

# 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) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Local retail tax (6 pts) <span style="color: green;">6</span>	Limit high potency products (max. 6 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Limit billboards (max. 6 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Prohibit temporary event permits (5 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Licensing priority for equity applicants (3 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>
Require distance >600 ft. from schools (5 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Revenue dedicated to youth, prevention or equity (max. 6 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	<b>END THE CANNABIS KIDS MENU</b>		Prominent health warnings on ads (4 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Prohibit on-site consumption (3 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>
Require distance between retailers (2 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Tax by THC content (5 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	No flavored products for combustion or inhalation (max. 5 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Limit therapeutic or health claims (3 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Business signage restrictions (3 pts) <span style="color: green;">3</span>	Cost deferrals for equity applicants (1 pt) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>
Other location restrictions (max. 3 pts) <span style="color: green;">3</span>	Prohibit discounting (2 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	No cannabis-infused beverages (4 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Limit marketing attractive to youth (2 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>		No prescriber on retail premises or in ownership (max. 2 pts) <span style="color: green;">1</span>
Health warnings posted in store or handed out (max. 8 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Minimum price (1 pt) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>	Limit other products/ packaging attractive to youth (2 pts) <span style="color: orange;">0</span>			

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**TOTAL SCORE = 16**