

# Nevada Shuts Down First Cannabis Lounge

## Nevada's First State-Licensed Cannabis Lounge Closes Its Doors Just Over a Year After Launching

*Las Vegas, NV* — Nevada's pioneering cannabis consumption lounge, Smoke and Mirrors, operated by Thrive Cannabis Marketplace, has officially closed just 14 months after it opened in February 2024. The closure marks a significant moment in the state's cannabis industry, which has been working to normalize public consumption through regulated venues.

### Closure Leaves Only One State-Licensed Lounge Operating in Las Vegas

With the shuttering of Smoke and Mirrors, the Dazed! Consumption Lounge, located within Planet 13's dispensary near the Las Vegas Strip, now stands as the only state-sanctioned cannabis lounge currently in operation in Nevada. The venue continues to draw a steady flow of visitors, offering a legal and safe environment for marijuana use, particularly for tourists navigating restrictive hotel and public consumption rules.

### Tribal-Operated Lounge Remains Open, but Functions Outside State Oversight

Nevada technically has one other cannabis lounge still operating — the Sky High Lounge, which opened in 2019. However, because it is located on land owned by the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, it functions under tribal sovereignty and is not regulated by the state's cannabis program.

### Consumption Lounges Were Intended to Provide Tourists Safe Spaces to Use Marijuana

The consumption lounge initiative, approved by Nevada lawmakers in 2021, was designed to provide designated venues for cannabis use, especially for tourists who face limited options. Advocates argue these lounges are essential for reducing public consumption and avoiding fines or legal trouble for visitors unfamiliar with local restrictions.

### Planet 13's Lounge Sees Consistent Traffic as Demand for Safe Use Grows

According to Dazed lounge manager Blake Anderson, the lounge welcomes an estimated 250 customers daily. The high traffic suggests a growing demand for legal consumption spaces, particularly in a city with a large tourism industry and limited personal-use accommodations for visitors.

### More Lounges on the Horizon, but No Opening Dates Set for Approved Venues

While only one state-regulated lounge remains active, 21 other cannabis consumption lounges have received conditional approval from state regulators. However, none of them have announced official opening dates, leaving the expansion of Nevada's lounge program in limbo.

## **Nevada Among a Dozen U.S. States That Have Approved Cannabis Lounges**

Nevada is currently one of 12 U.S. states that allow recreational cannabis lounges, according to data from the Marijuana Policy Project. The model remains relatively new and experimental, with state regulators, business owners, and consumers continuing to navigate the challenges of integrating cannabis consumption into public and commercial spaces.

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