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Medical Marijuana

2020 Fiscal Year Report

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FY 2020 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 2020 data updates are presented below.

Applications submitted for Registry ID Card = 47,002 Patients
(Please refer to page 4 for caregivers & visitors information.)

Applications filed for renewal = 7,067 Patients
(Please refer to page 5 for caregivers & visitors information.)

Patients' qualifying medical conditions = refer to page 6

Number of Registry ID Cards revoked = 0

Number of physicians providing written certifications = 819

Number of licensed dispensaries = 37; Number of dispensaries in operation = 29

Number of licensed cultivation facilities = 8; Number of cultivation facilities in operation = 5

Number of licenses revoked to operate dispensary = 0

Number of licenses revoked to operate cultivation facility = 0

Number of dispensary agents = 692

Number of cultivation facility agents = 367

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 2020

| Status | Patient | Caregiver | Visitor |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Submitted | 47,002 | 998 | 4,179 |
| Approved | 43,630 | 514 | 3,982 |

Note: A visitor is an individual either from another state visiting Arkansas or recently moved to Arkansas that received a temporary 30 day Medical Marijuana Registry ID card

- A total of 47,002 patients submitted applications for a Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card. Of those, 43,630 applications were approved. There were 3,372 applications pending due to incomplete information.
- A total of 998 caregivers submitted applications for Medical Marijuana Registry ID Cards. Of those, 514 applications were approved. There were 484 applications pending due to incomplete information.
- A total of 4,179 visitors submitted applications for Medical Marijuana Registry ID Cards. Of those, 3,982 applications were approved. There were 197 applications pending due to incomplete information.
- There were no revocations of patient or caregiver Registry ID Cards during the fiscal period.

Medical Marijuana Registry Renewal Application Status

Table 2: Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card Renewal Application Status, Arkansas, FY 2020

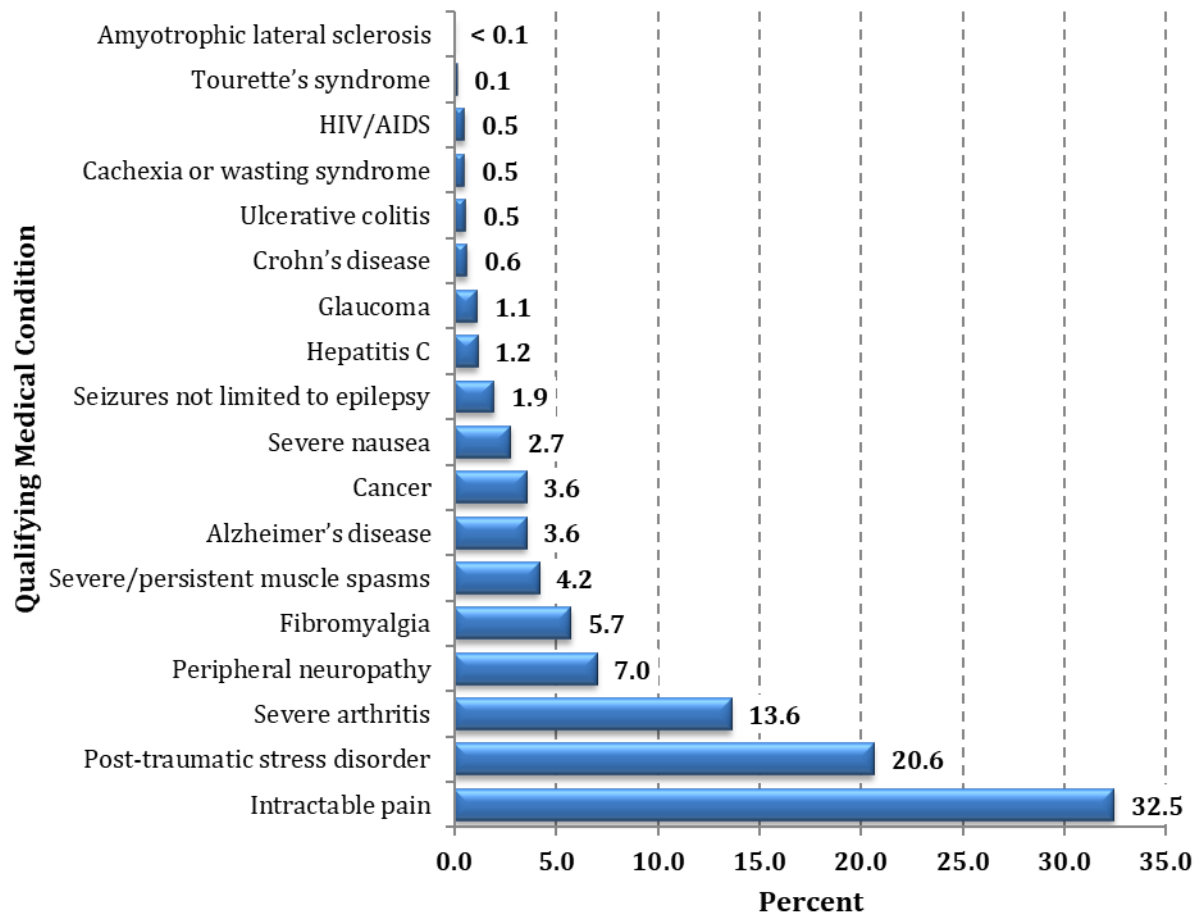
| Status | Patient | Caregiver | Visitor |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Submitted | 5,309 | 20 | 1,738 |
| Approved | 4,541 | 10 | 1,711 |

Note: A visitor is an individual either from another state visiting Arkansas or recently moved to Arkansas that received a temporary 30 day Medical Marijuana Registry ID card

- A total of 5,309 patient renewal applications were submitted for Medical Marijuana Registry ID Cards. Of those, 4,541 patient renewal applications were approved. There were 768 applications pending due to incomplete information.
- A total of 20 caregiver renewal applications were submitted for Medical Marijuana Registry ID Cards. Of those, 10 renewal applications were approved. There were 10 renewal applications pending due to incomplete information.
- A total of 1,738 visitor renewal applications were submitted for Medical Marijuana Registry ID Cards. Of those, 1,711 visitor renewal applications were approved. There were 27 renewal applications pending due to incomplete information.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the expiration date for all registry cards was suspended through September 30, 2020, allowing many cardholders to postpone their renewal until FY21.

Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions

Figure 1: Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions, Arkansas, FY 2020



- 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 (32.5%).
- The second and third most prevalent conditions were post-traumatic stress disorder (20.6%) and severe arthritis (13.6%), followed by peripheral neuropathy (7.0%) and fibromyalgia (5.7%).
- The least prevalent medical conditions reported were amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (< 0.1%), Tourette's syndrome (0.1%), and positive status for HIV/AIDS (0.5%).

Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions

Table 3: Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions, Arkansas, FY 2020

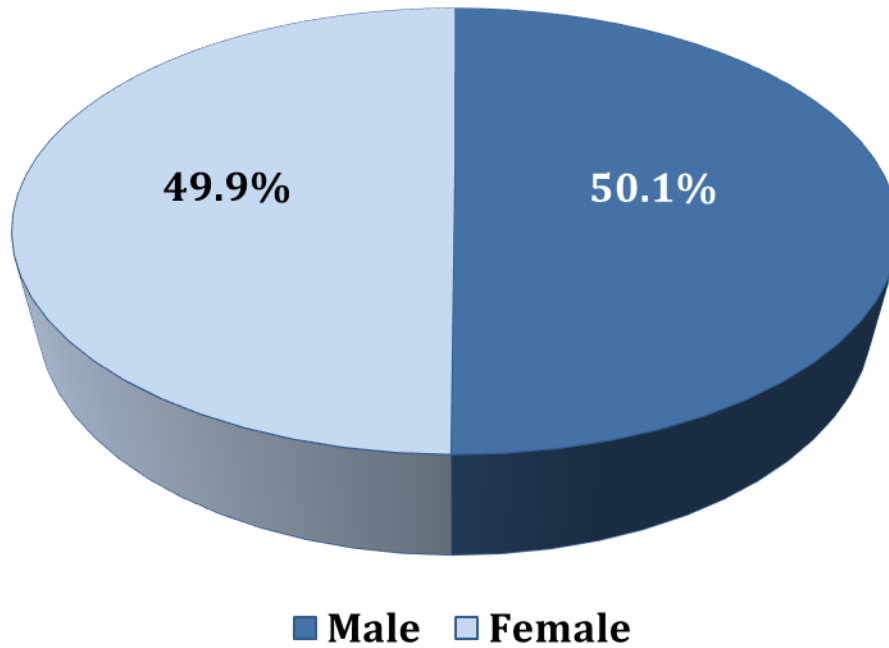
| Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions | Count | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Intractable pain unresponsive to medicines, treatment, or surgery for >6 months | 19,728 | 32.5 |
| Post-traumatic stress disorder | 12,546 | 20.6 |
| Severe arthritis | 8,290 | 13.6 |
| Peripheral neuropathy | 4,260 | 7.0 |
| Fibromyalgia | 3,474 | 5.7 |
| Severe and persistent muscle spasms not limited to those of multiple sclerosis | 2,545 | 4.2 |
| Alzheimer's disease | 2,164 | 3.6 |
| Cancer | 2,160 | 3.6 |
| Severe nausea | 1,671 | 2.7 |
| Seizures including, without limitation, those characteristic of epilepsy | 1,177 | 1.9 |
| Hepatitis C | 703 | 1.2 |
| Glaucoma | 672 | 1.1 |
| Crohn's disease | 371 | 0.6 |
| Ulcerative colitis | 326 | 0.5 |
| Cachexia or wasting syndrome | 302 | 0.5 |
| Positive status for HIV/AIDS | 291 | 0.5 |
| Tourette's syndrome | 91 | 0.1 |
| Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis | 22 | < 0.1 |

Many patients had more than one qualifying medical condition.

Appendices

Appendix 1

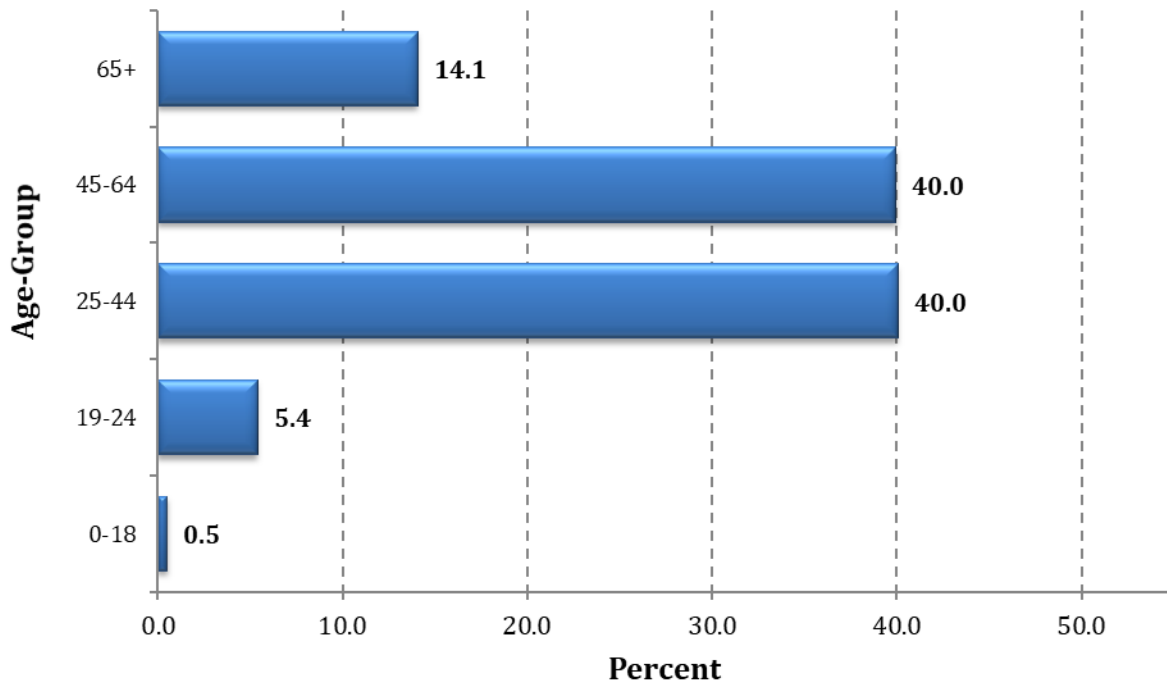
Percent of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by Gender, Arkansas, FY 2020



| Counts and Percentages by Gender | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Gender | Count | Percent |
| Male | 21,843 | 50.1 |
| Female | 21,787 | 49.9 |
| Total | 43,630 | 100.0 |

Appendix 2

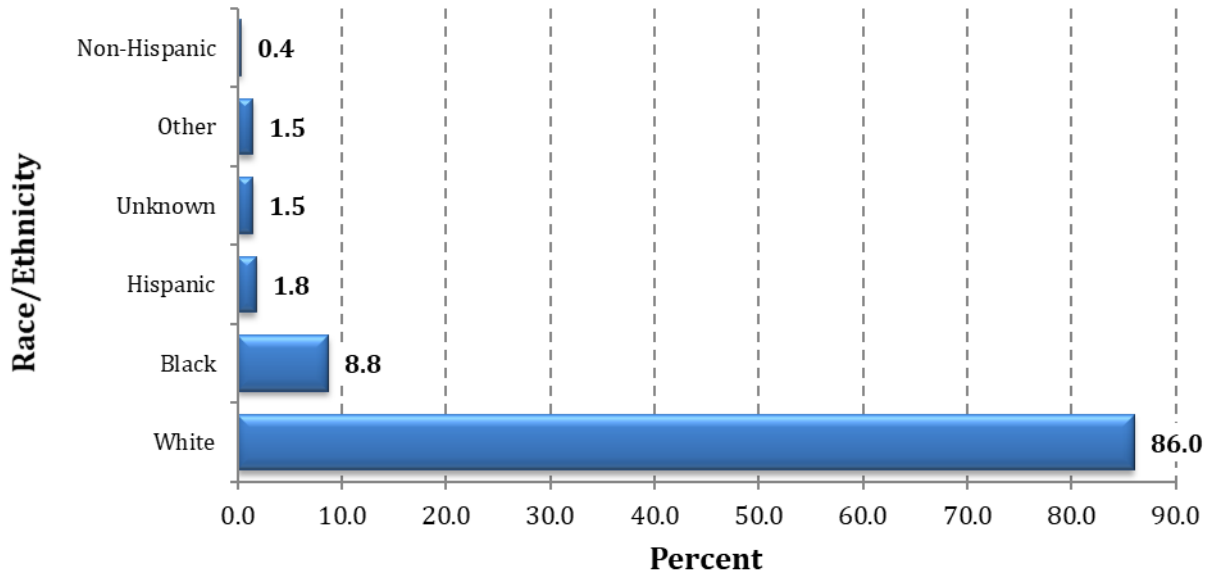
Percent of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by Age-Group, Arkansas, FY 2020



| Counts and Percentages by Age-Group | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Age-Group | Count | Percent |
| 0 to 18 years | 225 | 0.5 |
| 19 to 24 years | 2,356 | 5.4 |
| 25 to 44 years | 17,472 | 40.0 |
| 45 to 64 years | 17,433 | 40.0 |
| ≥65 years | 6,144 | 14.1 |
| Total | 43,630 | 100 |

Appendix 3

Percent of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by Race/Ethnicity, Arkansas, FY 2020

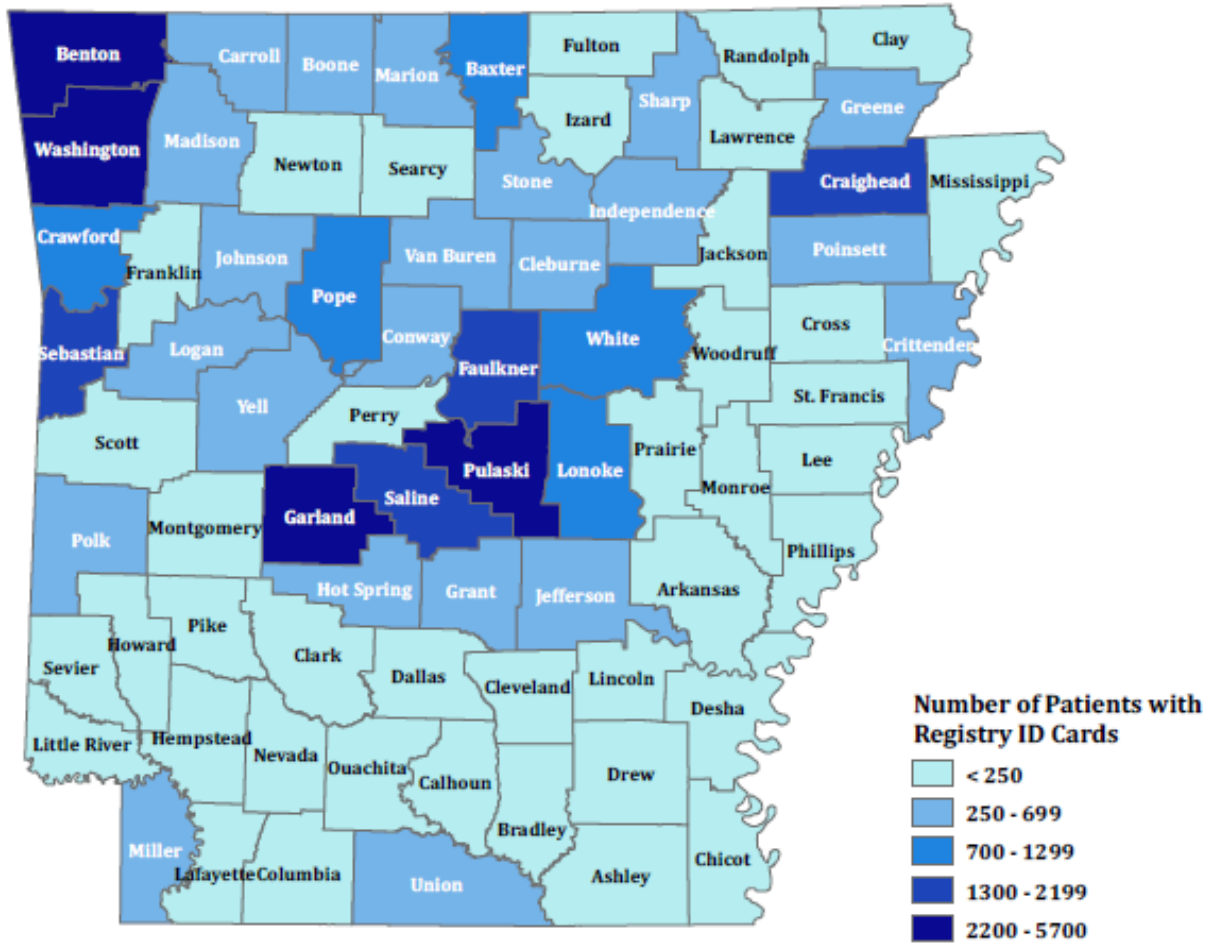


| Counts and Percentages by Race/Ethnicity | | |
|--|---------------|------------|
| Race/Ethnicity | Count | Percent |
| White | 37,518 | 86.0 |
| Black | 3,824 | 8.8 |
| Hispanic | 796 | 1.8 |
| Other | 676 | 1.5 |
| Unknown | 645 | 1.5 |
| Non-Hispanic | 171 | 0.4 |
| Total | 43,630 | 100 |

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 2020



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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