



Vermont Cannabis Control Board

May 22, 2023
Board Meeting
Executive Director Report

Public engagement since last Board meeting and upcoming

- May 4: Training on Inventory Tracking Reporting for Cultivators
- May 10: Public hearing on Rule amendments (10 AM)
- May 15: Public hearing on rule amendments (6 PM)
- May 11: Guidance and Networking Session on Compliant Packaging
- May 25: Q&A on the emergency hemp derived products rule (5 PM)
- June 1: Q&A on changes to the medical program (Tentatively 10am)



Hiring activity update

- **Medical Program Technician
hired: Preya Holland**
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Guidance Updates

- [Packaging Materials
Guidance](#)

Legislative update: H.270

- As passed version has not been created by House Clerk's office as of 5/22/23.
- That means the bill has not yet been sent to the Governor's desk for signature.

H.270: potential adult-use program changes

- Increases the THC per package limit to 100 mg.
- Amends the definition of advertising to provide an objective standard for determining whether something is an advertisement.
- Allows licensees to sell and transfer cannabis and cannabis products to other licensees. This removes some restrictions on transferring, such as manufactured products being transferred back to the cultivator.
- Increases the cap on annual sales for Tier 1 Manufacturers to 50k.
- Expands the requirements for CCB compliance records, so that if an investigation leads to an administrative action against a licensee, the case record becomes public. If not, a summary of the complaint and CCB action shall be public.
- Removes the overlapping jurisdiction of DLL to license and inspect CE retailers selling paraphernalia but not tobacco products.

H.270: potential adult-use program changes

- Expands the limited set of agricultural benefits currently afforded to small outdoor cultivators to all tiers of outdoor cultivation.
 - Outdoor cultivation canopy is eligible for enrollment in Use Value Appraisal program if all other program eligibility criteria requirements are met
 - Agricultural inputs used for outdoor cannabis cultivation are exempt from the sales tax
 - Local regulation of outdoor cultivation cannot be more restrictive than it is allowed to be for other agricultural activities
 - For purposes of Act 250 permitting, outdoor cultivators operating in compliance with sections of the Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs) shall be regulated as farming and not as development
- Affords the same protections from nuisance lawsuits to outdoor cultivation as to other agricultural activities. Cultivators must be operating in compliance with the applicable law and the RAPs.
- Provides that the CCB may issue a license to operate without local approval if the Board finds that the municipality is regulating in a manner that would have the effect of prohibiting the operation of a cannabis establishment.

Propagation license

- Separate, stand-alone license type (a cultivator licensee could also carry a propagation license)
- Allows for 3,500 sq ft of vegetative plant canopy; no flowering canopy allowed.
- Propagator licensees may sell seeds to the public; may sell clones to other licensees.
- \$500 license fee
- License available in summer '24

H.270:
potential
new license
type

H.270: potential medical program changes

- Eliminates requirement that patients with a PTSD diagnosis receive counseling.
- Increases plant count limits for patients and caregivers to 6 mature and 12 immature.
- Eliminates requirement for caregivers to undergo fingerprint supported background check.
- For all qualifying conditions except chronic pain, reduces medical card renewal requirement from yearly to every 3 years.
- Allows the Board to create rules that will ensure the medical program has similar requirements for safety and education as the adult-use program.
- Allows a single caregiver to serve up to two patients at a time; allows CCB to appoint more than two to a minor patient on a case-by-case basis
- Tasks a stakeholder group with developing recommendations for expanding the list of qualifying conditions, identifying strains appropriate for qualifying conditions, dosing and treatment standards, and other improvements to the program.

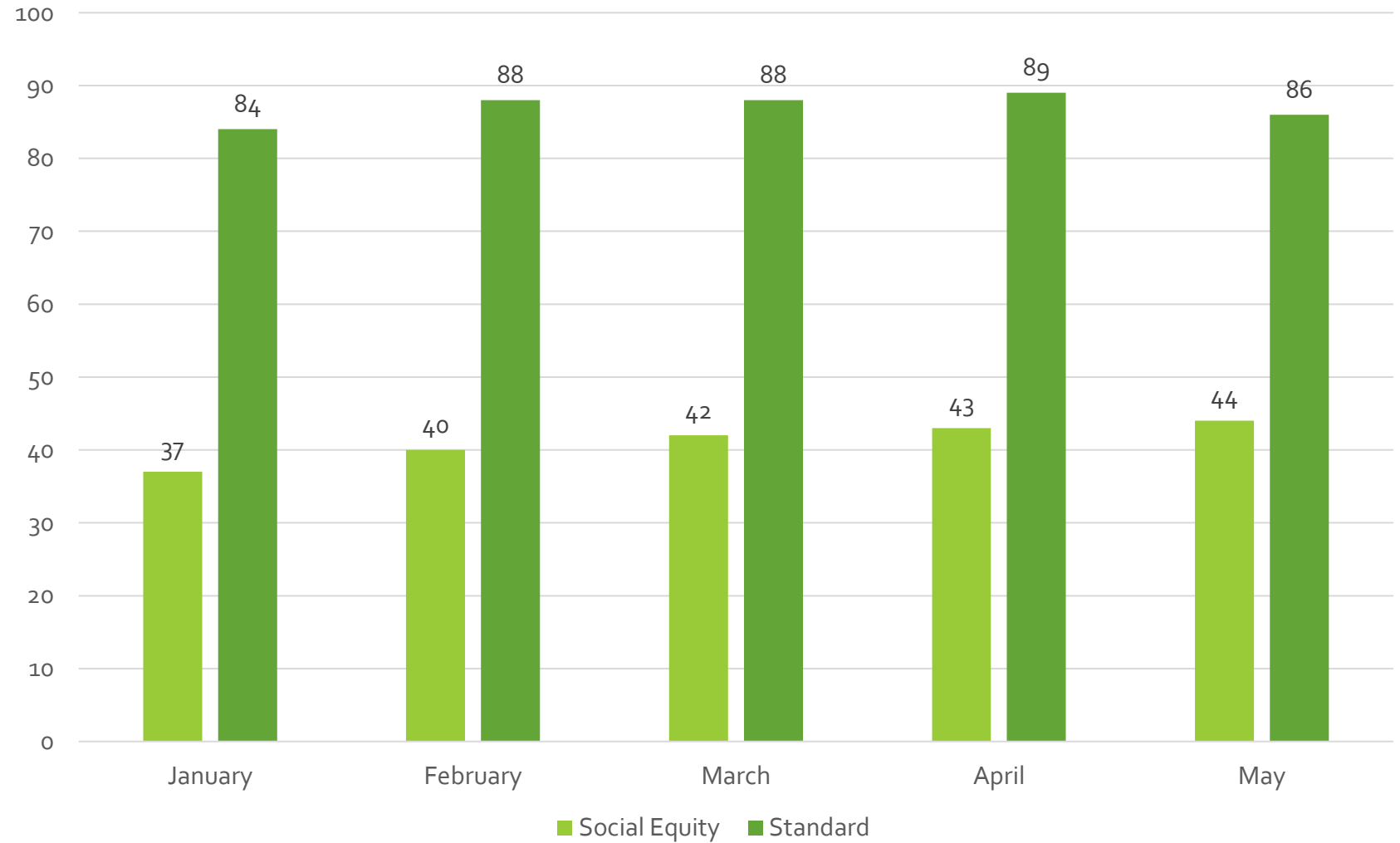
Adult use program: licensing data

Data as of
5/17/23

ADULT USE PROGRAM

Licensing cannabis establishments:
average days from submission to approval

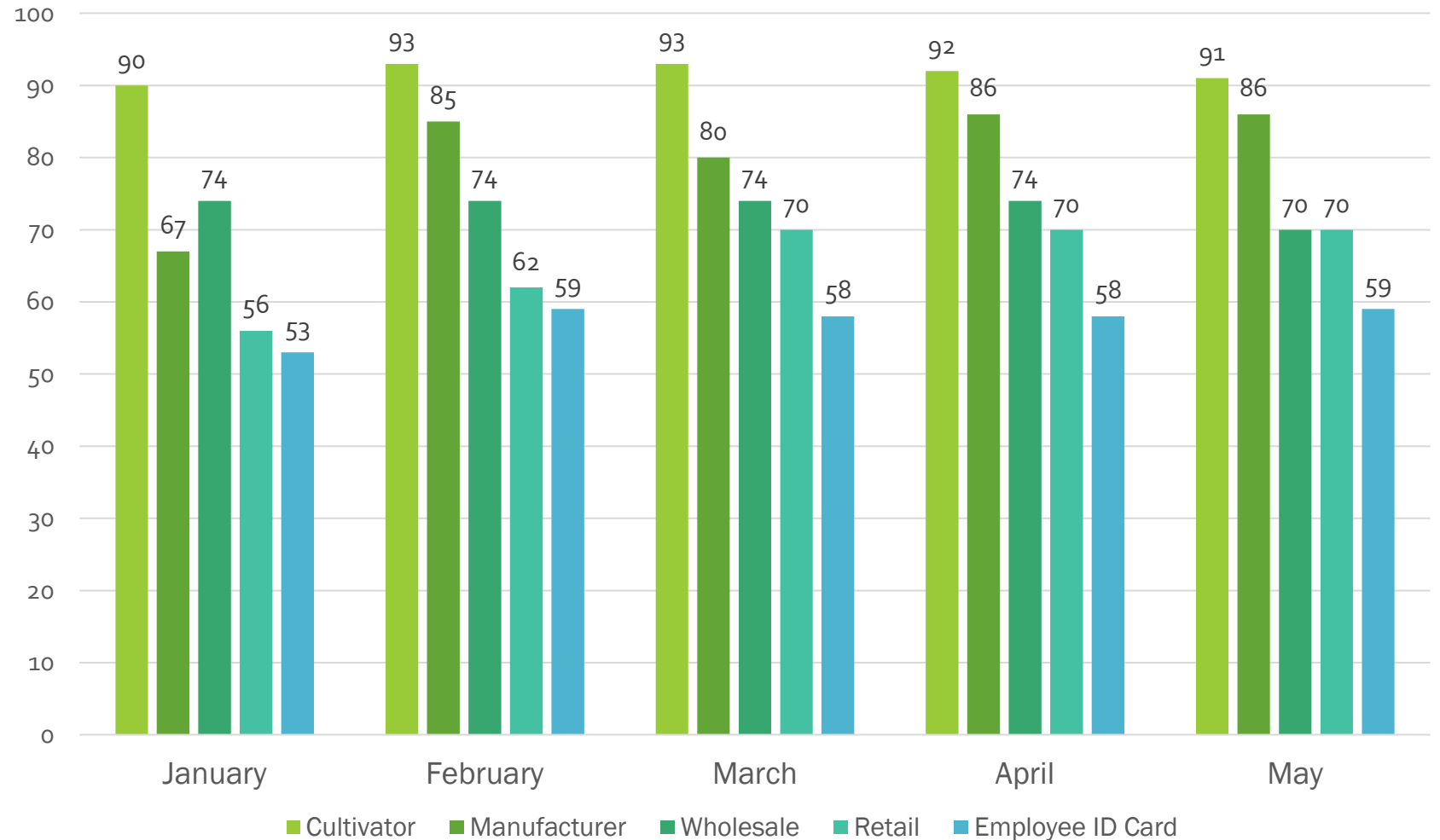
Social Equity & Standard Applications



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Licensing cannabis establishments:
average days from submission to approval

Based on License Type

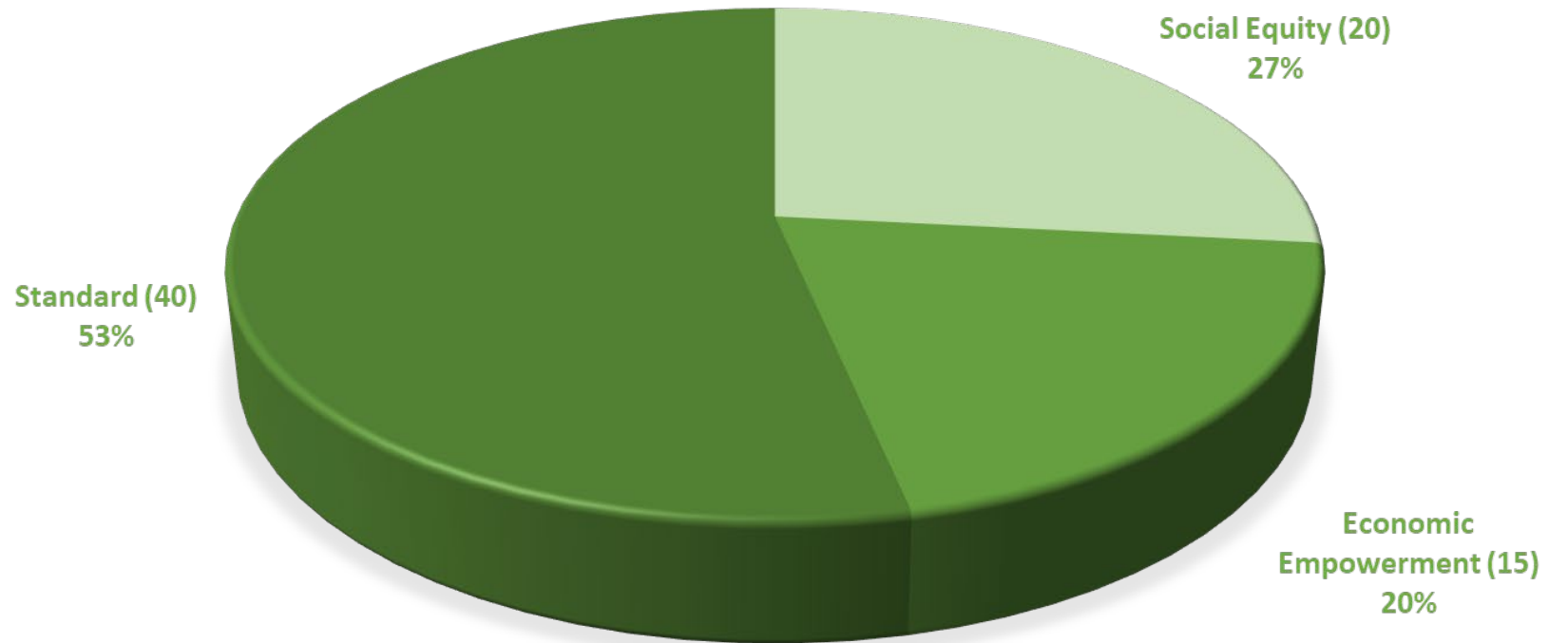


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New cannabis establishment license application submissions:

by status

75 NEW SUBMISSIONS
EXCLUDING RENEWALS
4.20.2023 – 5.15.23



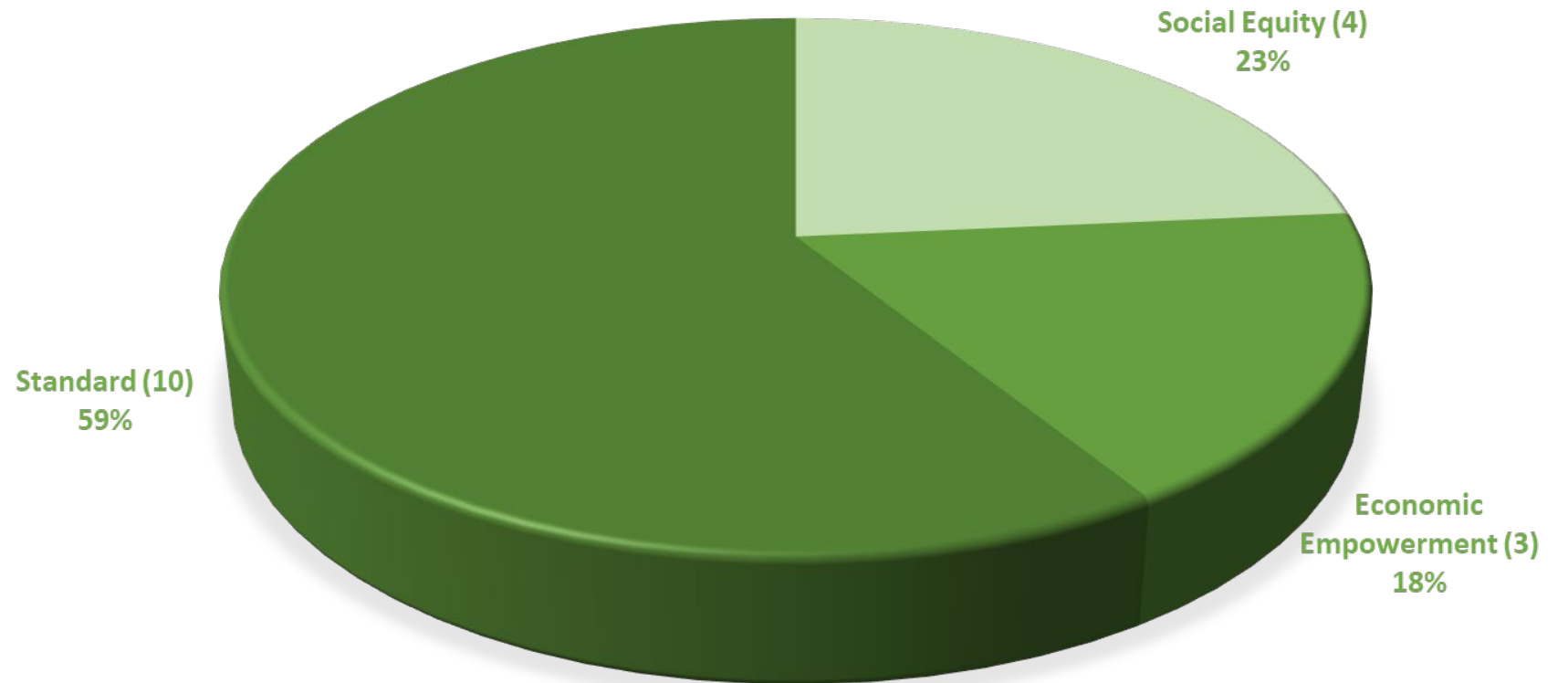
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Renewal cannabis establishment license renewal submissions:

by status

17 RENEWAL SUBMISSIONS

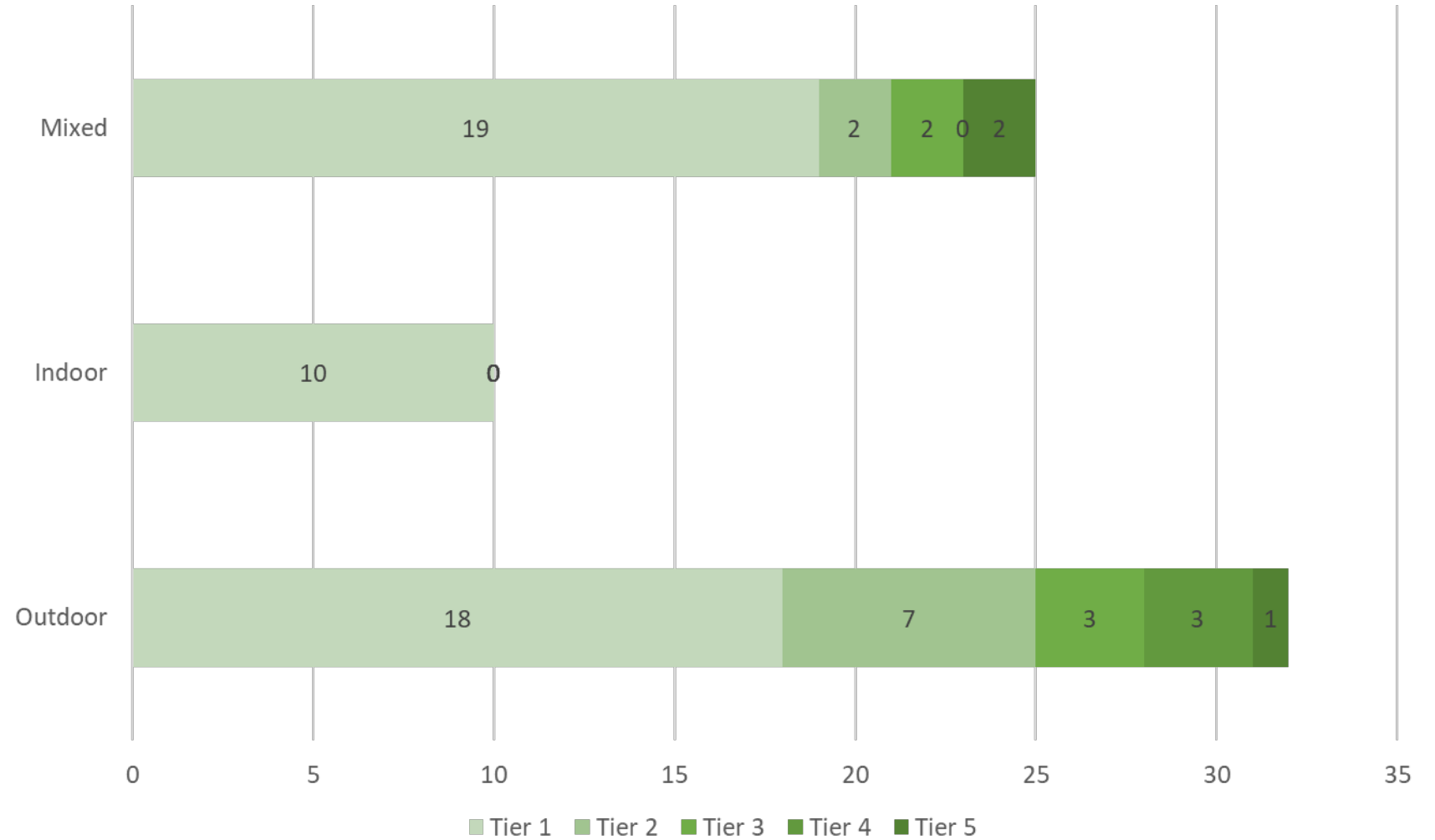
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New cannabis establishment license application submissions:
by license type

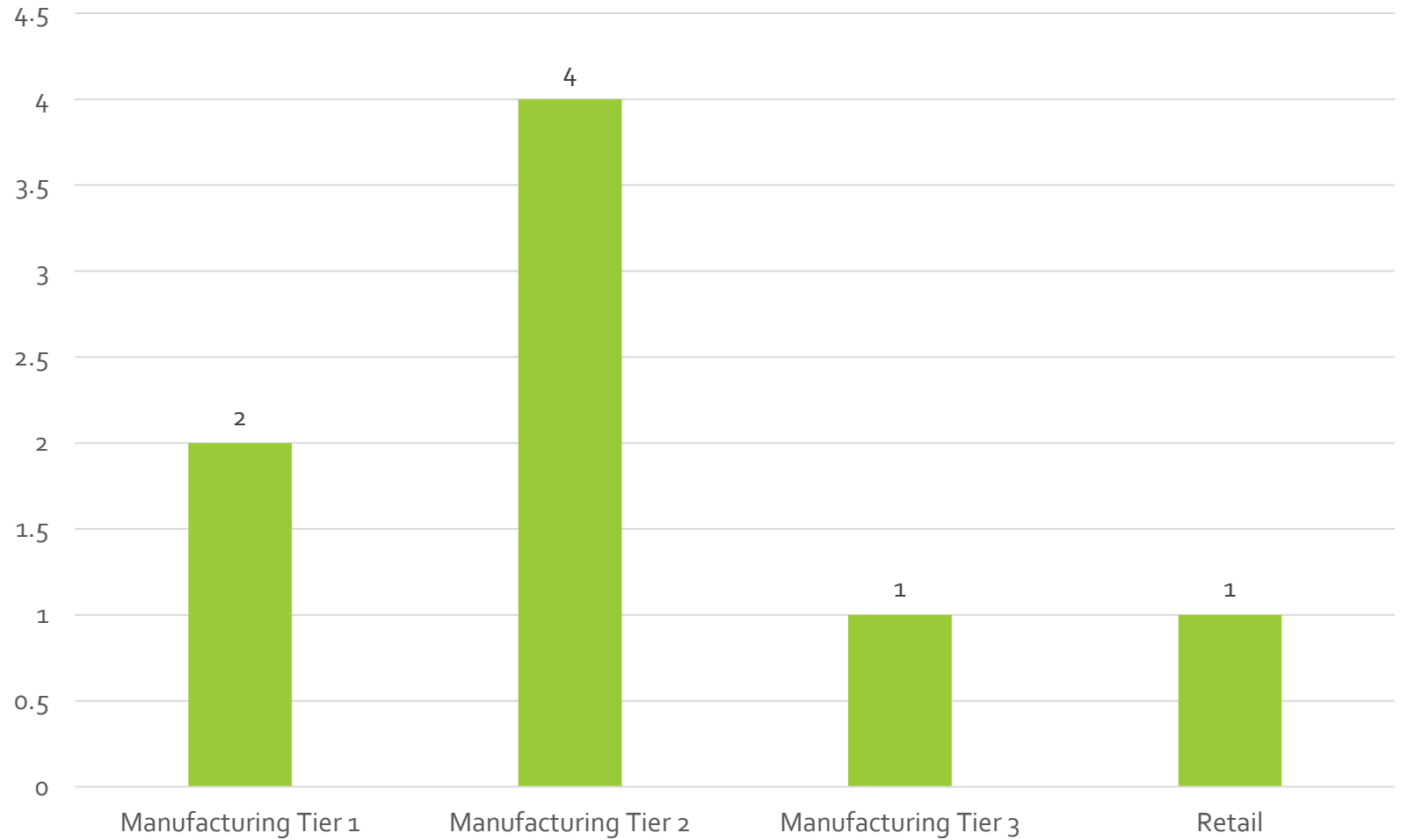
New Cultivation Submissions by Type & Tier



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New cannabis establishment license application submissions:
by license type cont.

New Submissions by License Type Excluding Cultivation

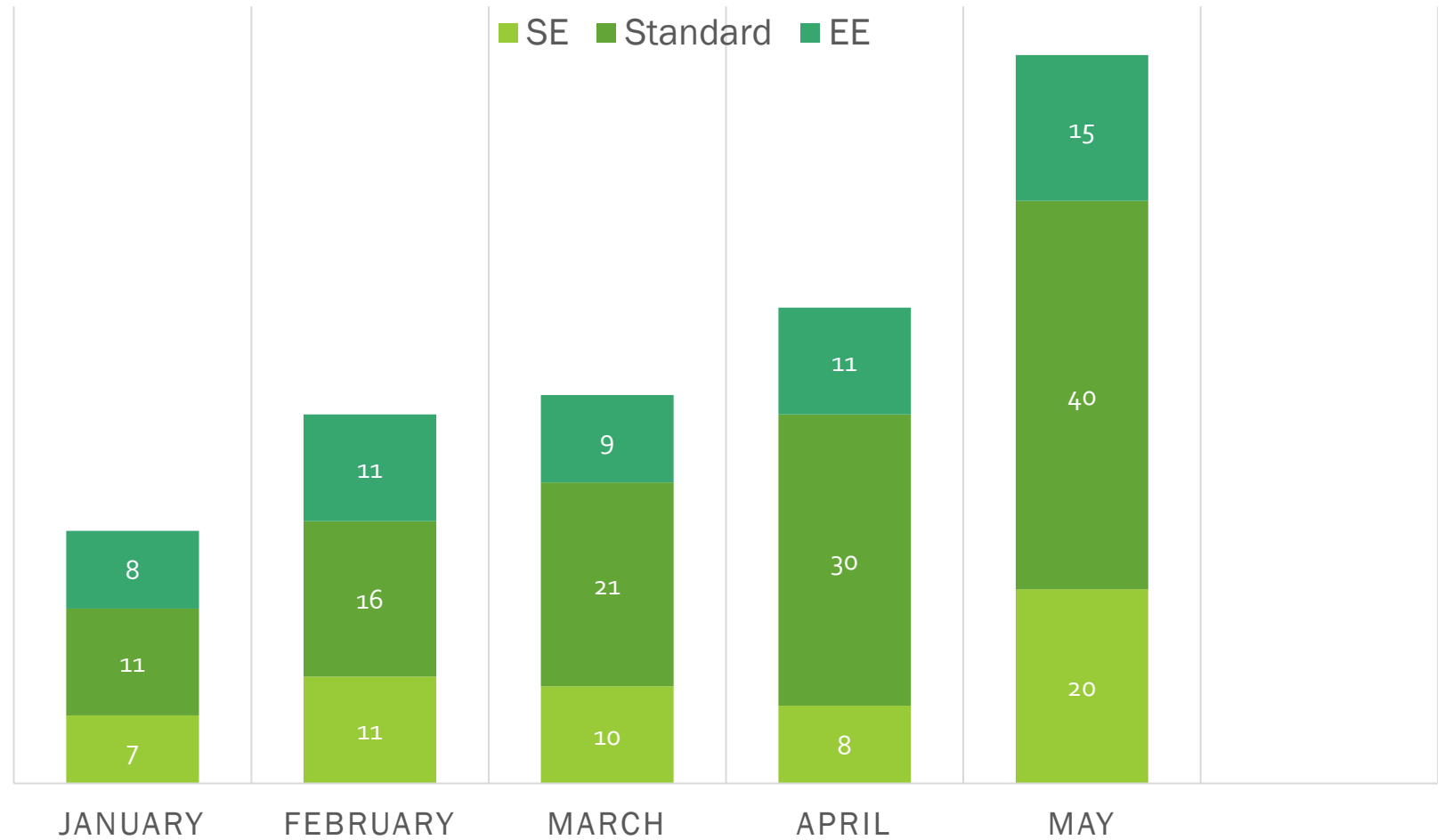


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New cannabis establishment license application submissions:

Monthly review

NEW SUBMISSIONS BY STATUS

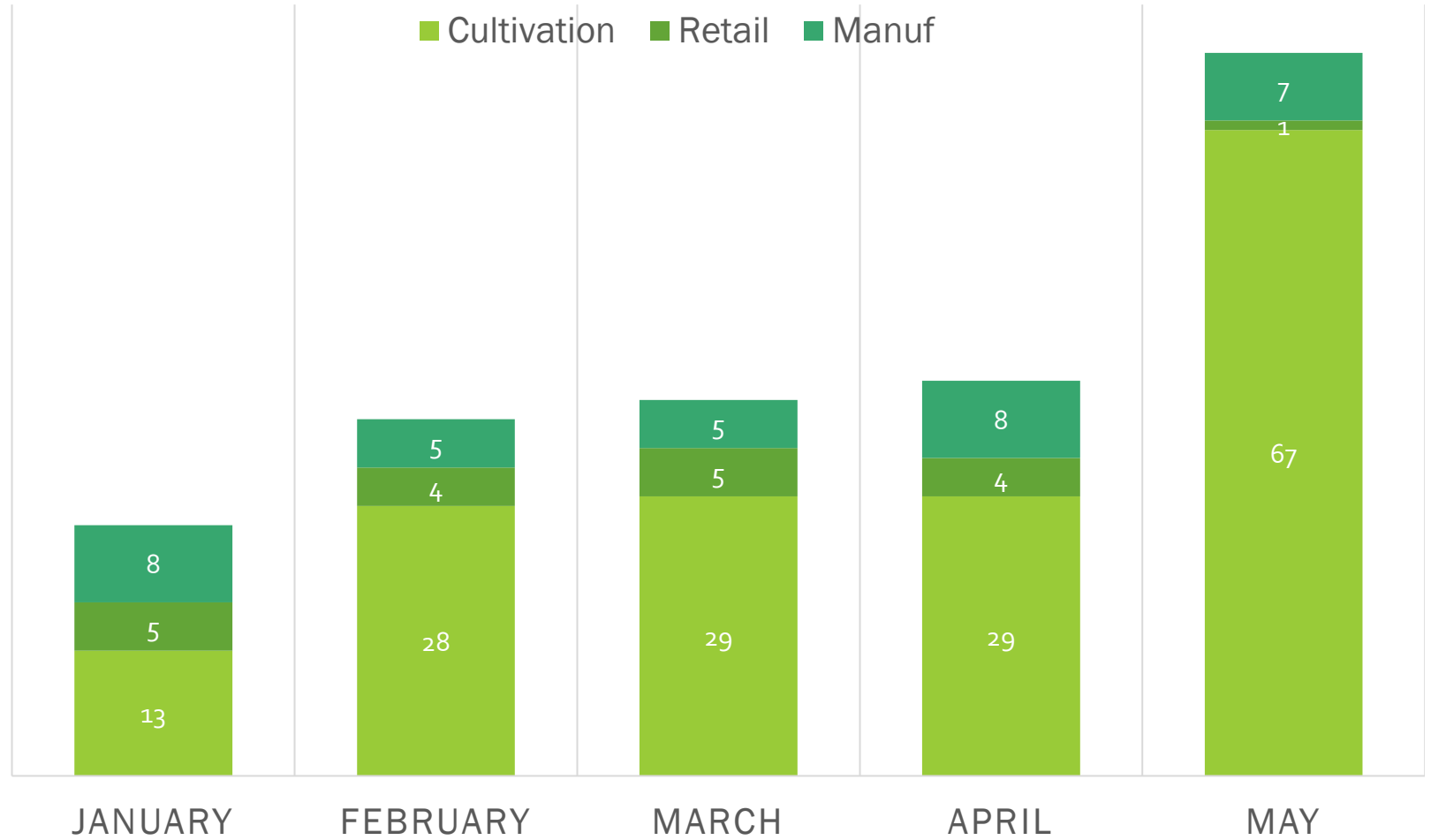


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New cannabis establishment license application submissions:

Monthly review

NEW SUBMISSIONS BY LICENSE TYPE



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Number of issued licenses by type and tier as of 5/17/23

Applying For	Issued
Indoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	78
Indoor Cultivator Tier 2	12
Indoor Cultivator Tier 3	7
Indoor Cultivator Tier 4	0
Indoor Cultivator Tier 5	1
Integrated Licenses	2
Manufacturers Tier 1	7
Manufacturers Tier 2	32
Manufacturers Tier 3	9
Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	68
Mixed Cultivator Tier 2	12
Mixed Cultivator Tier 3	4
Mixed Cultivator Tier 4	1
Mixed Cultivator Tier 5	2
Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	95
Outdoor Cultivator Tier 2	16
Outdoor Cultivator Tier 3	5
Outdoor Cultivator Tier 4	4
Outdoor Cultivator Tier 5	3
Retailers	53
Testing Labs	3
Wholesalers	9
Total	424

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Issued License Amendments

&

Employee ID cards

Applying For	Issued
Indoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator Amendment	2
Indoor Cultivator Tier 2 Amendment	1
Indoor Cultivator Tier 3 Amendment	1
Manufacturers Tier 2 Amendment	1
Manufacturers Tier 3 Amendment	1
Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator Amendment	5
Mixed Cultivator Tier 4 Amendment	1
Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator Amendment	8
Outdoor Cultivator Tier 2 Amendment	1
Retailers Amendment	2
Testing Labs Amendment	1
Total	24

Applying For	Issued
Employee ID Card	471

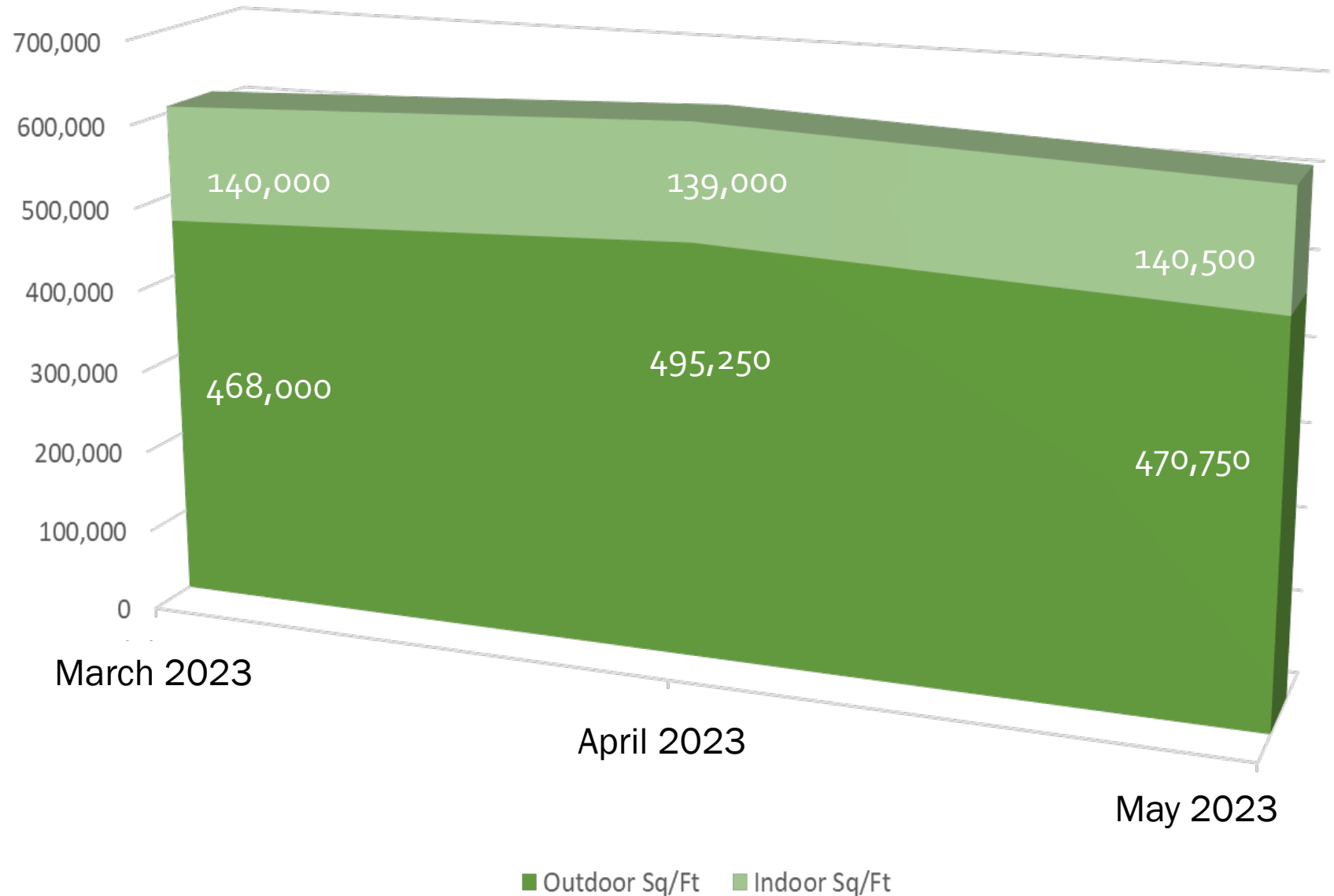
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State Licensed Canopy with cultivation renewals in the queue

- 24,500 sq/ft Outdoor Canopy

+ 1,500 sq/ft Indoor Canopy

Canopy Capacity Change with Renewals



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Total
submissions
received from
March 27 –
April 19

- 92 licensing applications in 25 calendar days (new & renewals)
- 246 product registration submissions
- 117 employee ID card applications

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Retail locations in Vermont

Retail Cannabis Establish...

▼ Town locations for retail cannabis establishments. PLEASE NOTE: For retail applicants, location is approximation for 104,285 views
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Licensed Retail Cannabis Establishments

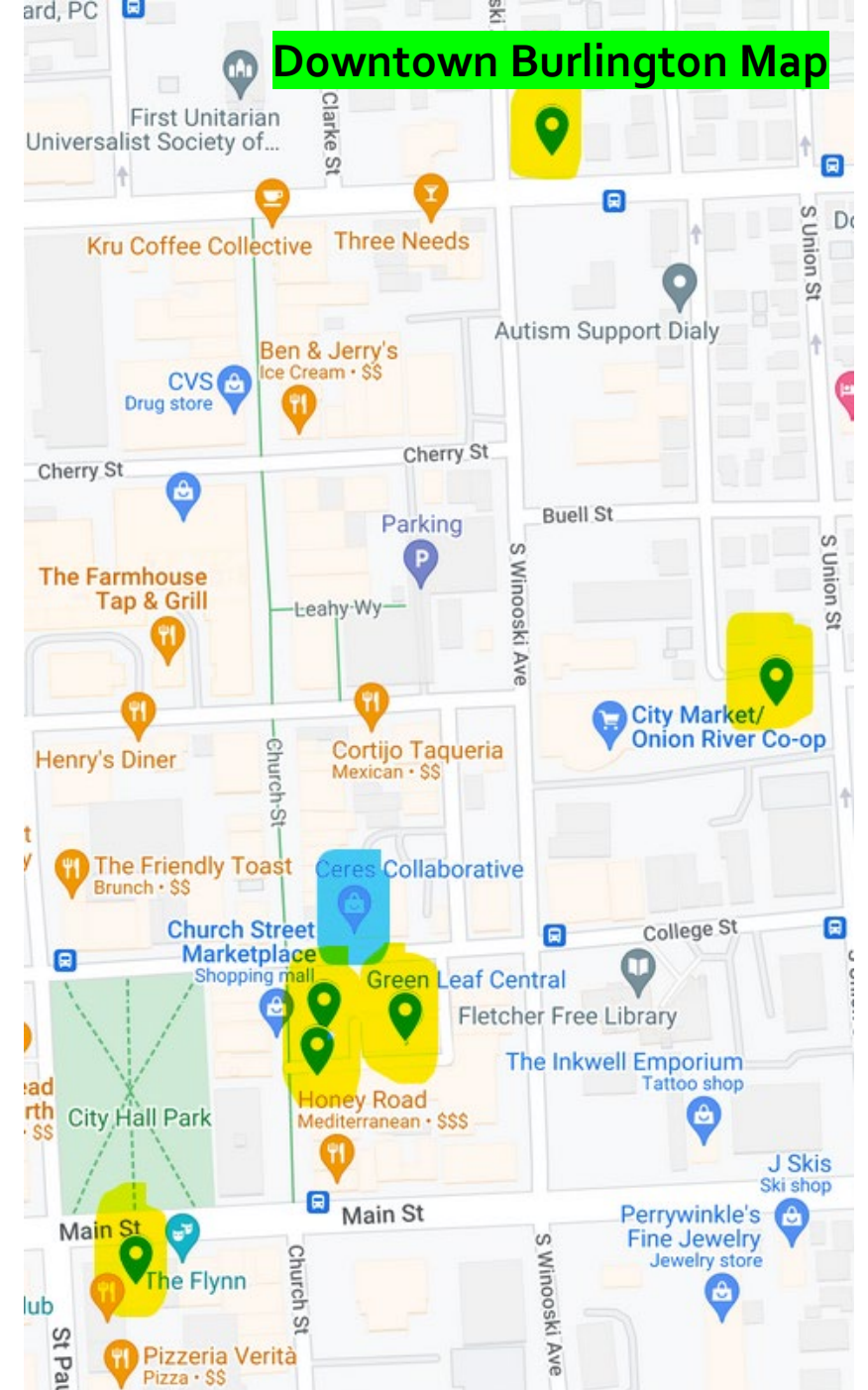
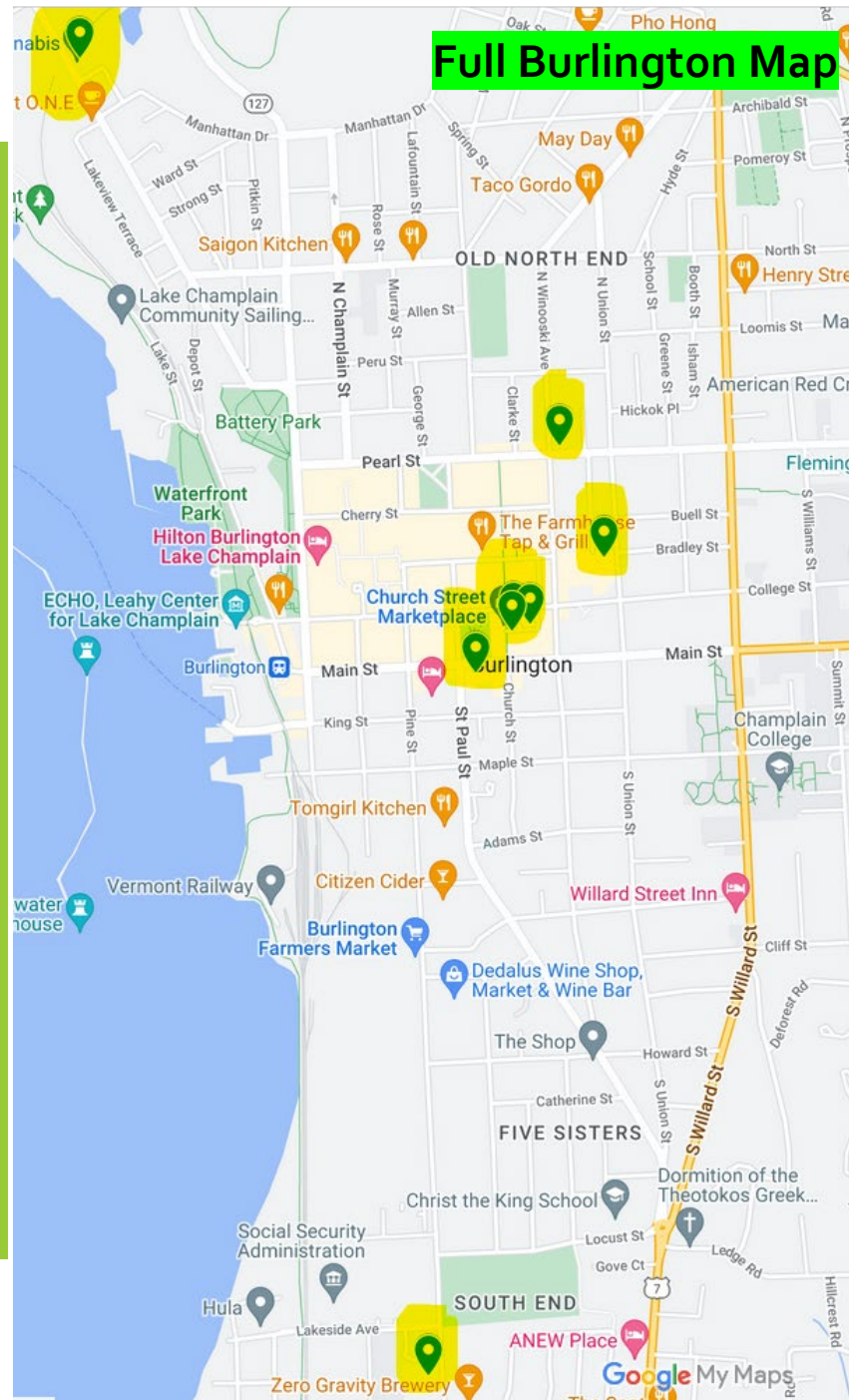
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Retail Cannabis Applicants

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Retail locations in Burlington



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Retail locations: areas of density

	Licensed Retailers (and Integrated)	Retail applications in the queue
Burlington	9	4
Montpelier	3	0
Rutland	3	0
Brattleboro	3	0
Morrisville	3	0
Brandon	2	1
Waterbury/ Waterbury Center	2	1
Derby	1	2

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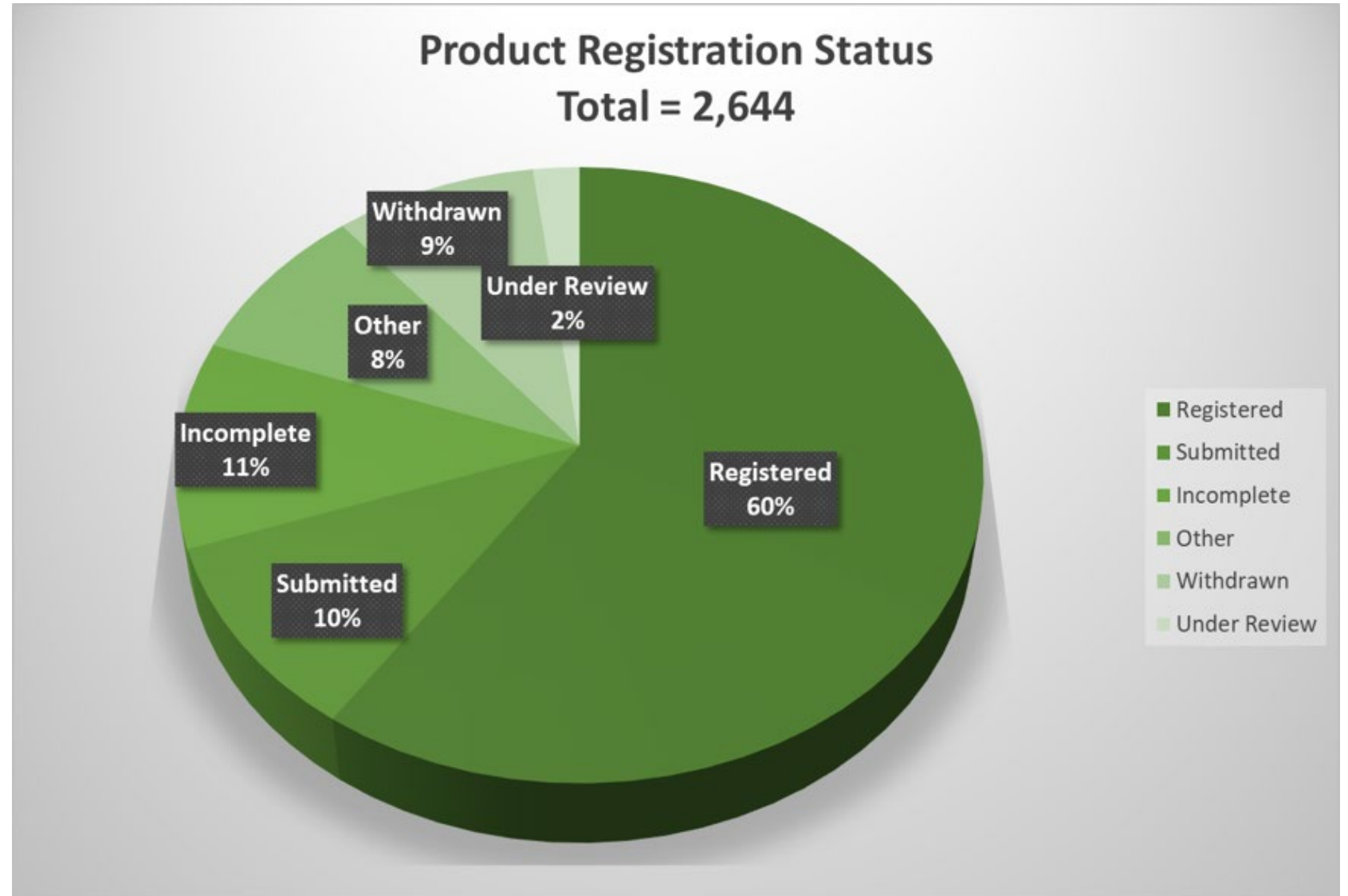
Product registration: by numbers

2,644 total product registration applications submitted

- 267 applications awaiting review
- 287 applications incomplete
- 1,575 products registered

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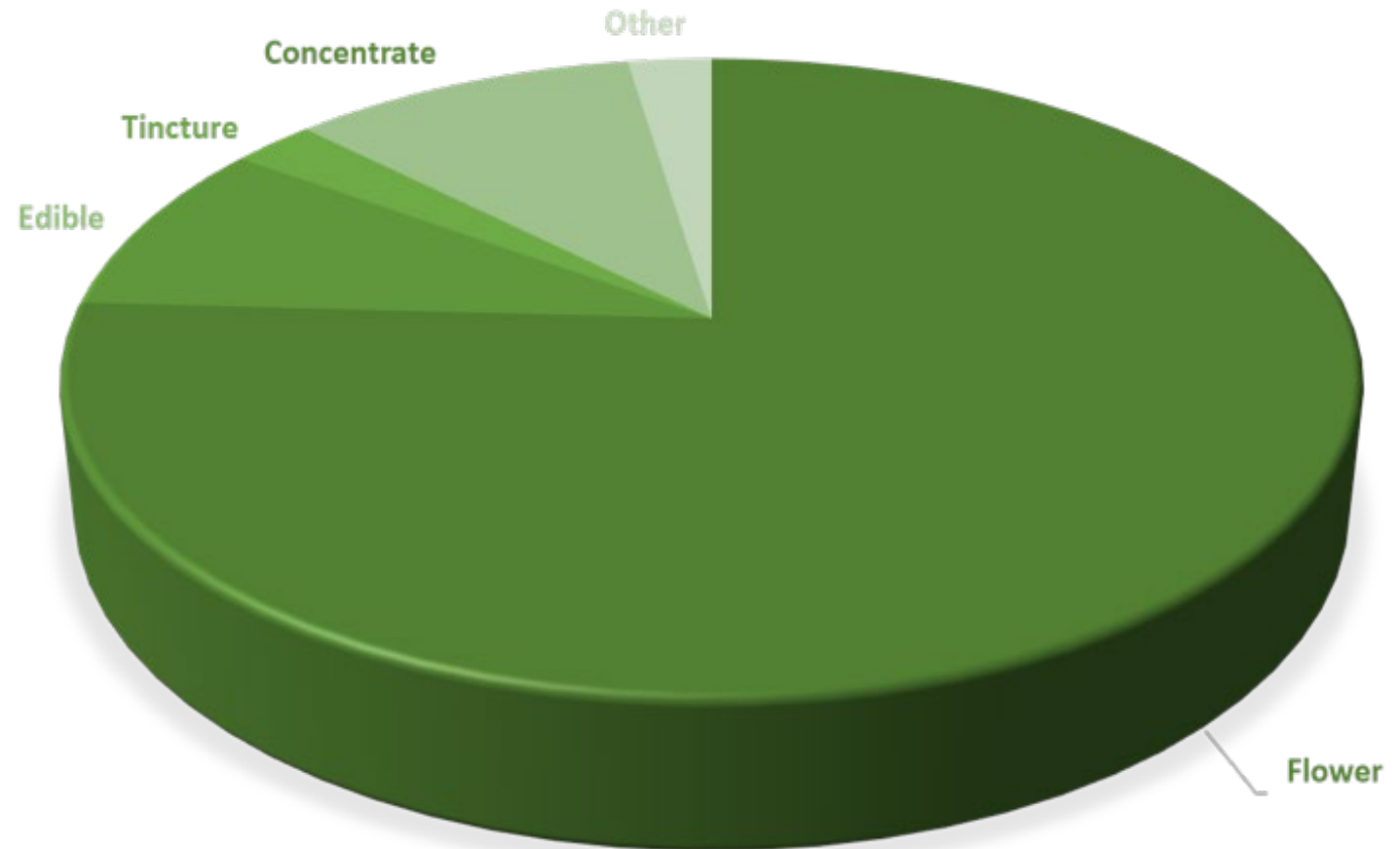
Product registration:
by status



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Product registration:
by product type

TYPES OF PRODUCTS IN ALL STATUSES



Adult use program: compliance data

Data as of
5/15/23

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Advertising
data since
11/21/22

- 96 advertising submissions received and reviewed
 - Approved: 46
 - Denied: 35
 - Withdrawn or incomplete: 5
- Reasons for denial (some denied for multiple reasons):
 - 19 failed to meet 15% threshold for youth audience composition
 - 12 failed to include health warnings
 - 5 included prizes or giveaways of cannabis
 - 5 lacked sufficient information
 - 2 were considered appealing to children
 - 1 other

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Inspections
from
April 20 –
May 15

- Total inspections: 100
 - Cultivation site: 74
 - Manufacturing site: 17
 - Wholesale site: 0
 - Retail site: 9

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Investigations
from
April 20 –
May 15

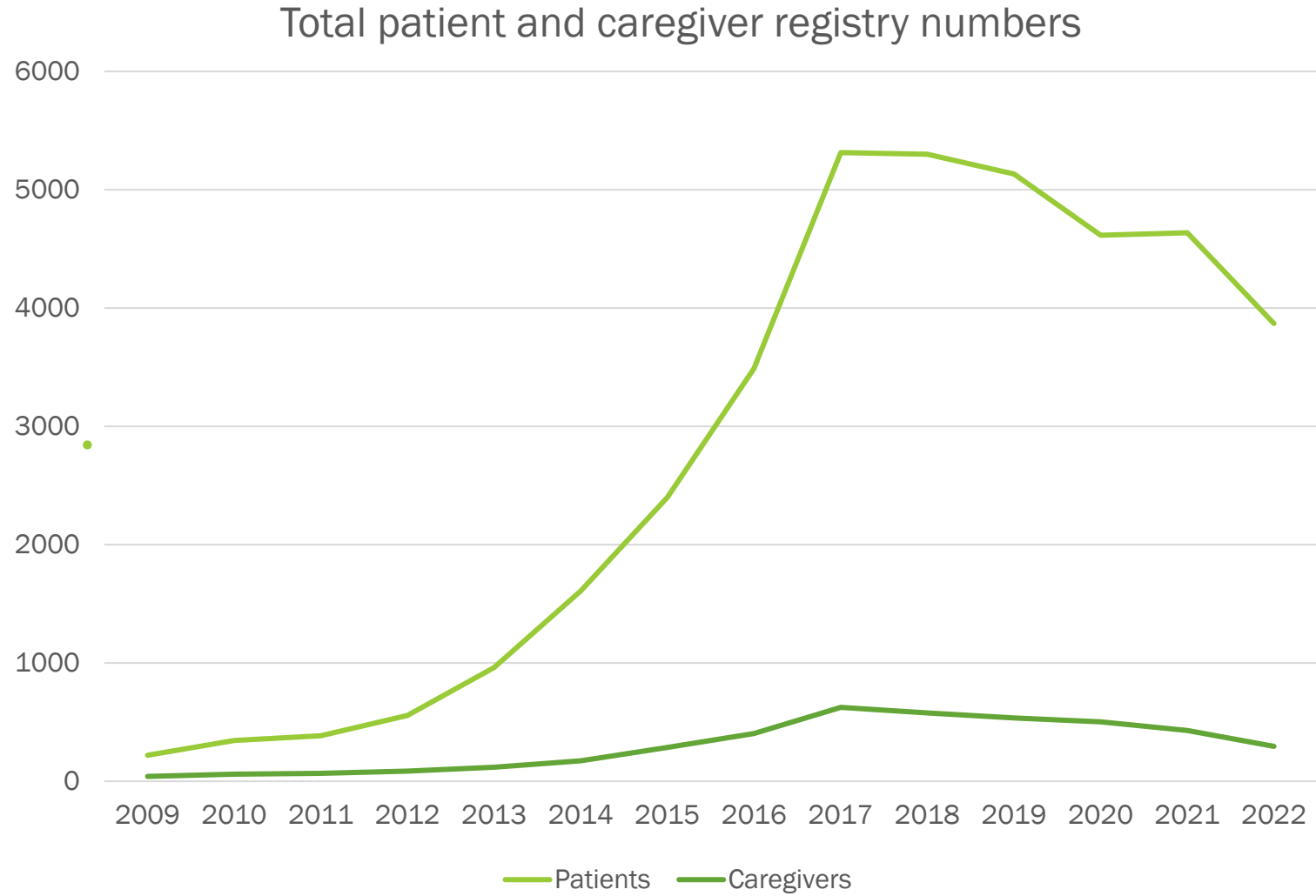
- Total new investigations: 24
 - Advertising
 - Labeling deficiencies
 - Diversion/Inversion
 - Onsite consumption
 - Product registration
- New complaints received: 20
- Letters of Warning Issued: 1
(advertising)

Medical program data

Data as of
5/18/23

MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM

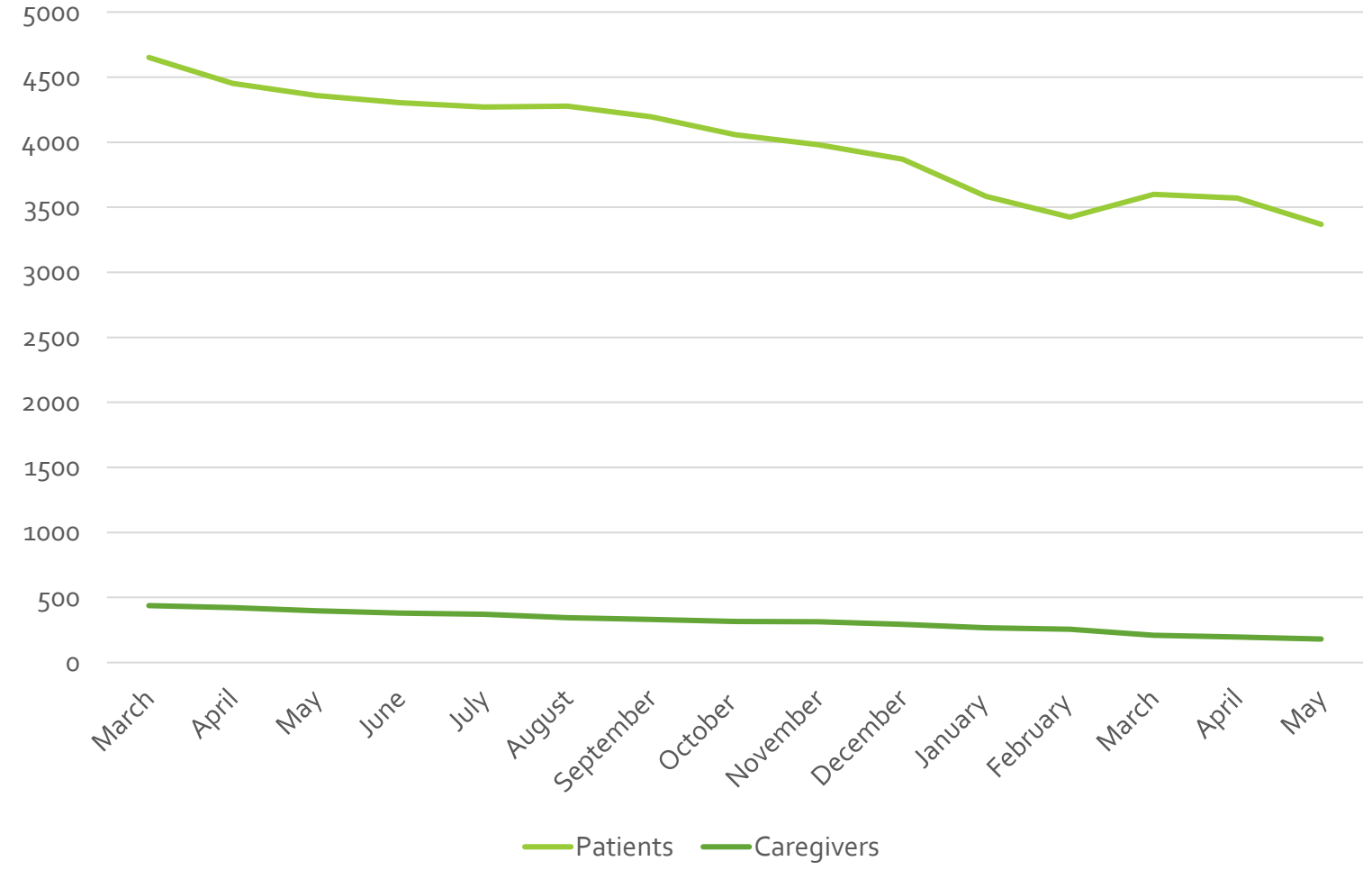
Patient and
caregiver
numbers:
2009-2022



MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM

Patient and caregiver numbers over last 15 months

Total patient and caregiver registry numbers



Adult use program: staff recommendations

5/18/23

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Staff
recommendations
on social equity
status

Staff Recommendations for Social Equity Status Denial

Submission S-000002605

Staff recommends denial of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant does not meet the criteria for social equity applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (q)(ii)

Submission S-000003744

Staff recommends denial of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant does not meet the criteria for social equity applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (q)(ii)

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Staff recommendations on social equity status

Staff Recommendations for Social Equity Status Approval

Submission S-000003866

Staff recommends approval of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity business applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (q)(i)

Submission S-000003594

Staff recommends approval of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity business applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (o)(i)

Submission S-000001304

Staff recommends approval of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity business applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (o)(i)

Submission S-000001278

Staff recommends approval of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity business applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (o)(ii)

Submission S-000003782

Staff recommends approval of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity business applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (q)(i)

Submission S-000003979

Staff recommends approval of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity business applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (q)(i)

Submission S-000004005

Staff recommends approval of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity business applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (q)(i)

Submission S-000003769

Staff recommends approval of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity business applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (q)(i)

Submission S-000003926

Staff recommends approval of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity business applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (q)(i)

Submission S-000001036

Staff recommends approval of social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity business applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3 (q)(i)

Adult use program: staff recommendations for licensure

The following applicants have demonstrated compliance with all requirements for their license contained in CCB Rules 1.4 and 1.5 and 7 V.S.A. chapter 33.

As of 5/18/23

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Staff recommendations for licensure

Business Name	Applying For	City	Priority Status
MMMDELIVERIES	Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Lunenburg	Economic Empowerment
Up North Cannabis LLC	Indoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Holland	Standard
Devils Den Cannabis Company	Retailers	Bradford	Economic Empowerment
Theory Wellness of VT Manufacturing LLC. DBA "Theory Wellness"	Manufacturers Tier 2	Brattleboro	Standard
31° North Holdings LLC	Retailers	Waterbury Center	Economic Empowerment
Volcanic Organic, LLC (DBA Volcanic Botanic)	Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Jericho	Social Equity
Pine Crest Healing LLC	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Bradford	Standard
GPC LLC	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Orwell	Standard
Quintessential Botanicals LLC	Manufacturers Tier 2	Cabot	Standard
Jimmy Green Grass LLC	Indoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Warren	Standard
Northern Slope LLC, DBA Samsara Farms	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Washington	Standard
River Ridge Cannabis LLC	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 2	Waterville	Economic Empowerment
Smoke Em If You Got Em LLC d/b/a SMUGE d/b/a/ Rolling J's Farm	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 3	Addison	Economic Empowerment
Root to Vitality Cannabis LLC	Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	East Hardwick	Social Equity
Root to Vitality Cannabis LLC	Manufacturers Tier 2	East Hardwick	Social Equity
Pressure Lab Cultivation LLC	Mixed Cultivator Tier 2	Hinesburg	Social Equity

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Staff recommendations for licensure

Business Name	Applying For	City	Priority Status
Veracious Cultivation & Genetics, LLC	Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Cambridge	Standard
Green Mountain High Growers	Indoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Pittsford	Standard
Legacy 14 Llc	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Weybridge	Standard
Treetop Alliance	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 2	Elmore	Standard
J2 Rules LLC	Indoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Williamstown	Standard
Guy's Greens, LLC	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Wells	Standard
Octogenarian Enterprises LLC d/b/a/ Addison Pure	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Ferrisburgh	Economic Empowerment
Last Minute Farm, LLC	Manufacturers Tier 2	Weybridge	Standard
Pine Grove Gardens LLC	Indoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Brandon	Standard
Pilin' It Higher Farms LLC	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 2	Duxbury	Economic Empowerment
Urban Herbn, LLC d.b.a. The House Of Doja	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 3	West Charleston	Standard
Juniper Lane LLC dba Juniper Lane	Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Bennington	Social Equity
West Coast Development Company	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 5	Windsor	Standard
Burlington Kush Factory, LLC	Mixed Cultivator Tier 5	Townshend	Standard
Flower Craft Cannabis, LLC	Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Woodbury	Standard

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Staff recommendations for licensure

Business Name	Applying For	City	Priority Status
Vermont Alter-Native, LLC	Manufacturers Tier 2	Alburgh	Standard
Vermont Alter-Native, LLC	Retailers	Alburgh	Standard
Rabbit Hill Farm, LLC	Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Granville	Standard
TDN Growers, LLC	Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Island Pond	Social Equity
Apex Cannabis LLC	Indoor Cultivator Tier 2	Pittsford	Standard
Parker Hill Cannabis, LLC	Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Springfield	Standard
Freedom Flower llc	Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Eden Mills	Standard

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Staff recommendations for license renewal

Business Name	Applying For	City	Priority Status
Sunset Lake Cannabis LLC	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 5	South Hero	Standard
Mend Botanical LLC	Mixed Cultivator Tier 2 Renewal	East Calais	Standard
JUSTIN'S CRAFT CANNABIS LLC	Indoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator Renewal	Underhill	Standard
Valley Organics LLC	Indoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator Renewal	Jefferesonville	Economic Empowerment
Kria Commons, LLC	Manufacturers Tier 3	Colchester	Standard
Jeezum Crow Bud Company LLC	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 4	Bridport	Standard
Uprising LLC	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	Bridport	Standard
KnR Cannabis	Manufacturers Tier 2 Renewal	Ludlow	Standard
Birdland LLC, Birdland	Outdoor Cultivator Tier 2 Renewal	Athens	Standard
VT Green Castle Reserve, LLC (DBA - VT Green Castle)	Indoor Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator Renewal	Johnson	Standard
Rutland Craft Cannabis LTD CO	Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 Small Cultivator	brandon	Social Equity