

**Determining the Legal Age to Consent to Research.
 It's not always 18!**

Children are persons who have not attained the legal age for consent to treatments or procedures involved in the research, under the applicable law of the *jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted*. [45 CFR 46.402(a)]

Please be aware that the Legal Age of Majority is not 18 in all 50 states. If your research is taking place outside of Missouri, see below the All States in the U.S. list of the legal age of majority by state. If this study will take place outside of the United States, refer to the following list of Jurisdictions Outside the U.S. (State, Country, Region) for the legal age of majority by country. If the country where you will be conducting research is not listed, contact HRPO.

Procedure: When research will be conducted outside of the State of Missouri, HRPO will consult this list to determine the legal age of adulthood in the jurisdiction. If the research jurisdiction is not included on this list, it will be obtained from WU General Counsel's Office. The list will be updated with new jurisdictions as they are identified. General Counsel's Office will review the list at least annually for accuracy.

ALL STATES IN THE U.S.	LEGAL AGE OF MAJORITY
Alabama	19
Alaska	18
Arizona	18
Arkansas	18
California	18
Colorado	18
Connecticut	18
Delaware	18
DC	18
Florida	18
Georgia	18
Hawaii	18
Idaho	18
Illinois	18
Indiana	18
Iowa	18
Kansas	18
Kentucky	18
Louisiana	18
Maine	18
Maryland	18
Massachusetts	18
Michigan	18
Minnesota	18

ALL STATES IN THE U.S.	LEGAL AGE OF MAJORITY
Mississippi	18
Missouri	18
Montana	18
Nebraska	19
Nevada	18
New Hampshire	18
New Jersey	18
New Mexico	18
New York	18
North Carolina	18
North Dakota	18
Ohio	18
Oklahoma	18
Oregon	18
Pennsylvania	18
Rhode Island	18
South Carolina	18
South Dakota	18
Tennessee	18
Texas	18
Utah	18
Vermont	18
Virginia	18
Washington	18
West Virginia	18
Wisconsin	18
Wyoming	18

JURISDICTION OUTSIDE THE U.S (STATE, COUNTRY, REGION)	LEGAL AGE OF MAJORITY
Afghanistan	18
Albania	14
Argentina	21
Belarus	18
Bolivia	18
Brazil	18
Cameroon	21
Chile	18
China	18
Columbia	18
Democratic Republic of Congo	18
Dominican Republic	18
Ecuador	18
Ethiopia	18
France	18

JURISDICTION OUTSIDE THE U.S (STATE, COUNTRY, REGION)	LEGAL AGE OF MAJORITY
India	18
Indonesia/Bali	18
Japan	20
Kenya	18
Kosovo	18
Mali	Male 21 Female 18
Mexico	18
Morocco	20
Nepal	16
Nicaragua	18
Peru	18
Republic of Georgia	18
Republic of Korea (South Korea)	20
Republic of the Marshall Islands	18
Rwanda	18
Serbia	18
South Africa	18
Swaziland	21
Switzerland	18
Sweden	18
Tanzania	18
Tibet	18
Tobago	18
Trinidad	18
Uganda	18
Ukraine	18
United Kingdom	18
Vietnam	18
Zambia	18

Note: WU legal counsel advises that when research takes place outside of the United States, married persons should be considered emancipated even they have not yet reached the legal age of majority.