

SB 423/SB 333 Monitoring: Medical Marijuana Act
DPHHS Registry Statistics
as of May 31, 2017

Background

Statistics maintained by the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) provide the following information about individuals registered as of May 31, 2017, to cultivate, manufacture, or possess marijuana for use for a debilitating medical condition as allowed under the Montana Medical Marijuana Act. The tables compare the most recent registry figures to two previous points in time:

- June 30, 2012, a year after Senate Bill 423 from 2011 created stricter requirements for obtaining cards to grow, manufacture, and possess marijuana went into effect. By that time, all cards issued under the previous eligibility requirements had expired, and all registered cardholders and providers were in compliance with the new eligibility requirements.
- October 31, 2016, the month after a limit of three patients per provider went into effect following a Montana Supreme Court decision upholding that requirement and other elements of SB 423 that had been on hold since the bill's passage.

Since then, voters have approved Initiative 182. Among other things, the initiative:

- removed the limit on the number of patients per provider;
- added post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to the list of conditions for which marijuana may be used; and
- eliminated a requirement that DPHHS report to the Board of Medical Examiners the names of any physicians who certified debilitating medical conditions for more than 25 patients a year.

Registry Statistics

Registered Cardholders by Age

Age	Number of Cardholders			Percentage of Cardholders		
	6/30/2012	10/31/2016	5/31/2017	6/30/2012	10/31/2016	5/31/2017
Under 18	4	5	6	0.05%	0.06%	0.04%
18-20	129	97	348	1.48%	1.25%	2.24%
21-30	1,389	852	2,548	16.00%	10.94%	16.37%
31-40	1,666	1,475	3,267	19.19%	18.95%	20.99%
41-50	1,813	1,317	2,463	20.88%	16.92%	15.83%
51-60	2,556	2,069	3,482	29.44%	26.58%	22.37%
61-70	985	1,700	2,877	11.34%	21.84%	18.49%
71-80	123	241	506	1.41%	3.10%	3.25%
81-90	16	24	58	0.18%	0.31%	0.37%
Over 90	--	5	8	--	0.06%	0.05%
Total	8,681	7,785	15,563	100%	100%	100%

Registered Cardholders by Medical Condition

Debilitating Medical Condition	Number of Cardholders		
	6/30/2012	10/31/2016	5/31/2017
* Condition added by Initiative 182			
Admittance Into Hospice Care	4	2	19
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	500	327	530
Cancer, Glaucoma, or HIV (AIDS)	561	485	1,042
Central Nervous System Disorder with Spasticity	892	726	1,376
Crohn's Disease	92	128	241
Epilepsy/Intractable Seizure Disorder	252	235	493
Intractable Nausea or Vomiting	1,081	745	1,430
Multiple Sclerosis	138	135	214
Painful Peripheral Neuropathy	812	1,169	2,263
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder*	--	--	955
Severe Chronic Pain	5,415	4,773	9,613

Registered Cardholders Per Registered Provider and Certifying Physician

# of Cardholders	# of Providers		# of Physicians	
	10/31/2016	5/31/2017	10/31/2016	5/31/2017
1	131	147	68	78
2	284	68	31	25
3	107	55	20	25
4	--	34	10	8
5	--	31	8	12
6	--	22	2	8
7	--	20	4	3
8	--	22	1	5
9	--	17	1	1
10	--	17	0	4
11 to 20	--	72	6	11
21 to 30	--	20	5	6
31 to 40	--	22	1	2
41 to 50	--	12	1	0
51 to 60	--	13	1	1
61 to 70	--	7	1	2
71 to 80	--	3	0	1
81 to 90	--	5	0	0
91 to 100	--	1	0	0
101 to 500	--	26	9	5
501 to 1,000	--	1	0	5
More than 1,000	--	0	3	3
Total	522	615	172	205

Registered Providers and Cardholders by County

County	Providers		Cardholders		Population (2016 estimate)	Cardholders as % of Population	
	10/31/2016	5/31/2017	10/31/2016	5/31/2017		10/31/2016	5/31/2017
Beaverhead	3	4	91	212	9,401	0.97%	2.26%
Big Horn	1	1	40	82	13,343	0.30%	0.61%
Blaine	1	1	24	39	6,601	0.36%	0.59%
Broadwater	2	5	46	92	5,747	0.80%	1.60%
Carbon	10	17	97	150	10,460	0.93%	1.43%
Carter	0	0	4	3	1,203	0.33%	0.25%
Cascade	9	15	333	605	81,755	0.41%	0.74%
Chouteau	0	0	18	29	5,759	0.31%	0.50%
Custer	2	2	82	137	11,924	0.69%	1.15%
Daniels	0	0	8	11	1,755	0.46%	0.63%
Dawson	1	2	31	70	9,327	0.33%	0.75%
Deer Lodge	1	4	98	190	9,085	1.08%	2.09%
Fallon	0	1	6	13	3,120	0.19%	0.42%
Fergus	0	1	42	56	11,413	0.37%	0.49%
Flathead	77	95	908	1,636	98,082	0.93%	1.67%
Gallatin	145	150	1,230	3,180	104,502	1.18%	3.04%
Garfield	0	0	1	6	1,310	0.08%	0.46%
Glacier	0	0	45	124	13,694	0.33%	0.91%
Golden Valley	0	0	9	18	831	1.08%	2.17%
Granite	0	1	20	39	3,368	0.59%	1.16%
Hill	3	3	97	177	16,542	0.59%	1.07%
Jefferson	3	5	107	201	11,853	0.90%	1.70%
Judith Basin	0	0	6	11	1,940	0.31%	0.57%
Lake	4	8	163	281	29,758	0.55%	0.94%
Lewis and Clark	29	41	633	1,296	67,282	0.94%	1.93%
Liberty	0	0	4	8	2,409	0.17%	0.33%
Lincoln	18	18	260	353	19,259	1.35%	1.83%
Madison	21	12	194	374	7,924	2.45%	4.72%
McCone	0	0	3	4	1,700	0.18%	0.24%
Meagher	1	1	23	36	1,827	1.26%	1.97%
Mineral	3	3	51	72	4,184	1.22%	1.72%

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	10/31/2016	5/31/2017	10/31/2016	5/31/2017		10/31/2016	5/31/2017
Missoula	54	57	631	1,365	116,130	0.54%	1.18%
Musselshell	3	6	61	80	4,589	1.33%	1.74%
Park	21	23	218	596	16,114	1.35%	3.70%
Petroleum	0	0	3	3	489	0.61%	0.61%
Phillips	2	3	30	30	4,133	0.73%	0.73%
Pondera	0	0	23	33	6,084	0.38%	0.54%
Powder River	0	0	2	7	1,746	0.11%	0.40%
Powell	3	2	53	76	6,858	0.77%	1.11%
Prairie	0	0	10	15	1,182	0.85%	1.27%
Ravalli	10	22	359	540	42,088	0.85%	1.28%
Richland	0	1	24	33	11,482	0.21%	0.29%
Roosevelt	0	0	40	63	11,305	0.35%	0.56%
Rosebud	1	2	36	59	9,287	0.39%	0.64%
Sanders	10	11	143	194	11,534	1.24%	1.68%
Sheridan	1	1	22	42	3,648	0.60%	1.15%
Silver Bow	26	22	422	835	34,553	1.22%	2.42%
Stillwater	5	7	54	128	9,406	0.57%	1.36%
Sweet Grass	3	3	17	29	3,623	0.47%	0.80%
Teton	0	0	17	34	6,056	0.28%	0.56%
Toole	0	0	14	31	4,977	0.28%	0.62%
Treasure	0	0	3	9	692	0.43%	1.30%
Valley	1	1	44	63	7,539	0.58%	0.84%
Wheatland	0	0	12	24	2,117	0.57%	1.13%
Wibaux	0	0	2	2	1,093	0.18%	0.18%
Yellowstone	43	63	871	1,767	158,437	0.55%	1.12%
Total	522	614	7,785	15,563	1,042,520	0.75%	1.49%

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