

Harmful Contaminants in Maine's Medical Cannabis Program

Findings from the Office of Cannabis Policy's August 2023 audit testing of Maine medical cannabis and cannabis products

Findings

Samples were collected from:

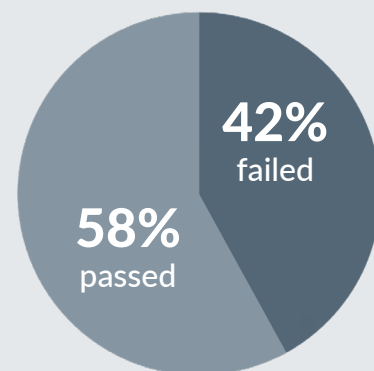
112

Registered
Caregivers

8

Registered
Dispensaries

50 out of **120** medical cannabis samples contained at least one contaminant that would have failed testing according to Maine's Adult Use Cannabis Program testing standards.



12 samples failed testing for more than one contaminant, and **5** failed testing for multiple contaminants within a given analyte category. Overall:

- » **30** individual samples failed for yeast & mold (25.0% of all samples)
- » **21** individual samples failed for pesticides (17.5% of all samples) (**26** failures in total)
- » **3** individual samples failed for heavy metals (2.5% of all samples) (**4** failures in total)
- » **1** individual sample failed for filth & foreign materials (0.8% of all samples)

Testing Facilities

Maine has five certified cannabis testing facilities (CTFs) that are:

- ✓ Licensed by Maine's Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP)
- ✓ Certified annually by Maine's Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
- ✓ Accredited by an independent, third-party accreditor using ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standards
- ✓ Equipped to test medical cannabis in Maine as they do for the adult use program

Policy Challenges

Implementing mandatory medical cannabis testing is but one part of protecting Maine's 106,000+ medical cannabis patients.

Absent an inventory tracking system and changes to the confidentiality protections for registrants in Maine's Medical Use of Cannabis Program, the impacts of such mandatory testing are limited at best.

Maine's medical cannabis patients deserve a comprehensive solution that prioritizes their safety.