



Cannabis Data Science

Meetup

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Someone wiser than me once said...

"The reason you study economics is so that you don't get fooled by economists."

Original quote:

"The purpose of studying economics is not to acquire a set of ready-made answers to economic questions, but to learn how to avoid being deceived by economists."

- Joan Robinson, British Economist (1903 - 1983)

Cannabis Licenses by Type in Massachusetts



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The totals below are number of licenses approved by category.

Type	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	3
Marijuana Courier	11
Marijuana Delivery Operator	1
Independent Testing Laboratory	14
Marijuana Cultivator	285
Marijuana Microbusiness	23
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	218
Marijuana Research Facility	0
Marijuana Retailer	379
Marijuana Third Party Transporter	4
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	7
Total	945

Source: Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission

Cannabis Licenses Approval Stage in Massachusetts

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TYPE	PENDING APPLICATION	PRE-CERTIFIED/ENDORSEMENT	INITIAL LICENSE DENIED	PROVISIONALLY APPROVED	PROVISIONAL LICENSE	FINAL LICENSE	COMMENCE OPERATION	TOTAL
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	3	-	0	1	2	0	0	6
Marijuana Courier License	8	-	0	0	5	1	5	19
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	15	74	-	-	-	-	-	89
Independent Testing Laboratory	6	-	0	1	5	0	8	20
Marijuana Cultivator	67	-	2	28	164	31	62	354
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	13	-	0	0	1	0	0	14
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	14	48	-	-	-	-	-	62
Marijuana Microbusiness	8	-	0	4	13	2	4	31
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	48	-	1	30	120	13	55	267
Marijuana Research Facility	7	-	0	0	0	0	0	7
Marijuana Retailer	63	-	1	27	165	11	176	443
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	0	-	0	3	2	0	3	8
Microbusiness Delivery	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
Third Party Transporter	7	-	0	0	1	0	2	10
Total	259	124	4	94	478	58	316	1,333

Source: Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission

Dispensary Statistics

Table 2: Basic Analysis Data & Calculations, by State: 2020

State	Year Adult- Use Legalized	21+ Population	Revenue	Dispensaries (2021)	Dispensaries / 100,000	Revenue / Dispensary
Alaska	2014	542,152		145	26.7	
Arizona	2020	5,486,239	\$1,030,000,000	79	1.4	\$13,037,975
California	2016	30,131,464	\$4,101,540,638	740	2.5	\$5,542,622
Colorado	2012	4,347,644	\$2,191,091,679	812	18.7	\$2,698,389
Illinois	2019	9,570,274	\$1,034,790,099	96	1.0	\$10,779,064
Maine	2016	1,062,570	\$4,706,160	15	1.4	\$313,744
Massachusetts	2016	5,426,264	\$702,407,378	84	1.5	\$8,361,993
Michigan	2018	7,513,559	\$984,700,000	535	7.1	\$1,840,561
Montana	2020	811,418				
Nevada	2016	2,524,682	\$786,479,410	80	3.2	\$9,830,993
Oregon	2014	3,249,774	\$1,111,027,558	748	23.0	\$1,485,331
Vermont	2018	491,627		7	1.4	
Virginia	2021	6,473,738				
Washington	2012	5,783,473	\$1,266,224,177	566	9.8	\$2,237,145
Nevada Counties						
Clark	2016	1,878,401	\$609,167,054	57	3.0	\$10,687,141
Washoe	2016	387,180	\$111,585,750	15	3.9	\$7,439,050

Note: Blanks denote data not available.

Sources: Various

Source: Nevada Cannabis Dispensary Market Overview Technical Memorandum

Market Structure

Market Structure	Number of Firms	Barriers to Entry	Market Power
Perfect Competition	∞	None	None
Monopolistic Competition	Many	Low	Low
Oligopoly	Few	High	Medium
Monopoly	1	Blocked	High

Research Question: What is the relationship between dispensaries per capita and revenue per dispensary?

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Panel Data

A panel has the form

$$X_{it}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad t = 1, \dots, T,$$

where i is the individual dimension and t is the time dimension.

A general panel data regression model is written as

$$y_{it} = \alpha + \beta' X_{it} + u_{it}$$

where

$$u_{it} = \mu_i + v_{it}$$

Estimation with a **fixed effects** or **random effects** model depends on assumptions about μ_i , the individual-specific, time-invariant effects.

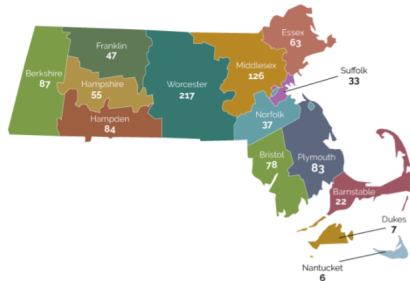
Future work: Look at geographic distribution of licensees



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The totals below are the total number of licenses by county.

COUNTY	#	+/-
BARNSTABLE	22	
BERKSHIRE	87	+2
BRISTOL	78	
DUKES	7	
ESSEX	63	+1
FRANKLIN	47	
HAMPDEN	84	+2
HAMPSHIRE	55	
MIDDLESEX	126	+5
NANTUCKET	6	
NORFOLK	37	+1
PLYMOUTH	83	+2
SUFFOLK	33	+2
WORCESTER	217	+2
TOTAL	945	+17



Thank you for coming.