

# Medical marijuana cards growing in Nev.

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As the medical marijuana industry booms in Nevada so does the demand for patient cards.

Medical cannabis was legalized in Nevada in 2000, but it took 15 years for storefronts to open, with the first Nevada dispensary opening in Sparks in July. Now, with more dispensaries open in Reno and Las Vegas, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health has seen a spike in the number of applications throughout the state.

In October 2014, Nevada had 6,541 active patient cards. As of last month, that number has nearly doubled to 12,091, with 549 additional applications pending.

The application process for a card in Nevada is completely on paper, so potential patients have to request an application either via mail or in person in Carson City.

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