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Akerna Flash Report: 4th of July weekend expected to bring in \$206,000,000 in national retail cannabis sales

Fireworks won't be the only thing getting lit this holiday weekend

DENVER, June 29, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Business intelligence from Akerna (Nasdaq: KERN), an enterprise software, leading compliance technology provider, and developer of the cannabis industry's first seed-to-sale enterprise resource planning (ERP) software technology ([MJ Platform®](#)), predicts that the upcoming 4th of July holiday weekend will bring in over \$206,000,000 in legal national cannabis sales.



Historical data shows that the Friday ahead of the 4th of July weekend spikes in sales, with this Friday, July 2nd expected to retail nearly \$91,000,000, up 60% from an average Friday. This will likely be the second highest sales day of 2021, after [420](#).

"Year over year, we've seen a 23% increase in the number of products consumers and patients are purchasing for the 4th of July holiday weekend," said James Ahrendt, Business Intelligence Architect at Akerna. "With the holiday falling on a Sunday this year, dispensaries should be evaluating staffing and preparing inventory ahead of the weekend to ensure they are ready to accommodate these increases in both traffic and sales."

Saturday, July 3rd, should bring in another \$72,000,000 of cannabis sales, and Sunday, July 4th is predicted to garner an additional \$43,000,000. Sundays are historically the lowest sales day of the week, but sales will still be elevated due to the holiday.

[Other predictions for the holiday weekend \(7/02 - 7/04\):](#)

1. Average order total:
 - a. \$8 more – up to \$109 from \$101 (2021 average)
2. Average basket size:
 - a. 3.6 products per purchase
3. Category sales:
 - a. Flower – 49%
 - b. Cartridge/Pens – 31%
 - c. Concentrates – 10%
 - d. Infused Edibles – 9%
 - e. Other – 1%
4. Demographics:
 - a. 61% male
 - b. 39% female
5. Sales by age groups:
 - a. Under 30 – 29%
 - b. 30-40 – 31%
 - c. 40-50 – 20%
 - d. 50-60 – 11%
 - e. Over 60 – 9%

About MJ Freeway

MJ Freeway is more than software as a service. Its flagship solution, MJ Platform, includes Platform Insights. Now operators, investors, and regulators can access the industry's largest and most statistically relevant database to drive data-driven business decisions.

Platform Insights provides:

- The greatest statistical relevance across countries
- Normalized data (not farmed from various disparate POS platforms)
- Full cannabis supply chain data
- Business insights founded in category management methodology

Platform Insights can eliminate the guesswork and provide answers to questions like:

- What is the gross margin return on inventory?
- What SKUs should be carried?
- How do basket adjacencies influence discounting and retention strategies?
- What does a medical market look like a year or five years after decriminalizing cannabis?

[Click here](#) for more information about MJ Platform.

About Akerna:

Akerna (Nasdaq: KERN) is an enterprise software company focused on compliantly serving the cannabis, hemp, and CBD industry. First launched in 2010, Akerna has tracked more than \$20 billion in cannabis sales to date and is the first cannabis software company listed on Nasdaq. The company's cornerstone technology, MJ Platform, the world's leading infrastructure as a service platform, powers retailers, manufacturers, brands, distributors,

and cultivators.

For more information, visit <https://www.akerna.com/>.

About the Akerna Flash Report:

Flash Report is a look at buying trends in the cannabis market as captured by Akerna's MJ Freeway subsidiary.

MJ Freeway provides operators with MJ Platform, the industry-leading solution for regulatory compliance technology, from seed-to-sale-to-self. Some instances of the flash report may include business intelligence derived from Akerna's family of companies, including Ample Organics, Leaf Data Systems, solo sciences, Trellis, and Viridian Sciences.

Data is derived from MJ Platform, the leading provider of cannabis compliance software for the marijuana industry. Sales projections are based on market adjustment calculations and represent the entire US market as an aggregate.

Reporting Data is obtained from operators using Akerna's MJ Platform solutions. Akerna has one of the largest seed-to-sale footprints in the cannabis industry, operating in 15 countries and 23 U.S. states, including Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Arizona, California, Utah, Michigan, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Maine, Vermont, New Mexico, Missouri, Texas, Ohio, Maryland, Washington D.C., Kansas, Arkansas, New York.

Increases are relative to the prior period. Additional business intelligence data sources may include proprietary tools used by Akerna's family of companies.

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