Short term declines in the number of depository institutions actively providing banking services to marijuana related businesses may be explained by filers exceeding the 90 day follow-on Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) filing requirement. Several filers take 180 days or more to file a continuing activity report. After 90 days, a depository institution is no longer counted as providing banking services until a new guidance-related SAR is received.
As of 30 September 2017, FinCEN received a total of 39,025 SARs using the key phrases associated with MRBs. Several of the SARs contain more than one key phrase, which accounts for the numbers for each key phrase being greater than the total.

- FinCEN received 28,689 SARs from filers in 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico using the key phrase “Marijuana Limited.”
- FinCEN received 2,744 SARS from filers in 44 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico using the key phrase “Marijuana Priority.”
- FinCEN received 9,409 SARs from filers in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico using the key phrase “Marijuana Termination.”
FinCEN guidance specifies three phrases for describing a financial institution’s relationship to marijuana related businesses in Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs):

- **The Marijuana Limited filing** means the financial institution’s due diligence indicates that the marijuana related business does not raise any of the red flags as defined in the Cole Memo and is compliant with the appropriate state’s regulations regarding marijuana businesses. The financial institution is providing banking services to the marijuana related business.

- **The Marijuana Priority filing** means the financial institution’s due diligence indicates that the marijuana related business may raise one or more of the red flags as defined in the Cole Memo or may not be fully compliant with the appropriate state’s regulations regarding marijuana related businesses. The financial institution is providing banking services to the marijuana related business while further investigation is being conducted.

- **The Marijuana Termination filing** means the financial institution decided to terminate its relationship with the marijuana related business for one or more of the following reasons:
  - The financial institution’s due diligence indicates that the marijuana related business raises one or more of the red flags as defined in the Cole Memo.
  - The marijuana related business is not fully compliant with the appropriate state’s regulations.
  - The financial institution has decided not to have marijuana related customers for business reasons.