

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of August 31, 2014)

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 271,325 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 115,710.
- Sixty-six percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 406 patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-eight percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 93 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 15 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Forty-nine percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition) or a medical marijuana care center.
- Nearly 806 different physicians have signed for current patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is \$15, and it is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007, from \$90 on January 1, 2012, and from \$35 on February 1, 2014..

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	8,752	8%
Alamosa	230	<1%
Arapahoe	12,282	11%
Archuleta	546	<1%
Baca	31	<1%
Bent	67	<1%
Boulder	8,574	7%
Broomfield	1,220	1%
Chaffee	497	<1%
Cheyenne	27	<1%
Clear Creek	406	<1%
Conejos	74	<1%
Costilla	138	<1%
Crowley	58	<1%
Custer	103	<1%
Delta	509	<1%
Denver	19,593	17%

Dolores	63	<1%
Douglas	3,795	3%
Eagle	1,141	1%
El Paso	17,422	15%
Elbert	323	<1%
Fremont	1,135	1%
Garfield	1,243	1%
Gilpin	300	<1%
Grand	384	<1%
Gunnison	284	<1%
Hinsdale	14	<1%
Huerfano	196	<1%
Jackson	22	<1%
Jefferson	12,911	11%
Kiowa	17	<1%
Kit Carson	67	<1%
La Plata	1,832	2%
Lake	188	<1%
Larimer	5,195	4%
Las Animas	254	<1%
Lincoln	52	<1%
Logan	224	<1%
Mesa	1,868	2%
Mineral	30	<1%
Moffat	179	<1%
Montezuma	647	1%
Montrose	617	1%
Morgan	193	<1%
Otero	257	<1%
Ouray	167	<1%
Park	692	1%
Phillips	40	<1%
Pitkin	599	1%
Prowers	112	<1%
Pueblo	3,052	3%
Rio Blanco	63	<1%
Rio Grande	162	<1%
Routt	804	1%
Saguache	175	<1%
San Juan	22	<1%
San Miguel	274	<1%
Sedgwick	61	<1%
Summit	875	1%
Teller	936	1%
Washington	60	<1%
Weld	3,576	3%
Yuma	80	<1%

* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

Reported Condition	Number of Patients Reporting Condition	Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**
Cachexia	1,085	1%
Cancer	3,648	3%
Glaucoma	1,234	1%
HIV/AIDS	686	1%
Muscle Spasms	16,928	15%
Seizures	2,497	2%
Severe Pain	108,157	93%
Severe Nausea	11,267	10%

**Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics (Sex)

Sex	Percent on Registry	Average Age**
Male	66%	44
Female	34%	41

** The overall average age of all patients is 42 years old.

Table IV: User Characteristics (Age in Years)

Age Group	Number of Patients	Percent on Registry
0-10	240	<1%
11-20	6,165	5%
21-30	27,101	23%
31-40	24,487	21%
41-50	18,983	16%
51-60	22,113	19%
61-70	14,210	12%
71 and Older	2,411	2%