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ARKANSAS MEDICAL CANNABIS RESEARCH



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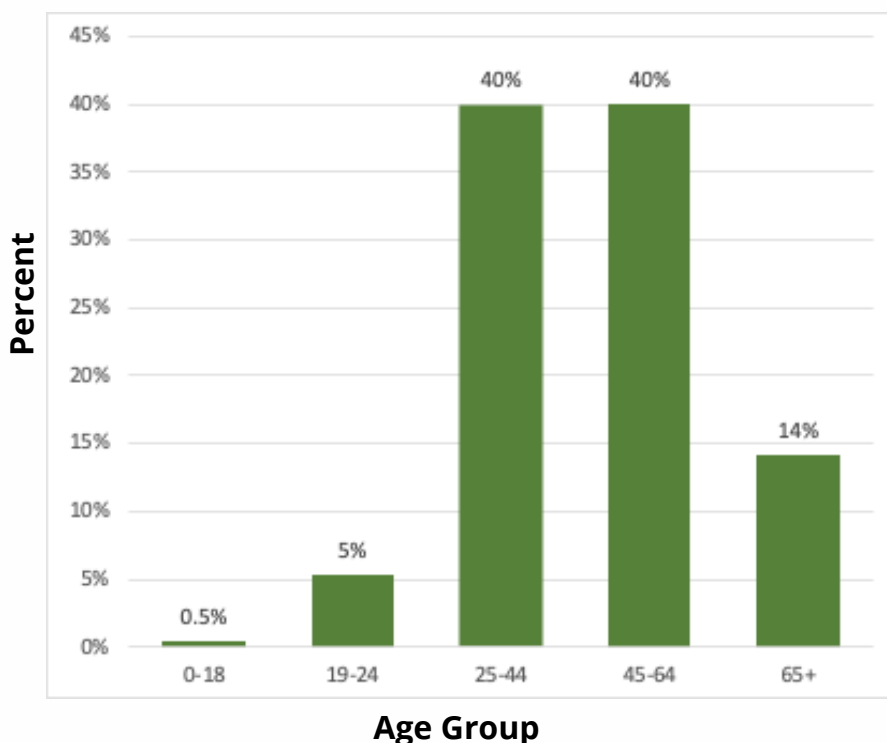
MEDICAL CANNABIS IN ARKANSAS

In 2016, Arkansas became the 29th state to approve medical cannabis (MC) use¹. Currently, 36 states and Washington D.C. have medical cannabis laws¹. To obtain a MC card, a resident of Arkansas must suffer from one or more of the qualifying conditions with physician verification and apply for a MC card through the Department of Health.² Once the patient obtains a MC card, he or she can purchase medical cannabis through a dispensary.²

Top 3 Qualifying Conditions for Medical Cannabis Use in AR³

- 1 Intractable Pain
- 2 Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- 3 Severe Arthritis

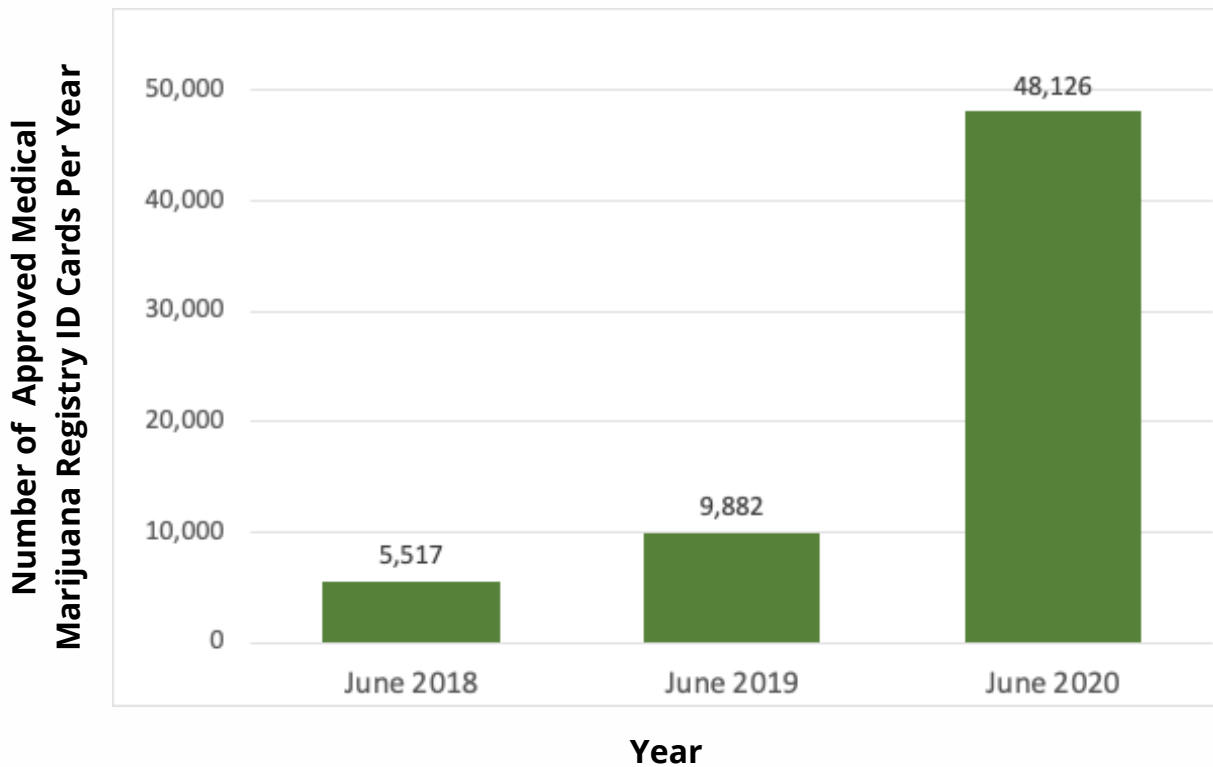
Percent of Patients with Medical Cannabis ID Card by Age Group³



Quick Facts

- Cannabis sales totaled over \$200 million in Arkansas from May 2019 to December 2020.⁴
- As of November 2020, 60,013 medical cannabis ID cards have been approved in the state.⁵
- Approximately 1.67% of the Arkansan population hold a medical cannabis card.⁶
- Arkansas is one of seven states with a mandated pharmacist role.⁷
- As of January 5, 2020, there are 31 operating dispensaries in Arkansas.⁴

Number of Approved Medical Cannabis ID Cards in Arkansas ¹³



RESEARCH FINDINGS 🔍

2018 STUDY ⁸

Participants with previous cannabis use favored fewer restrictions and viewed pharmacists' involvement in cannabis dispensing more negatively.

- ▶ 1,814 participants completed a portion of survey
- ▶ 1,541 provided information for follow-up

2020 STUDY

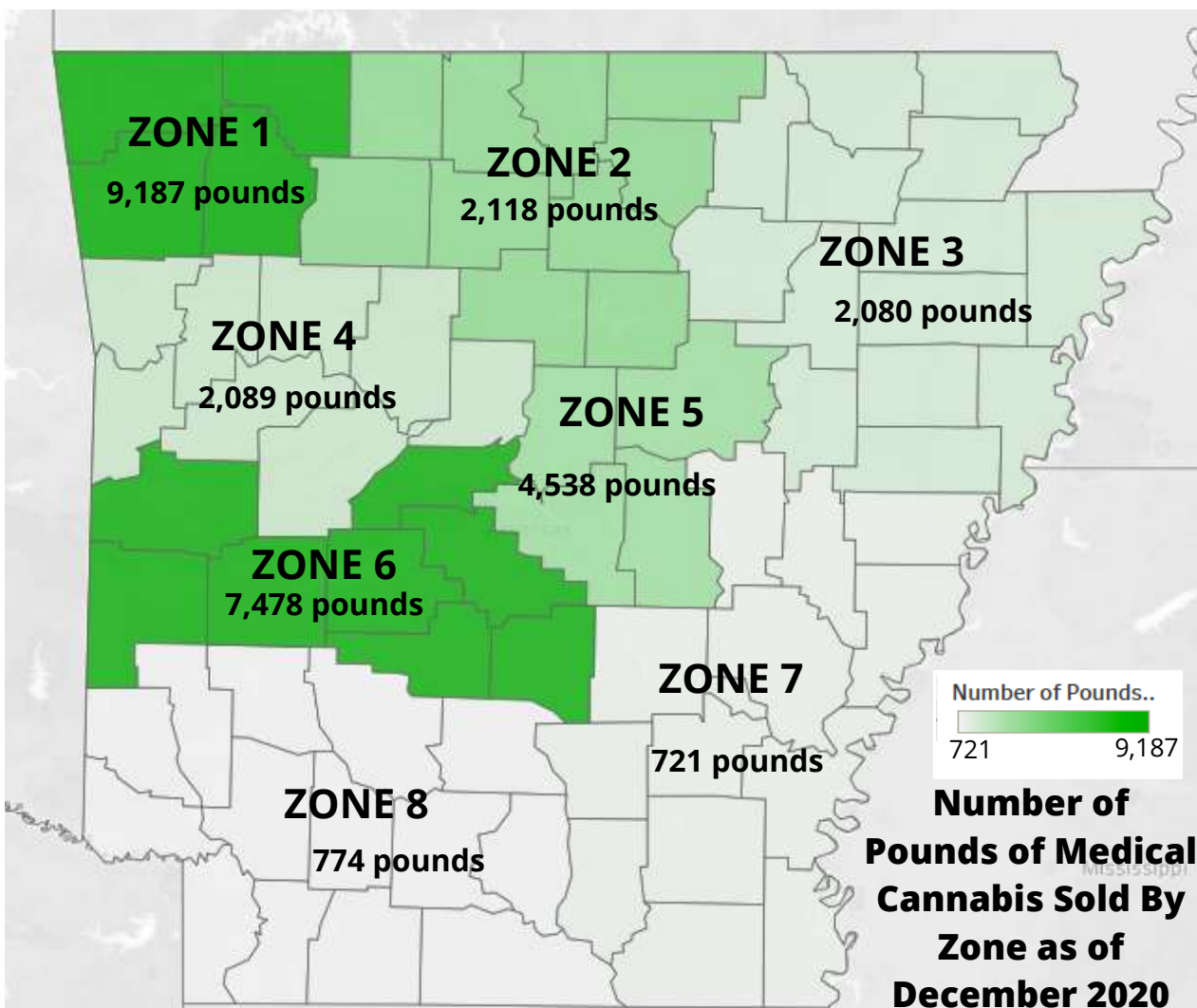
After the availability of legal MC products, Arkansans' attitudes shifted to prefer lesser control of MC and had less agreement on the pharmacist's role in improving the safety of MC use.

- ▶ 1,526 participants were contacted for follow-up.
- ▶ 607 participants started the survey, with completion by 555 participants.

ARKANSAS STATE LAW OVERVIEW

Qualifying Conditions	Pharmacist Role	Possession Limits	Home Cultivation	Recognize Out of State ID Cards?	Application Fee for MC ID Card
Cancer, glaucoma, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, ALS, Tourette's, Crohn's, ulcerative colitis, PTSD, severe arthritis, fibromyalgia, Alzheimer's, wasting, peripheral neuropathy, intractable pain,* severe nausea, seizures, and severe or persistent muscle spasms.	Pharmacist acts as consultant and must be accessible by dispensary through telephonic means at all operating hours and telephone/video conference for patient consultation during operating hours.	2.5 ounces	No	Yes	\$50.00

DISPENSARY UPDATE



RESOURCES

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