

Agency Overview

Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board

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Timeline of Nevada's Cannabis Program

*Established through **Assembly Bill 533 (AB533)**, the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB) consists of five board members appointed by the Governor. AB533 also created the 12-person Cannabis Advisory Commission to study cannabis-related topics and make recommendations to the CCB.*

2000: Nevadans voted to legalize medical use.

2015: The first medical marijuana establishment opened.

2016: Voters approved Ballot Question 2, legalizing adult use (a.k.a. recreational use).

2017: Recreational sales began in Nevada; the state's cannabis program transitioned from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to the Department of Taxation (DoT).

2019: Governor Sisolak signed AB533, creating the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB), modeled after the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

2020: The state's cannabis program transitioned from DoT to the CCB.



Mission Statement

The Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board governs Nevada's cannabis industry through strict regulation of all areas of its licensing and operations, protecting the public health and safety of our citizens and visitors while holding cannabis licensees to the highest ethical standards.



CCB Board Duties & Responsibilities

The CCB consists of five board members, appointed by the Governor.

- Holds regular monthly public board meetings.
- Hosts ad hoc regulatory workshops.
- Reviews and approves final licensures, transfers of interest, management services agreements, etc.
- Approves the service of disciplinary action such as complaints.
- Acts as final arbiter of discipline and has final approval regarding subsequent settlement agreements.
- May hold emergency board meetings to consider urgent matters such as summary suspensions.



CAC Duties & Responsibilities

The CAC is tasked with studying issues related to the cannabis industry and making policy and regulatory recommendations to the CCB.

- 12-member commission chaired by the CCB Executive Director.
- Includes eight representatives appointed by the Governor with expertise related to the cannabis industry, in addition to the Nevada Attorney General, Director of the Department of Public Safety, and the Executive Director of the Department of Taxation.
- Current subcommittees: Rescheduling/Descheduling, Market Participation, Public Safety & The Illicit Market.
- Meets at the direction of the CCB, similar to the Nevada Gaming Policy Committee.

CCB Divisions

Licensing



Inspection
& Audit
(Health & Safety)

Investigations &
Enforcement



Licensing

- Process and review license and renewal applications; collect fees.
- Manage cannabis agent registration card program (20,000+ active cards, 14,500+ individuals).
- Assist Department of Taxation in collecting cannabis-related taxes from licensees.

Inspection & Audit

- Perform audits and inspections of cannabis facilities.
- Track and monitor all inventory from seed to sale & audit monthly and quarterly reports from licensees required by the CCB.
- Evaluate all complaints made against a licensed facility, including incident reports.

Investigations & Enforcement

- Review and process Transfers of Interest (TOI) for change of ownership requests.
- Vet potential licensees and affiliated owners, officers, and board members which includes a full suite of background checks and financial analyses as part of a required suitability review.
- Partner with local and State law enforcement regarding criminal investigations including enforcement on illicit market activity.

Types of Facilities

Cultivation

Licensed to grow, harvest, and package cannabis; and to sell cannabis to cannabis establishments, but not to consumers.

Production

Licensed to purchase cannabis; manufacture, process, and package cannabis/cannabis products; and to sell to other cannabis establishments, but not to consumers.

Retail/Dispensary

Licensed to purchase cannabis/cannabis products from other cannabis establishments; can sell to consumers.

Testing Labs

Licensed to conduct laboratory tests on cannabis/cannabis products.

Distribution

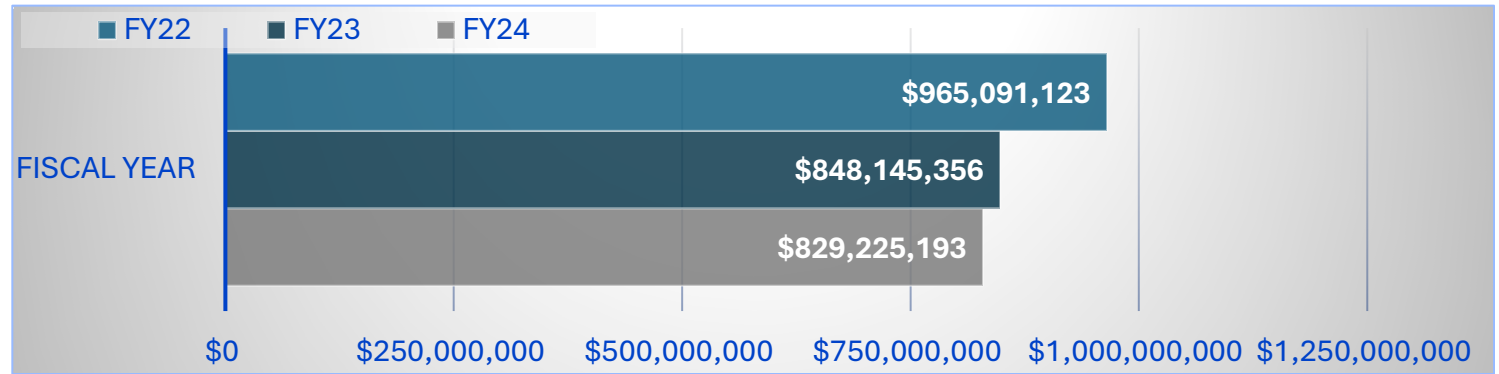
Licensed to transport cannabis from one cannabis establishment to another.

Consumption Lounge

Licensed to operate businesses for the consumption of single-use or ready-to-consume cannabis products on site.

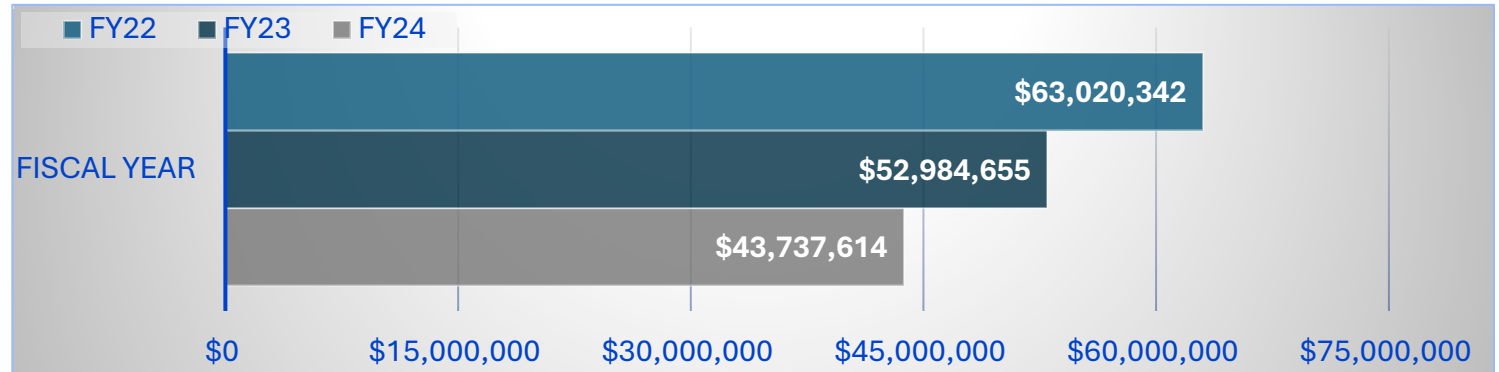
Taxable Sales Reported By Adult-Use Retail Stores and Medical Dispensaries

FY24: \$829,225,193
FY23: \$848,145,356
FY22: \$965,091,123



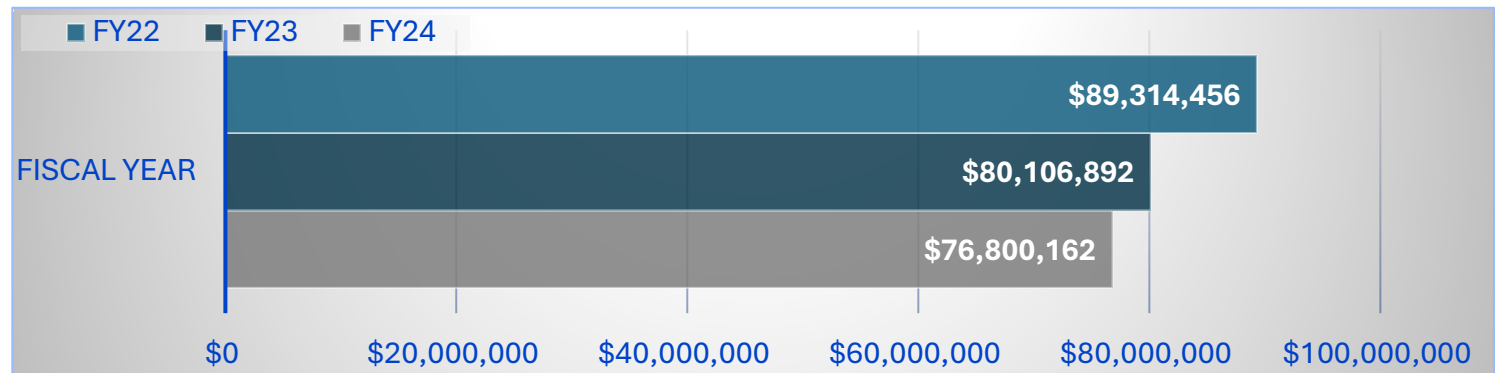
Excise Tax - Wholesale Cannabis Excise Tax Collected 15% Rate – Adult-Use and Medical

FY24: \$43,737,614
FY23: \$52,984,655
FY22: \$63,020,342



State Retail Cannabis Excise Tax 10% Rate – Adult-Use Only

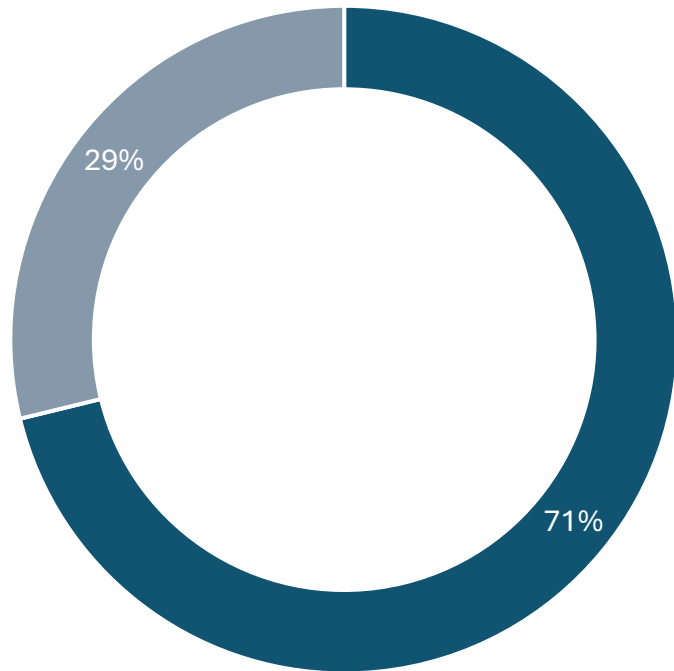
FY24: \$76,800,162
FY23: \$80,106,892
FY22: \$89,314,456



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Distributions to State Education Fund (FY 24)



- Retail Cannabis Excise Tax Revenue- DoT Transfer
- Wholesale Cannabis Excise Tax Revenue- CCB Transfer

Distributions to State Education Fund (FY 24)	\$107,879,622
Retail Cannabis Excise Tax Revenue- DOT transfer	\$76,800,162
Wholesale Cannabis Excise Tax Revenue- CCB transfer	\$31,079,460

NRS 372A.290 directs all revenue from the 10-percent **State Retail Cannabis Excise Tax** into the State Education Fund (SEF), formerly the Distributive School Account (DSA).

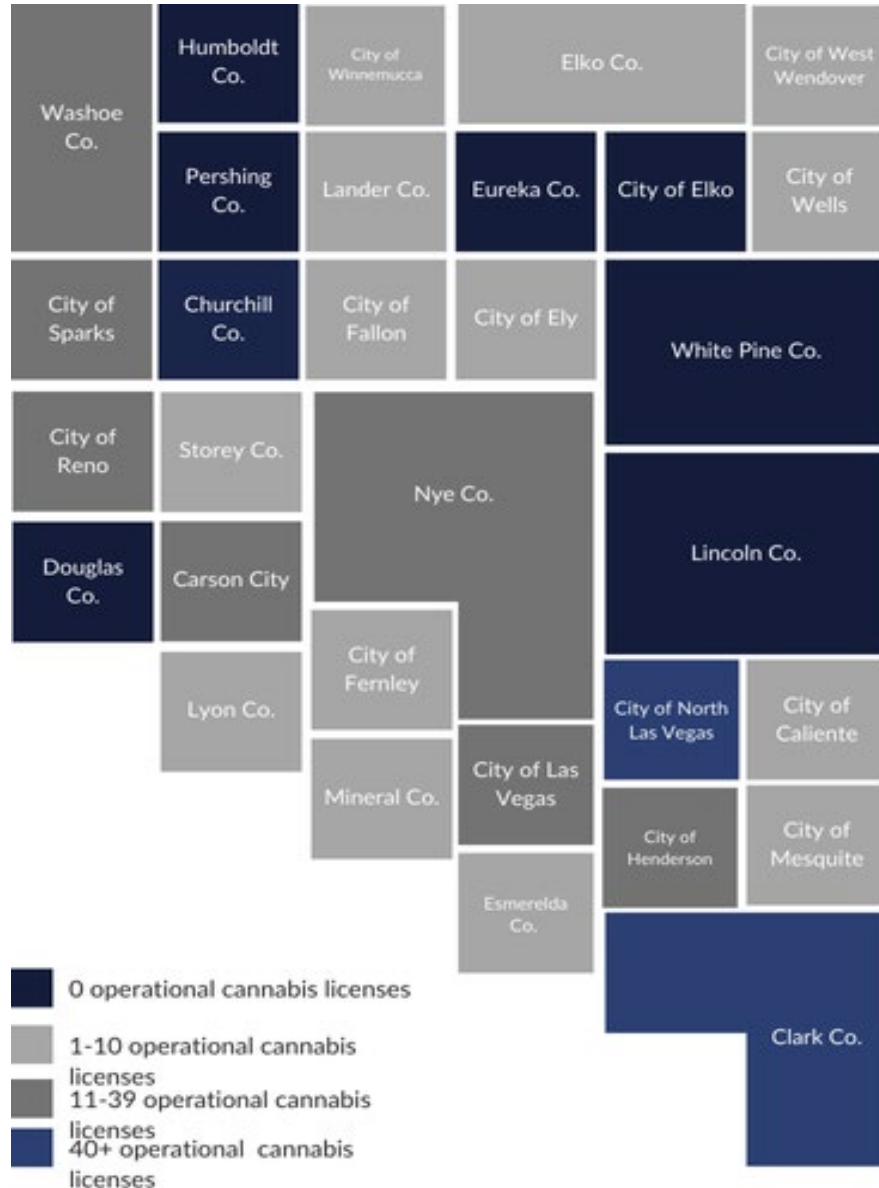
The **State Wholesale Cannabis Excise Tax** revenue collected is transferred to the CCB and used to support the agency’s operations and the regulatory oversight of the cannabis industry in Nevada. The CCB also distributes a total of \$5 million of the revenue collected from wholesale excise tax to local governments to carry out the provisions of NRS 678 C&D. The remaining proceeds are transferred to the SEF by the CCB along with residuals from civil penalties, licensing and other fees collected as outlined in statute.

The Nevada Department of Education is responsible for distributions from the State Education Fund (SEF) to the School Districts.



Industry Snapshot

**as of December 2024*



Total Medical and Adult-Use Operational Licenses Statewide:
387

The highest concentration of operational licenses is in Southern Nevada.

- 260** operational licenses in Clark County (Unincorporated Clark Co., Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Mesquite)

- 62** operational licenses in Washoe County (Unincorporated Washoe Co., Reno, Sparks)

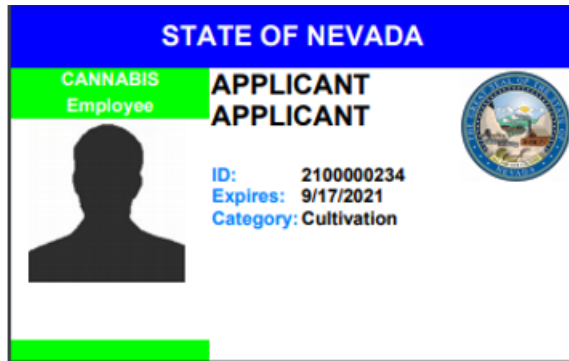
Breakdown of operational license types:

- 128** Cultivation Facilities
- 100** Production Facilities
- 8** Independent Testing Laboratories
- 103** Medical Dispensaries/Retail Cannabis Stores
- 46** Distribution Facilities
- 2** Consumption Lounges

This data only includes operational licenses which have received final licensure to operate from the CCB. This does not include prospective or conditional licenses.



Industry Snapshot



20,397

active cannabis agent
registration cards

View annual
demographics studies
at ccb.nv.gov

Pursuant to NRS 678B.390 and 678B.340, the cost of an agent card is \$150 per category and each card is valid for 2 years.

Each category **cultivation, production, distribution, dispensary, laboratory, and consumption lounge** require separate cards at \$150.

The CCB receives an average of 1,012 agent card applications monthly.

The CCB issues an average of 902 temporary agent cards monthly, allowing Nevadans to enter or continue work in the cannabis industry.

Pending a State and FBI background check, an applicant can expect to receive a temporary agent card within 48 hours.

- Know the Law
- Possession & Consumption
- Growing at Home**
- Under Age 21
- Property Owners
- Federal Implications

Laws & Regulations

Know the Law

This section of the site covers what is legal - and what's not legal - in Nevada. Learn the laws about: [possession and consumption](#) of cannabis, [growing at home](#), and minors [under 21 years of age](#). This section also covers information about property owners and employers, and some possible [federal implications](#) of cannabis use.

Statutes:

(clicking the links below will direct you away from the CCB website)

[Title 56 Nevada Revised Statutes 678A](#) – Administration of Laws Relation to Cannabis

[Title 56 Nevada Revised Statutes 678B](#) – Licensing and Control of Cannabis

[Title 56 Nevada Revised Statutes 678C](#) – Medical Use of Cannabis

[Title 56 Nevada Revised Statutes 678D](#) – Adult Use of Cannabis

- All the rules and regulations governing the CCB can be found on the CCB’s website: ccb.nv.gov under the “Laws & Regulations” tab.
- This page includes Title 56 Nevada Revised Statutes 678A-D as well as the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Regulations. NCCRs (soon to be NACs) are broken down by regulation

Current and Trending Challenges

Economics of the Industry

- Tax revenue in FY 24 is down compared to both FY 23 and FY 22.
- Sales revenue in FY 24 is down compared to both FY 23 and FY 22.

The decline is consistent with sales trends in other states with mature cannabis markets and can be attributed in part to after-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Illicit Market

- Unregulated cultivation, production, and sale of cannabis.
- Nationwide concerns regarding synthetic cannabinoids.



Agency Operations and Efficiencies

White Pine County Licensing

- One cultivation and one production license issued.
- Second licensing round in agency history.

Cannabis Consumption Lounges Open

- Cannabis consumption lounges are expected to open on a rolling basis. Two are currently open.

Mobile Lab

- In 2024, the CCB enlisted mobile labs to test edibles, plants, concentrates, and infused products in the field. Results take approximately 15 minutes.
- LightLabs have already been used to assist law enforcement across the state.

Market Study

- The CCB commissioned an independent market study as required by **NRS 678A.310**.



Agency Operations and Efficiencies

Governor's Initiatives:

- Economic Growth – Creating a business-friendly regulatory environment
- Public Safety – Partnering with DPS on Illicit Market Concerns
- Government Support Services – Recruiting and retention of a talented team, providing outstanding customer service, collaborating with other State agencies – Tax, DPS, Agriculture

Office Organization: The new supervisory positions approved by the legislature in 2023 in the audit, inspection, and investigation divisions improved efficiencies within their divisions.

Staff Training and Improvement: In the interim, the CCB Team received numerous trainings and utilized resources inside and outside the agency, leveraged trainings from other state agencies, and provided numerous trainings to licensees and industry stakeholders.

Recruiting and Retention: The CCB is a desirable place to work. Creating an innovative and forward-looking agency with a current vacancy rate of 1%.

Audit and Inspection: Teams completed all fieldwork and 100% of licensees were visited.

Regulatory Updates: The Board, as dictated by the Governor's Executive Order, considered multiple regulations changes, which were workshopped and approved in June of 2024.

Bill Implementation

SB195

Disciplinary Action: Revamped the provisions relating to disciplinary action taken by the Board, including the settlement process for any complaints. Limited civil penalties to a max of \$20,000 for any single violation.

Fees/Costs: Eliminated time and effort billing for Audit and Inspection.

SB328

APA: CCB is no longer exempt from the Administrative Procedures Act. LCB is currently revising the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Regulations into the NAC format, as well as all regulatory changes submitted in June of 2024.

Board Composition: Terms of office, qualifications, and training of Board Members, and Executive Director Appointment. The CCB welcomed two new Board Members, one in January 2024, with another new member starting this month.



Bill Implementation

SB277

Study on Federal Rescheduling/Descheduling: Required the Cannabis Advisory Commission (CAC) to provide a study and recommendations concerning the potential effects on the Nevada cannabis industry if cannabis were to be removed from schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Substances act or the federal Controlled Substances Act. (Submitted on February 29th, 2024 to LCB)

Dual Licensing: The CCB combined licenses for both medical and adult-use, creating one fee for license renewal. Subsequently, all licenses have been combined.

Individual Sale Amount Increase: Notices sent to industry, and adjustments made to the tracking and inventory systems.

Excluded Felonies: Requires the Board to develop and implement a process by which a person who has been convicted of an excluded felony offense may submit to the Board a petition for an exemption from those prohibitions. 9 have been submitted in total. 4 were approved without conditions, 3 approved with conditions, 1 did not respond, and 1 has not brought requested documents to the Board.

Issuance and Renewal Fees: Decreases the maximum amount of the fees the CCB is authorized to charge for the issuance or renewal of an adult-use cannabis establishment license.

Secure Entrances: *Authorizes any cannabis establishment to have more than one entrance so long as each entrance is secure.*

Legislative Initiatives

For the 83rd Nevada Legislative Session, the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board has produced one agency generated bill.

AB76: Revises provisions relating to cannabis

- Amends statutory languages to dovetail with the requirements of APA.
- Clarifies the requirements of ID scanning at cannabis sales facilities and the definition of “synthetic cannabinoid.”
- Adds language to allow for immediate temporary cease of operations due to imminent health hazards, consistent with other agencies enforcing public health.
- Revises package size limits to be consistent with new possession limits and industry demands



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