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Senator Eric Brakey, Chair  
Representative Patricia Hymanson, Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services  
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Dear Senator Brakey and Representative Hymanson:

The Maine Medical Use of Marijuana statute (22 M.R.S.A., Ch. 558-C, §2425 (10) directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Enclosed please find the 2016 annual report. This report includes the following:

- The number of registered patients by County
- The number of caregiver cards by County
- The number of physicians by County

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Sheryl Peavey, Chief Operating Officer, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention at (207) 287-5177.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Mayhew  
Commissioner

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Enclosure

# Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program

January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

*Annual Report to the Maine State Legislature*

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*Maine Center for Disease  
Control and Prevention*

*An Office of the  
Department of Health and Human Services*

*Paul R. LePage, Governor*

*Mary C. Mayhew, Commissioner*

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## Background

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The Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act was legislated in 2009 and the MMMP became operational in 2010. The Rules governing the program became effective September 17, 2013 and inform:

- Debilitating medical conditions for which the medical use of marijuana is authorized;
- Procedures for issuing a certificate of registration to a medical marijuana dispensary;
- Procedures for issuing registry identification cards to qualified patients, primary care givers, staff of hospice providers and nursing facilities;
- Requirements for dispensaries to obtain registry identification cards for their principal officers, board members and employees;
- Confidentiality requirements;
- Payment of fees; and
- Enforcement.

In accordance with M.R.S.A. 22, Chapter 588-C §2425 (10), The Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is required to submit to the Legislature an annual report that does not disclose any identifying information about cardholders or physicians, but does contain, at a minimum:

- The number of applications and renewals filed for registry identification cards;
- The number of qualifying patients and primary caregivers approved in each county;
- The number of medical providers providing written certifications for qualifying patients;
- The number of registered dispensaries;
- The number of principal officers, board members and employees of registered dispensaries;
- The number of registry cards revoked.

The data in this report reflect calendar year periods.

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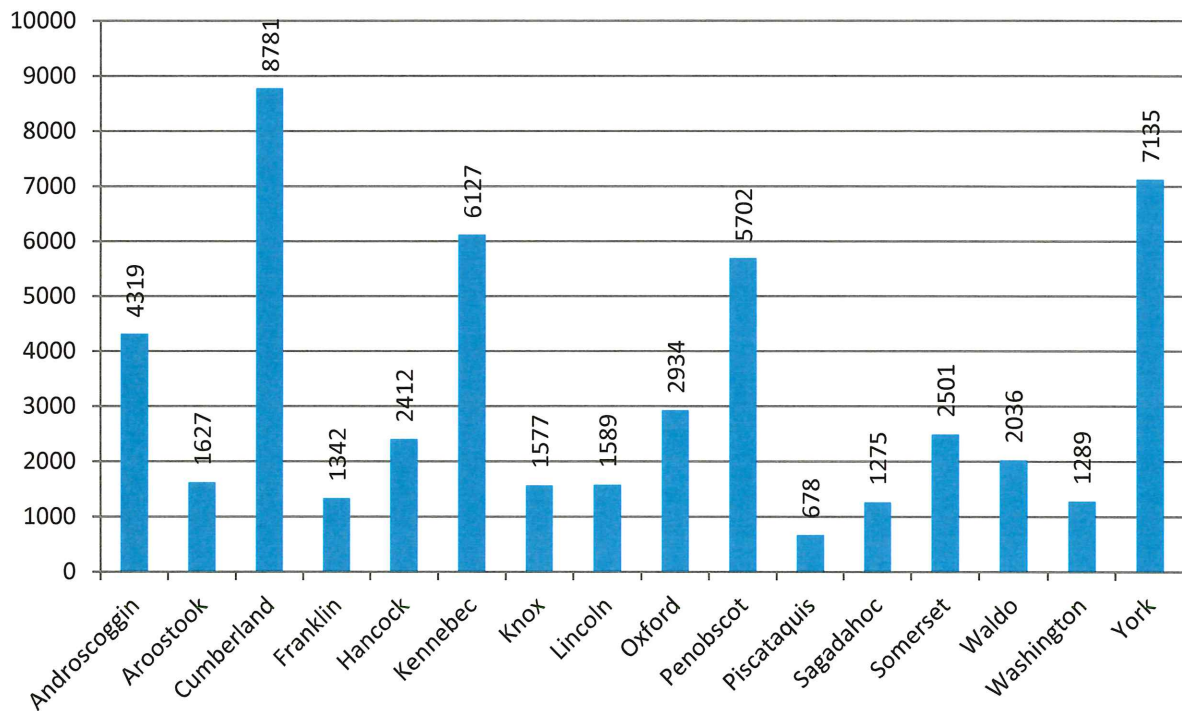
The rules and Statute governing this program may be found at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/mmm/index.shtm>

## Printed Patient Certifications by County, 2016

An on-line certification process was instituted in 2015, allowing patients to receive wallet-sized certificates directly from their medical providers. The on-line certification system recorded in 2016 that 51,324 certifications were printed, a 36% increase from 37,675 printed in 2015.

### Maine Medical Use of Marijuana- Printed Patient Certifications by County



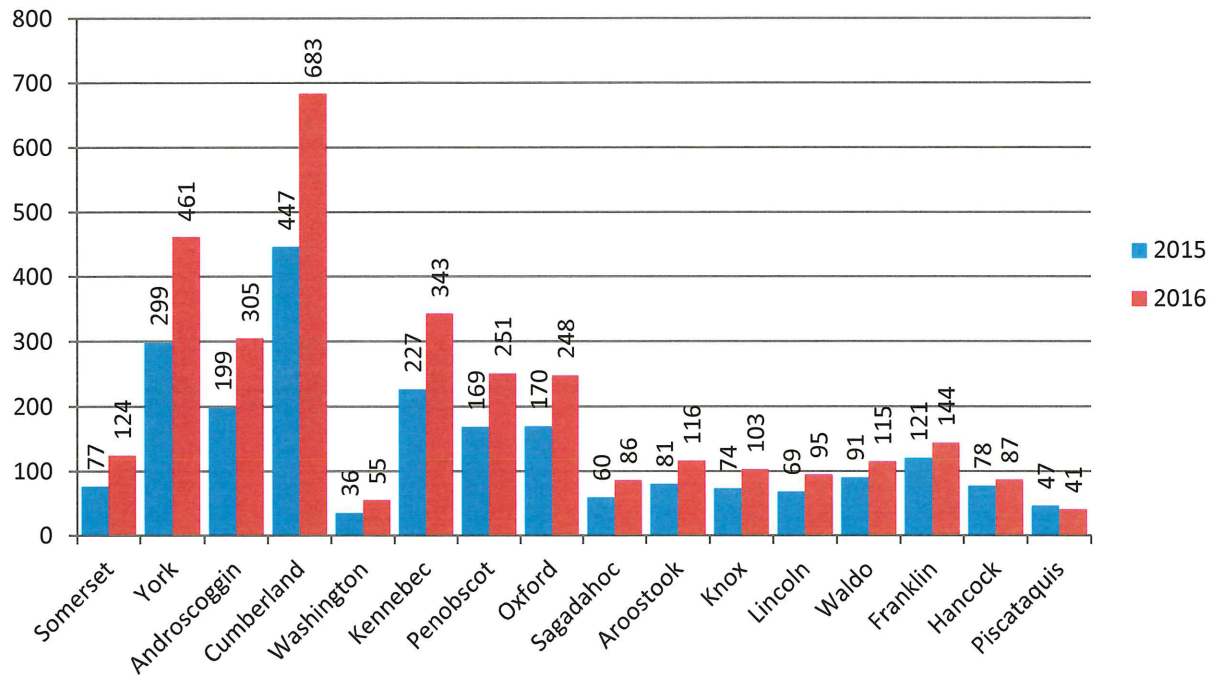
\*This number is not an accurate reflection of the number of patients as it includes all certifications printed, including misprints, reissue of lost certifications and other anomalies.



## Caregiver Individuals by County, 2016

Individual caregivers increased from 2,258 in 2015 to 3,258 in 2016 (44%). The largest growth in absolute numbers of individual caregivers occurred in Cumberland County with an increase from 447 in 2015 to 683 in 2016 (a net increase of 236) and in York County with an increase from 299 in 2015 to 461 in 2016 (a net increase of 162). The highest growth in percentage of individual caregivers was in Somerset County, with a 38% increase (77 in 2015 and 124 in 2016). Piscataquis County was the only county in Maine to experience a decrease in individual caregivers from 47 – 41 (15%).

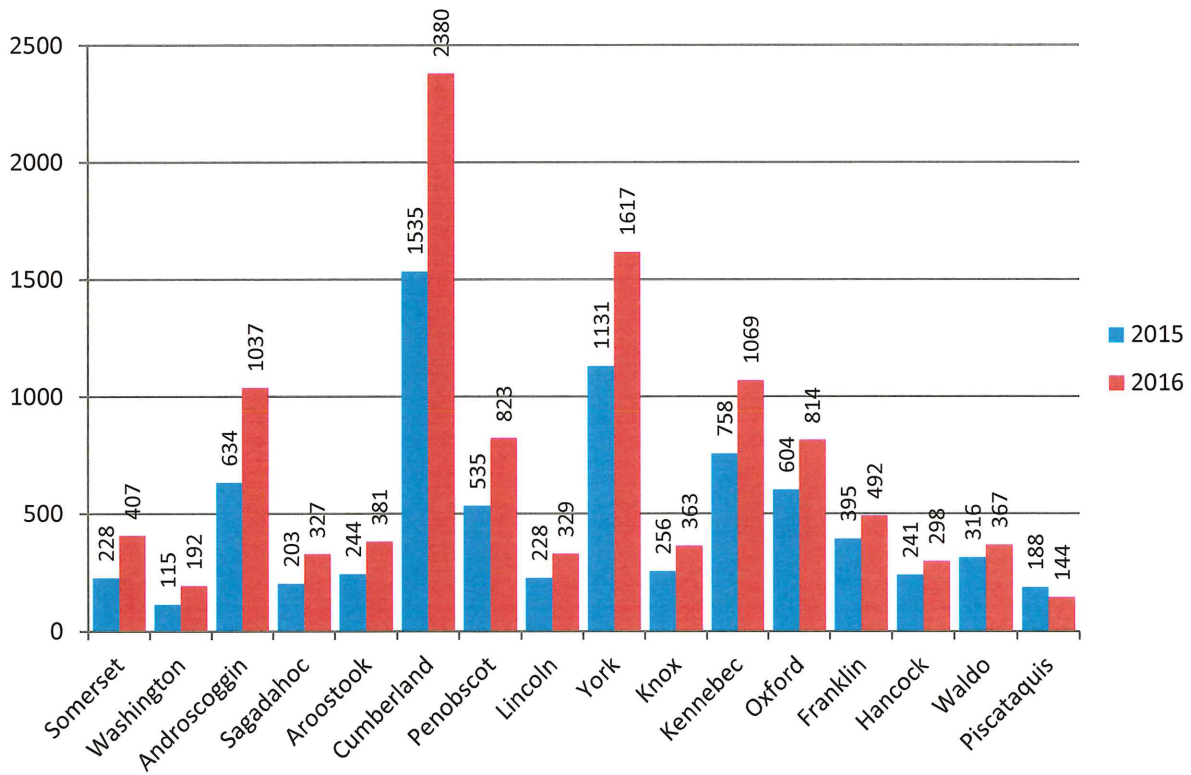
### Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program Individual Caregiver Cards Issued by County



## Caregiver Cards by County, 2016

The number of Caregiver Cards increased from 7,617 in 2015 to 11,044 in 2016, a 31% increase. Significant growth in the absolute number of caregiver cards issued were experienced in Cumberland County, where Caregiver Cards increased from 1,535 in 2015 to 2,380 in 2016 (a net increase of 845), York County where Caregiver Cards increased from 1,131 in 2015 to 1,617 in 2016 (a net increase of 486) and Androscoggin County where Caregiver Cards increased from 634 in 2015 to 1,037 (a net increase of 403). The growth in the percentage of Caregiver Cards was highest in Somerset County (44%) and Washington County (40%). Piscataquis County was the only county to see a decrease in the Caregiver Cards from 188 in 2015 to 144 in 2016 (31% decrease).

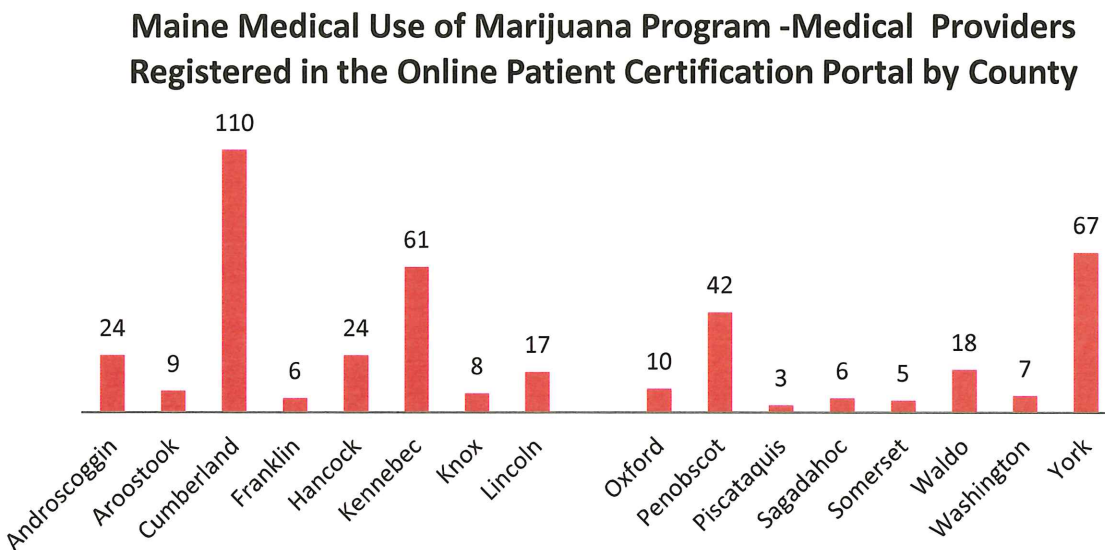
**Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program  
Caregiver Cards Issued by County**



\*This graph represents the individual patients served by caregivers

## Individual Medical Providers by County, 2016

Data regarding the individual medical providers was obtained through the on-line patient certification portal. The information in this graph is based on the mailing address submitted by the individual medical provider. In 2016 there was a total of 417 Medical Providers registered in the system including four new registrations in 2016.



## Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program Dispensary and Caregiver Employees, Officers, and Board Members 2016

	2015	2016
Total # Caregiver Employees	163	224
Total # Caregiver Cards Revoked	0	1
Total # Registered Dispensaries	8	8
Number of Dispensary Employees	124	196
Number of Dispensary Board Members	22	22
Number of Dispensary Principal Officers	13	11

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