



MONTH IN REVIEW

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PCC Members,

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) approved the Final Medical Marijuana Program Regulations at their October 20, 2022 meeting. PCC is working expeditiously to answer questions about implementation and effective dates. The information we currently have is shared on page two of the newsletter.

The Office of Medical Marijuana is planning to produce sub-regulatory guidance as well as FAQs to accompany the regulations. We need your help to inform those documents. *As you are working towards implementation and are editing or drafting SOPs and have questions please send them to me.* We will be compiling this feedback and sharing it with the Office to help ensure MMOs have the necessary information to be compliant with the regulations.

During the month of October PCC conducted a 2022 Legislative Questionnaire. This was a cost free way for us to highlight our legislative champions and identify legislators that need to be further educated about the benefits of cannabis. You can see the results related to support for the medical marijuana program and adult use by visiting pcanna.org/2002legsurvey. I plan to share a more detailed analysis on our 4th Quarter Meeting on December 2, 2022 at 12:00noon via Zoom.

A few housekeeping items:

- [You can add the 4th Quarter Membership Meeting to your calendar by clicking here.](#)
- Our address has changed! Please use this address for mail:
 - PCC | P.O. Box 11501 | Harrisburg, PA 17108
- Membership dues can be paid via check, Quickbooks or ACH. If you would like to pay via ACH, please send me your company's form or reach out for PCC Banking info.

Thank you! Please reach out with feedback!

Meredith Buettner, Executive Director

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FINAL PROGRAM REGULATIONS

On October 20, 2022 the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) approved the Final Form Medical Marijuana Regulations (#10-219) ([Meeting Recording](#)). It was a spirited meeting with several Commissioners voicing concerns about the Department of Health's authority to require grower/processors to use two different laboratories to test at harvest and final form and instructing the Department to continue to work with the regulated industry to address the concerns related to the requirement. PCC will continue to engage the Department on this and other regulatory concerns.

Upon approval by IRRC the regulations were transmitted to the Attorney General for sign off. We anticipate this will take 30-45 days. Once approved by the Attorney General the Department will transmit the regulations for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The publication in the Bulletin will indicate the effective date of the regulations.

The Department has indicated to PCC that they are aware some regulations will take longer to implement than others but also stressed that compliance is expected in a timely manner following publication/effective date. We will continue to share information regarding the effective date and compliance expectations as we receive it.

Director Mentch has shared that she is working with the team at the Office of Medical Marijuana (Office) to produce several piece of sub-regulatory guidance as well as a series of FAQ documents to accompany the regulations.

PCC needs your help!!!

As you are reviewing the final regulations for implementation, updating SOPs or creating new ones and have questions please share those so that we may inform the Office's development of guidance and FAQs. Please email Meredith with your regulatory questions at Meredith@pcanna.org

[Link to Final Form Medical Marijuana Regulations \(#10-219\)](#)



Program Data to Date

- 816,772 Patients and Caregivers Registered
- 417,708 Active Patient Certifications
- 1,849 Approved Practitioners
- 24.7 Million Patients Dispensing Events
- 70.5 Million Products Dispensed
- \$6 Billion in Total Sales
 - \$2.4 Billion by GPs to Dispensaries
 - \$3.6 Billion by Dispensaries

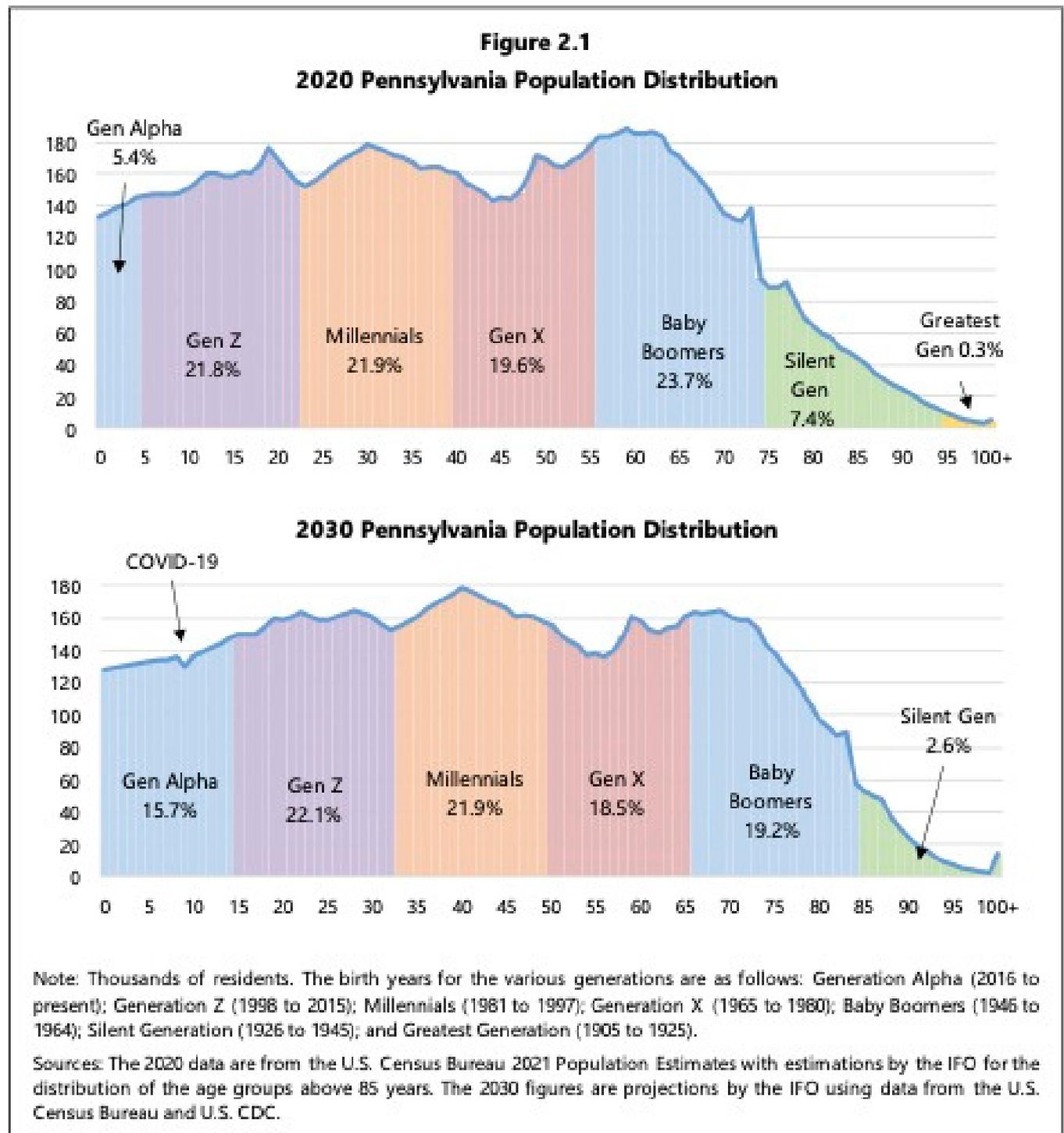
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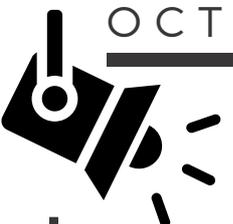
INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE 2022 PENNSYLVANIA DEMOGRAPHIC OUTLOOK

[LINK TO FULL REPORT](#)

Pennsylvania Population Distribution

Figure 2.1 displays the Pennsylvania projected population distribution for 2020 and 2030 by generation. The 2020 distribution is shaped by the three largest generations: Baby Boomers (age 56 to 74, 23.7% of total population), Millennials (age 23 to 39, 21.9%) and Generation Z (age 5 to 22, 21.8%). By 2030, Millennials (21.9%) and Generation Z (22.1%) become the largest two generations, while the Baby Boomer share of total state population declines to 19.2%.





TILT HOLDINGS



Standard Farms

TILT is a combination of leading cannabis companies that deliver products and services to businesses operating in the cannabis industry.

Jupiter Research designs, develops, and manufactures innovative vaporization technologies exclusively for natural plant-derived extractors and oil consumers. As a wholesale brand partner, Jupiter provides high-performance, state-of-the-art solutions that allow extractors to focus on their craft. Jupiter distributes cartridges and vaporizers featuring CCELL® technology, because extractors deserve only the best.

One of the first medical marijuana growers in Pennsylvania, Standard Farms has specialized in cultivating and extracting pure, organic and natural medical cannabis products since the very start. As a standard bearer of quality, Standard Farms offers a variety of strains, cartridges, tinctures, and capsules for medical cannabis patients in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Commonwealth Alternative Care provides medical cannabis patients throughout Massachusetts with quality products. Delivering cannabis through its cultivation, processing and distribution of wholesale and direct-to-patient products, Commonwealth Alternative Care has developed the product lines Chroma, Slate and One.

To learn more visit www.tiltholdings.com

Dispensary Call:
First Tuesday of the Month
Tuesday, November 1 @ 1pm via Zoom

Grower/Processor Call:
Second Tuesday of the Month
Tuesday, November 8 @ 1pm via Zoom

Legislative Input Call:
Third Thursday of the Month
Thursday, 17 @ 1pm Via Zoom

MMAB November Meeting
Tuesday, November 22nd @ 10am Via Zoom

PCC Fourth Quarter Membership Meeting
Friday, December 2nd @ 12noon Via Zoom

**All times are EST*



PCC CALENDAR

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Pennsylvania Cannabis Coalition Releases Results of Candidate Survey Aimed at Gauging Elected Officials' Stance on Cannabis Policy

Cannabis Business Times | October 24, 2022 | Melissa Schiller

The Pennsylvania Cannabis Coalition (PCC) announced Oct. 24 that the trade organization has released the results of a candidate survey aimed at gauging elected officials' stance on cannabis policy ahead of the November election.

The questionnaire, sent to the candidates in all 228 legislative races on the ballot, addressed the current issues faced by Pennsylvania's roughly 816,000 registered medical cannabis patients, caregivers and businesses, according to a press release from the PCC. These issues include medical cannabis accessibility, as well as adult-use legalization.

"As the national conversation about fully legalizing cannabis amplifies, it's crucial that Pennsylvania cannabis voters use their voice and vote with their feet on medical marijuana patient access and potential legalization," PCC Executive Director Meredith Buettner said in a public statement.

The survey's results reveal that 16 Democrat and 10 Republican Senate candidates support medical cannabis, with eight Democratic candidates signaling support for adult-use cannabis legalization.

The results also show that 95 Democrats and 59 Republicans in the vying for office in the House support medical cannabis.

"Several republican state legislators who weren't supportive of the state's cannabis program at inception are now supportive," Buettner said, adding that Pennsylvania's medical cannabis market has generated \$6 billion in tax revenue. "We hope that the market realities combined with public sentiment will result in broad, bi-partisan support for an adult-use program, similar to New York's recent adoption."

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Visit pcanna.org/2022legsurvey to see the full results of where Pennsylvania's legislative candidates stand on support for the Commonwealth's medical marijuana program and a future adult use market.

We will share a deeper analysis on PCC's 4th Quarter Membership Meeting on December 2, 2022



PCC PAC

BIG GOALS REQUIRE BIG BUDGETS

Who can contribute?

- Individuals
- PACs
- Certain LLCs

How much can you contribute?

- Any amount helps
- There is no limit
- Average 2021 contribution was \$1,000

REASONS TO GIVE TO PCC PAC

- We need to stand up for those who stand up for us
- We must continue to build a coalition of legislative support
 - PAC Dollars grab legislators attention and allow our lobbying team and staff more facetime with more legislators
- Other PACS WILL spend against us
- There is legislation being considered NOW that affects MMOs

**Please consider contributing to PCC PAC
by mailing personal or LLC check to :**

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PAC SPENDING BY ACTIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Organization	2021 Spend	2020 Spend
PA Realtors	\$ 1,158,281.00	\$ 873,216.00
PA State Education Association	\$ 622,836.00	\$ 2,069,327.00
Operators for Skill	\$ 313,618.00	\$ 365,420.00
PA Trial Lawyers	\$ 228,459.00	\$ 857,093.00
PA Chamber PAC	\$ 209,669.00	\$ 137,750.00
PA State Police (State Lodge)	\$ 116,685.00	\$ 54,925.00
Horseman	\$ 109,536.00	\$ 74,406.00
PA Health Care Association	\$ 102,415.00	\$ 32,158.00
P.C. PAC	\$ 14,207.00	\$ 4,865.00

WANTED NEWSLETTER CONTENT

JUNE 2022

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PCC Members -

Well, we are still without a budget here in Pennsylvania. The parties have failed to reach an agreement on the amount of spending. The House was in session today and is expected to complete their calendar. Both the House and Senate will both be adjourned to a 24 hour call of the Chair and are expected back early next week. We will continue to monitor the budget process for items relevant to cannabis and report any pertinent developments including those related to the issuance of new permits through a code vehicle and movement on 280c.

As I am writing this update the House has just passed SAFE Banking Legislation via HB 331 which will go to the Governor's desk for signature. I am proud that PCC was able to work with many of the banking associations in Pennsylvania to get this across the finish line - now to get it done in Washington. Please consider reaching out to Senators DiSanto & Street to thank them for their work on this bill.

We have now had two monthly meetings with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. We are working hard to redefine the relationship between regulated and regulator as one focused on the mutual goal of improving the medical marijuana program in the best interest of patients. We were able to address several of our concerns related to the final regulations. DOH is not able to change the package as submitted but our meeting did provide an opportunity to address areas where further guidance is necessary if the regulations are approved by IRRC.

We are cancelling both the Dispensary & Grower/Processor calls for the month of July - attendance has been waning during the summer months.

Additionally, we are considering holding our Third Quarter Meeting in person, in Harrisburg. Please keep an eye on your email for updates!

Happy 4th of July to you and yours!

Meredith Buettner, Executive Director

PCC IS SEEKING ARTICLES, OP-EDS, WHITE PAPERS AND RESEARCH FOR INCLUSION IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

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