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MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT: REGISTRY STATISTICS AS OF MAY 31, 2018

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 significantly with passage of Initiative 182 in November 2016 and Senate Bill 333 in 2017. Combined, those measures removed the limit on the number of patients per provider, allowed use of marijuana for post-traumatic stress disorder, and allowed for testing laboratories, dispensaries, and chemical manufacturing endorsements.

General Overview

Category	6/30/2012	10/31/2016	5/31/2018
Cardholders	8,681	7,785	27,378
Providers	390	522	514
Certifying Physicians	225	172	238
Testing Laboratories			2
Dispensaries			30
Chemical Manufacturing Endorsements			204

Cardholders by Age

Age	Nu	mber of Cardho	lders	Percentage of Cardholders			
	6/30/2012	10/31/2016	5/31/2018	6/30/2012	10/31/2016	5/31/2018	
Under 18	4	5	45	0.05%	0.06%	0.16%	
18-20	129	97	1,034	1.48%	1.25%	3.78%	
21-30	1,389	852	5,186	16.00%	10.94%	18.94%	
31-40	1,666	1,475	5,916	19.19%	18.95%	21.61%	
41-50	1,813	1,317	4,351	20.88%	16.92%	15.89%	
51-60	2,556	2,069	5,119	29.44%	26.58%	18.70%	
61-70	985	1,700	4,496	11.34%	21.84%	16.42%	
71-80	123	241	1,046	1.41%	3.10%	3.82%	
81-90	16	24	163	0.18%	0.31%	0.60%	
Over 90		5	22		0.06%	0.08%	
Total	8,681	7,785	27,378	100%	100%	100%	

Cardholders by Debilitating Medical Condition

Condition	Num	Number of Cardholders				
*Condition Added by Initiative 182	6/30/2012	10/31/2016	5/31/2018			
Admittance Into Hospice Care	4	2	22			
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	500	327	611			
Cancer, Glaucoma, or HIV (AIDS)	561	485	1,764			
Central Nervous System Disorder with Spasticity	892	726	2,026			
Crohn's Disease	92	128	314			
Epilepsy/Intractable Seizure Disorder	252	235	690			
Intractable Nausea or Vomiting	1,081	745	1,887			
Multiple Sclerosis	138	135	300			
Painful Peripheral Neuropathy	812	1,169	3,304			
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder*			3,273			
Severe Chronic Pain	5,415	4,773	18,446			

Cardholders Per Registered Provider and Certifying Physician

# of Cardholders	Number of Providers		# of Cardholders	Number of Physicians	
	10/31/2016	5/31/2018		10/31/2016	5/31/2018
1	131	74	1	68	Not Available
2	284	53	2	31	Not Available
3	107	24	3	20	Not Available
4		29	4	10	Not Available
5		30	5	8	Not Available
6		21	6	2	Not Available
7		22	7	4	Not Available
8		18	8	1	Not Available
9		12	9	1	Not Available
10		10	10	0	Not Available
11-20		59	11-20	6	Not Available
21-30		33	21-30	5	Not Available
31-40		17	31-40	1	Not Available
41-50		17	41-50	1	Not Available
51-60		13	51-60	1	Not Available
61-70		7	61-70	1	Not Available
71-80		8	71-80	0	Not Available
81-90		5	81-90	0	Not Available
91-100		5	91-100	0	Not Available
101-250		35	101-250	6	Not Available
251-500		18	251-500	3	Not Available
501-1,000		3	501-1,000	0	Not Available
More than 1,000		1	More than 1,000	3	Not Available
Total	522	514	Total	172	Not Available

New rules that based the amount of marijuana a provider could grow on square footage per cardholder, rather than a specific number of plants per cardholder, went into effect on April 10. Between March 30 and May 18, the total number of providers dropped by 11%, from 577 to 514. The number of providers growing for 20 or fewer cardholders dropped by 15% during that time, from 416 to 352. The number of providers growing for more than 100 people decreased by one. The provider with more than 1,000 cardholders in May was listed as growing or manufacturing for 1,431 to 1,440 people.

Providers and Cardholders by County

County	# of Providers		# of Cardholders		Population	Cardholders as % of Population	
•	10/31/2016	5/31/2018	10/31/2016	5/31/2018	(2016 Estimate)	10/31/2016	5/31/2018
Beaverhead	3	5	91	318	9,401	0.97%	3.38%
Big Horn	1	0	40	159	13,343	0.30%	1.19%
Blaine	1	1	24	77	6,601	0.36%	1.17%
Broadwater	2	4	46	154	5,747	0.80%	2.68%
Carbon	10	11	97	249	10,460	0.93%	2.38%
Carter	0	0	4	4	1,203	0.33%	0.33%
Cascade	9	16	333	1,280	81,755	0.41%	1.57%
Chouteau	0	1	18	66	5,759	0.31%	1.15%
Custer	2	3	82	192	11,924	0.69%	1.61%
Daniels	0	0	8	25	1,755	0.46%	1.42%
Dawson	1	0	31	134	9,327	0.33%	1.44%
Deer Lodge	1	3	98	280	9,085	1.08%	3.08%
Fallon	0	0	6	45	3,120	0.19%	1.44%
Fergus	0	0	42	156	11,413	0.37%	1.37%
Flathead	77	75	908	2,793	98,082	0.93%	2.85%
Gallatin	145	136	1,230	4,752	104,502	1.18%	4.55%
Garfield	0	0	1	4	1,310	0.08%	0.31%
Glacier	0	0	45	211	13,694	0.33%	1.54%
Golden Valley	0	0	9	19	831	1.08%	2.29%
Granite	0	1	20	52	3,368	0.59%	1.54%
Hill	3	2	97	351	16,542	0.59%	2.12%
Jefferson	3	5	107	327	11,853	0.90%	2.76%
Judith Basin	0	0	6	20	1,940	0.31%	1.03%
Lake	4	6	163	463	29,758	0.55%	1.56%
Lewis and Clark	29	31	633	2,231	67,282	0.94%	3.32%
Liberty	0	0	4	13	2,409	0.17%	0.54%
Lincoln	18	12	260	578	19,259	1.35%	3.00%
Madison	21	7	194	571	7,924	2.45%	7.21%
McCone	0	0	3	9	1,700	0.18%	0.53%
Meagher	1	0	23	53	1,827	1.26%	2.90%
Mineral	3	3	51	98	4,184	1.22%	2.34%
Missoula	54	44	631	3,196	116,130	0.54%	2.75%
Musselshell	3	4	61	109	4,589	1.33%	2.38%
Park	21	22	218	913	16,114	1.35%	5.67%
Petroleum	0	0	3	7	489	0.61%	1.43%
Phillips	2	2	30	52	4,133	0.73%	1.26%
Pondera	0	0	23	74	6,084	0.38%	1.22%
Powder River	0	1	2	8	1,746	0.11%	0.46%
Powell	3	2	53	120	6,858	0.77%	1.75%

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Prairie	0	0	10	19	1,182	0.85%	1.61%
Ravalli	10	23	359	926	42,088	0.85%	2.20%
Richland	0	2	24	124	11,482	0.21%	1.08%
Roosevelt	0	0	40	203	11,305	0.35%	1.80%
Rosebud	1	2	36	102	9,287	0.39%	1.10%
Sanders	10	9	143	261	11,534	1.24%	2.26%
Sheridan	1	0	22	54	3,648	0.60%	1.48%
Silver Bow	26	18	422	1,315	34,553	1.22%	3.81%
Stillwater	5	6	54	179	9,406	0.57%	1.90%
Sweet Grass	3	3	17	52	3,623	0.47%	1.44%
Teton	0	0	17	65	6,056	0.28%	1.07%
Toole	0	2	14	52	4,977	0.28%	1.04%
Treasure	0	0	3	7	692	0.43%	1.01%
Valley	1	1	44	117	7,539	0.58%	1.55%
Wheatland	0	1	12	27	2,117	0.57%	1.28%
Wibaux	0	0	2	7	1,093	0.18%	0.64%
Yellowstone	43	50	871	3,516	158,437	0.55%	2.22%
Undetermined				189			
Total	522	514	7,785	27,378	1,042,520	0.75%	2.63%

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