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Active Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in California, 2015

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- We identified 2,174 dispensaries with phone numbers listed online through sites such as Weedmaps, FindTheBest, etc.
- This included both those with storefronts and delivery services only.
- We made multiple phone calls to reach the dispensary and identify the economic “active” dispensaries.

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- The online listings appear to be inaccurate. We only found 815 out of the listed 2,174 dispensaries were active. This is 37 percent of the listings.
- The rest were either identified as “closed” or status was “uncertain”.

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- The 815 active operating dispensaries in California as of Spring 2015 equals 2.1 dispensaries per 100,000 people in California.

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- 18 counties have more than the state average of 2.1 dispensaries per 100,000 people
 - Mono County has the most; Los Angeles has just more than the state average
- San Francisco County has 2.1 dispensaries per 100,000 people
- 15 counties have less than the state average
 - Tulare County has the least
- 24 out of 58 counties have no dispensaries and most of these have bans

Counties with high density of Active Dispensaries per 100,000 people, 2015

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County	Ranking
Mono	1
Santa Cruz	2
San Luis Obispo	3
Calaveras	4
Santa Barbara	5
Shasta	6
Mendocino	7
Solano	8
Humboldt	9
Marin	10
San Diego	11
Lake	12
Kern	13
El Dorado	14
San Joaquin	15
Riverside	16
Alameda	17
Los Angeles	18
San Francisco	19

Counties with low density of Active Dispensaries per 100,000 people, 2015

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County	Ranking
Ventura	20
Tuolumne	21
Sacramento	22
Orange	23
Fresno	24
Contra Costa	25
Santa Clara	26
San Bernardino	27
Monterey	28
Sutter	29
Nevada	30
Madera	31
Sonoma	32
Stanislaus	33
Tulare	34

Counties with no Active Dispensaries, 2015

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County
Alpine
Amador
Butte
Colusa
Del Norte
Glenn
Imperial
Inyo
Kings
Lassen
Mariposa
Merced
Modoc
Napa
Placer
Plumas
San Benito
San Mateo
Sierra
Siskiyou
Tehama
Trinity
Yolo
Yuba

Active Dispensaries per 100,000 people in California, by County in 2015

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