

Food Code Harmonization Session

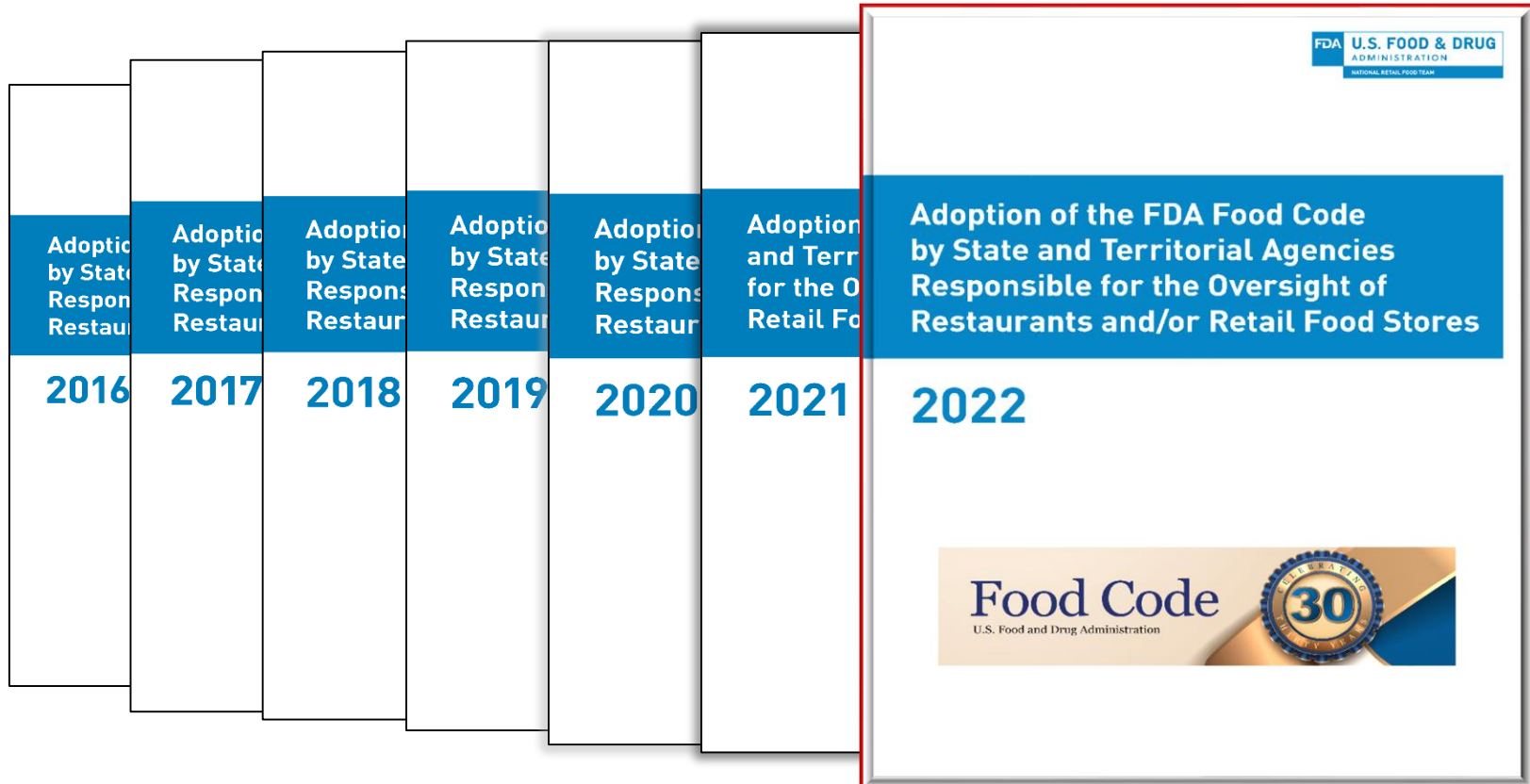
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May 9, 2024

2022 Food Code

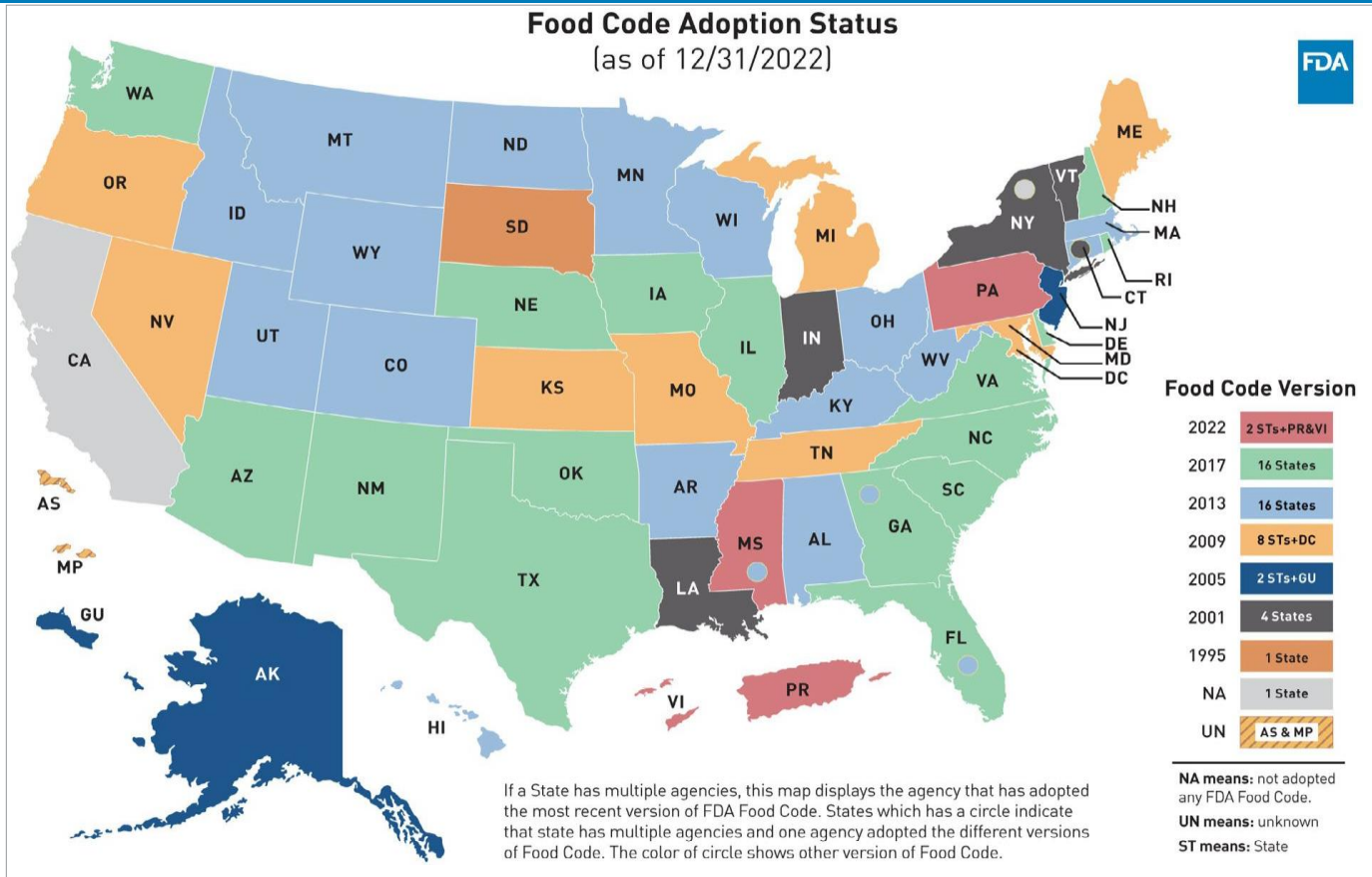
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Food Code Adoption Status Annual Report

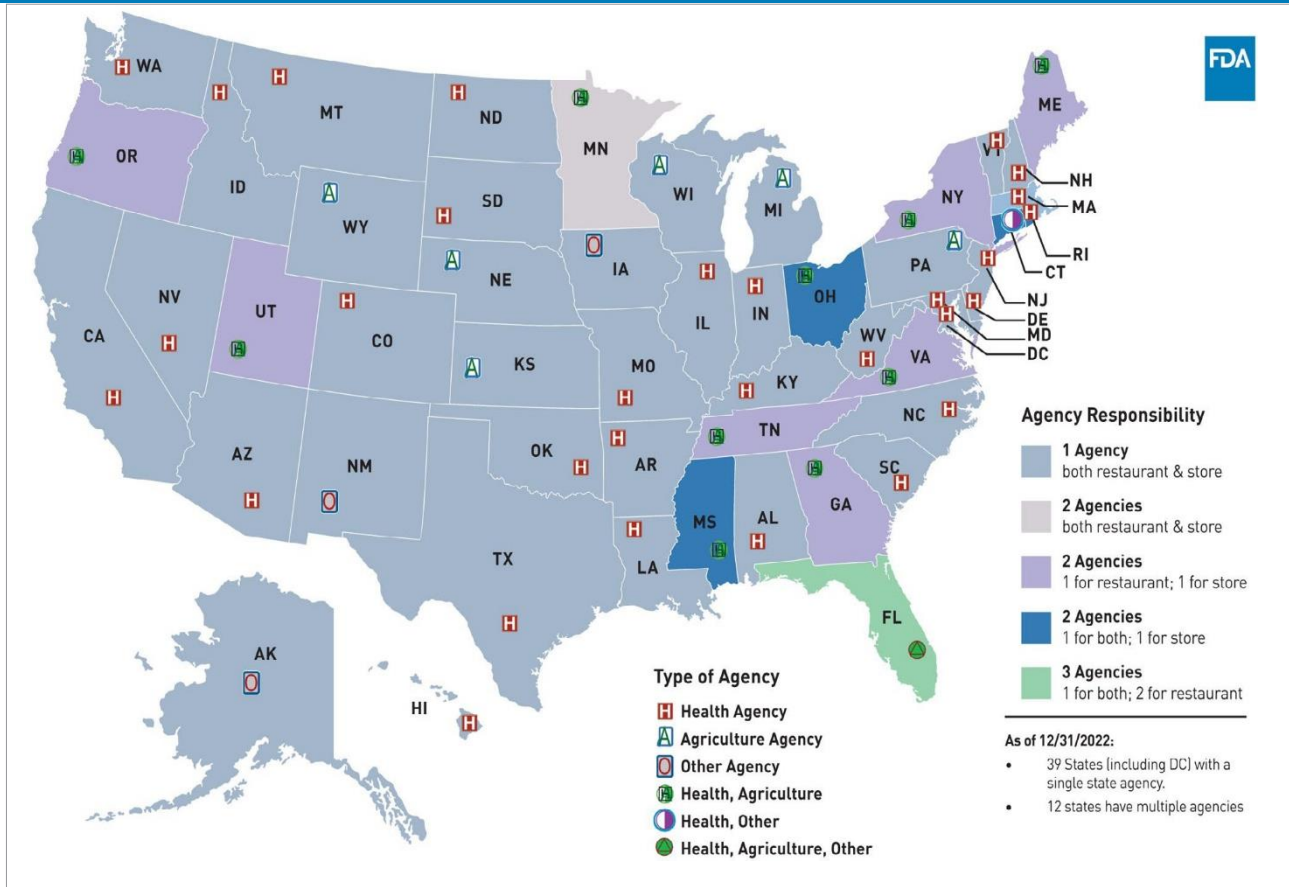


Food Code Adoption Status in 2022



- **34** States have adopted one of the three most recent versions (2022, 2017, and 2013 version), representing **62.47%** of the U.S. population.
- **18** States have adopted one of the two most recent versions (2022, and 2017 version), representing **43.42%** of the U.S. population.
- **2** States and **2** Territories have adopted the most recent version (2022 version), representing **4.82%** of the U.S. population.

State Regulatory Agencies Have Responsibility for Oversight of Restaurants, and/or Retail Food Stores



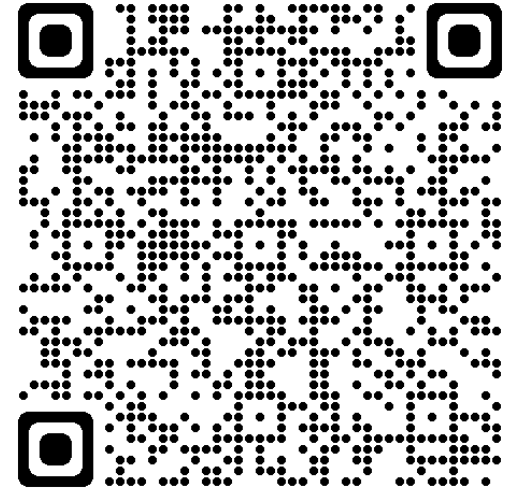
- 39 States (including DC) with a single State regulatory agency.
- 11 States with two State regulatory agencies.
- One (1) State with three State regulatory agencies.

National FDA Food Code Adoption Strategy

All jurisdictions that regulate retail food establishments adopt the most current, science-based regulations and standards such as those found in the FDA *Food Code* including its Annexes and the Supplement.

Benefits to Adopting the FDA Food Code

- Promotes uniform national standards
 - Ensures food safety regulations reflect the current science
 - Provides effective controls to reduce the risks of foodborne illnesses
 - Facilitates standardization of inspections and inspectors
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- Learn more about the [benefits](#) of Food Code adoption

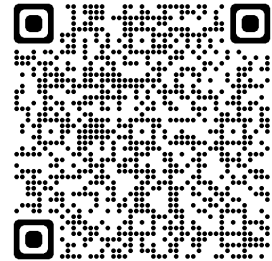


Industry Benefits



- Reduces industry Food Safety training costs
- Reduces foodborne outbreak costs
- Creates common language between regulators and industry
- Reduces complexity and paperwork burden

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Challenges to Adopting the FDA Food Code

- **What are your challenges** with the Food Code?

The Collaborative



Members of these organizations, including members from the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, make up the Retail Food Safety Regulatory Association Collaborative.

Who is this Toolkit For?

- Food Safety Professionals
- Managers and Supervisors of Regulatory Food Safety Programs
- Retail Food Industry Members
- Quality Assurance Personnel
- Decision and Policy Makers
- Legislatures
- Association Members



Food Code Adoption Tool Kit

<https://www.retailfoodsafetycollaborative.org/tools/national-food-code-adoption-toolkit/>

What's in the Toolkit?

FDA's Food Code
Adoption Report

Cross-Cutting
Benefits for
Industry and
Regulatory

Educational
Resources

Scholarly Articles
and Research

Letters of
Support

Letter of Support
Templates

Contact
Information

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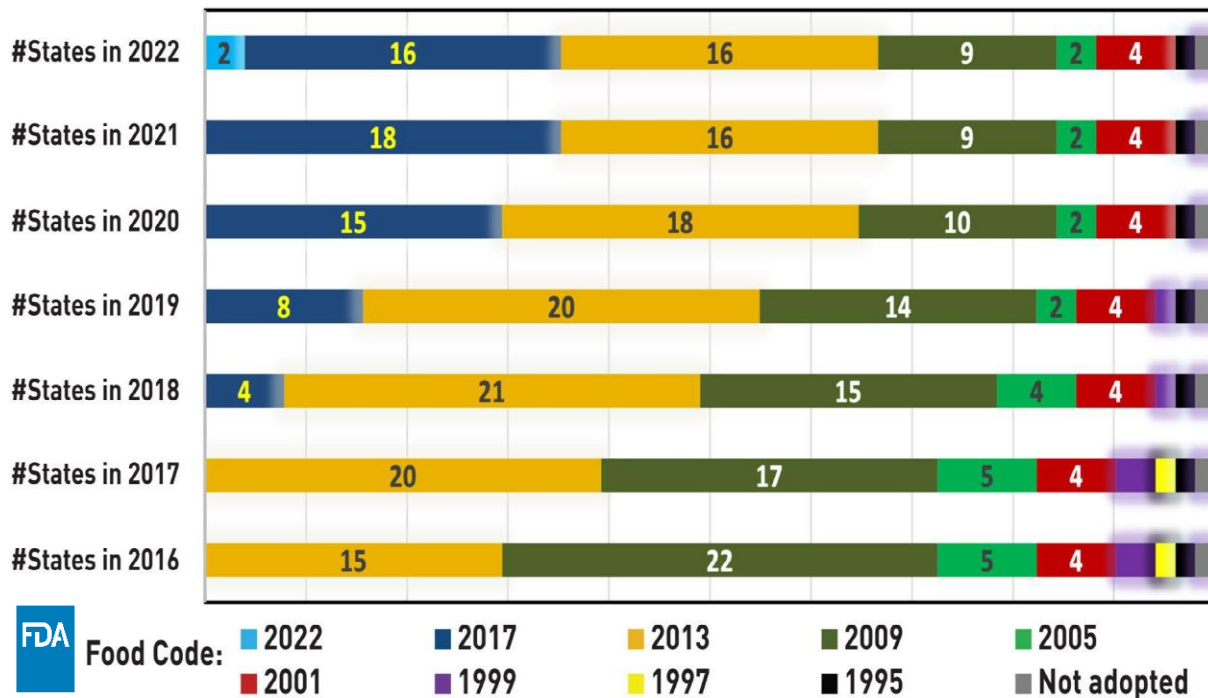
Testimonials

Association
Policy
Statements

Food Code
Adoption Map

Food Code Adoption Status from 2016 to 2022

Number of States by Food Code Version Adopted in 2016 ~2022



Key findings:

- Adoption of the 2017 Food Code increased every year since it was published in February of 2018 and before the 2022 Food Code was published.
- Adoption of the 2013 Food Code was increased before the 2017 Food Code was published and decreased after the 2017 Food Code was published.
- Adoption of the 2009 Food Code decreased from 22 States to 9 States between 2016-2022.

Resources:

- [Decoding the Food Code: Information to Assist the User](#)
- [Food Code Reference System](#) - (FCRS) an online database of Food Code interpretations
- [Benefits Associated with Complete Adoption and Implementation of the FDA Food Code](#)

Resources

- **FDA Food Code** web landing page: www.fda.gov/FoodCode
- **Benefits of Code adoption document direct link** here: <https://www.fda.gov/food/fda-food-code/benefits-associated-complete-adoption-and-implementation-fda-food-code>
- **FDA Annual Report of Food Code Adoption landing page** here: <https://www.fda.gov/food/fda-food-code/adoption-fda-food-code-state-and-territorial-agencies-responsible-oversight-restaurants-and-retail>; and
- **FDA 2022 Annual Food Code Adoption Status Report direct link** to here: <https://www.fda.gov/media/107543/download?attachment>

Questions?

