



Minnesota Medical Cannabis Dashboard Data

QUARTER ENDING: 9/30/2021

Patients active in the Registry

Year	Total Patients
2015	837
2016	4,017
2017	8,075
2018	14,481
2019	18,249
2020	28,522
2021 (Q3)	26,739

Patient counts between March 2020 and August 2021 were artificially inflated due to enrollments not expiring during the COVID-19 pandemic. Data suggest those numbers are returning to a more normal pattern because patients whose enrollments are expiring have to re-enroll to stay in the program. Data updated quarterly. Last updated Sept. 30, 2021.

New patients versus returning patients

Date	New Patients (approved within 1 year)	Returning Patients (approved more than 1 year)
Sept. 30, 2017	5,882	1,140
Sept. 30, 2018	8,836	3,371
Sept. 30, 2019	10,951	7,010
Sept. 30, 2020	10,160	15,196
Sept. 30, 2021	13,587	13,152

Note: Patient counts between March 2020 and August 2021 were artificially inflated due to enrollments not expiring during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the data presented here, patients under those conditions were assigned as Returning Patients. N= 26,739. Data updated quarterly. Last updated Sept. 30, 2021.

Qualifying medical conditions

The top three qualifying medical conditions are chronic pain (61.6%); intractable pain (42.6%); and post-traumatic stress disorder (28.7%).

Condition	Total Patients
Chronic Pain	16,467
Intractable Pain	11,388
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	7,672
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	2,196
Cancer	1,435
Obstructive Sleep Apnea	1,314
Inflammatory Bowel Disease, including Crohn's Disease	666
Seizures	659
Autism	549
Glaucoma	145
HIV/AIDS	131
Tourette Syndrome	127
Terminal Illness	112
Alzheimer's Disease	48
ALS	41
Chronic Vocal or Motor Tic Disorder*	17
Sickle Cell Disease*	2

Patients can be certified for more than one condition. Data updated quarterly. Last updated Sept. 30, 2021. *These qualifying conditions became effective Aug. 1, 2021.

Active patients by age and gender

The average age of registered patients across all qualifying medical conditions is 46.6 years. There are 13,260 patients (49.6%) who self-identify as female, 13,195 patients (49.3%) who self-identify as male, and 284 (1.1%) who prefer not to answer.

Age Range	Female	Male	Prefer Not to Answer
0-4	7	11	0
5-17	134	286	3
18-24	621	758	36
25-35	2,515	2,796	104
36-49	3,979	4,126	80
50-64	3,922	3,337	42
65+	2,082	1,881	19

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Active patients by race and ethnicity

Race	Medical Cannabis Registry	2019 Census Bureau Estimates*
American Indian Alone	580 (2.2%)	78,955 (1.4%)
Asian Alone	249 (0.9%)	293,261 (5.2%)
Black Alone	1,286 (4.8%)	394,774 (7.0%)
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone	25 (0.1%)	5,640 (0.1%)
White Alone	22,171 (82.9%)	4,726,012 (83.8%)
Other	458 (1.7%)	NA
Two or More Races	914 (3.4%)	146,630 (2.6%)
Prefer Not to Answer	998 (3.7%)	NA
Race Unknown	77 (0.3%)	NA

Hispanic Ethnicity	Medical Cannabis Registry	2019 Census Bureau Estimates*
Yes	947 (3.5%)	315,819 (5.6%)
No	24,998 (93.5%)	NA
Unknown/Unsure	145 (0.5%)	NA
Prefer Not to Answer	649 (2.4%)	NA

NOTE: Data collection methods differ between these two sources. Registry N=26,739. Census N=5,639,632. Data updated quarterly. Last updated Sept. 30, 2021. *[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 \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/cannabis/patients/locations.html\)](http://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

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November 2020	15,515
December 2020	17,387
January 2021	17,345
February 2021	16,706
March 2021	21,020
April 2021	19,253
May 2021	19,222
June 2021	19,052
July 2021	20,694
August 2021	18,088
September 2021	18,547

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Where our patients live

The majority of enrolled patients (64%) live in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Region	ZIP Codes	Total Patients
St. Paul	55000-55199	7,287
Minneapolis	55300-55599	9,824
Duluth	55600-55899	1,952
Rochester	55900-55999	1,639
Mankato	56000-56199	1,111
Willmar	56200-56299	669
St. Cloud	56300-56399	1,671
Brainerd	56400-56499	923
Detroit Lakes	56500-56599	847
Bemidji	56600-56699	527
East Grand Forks	56700-56799	274

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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	66.92%
Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	24.27%
Physician Assistants	8.82%

N=2,007. Data updated quarterly. Last updated Sept. 30, 2021.

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 (Q3)	2,007

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