

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Medical Cannabis Patient Program



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SUMMARY



Cannabis is the single most versatile herbal remedy, and the most useful plants on Earth.
No other single plant contains as wide a range of medically active herbal constituents”

Dr. Ethan Russo

Cannabinoid Research Institute

On January 1st, 2014, Illinois approved the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act (410 ILCS 130), which allows patients with qualifying debilitating medical conditions to register with the state to obtain cannabis for medical use. On August 12, 2019, the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act became a permanent program, and the “pilot” designation was removed. Illinois was the 20th state to authorize a legal medical cannabis program. As of June 2021, 36 states, Washington, DC, and the territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have legalized the use of the cannabis plant for medical purposes.

Public Act (P.A.) 98-0122 provides Illinois residents who have various qualifying debilitating medical conditions (as defined by the Act), access to medical cannabis and protects qualifying patients, their Health Care Professionals and Caregivers, from criminal and civil liability. The Act defines “medical use” as the acquisition, administration, delivery, possession, transfer, transportation, or use of cannabis to treat or alleviate a registered qualifying patient’s debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the patient’s qualifying condition.

As of 8/02/2021 our department services 161,059 Medical Cannabis Patients and 783 Opioid Alternative Patients.

FY21 Accomplishments

On June 22nd the Medical Cannabis Patient Program went “live” with their new Entellitrak system. As of 8/17/2021 there are a total of 300 defects in the system. The system was taken down for two weeks for data migration and upon launch crashed for approximately two weeks. The Medical Cannabis Division continues to work through ongoing defects in the system.

- Online patient and caregiver applications
- Online provider certifications
- Patients can now print their cards saving them money and time if they have a change in information
- Patients now have access to lifelong certifications which allows their provider to certify them once and they will only be required to submit \$50 fee every three years to keep their cards

FY21 Legislative Changes

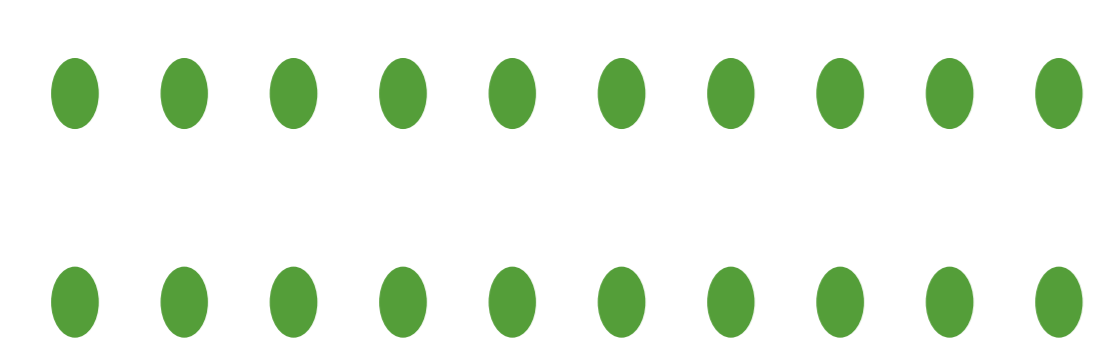
Passing of **SB 2023 (PA 101-0363)** allowed for:

- Reduction of all application fees by 50%
- Applicants with lifelong conditions (designated by their health care providers) will only be required to submit \$50 fee and a current driver's license to renew their cards for three years
- Allows both adult and minor applicant to have up to 3 caregivers with the restrictions that all caregivers can only serve one patient
- Applicants 65 and older are added to those eligible for reduced fee along with veterans and those receiving disability benefits

Passing of **HB1443** on July 15 2021 allowed for:

- This provision removes the requirement for patients to have to designate one dispensary at a time. They will be able to purchase at any dispensary.

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the Governor implemented an emergency procedure in March, 2020 to renew Medical Cannabis cards for 1 year free of cost for those patients whose cards were set to expire between March 20th- September 30th, 2020. This was extended through July 30th 2021.



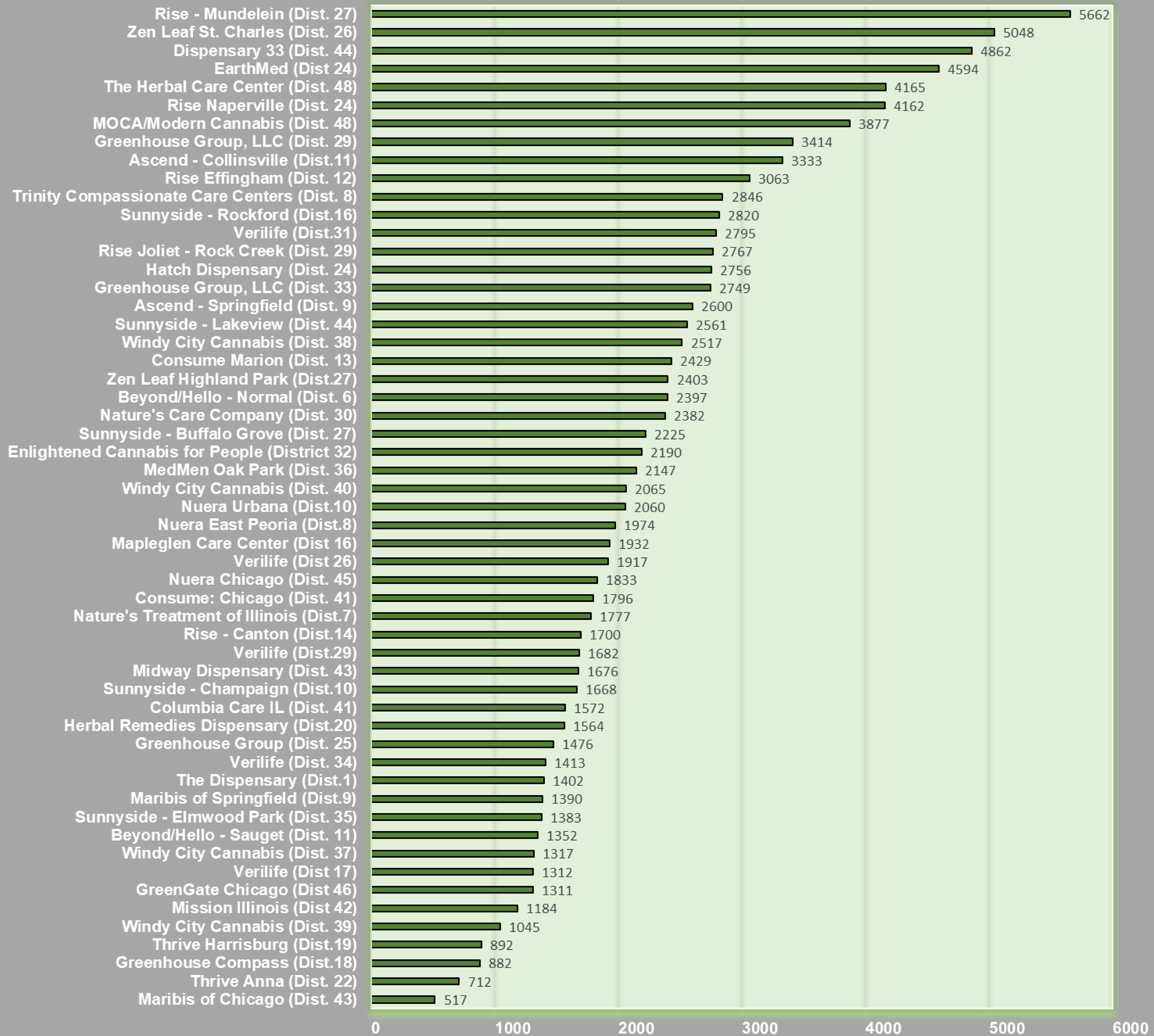
Medical Cannabis Patient Program Data/Statistics FY2021

ACTIVE PATIENTS BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE

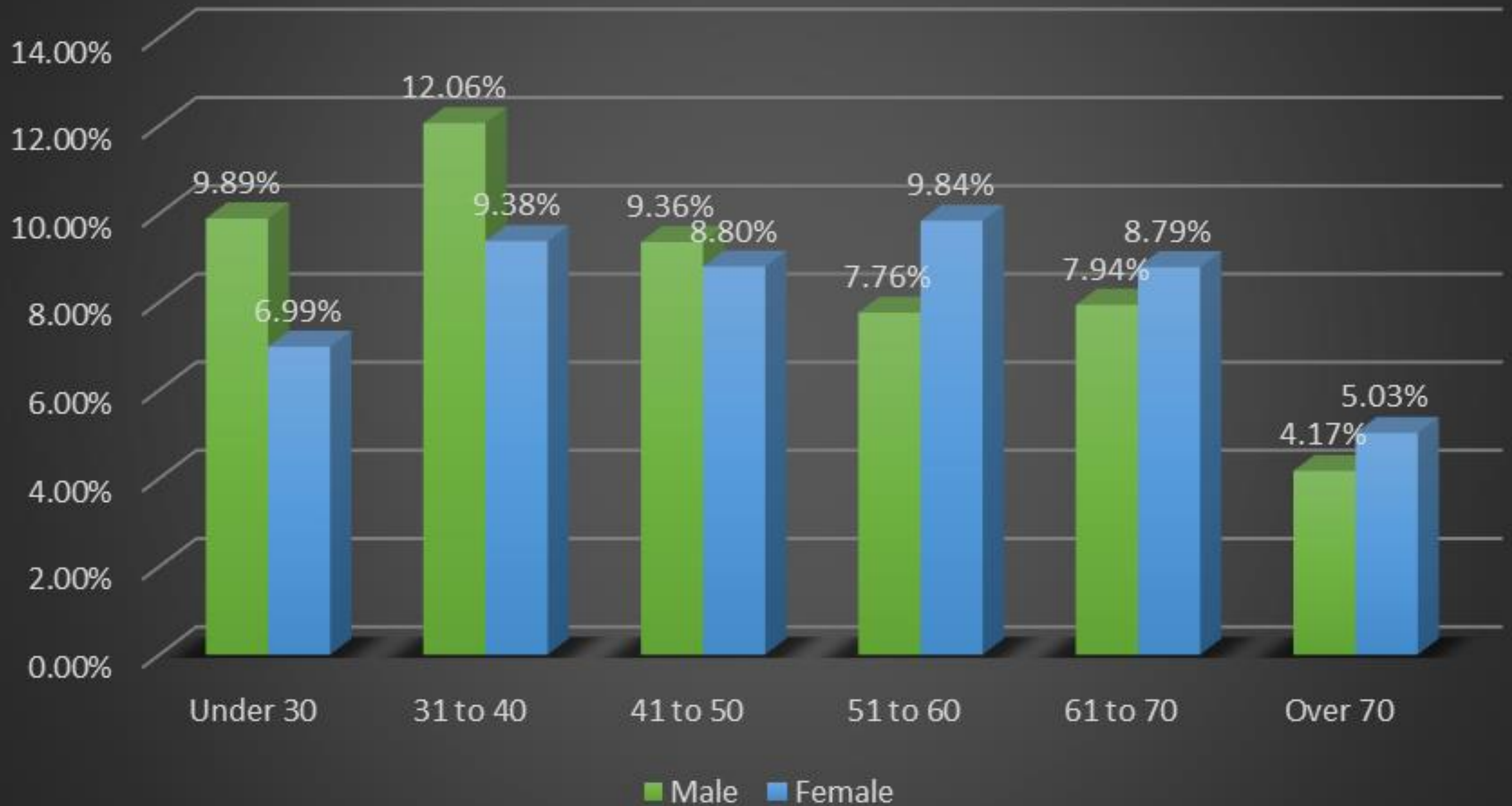
July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

County of Residence	Number of Active Patients	County of Residence	Number of Active Patients	County of Residence	Number of Active Patients
Cook	30,984	Stephenson	279	Clay	110
Dupage	6,350	Knox	274	White	110
Lake	5,802	Woodford	274	Crawford	110
Will	4,579	Logan	270	Marshall	109
Kane	3,047	Franklin	261	Greene	101
Mchenry	2,744	Henry	259	Perry	100
Winnebago	1,989	Union	231	Moultrie	98
Sangamon	1,587	Marion	222	Menard	97
Peoria	1,568	Montgomery	220	Bond	91
Tazewell	1,554	Morgan	215	Jersey	89
Madison	1,497	Mason	213	Ford	81
Mclean	1,482	Livingston	212	Wayne	73
Champaign	1,421	Shelby	202	Edgar	71
Saint Clair	1,054	Pike	201	Jasper	71
Rock Island	957	Saline	197	Cumberland	69
La Salle	813	Monroe	177	Wabash	67
Kendall	735	Bureau	176	Cass	66
Adams	710	Richland	167	Warren	64
Dekalb	708	Fayette	167	Lawrence	59
Kankakee	660	Jefferson	165	Schuyler	49
Fulton	575	Mcdonough	162	Pope	47
Macon	566	Iroquois	158	Hardin	46
Whiteside	527	Carroll	158	Edwards	43
Grundy	515	Dewitt	148	Alexander	42
Williamson	455	Hancock	146	Brown	38
Effingham	417	Piatt	139	Washington	37
Coles	409	Randolph	131	Gallatin	36
Vermilion	401	Clark	127	Pulaski	34
Jackson	337	Douglas	124	Scott	33
Macoupin	331	Clinton	122	Stark	32
Ogle	325	Johnson	122	Hamilton	28
Boone	313	Jo Daviess	117	Henderson	27
Lee	292	Mercer	113	Putnam	26
Christian	291	Massac	111	Calhoun	19

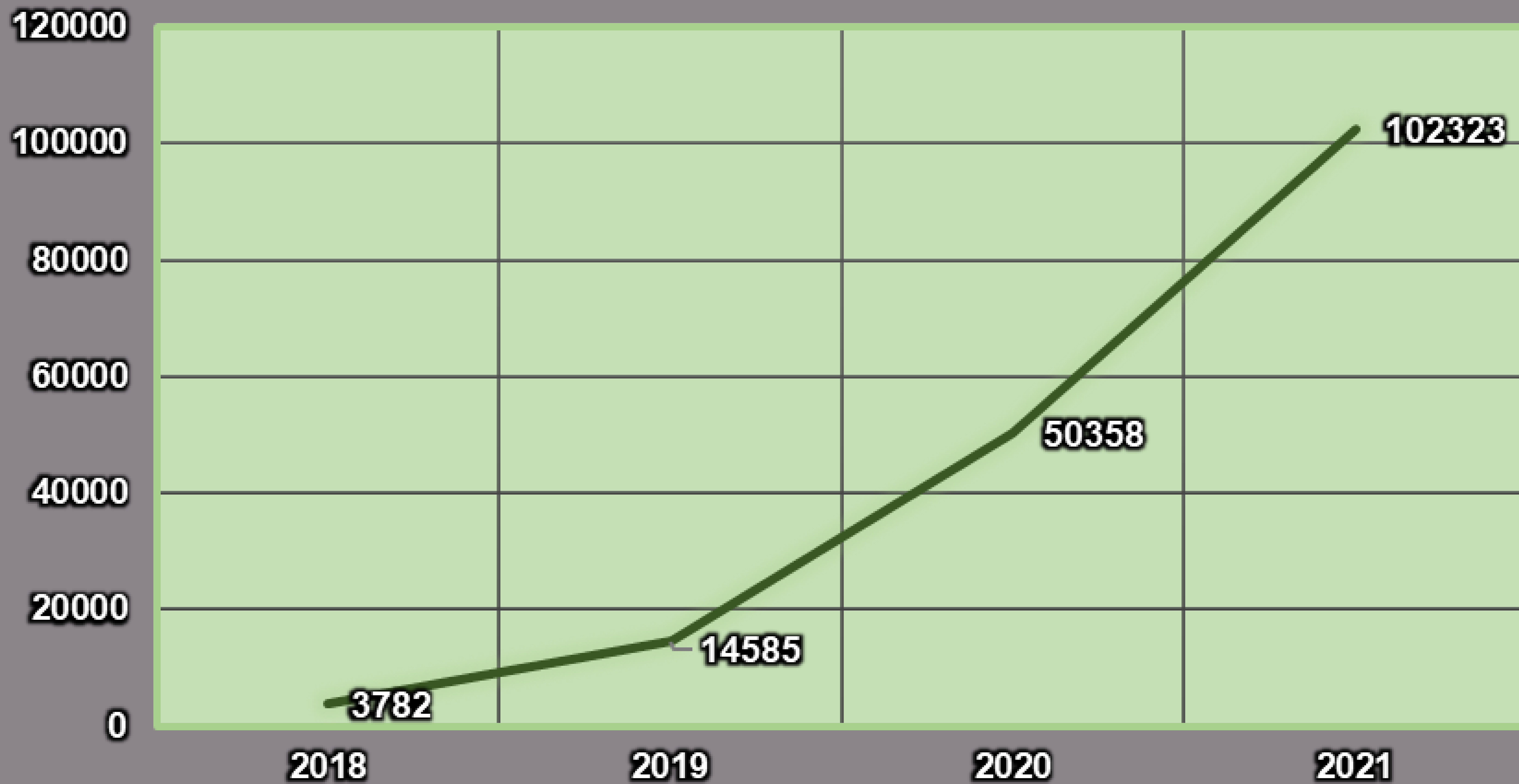
MCPD-Number of Patients per Dispensary on 06/30/2021



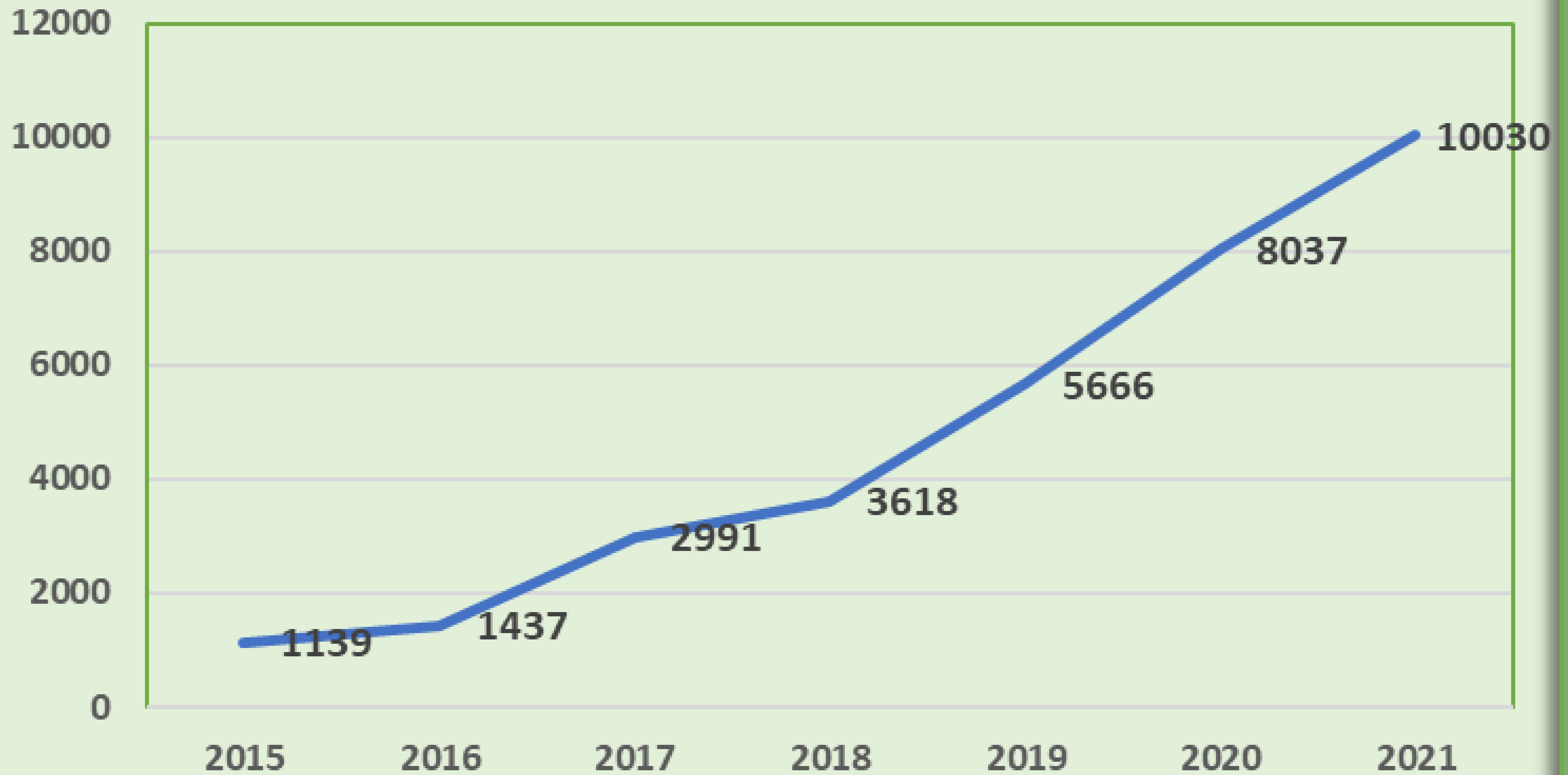
MCPP - Registered Patients by Age and Gender



Number of Extension/Renewal Applications



SSI/SSDI Applicants for Reduced Fee



Debilitating Conditions with the Highest Number of Diagnosis

0.00% 5.00% 10.00% 15.00% 20.00% 25.00% 30.00% 35.00%

Chronic pain

31.08%

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

16.40%

Migraines

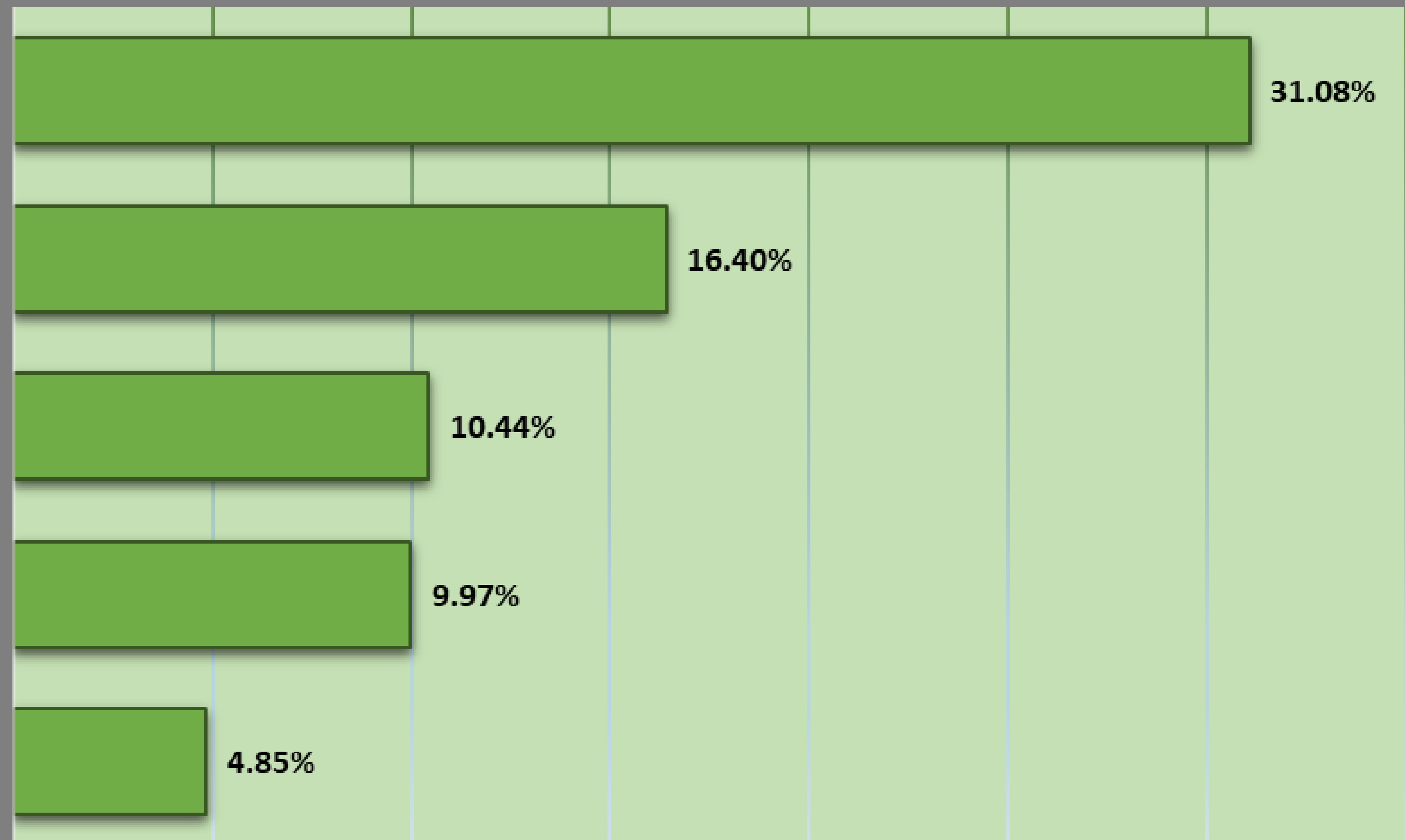
10.44%

Osteoarthritis

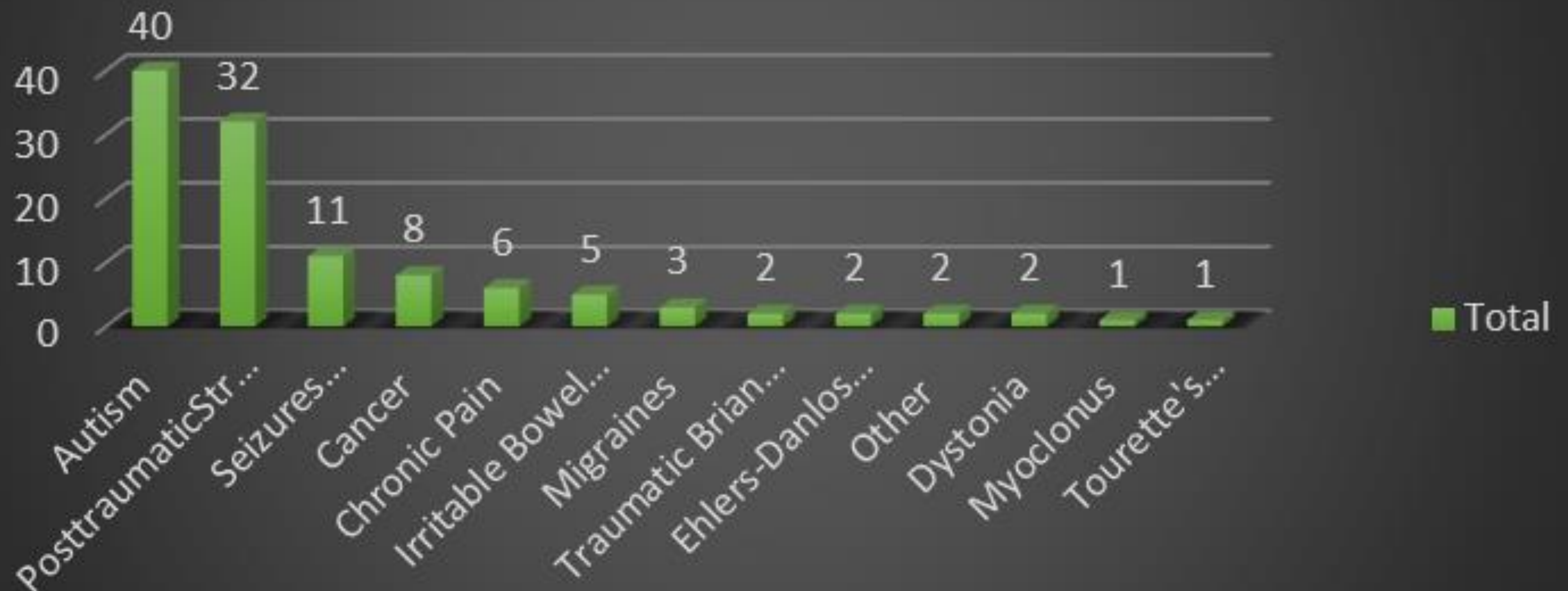
9.97%

Cancer

4.85%

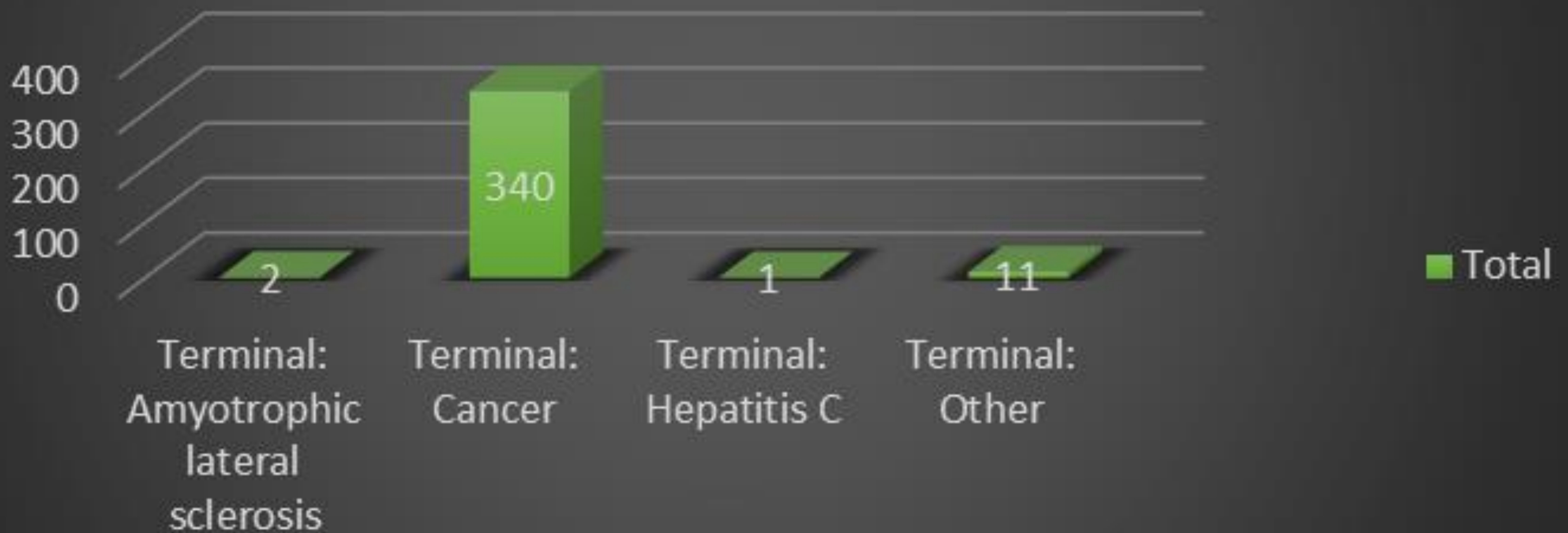


Minor Qualifying Patients by Condition



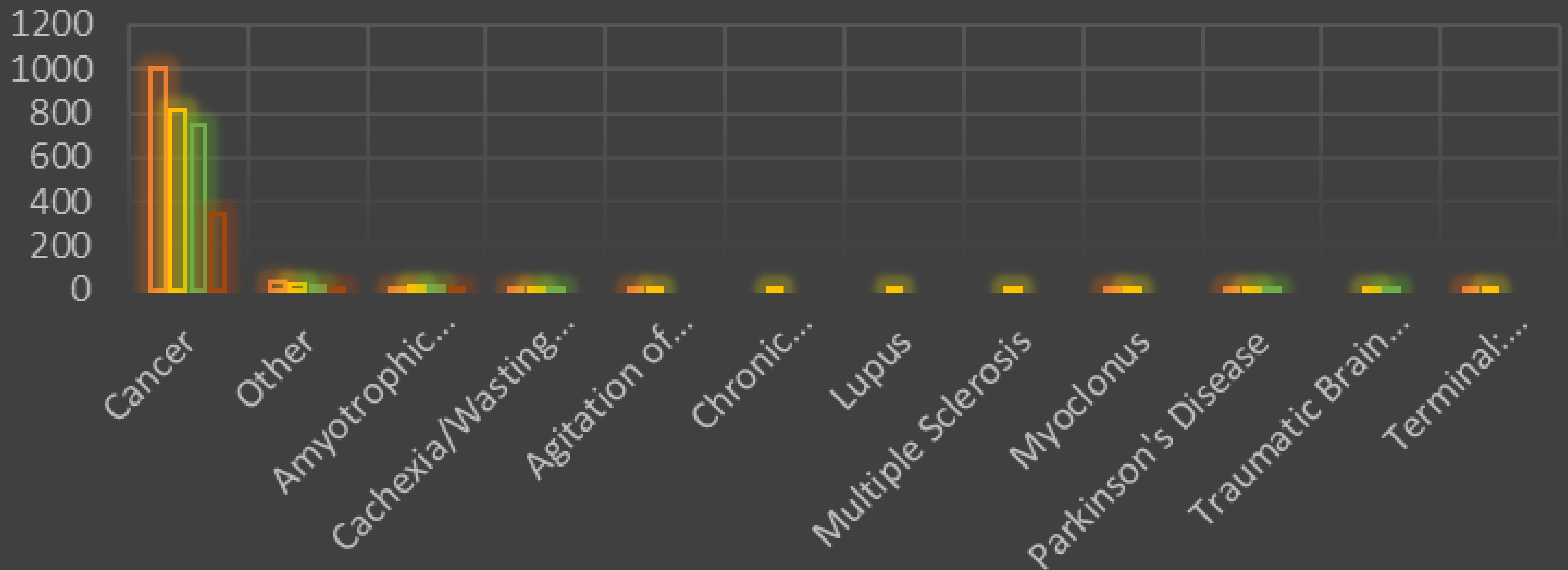
Note: "minor" describes ages 0-17, this data does not include patients from 18-20

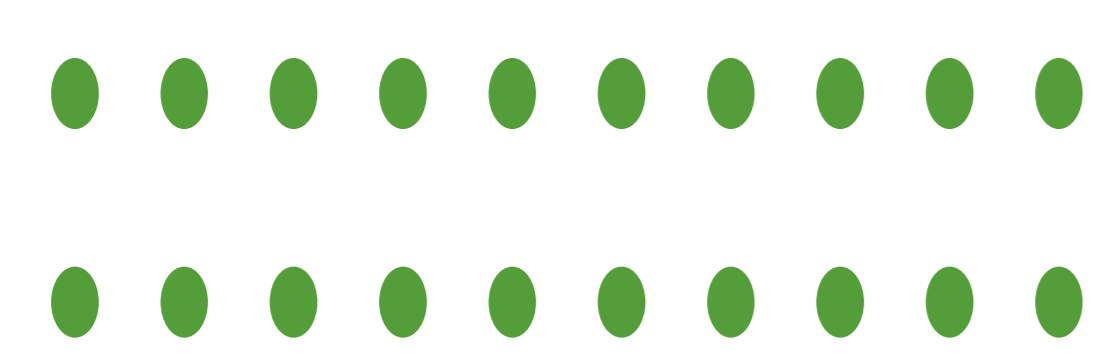
Number of Qualifying Patients by Terminal Illness



Nature of Qualifying Patients By Terminal Illness

Number of Patients 2018 Number of Patients 2019
Number of Patients 2020 Number of Patients 2021

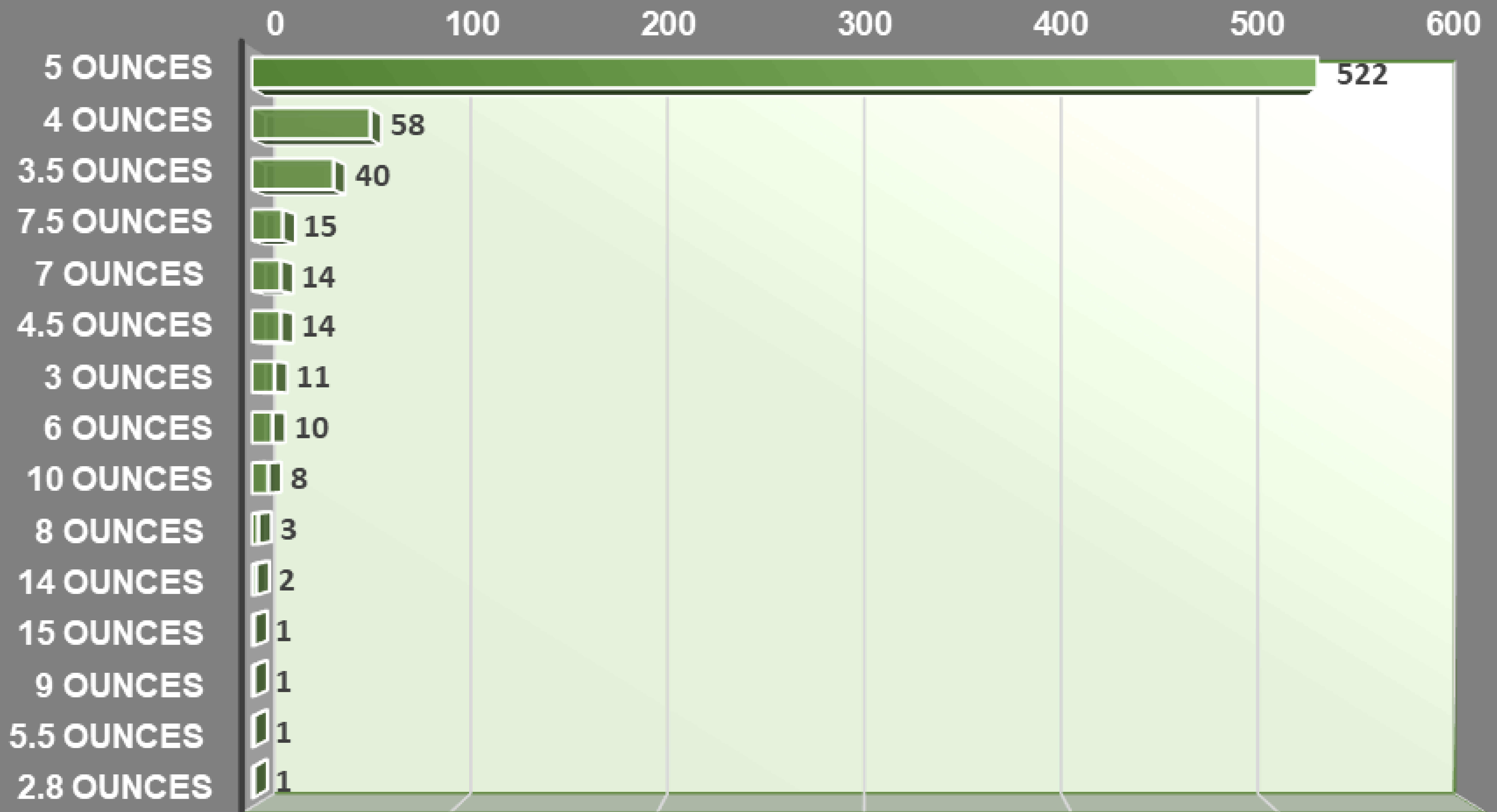




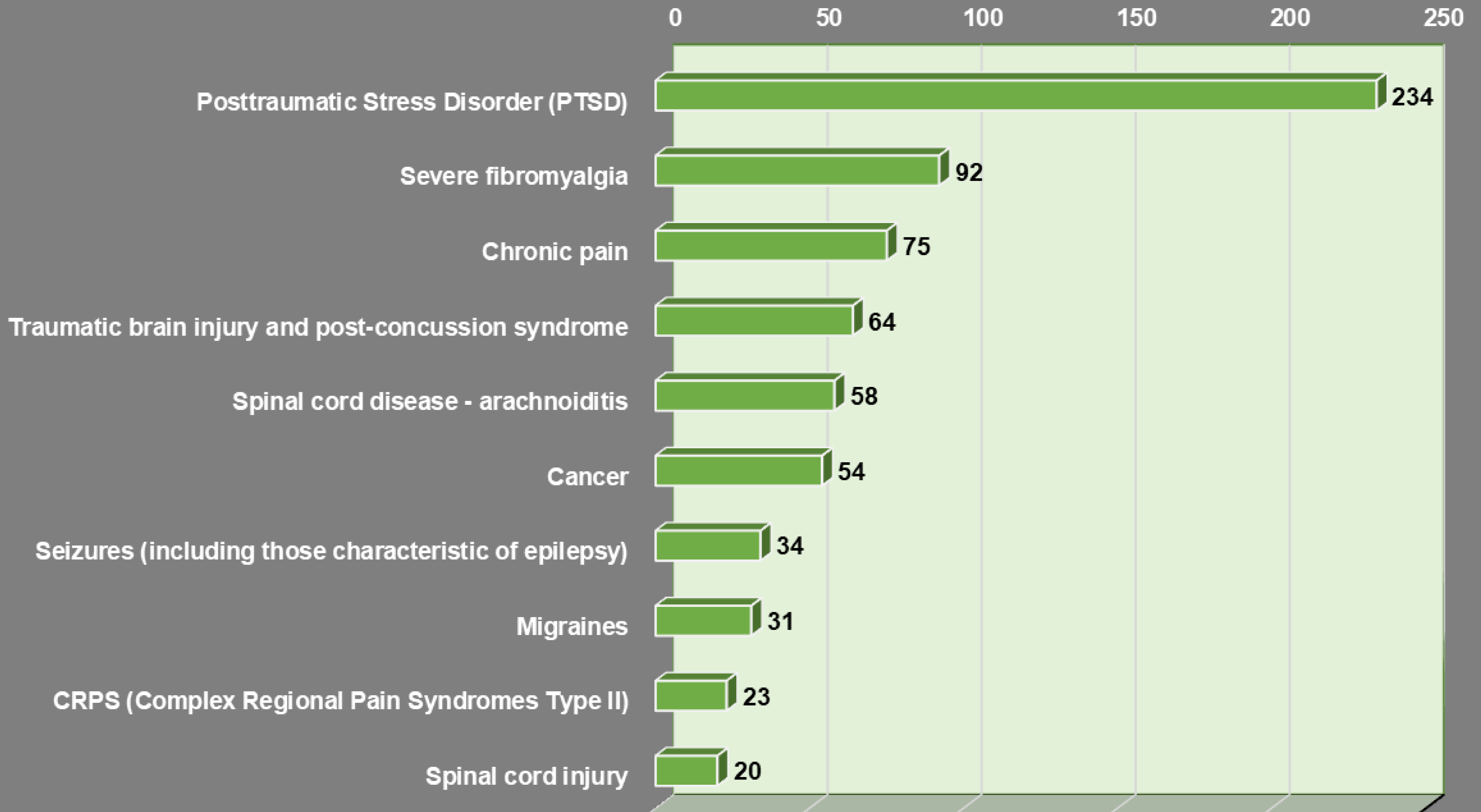
Waivers for increased allotment

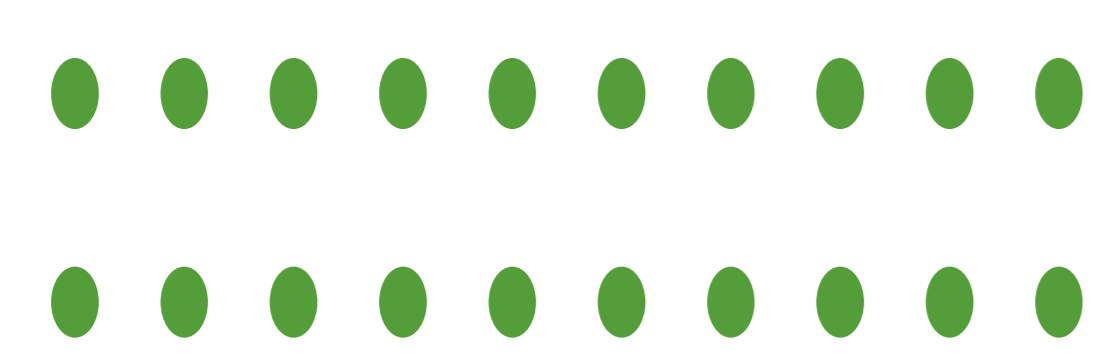
Patients are granted 2.5 ounces of cannabis every two weeks. If this is insufficient for their medical condition their provider can file a waiver for increased allotment. The following graphs are data regarding increased allotment waivers.

Number of Patient Waivers by Allotment



Conditions with the Highest Number of Waivers





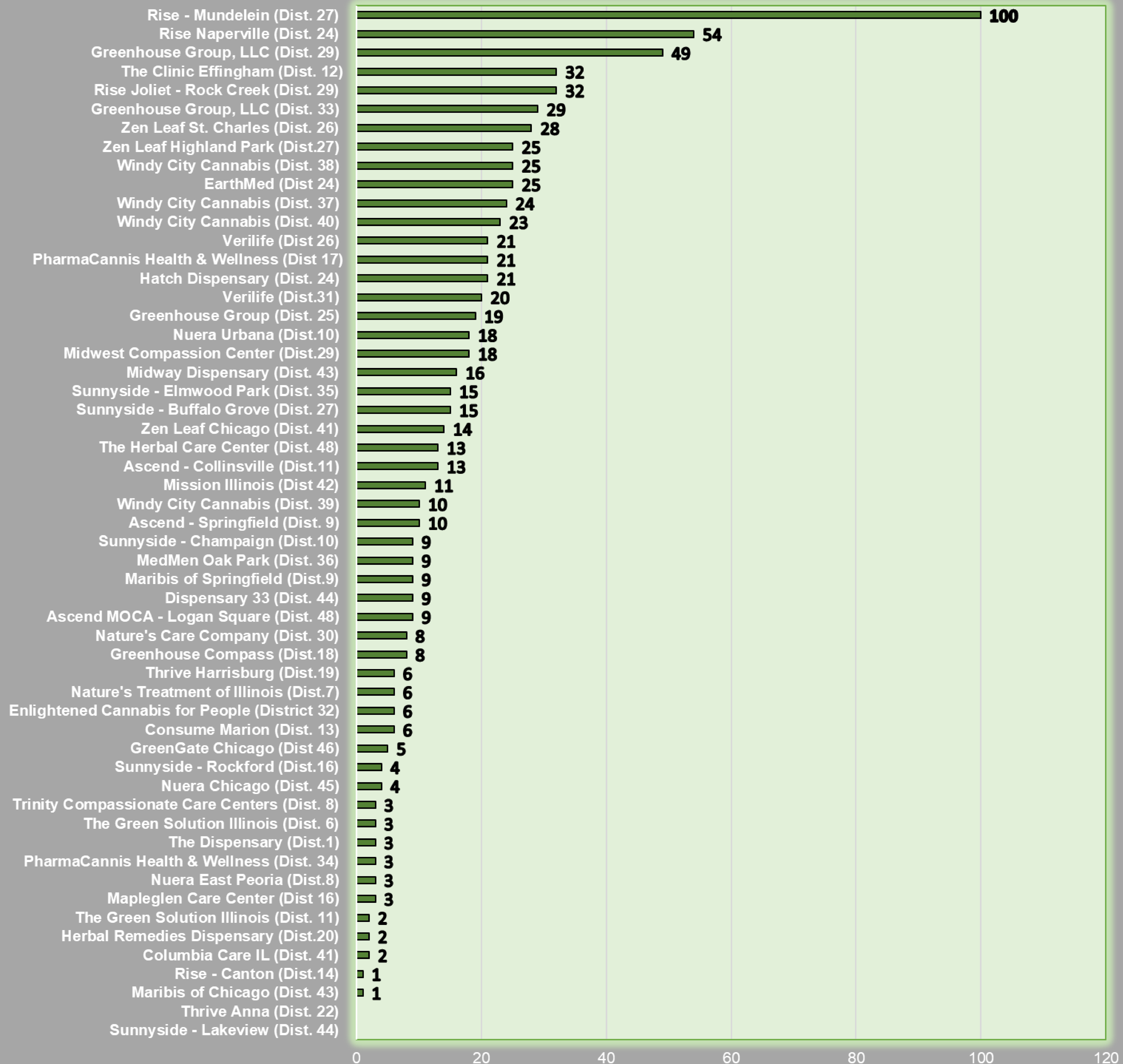
Opioid Alternative Pilot Program Data/Statistics FY2021

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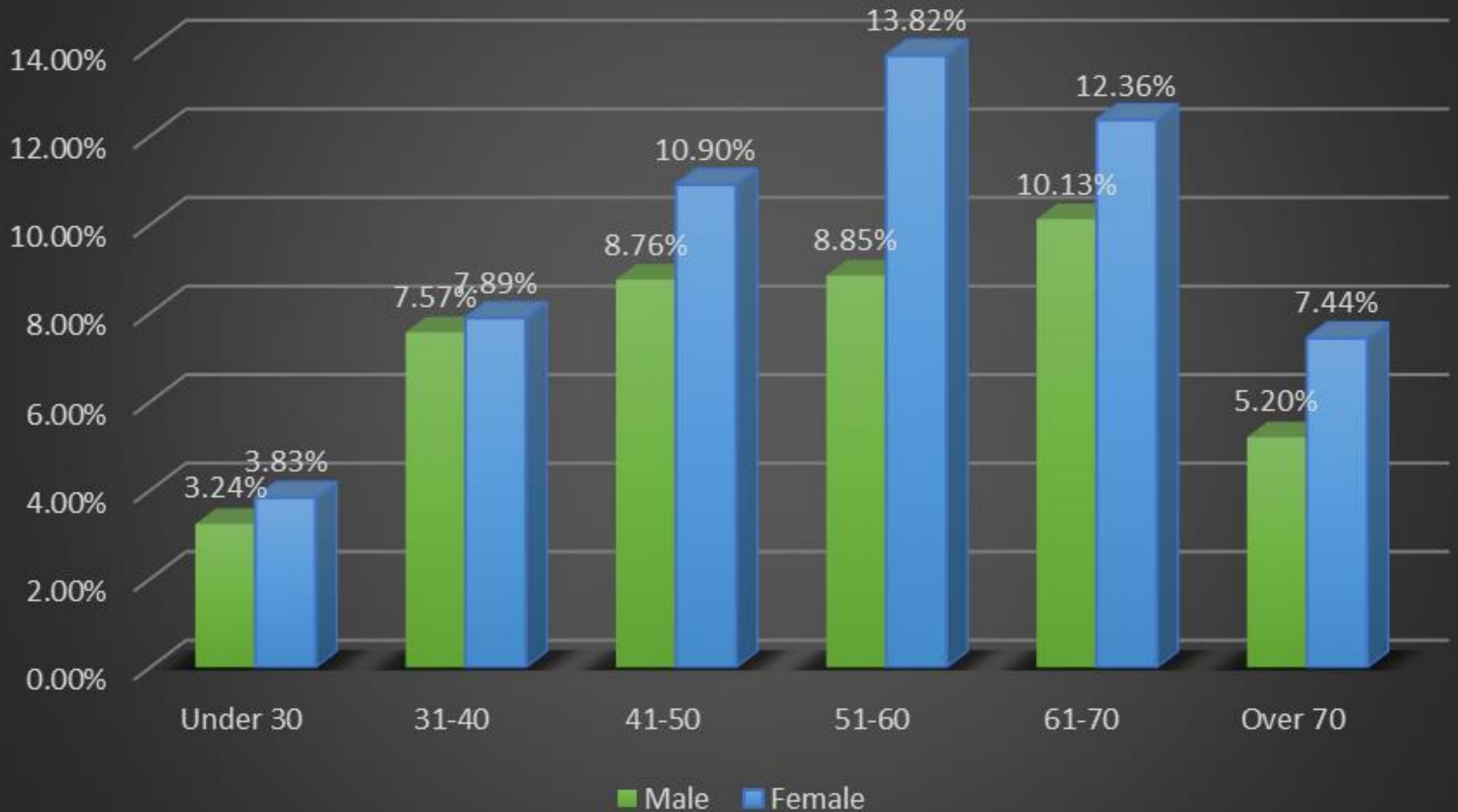
July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER OF ACTIVE PATIENTS	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER OF ACTIVE PATIENTS	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER OF ACTIVE PATIENTS
Cook	1075	Bureau	10	Moultrie	4
Lake	618	Winnebago	10	Hamilton	3
Dupage	347	Marion	9	Mercer	3
Will	321	Ogle	9	Monroe	3
Kane	170	Woodford	9	Piatt	3
Sangamon	89	Cumberland	8	Putnam	3
La Salle	86	Livingston	8	Tazewell	3
Coles	82	Macon	8	Carroll	2
Mchenry	72	Montgomery	8	Clinton	2
Kendall	59	Clark	7	Ford	2
Champaign	54	Douglas	7	Jo Daviess	2
Kankakee	41	Franklin	7	Lawrence	2
Effingham	28	Menard	7	Mason	2
Madison	25	Johnson	6	Mcdonough	2
Grundy	24	Logan	6	Union	2
Bond	22	Macoupin	6	Wayne	2
Rock Island	17	Morgan	6	Boone	1
Saint Clair	17	Fayette	5	Edgar	1
White	17	Jasper	5	Jefferson	1
Crawford	16	Saline	5	Knox	1
Stephenson	16	Vermilion	5	Perry	1
Peoria	15	Adams	4	Pike	1
Whiteside	15	Christian	4	Richland	1
Dekalb	14	Clay	4	Warren	1
Fulton	14	Hancock	4	Washington	1
Iroquois	13	Henry	4	Williamson	1
Mclean	11	Jackson	4		
Shelby	11	Lee	4		

OAPP- Number of Patient per Dispensary on 06/30/21

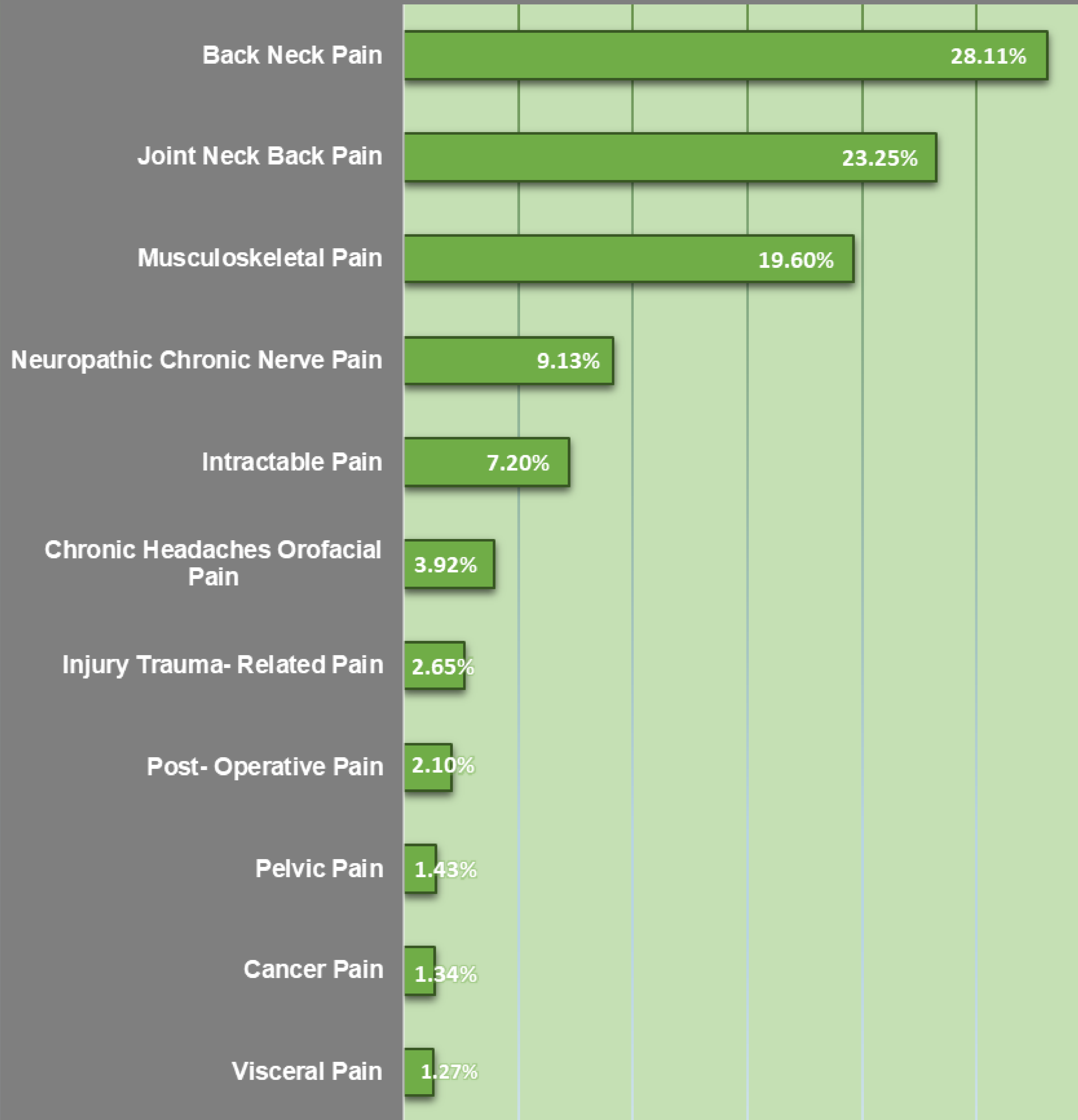


OAPP-Registered Patients by Age and Gender

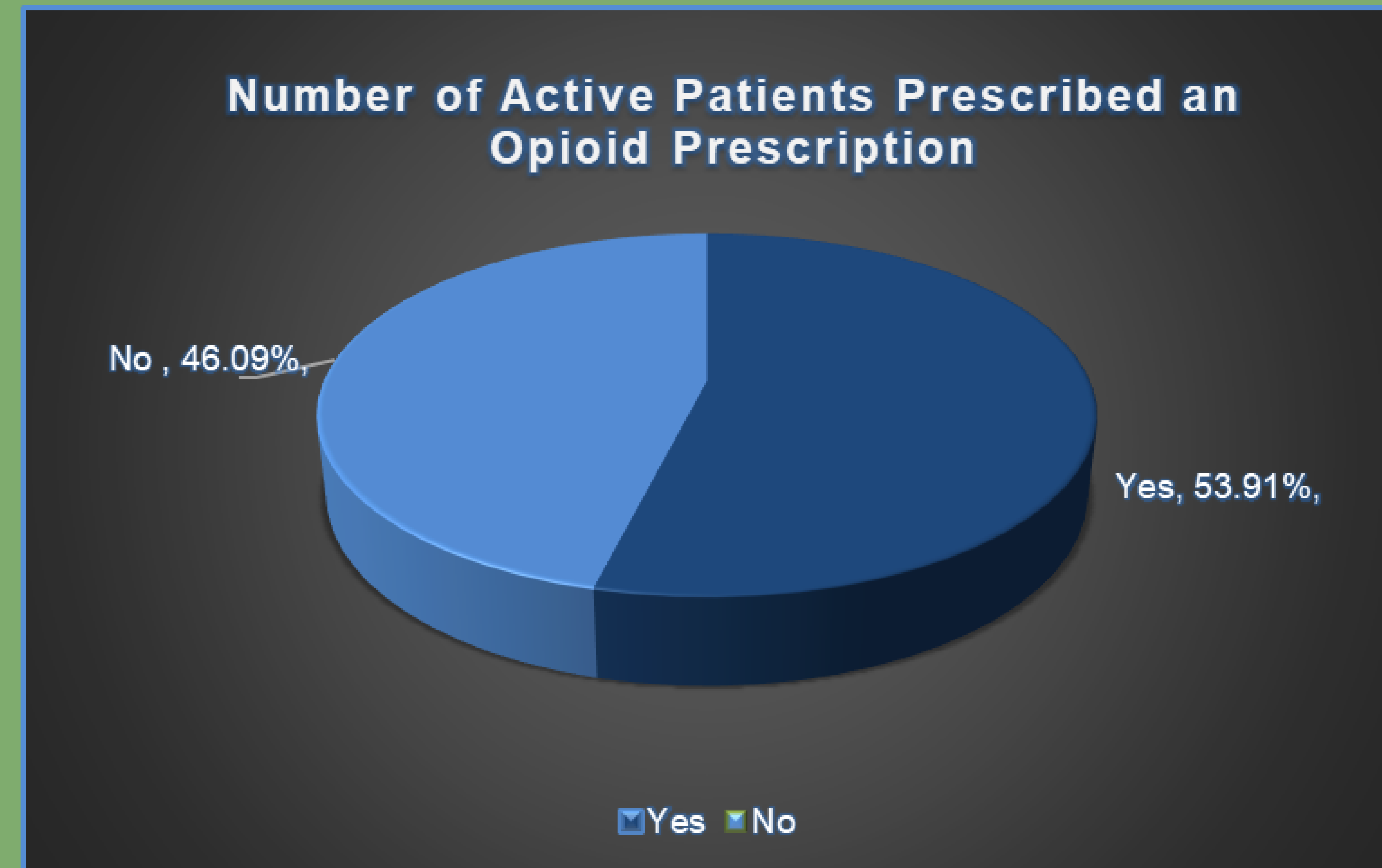


Number of Registered Patients by Nature of Condition

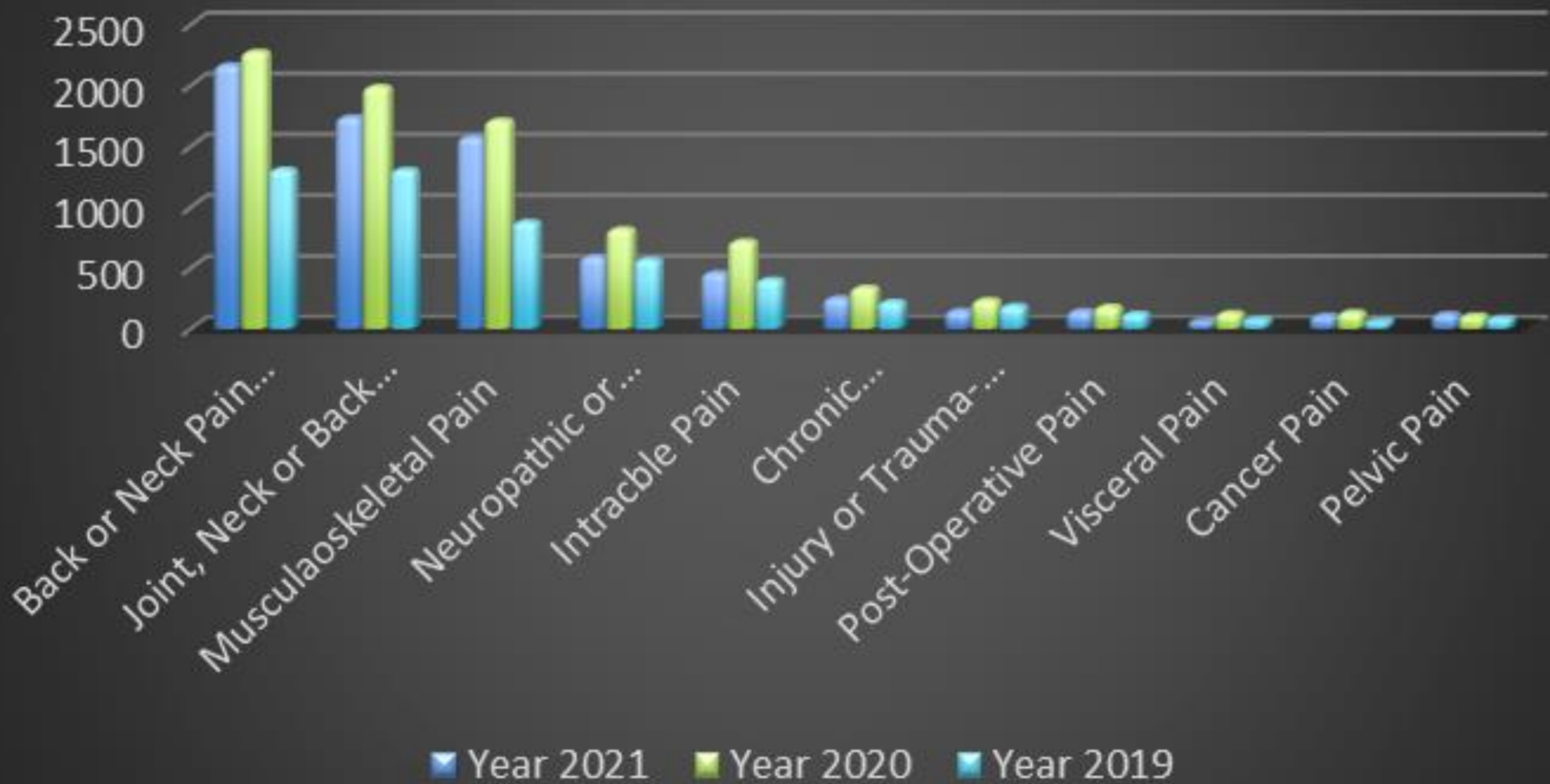
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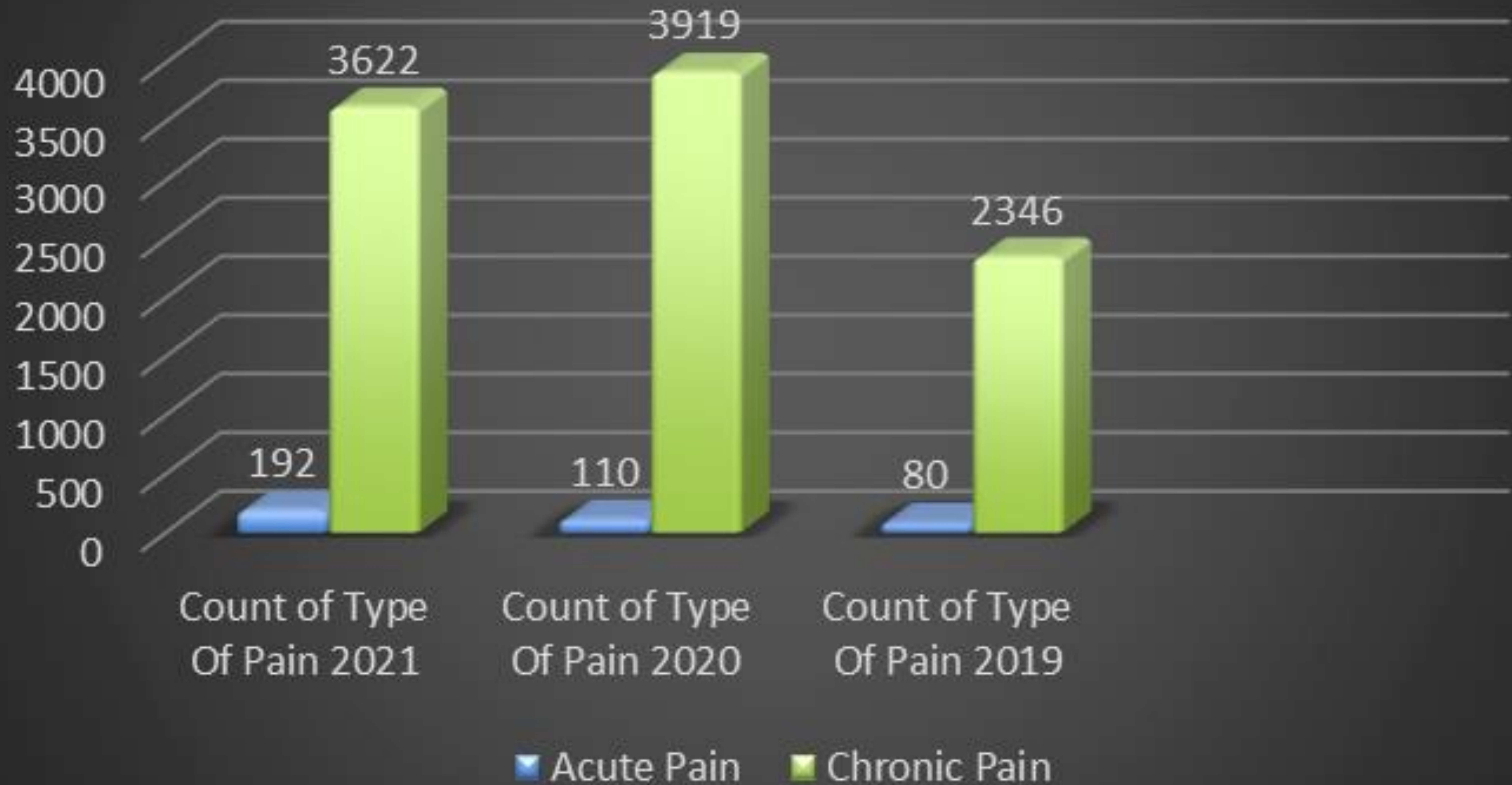
Number of Active Patients Prescribed an Opioid Prescription

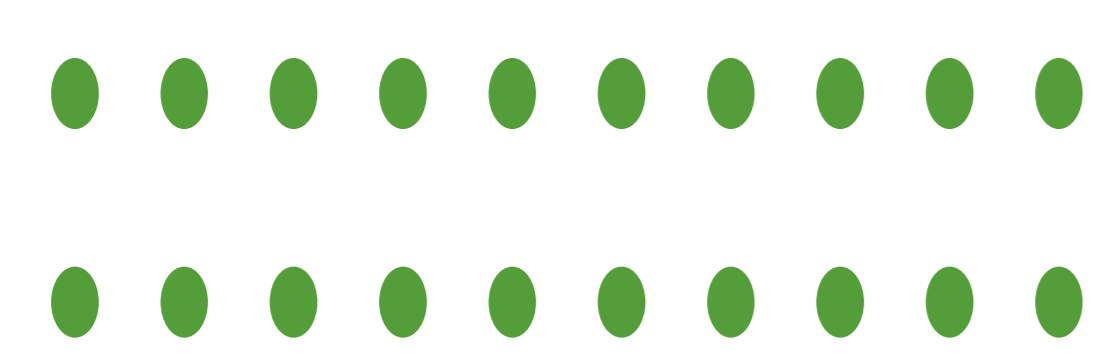


OAPP Nature of Condition 2019-2021



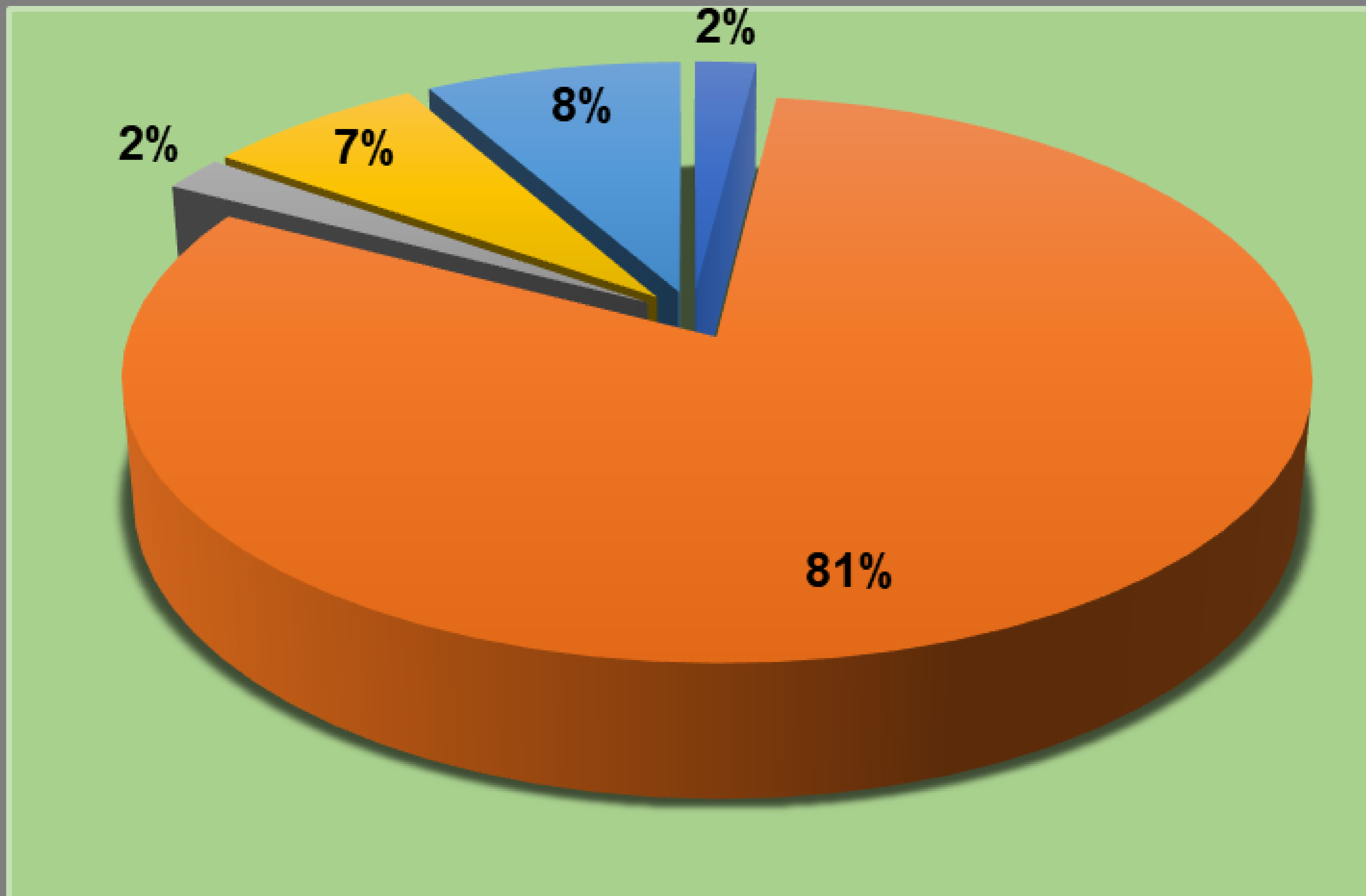
OAPP Type of Pain





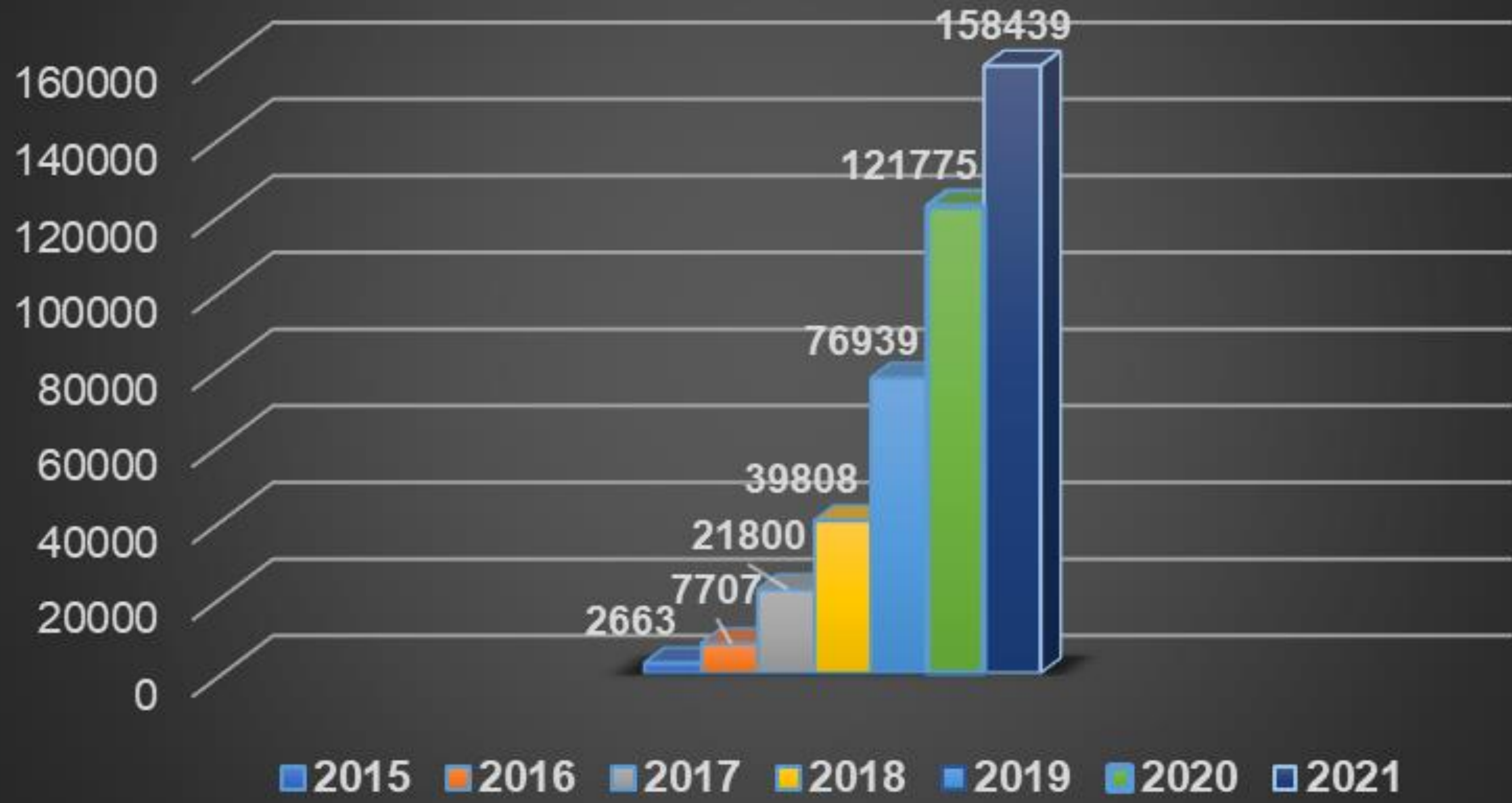
Medical Cannabis Combined Program Data/Statistics FY 2021

Number of Qualifying Patients for MCPP and OAPP

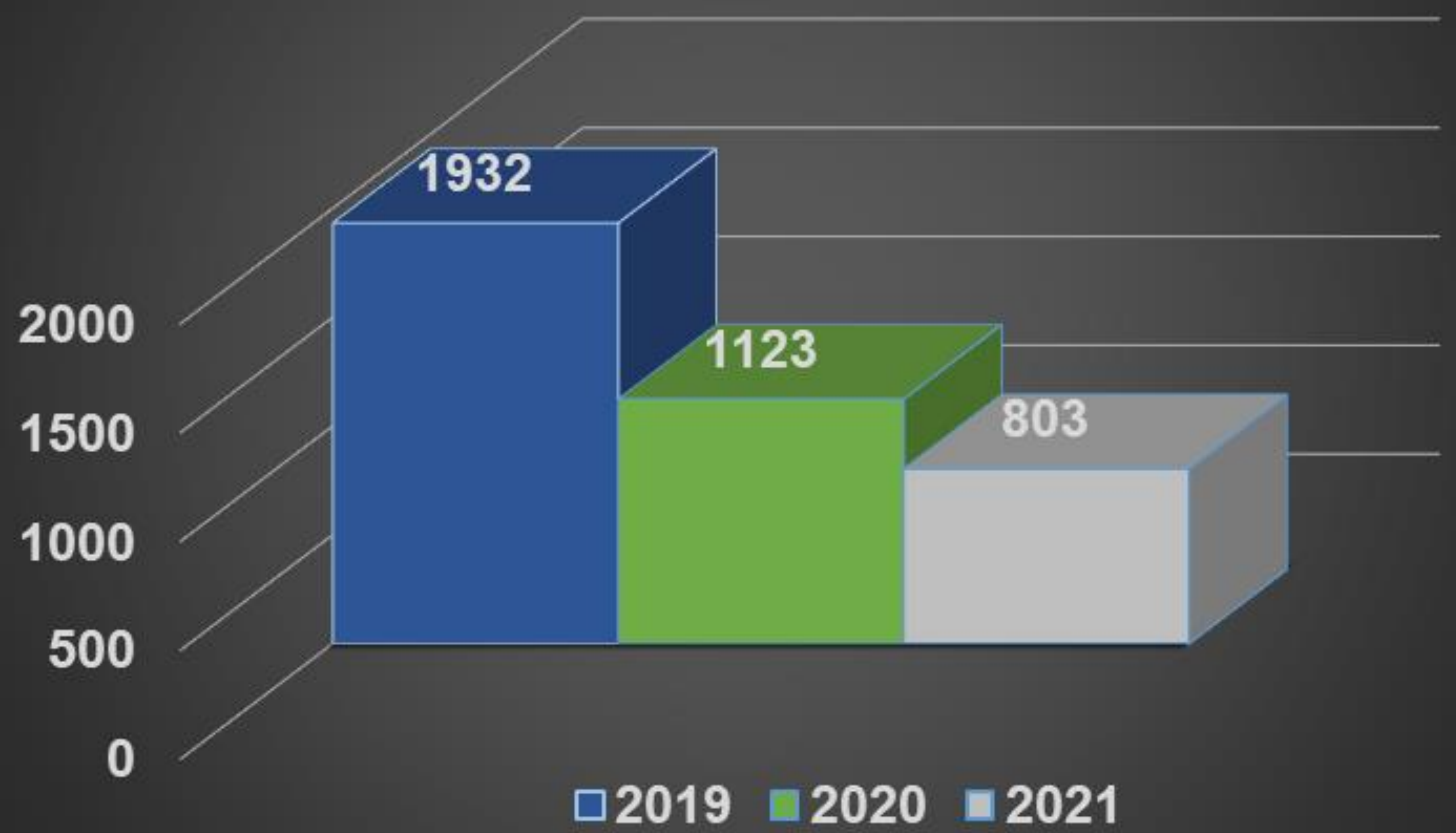


- OAPP Patients
- MCPP Minor Patients
- MCPP Caregiver
- MCPP Patients
- MCPP Terminal Patients

MCPPP Number of Qualifying Patients by Fiscal Year



OAPP Number of Qualifying Patients by Fiscal Year



FY22 Goals

Our department is under completely new leadership as of August and we are rapidly changing and molding the program to be more patient focused. We plan on initiating more education and training opportunities for not just patients but providers and dispensaries as well.

Goals to achieve:

- Provide Education and Training of safe cannabis use for the general public at community events
- Pioneer continuing education opportunities for providers and medical staff
- Create avenue that allows Veterans equal access to the “Lifelong conditions” recertification process
- Transition to new online application system
- 100% involvement from local health departments assisting in patient applications (currently only 21 participating)

Essential Projects



Medical Cannabis Patient Program is reserving a booth at NECANN to assist in training and educating conference members in the application process and safe cannabis use. This will be the first Cannabis Event after the State Fair that the MCPP has ever attended. Throughout FY22 the MCPP plan on attending multiple education events and providing resources and education for the people of Illinois.