

Appendix C Jurisdictional Comparison of Cannabis Retail Stores

City (By Size)	Separation Distances	Legal Stores
Victoria <i>Population 95,383</i>	A cannabis store must operate at least 200 metres from schools and 400 metres from another cannabis store. Council has the discretion to vary this regulation and has exercised this discretion.	15 retail stores (or 1 store per 6,358 people).
Regina <i>Population 239,395</i>	A cannabis store must operate at least 182.88 metres from schools, parks, day care centres, enclosed rinks, public libraries, public community centres and other cannabis stores. There is no ability to vary the distance through discretionary use.	11 retail stores (or 1 store per 21,763 people).
Saskatoon <i>Population 281,040</i>	A cannabis store must operate at least 60 metres from schools, parks, community centres, public libraries and childcare centres, and at least 160 metres from another cannabis store. Council has the ability to approve cannabis stores that are closer than 60 metres from schools, parks, community centres, public libraries or childcare centres through a discretionary use approval process.	21 retail stores (or 1 store per 13,382 people).
Vancouver <i>Pop. 701,793</i>	A cannabis store must operate at least 300 metres from schools, community centres, neighbourhood houses and another cannabis store. The Planning Director has discretion in issuing development permits for cannabis stores based on a public notice and whether any public youth facilities are brought to the attention of the city.	41 retail stores (or 1 store per 17,116 people).
Winnipeg <i>Pop. 770,078</i>	A cannabis store must operate at least 100 metres from schools and provincial health care facilities or land designated as municipal reserve or school reserve land.	40 retail stores (or 1 store per 19,251 people).
Edmonton <i>Pop. 1,036,638</i>	A cannabis store must operate at least 200 metres from libraries and schools, 100 metres from parks and community recreation facilities, and 200 metres from another cannabis store. The Development Officer can grant variances to the separation distances.	88 retail stores (or 1 store per 11,779 people).
Calgary <i>Pop. 1,373,298</i>	A cannabis store must operate at least 150 metres from schools, emergency shelters and parks, , and 300 metres from another cannabis store. There is also a guideline (not a	124 retail stores (or 1 store per 11,074 people).

	<p>bylaw requirement) that the Development Authority should not issue development permits for cannabis stores that are within 30 metres from places of worship, pawn shops and payday loan stores, or 10 metres from childcare facilities. Cannabis stores are discretionary uses in any of the commercial and mixed-use zones where they are allowed. Separation distances can be varied by the Development Authority.</p>	
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In Ontario, provincial regulations restrict a cannabis retail store from being located within 150 metres of public and private schools. The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario enforces this distance buffer between cannabis retail stores and schools proactively through its licensing and store authorization process.

The definition of schools does not include colleges or universities. The regulations do not establish a separation distance between cannabis retail stores.