

The Opioid Crisis: By the Numbers



128 die per day

On average, 128 Americans die each day from an opioid overdose.¹



46,802

opioid overdose deaths in the U.S. in 2018. Nearly 32% involved a prescription opioid.¹

2% ↓

decrease in opioid-involved overdoses in the U.S. from 2017 to 2018.²

13.5% ↓

decrease in prescription opioid-involved death rates in the U.S. from 2017 to 2018.²



2 out of 3

opioid overdose deaths involved synthetic opioids



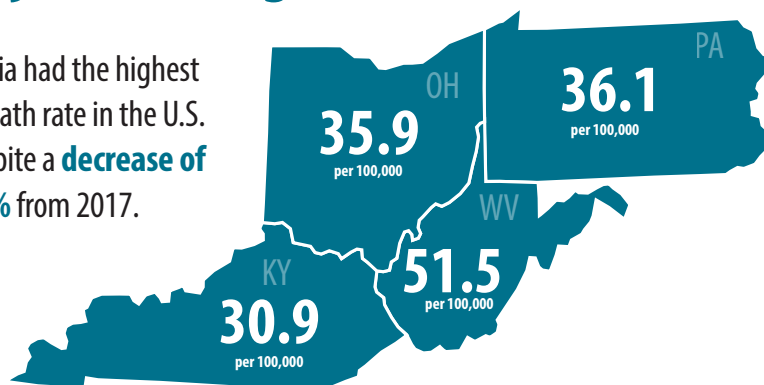
increasing 10%

from 2017 to 2018.

WV had the highest synthetic opioid involved overdose death rate in the nation at 34 per 100,000 in 2018.³

Age-adjusted drug overdose death rates^{4,5}

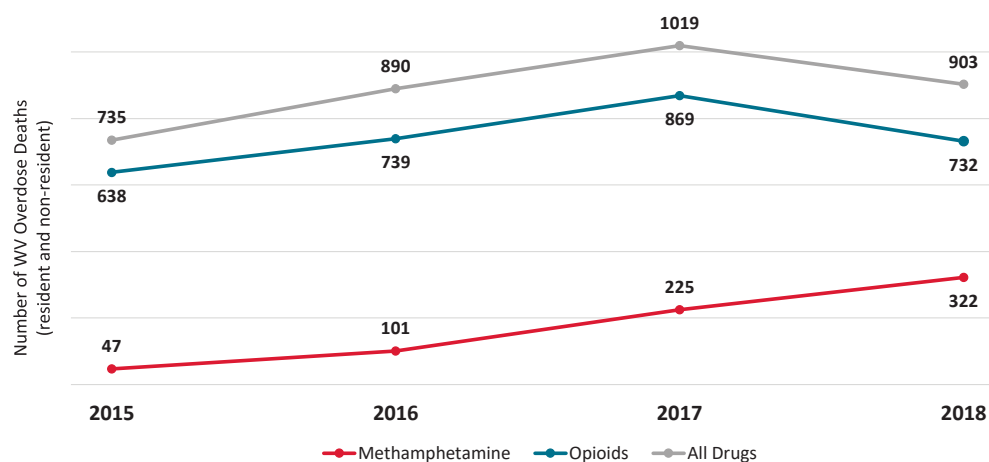
West Virginia had the highest overdose death rate in the U.S. in 2018 despite a **decrease of 10.9%** from 2017.



81% of overdose deaths in WV involved an opioid in 2018.⁶

WV TRENDS - Overdose Deaths by Year⁶

Opioid overdose deaths in WV **decreased 16%** from 2017-2018.



EMERGING TREND - Overdose deaths involving methamphetamine increased **43%** from 2017 to 2018.⁶

COMBATTING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC⁹

- **Improve Prescribing** – Clinical Practice Guidelines
- **Treat Opioid Use Disorder** – Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- **Prevent Opioid Use Disorder** – Non-opioid and non-pharmaceutical treatments for pain
- **Treat Overdose** – Naloxone
- **Monitor Trends** – WV Office of Drug Control Policy Dashboard

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