

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of October 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:

- 278,365 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 117,239.
- Sixty-five percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 444 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 94 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-six 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 814 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	8,874	8%
Alamosa	232	<1%
Arapahoe	12,483	11%
Archuleta	566	<1%
Baca	36	<1%
Bent	64	<1%
Boulder	8,575	7%
Broomfield	1,221	1%
Chaffee	502	<1%
Cheyenne	25	<1%
Clear Creek	413	<1%
Conejos	72	<1%
Costilla	143	<1%
Crowley	60	<1%
Custer	102	<1%
Delta	498	<1%
Denver	19,750	17%

Dolores	63	<1%
Douglas	3,801	3%
Eagle	1,160	1%
El Paso	17,923	15%
Elbert	319	<1%
Fremont	1,171	1%
Garfield	1,263	1%
Gilpin	300	<1%
Grand	400	<1%
Gunnison	281	<1%
Hinsdale	15	<1%
Huerfano	189	<1%
Jackson	24	<1%
Jefferson	12,945	11%
Kiowa	14	<1%
Kit Carson	66	<1%
La Plata	1,863	2%
Lake	184	<1%
Larimer	5,301	5%
Las Animas	299	<1%
Lincoln	49	<1%
Logan	252	<1%
Mesa	1,896	2%
Mineral	28	<1%
Moffat	193	<1%
Montezuma	676	1%
Montrose	631	1%
Morgan	197	<1%
Otero	269	<1%
Ouray	173	<1%
Park	711	1%
Phillips	43	<1%
Pitkin	564	<1%
Prowers	111	<1%
Pueblo	3,133	3%
Rio Blanco	67	<1%
Rio Grande	162	<1%
Routt	831	1%
Saguache	177	<1%
San Juan	23	<1%
San Miguel	268	<1%
Sedgwick	74	<1%
Summit	863	1%
Teller	938	1%
Washington	63	<1%
Weld	3,569	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	1,054	1%
Cancer	3,797	3%
Glaucoma	1,262	1%
HIV/AIDS	700	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,713	15%
Seizures	2,609	2%
Severe Pain	109,678	94%
Severe Nausea	11,560	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	65%	41
Female	35%	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	267	<1%
11-20	6,294	5%
21-30	27,388	23%
31-40	24,637	21%
41-50	19,023	16%
51-60	22,417	19%
61-70	14,635	12%
71 and Older	2,578	2%