



MEDICAL MARIJUANA: REGISTRY STATISTICS

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Background

Department of Public Health and Human Services statistics provide the following information about the number of people registered or licensed under the Montana Medical Marijuana Act. The tables compare the most recent figures to numbers in:

- June 30, 2012, when stricter requirements for being able to grow, manufacture, and possess marijuana were fully in effect, following passage of Senate Bill 423 in 2011; and
- Oct. 31, 2016, the month after a limit of three patients per provider went into effect following the Montana Supreme Court ruling upholding portions of SB 423 that had been on hold since 2011.

Since then, the law has changed in numerous ways because voters passed Initiative 182 in November and the 2017 Legislature approved Senate Bill 333. Combined, those measures have removed the limit on the number of patients per provider, added post-traumatic stress disorder to the list of conditions for which marijuana may be used, allowed for the licensing of testing laboratories and dispensaries, and allowed for chemical manufacturing endorsements.

General Overview

Category	6/30/2012	10/31/2016	12/29/2017
Cardholders	8,681	7,785	22,177
Providers	390	522	610
Certifying Physicians	225	172	225
Testing Laboratories	--	--	4
Chemical Manufacturing Endorsements	--	--	172

Cardholders by Age

Age	Number of Cardholders			Percentage of Cardholders		
	6/30/2012	10/31/2016	12/29/2017	6/30/2012	10/31/2016	12/29/2017
Under 18	4	5	14	0.05%	0.06%	0.06%
18-20	129	97	701	1.48%	1.25%	3.17%
21-30	1,389	852	4,010	16.00%	10.94%	18.16%
31-40	1,666	1,475	4,728	19.19%	18.95%	21.31%
41-50	1,813	1,317	3,474	20.88%	16.92%	15.66%
51-60	2,556	2,069	4,385	29.44%	26.58%	19.86%
61-70	985	1,700	3,870	11.34%	21.84%	17.53%
71-80	123	241	847	1.41%	3.10%	3.84%
81-90	16	24	132	0.18%	0.31%	0.60%
Over 90	--	5	16	--	0.06%	0.07%
Total	8,681	7,785	22,177	100%	100%	100%

Cardholders by Debilitating Medical Condition

Condition	Number of Cardholders		
	6/30/2012	10/31/2016	12/29/2017
*Condition Added by Initiative 182			
Admittance Into Hospice Care	4	2	28
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	500	327	653
Cancer, Glaucoma, or HIV (AIDS)	561	485	1,570
Central Nervous System Disorder with Spasticity	892	726	1,862
Crohn's Disease	92	128	296
Epilepsy/Intractable Seizure Disorder	252	235	675
Intractable Nausea or Vomiting	1,081	745	1,852
Multiple Sclerosis	138	135	291
Painful Peripheral Neuropathy	812	1,169	3,086
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder*	--	--	2,329
Severe Chronic Pain	5,415	4,773	15,190

Cardholders Per Registered Provider and Certifying Physician

# of Cardholders	Number of Providers		# of Cardholders	Number of Physicians	
	10/31/2016	12/29/2017		10/31/2016	12/29/2017
1	131	97	1	68	71
2	284	73	2	31	28
3	107	48	3	20	28
4	--	32	4	10	24
5	--	22	5	8	5
6	--	29	6	2	4
7	--	27	7	4	7
8	--	24	8	1	4
9	--	20	9	1	3
10	--	11	10	0	1
11-20	--	73	11-20	6	20
21-30	--	36	21-30	5	3
31-40	--	22	31-40	1	4
41-50	--	17	41-50	1	4
51-60	--	7	51-60	1	0
61-70	--	8	61-70	1	0
71-80	--	7	71-80	0	3
81-90	--	4	81-90	0	1
91-100	--	3	91-100	0	1
101-250	--	31	101-250	6	0
251-500	--	14	251-500	3	5
501-1,000	--	3	501-1,000	0	5
More than 1,000	--	1	More than 1,000	3	4
Total	522	610	Total	172	225

The provider with more than 1,000 cardholders in December 2017 was listed as growing or manufacturing for 1,161 to 1,170 cardholders. Of the physicians who had certified debilitating medical conditions for more than 1,000 cardholders, one physician had certified conditions for 1,121 to 1,130 cardholders; one had certified for 3,261 to 3,270 cardholders; one had certified for 4,171 to 4,180 cardholders; and one had certified for 6,461 to 6,470 cardholders.

Providers and Cardholders by County

County	# of Providers		# of Cardholders		Population (2016 Estimate)	Cardholders as % of Population	
	10/31/2016	12/29/2017	10/31/2016	12/29/2017		10/31/2016	12/29/2017
Beaverhead	3	4	91	261	9,401	0.97%	2.78%
Big Horn	1	1	40	131	13,343	0.30%	0.98%
Blaine	1	1	24	57	6,601	0.36%	0.86%
Broadwater	2	5	46	127	5,747	0.80%	2.21%
Carbon	10	13	97	191	10,460	0.93%	1.83%
Carter	0	0	4	5	1,203	0.33%	0.42%
Cascade	9	16	333	912	81,755	0.41%	1.12%
Chouteau	0	1	18	50	5,759	0.31%	0.87%
Custer	2	3	82	155	11,924	0.69%	1.30%
Daniels	0	0	8	24	1,755	0.46%	1.37%
Dawson	1	2	31	104	9,327	0.33%	1.12%
Deer Lodge	1	4	98	246	9,085	1.08%	2.71%
Fallon	0	1	6	40	3,120	0.19%	1.28%
Fergus	0	1	42	85	11,413	0.37%	0.74%
Flathead	77	98	908	2,424	98,082	0.93%	2.47%
Gallatin	145	154	1,230	4,370	104,502	1.18%	4.18%
Garfield	0	0	1	6	1,310	0.08%	0.46%
Glacier	0	0	45	189	13,694	0.33%	1.38%
Golden Valley	0	0	9	21	831	1.08%	2.53%
Granite	0	1	20	51	3,368	0.59%	1.51%
Hill	3	3	97	252	16,542	0.59%	1.52%
Jefferson	3	6	107	249	11,853	0.90%	2.10%
Judith Basin	0	0	6	16	1,940	0.31%	0.82%
Lake	4	8	163	360	29,758	0.55%	1.21%
Lewis and Clark	29	43	633	1,853	67,282	0.94%	2.75%
Liberty	0	0	4	13	2,409	0.17%	0.54%
Lincoln	18	12	260	504	19,259	1.35%	2.62%
Madison	21	8	194	536	7,924	2.45%	6.76%
McCone	0	0	3	7	1,700	0.18%	0.41%
Meagher	1	1	23	43	1,827	1.26%	2.35%
Mineral	3	3	51	84	4,184	1.22%	2.01%
Missoula	54	50	631	2,173	116,130	0.54%	1.87%
Musselshell	3	6	61	103	4,589	1.33%	2.24%
Park	21	26	218	830	16,114	1.35%	5.15%
Petroleum	0	0	3	3	489	0.61%	0.61%
Phillips	2	2	30	45	4,133	0.73%	1.09%
Pondera	0	0	23	55	6,084	0.38%	0.90%
Powder River	0	1	2	11	1,746	0.11%	0.63%
Powell	3	2	53	102	6,858	0.77%	1.49%

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Prairie	0	0	10	18	1,182	0.85%	1.52%
Ravalli	10	24	359	728	42,088	0.85%	1.73%
Richland	0	1	24	67	11,482	0.21%	0.58%
Roosevelt	0	0	40	111	11,305	0.35%	0.98%
Rosebud	1	1	36	90	9,287	0.39%	0.97%
Sanders	10	10	143	229	11,534	1.24%	1.99%
Sheridan	1	0	22	45	3,648	0.60%	1.23%
Silver Bow	26	19	422	1,075	34,553	1.22%	3.11%
Stillwater	5	6	54	164	9,406	0.57%	1.74%
Sweet Grass	3	3	17	43	3,623	0.47%	1.19%
Teton	0	0	17	52	6,056	0.28%	0.86%
Toole	0	2	14	44	4,977	0.28%	0.88%
Treasure	0	0	3	8	692	0.43%	1.16%
Valley	1	1	44	84	7,539	0.58%	1.11%
Wheatland	0	1	12	26	2,117	0.57%	1.23%
Wibaux	0	0	2	7	1,093	0.18%	0.64%
Yellowstone	43	66	871	2,698	158,437	0.55%	1.70%
Total	522	610	7,785	22,177	1,042,520	0.75%	2.13%

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