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- There were 815 active operating dispensaries in California in Spring 2015
  - These are dispensaries we could contact that were listed online through sites such as Weedmaps, FindTheBest, etc. and it included both storefronts and delivery services only.
- This is 2.1 dispensaries per 100,000 people in California

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- In spring 2016, we called dispensary from the previous year listings.
- We could only identify 569 of the previous year's active dispensaries as open for business.
- That is 70% of the past year's 815 dispensaries.

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- Many dispensaries deliver cannabis. This includes stores that deliver and delivery-only services.
- Of the 569 active dispensaries, we were able to determine the “delivery status” of 372 dispensaries.
- 59%, or 219 out of 372, are delivery-only services with no storefront.

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## 2016 Status of Dispensaries that were open in 2015

Dispensary Status 2016	number	percent
Open	569	70%
Closed or Uncertain	248	30%

## Dispensary Type in 2016

Delivery Status 2016	number	Percent
Delivery Service Only	219	59%
Storefront with or without delivery	153	41%