



Minnesota Medical Cannabis Dashboard Data

QUARTER ENDING: 6/30/2021

Patients active in the Registry

The number of patients active in the Medical Cannabis Program Registry has grown steadily since the program launched in 2015.

Year	Total Patients
2015	837
2016	4,017
2017	8,075
2018	14,481
2019	18,249
2020	28,522
2021 (Q2)	35,993

Patient counts in 2020 are artificially inflated due to enrollments not expiring during the COVID-19 pandemic.

New patients versus returning patients

Date	New Patients (approved within 1 year)	Returning Patients (approved more than 1 year)
June 30, 2017	5,641	543
June 30, 2018	7,868	2,870
June 30, 2019	11,131	6,071
June 30, 2020	9,890	12,243
June 30, 2021	12,682	23,311

Note: Patient counts since 2020 are artificially inflated due to enrollments not expiring during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is unclear if patients getting a reprieve from re-enrolling during the pandemic have chosen to continue with the program or will drop out. In the data presented here, patients under these conditions were assigned as Returning Patients. N= 35,993.

Qualifying medical conditions

The top three qualifying medical conditions are intractable pain (54.1%); chronic pain (40.4%); and post-traumatic stress disorder (26.9%).

Condition	Total Patients
Intractable Pain	19,463
Chronic Pain*	14,552
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	9,680
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	3,637
Cancer	2,525
Obstructive Sleep Apnea	1,753
Seizures	959
Inflammatory Bowel Disease, including Crohn's Disease	925
Autism	808
Glaucoma	219
Terminal Illness	217
HIV/AIDS	200
Tourette Syndrome	192
Alzheimer's Disease	72
ALS	61

*Due to a technical issue, last quarter's Chronic Pain total was underreported. This issue has been fixed. Patients can be certified for more than one condition.

Active patients by age and gender

The average age of registered patients across all qualifying medical conditions is 47.7. There are 17,834 patients (49.5%) who self-identify as female, 17,850 patients (49.6%) who self-identify as male, and 309 (0.8%) who prefer to not list a gender.

Age Range	Female	Male	Prefer Not to Answer
0-4	14	20	0
5-17	201	493	1
18-24	758	967	34
25-35	3,140	3,552	106
36-49	5,071	5,344	93
50-64	5,395	4,574	48
65+	3,255	2,900	27

N=35,993

Active patients by race and ethnicity

Race	Medical Cannabis Registry	2019 Census Bureau Estimates*
American Indian Alone	715 (2.0%)	78,955 (1.4%)
Asian Alone	360 (1.0%)	293,261 (5.2%)
Black Alone	1,840 (5.1%)	394,774 (7.0%)
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone	32 (0.1%)	5,640 (0.1%)
White Alone	29,947 (83.2%)	4,726,012 (83.8%)
Other	756 (1.7%)	NA
Two or More Races	1,053 (2.9%)	146,630 (2.6%)
Prefer Not to Answer	1,332 (3.7%)	NA
Race Unknown	117 (0.3%)	NA

Hispanic Ethnicity	Medical Cannabis Registry	2019 Census Bureau Estimates*
Yes	1,260 (3.5%)	315,819 (5.6%)
No	33,667 (93.5%)	NA
Unknown/Unsure	204 (0.6%)	NA
Prefer Not to Answer	862 (2.4%)	NA

NOTE: Data collection methods differ between these two sources. Registry N=35,993. Census N=5,639,632.

*[QuickFacts Minnesota \(www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/MN/RHI125219\)](https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/MN/RHI125219)

Cannabis Patient Center visits

Data reflect the total number of patient visits to a Cannabis Patient Center that resulted in the purchase of medical cannabis products, by month. See locations of [Minnesota's Cannabis Patient Centers \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/cannabis/patients/locations.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/cannabis/patients/locations.html).

Month/Year	Total
March 2020	15,222
April 2020	13,865
May 2020	14,421
June 2020	15,156
July 2020	16,039
August 2020	15,538
September 2020	15,786
October 2020	17,082
November 2020	15,515
December 2020	17,387

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Month/Year	Total
January 2021	17,345
February 2021	16,706
March 2021	21,020
April 2021	19,253
May 2021	19,222
June 2021	19,052

Where our patients live

The majority of enrolled patients (65%) live in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Region	ZIP Codes	Total Patients
St. Paul	55000-55199	9,918
Minneapolis	55300-55599	13,523
Duluth	55600-55899	2,484
Rochester	55900-55999	2,058
Mankato	56000-56199	1,405
Willmar	56200-56299	1,057
St. Cloud	56300-56399	2,255
Brainerd	56400-56499	1,218
Detroit Lakes	56500-56599	1,041
Bemidji	56600-56699	657
East Grand Forks	56700-56799	355

N=35,971

About our health care practitioners

Minnesota licensed physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants can certify a patient's qualifying medical condition. They must be enrolled in the Medical Cannabis Registry before certifying a patient's qualifying condition.

Health Care Practitioner	Percentage of Participating Practitioners
Physicians	67.7%
Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	23.9%
Physician Assistants	8.4%

N=1,916

Number of health care practitioners

The number of health care practitioners who have registered has increased steadily since the program first launched, but the rate of increase is leveling off.

Year	Total Practitioners
2015	472
2016	788
2017	1,080
2018	1,412
2019	1,681
2020	1,829
2021 (Q2)	1,916

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