

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of January 31, 2015)

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:

- 286,247 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 113,453.
- Sixty-five percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 460 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 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-one 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 811 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	8,427	7%
Alamosa	219	<1%
Arapahoe	11,824	10%
Archuleta	587	1%
Baca	34	<1%
Bent	58	<1%
Boulder	8,130	7%
Broomfield	1,180	1%
Chaffee	481	<1%
Cheyenne	26	<1%
Clear Creek	384	<1%
Conejos	73	<1%
Costilla	152	<1%
Crowley	63	<1%
Custer	101	<1%
Delta	513	<1%
Denver	18,654	16%

Dolores	60	<1%
Douglas	3,686	3%
Eagle	1,228	1%
El Paso	17,975	16%
Elbert	320	<1%
Fremont	1,158	1%
Garfield	1,235	1%
Gilpin	297	<1%
Grand	365	<1%
Gunnison	270	<1%
Hinsdale	14	<1%
Huerfano	185	<1%
Jackson	26	<1%
Jefferson	12,396	11%
Kiowa	10	<1%
Kit Carson	64	<1%
La Plata	1,835	2%
Lake	174	<1%
Larimer	5,111	5%
Las Animas	327	<1%
Lincoln	45	<1%
Logan	235	<1%
Mesa	1,873	2%
Mineral	29	<1%
Moffat	201	<1%
Montezuma	674	1%
Montrose	618	1%
Morgan	207	<1%
Otero	250	<1%
Ouray	168	<1%
Park	678	1%
Phillips	47	<1%
Pitkin	549	<1%
Prowers	108	<1%
Pueblo	3,139	3%
Rio Blanco	71	<1%
Rio Grande	164	<1%
Routt	847	1%
Saguache	157	<1%
San Juan	22	<1%
San Miguel	275	<1%
Sedgwick	80	<1%
Summit	933	1%
Teller	935	1%
Washington	59	<1%
Weld	3,373	3%
Yuma	74	<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	1,010	1%
Cancer	3,880	3%
Glaucoma	1,247	1%
HIV/AIDS	681	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,509	15%
Seizures	2,585	2%
Severe Pain	105,849	93%
Severe Nausea	11,409	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	65.1%	41
Female	34.9%	45

** 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	282	<1%
11-20	6,125	5%
21-30	26,041	23%
31-40	23,515	21%
41-50	18,338	16%
51-60	21,671	19%
61-70	14,794	13%
71 and Older	2,687	2%