

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of November 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:

- 281,069 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 116,216.
- Sixty-five percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 455 patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-seven 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-four 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 813 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	224	<1%
Arapahoe	12,300	11%
Archuleta	587	1%
Baca	35	<1%
Bent	62	<1%
Boulder	8,491	7%
Broomfield	1,222	1%
Chaffee	489	<1%
Cheyenne	25	<1%
Clear Creek	408	<1%
Conejos	73	<1%
Costilla	147	<1%
Crowley	61	<1%
Custer	101	<1%
Delta	503	<1%
Denver	19,545	17%

Dolores	62	<1%
Douglas	3,766	3%
Eagle	1,158	1%
El Paso	18,004	15%
Elbert	315	<1%
Fremont	1,165	1%
Garfield	1,266	1%
Gilpin	301	<1%
Grand	384	<1%
Gunnison	284	<1%
Hinsdale	12	<1%
Huerfano	186	<1%
Jackson	23	<1%
Jefferson	12,736	11%
Kiowa	14	<1%
Kit Carson	64	<1%
La Plata	1,854	2%
Lake	179	<1%
Larimer	5,227	4%
Las Animas	306	<1%
Lincoln	48	<1%
Logan	254	<1%
Mesa	1,887	2%
Mineral	27	<1%
Moffat	200	<1%
Montezuma	664	1%
Montrose	625	1%
Morgan	205	<1%
Otero	260	<1%
Ouray	171	<1%
Park	697	1%
Phillips	45	<1%
Pitkin	556	<1%
Prowers	107	<1%
Pueblo	3,123	3%
Rio Blanco	69	<1%
Rio Grande	166	<1%
Routt	824	1%
Saguache	168	<1%
San Juan	23	<1%
San Miguel	262	<1%
Sedgwick	77	<1%
Summit	860	1%
Teller	932	1%
Washington	62	<1%
Weld	3,493	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	1,031	1%
Cancer	3,830	3%
Glaucoma	1,253	1%
HIV/AIDS	685	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,608	15%
Seizures	2,624	2%
Severe Pain	108,669	94%
Severe Nausea	11,508	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	262	<1%
11-20	3,734	3%
21-30	26,836	23%
31-40	24,935	21%
41-50	19,022	16%
51-60	21,908	19%
61-70	16,336	14%
71 and Older	3,183	3%