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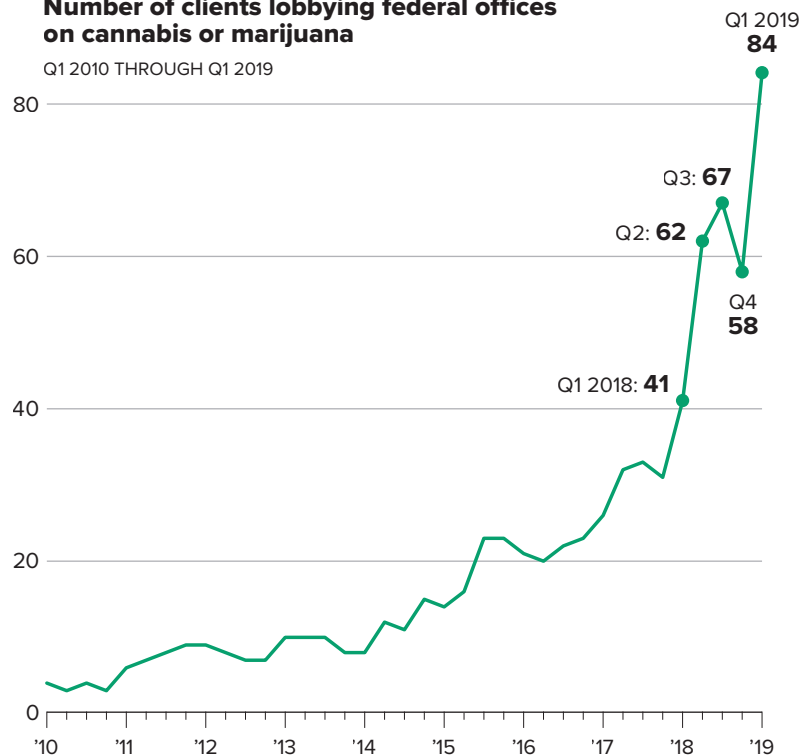
Federal Cannabis Lobbying Continues to Grow in 2019

A record 84 groups hired lobbyists to make their case to Congress and federal agencies on marijuana- and cannabis-related issues in the first quarter of 2019. Cannabis is increasingly attracting the interest of powerful groups, as congressional lawmakers face a growing list of pending legislation — from expanding cannabis businesses' access to financial services in states where the drug is legal to removing cannabis from Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act.

There were 22 organizations lobbying on cannabis-related issues with total first-quarter budgets of at least \$200,000, up from 12 in the third quarter. Lobbying disclosures, however, do not disaggregate how much each group spends on a particular issue, so it is impossible to determine how much these organizations have spent lobbying on cannabis specifically.

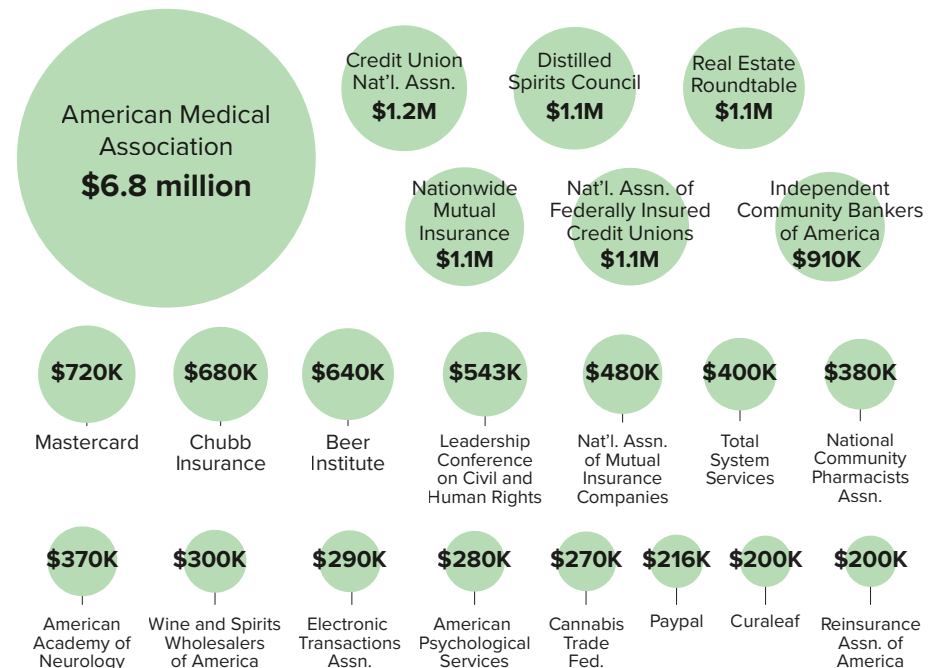
Number of clients lobbying federal offices on cannabis or marijuana

Q1 2010 THROUGH Q1 2019



The biggest spenders lobbying on cannabis or marijuana

Clients whose Q1 2019 disclosure reports mentioning cannabis or marijuana reflect total lobbying budgets of at least \$200,000



Source: Senate Lobbying Disclosure Act Database

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METHODOLOGY: Results include clients whose lobbying disclosure report(s) include mentions of "cannabis" or "marijuana." Budget totals reflect the totals disclosed in those specific reports for both cannabis-related and unrelated issues, but may not reflect a client's entire quarterly lobbying spending — excluding other reports that may have been filed that do not mention either term.

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