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January 1 - March 31, 2022

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The Ontario Cannabis Store (OCS) publishes A Quarterly Review (January 1 - March 31, 2022) as a resource for the entire legal Ontario cannabis industry. This document is intended to provide historical key facts and figures for the period between January 1 and March 31, 2022.

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# Executive Summary 

The final quarter of the 2021-22 OCS fiscal year demonstrated the resiliency of the legal cannabis marketplace in overcoming a difficult period of navigating the Omicron Covid-19 variant.

Despite the effects of the pandemic on the economy, legal cannabis sales continued to grow as the province gradually eased public health measures. A record 63.7 million grams of legal cannabis was sold in Ontario, representing over \$405M in sales, an increase of 1.6 per cent compared to the previous quarter. Ontario once again sold more legal cannabis than any other province or territory, with 40 per cent of all legal cannabis sales in Canada occurring through Ontario's authorized retailers and OCS.ca.

As in previous quarters, consumers continued to favour in-store shopping, with over 96 per cent of all legal cannabis sales made through licensed retailers. Ontario's authorized stores generated over \$390 million in revenue and sold over 61 million grams of cannabis products this quarter alone.

The rate of store openings continued to slow, with 1,460 authorized cannabis stores operating across the province at the close of Q4, an increase of 10 per cent from the previous quarter. Stores operated in 233 municipalities - an additional 16 communities from the previous quarter - providing adult consumers across the province with convenient access to safe, quality-controlled cannabis products.

To support growing demand and everchanging consumer preferences, OCS added 265 new SKUs to its product catalogue this quarter, for a total of 2,014 unique cannabis products. Licensed producers continued to drive innovation with new and exciting products, influencing change in market share for some product categories. Dried flower experienced a one per cent increase in dollar share, the first increase in share for the category this fiscal year, as sales for milled flower increased at a higher rate than whole flower. Concentrates increased by one per cent dollar share compared to Q3, while prerolls dropped by two per cent after having experienced consistent category growth in previous quarters.

The data this quarter is evidence of a vibrant and resilient cannabis marketplace. With the legal market continuing to mature and settle in, large swings in macro data trends are less frequent. As a result, OCS will shift to publishing insights publications twice a year moving forward, while still evolving this publication to share interesting and relevant insights for the cannabis marketplace.

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Ontario recreational cannabis market share by source:
illegal vs. legal


Ontario's legal share of the recreational market in Q4, 2021 is $56.9 \%$.
Note: Due to a lag in the release of December 2021 data, legal market share for Q3 should be viewed as an approximate value and will be removed from trending data. The calculation of the Ontario legal market share has been calculated from prior quarterly updates from Statistics Canada. The time period of reporting has been adjusted to reflect OCS fiscal periods compared to the calendar year used by Statistics Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada; calculated by OCS. "January 2022" accessed 22/04/2022; "February 2022" accessed 26/05/2022; "March 2022" accessed 21/06/2022

## Total grams sold

## 63,700,000 g

## Retail Stores 61,300,000 g

OCS.ca 2,400,000 g


## Total sales in Ontario



Note: All figures are unaudited and include both cannabis products and accessories. Sales exclude taxes (HST).

## Listed and new items

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Q4, } \\ 2020 \end{gathered}, 586$ | $268$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| ${ }_{2021}^{\mathrm{Q},}, 037$ | $256$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Q} 2, \\ 2021 \end{gathered}, 82$ | $389$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Q}, \\ 2021 \end{gathered},-5$ | $350$ |
| $\underset{2021}{\text { Q4, }} \because, 1 / 4$ | $265$ |

The number of unique items available for sale continues to grow as the market matures. Includes active SKUs that were instock and excludes accessories.

Ontario share of national recreational sales
January 1 - March 31, 2022


Ontario continues to lead national recreational sales with 40\% of national market share with an increase by 2\% points compared to Q3 2021. Note: As a result of revised December 2021 sales data, Ontario's share for Q3 2021 was readjusted to $38 \%$.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 20-10-0008-01 Retail trade sales by province and territory (x 1,000). "January 2022" Source: Statistics Canada. Table 20-10-0008-01 Retail trade sales by province and territory accessed 22/04/2022; "February 2022" accessed 26/05/2022; "March 2022" accessed 21/06/2022.

Cumulative monthly retail cannabis sales across all provinces and territories


Note: As a result of revised monthly sales data, Ontario's share has been readjusted to reflect updated sales. The time period of reporting used by Statistics Canada is based on a calendar year. Cumulative sales are rounded to the nearest thousand.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 20-10-0008-01 Retail trade sales by province and territory ( $\mathrm{x} 1,000$ ). "January 2022" accessed
22/04/2022; "February 2022" accessed 26/05/2022; "March 2022" accessed 21/06/2022.


In Q4, 63,700,000 grams of legal cannabis were sold in Ontario, an increase in volume of 7.2 per cent compared to the previous quarter. Brick-and-mortar stores sold 61,300,000 grams of cannabis across all product categories, capturing over 96 per cent of Ontario's legal recreational cannabis sales. Sales from OCS.ca represented less than four per cent of total sales.

The dried flower category increased in dollar share by one per cent from the previous quarter to assume 50 per cent of sales. Milled flower in particular drove that growth with an increase of 21.8 per cent from Q3. Product trends this quarter showed that smaller pack sizes of dried flower ( $7 / 10 \mathrm{~g}$ ) and cannabis beverages were more successful in retail stores than on OCS.ca.

Dollar share for pre-rolls decreased by two per cent while concentrates increased by one per cent share, likely due to seasonality preferences from consumers. Other product categories including vapes, edibles, oils, beverages, capsules, topicals and seeds remained steady, and represented less than 30 per cent of total sales.

Sales Data

Total sales by product category

|  |  | Retail Stores | OCS.ca | \% of Sales | Changes to Q3, 2021 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dried Flower | Milled Flower | \$24,440,000 |  | 50\% | $\uparrow$ |
|  | Whole Flower | \$171,931,000 | \$5,640,000 |  |  |
| Pre-Rolled | Single Strain Packs | \$69,266,000 |  | 18\% | $\downarrow$ |
|  | Sample Packs | \$979,000 | \$12,000 |  |  |
| Vapes | 510 Thread Vape Cartridges | \$58,929,000 | \$2,137,000 | 16\% | - |
|  | 510 Thread Vape Kits | \$632,000 | \$38,000 |  |  |
|  | Disposable Vape Pens | \$1,852,000 | \$203,000 |  |  |
|  | Proprietary Systems Vape Cartridges | \$1,580,000 | \$188,000 |  |  |
| Edibles | Baked Goods and Baking | \$614,000 | \$55,000 | 5\% | - |
|  | Chocolate | \$3,190,000 | \$236,000 |  |  |
|  | Hard Edibles | \$310,000 | \$73,000 |  |  |
|  | Soft Chews | \$15,555,000 | \$902,000 |  |  |
| Concentrates | Distillates | \$1,006,000 | \$33,000 | 5\% | $\uparrow$ |
|  | Hash | \$7,604,000 | \$224,000 |  |  |
|  | Kief and Sift | \$2,115,000 | \$31,000 |  |  |
|  | Resin and Rosin | \$7,535,000 | \$204,000 |  |  |
|  | Shatter | \$2,894,000 | \$59,000 |  |  |
|  | Wax | \$343,000 | \$14,000 |  |  |
|  | Isolates | \$27,000 | \$9,000 |  |  |
| Oils | Bottled Oils | \$6,514,000 | \$1,005,000 | 2\% | - |
|  | Oral Sprays | \$195,000 | \$87,000 |  |  |
|  | Topicals | - | - |  |  |
| Beverages | Cold Beverages | \$6,671,000 | \$244,000 | 2\% | - |
|  | Dealcoholized Drinks | \$331,000 | \$14,000 |  |  |
|  | Hot Beverages | \$289,000 | \$36,000 |  |  |
| Capsules | Softgels | \$3,681,000 | \$70,000 | 1\% | - |
|  | Capsules and Tablets | \$1,177,000 | \$610,000 |  |  |
| Topicals | Bath | \$323,000 | \$24,000 | 1\% | - |
|  | Lotions and Creams | \$1,473,000 | \$214,000 |  |  |
| Seeds | Seed Packs | \$289,000 | \$206,000 | <1\% | - |

Note: Average prices are weighted by sales and include taxes. Sub-category sales do not add to total sales due to rounding. For more details see appendix.

## Sales velocity for dried flower by THC \%

Sales velocity references units per day for OCS.ca and units sold per day per average store for retail.


Sales Data

Sales for cannabis 2.0 categories January 1 - March 31, 2022


Sales proportion by quarter, size and channel for dried flower
$\square 1 \mathrm{~g} \quad 3.5 / 5 \mathrm{~g} \square 7 / 10 \mathrm{~g} \square 14 / 15 \mathrm{~g} \square 21 / 28 / 30 \mathrm{~g}$



## Sales proportion by quarter, type and channel for vapes



Sales proportion by quarter, type, and channel for edibles and beverages


## Sales proportion by quarter, type and channel for concentrates



Sales proportion by price per gram for dried flower


Top five brands per category based on sales January 1 - March 31, 2022

|  |  |  |  | (O) C- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beverages |  | Capsules |  | Beverages |  | Capsules |  |
| XMG | 16\% | Redecan | 44\% | Tweed | 20\% | Tweed | 30\% |
| Collective Project | 13\% | Edison Jolts | 21\% | Ripple by TGOD | 9\% | Redecan | 22\% |
| Tweed | 12\% | Tweed | 11\% | Everie | 7\% | Daily Special | 7\% |
| PHRESH | 5\% | Mood Ring | 4\% | Quatreau | 7\% | Dosecann | 6\% |
| Quatreau | 5\% | Kin Slips | 4\% | Mollo | 5\% | Emprise Canada | 6\% |
| Concentrates |  | Dried Flower |  | Concentrates |  | Dried Flower |  |
| VORTEX | 12\% | Pure Sunfarms | 11\% | VORTEX | 11\% | Pure Sunfarms | 9\% |
| General Admission | 10\% | SHRED | 10\% | Original Stash | 6\% | Good Supply | 8\% |
| Good Supply | 10\% | Spinach | 7\% | Good Supply | 6\% | Redecan | 4\% |
| Kolab Project | 8\% | Redecan | 5\% | HASHCO | 5\% | Spinach | 4\% |
| Original Stash | 7\% | Back Forty | 4\% | Shatterizer | 5\% | Back Forty | 4\% |
| Edibles |  | Oils |  | Edibles |  | Oils |  |
| Wana | 22\% | Redecan | 45\% | SHRED'EMS | 13\% | Redecan | 24\% |
| Spinach | 13\% | MediPharm Labs | 12\% | Chowie Wowie | 9\% | Solei | 13\% |
| SHRED'EMS | 11\% | Pure Sunfarms | 5\% | Wana | 9\% | Five Founders | 8\% |
| Bhang | 10\% | Dosecann | 5\% | Bhang | 7\% | MediPharm Labs | 5\% |
| Chowie Wowie | 4\% | Solei | 4\% | Foray | 6\% | Tweed | 5\% |
| Pre-Rols |  | Seeds |  | Pre-Rolls |  | Seeds |  |
| Good Supply | 15\% | 34 Street Seed Co. | 50\% | Redecan | 8\% | 34 Street Seed Co. | 31\% |
| Redecan | 9\% | Humboldt Seed | 8\% | Original Stash | 6\% | Pristine | 13\% |
| Hiway | 7\% | Company |  | Divvy | 6\% | Parkland Flower Inc. | 10\% |
| Pure Sunfarms | 5\% | CRG Pharma | 7\% | TWD. | 5\% | Autoflower | 9\% |
| Carmel | 3\% | Dutch Passion Pristine | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \% \\ & 6 \% \end{aligned}$ | Good Supply | 4\% | Breeder's Club |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Dutch Passion | 9\% |
| Topicals |  |  |  | Topicals |  |  |  |
| Proofly | 14\% | Vapes |  | Proofly | 18\% |  |  |
| Eve \& Co. | 13\% | Back Forty | 14\% | Tidal | 12\% | Good Supply | 10\% |
| Tidal | 10\% | Good Supply | 10\% | Dosecann | 10\% | General Admission | 7\% |
| Dosecann | 10\% | General Admission | 10\% | Eve \& Co. | 5\% | TWD. | 6\% |
| Wildflower | 7\% | Hexo | $5 \%$ | Simply Soak by Fleurish | 5\% | Pure Sunfarms | 5\% |
|  |  | Pure Sunfarms |  |  |  | Hexo | 5\% |

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## Top ten SKUs by units sold in retail stores by region

Units sold are rounded to the nearest thousand.

| $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\star} \\ & \stackrel{1}{\circ} \end{aligned}$ | SHRED | Tropic Thunder | 7 g | 197,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SHRED | Funk Master | 7 g | 180,000 |
|  | Good Supply | Jean Guy Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 162,000 |
|  | Good Supply | Grower's Choice Indica Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 155,000 |
|  | Spinach | GMO Cookies | 3.5 g | 150,000 |
|  | Pure Sunfarms | Pink Kush | 3.5 g | 145,000 |
|  | SHRED | Gnarberry | 7 g | 134,000 |
|  | Spinach | SOURZ by Spinach - Blue Raspberry Watermelon Indica | $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 132,000 |
|  | Wana | Pomegranate Blueberry <br> Acai 5:1 Sour Soft Chews | $2 \times 4.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 132,000 |
|  | Good Supply | Grower's Choice Sativa Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 127,000 |
| $\circ$ <br> $\stackrel{y}{z}$ <br>  <br> $\stackrel{1}{\circ}$ | Good Supply | Jean Guy Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 57,000 |
|  | Pure Sunfarms | Pink Kush | 3.5 g | 54,000 |
|  | Good Supply | Grower's Choice Indica Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 45,000 |
|  | Good Supply | Grower's Choice Sativa Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 41,000 |
|  | SHRED | Tropic Thunder | 7 g | 40,000 |
|  | SHRED | Funk Master | 7 g | 35,000 |
|  | Wana | Pomegranate Blueberry Acai 5:1 Sour Soft Chews | $2 \times 4.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 34,000 |
|  | Spinach | GMO Cookies | 3.5 g | 32,000 |
|  | Redecan | Wappa | 1 g | 30,000 |
|  | Pure Sunfarms | Jet Fuel Gelato | 3.5 g | 27,000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { I } \\ & \stackrel{\alpha}{O} \\ & \text { Z } \end{aligned}$ | SHRED | Tropic Thunder | 7 g | 18,000 |
|  | SHRED | Funk Master | 7 g | 16,000 |
|  | Hiway | Scott's OG PRJ Pre-Roll | $1 \times 0.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 12,000 |
|  | Hiway | The Flav PRJ Pre-Roll | $1 \times 0.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 12,000 |
|  | Redecan | Black Cherry Punch Redees | $10 \times 0.4 \mathrm{~g}$ | 11,000 |
|  | SHRED | Gnarberry | 7 g | 11,000 |
|  | Spinach | SOURZ by Spinach - Blue <br> Raspberry Watermelon Indica | $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 11,000 |
|  | Back Forty | Big League Sour Kush Milled Flower | 7 g | 10,000 |
|  | SHRED'EMS | Wild Berry Blaze Soft Chews | $4 \times 4.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 10,000 |
|  | Wana | Pomegranate Blueberry <br> Acai 5:1 Sour Soft Chews | $2 \times 4.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 9,000 |


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 上 } \\ & \stackrel{\mu}{w} \end{aligned}$ | SHRED | Tropic Thunder | 7 g | 58,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SHRED | Funk Master | 7 g | 53,000 |
|  | Good Supply | Grower's Choice Indica Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 50,000 |
|  | Spinach | GMO Cookies | 3.5 g | 47,000 |
|  | Good Supply | Jean Guy Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 41,000 |
|  | Spinach | SOURZ by Spinach - Blue <br> Raspberry Watermelon Indica | $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 41,000 |
|  | SHRED | Gnarberry | 7 g | 40,000 |
|  | Good Supply | Grower's Choice Sativa Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 39,000 |
|  | Collective Project | Blood Orange Yuzu \& Vanilla Sparkling Juice | $1 \times 355 \mathrm{ml}$ | 38,000 |
|  | SHRED'EMS | Wild Berry Blaze Soft Chews | $4 \times 4.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 38,000 |
| $\underset{\text { ছ }}{\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{山}}$ | SHRED | Tropic Thunder | 7 g | 56,000 |
|  | SHRED | Funk Master | 7 g | 53,000 |
|  | SHRED | Gnarberry | 7 g | 39,000 |
|  | Spinach | GMO Cookies | 3.5 g | 37,000 |
|  | Spinach | SOURZ by Spinach - Blue Raspberry Watermelon Indica | $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 36,000 |
|  | Wana | Pomegranate Blueberry Acai 5:1 Sour Soft Chews | $2 \times 4.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 35,000 |
|  | SHRED'EMS | Wild Berry Blaze Soft Chews | $4 \times 4.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 34,000 |
|  | Spinach | SOURZ by Spinach - Peach Orange 1:1 | $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 33,000 |
|  | Spinach | SOURZ by Spinach - <br> Strawberry Mango Sativa <br> Soft Chews | $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 33,000 |
|  | Good Supply | Jean Guy Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 32,000 |
|  | Good Supply | Jean Guy Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 26,000 |
|  | Spinach | GMO Cookies | 3.5 g | 25,000 |
|  | SHRED | Tropic Thunder | 7 g | 24,000 |
|  | Pure Sunfarms | Pink Kush | 3.5 g | 23,000 |
|  | SHRED | Funk Master | 7 g | 23,000 |
|  | Good Supply | Grower's Choice Indica Pre-Roll | $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 21,000 |
|  | SHRED'EMS | Wild Berry Blaze Soft Chews | $4 \times 4.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 19,000 |
|  | Spinach | SOURZ by Spinach - Blue Raspberry Watermelon Indica | $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 19,000 |
|  | Spinach | SOURZ by Spinach - <br> Strawberry Mango Sativa <br> Soft Chews | $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 18,000 |
|  | Wana | Pomegranate Blueberry Acai 5:1 Sour Soft Chews | $2 \times 4.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 17,000 |



At the close of the fourth quarter, the total number of authorized retail stores open for business in Ontario was 1,460 , an increase of 127 stores from Q3. Stores operated in 233 municipalities across the province - an additional 16 communities from the previous quarter - with the average distance for consumers to a retail store decreasing by 0.2 km to 4 km .

With more stores open in closer proximity to consumers, the average number of grams sold per store decreased by 18 per cent. Western and Eastern Ontario regions led the province with \$117.1M and \$102.4M in sales respectively. Total sales in Toronto reached $\$ 86.7 \mathrm{M}$, a 1.7 per cent decrease from the previous quarter.

New visitors to OCS.ca decreased by 27 per cent to 800,000 , compared to 1.1 million new visitors the previous quarter. Conversion on the site grew to almost nine per cent, illustrating that more visitors to OCS.ca made a purchase in Q4. This can be attributed to the end of the marketing campaign launched the previous quarter, which highlighted the value of purchasing cannabis through legal channels and drove many new visitors to the site for informational purposes.

Growing number of retail stores


Number of stores by region and municipality


Note: See appendix for the full list of number of stores by municipality.

Average distance for consumers to a retail store


The average distance to a store decreased by 0.17 kilometres, with the number of stores increasing by $9 \%$ compared to last quarter.

## Grams and sales sold by region



Average sales and grams sold by a store


[^1]Top ten retailers by store count As of March 31, 2022
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Tokyo Smoke } & 60 \\ \text { ShinyBud Cannabis Co. } & 44\end{array}$
ShinyBud Cannabis Co. 44
ShinyBud Cannabis Co. 39
Budget Bud 3
MIHI 2
Spiritleaf 43
Sessions Cannabis 42
Fire \& Flower 37
Fire \& Flower 22
Friendly Stranger 10
Happy Dayz 4
Hotbox 1
True North Cannabis Co. 36 High Tide

Canna Cabana 28
Meta Cannabis 5
One Plant 25
Miss Jones
Value Buds

New vs. returning OCS.ca visitors


Conversion rate on OCS.ca January 1 - March 31, 2022

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\text { Q4, } 2021, ~ \begin{array}{ll}
0420200 & 01200 \% \\
\hline 10 \% \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

$$
8.92 \%
$$

$\underbrace{\circ}$ 9.43\% 7.97\%


Consumers have consistently demonstrated a preference for shopping in-store. Two thirds of OCS.ca shoppers also reported having visited a brick-and-mortar retail store in the past three months, and nearly one in four shoppers solely made a purchase at an authorized retail store.

Based on a survey conducted by Emplifi about pre-purchase research, consumers reported an increased reliance on budtender insights and product information listed in store. Less shoppers looked to cannabis review sites, cannabis blogs and unlicensed online store websites to make their purchasing decision than in the previous quarter.

The most important attribute for customers when purchasing cannabis this quarter was quality, followed closely by potency, price and product descriptions. Survey results showed new customers value a wider range of product attributes.

This quarter, the "Intro to Vaping" article was viewed the most by new visitors on ocs.ca, demonstrating growing interest in accessing information about newer product categories and dosing.

OCS.ca shoppers who visited an authorized retail store in past 3 months


Similar to Q3, two thirds of OCS.ca shoppers also visited a retail store in the past three months.

Of those who also visited a store, while half continue to purchase from both channels, nearly one in four purchased solely from authorized stores.

## Pre-purchase research

January 1 - March 31, 2022

| OCS.ca | $\mathbf{5 9 \%}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Family/friends | $\mathbf{3 9 \%}$ |
| Cannabis review websites | $\mathbf{3 8 \%}$ |
| Authorized retail store website | $\mathbf{3 8 \%}$ |
| Budtender | $\mathbf{3 5 \%}$ |
| Social media (e.g. Reddit) | $\mathbf{3 4 \%}$ |
| Product info listed in store | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ |
| Cannabis blogs/online magazines | $\mathbf{1 9 \%}$ |
| Unlicensed online store websites | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ |
| Medical professional | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ |
| General media | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ |
| Health Canada | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ |
| Other online sources | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ |
| Other | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ |

OCS.ca shoppers who may have also visited a retail store reported using OCS.ca, cannabis review websites, friends and family and authorized retail store websites as their top sources for pre-purchase information.

New visitors are more likely to look at authorized retail stores and cannabis review websites for information, whereas returning visitors lean on OCS.ca and family/friends.

Source: OCS.ca survey by Emplifi

Product attribute importance ranking for shoppers who visit OCS.ca January 1 - March 31, 2022
New Customers
Returning Customers
Quality, potency, price and product descriptions continue to be the top attributes customers find important when making their purchasing decisions.

New customers increasingly value a wider range of product attributes as they navigate their shopping journey. Compared to previous quarters, importance towards potency, product selection, payment options, product and packaging pictures has increased.

Source: OCS.ca survey by Emplifi


Education content and articles most visited on OCS.ca


In Q4, the "Intro to Vaping" article gained highest number of page views, led by new visitors.

Articles related to cannabis basics continue to be of interest to both new and returning visitors, who are looking to understand foundational information related to CBD, THC and in-depth topics like terpenes.

New visitors displayed more interest towards education on dosing of oral sprays, dosing of cannabis oil and steps to rolling a joint compared to returning visitors.


By the end of the fourth quarter, order-to-ship lead time for wholesale orders decreased to 1.79 days, despite 127 stores added to the growing retail store network. The average SKU count per wholesale order remained consistent with the previous quarter.

## Order-to-ship lead time for wholesale customers



Note: Average from January 1 - March 31, 2022. Orders do not include Farmgate or Flow-Through orders.

Average SKU count per wholesale order

| OO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q4, | Q1, | Q2, | Q3, | Q4, |
| 2020 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 |

Selling classes of products January 1 - March 31, 2022


Note: SKU classes are based on the unit rate of sale for a SKU per store per week. Sales include Wholesale and exclude accessories.
Constrained: Runner Product with Long Term Supply Constraint. The "Constrained" class represents SKUs where market demand far exceeds producer supply capability.

Unique SKUs ordered by month


Average wholesale basket size
Includes unique number of SKUs by category.


Note: The average wholesale basket size by
category does not add to the average SKU count per wholesale order due to rounding.


Ontario was unaffected by product recalls this quarter, despite one country-wide recall triggered by labelling and packaging issues that affected other provinces.

As the OCS continues to list new products from a wide range of licensed producers, all product labels and packaging are reviewed for compliance by OCS Quality Assurance. OCS Quality Assurance works with producers to help them understand packaging and labelling requirements before submission to OCS for product listing. A compliant cannabis label and packaging includes but is not limited to: THC/CBD content, child-resistant packaging, and a health warning message. During Q4, a total of 586 regulatory reviews were completed, with 74 per cent of submissions meeting OCS requirements within the first round of reviews.

Additionally, a total of 3,768 incoming product inspections were completed at the warehouse with 97 per cent of shipments meeting OCS requirements within the first delivery - a one per cent increase from the previous quarter.

The OCS analyzes complaint rates through the number of complaints per million units sold (CMPU) for each respective category. While vapes continued to have the highest number of complaints compared to other product categories, complaints for vapes dropped by 29 per cent compared to the previous year. OCS shares product-specific details of quality complaints directly with licensed producers and improvements in this area can likely be attributed to producers undertaking measures to ensure corrective and preventative action. OCS also created trouble shooting guides for retailers to support customers with product issues and provided consumers with educational content on OCS.ca.

The increase in CPMU for cannabis topicals year-over-year can be attributed to the growing number of these products introduced into the market over the last 12 months. The number of complaints for these products is likely to reduce or stabilize over time.


## Total recalls in Ontario vs Canada

Despite there being one country-wide recall during this quarter, it did not affect Ontario.

## Regulatory reviews completed

During Q4, a total of 586 regulatory reviews were completed, with $74 \%$ submissions meeting OCS requirements within the first round of reviews.


A compliant cannabis label and packaging includes, but is not limited to:

- THC/CBD Content
- Child-Resistant Packaging
- Ingredients List
- Health Warning Message


## Areas of improvement



Note: Vendors are provided an opportunity to resubmit to ensure adherence to all relevant product regulations.

## Top complaint categories

This information is shared with licensed producers to ensure resolution can be provided to the direct consumer and improvement plans can be made as a response to consumer feedback.

| OCS Top Complaint Categories Q4 2021 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Vapes | Clogged/No Vapour |
|  | Leaking |
|  | Damaged/Cracked |
| All Other Products | Empty Container |
|  | Packaging/Container Issues |
|  | Leaking |

Recall trends Labeling and Packaging
Leading cause of recalls during this period

## Extracts

Largest class of cannabis recalls

## Warehouse compliance

During Q4, a total of 3768 warehouse inspections were completed, with $97 \%$ shipments meeting OCS requirements within the first delivery.


A compliant purchase order at the OCS includes, but is not limited to:

- Legible and correct barcodes
- Accurate case counts and case dimensions


## Complaints-per-million-units (CPMU)

CPMU measure is used to gauge how a product is performing in the Ontario market. For every million units sold within each category, the CPMU represents the number of complaints received by OCS when normalized to sales for the respective product category.


APPENDIX

Total sales and grams sold by product categories

|  |  | Retail | Stores | OCS |  | \% of Sales |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dried Flower |  | \$24,440,000 | 6,021,000 g | \$401,000 |  | 50\% |
|  | Whole Flower | \$171,931,000 | $28,643,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$5,640,000 | 1,113,000 g |  |
| Pre-Rolled | Single Strain Packs | \$69,266,000 | 8,794,000 g | \$1,107,000 |  | 18\% |
|  | Sample Packs | \$979,000 | $129,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$12,000 | $2,000 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Vapes | 510 Thread Vape Cartridges | \$58,929,000 | $5,298,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$2,137,000 | $210,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | 16\% |
|  | 510 Thread Vape Kits | \$632,000 | $35,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$38,000 | 2,000 g |  |
|  | Disposable Vape Pens | \$1,852,000 | 98,000 g | \$203,000 | 9,000 g |  |
|  | Proprietary Systems Vape Cartridges | \$1,580,000 | $84,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$188,000 | 10,000 g |  |
| Edibles | Baked Goods and Baking | \$614,000 | 145,000 g | \$55,000 | $14,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | 5\% |
|  | Chocolate | \$3,190,000 | $568,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$236,000 | $52,000 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
|  | Hard Edibles | \$310,000 | $29,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$73,000 | $7,000 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
|  | Soft Chews | \$15,555,000 | $2,398,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$902,000 | 169,000 g |  |
| Concentrates | Distillates | \$1,006,000 | 107,000 g | \$33,000 | 4,000 g | 5\% |
|  | Hash | \$7,604,000 | 1,911,000 g | \$224,000 | $53,000 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
|  | Kief and Sift | \$2,115,000 | $537,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$31,000 | $8,000 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
|  | Resin and Rosin | \$7,535,000 | 985,000 g | \$204,000 | $23,000 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
|  | Shatter | \$2,894,000 | $322,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$59,000 | 7,000 g |  |
|  | Wax | \$343,000 | $29,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$14,000 | 1,000 g |  |
|  | Isolates | \$27,000 | $3,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$9,000 | 1,000 g |  |
| Oils | Bottled Oils | \$6,514,000 | 95,000 g | \$1,005,000 | 18,000 g | 2\% |
|  | Oral Sprays | \$195,000 | 2,000 g | \$87,000 | $1,000 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
|  | Topicals | - | - | - | - |  |
| Beverages | Cold Beverages | \$6,671,000 | 4,216,000 g | \$244,000 | 187,000 g | 2\% |
|  | Dealcoholized Drinks | \$331,000 | $281,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$14,000 | 17,000 g |  |
|  | Hot Beverages | \$289,000 | $28,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$36,000 | $2,000 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Capsules | Softgels | \$3,681,000 | 219,000 g | \$70,000 | 9,000 g | 1\% |
|  | Capsules and Tablets | \$1,177,000 | 69,000 g | \$610,000 | $52,000 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Topicals | Bath | \$323,000 | 175,000 g | \$24,000 | 12,000 g | 1\% |
|  | Lotions and Creams | \$1,473,000 | 48,000 g | \$214,000 | 7,000 g |  |
| Seeds | Seed Packs | \$289,000 | $32,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | \$206,000 | $26,000 \mathrm{~g}$ | <1\% |

Number of stores by region and municipality


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[^0]:    Note: Sales market share by category indicated is for the fiscal quarter and may differ from snapshots that were available to licensed producers through the OCS Data Program before the quarter fully closed.

[^1]:    Note: Sales figures include cannabis products and accessories. Taxes (HST) are excluded.

