

Cannabis Policy

2024 SCORECARD

This scorecard analyzes local cannabis ordinances passed prior to January 1, 2024, in each California city or county that legalized storefront retail sales, to assess policies in effect going into 2023. It evaluates to what extent potential best practices were adopted to protect youth, reduce problem cannabis use and promote social equity beyond those already in state law. Scores fall into six public health and equity focused categories for a total maximum of 100 points.



Policy Adopted Beyond State Law

No Policy Adopted Beyond State Law

Weaker than State Law

| RETAILER REQUIREMENTS | TAXES & PRICES | PRODUCT LIMITS | MARKETING | SMOKE-FREE AIR | EQUITY & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| <p>Limit # of retailers (max. 10 pts) 0</p> <p>Require distance >600 ft. from schools (5 pts) 0</p> <p>Require distance between retailers (2 pts) 0</p> <p>Other location restrictions (max. 3 pts) 3</p> <p>Health warnings posted in store or handed out (max. 8 pts) 0</p> | <p>Local retail tax (6 pts) 0</p> <p>Revenue dedicated to youth, prevention or equity (max. 6 pts) 0</p> <p>Tax by THC content (5 pts) 0</p> <p>Prohibit discounting (2 pts) 0</p> <p>Minimum price (1 pt) 0</p> | <p>Limit high potency products (max. 6 pts) 0</p> <p>END THE CANNABIS KIDS MENU</p> <p>No flavored products for combustion or inhalation (max. 5 pts) 0</p> <p>No cannabis-infused beverages (4 pts) 0</p> <p>Limit other products/packaging attractive to youth (2 pts) 0</p> | <p>Limit billboards (max. 6 pts) 6</p> <p>Prominent health warnings on ads (4 pts) 0</p> <p>Limit therapeutic or health claims (3 pts) 0</p> <p>Business signage restrictions (3 pts) 3</p> <p>Limit marketing attractive to youth (2 pts) 0</p> | <p>Prohibit temporary event permits (5 pts) 5</p> <p>Prohibit on-site consumption (3 pts) 3</p> | <p>Licensing priority for equity applicants (3 pts) 0</p> <p>Equity in hiring requirements (3 pts) 0</p> <p>Cost deferrals for equity applicants (1 pt) 0</p> <p>No prescriber on retail premises or in ownership (max. 2 pts) 2</p> |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 2 |

TOTAL SCORE = 22