

**STATE CANNABIS LICENSING AUTHORITIES'  
STATISTICAL UPDATE**

**FOR THE  
CALIFORNIA CANNABIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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## **OVERVIEW**

The Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) creates a single regulatory system governing medical and adult-use cannabis industry comprised of the State's three cannabis licensing authorities:

The **Bureau of Cannabis Control (Bureau)**, within the Department of Consumer Affairs, is the lead agency in regulating commercial cannabis licenses for medical and adult-use cannabis and is responsible for licensing retailers, distributors, testing laboratories, and microbusinesses, and temporary cannabis events. The Bureau is also responsible for licensing temporary cannabis events and cannabis event organizers.

The **CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Division** within the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), ensures public safety and environmental protection by licensing and regulating commercial cannabis cultivators in California. CalCannabis also manages the state's Track-and-Trace System, which tracks all commercial cannabis and cannabis products from cultivation to sale

The **Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch** within the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is responsible for licensing manufacturers and ensuring that all cannabis products are produced in a clean, safe, hazard free environment and packaged and labeled in a way that informs the consumer about the product. CDPH's Compliance Team is composed of environmental scientists that conduct routine inspections of manufacturing facilities to ensure they comply with good manufacturing processes and practices such as permissible extractions, proper inventory control and proper record keeping.

The three agencies began issuing temporary licenses in January of 2018. Currently, more than 10,000 cannabis businesses hold state licenses in California

## **I. Bureau of Cannabis Control**

<b>LICENSES - OVERVIEW</b>	
<b>Total Active Licenses</b>	<b>2,374</b>
Active Temporary Licenses	1,253
Active Annual Licenses	43
Active Provisional Licenses	1,078
Annual and Provisional Licenses Approved (Awaiting Payment of License Fee)	768

<b>ACTIVE LICENSES BY LICENSE TYPE (Annual and Provisional)</b>	
Distributor	497
Distributor Transport Only	54
Retailer	288
Retailer Nonstorefront	128
Microbusiness	101
Testing Laboratory	14
Cannabis Event Organizer	24
Temporary Event Permit	15

<b>ENFORCEMENT</b>	
Total Number of Complaints Received	8,584
Inspections Conducted of Licensed Premises	977
Cease and Desist Letters to Unlicensed Businesses	3,915

<b>TESTING – OVERVIEW</b>	
Total Number of Cannabis Goods Batches Tested	54,840
Total Number of Failed Cannabis Goods Batches	4,971

<b>TESTED CANNABIS GOODS BATCHES BY CATEGORY</b>		
	Tested Batches	Failed Batches
Flower	27,194	1,779
Inhalable (cartridges, waxes, etc.)	18,180	1,745
Other (edibles, tinctures, topicals, etc.)	9,466	1,447

<b>FAILED CANNABIS GOODS BATCHES BY CATEGORY</b>	
<b>REASONS FOR FAILURE*</b>	Failed Batches
Label Claims	2,379
Pesticides	1,357
Microbial Impurities	542
Residual Solvents	302
Homogeneity	36
Foreign Material	20
Moisture	71
Heavy Metals	298
Water Activity	19
Cannabinoids	40
Mycotoxins	1
Injurious to Human Health	2

\* Batches can fail for multiple categories

## II. **CDFA CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Division**

<b>LICENSES – OVERVIEW</b>	
<b>Total Active Licenses</b>	<b>2,608</b>
Active Provisional Licenses	1,767
Active Annual Licenses	246
Active Temporary Licenses	595
Annual and Provisional Licenses Approved (Awaiting Payment of License Fee)	651
Pending Annual Applications	2,566

<b>ACTIVE LICENSES BY LICENSE TYPE – Adult Use (Annual and Provisional)</b>	
Medium Indoor	16
Medium Mixed Lighting Tier 1	35
Medium Mixed Lighting Tier 2	7
Medium Outdoor	57
Nursery	59
Processor	37
Small Indoor	41
Small Mixed Light Tier 1	376
Small Mixed Light Tier 2	57
Small Outdoor	366
Specialty Cottage Indoor	12
Specialty Cottage Mixed Light Tier 1	21
Specialty Cottage Mixed Light Tier 2	6
Specialty Cottage Outdoor	14
Specialty Indoor	60
Specialty Mixed Light Tier 1	46
Specialty Mixed Light Tier 2	9
Specialty Outdoor	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,280</b>

<b>ACTIVE LICENSES BY LICENSE TYPE – Medicinal Use (Annual and Provisional)</b>	
Medium Indoor	13
Medium Mixed Light Tier 1	13
Medium Mixed Light Tier 2	5
Medium Outdoor	43
Nursery	32
Processor	9
Small Indoor	26
Small Mixed Light Tier 1	151
Small Mixed Light Tier 2	40
Small Outdoor	263
Specialty Cottage Indoor	3
Specialty Cottage Mixed Light Tier 1	16
Specialty Cottage Mixed Light Tier 2	6
Specialty Cottage Outdoor	5
Specialty Indoor	33
Specialty Mixed Light Tier 1	27
Specialty Mixed Light Tier 2	7
Specialty Outdoor	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>733</b>

<b>ENFORCEMENT</b>	
Total Number of Complaints Received	607
License Inspections – Calendar Year 2018	2,400
License Inspections – Calendar Year 2019 (to date)	1,030
<b>Total License Inspections (to date)</b>	<b>3,430</b>

### **III. California Department of Public Health**

<b>LICENSES - OVERVIEW</b>	
Active Temporary Licenses	52
Active Annual Licenses	133
Active Provisional Licenses	588
Active temporary with provisional license approved pending payment of license fee	218

<b>ACTIVE LICENSES BY LICENSE TYPE</b>	
Type 7 (Volatile Extractions)	287
Type 6 (Non-Volatile or Mechanical Extractions)	519
Type N (Infusions)	138
Type P (Packaging and Labeling)	30
Type S (Shared-Use Facility)	17

<b>ENFORCEMENT</b>	
Total Number of Complaints Received	412
Inspections Conducted of Licensed Premises	563
Cease and Desist Letters to Unlicensed Businesses	65