIS EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS

States where recreational use of marijuana is legal

Twenty-four states and D.C. have legalized recreational marijuana



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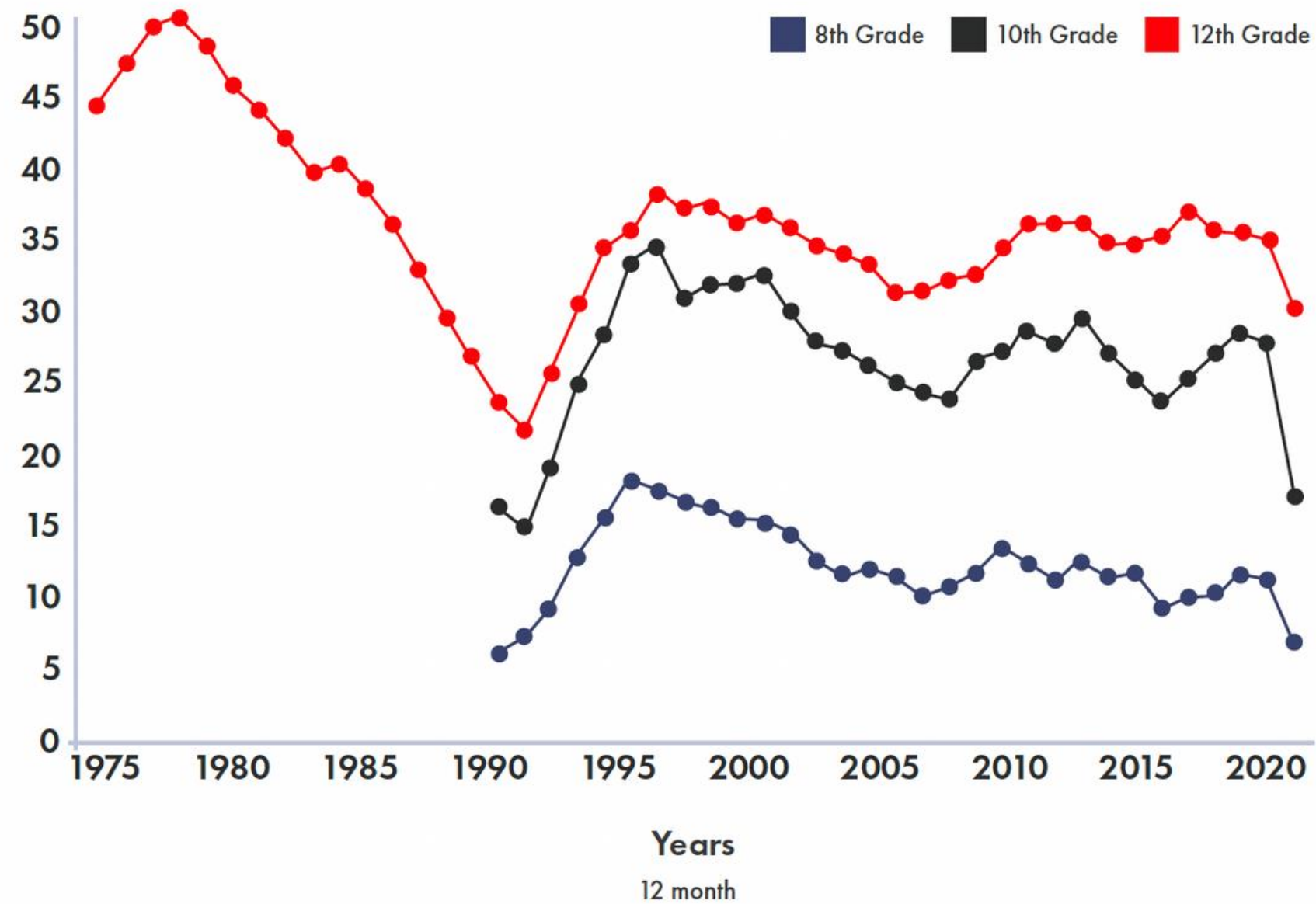
The Washington Post

In Ohio, the new law will take effect on Dec. 7.

Source: National Conference of State legislatures

LEGALIZATION IMPACTS ON YOUTH PREVALENCE OF CANNABIS USE. State legalization of cannabis has *not, on average* impacted the prevalence of cannabis use among adolescents. In other words, states with medical and/or adult use laws are not seeing larger increases in adolescent use relative to states where use remains illegal.¹³

Marijuana: Trends in 12 Month Prevalence of Use in 8th, 10th and 12th Grade



Source: Monitoring the Future¹⁴

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Estimating the effects of legalizing recreational cannabis on newly incident cannabis use

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Abstract



The evidence indicates no policy-associated changes in the occurrence of newly incident cannabis onsets for underage persons, but an increased occurrence of newly onset cannabis use among older adults (i.e., >21 years). We offer a tentative conclusion of public health importance: Legalized cannabis retail sales might be followed by the increased occurrence of cannabis onsets for older adults, but not for underage persons who cannot buy cannabis products in a retail outlet.

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Research Article

Effects of Cannabis Legalization on Adolescent Cannabis Use Across 3 Studies

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Results

Change in legalization status across adolescence was not significantly related to within-person change in the probability or frequency of self-reported past-year cannabis use. At the between-person level, youth who spent more of their adolescence under legalization were no more or less likely to have used cannabis at age 15 years than adolescents who spent little or no time under legalization.

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What is the likelihood that underage youth can obtain marijuana from licensed recreational marijuana outlets in California, a state where recreational marijuana is legal?

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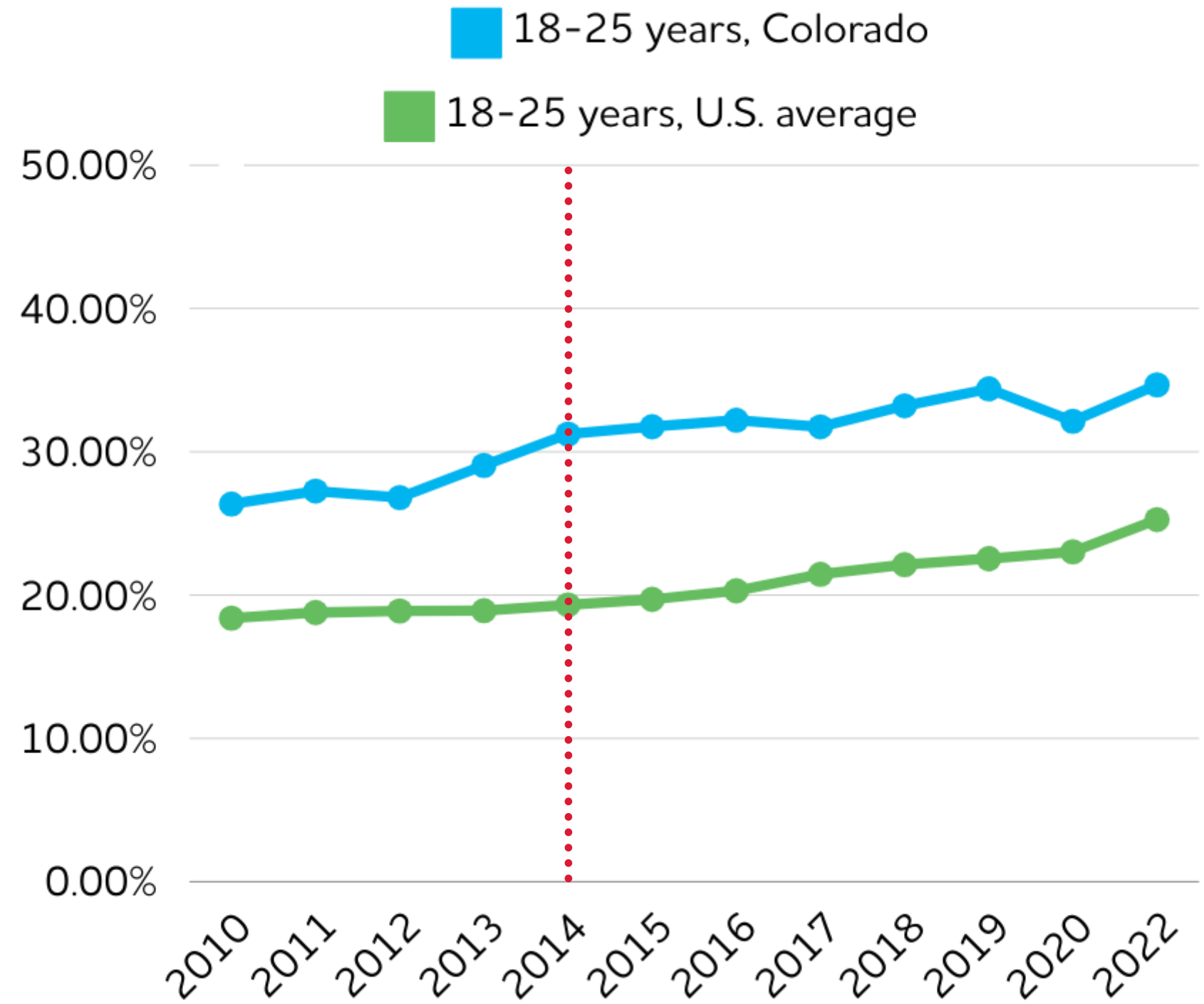
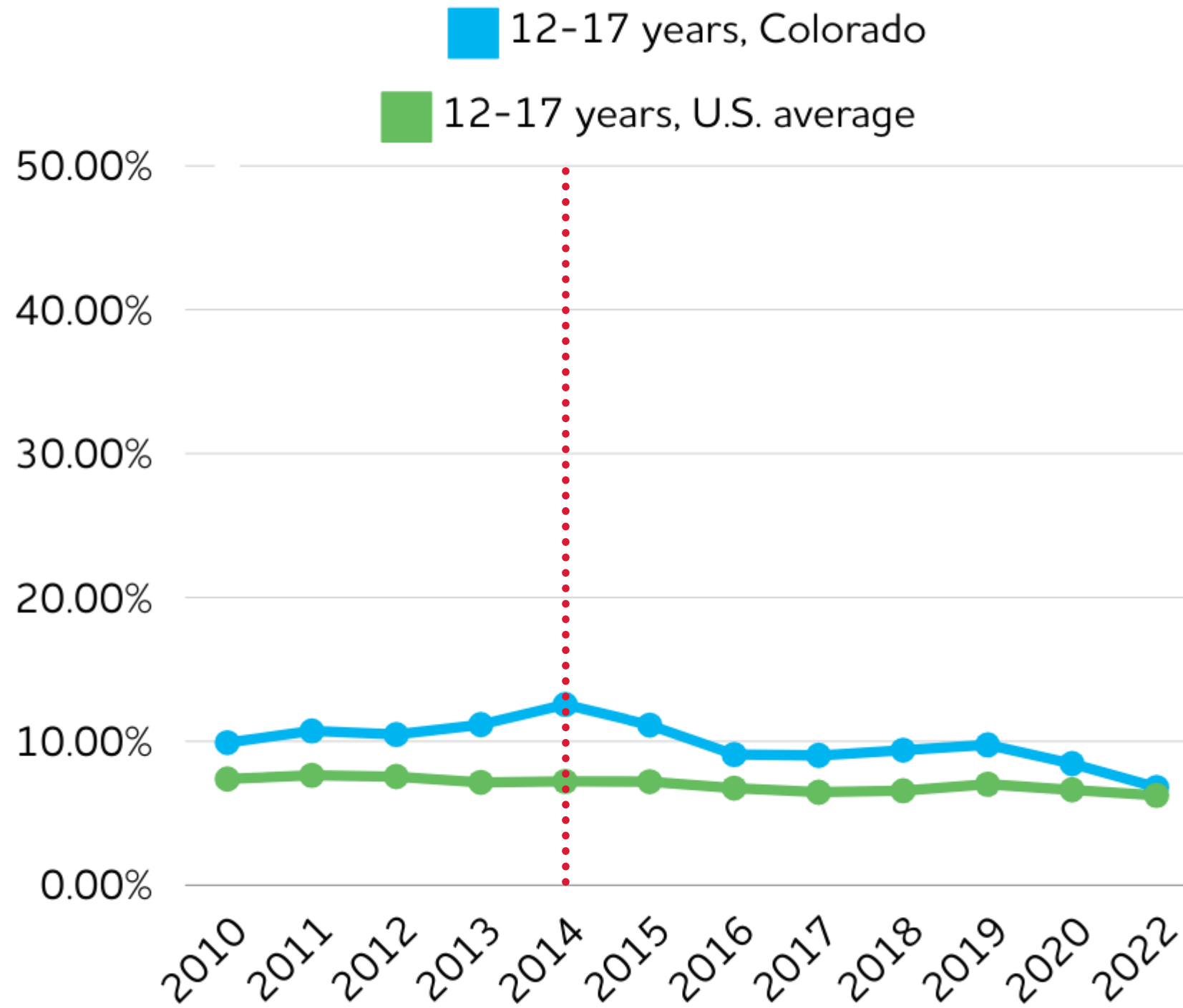
Conclusions: It appears that licensed California recreational marijuana outlets avoid selling marijuana to underage customers. One reason could be a strong incentive for recreational marijuana outlet owners and managers to avoid being shut down for an illegal activity. *Practical Application:* Underage youth are not obtaining marijuana at licensed recreational outlets. Future studies and cannabis enforcement agencies should investigate whether underage patrons attempt to use fake IDs at licensed marijuana outlets and whether youth are obtaining marijuana from illicit dispensaries or from social sources.

PERCEPTIONS OF RISK AND EASE OF ACCESS, MARIJUANA

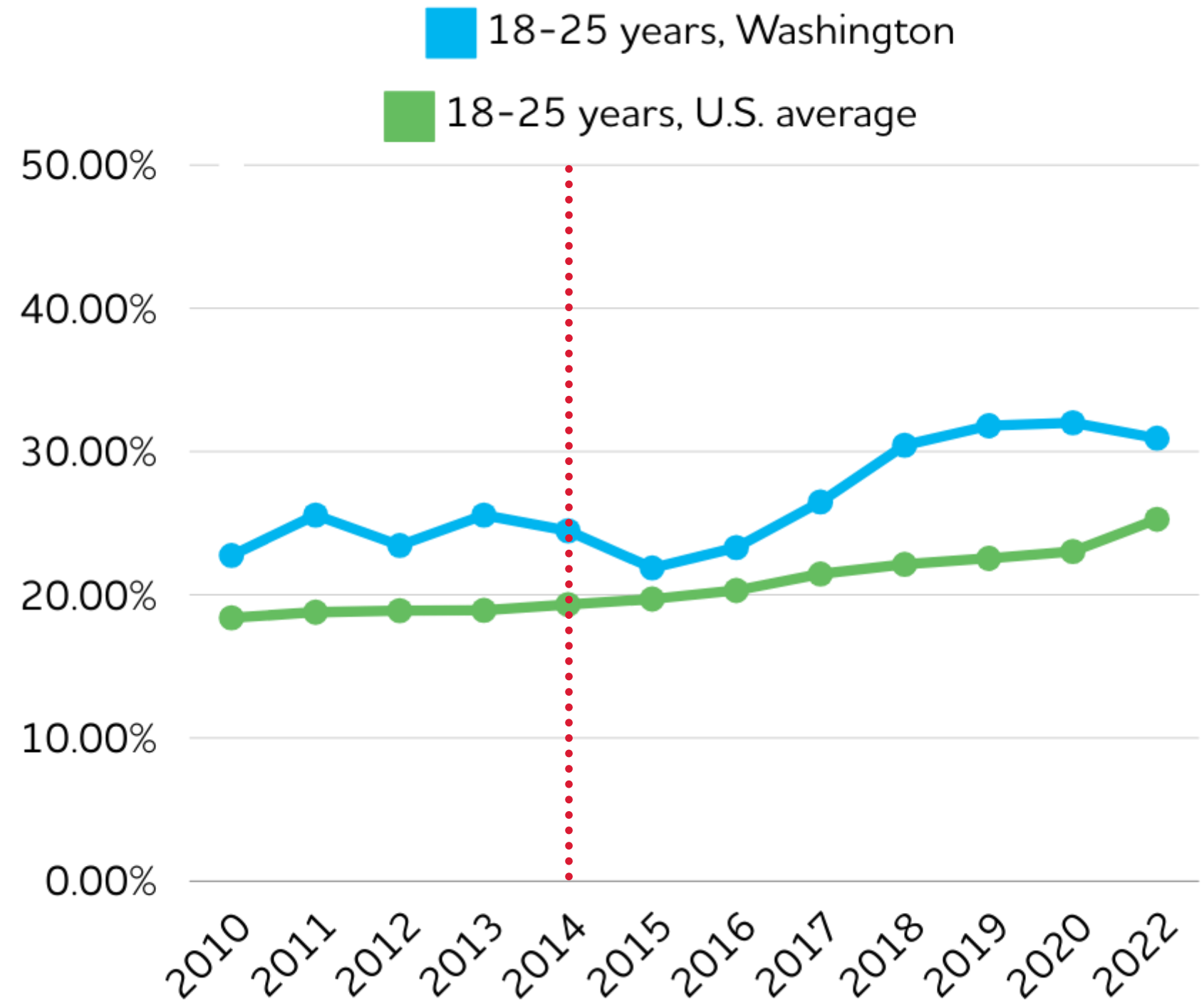
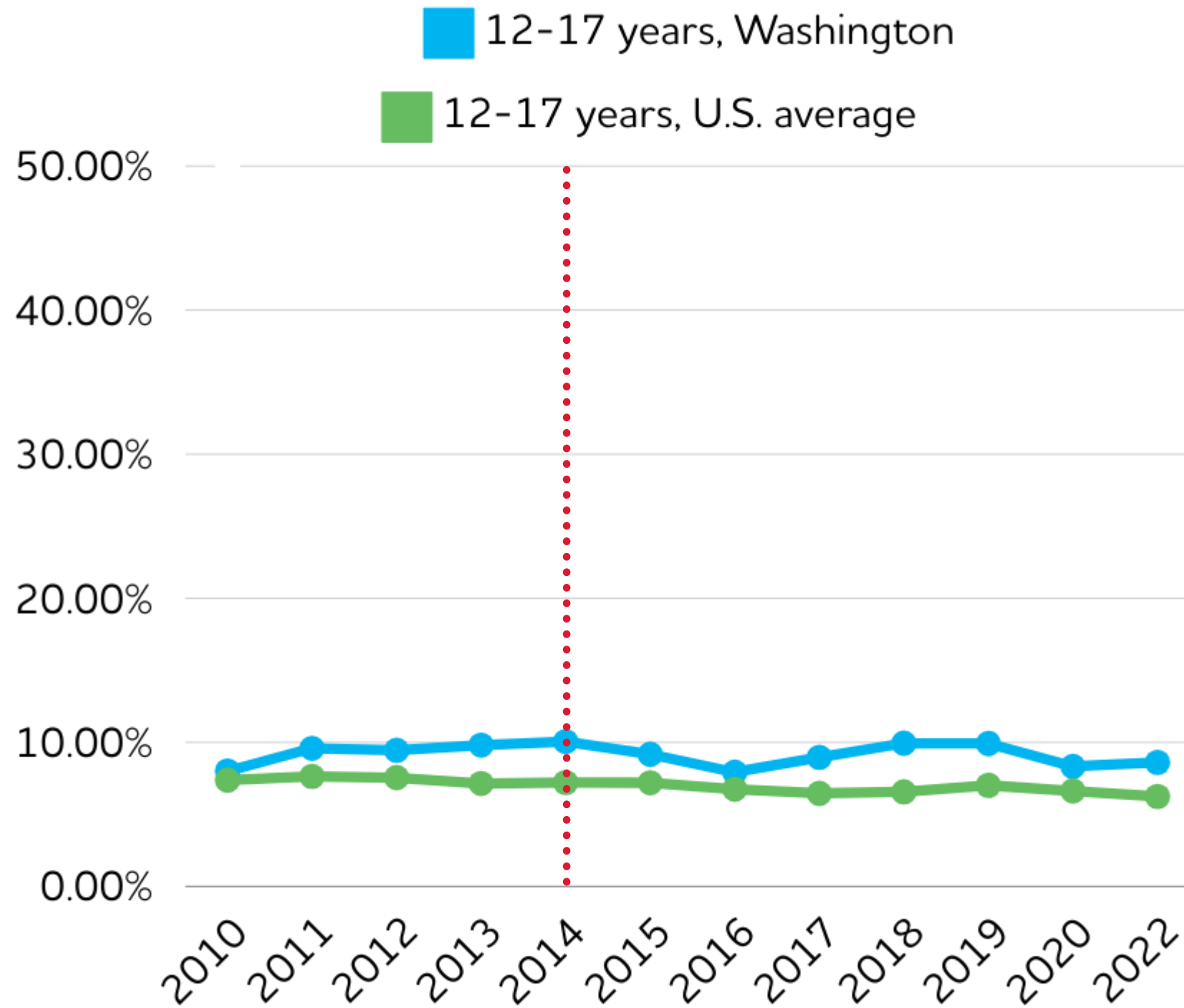
	Aged 12-17 (2021)	Aged 12-17 (2022)	Aged 18-25 (2021)	Aged 18-25 (2022)
Perceptions of Great Risk: Smoke Once a Month	173	133	158	138
Perceptions of Great Risk: Smoke Once or Twice a Week	197	165	186	156
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain	197	165	228	210

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2021 and 2022.

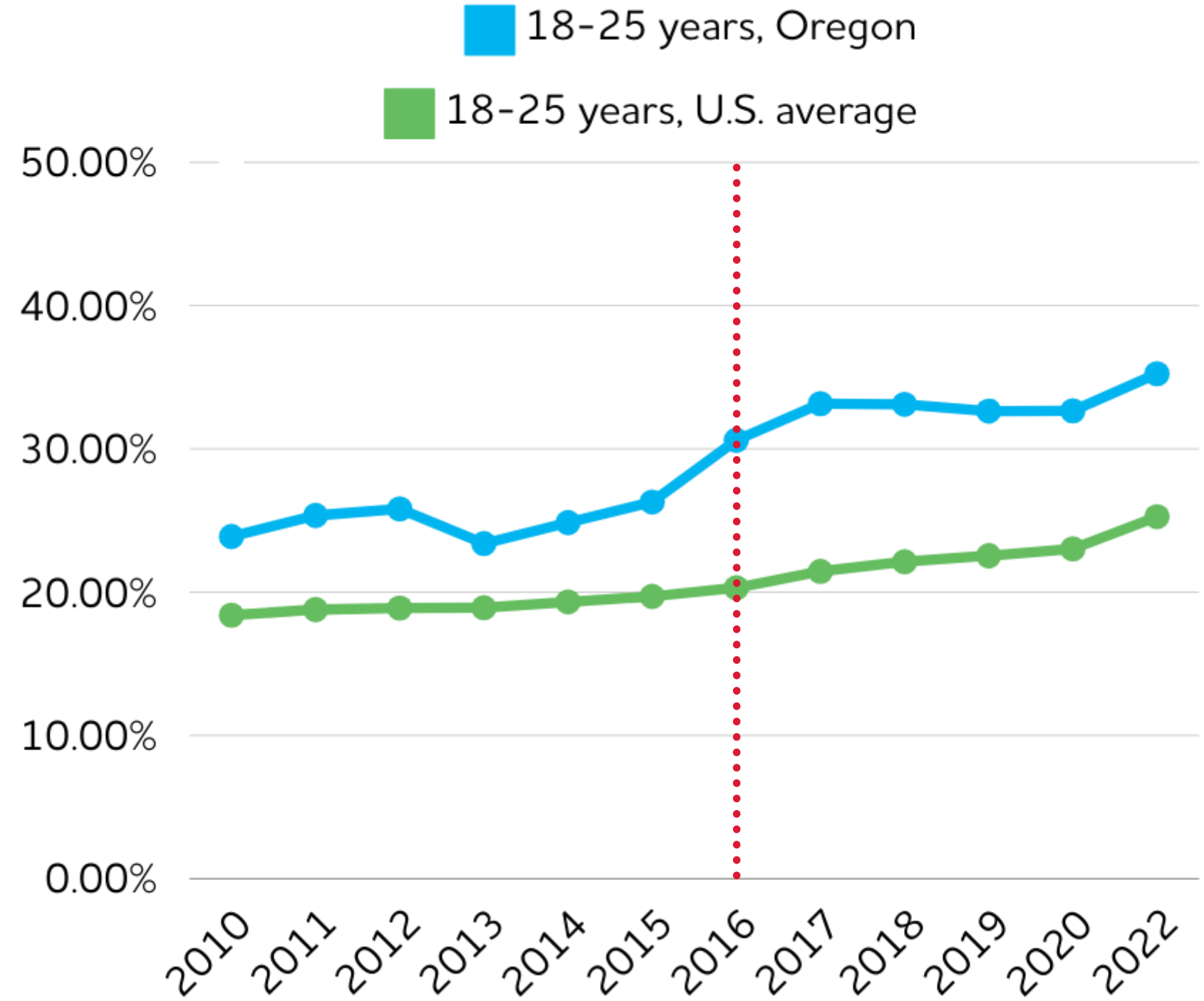
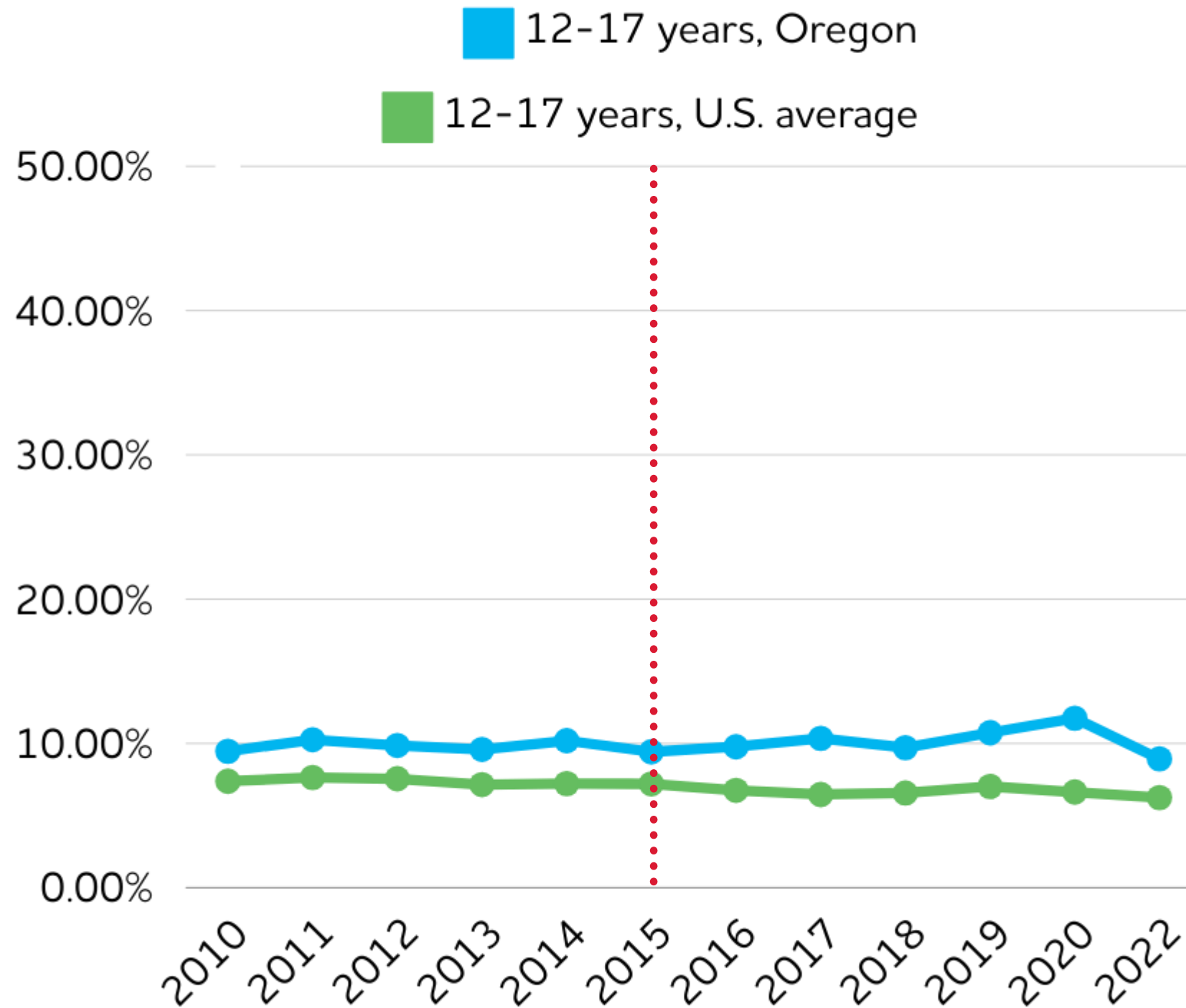
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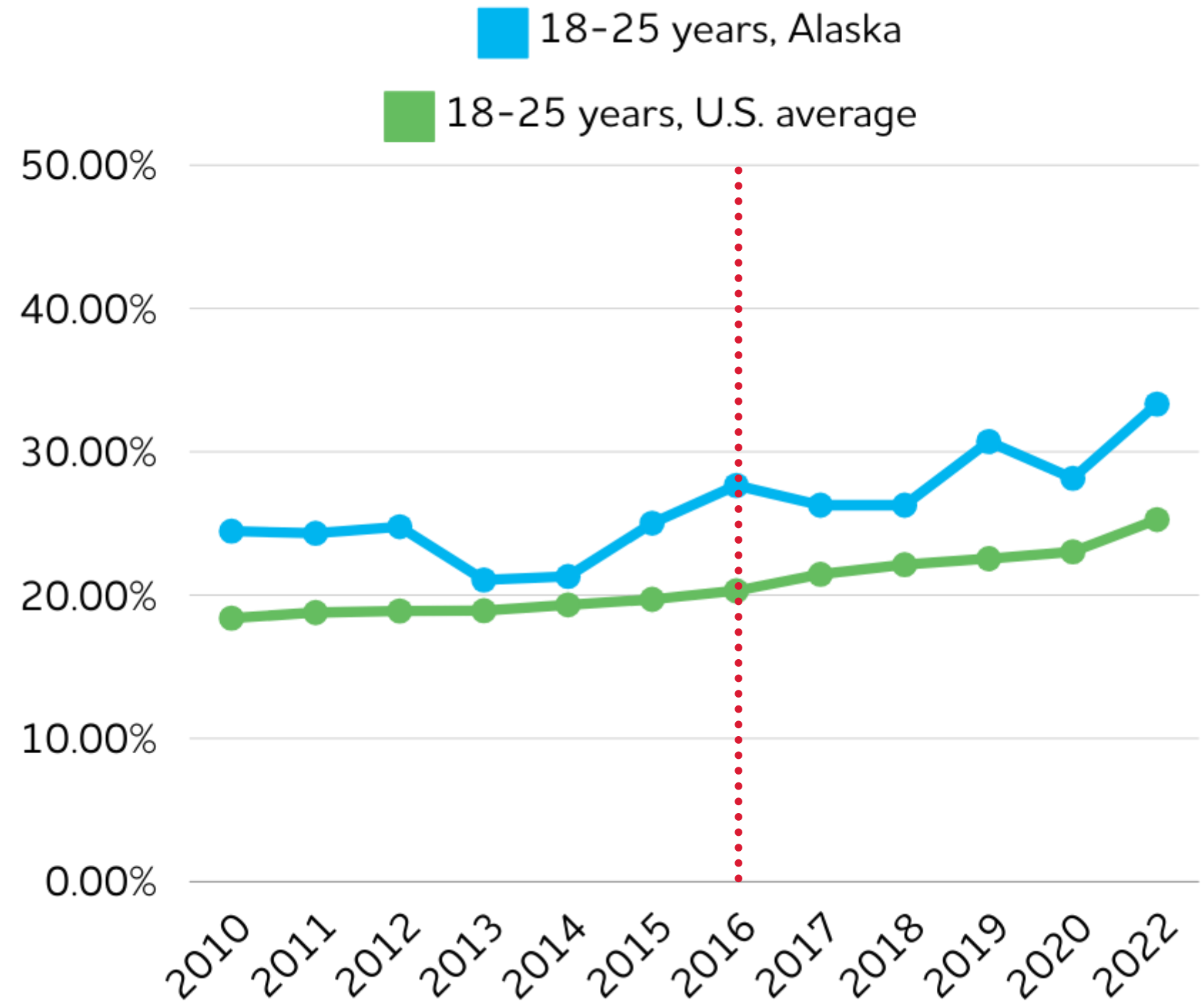
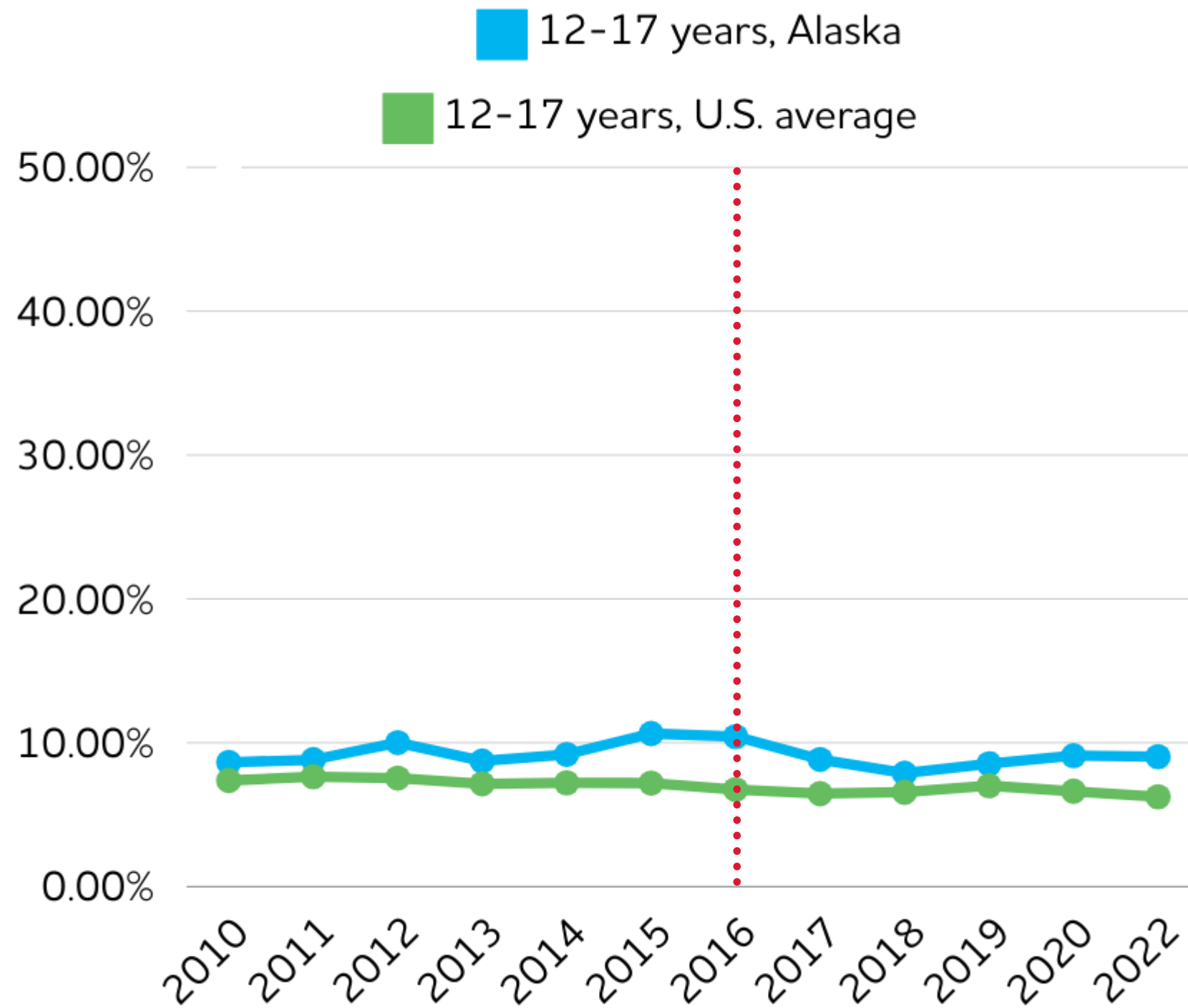
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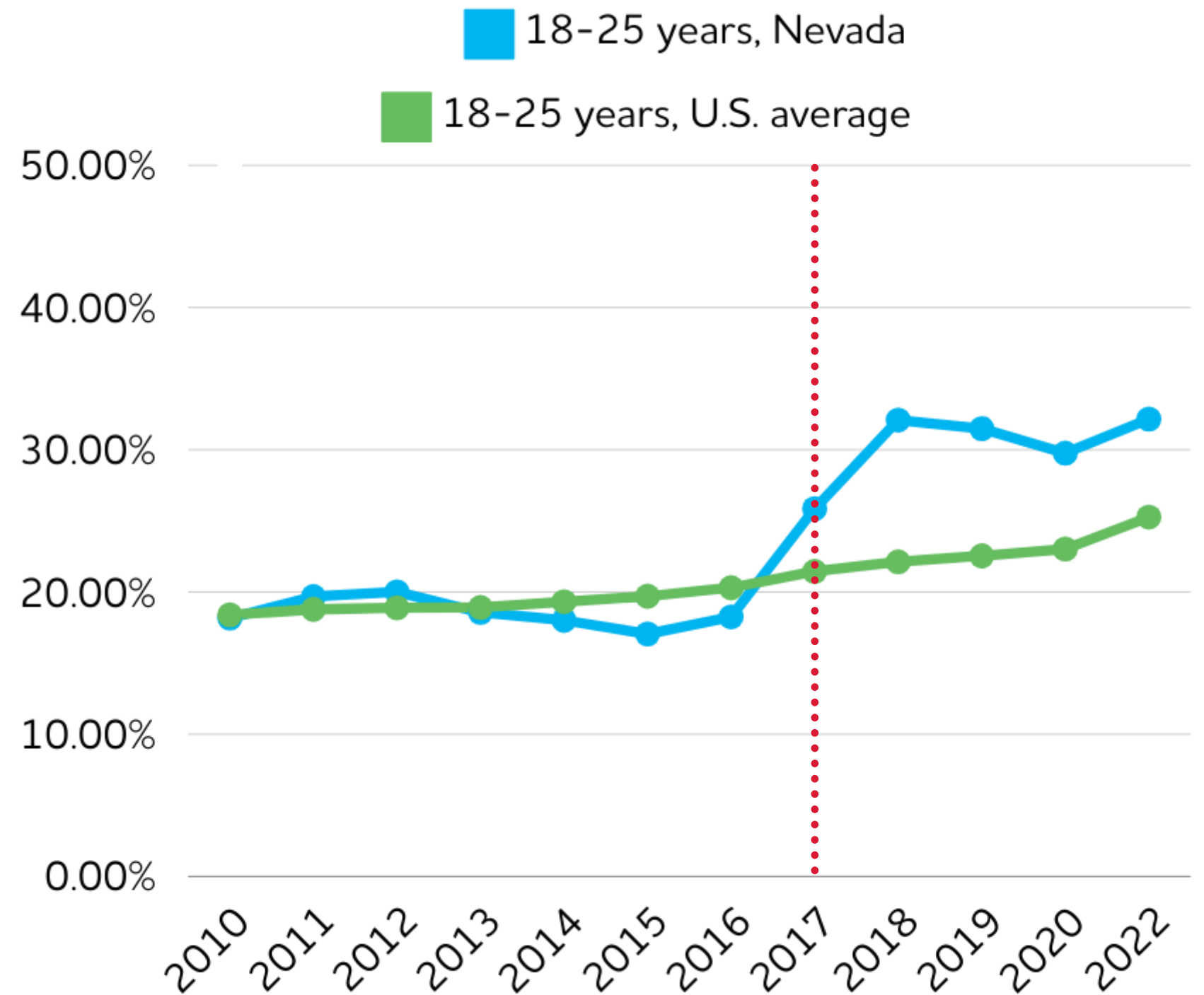
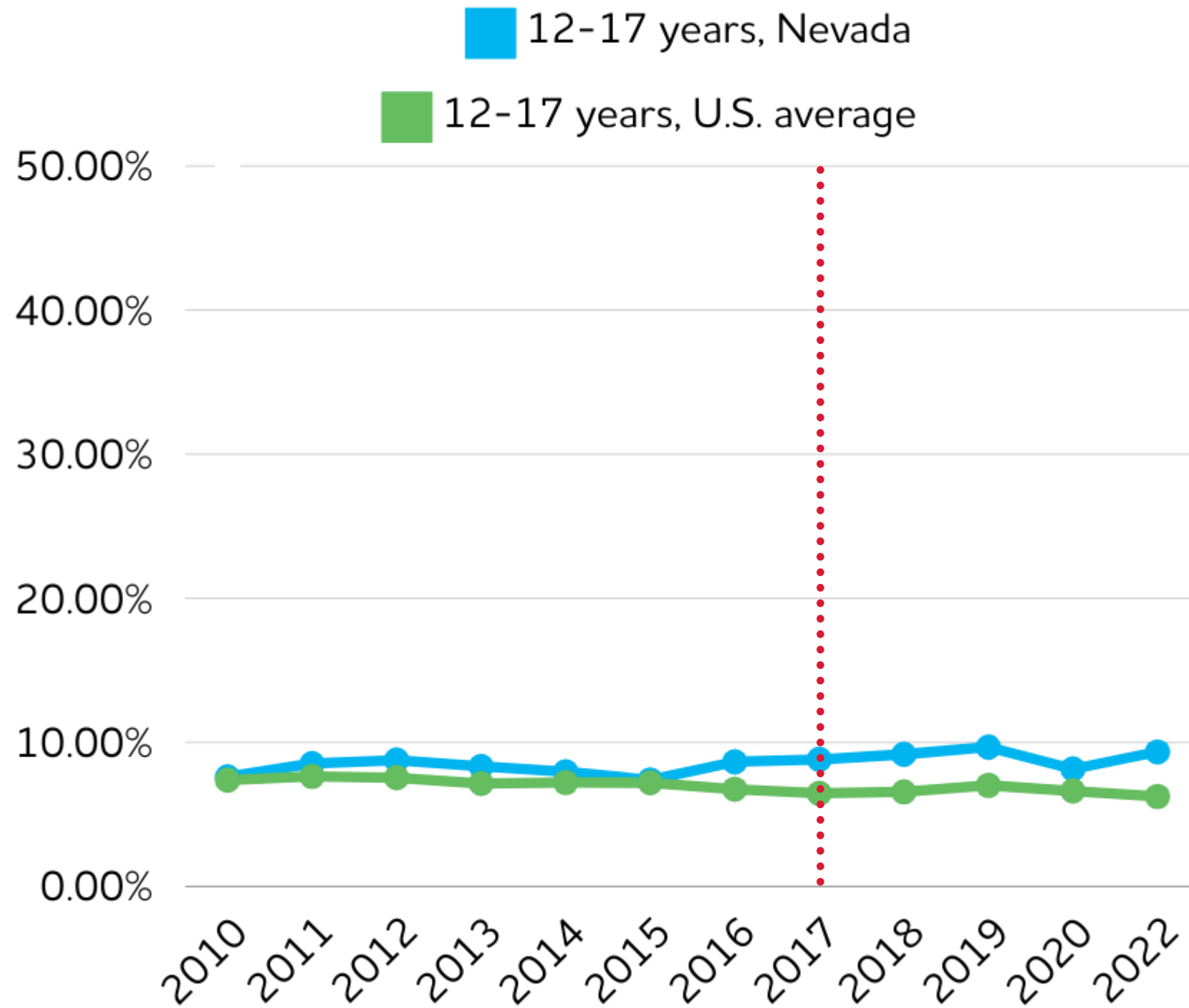
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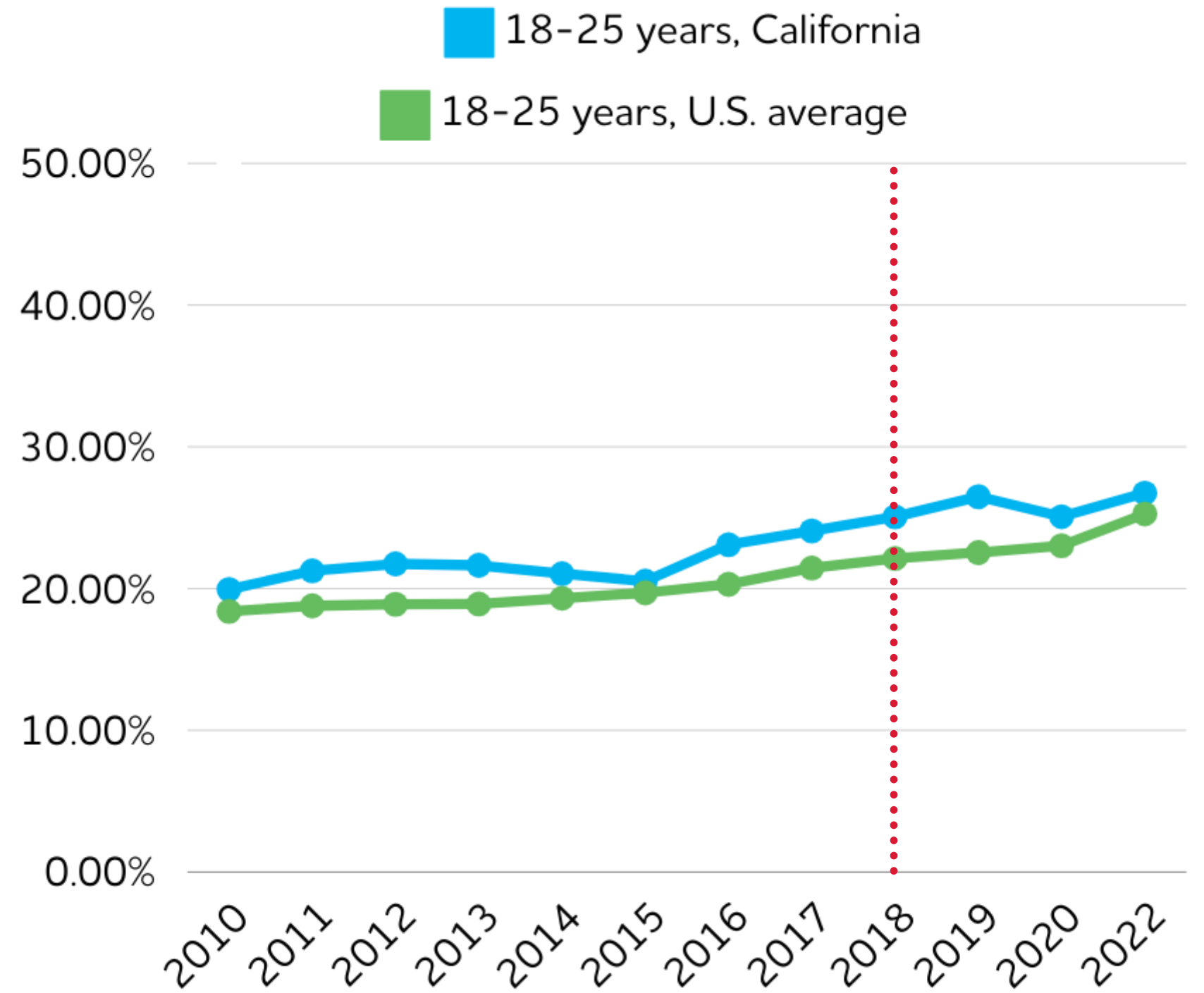
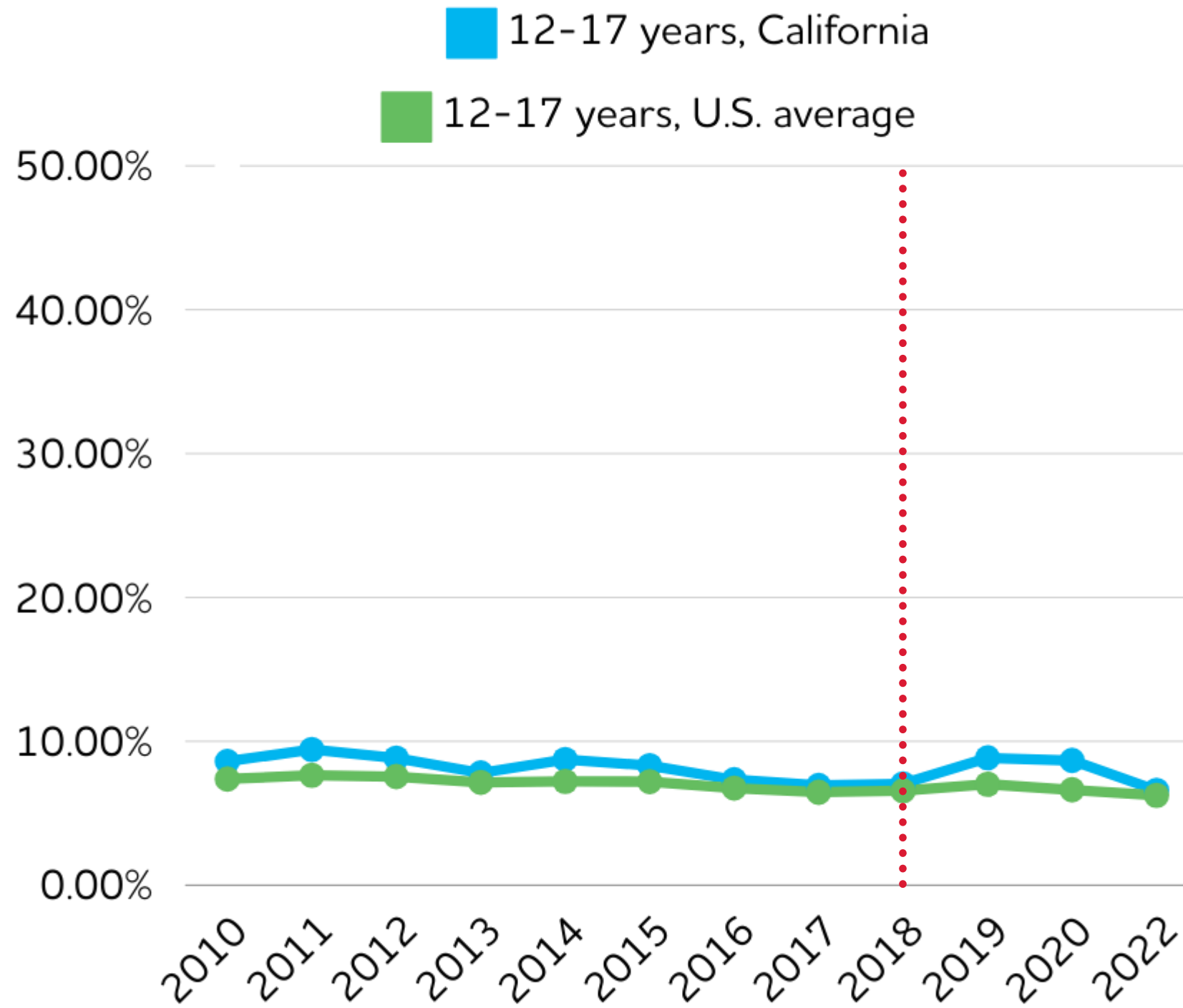
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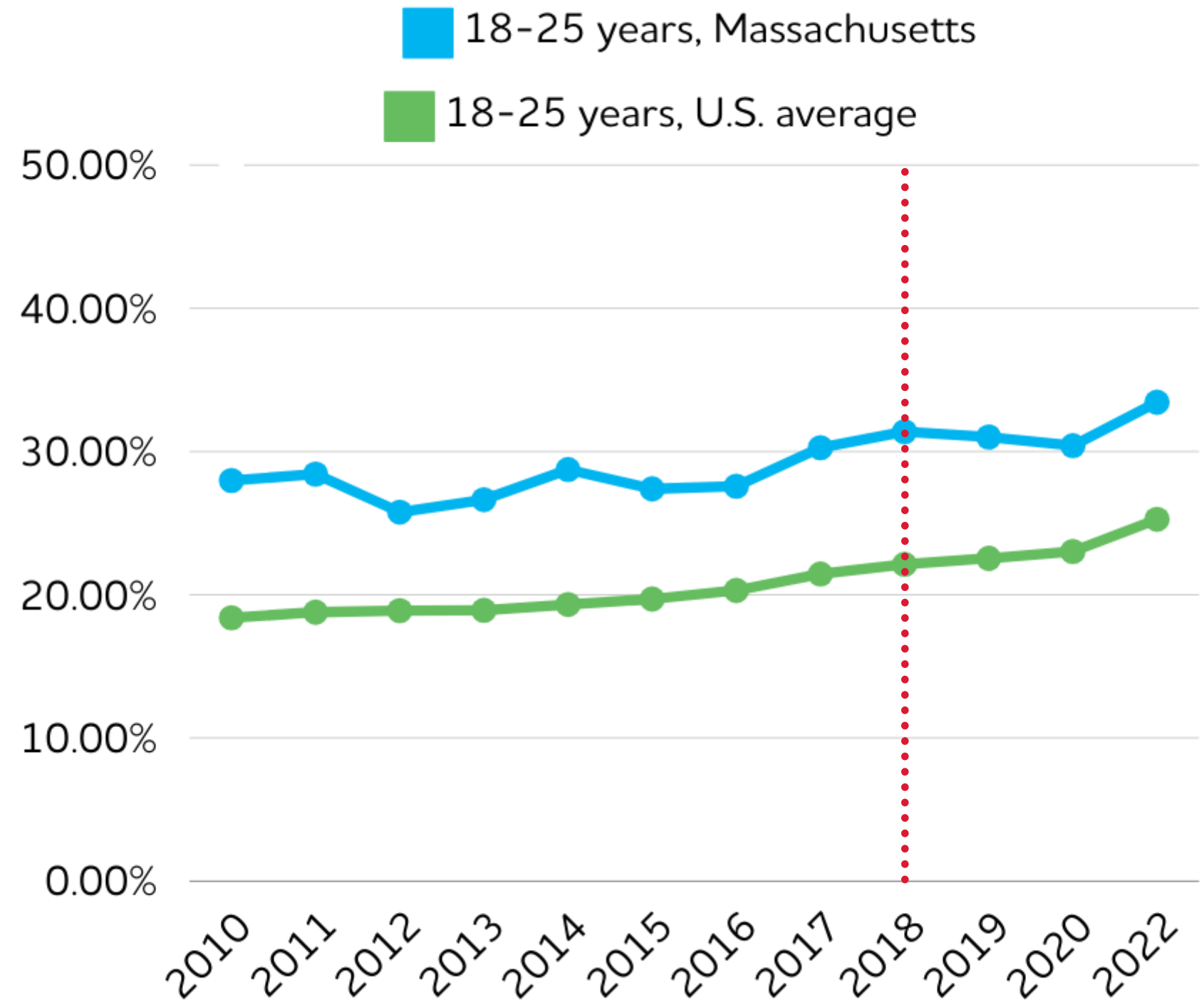
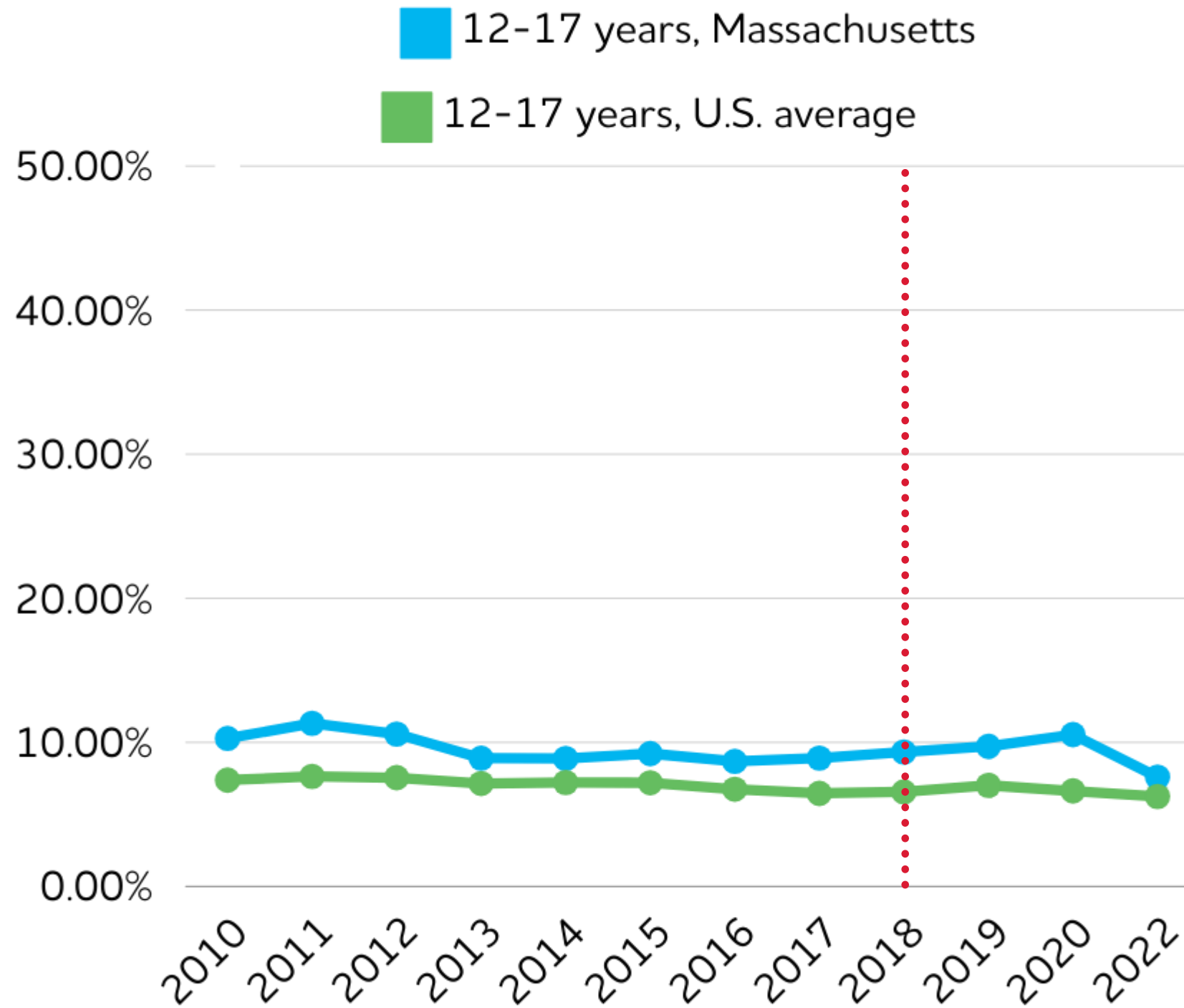
NEVADA (2017): YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CANNABIS USE



CALIFORNIA (2018): YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CANNABIS USE



MASS. (2018): YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CANNABIS USE



▶ **Legislative Review of the *Cannabis Act***

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Examining the foundational objectives of the Act

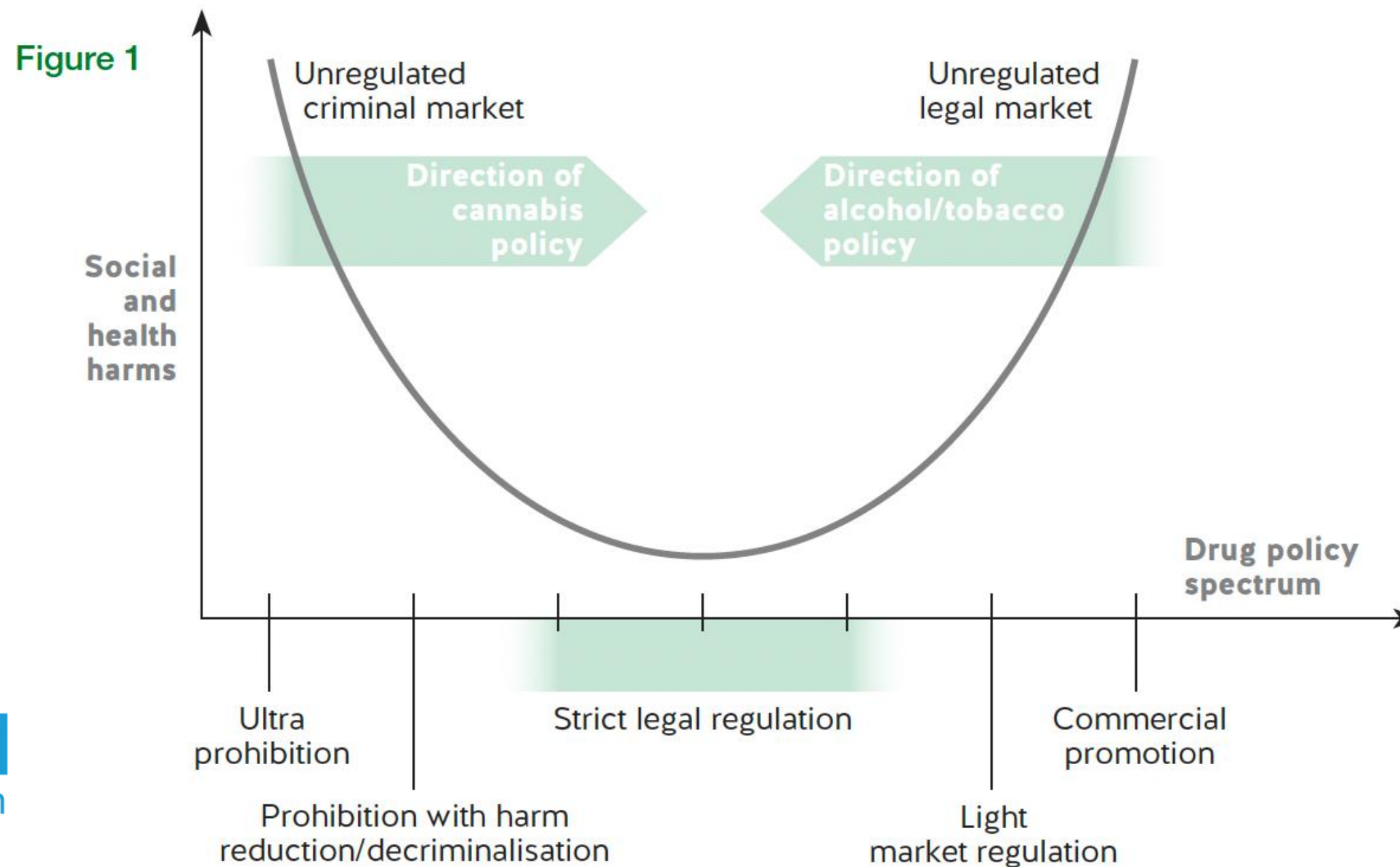
We recognized that the core of the regime, and thus the starting point for this review, is the purpose set out in section 7 of the Act. It sets out that the objectives of the legislation are to protect public health and public safety and, in particular, to:

- ▶ protect the health of young persons by restricting their access to cannabis
- ▶ protect young persons and others from inducements to use cannabis
- ▶ provide for the licit production of cannabis to reduce illicit activities in relation to cannabis
- ▶ deter illicit activities in relation to cannabis through appropriate sanctions and enforcement measures
- ▶ reduce the burden on the criminal justice system in relation to cannabis
- ▶ provide access to a quality-controlled supply of cannabis
- ▶ enhance public awareness of the health risks associated with cannabis use

Youth and children

We are concerned with trends related to youth use of cannabis. While the data indicates that youth use has remained relatively stable since legalization, Canada continues to report among the highest rates of youth cannabis use in the world, and cannabis use among young adults has increased

A spectrum of policy options available



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