

Cannabis Policy

2025 SCORECARD

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This scorecard analyzes local cannabis ordinances **passed prior to January 1, 2025**, in each California city or county that legalized storefront retail sales, to assess policies in effect going into 2024. 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
Limit # of retailers (max. 10 pts) 0	Local retail tax (6 pts) 6	Limit high potency products (max. 6 pts) 0	Limit billboards (max. 6 pts) 0	Prohibit temporary event permits (5 pts) 0	Licensing priority for equity applicants (3 pts) 0
Require distance >600 ft. from schools (5 pts) 0	Revenue dedicated to youth, prevention or equity (max. 6 pts) 0	END THE CANNABIS KIDS MENU		Prohibit on-site consumption (3 pts) 0	Equity in hiring requirements (3 pts) 3
Require distance between retailers (2 pts) 0	Tax by THC content (5 pts) 0	No flavored products for combustion or inhalation (max. 5 pts) 0	Limit therapeutic or health claims (3 pts) 0		Cost deferrals for equity applicants (1 pt) 0
Other location restrictions (max. 3 pts) 3	Prohibit discounting (2 pts) 0	No cannabis-infused beverages (4 pts) 0	Business signage restrictions (3 pts) 3		No prescriber on retail premises or in ownership (max. 2 pts) 1
Health warnings posted in store or handed out (max. 8 pts) 0	Minimum price (1 pt) 0	Limit other products/packaging attractive to youth (2 pts) 0	Limit marketing attractive to youth (2 pts) 0		
3	6	0	3	0	4

TOTAL SCORE = 16



**Getting it Right
from the Start**

Advancing Public Health & Equity in Cannabis Policy