

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of March 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:

- 292,387 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 114,097.
- Sixty-five percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 467 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.
- Thirty-nine 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 798 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	8,349	7%
Alamosa	230	<1%
Arapahoe	11,774	10%
Archuleta	615	1%
Baca	34	<1%
Bent	61	<1%
Boulder	8,054	7%
Broomfield	1,180	1%
Chaffee	474	<1%
Cheyenne	27	<1%
Clear Creek	389	<1%
Conejos	80	<1%
Costilla	148	<1%
Crowley	61	<1%
Custer	103	<1%
Delta	518	<1%
Denver	18,388	16%

Dolores	58	<1%
Douglas	3,661	3%
Eagle	1,266	1%
El Paso	18,487	16%
Elbert	321	<1%
Fremont	1,208	1%
Garfield	1,243	1%
Gilpin	298	<1%
Grand	374	<1%
Gunnison	267	<1%
Hinsdale	14	<1%
Huerfano	200	<1%
Jackson	27	<1%
Jefferson	12,317	11%
Kiowa	10	<1%
Kit Carson	57	<1%
La Plata	1,860	2%
Lake	182	<1%
Larimer	5,172	5%
Las Animas	343	<1%
Lincoln	48	<1%
Logan	249	<1%
Mesa	1,926	2%
Mineral	28	<1%
Moffat	209	<1%
Montezuma	721	1%
Montrose	640	1%
Morgan	221	<1%
Otero	254	<1%
Ouray	167	<1%
Park	697	1%
Phillips	53	<1%
Pitkin	528	<1%
Prowers	111	<1%
Pueblo	3,330	3%
Rio Blanco	76	<1%
Rio Grande	171	<1%
Routt	851	1%
Saguache	166	<1%
San Juan	21	<1%
San Miguel	275	<1%
Sedgwick	80	<1%
Summit	1,012	1%
Teller	936	1%
Washington	63	<1%
Weld	3,338	3%
Yuma	76	<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	996	1%
Cancer	3,983	3%
Glaucoma	1,261	1%
HIV/AIDS	675	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,930	16%
Seizures	2,617	2%
Severe Pain	106,315	93%
Severe Nausea	11,643	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%	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	26,225	23%
31-40	23,583	21%
41-50	18,353	16%
51-60	21,713	19%
61-70	15,010	13%
71 and Older	2,745	2%