

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of September 30, 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:

- 274,766 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 116,287.
- Sixty-six percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 427 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-seven 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 816 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	8,803	8%
Alamosa	234	<1%
Arapahoe	12,363	11%
Archuleta	569	<1%
Baca	37	<1%
Bent	66	<1%
Boulder	8,523	7%
Broomfield	1,222	1%
Chaffee	498	<1%
Cheyenne	25	<1%
Clear Creek	410	<1%
Conejos	71	<1%
Costilla	140	<1%
Crowley	57	<1%
Custer	102	<1%
Delta	514	<1%
Denver	19,609	17%

Dolores	63	<1%
Douglas	3,804	3%
Eagle	1,133	1%
El Paso	17,653	15%
Elbert	326	<1%
Fremont	1,166	1%
Garfield	1,251	1%
Gilpin	295	<1%
Grand	383	<1%
Gunnison	284	<1%
Hinsdale	16	<1%
Huerfano	195	<1%
Jackson	23	<1%
Jefferson	12,898	11%
Kiowa	16	<1%
Kit Carson	65	<1%
La Plata	1,859	2%
Lake	185	<1%
Larimer	5,243	5%
Las Animas	264	<1%
Lincoln	46	<1%
Logan	244	<1%
Mesa	1,906	2%
Mineral	28	<1%
Moffat	185	<1%
Montezuma	645	1%
Montrose	625	1%
Morgan	193	<1%
Otero	265	<1%
Ouray	172	<1%
Park	692	1%
Phillips	42	<1%
Pitkin	564	<1%
Prowers	110	<1%
Pueblo	3,103	3%
Rio Blanco	64	<1%
Rio Grande	165	<1%
Routt	816	1%
Saguache	177	<1%
San Juan	23	<1%
San Miguel	279	<1%
Sedgwick	72	<1%
Summit	855	1%
Teller	932	1%
Washington	63	<1%
Weld	3,575	3%
Yuma	81	<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	1,073	1%
Cancer	3,721	3%
Glaucoma	1,249	1%
HIV/AIDS	689	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,181	15%
Seizures	2,546	2%
Severe Pain	108,725	93%
Severe Nausea	11,380	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%	41
Female	34%	44

** 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	253	<1%
11-20	6,207	5%
21-30	27,175	23%
31-40	24,522	21%
41-50	18,987	16%
51-60	22,263	19%
61-70	14,387	12%
71 and Older	2,493	2%