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SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Welcome and Opening Remarks
III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2025, Board Meeting
IV. Consideration of Adult-Use Applications for Approval
V. Consideration of Adult-Use License and Permit Amendment Requests
VI. Consideration of Certain Applications with Non-Viable Locations Requesting the Board Determine Whether Granting the License Would Promote Public Convenience and Advantage
VII. Consideration of Administrative Appeals
VIII. Consideration of Adult-Use and CAURD Provisional License Extension
IX. Consideration of Adopting Provisional License Guidance
X. Consideration of Creation of the Cannabis Education Advisory Panel
XI. Office of Cannabis Management Report
XII. Public Comment
XIII. Adjourn

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EXECUTIVE SESSION IN PROGRESS

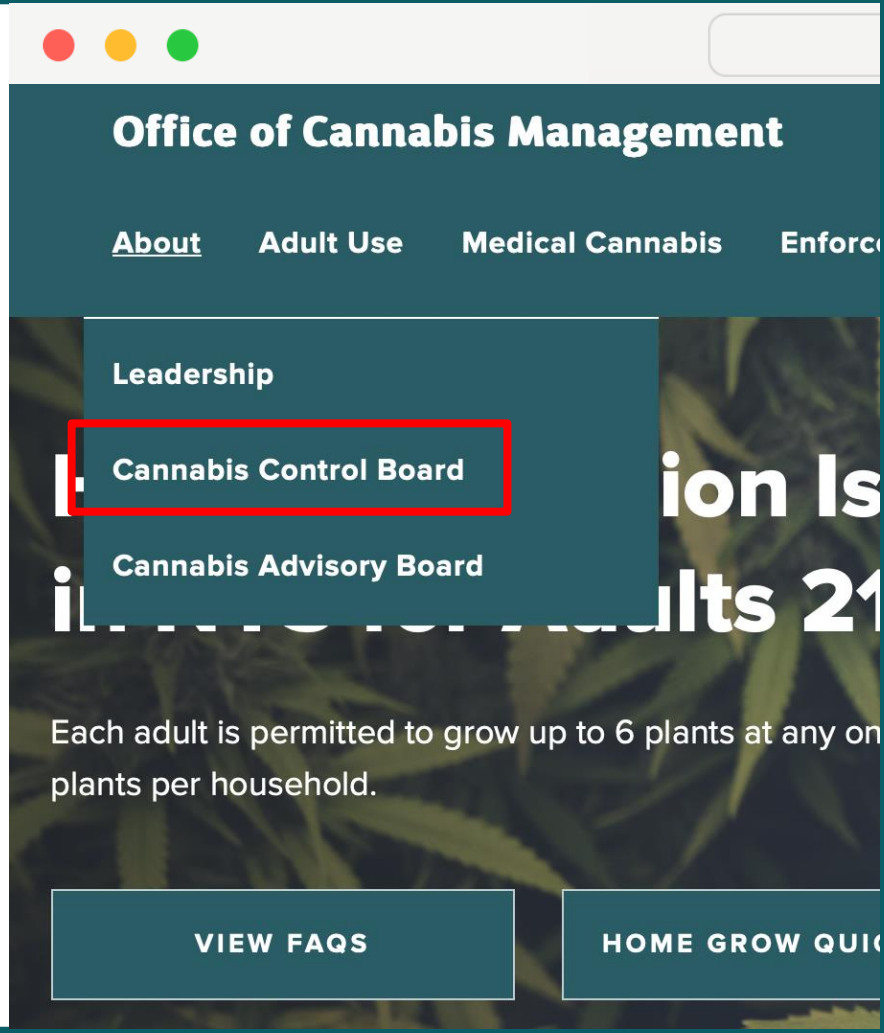
THE MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE JULY 25, 2025 BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, within two weeks, the following is provided on **cannabis.ny.gov** on the Cannabis Control Board page:

- Meeting minutes
- Meeting transcript
- Meeting video

The public was provided with information on how to access this meeting in the Public Notice. An unabridged video recording, an unabridged transcript, will be made available on the OCM website within two weeks of the Board meeting.



CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-59

- On October 4, 2023, OCM opened an application window for adult-use licenses. The application window included applications for cultivators, processors, distributors, retail dispensaries and microbusinesses.
- The application window closed on November 17, 2023, for retail and microbusiness applications who were applying with a location. The remaining applications closed on December 18, 2023. Overall, nearly 7,000 applications were received.
- **46 AU applications** are being recommended for approval today and all have satisfied the necessary requirements in accordance with the Cannabis Law and regulations.
- The Office is actively reviewing and issuing additional adult-use licenses on a rolling basis. If the Office has been in contact with you, please respond to any deficiency letter with the requested information to keep your application processing.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-59

Application ID	License Type	Entity Name
OCMCULT-2023-000219	Adult-Use Cultivator License	332 Manor Farms Inc
OCMCULT-2023-000008	Adult-Use Cultivator License	Derek Frank
OCMCULT-2023-000004	Adult-Use Cultivator License	Dragonfly Kitchen III Inc.
OCMCULT-2023-000028	Adult-Use Cultivator License	Cannon Cultivation LLC
OCMCULT-2023-000133	Adult-Use Cultivator License	CHENCANNA INC.
OCMCULT-2023-000101	Adult-Use Cultivator License	ALUSI, LLC
OCMCULT-2023-000109	Adult-Use Cultivator License	EOD Farms Corp
OCMCULT-2023-000181	Adult-Use Cultivator License	Aches and Strains Incorporated
OCMDIST-2023-000264	Adult-Use Distributor License	Jerico Farms LLC
OCMDIST2-2024-000018	Adult-Use Distributor License	Hurley Grown LLC
OCMDIST-2023-000300	Adult-Use Distributor License	Miss Perry Farms Processing Inc.
OCMDIST2-2025-000006	Adult-Use Distributor License	Roxanne Burford
OCMMICR-2023-000446	Adult-Use Microbusiness License w/Retail	TW of NY Retail LLC
OCMMICR-2023-000556	Adult-Use Microbusiness License w/Retail	Lasting Legacy Cannabis LLC

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Application ID	License Type	Entity Name
OCMMICR-2023-000584	Adult-Use Microbusiness License	Electric City Organics LLC
OCMMICR-2023-000169	Adult-Use Microbusiness License	A%N LLC
OCMPROC2-2025-000002	Adult-Use Processor License	Sezby Growers LLC
OCMPROC-2023-000464	Adult-Use Processor License	ATR Processing LLC
OCMPROC-2023-000511	Adult-Use Processor License	CCKNY, LLC
OCMPROC2-2025-000003	Adult-Use Processor License	Stalliongrow, LLC
OCMPT3B-2025-000148	Adult-Use Processor Type Three-Branding License	Fernway New York, LLC
OCMPT3B-2025-000059	Adult-Use Processor Type Three-Branding License	LUCIANO STEFANO DEVELOPMENT LLC
OCMPT3B-2025-000053	Adult-Use Processor Type Three-Branding License	StranMan LLC
OCMPT3B-2025-000041	Adult-Use Processor Type Three-Branding License	Ultra Black Inc.
OCMPT3B-2025-000167	Adult-Use Processor Type Three-Branding License	Reefer Rolls LLC

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Application ID	License Type	Entity Name
OCMPT3B-2025-000167	Adult-Use Processor Type Three-Branding License	Stoney Flower LLC
OCMPT3B-2025-000028	Adult-Use Processor Type Three-Branding License	Pedro Sena
OCMPT3B-2025-000019	Adult-Use Processor Type Three-Branding License	let my people grow, llc
OCMPT3B-2024-000127	Adult-Use Processor Type Three-Branding License	Tookiki LLC
OCMPT3B-2024-000016	Adult-Use Processor Type Three-Branding License	Vitabudz Group LLC
OCMRETL-2023-002223	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	Rochester Management Hospitality Group, Inc.
OCMRETL-2023-000459	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	SDIP Holdings LLC
OCMRETL-2023-001186	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	NNC 3 LLC
OCMRETL-2023-001391	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	581 Realty CRD LLC
OCMRETL-2023-001415	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	Crystonio, LLC
OCMRETL-2023-001432	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	Gtb2 Enterprise Llc

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Application ID	License Type	Entity Name
OCMRETL-2023-002090	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	Tink & E Co. Inc.
OCMRETL-2023-000493	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	Smoke Emporium LLC
OCMRETL-2023-000358	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	KB Holdings 716 LLC
OCMRETL-2023-000807	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	Rosedale Cannabis Dispensary LLC
OCMRETL-2023-001448	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	DUTCHMEN OF CENTRAL LLC
OCMRETL-2023-000500	Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	The Highline Cannabis LLC
OCMCAURDP-2025-000013	Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary	SEVEN AMAZING KIDS LLC
OCMCAURDP-2025-000043	Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary	Royal Buds LLC
OCMCAURDP-2024-000064	Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary	Gourmet Budz LLC
OCMCAURDP-2023-000095	Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary	Simply Green Natural Lifestyle Remedies LLC

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ADULT-USE CANNABIS LICENSE TOTALS

License Type	September Board Meeting	Total Licenses Issued
Adult-Use Cultivator License	8	207
Adult-Use Distributor License	4	216
Adult-Use Microbusiness License	4	302
Adult-Use Processor License	14	463
Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	12	424
CAURD Final Licensed	4	291
Total	**46**	**1,904**

NOVEMBER QUEUE

PENDING APPLICATIONS

License Status	Count
Final License Issued	696
Provisional Licenses Issued	247
Applications Under Review (in different statuses of review)	280
Applications that have been “Closed” (Denied, Withdrawn or Voided)	380
Total	**1,603**

DECEMBER QUEUE

PENDING APPLICATIONS

Adult-Use Cultivators

168

Adult-Use Processors

105

Adult-Use Distributors

173

Adult-Use Microbusiness

872

Adult-Use Retail Dispensary

2,704

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CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE LICENSE AND PERMIT AMENDMENT REQUESTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-60

- **Sections 13(1), 67(2), 126(1), and 129 of the Cannabis Law** allow the Board to authorize amendments to cannabis licenses and permits. Sections 120.18(d)(1)(iii), 132.9(9)(ii), and 130.7(f) of Title 9 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations outline the criteria for such amendments.

- The Office of Cannabis Management launched an amendment survey on August 27, 2024, which allows adult-use cannabis licensees to request certain amendments including location or cultivation tier changes which require Board approval in accordance with the cannabis regulations. The Office has begun the review of amendments submitted and will be reviewing requests on a rolling basis.

- For the applications listed in the attached resolution, the Office is recommending approval. The licensees have provided all necessary information in accordance with the cannabis regulations.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN APPLICATIONS WITH NON-VIABLE LOCATIONS REQUESTING THE BOARD DETERMINE WHETHER GRANTING THE LICENSE WOULD PROMOTE PCA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-61

- There are **two (2)** matters before the Board today in which the applicant has proposed a location that does not meet the distance requirements set forth in N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. Tit. 9 § 119.4(a).

- The applicants have requested the Board proceed with the review of the entire application and determine whether granting the license would promote public convenience and advantage pursuant to 9 NYCRR § 119.4(b).

CONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Article 2 of the Cannabis Law §§ 10 and 17:

The Cannabis Control Board ("Board") is charged with the responsibility of issuing a final determination when an administrative decision is appealed.

RECOMMENDATION: DISMISS AS MOOT

- OCM V. STONEDHENGE SMOKE-N-GROW INC: INSPECTION NO. 104 2024 0613 0017
- OCM V. BREWSTER CONVENIENCE INC: INSPECTION NO. 211 2024 0820 0039
- OCM V. H & A GROCERY AND DELI INC: INSPECTION NO. 204 2024 0822 0007

RECOMMENDATION: AFFIRM THE DECISION AND ORDER AND DENY THE APPEAL AND THE RELIEF REQUESTED

- OCM V. KUSH BLOOMS: INSPECTION NO. 107 2024 0808 0013
- 5514 MYRTLE AVE CORP V. OCM: INSPECTION NO. 202 2024 1029 0045

The above referenced appeals were submitted to the Board for review pursuant to Title 9 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations ("NYCRR") § 133.25(k).

The proposed decisions were provided in advance of today's meeting and posted on the OCM website.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL DECISIONS RECOMMENDING THE APPEALS BE DISMISSED AS MOOT

- **Stonedhenge Smoke-N-Grow Inc.** - Inspection No. 104 2024 0613 0017 – Decision Date: June 25, 2024
- **Brewster Convenience Inc.** - Inspection No. 211 2024 0820 0039 – Decision Date: August 28, 2024
- **H & A Grocery And Deli Inc.** - Inspection No. 204 2024 0822 0007 – Decision Date: September 6, 2024

RECOMMENDED DECISION: DISMISS AS MOOT

- Due to the passage of time and the lack of authority to grant the relief requested, reinstatement of the sealing orders, the appeals should be dismissed as moot.
- Pursuant to Cannabis Law Section 138-b(9) and Section 133.25(g)(5) Title 9 NYCRR, any order to seal issued by the office or the board issued pursuant to this section shall be effective for one-year from the later of the posting of the order or the date of the date of the judgment.
- The Board lacks authority to reinstate the sealing orders beyond one-year from the judgment date.

OCM V. KUSH BLOOMS

INSPECTION NO. 107 2024 0808 0013

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-63

- Appellant OCM takes exception with the sufficiency finding of the ALJ's decision and order vacating the Order to Seal issued against Appellee Kush Blooms' business premises.
- The ALJ found that Appellant OCM did not meet their burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence that no part of the premises sealed was used as and zoned for or lawfully occupied as a residence as required to do so pursuant to Cannabis Law Section 138-b(6) and Section 133.25(f)(3) of Title 9 NYCRR;

RECOMMENDATION: DENY THE APPEAL AND AFFIRM THE ALJ'S DECISION AND ORDER

- The ALJ's determination was based upon the totality of the circumstances and was within their authority under the law;
- The determination was made with regard to the facts and evidence presented;
- The ALJ relied on the testimony of both Appellant and Appellee's witnesses along with photographic evidence;
- The ALJ reasoned that Appellant OCM did not inquire whether any part of the establishment was used as a residence and did not submit evidence regarding zoning;
- The determination is supported by substantial evidence in the record and Appellant OCM has not demonstrated a basis to support disturbing the credibility determinations & factual findings of the ALJ.

5514 MYRTLE AVE CORP. V. OCM

INSPECTION NO. 202 2024 1029 0045

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-64

- Appellant 5514 Myrtle Ave Corp takes exception with the ALJ's finding regarding whether proper service was effectuated, whether the ALJ properly excluded Appellant's evidence during the hearing, and whether the ALJ properly relied on evidence establishing a volume of cannabis and cannabis products during the regulatory inspection conducted of Appellant's business.

RECOMMENDATION: DENY THE APPEAL AND AFFIRM THE ALJ'S DECISION AND ORDER

- The ALJ's decision was made with reason, was supported by the evidence presented at the hearing, was within the authority of the ALJ and was in accordance with the law.
- The ALJ's determination is consistent with the plain language of Cannabis Law § 138-b(2): a copy of the order shall also be mailed "to any address for the owner of the business at any address provided by the person to whom such order was delivered." (emphasis added). Here, the record is clear that no address was provided by the individual personally served.
- The ALJ's decision not to admit the evidence was within their authority. (see, 9 NYCRR § 133.17[7]).
- Appellant's argument regarding consideration of the volume of products found ignores the plain language of Cannabis Law § 138-b(7), which permits consideration of any one or more of the four factors listed, when determining whether unlicensed activity is more than a de minimis part of the business activity on the premises.

CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE AND CAURD PROVISIONAL LICENSE EXTENSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-65

- Currently, there are four groups of provisional licenses each with different expiration timelines depending on when they received their provisional license and if they are CAURD or Adult-Use.
- The Office has heard feedback from provisional licensees that it is not clear which extensions apply to each different cohort.
- The recent school proximity situation has created further ambiguity as to what the standard will be for evaluating retail dispensary locations and distance from schools.
- To give provisional licensees a longer time-period to find a viable location, the Office and Board are recommending an extension of the provisional license period for provisional CAURD and provisional adult-use licensees until **December 31, 2026**.
- This extension will also apply to any provisional licenses issued from September 9, 2025 to December 30, 2025.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING PROVISIONAL LICENSE GUIDANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-66

- Pursuant to **Sections 10(16) and 12(12) of the Cannabis Law**, the Board and the Office have the authority "*to issue guidance and advisories*" to inform the cannabis regulated market.
- The guidance is intended to provide information on:
  - Extension and expiration dates;
  - Steps required to receive a final license; and
  - Clarity regarding what happens when a provisional licensee's provisional time-period expires.
- The Office has proposed a policy guidance document, which has been posted publicly along with today's meeting materials for the Board's consideration.

CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISH A CANNABIS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEAP)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-67

- Before the Board today is a resolution to establish a Cannabis Education Advisory Committee (CEAP). If adopted, the Office would establish the CEAP, a statewide advisory panel consisting of experts and community members convened to advise OCM on the development and dissemination of youth and family-oriented cannabis education materials, specifically to help ensure cannabis education for youth is evidence-informed, culturally responsive, and best meets the needs of families across the State.
- If the Board votes to approve this resolution today, the Office will move forward with the establishment of the CEAP.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

CANNABIS EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL (CEAP)

WHAT IS THE CEAP?

The CEAP is a group of **up to 15** experts who will help ensure youth and family-oriented cannabis education is evidence-informed, culturally responsive, and best meets the needs of New Yorkers across the State.

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

Individuals from CBOs that serve youth and families, public health professionals, educators, clinicians specializing in adolescent and behavioral health, researchers, and persons with lived experience.

WHAT WILL THE CEAP DO?

- Help shape the development of youth-focused cannabis education in New York State.
- Provide expert advice on how to align messaging with best practices in adolescent health and public health communication and best serve communities.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- **Apply online.** Applications open through **10/9/25**.
- Members will be selected with consideration of diverse representation across the Panel.

To apply to be considered for CEAP Membership, scan QR code or visit **cannabis.ny.gov/ceap**

OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT REPORT

SCHOOL PROXIMITY UPDATE

MARKET UPDATE

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC EQUITY UPDATE

SEED TO SALE UPDATE

POWERSCORE UPDATE

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SCHOOL PROXIMITY UPDATE

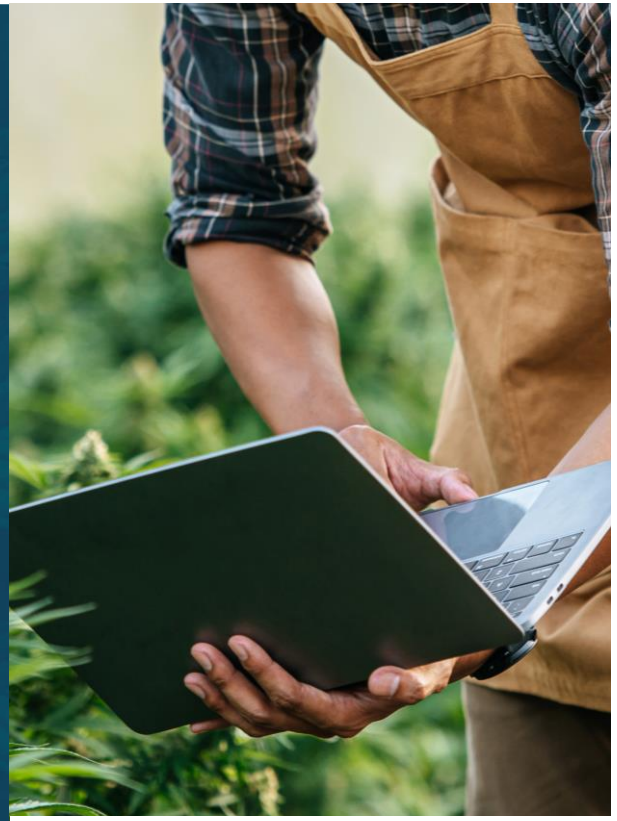
POWERSCORE

THE POWERSCORE REPORT WAS DUE AUG. 31

APPLIES TO: **All** licensees authorized to cultivate

DUE DATE: August 31, 2025

- If you missed the deadline, it's not too late! You can access your PowerScore account at any time.
- Video tutorials now available on Office's YouTube page. Scan the QR code to view the **PowerScore playlist**.
- Questions about **reporting requirements and timelines**? Contact the Office: PowerScore@ocm.ny.gov
- Questions about the **PowerScore platform or accessing your account**? Contact RII: PowerScore@resourceinnovation.org

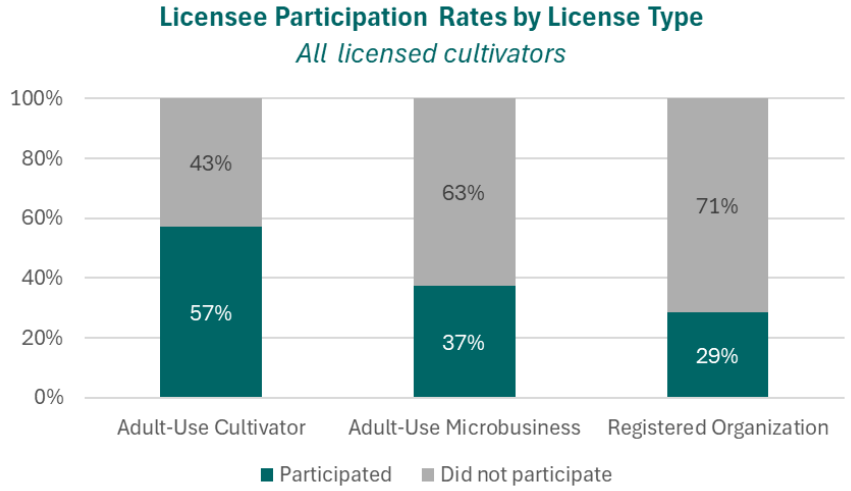


Scan QR code to view the **PowerScore playlist** of tutorials and webinars.

MARKET UPDATE

LAST MONTH OCM SURVEYED CULTIVATORS TO CAPTURE THE STATUS AND UTILIZATION OF CANOPY IN THE MARKET

- **Survey was open from 7/23/25 – 8/13/25**
- **Objectives of survey:**
  - Determine operational status of responding licensed cultivators
  - Assess canopy utilization and cannabis output for confirmed operational cultivators
  - Identify future production plans for responding licensed cultivators
- **Thank you to everybody who participated**



233
Cultivators completed survey

Which is…
45%
of total cultivators

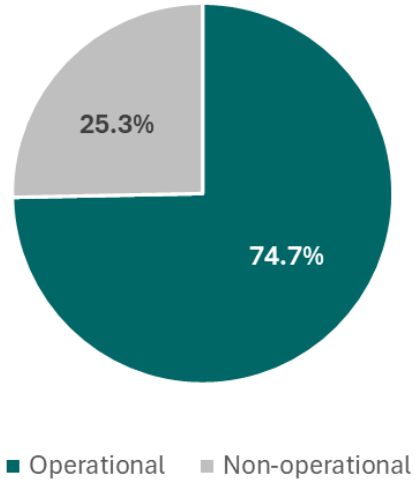
Who represent…
60%
of licensed canopy

*Survey Base n= 233 (117 AU Cultivators, 110 Microbusinesses, 6 ROs)

~75% OF RESPONDENTS REPORTED THAT THEY ARE OPERATIONAL; OPERATIONAL RESPONDENTS SKEW LARGER

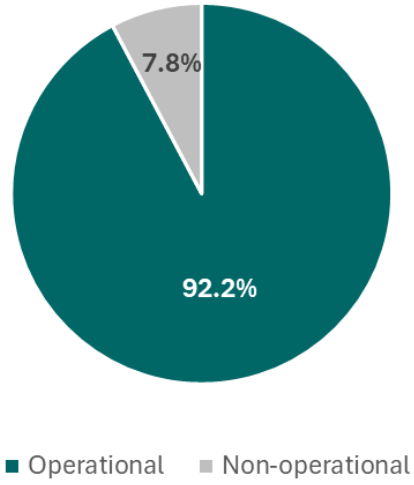
Licenses by Operational Status

All survey respondents



Authorized Canopy by Operational Status

All survey respondents



*Survey Base: 233 (Operational n= 174, Non-operational n=59)

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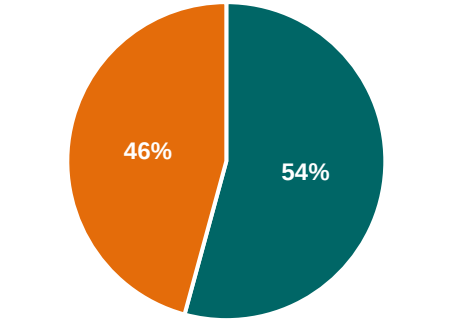
ABOUT HALF OF NON-OPERATIONAL RESPONDENTS HAVE AN EXPECTED OPERATIONAL DATE, MOST OF WHICH ARE IN 2025

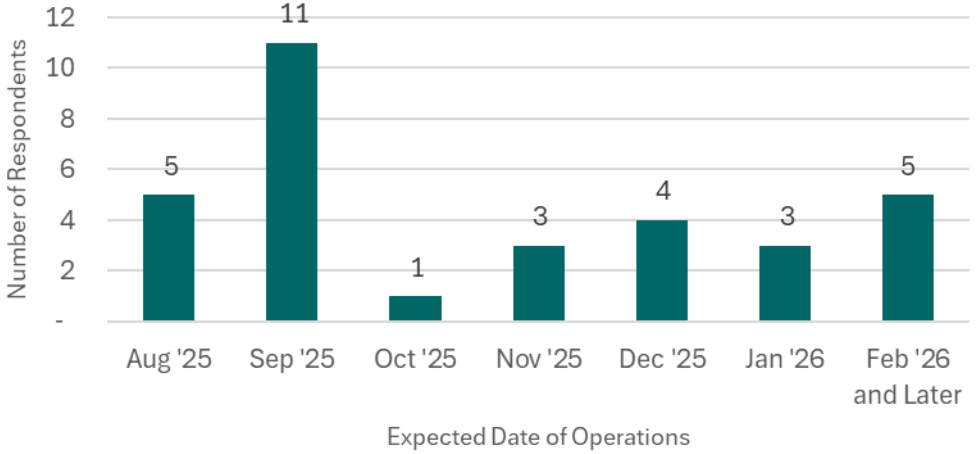
Operationalization Plans

Non-Operational Respondents



Expected Operational Date by Month

Non-operational respondents



*Question Base: Non-operational n=59 (Planned date n=32, No planned date n=27)

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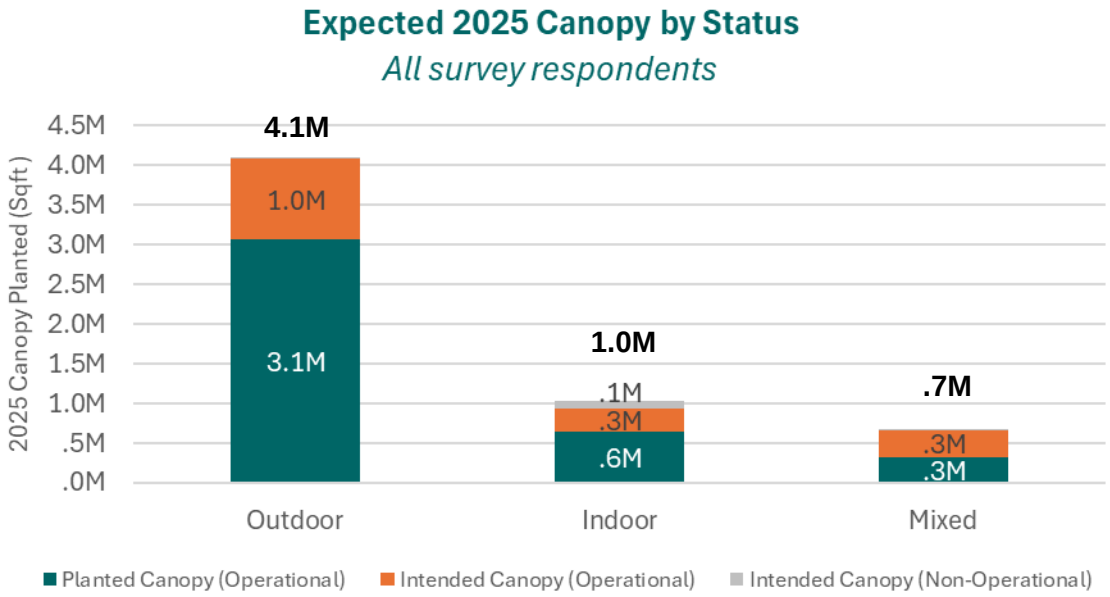
SURVEY RESPONDENTS EXPECT TO PLANT ALMOST 6M SQFT OF CANNABIS IN 2025



5.79M sqft*
Respondents' expected planted canopy for 2025

4.89M sqft
Total authorized canopy of respondents

2.2 cycles
Avg. for operational licensees

*This has not been normalized to account for multiple harvests per year. See next slide for per cycle utilization.

*Question Base: Operational n= 174, Non-operational n=36

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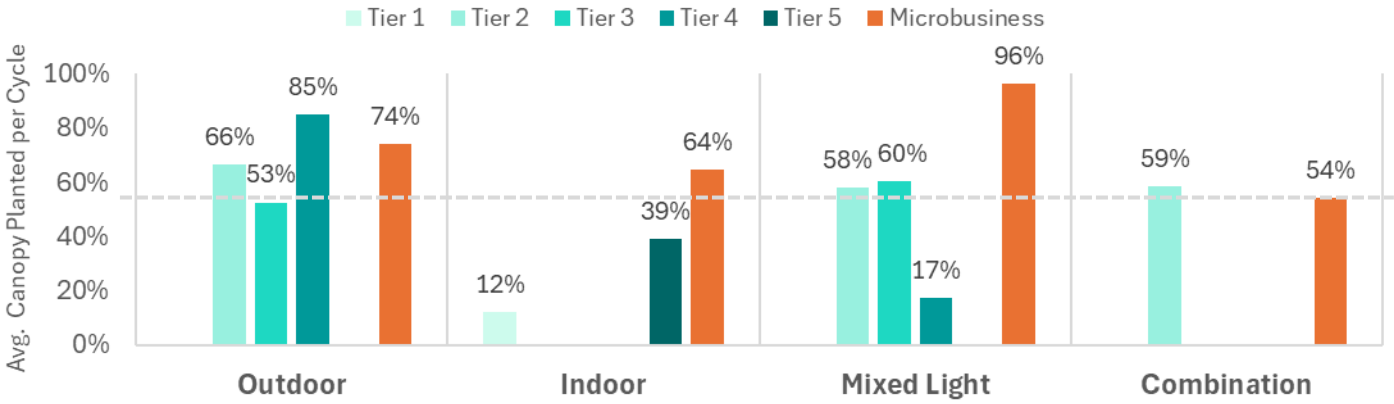
MANY CULTIVATORS ARE OPERATING BELOW FULL AUTHORIZED CANOPY; AVG UTILIZATION PER CYCLE IS ~55%

Average Canopy Planted per Cycle by Cultivation Type and Tier

All Operational Respondents



Avg. Canopy Utilization per Cycle: 55.4%

	Outdoor	Indoor	Mixed Light	Combination
Avg Harvest Cycles	**1.4**	**3.3**	**3.0**	**2.1**
Avg Annual lbs. biomass/ ft²	**.08**	**.18**	**.08**	**.09**

*Outdoor survey respondents likely over-reported due to cultivation type transitions; effective avg ~1.0.

*Question Base: Operational n= 174

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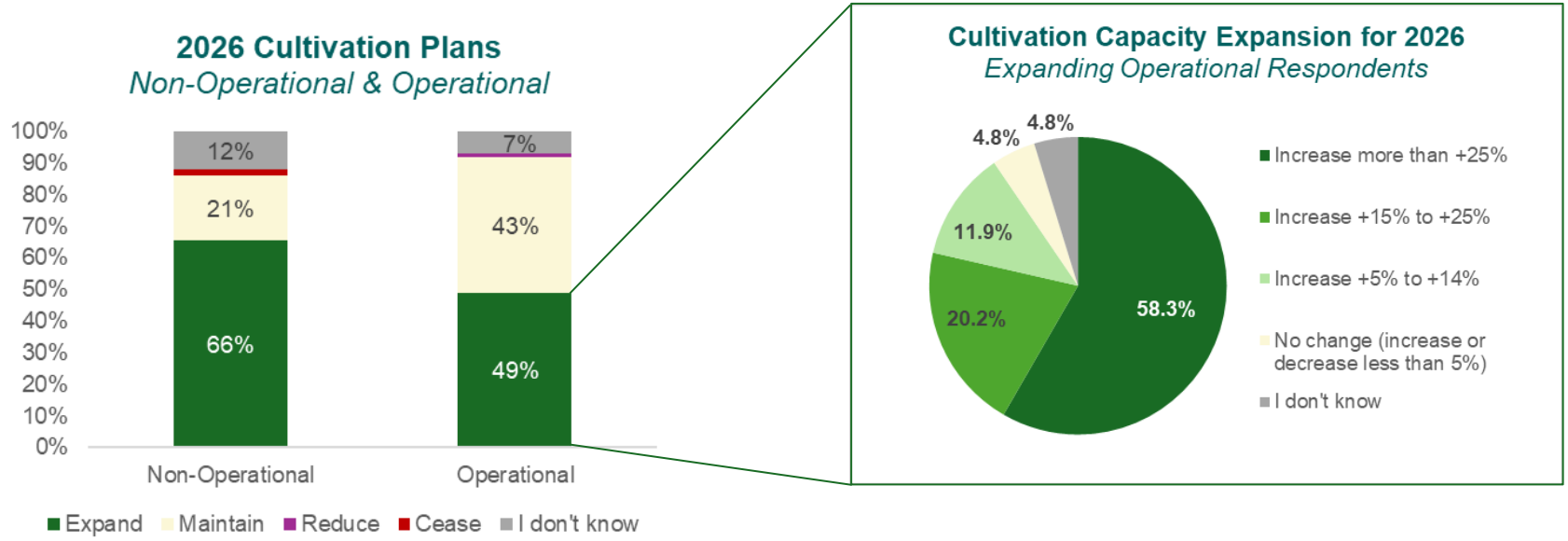
57% OF RESPONDENTS INTEND TO EXPAND CULTIVATION OPERATIONS IN 2026; ONLY 1% PLAN TO REDUCE OR CEASE



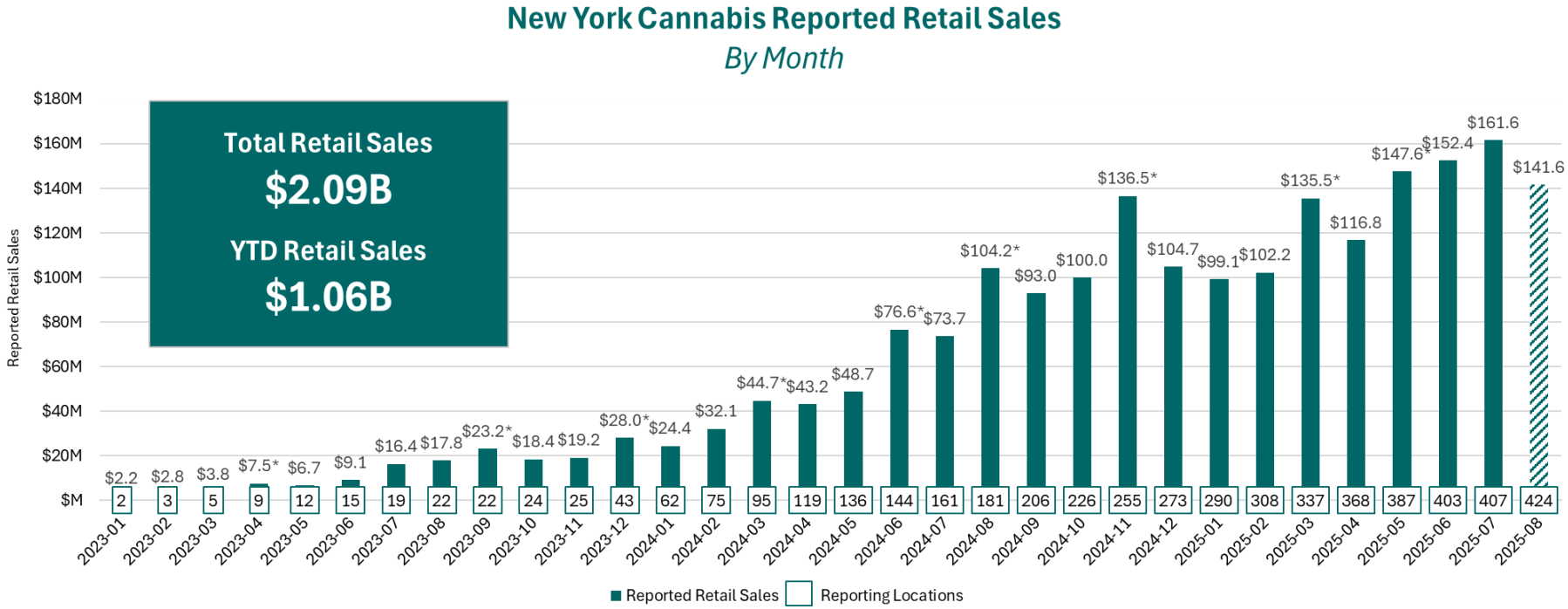
36.8%
Respondents likely to increase tier in next 18 months

19.3%
Respondents are already at the max cultivation tier

57.5%
Respondents unlikely to change facility type in next 18 months

*Question Base: Operational n= 171, Non-operational n=58, Operational + Expand in 2026 n=84, Tier increase n=228, Facility change n=228

NEW YORK HAS ECLIPSED $1B IN RETAIL SALES FOR THE YEAR AND $2B PROGRAM-TO DATE



* Month with 5 reporting weeks rather than 4 reporting weeks.

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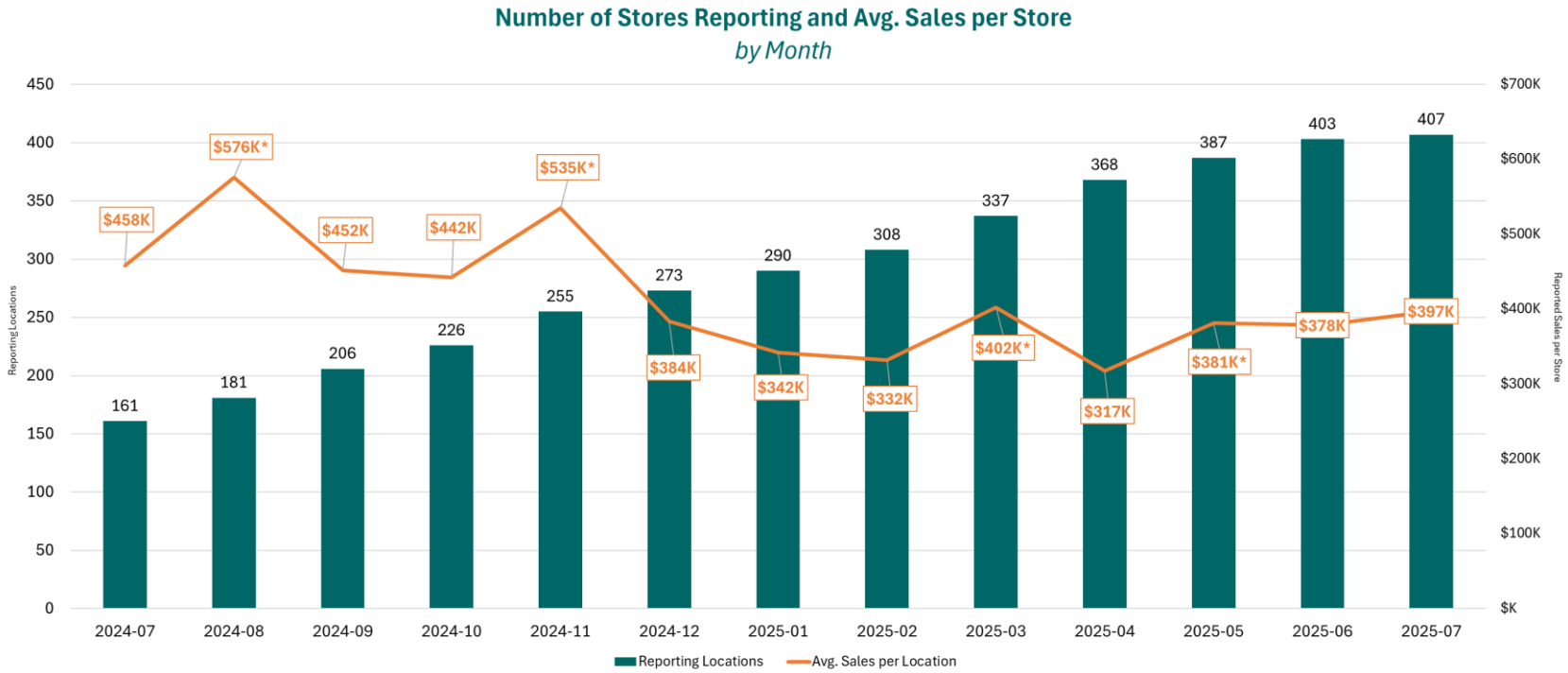
SALES PER STORE CONTINUES TO REBOUND, GROWING FOR A SECOND STRAIGHT MONTH



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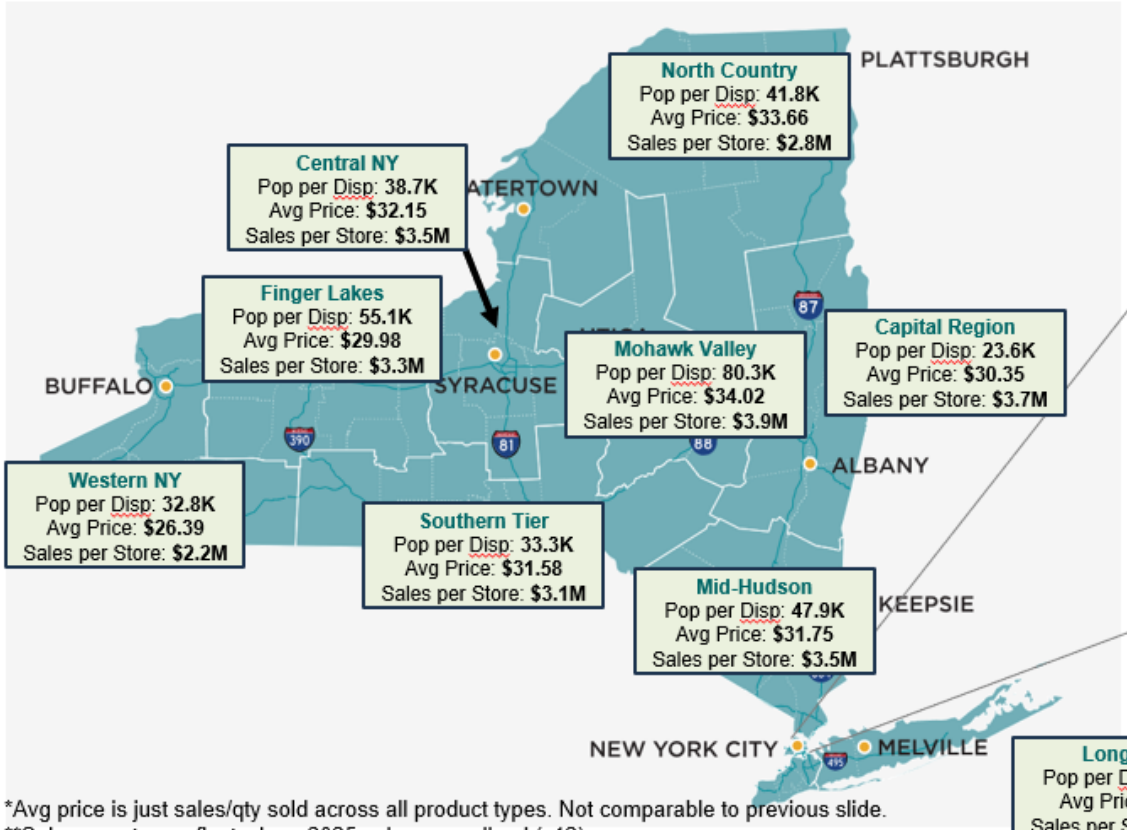
RETAIL DENSITY AND STORE PERFORMANCE VARY BY ESD REGION



Borough	Pop per Dispensary	Avg. Price	Sales per Store
Manhattan	26.6K	$31.87	$4.5M
Queens	69.2K	$32.39	$3.4M
Brooklyn	54.5K	$31.18	$4.0M
Bronx	104.3K	$32.82	$5.4M
Staten Island	70.1K	$39.38	$4.9M

*Avg price is just sales/qty sold across all product types. Not comparable to previous slide.
**Sales per store reflects June 2025 sales annualized (x12)

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MARKET ASSESSMENT SURVEY IS OPEN!

TAKE THE MARKET ASSESSMENT SURVEY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 22!

PURPOSE: Understand market conditions, identify supply chain pressures and operational challenges, & assess business sentiment

- GovDelivery email sent on **9/3** with survey link to all licensed AU and medical licensees
- Survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete
- Responses will inform evidence-based policy decisions!
- Questions about the survey? Reach out to info@ocm.ny.gov with subject line “Market Assessment Survey”

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC EQUITY (SEE) UPDATE

SEE STATUS

67% OF ADULT-USE LICENSES ISSUED TODAY ARE SEE OWNED

Minority-Owned Business	Women-Owned Business	CDI	SDV	DF
41%	31%	14%	7%	0%

***Please Note:** Licenses may be counted multiple times if they are approved for multiple types of SEE categories

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SEE STATS OVERALL

56% OF ALL ADULT-USE LICENSES ISSUED ARE SEE OWNED

Minority-Owned Business	Women-Owned Business	CDI	SDV	Distressed Farmer
48%	57%	15%	7%	7%

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SEE ACROSS THE SUPPLY CHAIN

Adult-Use Cultivators

39%

Adult-Use Processors

47%

Adult-Use Distributors

45%

Adult-Use Microbusiness

59%

Adult-Use Retail Dispensary

78%

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SEE PROGRAM UPDATE

CAURD Grant	Microbusiness Pro Forma	SEE Resource Library
SDVOB Taskforce	Loan Fund Program	CUNY/SUNY Partnership

CAURD GRANT

- **159 Awardees** across all 10 ESD regions
  - 3 rounds of funds distributed to awardees as of September 5, 2025
- Administrator reporting to be provided to OCM will include trending data such as geographic reach of funds and the most invoiced expense categories
- SEE team members are conducting a qualitative assessment focused on overall grant impact and grantee experience
- A comprehensive report to follow in **Q4 2025**

MICROBUSINESS PRO FORMA

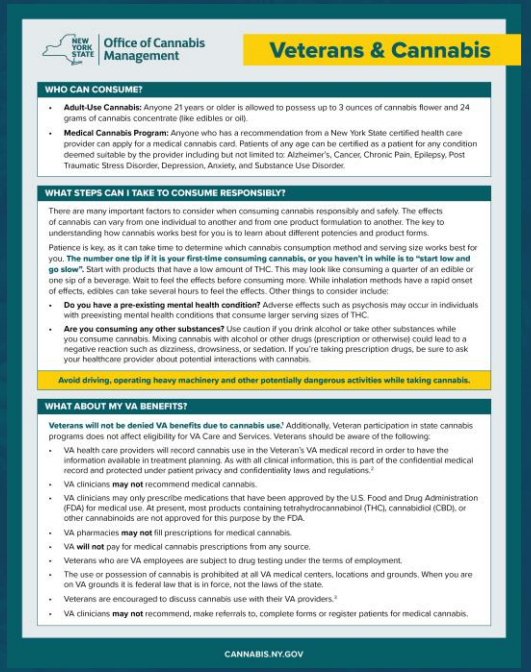
- OCM engaged a financial advisory firm to create a dynamic financial pro forma template specifically tailored to the needs of microbusiness licensees
- Allows for key operating assumptions and generate clear financial projections including:
  - Forecast costs and revenues
  - Plan working capital needs
  - Populate a business plan with supportive financial information for investment proposals
- To be released **Q3 2025** along with supporting instructional videos

SEE ONLINE RESOURCE LIBRARY

- A repository (on the Office's website) for existing and future SEE educational content and technical assistance resources to include:
  - Video recordings of live webinars, FAQs, 1-pagers, SOPs, slide decks, and content from CCTM, CHIP Academy, Our Academy
    Retail Accelerator, and Microbusiness pro forma materials
- The resources will be available to **all licensees and applicants** starting **Q4 2025**

SDVOB TASKFORCE

- Active since 2024, focus on expanding veteran participation in cannabis industry, reduce barriers, and advance research on veteran health.
- Developed and distributed veteran-specific guidance on cannabis use.
- Worked with OGS's Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development to support the registration of SDVOB businesses within the state program.
- Will participate in VetCON slated for **Q4 2025.**



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Veterans & Cannabis

WHO CAN CONSUME?

- **Adult-Use Cannabis:** Anyone 21 years or older is allowed to possess up to 3 ounces of cannabis flower and 24 grams of cannabis concentrate (like edibles or oil).
- **Medical Cannabis Program:** Anyone who has a recommendation from a New York State certified health care provider can apply for a medical cannabis card. Patients of any age can be certified as a patient for any condition deemed suitable by the provider including but not limited to: Alzheimer's, Cancer, Chronic Pain, Epilepsy, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Depression, Anxiety, and Substance Use Disorder.

WHAT STEPS CAN I TAKE TO CONSUME RESPONSIBLY?

There are many important factors to consider when consuming cannabis responsibly and safely. The effects of cannabis can vary from one individual to another and from one product formulation to another. The key to understanding how cannabis works best for you is to learn about different potencies and product forms.

Patience is key, as it can take time to determine which cannabis consumption method and serving size works best for you. **The number one tip if it is your first-time consuming cannabis, or you haven't in while is to "start low and go slow".** Start with products that have a low amount of THC. This may look like consuming a quarter of an edible or one sip of a beverage. Wait to feel the effects before consuming more. While inhalation methods have a rapid onset of effects, edibles can take several hours to feel the effects. Other things to consider include:

- **Do you have a pre-existing mental health condition?** Adverse effects such as psychosis may occur in individuals with preexisting mental health conditions that consume larger serving sizes of THC.
- **Are you consuming any other substances?** Use caution if you drink alcohol or take other substances while you consume cannabis. Mixing cannabis with alcohol or other drugs (prescription or otherwise) could lead to a negative reaction such as dizziness, drowsiness, or sedation. If you're taking prescription drugs, be sure to ask your healthcare provider about potential interactions with cannabis.

Avoid driving, operating heavy machinery and other potentially dangerous activities while taking cannabis.

WHAT ABOUT MY VA BENEFITS?

Veterans will not be denied VA benefits due to cannabis use.[1] Additionally, Veteran participation in state cannabis programs does not affect eligibility for VA Care and Services. Veterans should be aware of the following:

- VA health care providers will record cannabis use in the Veteran's VA medical record in order to have the information available in treatment planning. As with all clinical information, this is part of the confidential medical record and protected under patient privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.[2]
- VA clinicians **may not** recommend medical cannabis.
- VA clinicians may only prescribe medications that have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for medical use. At present, most products containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), cannabidiol (CBD), or other cannabinoids are not approved for this purpose by the FDA.
- VA pharmacies **may not** fill prescriptions for medical cannabis.
- VA **will not** pay for medical cannabis prescriptions from any source.
- Veterans who are VA employees are subject to drug testing under the terms of employment.
- The use or possession of cannabis is prohibited at all VA medical centers, locations and grounds. When you are on VA grounds it is federal law that is in force, not the laws of the state.
- Veterans are encouraged to discuss cannabis use with their VA providers.[3]
- VA clinicians **may not** recommend, make referrals to, complete forms or register patients for medical cannabis.

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Scan QR code to access the **Veterans & Cannabis Overview**.

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LOAN FUND AND LOAN LOSS RESERVE PROGRAM

- Use RO Transition Fees to create program
- An RFP will be created and released in 2025 to identify and retain a fund administrator for the Program
- Program will be structured by OCM and a contractor and shared with the CCB
- Initial pilot in **Q3 2026** focused on a control sample of Licensee Applicants

LEGAL + LEARNING ACCESS

- Partnership between OCM, CUNY Law, and SUNY
- Provide free legal support and educational/ training tuition reimbursement
- Expedited pathway to obtaining a license and/or opening and maintaining a business
- Open to SEE applicants and licensees

ANTICIPATED START DATES:
CUNY Law (Free Legal Help) – **Q4 2025**
SUNY (No-Cost Education) – **Q2 2026**

SEED-TO-SALE (STS) UPDATE

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- In early August, the Office temporarily suspended the deadlines for licensee integration with the BioTrack NY STS system due to a new partnership with another Seed-to-Sale vendor, **Metrc**. This pause allowed OCM to fully assess the implications and opportunities of the partnership for both the agency and licensees.
- Following a thorough review, OCM has determined that transitioning to a Metrc STS solution is in the best interest of New York's regulated cannabis market.
- The Office continues to coordinate steps to formalize this transition and is already working with Metrc to transition seamlessly. **Together, we are committed to implementation by early 2026.**
- The Office will continue to share updates and next steps on the STS implementation at monthly Board meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Online comments will be captured via the meeting minutes. All online comments must be **submitted by 5 p.m. on September 14, 2025**, to be included in the Board meeting minutes. The link is available under the Cannabis Control Board page on **cannabis.ny.gov**.
- You can also reach the Office with any questions, comments, or concerns at **Regulations@ocm.ny.gov**.
- Remarks must be limited to **2 minutes or less** to allow all participants an equal amount of time to speak.
- Reminder to adhere to key Code of Conduct principles: **Maintain Decorum, Keep it Timely, Keep it Relevant, and Address the Body.**

NEXT FULL CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD MEETING:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Location and a live stream link will be shared on the Office of Cannabis Management website in advance of the meeting. For a full list of upcoming CCB Meetings, visit:
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