



**Utah Medical Cannabis Program Report**  
February 9, 2021

On November 6, 2018, Utah voters approved Proposition 2, which legalized the use of medical cannabis in Utah for qualifying patients. Since its passage, the Utah Medical Cannabis Act (UMCA) has been amended multiple times by the Utah State Legislature. The UMCA designates the Utah Department of Health as the state agency responsible for licensing and oversight of medical cannabis pharmacies, registration of medical providers, and issuance of medical cannabis cards to qualifying patients. Qualifying patients first purchased medical cannabis in Utah on March 2, 2020 and this report shows growth in the program since that time.

This report presents data collected from the Department’s electronic verification system (EVS) and inventory control system (ICS) on January 31, 2021. For further information and data, please contact the Center for Medical Cannabis at [medicalcannabis@utah.gov](mailto:medicalcannabis@utah.gov).

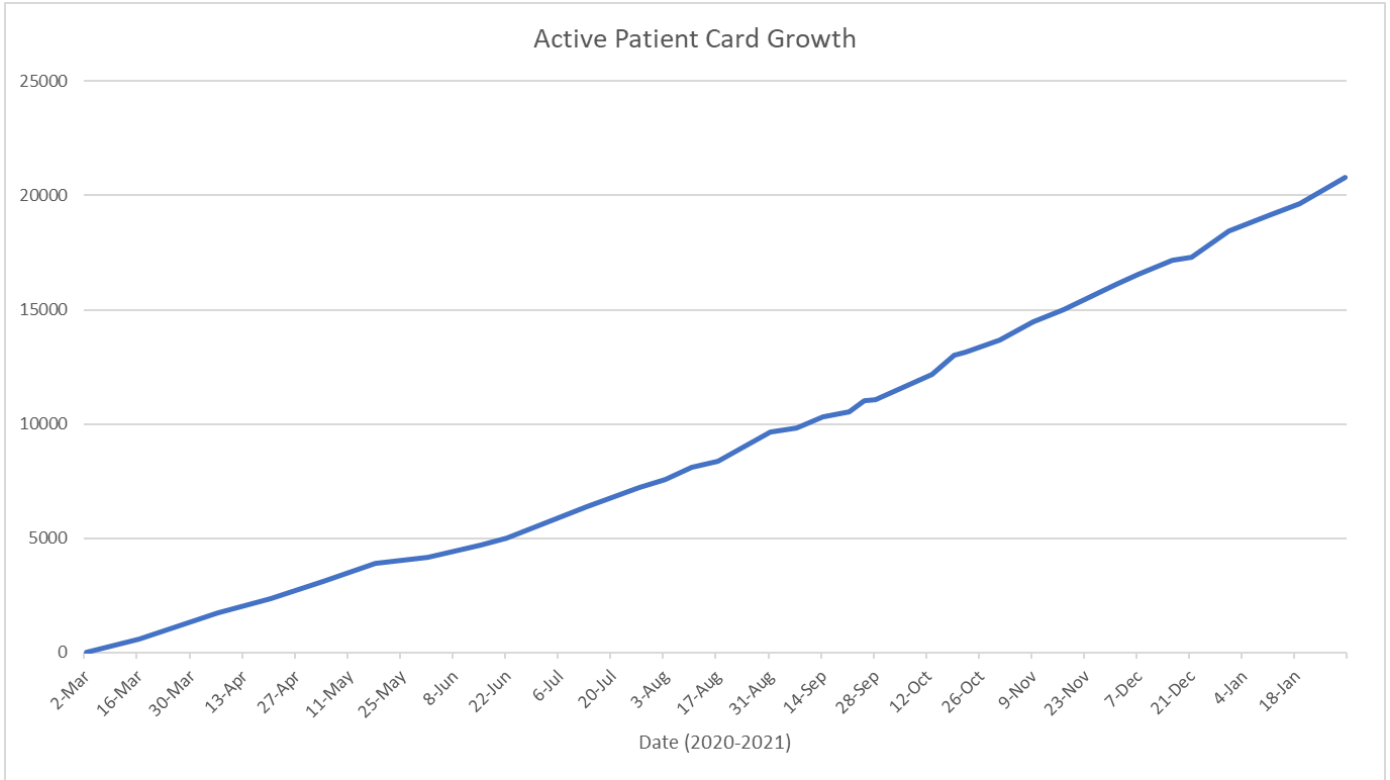
## Patient Card Registrations

**Table 1. Patient Cardholders**

20,305	<b>Active patient cardholders</b> – Number of patients with an active medical cannabis card as of January 31, 2021.
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**Figure 1. Active Patient Cardholder Growth**

Total active patient card growth from December 2020 to current day is shown in the graph below.



**Table 2. Patient Demographics by Age and Sex**

Patient Age	Number (N = 20,805)	Percentage
Less than 10 years	10	Less than 1%
11-21	111	Less than 1%
22-30	4,260	20%
31-45	8,014	39%
46-55	3,535	17%
56-65	2,758	13%
66+	2,117	10%
<b>Patient Sex</b>		
Male	11,425	55%
Female	9,325	45%
Other	55	Less than 1%

**Table 3. Patient Cardholders by County of Residence**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of patient cardholders</b>
Beaver	26
Box Elder	275
Cache	706
Carbon	81
Daggett	4
Davis	1675
Duchesne	36
Emery	22
Garfield	4
Grand	6
Iron	51
Juab	35
Kane	10
Millard	28
Morgan	23
Piute	0
Rich	12
Salt Lake	6010
San Juan	12
Sanpete	54
Sevier	23
Summit	180
Tooele	231
Uintah	105
Utah	8898
Wasatch	145
Washington	222
Wayne	1
Weber	1956
<b>Total Active Patient Cardholders</b>	<b>20,805</b>

**Table 4. Patient Cardholders by Medical Condition**

Patients may register in the program with more than one qualifying condition, thus the total number of patient cards by condition is higher than the actual number of total active patient cards.

<b>Medical condition</b>	<b>Total number of patient certifications as of January 31, 2021</b>
AIDS	7
ALS	6
Alzheimer's	7
Autism	135
Cachexia	32
Cancer	308
Chronic Pain	16405
Crohn's Disease	256
Debilitating Seizures	82
Epilepsy	201
HIV	95
Hospice	1
MS	252
Nausea	439
Other*	17
Persistent Muscle Spasms	112
PTSD	2503
Rare Condition	52
Terminal Illness	422
Ulcerative Colitis	118
<b>Total number of patient certifications</b>	<b>21,450</b>

\*Other denotes those conditions petitioned to the Compassionate Use Board. Conditions petitioned to the Board include GAD, premenstrual dysphoric disorder and inclusion body myositis.

## Compassionate Use Board

**Table 5. Compassionate Use Board Petitions Submitted by Petition Status**

The Compassionate Use Board meets monthly to review patient petitions. Petitions may be approved, denied, or considered incomplete (i.e. needing more information). The data below represents petitions received through January 31, 2021.

Status	Number of petitions reviewed, March 2020 – January 2021 (N=305)
Approved	174
Incomplete	30
Denied	1

**Table 6. Compassionate Use Board Petitions by Age**

	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
<b>Total petitions</b>	19	16	16	16	28	16	18	41
<b>Age range</b>	6-61	5-43	6-27	12-72	2-20	3-20	8-41	7-73
<b>Total under 21yo</b>	13	15	16	14	17	16	15	21

## Qualified Medical Providers

**Table 7. Qualified Medical Provider Totals**

598	<b>Active Qualified Medical Providers</b> – Number of medical providers with an active QMP registration.
130	<b>Active Qualified Medical Providers with Cardholder Cap of 600</b> – Number of medical providers approved by UDOH to recommend to up to 600 active cardholders at one time (22% of all QMPs).
468	<b>Active Qualified Medical Providers with Cardholder Cap of 275</b> – Number of Medical Providers limited to recommend to up to 275 active cardholders at one time (78% of all QMPs).

**Table 8. Total Registered Qualified Medical Providers by County**

A qualified medical provider (QMP) may list more than one office location for their practice. The table below shows the distribution of QMPs registered throughout Utah by county. This total is greater than the total of registered QMPs because a QMP may have multiple office locations.

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of QMP office locations registered</b>
Beaver	1
Box Elder	2
Cache	10
Carbon	2
Daggett	0
Davis	43
Duchesne	0
Emery	0
Garfield	0
Grand	1
Iron	1
Juab	3
Kane	0
Millard	2
Morgan	0
Piute	0
Rich	0
Salt Lake	264
San Juan	0
Sanpete	1
Sevier	4
Summit	6
Tooele	5
Uintah	3
Utah	214
Wasatch	6
Washington	20
Wayne	0
Weber	37
<b>Total QMP office locations registered</b>	<b>625</b>

**Table 9. Total Registered Qualified Medical Providers by American Medical Board Certification**

Most QMPs are limited to recommending cannabis as a treatment to up to 275 active patient cardholders but some QMPs have qualified to recommend to up to 600 active cardholders. To qualify to recommend to up to 600 active cardholders, a QMP must be a physician certified by the appropriate American Medical Board of anesthesiology, neurology, oncology, pain, hospice and palliative care, physical medicine and rehabilitation, endocrinology, rheumatology or psychiatry OR the QMP may be employed or contracted by a business for the specific purpose of providing hospice and palliative care. The table below shows the distribution of QMPs reporting an American Medical Board Certification to receive the higher patient cap. This is a total list of MDs and DOs only. APRNs and PAs can only apply for the higher patient cap if they are employed by hospice and palliative care, which is not represented below.

<b>American Medical Board Certification</b>	<b>Number of QMPs reporting American Medical Board Certification</b>
Anesthesiology	16
Endocrinology	0
Gastroenterology	4
Hospice and Palliative Care	12
Neurology	10
Oncology	9
Pain Medicine	10
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	16
Psychiatry	15
Rheumatology	1
<b>Total QMPs with American Medical Board Certification</b>	<b>93</b>

**Table 10. Qualified Medical Providers by DOPL License type**

<b>Qualified Medical Providers</b>	<b>Number (N=598)</b>
Medical Doctor (MD)	235
Osteopathic Doctor (DO)	45
Physician Assistant (PA)	71
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	247

## Pharmacy Medical Providers and Pharmacy Transactions

**Table 11. Medical Cannabis Pharmacy Employee Totals**

41	<b>Active Pharmacy Medical Providers</b> - Pharmacy medical providers who have an active registration with the Utah Department of Health.
143	<b>Active Pharmacy Agents</b> - Pharmacy agents who have an active registration with the Utah Department of Health.

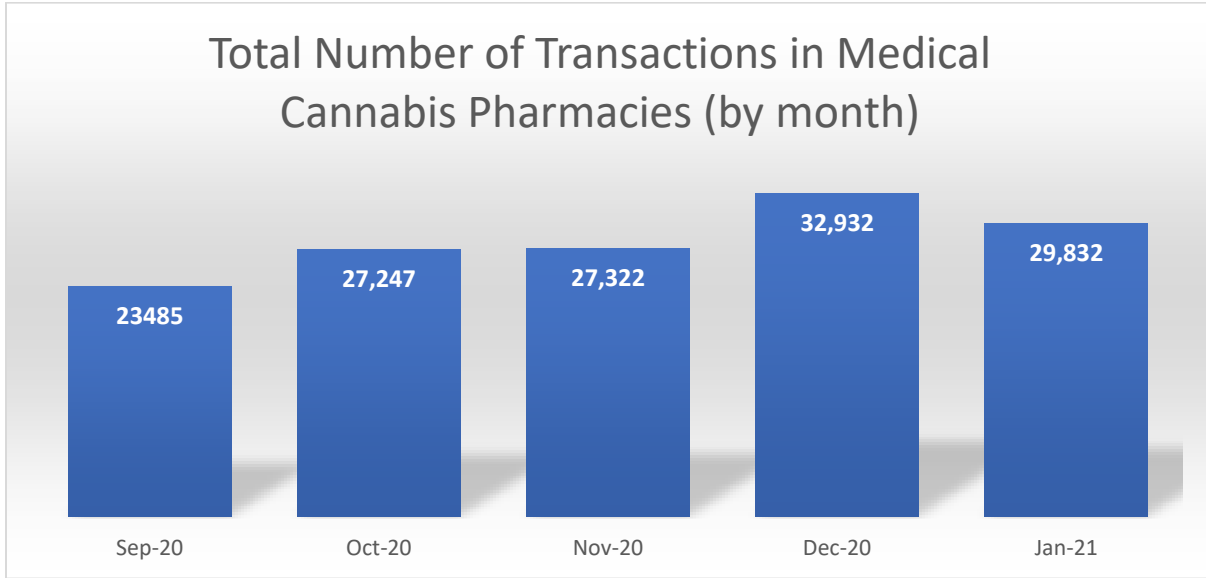
**Table 12. Medical Cannabis Pharmacy Sales Transaction Totals**

Transaction and sales revenue data is retrieved at the end of each month. Data below represents all transactions and total sales revenue between March 2, 2020 and January 31, 2021 from seven medical cannabis pharmacies that opened during that time frame. As of January 31, 2021, medical cannabis pharmacies operating in Utah include Dragonfly Wellness (Salt Lake City), Perfect Earth Modern Apothecary (Logan), Perfect Earth Modern Apothecary (Ogden), WholesomeCo Cannabis (West Bountiful), Curaleaf (Lehi), Deseret Wellness (Provo), Beehive Farmacy (Salt Lake City).

200,722	<b>Transactions at Medical Cannabis Pharmacies</b> – Transactions at medical cannabis pharmacies between March 2, 2020 and January 31, 2021.
29,832	<b>Transactions at Medical Cannabis Pharmacies in January 2021</b> – Transactions at medical cannabis pharmacies in January 2021.
\$25,979,244.68	<b>Medical Cannabis Sales Revenue</b> – Medical cannabis sales revenue at licensed medical cannabis pharmacies between March 2, 2020 and January 31, 2021 (does not include sales of medical cannabis devices and medical cannabis educational materials).
\$3,826,147.70	<b>Medical Cannabis Sales Revenue in January 2021</b> - Medical cannabis sales revenue at licensed medical cannabis pharmacies during January 2021 (does not include sales of medical cannabis devices and medical cannabis educational materials).



**Figure 2. Medical Cannabis Transactions at Pharmacies by Month** (for months not displayed below, please find earlier reports posted on the Center for Medical Cannabis' website)



**Figure 3. Medical Cannabis Sales Revenue by Month** (for months not displayed below, please find earlier reports posted on the Center for Medical Cannabis' website)

