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Medical Marijuana

2019 Fiscal Year Report

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Arkansas Department of Health



**Arkansas Department of Finance and
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FY 2019 Medical Marijuana Data Summary

The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016 requires the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration to submit specific Fiscal Year (FY) data related to Medical Marijuana activities.

The FY 2019 data updates are presented below.

Applications submitted for Registry ID Card = 10,773 Patients
(Please refer to page four for caregivers information.)

Applications filed for renewal = 0

Patients' qualifying medical conditions = refer to page 6

Number of Registry ID Cards revoked = 0

Number of physicians providing written certifications = 676

Number of licensed dispensaries/in operation = 32/6

Number of licensed cultivation facilities/in operation = 5/2

Number of licenses revoked to operate dispensary = 0

Number of licenses revoked to operate cultivation facility = 0

Number of dispensary agents = 167

Number of cultivation facility agents = 168

Sources: Medical Marijuana Program, Arkansas Department of Health and Alcoholic Beverage Control

Medical Marijuana Registry Application Status

Table 1: Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card Application Status, Arkansas, FY 2019

Status	Patient	Caregiver
Submitted	10,773	195
Approved	9,830	52

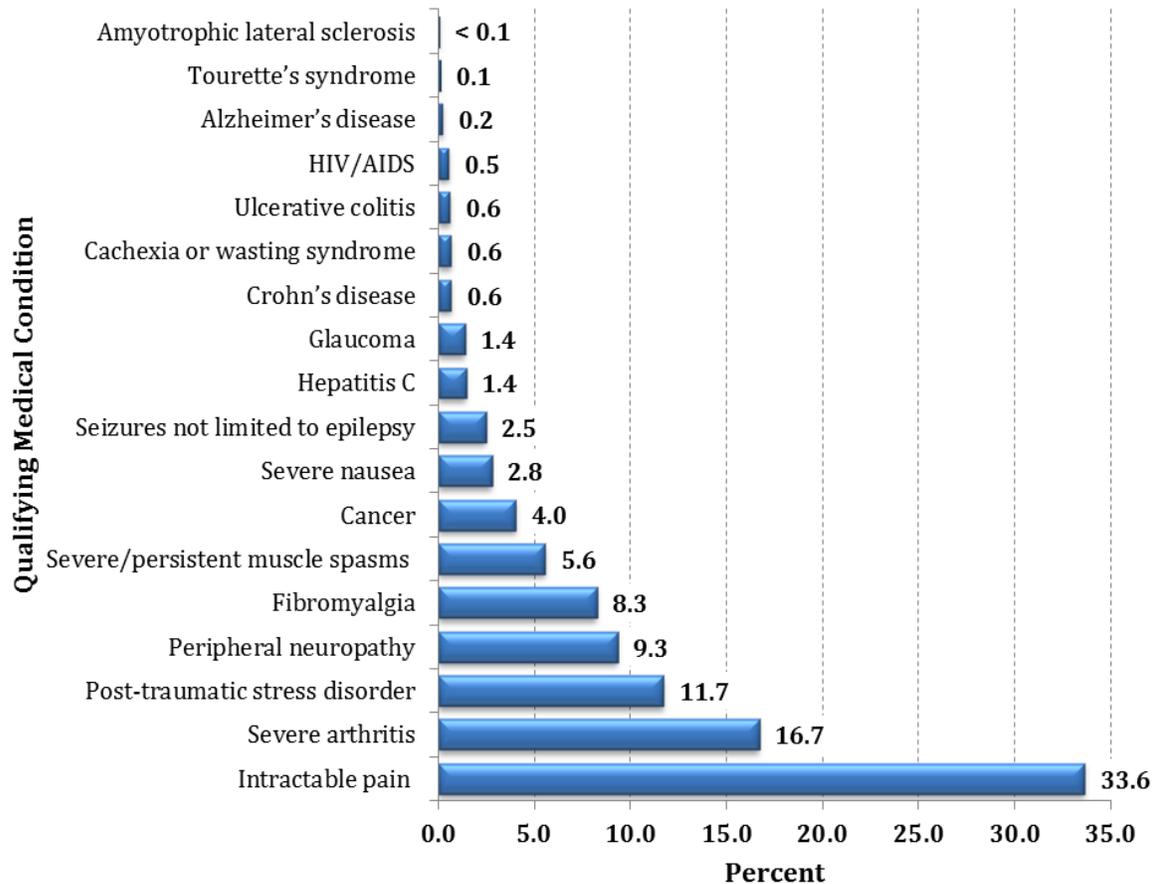
- A total of 10,773 patients submitted applications for a Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card. Of those, 9,830 applications were approved. There were 943 applications pending due to incomplete information.
- A total of 195 caregivers submitted applications for Medical Marijuana Registry ID Cards. Of those, 52 applications were approved. There were 143 applications pending due to incomplete information.
- There were no renewals of patient or caregiver Registry ID Cards during the fiscal period.
- There were no revocations of patient or caregiver Registry ID Cards during the fiscal period.
- Total Approved Registry ID Cards since inception (2017): 15,466

Patients: 15,351

Caregivers: 115

Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions

Figure 1: Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions, Arkansas, FY 2019



- The most prevalent qualifying medical condition among Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card recipients was intractable pain unresponsive to medicines, treatment, or surgery for >6 months (33.6%).
- The second and third most prevalent conditions were severe arthritis (16.7%) and post-traumatic stress disorder (11.7%).
- The least prevalent medical conditions reported were amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (<0.1%), Tourette's syndrome (0.1%), and Alzheimer's disease (0.2%).

Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions

Table 2: Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions, Arkansas, FY 2019

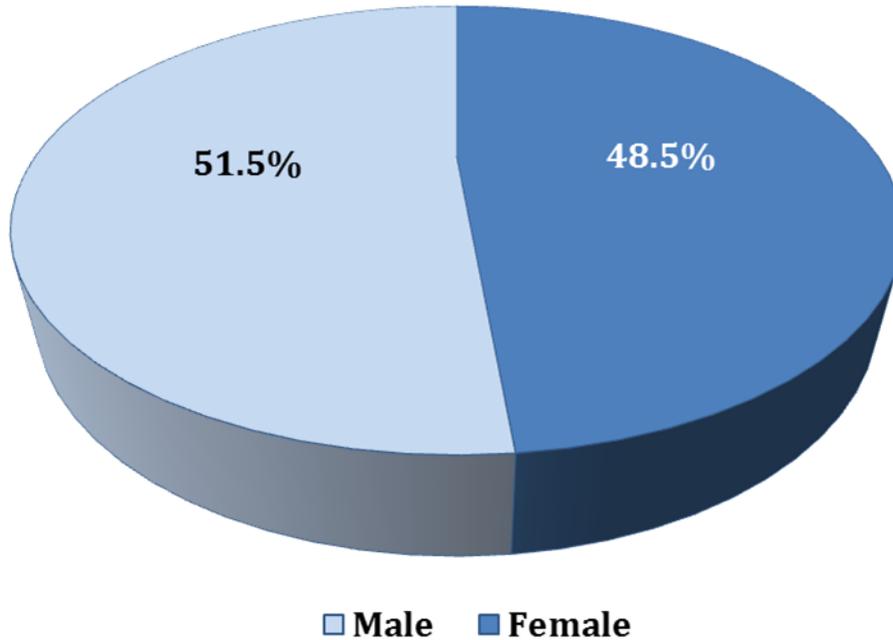
Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions	Count	Percent
Intractable pain unresponsive to medicines, treatment, or surgery for >6 months	5,573	33.6
Severe arthritis	2,766	16.7
Post-traumatic stress disorder	1,940	11.7
Peripheral neuropathy	1,545	9.3
Fibromyalgia	1,368	8.3
Severe and persistent muscle spasms not limited to those of multiple sclerosis	920	5.6
Cancer	663	4.0
Severe nausea	460	2.8
Seizures including, without limitation, those characteristic of epilepsy	408	2.5
Hepatitis C	239	1.4
Glaucoma	227	1.4
Crohn's disease	106	0.6
Cachexia or wasting syndrome	106	0.6
Ulcerative colitis	98	0.6
Positive status for HIV/ AIDS	86	0.5
Alzheimer's disease	36	0.2
Tourette's syndrome	19	0.1
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	6	< 0.1

Many patients had more than one qualifying medical condition.

Appendices

Appendix 1

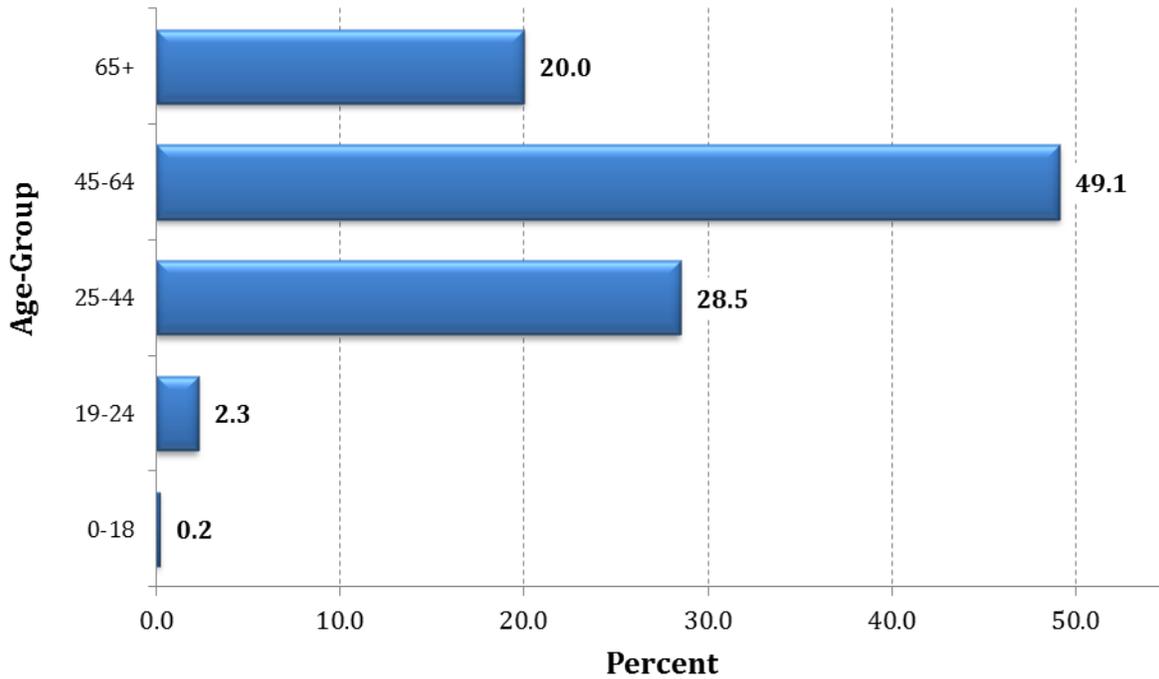
Percent of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by Gender, Arkansas, FY 2019



Counts and Percentages by Gender		
Gender	Count	Percent
Male	5,062	51.5
Female	4,768	48.5
Total	9,830	100.0

Appendix 2

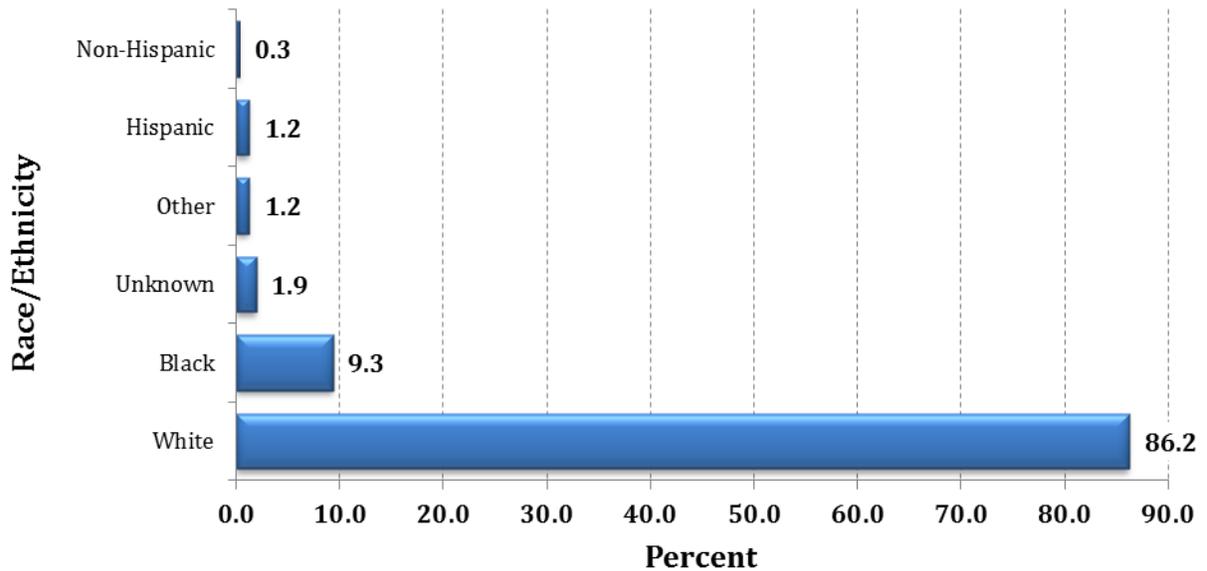
Percent of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by Age-Group, Arkansas, FY 2019



Counts and Percentages by Age-Group		
Age-Group	Count	Percent
0 to 18 years	16	< 0.2
19 to 24 years	222	2.3
25 to 44 years	2,799	28.5
45 to 64 years	4,830	49.1
≥65 years	1,963	20.0
Total	9,830	100

Appendix 3

Percent of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by Race/Ethnicity, Arkansas, FY 2019

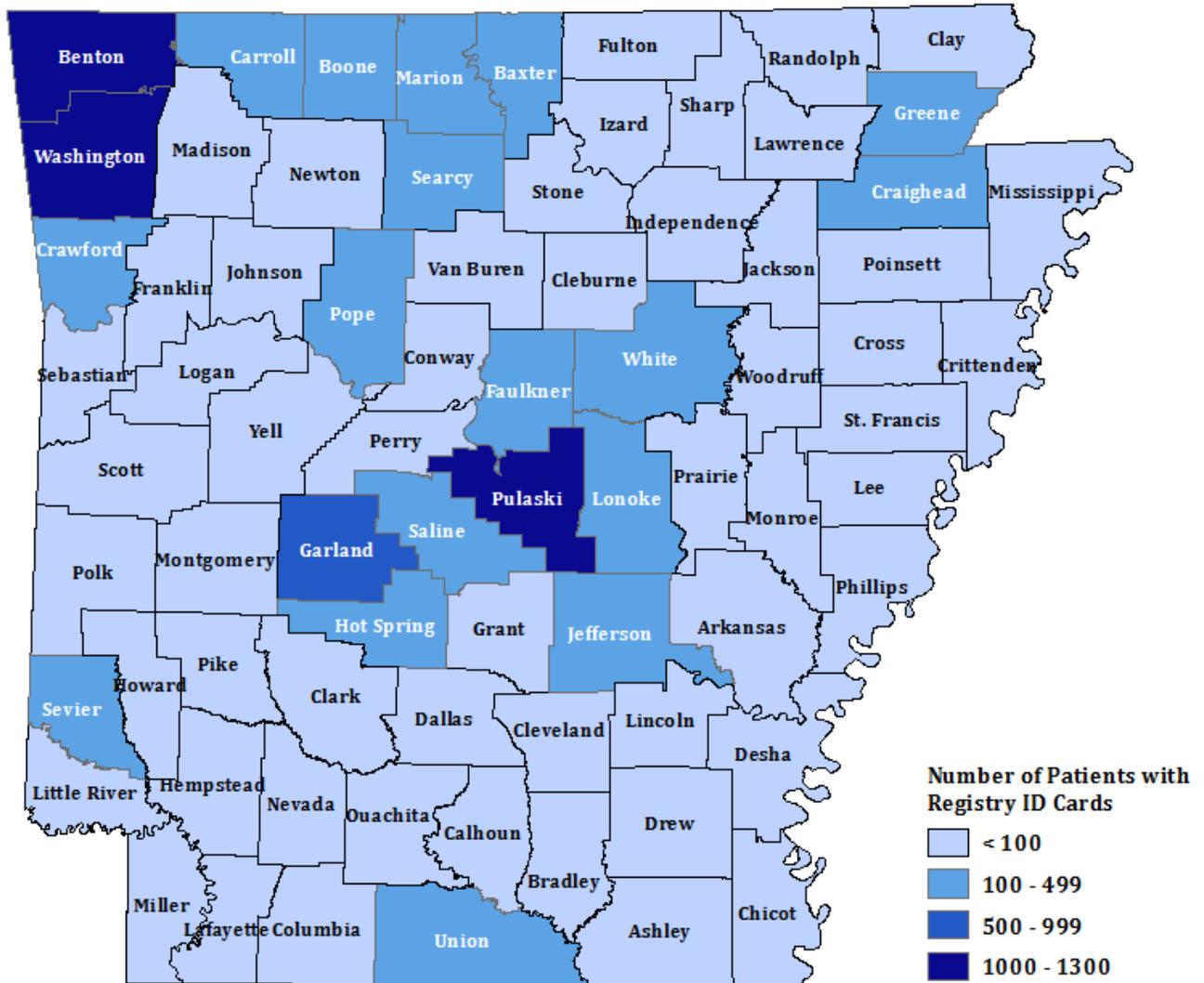


Counts and Percentages by Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Count	Percent
White	8,470	86.2
Black	913	9.3
Unknown	186	1.9
Other	118	1.2
Hispanic	116	1.2
Non-Hispanic	27	< 0.3
Total	9,830	100

Note: The "Other" Race/Ethnicity category consists of Alaskan or American Indian and Asian or Pacific Islanders.

Appendix 4

Number of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by County, Arkansas, FY 2019



Resources

1. Medical Marijuana Program, Arkansas Department: <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/medical-marijuana>
2. Medical Marijuana, Alcoholic Beverage Control: <https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/alcoholic-beverage-control/abc-medical-marijuana/>
3. Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission: <https://www.mmc.arkansas.gov/>

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