

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of February 28, 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:

- 289,140 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 114,290.
- Sixty-five percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 471 patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-six 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 16 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Forty 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 810 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	8,431	7%
Alamosa	220	<1%
Arapahoe	11,827	10%
Archuleta	602	1%
Baca	34	<1%
Bent	60	<1%
Boulder	8,176	7%
Broomfield	1,187	1%
Chaffee	487	<1%
Cheyenne	26	<1%
Clear Creek	384	<1%
Conejos	78	<1%
Costilla	150	<1%
Crowley	61	<1%
Custer	101	<1%
Delta	507	<1%
Denver	18,613	16%

Dolores	59	<1%
Douglas	3,695	3%
Eagle	1,253	1%
El Paso	18,286	16%
Elbert	325	<1%
Fremont	1,191	1%
Garfield	1,249	1%
Gilpin	301	<1%
Grand	375	<1%
Gunnison	273	<1%
Hinsdale	14	<1%
Huerfano	195	<1%
Jackson	24	<1%
Jefferson	12,420	11%
Kiowa	11	<1%
Kit Carson	63	<1%
La Plata	1,871	2%
Lake	181	<1%
Larimer	5,150	5%
Las Animas	340	<1%
Lincoln	45	<1%
Logan	236	<1%
Mesa	1,897	2%
Mineral	29	<1%
Moffat	208	<1%
Montezuma	702	1%
Montrose	638	1%
Morgan	214	<1%
Otero	256	<1%
Ouray	170	<1%
Park	682	1%
Phillips	47	<1%
Pitkin	545	<1%
Prowers	108	<1%
Pueblo	3,241	3%
Rio Blanco	76	<1%
Rio Grande	167	<1%
Routt	850	1%
Saguache	161	<1%
San Juan	21	<1%
San Miguel	280	<1%
Sedgwick	77	<1%
Summit	966	1%
Teller	932	1%
Washington	62	<1%
Weld	3,385	3%
Yuma	75	<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	1,004	1%
Cancer	3,912	3%
Glaucoma	1,276	1%
HIV/AIDS	671	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,783	16%
Seizures	2,634	2%
Severe Pain	106,553	93%
Severe Nausea	11,586	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	65.0%	41
Female	35.0%	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	296	<1%
11-20	6,172	5%
21-30	26,248	23%
31-40	23,753	21%
41-50	18,397	16%
51-60	21,763	19%
61-70	14,942	13%
71 and Older	2,719	2%