WV Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (WV SPF-Rx)

Needs Assessment







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Purpose

This report is to inform programmatic prevention efforts across the state by the regional prevention specialists and other stakeholders working on the West Virginia Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (WV SPF-Rx). This assessment contains prevalence data on prescription and other opioid illicit drug misuse and related consequences, risk and protective factors related to prescription drug misuse, and prevention capacity resources to address prescription drug misuse in the state. The data can be used to examine trends in prescribing and overdose rates over time and by county. In addition, this report contains information on Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs that can assist with informing prevention practice at the policy level.

Introduction and Background

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WV DHHR) Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) is the federally designated single state agency responsible for planning, carrying out, and evaluating activities to prevent and treat substance misuse and related activities (42 U.S.C. 300x-30 and 45 CFR 96.121). The Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) supports evidence-based practices that promote social and emotional wellbeing, prevention approaches, person-centered interventions, and self-directed and/or recovery driven support services. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads efforts to increase behavioral health across the nation. SAMHSA works with states and local communities to provide prevention activities to educate and support individuals and their families and communities to prevent the misuse of substances and the development of a substance use disorder. Prevention services are divided into three population categories based on the Institute of Medicine (IOM) model of care: universal, selective, and indicated. The goal of prevention is to prevent the onset of mental, emotional, behavioral, and substance use related problems. Prevention services include: Information Dissemination, Education, Alternatives, Problem Identification (ID) & Referral, Community Based Processes, and Environmental Strategies.

In 2016, SAMHSA awarded the WV DHHR BBH a five-year Strategic Prevention Framework Prescription Drug (SPF Rx) grant. The SPF Rx is funded around \$371,000 per year for five years. The goals of the West Virginia Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (WV SPF Rx) program are to 1) enhance and expand infrastructure to address prescription drug misuse for youth (ages 12-17) and adults (18 and older) and 2) prevent and reduce prescription drug and illicit opioid misuse.

Additional objectives of the project include: conducting a needs assessment; developing a data driven strategic plan to address prescription drug misuse; evaluating the PDMP to make service and policy level recommendations to improve usage; implementing prevention activities; implementing efforts to increase the use of the PDMP and best practices when prescribing opioids; increasing the capacity of the workforce to address prescription drug misuse; and developing a local evaluation plan to assess prevention efforts.

Strategic Prevention Framework

The SPF Rx project relies upon the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) from SAMHSA. The SPF model (2019) provides guidelines for communities to examine prevention needs and efforts to address substance misuse. The steps of the SPF framework include the following:

- **Assessment** –Identify prevention needs based on data.
- Capacity Build resources and readiness to address the needs.
- **Planning** Use data to develop a strategic plan.
- **Implementation** Deliver evidenced-based programs, policies, and practices.
- Evaluation Evaluate the prevention efforts for outcomes. In addition, the SPF models embraces cultural competency among members by identifying cultural and training needs. The model also works to create a sustainability plan (SAMHSA, 2019).

Figure 1: SPF Model

Resessment
Sustainability
and
Cultural
Competence

Planning

Problems and Related Behaviors

Prescription drug misuse is a serious public health concern, with an estimated 6% of the population or 18 million people (ages 12 and older) reporting medication misuse at least once over the past year in 2017 (Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, 2018). The National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) (2018), defines prescription drug misuse as taking a medication in a manner or dose other than prescribed; taking someone else's prescription; or taking a medication to feel euphoria (i.e., to get high). The most commonly misused medications are opioids, Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants that treat anxiety (i.e., benzodiazepines) or sleep disorders (i.e., zolpidem), and stimulants (NIDA, 2018).

National data suggests that young adults (ages 18-25) are most at risk for prescription drug misuse (Monitoring the Future, 2017) with over 14% reporting non-medical use in the past year; however, it can affect anyone. Studies also suggest that youth and older adults are at risk. Nationally, youth (ages 12-17) reported 4.9% of non-medical use in the past year (Monitoring the Future, 2017). Studies on older adults (ages 57-85) suggest that over half take 5 or more medications or supplements a day (Qato et al. 2008), which can increase unintentional use or intentional misuse leading to poor health outcomes and consequences. Prescription drug misuse can differ by age or gender, by ease of access (Manchikanti, et al, 2010), and due to the perception that prescription drugs may be safer or less harmful than illicit drugs (Webster, 2012).

Prescription drug misuse can lead to serious health related consequences, including overdose and overdose death. Nationally, over the last two decades as the number of individuals prescribed opioids increased, so did the number of overdoses and deaths from prescription opioids (CDC, 2020). In the United States, over 232,000 people have died from overdoses involving prescription opioids between 1999 and 2018. Furthermore, overdose deaths involving a prescription opioid were more than four times higher in 2018 than in 1999.

In West Virginia, multiple factors have contributed to the increased rates of prescription opioid and illicit opioid misuse, including increased access due to the large numbers of opioid prescriptions in the state over the past decade. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse

(NIDA), in 2017 West Virginia providers wrote 81.3 prescriptions for every 100 persons as compared to the national average of 58.7 prescriptions. Prescriptions decreased in 2018 in West Virginia, with providers writing 69.3 opioid prescriptions for every 100 persons, compared to the national rate of 51.4 prescriptions (NIDA, 2018). It is important to note that this rate was still among the top 10 in the nation, but it was the lowest number for West Virginia since 2006 (CDC, 2019). Other demographic factors that can contribute to substance misuse, along with poor health and behavioral health outcomes, include disparities in family income, socioeconomic status, employment, and educational attainment (Marshall *et al.*, 2017).

Consumption and Other Related Data for Youth (ages 12-17)

The following table contains data from the WV School Climate Survey from youth (ages 12-17) on prescription drug misuse, perception of harm, and parental approval in regards to misusing prescription drugs. Both perception of harm and parental approval are related factors to substance misuse. Lowered perceptions of harm can lead to increases in risk of substance misuse. In addition, parental disapproval is linked to lower rates of substance misuse. Risk and protective factors are discussed further in another section in this report. School Climate data was similar across the prevention regions. The majority of students, 96% and higher reported not using a prescription without a doctor's order in the past 30 days.

Table 1 WV School Climate Survey Data: 2018-2019 School Year

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WV Schoo	WV School Climate Survey Data: 2018-2019 School Year								
During th	During the past 30 Days, on how many days did you use prescription pills or medications without								
	a doctor's order?								
Region	0 Days	1 Day	2 D	ays	3-9 D	ays	10-19	20-30	Non-
_		_		_		-	Days	Days	Response
1	96.76%	1.00%	0.47	7%	0.61%	ó	0.33%	0.39%	0.44%
2	96.50%	1.13%	0.68	3%	0.49%	ó	0.23%	0.49%	0.48%
3	96.87%	1.43%	0.64	1%	0.46%	ó	0.18%	0.18%	0.24%
4	96.64%	1.05%	0.54	1%	0.39%	o O	0.23%	0.64%	0.51%
5	97.11%	1.08%	0.44	1%	0.47%	ó	0.17%	0.38%	0.35%
6	96.77%	1.39%	0.61	1%	0.44%	o	0.14%	0.41%	0.24%
How mucl	h do people r	isk harmin	g thems	selves p	hysical	ly and	d in othe	r ways when	they do the
following	? Use prescri	ption drugs	that ar	re not p	rescrib	ed to	them.		
Region	Great R	isk Mode	rate	Slight	t Risk	No l	Risk or	Non	Low Risk
	or Harm	Risk (or	or Ha	rm	Har	m	Response	Total
		Harn	1						
1	70.16%	15.38	%	4.97%	o	7.20	%	2.29%	12.17%
2	64.83%	16.53	%	6.48%	o	9.04	1%	3.12%	15.52%
3	70.28%	14.86	%	6.78%	o	7.26	5%	0.82%	14.04%
4	68.17%	16.75	%	6.04%	o	7.10	%	1.94%	13.14%
5	69.64%	15.13	%	5.81%	o	7.8 0	%	1.62%	13.61%
6	69.10%	14.88	%	6.48%	6	7.87	7%	1.67%	14.35%
How wron	ng do your pa	arents feel i	t would	be for	you to	use p	rescripti	on drugs not	prescribed to
you?									
Region	Not Wro	ong A Lit	tle Bit	Wron	ıg	Ver	y	Non-	Low
	at All	Wron	ıg			Wro	ong	Response	Disapproval
									Total
1	1.51%	1.73%	, 0	5.50%	o	89.1	4%	2.12%	3.24%

2	1.09%	1.88%	5.95%	88.14%	2.94%	2.97%
3	1.15%	1.91%	6.44%	89.36%	1.14%	3.06%
4	1.16%	1.63%	6.15%	88.96%	2.10%	2.79%
5	1.47%	1.53%	5.53%	88.98%	2.49%	3.00%
6	1.61%	2.31%	5.96%	88.34%	1.78%	3.92%

^{*}Note: This data was released by the WVDOE to the MU COE for Evaluation Purposes only.

Consumption Data for Young Adults (ages 18 and up) on WV Higher Education Campuses

The following data is from the American College Health Association's National College Health Assessment (NCHA) II, which is conducted every other year in West Virginia to examine substance use, mental health and other health related behaviors among students on campuses in West Virginia. Not every institution participates in the survey. In 2018, the survey was administered online during the Spring of 2018. Males and females reported similar pain killer misuse, but females reported higher sedative prescription drug misuse, while males reported higher stimulant use. It is important to note that the percentages of students in WV reporting prescription drug misuse were higher in every category when compared to the national percentage rates. Students reported the following prescription drug misuse:

Table 2 Executive Summary

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Percent of College Students who reported using Prescription Drugs that were not prescribed to					
them within the last 12 months:					
Percentages (%)	Male	Female	Total		
Pain Killers	4.0%	3.9%	4.0%		
Sedatives	2.6%	3.4%	3.3%		
Stimulants	5.8%	4.9%	5.2%		

^{*}Data from WV Executive Summary Report, Spring 2018, ACHA-NCHA II.

Consumption Data for Youth (ages 12-17), Young Adults (ages 18-25) and Older Adults (ages 26 and older)

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) is conducted every year by interview with around 70,000 participants. It is overseen by SAMHSA's Center for Behavioral Health and Statistics Quality. The following tables include data from the NSDUH on pain reliever misuse and heroin use in the past year. The tables reflect pain reliever misuse and heroin use data from the populations of focus: youth (ages 12-17) and adults (ages 18 and up). The NSDUH provides estimates and comparisons between state and national prevalence rates. Pain reliever misuse rates in West Virginia are lower or similar to the national rates. However, the rates of heroin use in the past year are higher in almost every age range category and year (except for 2016-2017 ages 12-17) in West Virginia when compared to the national estimates.

Table 3 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH): 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Data

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	2016- 17	2017- 18	2016- 17	2017- 18	2016- 17	2017- 18	2016- 17	2017- 18	2016- 17	2017- 18
Pain Reliever Misuse in the Past Year		Older mate		-17 mate		-25 mate		Older mate		Older mate
US	4.17%	3.85%	3.31%	2.93%	7.13%	6.32%	3.79%	3.56%	4.26%	3.94%
West Virginia	4.06%	3.82%	2.86%	2.89%	7.19%	6.35%	3.73%	3.55%	4.17%	3.90%
Heroin Use in the Past Year		Older mate		-17 mate		-25 mate		Older mate		Older mate
US	0.34%	0.31%	0.05%	0.05%	0.64%	0.54%	0.32%	0.30%	0.37%	0.34%
West Virginia	0.69%	0.50%	0.05%	0.07%	1.45%	0.89%	0.64%	0.49%	0.75%	0.54%

^{*2016-2017} and 2017-2018 NSDUH Survey

Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP) Data

PDMPs are state-run electronic databases that can be used to track prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances. They are also tools that can be used to identify patients who may be misusing prescriptions and track problematic prescribing practices. In West Virginia, the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy operates the PDMP, which operates similar to other state database programs. All licensees who dispense Schedule II, III and IV controlled substances to residents of West Virginia must provide the dispensing information to the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy (BOP) during each 24-hour period basis. They must also include in their reporting Schedule V controlled substances (e.g. pseudoephedrine) dispensed as a prescription, Gabapentin-containing products and Naloxone-containing opioid-reversing agents (e.g. Narcan®). There are some exceptions allowed by state code. Requests for de-identified information for research or evaluation purposes can be made to the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

Recently, the West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) created a new PDMP data platform for prescription drug information. The platform contains information on several prescriptions at the county level, including controlled substances, opioids, benzodiazepines,

stimulants, naloxone prescriptions, and morphine equivalents. In terms of potency, opioid medications can be measured to each other based on milligrams (mg) of Morphine Equivalents (MME). Prescriptions over 90 mg Morphine Equivalents per day are considered high dose opioids. There are many instances that this may be appropriate use such as terminal illness or cancer related pain, but the PDMP does not provide sufficient details to determine how many of these episodes represent appropriate uses of opioids. Over the past three years, there have been decreases in the number of prescription opioids in the state. Statewide, there have also been reductions in benzodiazepines and stimulants. In addition, regional data also shows decreases in the number of opioids prescribed over the last three years in West Virginia. The data also shows the increases in Naloxone prescriptions throughout the state. For county specific data, please see Attachment B in this report.

Table 4 Office of Drug Control Policy PDMP Statewide Data

Statewide Prescription Dose Totals: Benzodiazepines, Opioids, and Stimulants				
	2017	2018	2019	
Benzodiazepines	67,977,369	54,164,485	45,662,885	
Opioids	117,790,946	101,337,135	86,310,691	
Stimulants	17,824,063	16,584,213	14,739,170	
Statewide Prescription	ons Greater/Equal 90 M	orphine Milligram Equiva	lent (MME) (Estimates)	
	2017	2018	2019	
>=90 MME	154,800	118,600	90,800	
Statewide Naloxone Prescriptions Dispensed				
	2017	2018	2019	
Naloxone	4,566	10,573	14,662	

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard. See Attachment A in this report for a list of drugs reported in each classification.

Table 5 Office of Drug Control Policy PDMP Regional Data

Region 1 Prescription Dose Totals: Benzodiazepines, Opioids, and Stimulants				
	2017	2018	2019	
Benzodiazepines	6,537,050	4,022,558	3,188,456	
Opioids	9,398,947	7,756,597	6,490,662	
Stimulants	1,036,026	983,176	847,234	
Region 1 Prescriptions G	ireater/Equal 90 Morphin	e Milligram Equivalent (M	IME)	
(Estimates)				
	2017	2018	2019	
>=90 MME	14,200	10,700	8,200	
Region 1 Naloxone Pres	criptions Dispensed			
	2017	2018	2019	
Naloxone	208	330	483	
Region 2 Prescription Dose Totals: Benzodiazepines, Opioids, and Stimulants				
	2017	2018	2019	
Benzodiazepines	7,251,098	5,137,383	4,225,899	
Opioids	15,575,940	13,320,855	11,721,012	
Stimulants	2,284,606	2,191,916	1,984,267	

Region 2 Total Prescriptions Greater/Equal 90 Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) (Estimates)				
	2017	2018	2019	
>=90 MME	37,744	27,904	20,224	
Region 2 Naloxone Pres	criptions Dispensed			
	2017	2018	2019	
Naloxone	1,133	2,495	2,860	
Region 3 Prescription D	ose Totals: Benzodiazepin	es, Opioids, and Stimulan	ts	
	2017	2018	2019	
Benzodiazepines	5,988,925	4,652,497	3,597,320	
Opioids	10,298,570	8,258,102	6,712,541	
Stimulants	1,718,289	1,608,529	1,395,093	
Region 3 Prescriptions 0	Greater/Equal 90 Morphin	e Milligram Equivalent (N	1ME) (Estimates)	
	2017	2018	2019	
>=90 MME	10,997	7,865	5,861	
Region 3 Naloxone Pres	criptions Dispensed			
	2017	2018	2019	
Naloxone	191	924	1,055	
Region 4 Prescription D	ose Totals: Benzodiazepin	es, Opioids, and Stimulan	ts	
	2017	2018	2019	
Benzodiazepines	12,934,561	9,895,839	8,213,001	
Opioids	22,948,311	18,927,584	15,948,778	
Stimulants	3,450,654	3,162,658	2,862,479	
Region 4 Prescriptions C	Greater/Equal 90 Morphin	e Milligram Equivalent (N	1ME) (Estimates)	
	2017	2018	2019	
>=90 MME	28,372	23,690	17,973	
Region 4 Naloxone Pres	criptions Dispensed			
	2017	2018	2019	
Naloxone	780	1,865	3,302	
Region 5 Prescription D	ose Totals: Benzodiazepin	es, Opioids, and Stimulan	ts	
	2017	2018	2019	
Benzodiazepines	20,135,428	19,313,966	15,275,290	
Opioids	35,199,482	32,937,212	28,639,134	
Stimulants	6,518,451	6,211,408	5,587,459	
Region 5 Prescriptions 0	Greater/Equal 90 Morphin	e Milligram Equivalent (N	1ME) (Estimates)	
	2017	2018	2019	
>=90 MME	35,046	26,500	20,783	
Naloxone Prescriptions	•			
	2017	2018	2019	
Naloxone	1,258	2,209	3,206	
Region 6 Prescription D	ose Totals: Benzodiazepin	es, Opioids, and Stimulan	ts	
	2017	2018	2019	
Benzodiazepines	15,130,307	11,142,242	11,162,919	
Opioids	24,369,696	20,136,785	16,798,564	

Stimulants	2,816,037	2,426,526	2,062,638		
Region 6 Prescriptions G	Region 6 Prescriptions Greater/Equal 90 Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) (Estimates)				
	2017	2018	2019		
>=90 MME	28,282	22,122	17,607		
Region 6 Naloxone Pres	Region 6 Naloxone Prescriptions Dispensed				
	2017	2018	2019		
Naloxone	1,747	2,750	3,756		

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard. See Attachment A in this report for a list of drugs reported in each classification.

Consequence Data

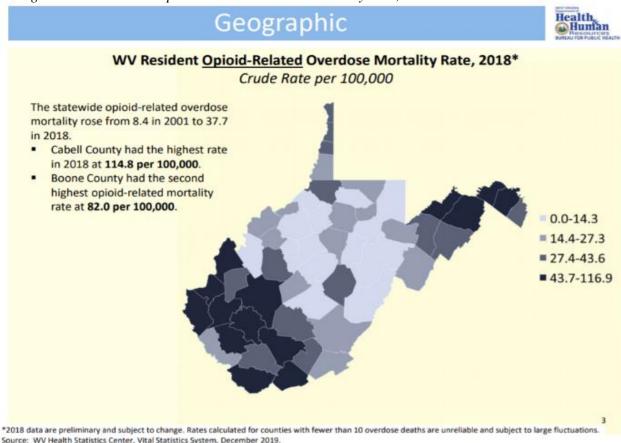
Prescription drug misuse can lead to serious health and behavioral health outcomes, such as increased emergency room visits, development of substance use or opioid use disorders that need treatment, overdose, and overdose deaths.

The 2017-2018 NSDUH survey estimates that 4.08% of West Virginian youth (ages 12-17) experienced a substance use disorder in the past year, comparted to 3.83% nationally; however, estimates for other age groups (ages 18-25 and 26 +) were lower than the national rates this past year. The 2017-2018 NSDUH survey estimates 0.45% (ages 12-17), 1.11% (ages 18-25 years of age), and 0.73% (ages 26 +) experienced a pain reliever use disorder in the past year, when compared to 0.41% (ages 12-17), 0.86% (ages 18-25), and 0.60% (ages 26+) nationally.

Individuals with a substance use or opioid use disorder are at an increased risk of experiencing an overdose or an overdose death. Overdose morbidity data is the incidence of a disease in a population, while the overdose mortality data is the incidence of death from a disease in a population. According to the CDC, provisional data for West Virginia and the nation show declines in overdose death rates in the beginning of 2019 (Ahmad, F. et al., 2020). However, prior to 2019, West Virginia led the nation in overdose death rates at 57.8 per 100,000 (Scholl, L. et al., 2018). The SPF Rx project is examining overdose morbidity and mortality data by gender, age, and other important different demographics such as race and ethnicity when available. Data for cross-site evaluation is collected from the CDC Wonders and ESSENCE database. For the purposes of this report, easily accessible extant data from offices within WV DHHR are being used in order to increase the sustainability of the project. The evaluation team will train the prevention specialists to locate local community and regional data related to prescription drugs and overdoses.

The State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) is overseen by the WV Bureau for Behavioral Health. The SEOW can identify and analyze substance use data to inform policy and program related decisions on prevention efforts. The SEOW is comprised of multiple organizational and individual partners who assist and share expertise. The SEOW can inform and assist with coordinating prevention efforts. The SEOW works to provide quarterly presentations, which are located on the WV DHHR website. The following image is on WV Fatal Drug Overdoses from the meeting on January 13, 2020 and provides a 'snapshot' of the counties that lost residents to fatal opioid-related overdoses.





Finally, the WV Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) has developed two new dashboards to provide timely county-level information on overdoses. One dashboard presents information on the number of West Virginia hospital Emergency Room (ER) visits from an overdose, while the other dashboard provides the number of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) runs for a suspected overdose event. The platforms can help inform the prevention specialists and community stakeholders by providing up-to-date relevant overdose information to inform real time activities.

According to the ODCP, the ER visit dashboard provides information on the number of ER visits associated with an overdose event. Currently, the dashboard obtains data from 46 ERs in West Virginia. The data is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) BioSense Platform Essence and the West Virginia Hospital Association. The data on the dashboard is generated from information from ER medical records, which either classify the incident as accidental overdose or suiciderelated overdose events. The treating ER physician determines an overdose by using the International Classification of Disease, tenth revision Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) codes as either a primary or a secondary diagnosis (State of WV, 2020).

Table 6 Office of Drug Control Policy Emergency Room (ER) Information

Month and Year	N
Wilding and I car	Number
January 2019	529
February 2019	499
March 2019	617
April 2019	601
May 2019	596
June 2019	576
July 2019	520
August 2019	609
September 2019	615
October 2019	561
November 2019	525
December 2019	550
January 2020	582
February 2020	566
March 2020	550
Total to Date	8,496
Overdoses by Age Group	
0-19	1,252
20-29	1,819
30-39	2,056
40-49	1,359
50-59	960
60-69	602
70+	446
Unknown	1-6
Overdoses by Sex	
Females	4,070
Males	4,349
Unknown	77

^{*}Data from WV Office of Drug Control Policy Emergency Room (ER) Overdose Dashboard 2020.

According to the ODCP, the EMS data displayed in the tables and graphs are generated from data from EMS run sheets, which is an electronic report generated by EMS responders (paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) when an ambulance is dispatched to a scene. The sheet contains information about the call, information about the patient, circumstances surrounding the event, treatment rendered, and if the patient was transferred to a hospital. EMS personnel do not diagnose patients; they assess the patient and generate a "field impression" of the condition of the patient (State of WV, 2020).

Table 7 Office of Drug Control Policy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Information

Statewide EMS Overdose (Morbidity and Mortality) Data			
Month and Year	Number		
January 2019	630		
February 2019	441		
March 2019	608		
April 2019	648		
May 2019	651		
June 2019	655		
July 2019	582		
August 2019	461		
September 2019	528		
October 2019	584		
November 2019	608		
December 2019	633		
January 2020	704		
February 2020	534		
March 2020	550		
Total to Date	8,817		
Overdoses by Age Group			
0-19	708		
20-29	1,879		
30-39	2,396		
40-49	1,580		
50-59	1,023		
60-69	634		
70+	426		
Unknown	171		
Overdoses by Sex			
Females	3,638		
Males	4,962		
Unknown	217		
Naloxone (Narcan) Given			
Yes	4,017		
No	4,800		
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^{*}Data from WV Office of Drug Control Policy Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Overdose Dashboard 2020.

Risk and Protective Factors

Multiple contributing factors can affect an individual's risk of substance misuse. Risk factors are ones that increase the likelihood of someone misusing substances, while protective factors counter an individual's risk. Risk and protective factors can be variable or fixed; they can accumulate over a person's life; and they can exist in multiple contexts, such as individual, relational, community or societal (SAMHSA, n.d.). The Socio-ecological model is a developmental framework to examine an individual's risk and protective factors through these multiple contexts and different settings as individual's age. The contexts include:

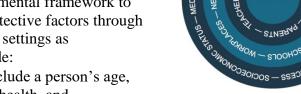


Figure 3: Socio-ecological Model

- **Individual:** These factors include a person's age. education, income, genetics, health, and psychosocial strengths.
- **Relationship:** These factors include an individual's family members, peers, teachers, and other close relationships that affect their experiences and can influence their behavior.
- **Community:** These include settings where social relationships occur, such as schools, workplaces, online communities, and neighborhoods.
- Societal: These factors, often called the social determinants of health, include historical trauma, discrimination, social constructions of gender, laws limiting access to substances, and media portrayal of substance use (SAMHSA, 2019).

It is important to examine these contextual factors when planning prevention efforts in communities. The following information is a systematic review of studies that examine risk and protective factors related to prescription drug misuse through the socio-ecological lens (Nargiso et al., 2014). Most of the prevention research on risk and protective factors related to prescription drug misuse has examined youth (ages 12-17) and young adults (ages 18-25).

Table 8: Risk and Protective Factors Associated with Prescription (Rx) Drug Misuse

Risk and Protective Factors Associated with Prescription (Rx) Drug Misuse Populations of Focus: Adolescents (ages 12-17) and Adults 18 and older				
Socio- Ecological Domain	Risk Factors	Protective Factors		
Individual	There is an inverse relationship between perceived harm in Rx drug use and Rx Drug misuse. This means that when individuals or local communities believe there is no real harm, Rx drug misuse is higher.	Education regarding harms associated with Rx drug misuse lowers individual risk for misuse. Increased religious attendance reduced risk of Rx drug misuse.		

	Many studies show an extreme overlap between tobacco and e-cigarette use and Rx drug misuse. Risk takers have higher rates of Rx drug	
	misuse.	
Interpersonal /family	Youth of parents that are 'tolerant' of drug use or those with family history of	Friend/peer disapproval of Rx drug use markedly decreases
/lanniy	drug misuse are at a significant risk of misuse themselves.	risk for Rx drug misuse.
		Parental monitoring and involvement reduced risk for Rx drug misuse.
School	There is a significant association	Family and parental
	between Rx misuse and educational	involvement in education and
	attainment.	behaviors at school may protect against risk of Rx misuse.
	In High school, Rx misuse is correlated with lower GPAs and dropping out of school.	agamse fish of fee misuse.
Community	Community environments that include Rx drug misuse or tolerant attitudes toward Rx misuse increase the risk for Rx drug misuse.	Education on a community-wide level regarding harms associated with Rx drug misuse lowers Rx misuse.
	Availability of Rx drugs relates to misuse. This is attributable to	Community connectedness
	development of new drugs and	
	prescribing practices.	
Societal	Low socioeconomic status, poverty,	Access to health care
	homelessness, and incarceration are risk	
	factors for substance misuse.	

^{*}Nargiso et al., 2014

In reviewing the studies, it is important to note that certain factors influence risk for prescription drug misuse across multiple domains (individual, interpersonal, school, community and societal). As noted earlier, perception regarding the potential harm of a substance is associated with risk of misuse. When perceptions of harm are low, then the risk for prescription drug misuse is higher. The relationship between perceived harm and prescription drug misuse can affect one at the individual, interpersonal, and community level. To protect against this risk factor, many communities have adopted community-wide training to not only educate about the potential harm of prescription drug misuse (physical and mental dependence, potential for overdosing), but they also include training that addresses stigmatization of individuals who misuse prescription drugs. This is necessary as stigmatization can compound substance misuse in communities and prevent individuals from seeking treatment.

Another significant component that affects multiple domains is family and parental involvement. A lack of parental involvement can put adolescents at a higher risk for misusing prescription drugs. Furthermore, if parents or family members are misusing prescription drugs or are more 'tolerant' of substance misuse, then adolescents (and adults) are at a higher risk to misuse prescription drugs. On the other hand, family involvement is a protective factor in reducing prescription drug misuse.

Prevention Capacity

West Virginia, often referred to as the Heart of Appalachia, is the only state that falls entirely within the federally designated Appalachian Region of the United States. Geographically, the state is rural and population centers are remote and small in comparison with other states. Appalachians' strong cultural values, such as Neighborliness, Personalism, Solidarity, and a Strong sense of Family are great sources of strengths that can assist in prevention activities and mobilization efforts. Other cultural values include: Individualism, Self-Reliance and Self-Pride, Traditionalism, Modesty, Patriotism, and Strong Religious Beliefs. (Jones, 1994).

The capacity of the state and communities to address prescription drug misuse includes a multitude of resources, people, expertise, infrastructure, funding, and awareness of the issue. It also includes training and workforce needs. Information regarding needs for prevention capacity came from extant data, focus groups with coalition members and key stakeholders, surveys with prevention leads, and discussions with DHHR staff.

The Bureau for Behavioral Health has designated six behavioral health regions that

provide prevention services to the counties within the region. Each region has a prevention lead organization (PLO) and a lead contact who assists in providing services, programs, training, and technical assistance related to prevention. The prevention lead organizations include comprehensive behavioral health centers and other non-profit service groups, such as Family Resource Networks (FRNs). All counties are required to use SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework planning model to identify needs and match



evidence-based programs and practices. Prevention practitioners are encouraged to support community mobilization through local coalitions, provide prevention education to populations in need of prevention interventions and create nurturing, drug-free environments through environmental strategies. The majority of the counties have local, active coalitions. The prevention leads reported not having coalitions in a few counties, but engaging with those communities through community based prevention projects.

The Prevention Lead Organizations and their contacts are as follows:

Table 9: Prevention Lead Organizations

Region	Counties	Organization	Contact Information
1	Hancock, Brooke, Ohio,	Youth Services	Lori Bumba
	Marshall, Wetzel	System, Inc.	304-233-2045
			Lori.impactov@gmail.com
2	Pendleton, Grant,	Potomac Highlands	Paige Mathias
	Hardy, Mineral,	Guild	304-257-1155
	Hampshire, Morgan,		paigem@potomachighlandsguild.com
	Jefferson, Berkeley,		
3	Tyler, Pleasants, Wood,	Westbrook Health	Shelly Mize
	Ritchie, Jackson, Wirt,	Services	304-927-5200 extension 410
	Roane, Calhoun		smize@westbrookhealth.com
4	Monongalia, Preston,	West Virginia	Elizabeth Shahan
	Marion, Doddridge,	Prevention	304-423-5049
	Harrison, Taylor,	Solutions	wvpsdirector@gmail.com
	Barbour, Tucker,		
	Gilmer, Lewis, Upshur,		
	Randolph, Braxton		
5	Mason, Putnam,	Prestera Center	Kim Shoemake
	Kanawha, Clay, Cabell,		304-412-7036
	Wayne, Mingo, Logan,		Kimberly.Shoemake@prestera.org
	Lincoln, Boone		
6	Webster, Pocahontas,	Community	Greg Puckett
	Nicholas, Fayette,	Connections	304-913-4956
	Greenbrier, Raleigh,		drugfree@strongcommunities.org
	Summers, Monroe,		
	Wyoming, Mercer,		
	McDowell		

^{*}Data from BBH

The WV Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) provides the majority of the state's prevention funding, which is used for primary prevention activities around the state. The funding was around \$8.25 million in federal fiscal year 2018. In the federal fiscal year 2019, the funding was around \$6.4 million. The funding sources include SAMHSA's Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block grant, which is a non-competitive federal grant to address substance misuse and mental health prevention and treatment. SAMHSA's SAPT funding is based on the state's population. The state allocates about \$1.9 million per year for universal prevention activities and prevention infrastructure in the state. This is about 20% of the SAPT grant. The funding supports the Prevention Lead Organizations who house and fund the lead prevention contact in each region and who in turn provide sub-grants to county coalitions for prevention activities.

In addition, the Bureau for Behavioral Health has two other competitive federal grants funded by SAMHSA, the Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drug Misuse (SPF Rx) and the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success (SPF PFS) grant. The SPF Rx grant provides approximately \$22,500 in funding to the prevention regions to implement prevention activities focused on reducing prescription opioid drug misuse and other illicit opioid use. Prevention activities include increasing prescriber education and use of the PDMP,

education on safe medication disposal and providing safe drug disposal kits, health literacy on prescription drugs, including opioids, and education to reduce stigma which is a barrier for those seeking assistance for substance misuse and substance use disorders. Additional funding is provided to Marshall University for evaluation and prescriber/dispenser education. Community Access assist with website, media and prevention related communication. BBH also recently provided around \$12,800 in additional funding to support the purchase and dissemination of more safe drug disposal kits in each region.

The SPF PFS grant has been a large boost to prevention capacity in the state. The SPF PFS provides around \$300,000 in funding per year to each PLO. The funding supports prevention coordinators in each region for a total of 19. Most regions support three coordinators, with one region supporting four coordinators with their portion of the funding. The prevention coordinators assist with providing selective and indicated evidence-based prevention services to youth who are 9 to 20 years of age around the state. The funding also provides funding to Marshall University for evaluation and technical assistance.

In addition, the state was awarded a State Opioid Response (SOR) grant from SAMSHA. The total grants were \$28 million in federal fiscal year 2018 and 2019. The majority of these funds are being primarily used for treatment, but BBH is also using SOR funding to fund a coalition engagement specialist to work with all the county coalitions in each region (total of six). The engagement specialists are working to assist the coalitions in community mobilization. BBH anticipates \$300,000 in additional SOR funding in the 2020 calendar year to increase prevention services.

All four grants are working to prevent substance misuse by building capacity and increasing evidenced based prevention activities. Other prevention funding in the state includes funding from the WV Department of Education, the West Virginia's Governor's Highway Safety Program, the WV Bureau for Public Health, the WV Department of Military Affairs & Public Safety, and additional local philanthropic funding.

Several county coalitions have received funding from the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) grant program. These grants were administered by SAMHSA, but will be overseen by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) moving forward. DFC grants use similar approaches to the SPF model by identifying substance use problems in a community and identifying evidenced based solution to address it. DFC funding in the state currently includes: Brooke Hancock Family Resource Network, Cabell County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Community Connections in Mercer County, Morgan County Partnership, Inc., and S.T.O.P. Strong Through Our Plan in Mingo County. Putnam County has completed five years of DFC funding. In addition, Jackson and Ohio Counties have also been the recipients of DFC funding and have completed their ten years of prevention funding. Other communities have applied for further funding to assist with prevention activities. This funding includes SAMHSA and HRSA funding received directly by local agencies and includes: CARA Local Drug Crises Grants, the STOP Act Grant, a local SPF PFS grant, and several HRSA Rural Opioid Planning grants for prevention, treatment and recovery services have been awarded in rural counties around the state over the past two years.

West Virginia also recognizes the need to fund prevention activities on higher education campuses. In 2002, the West Virginia Collegiate Initiative to Address alcohol and other drug misuse (WVCIA) was formed to assess substance misuse among college age students (18 and older) and to implement evidenced based prevention practices and activities. WVCIA is primarily funded by BBH and the WV Governor's Highway Safety Program. The funding is used to provide a statewide assessment every other year and to build prevention capacity through training during the other years. Funding is also used to help campuses offset cost for prevention activities and programs whenever possible.

Workforce is another critical component of the SPF model. In addition to the funding provided to the prevention leads to hire additional staff to implement prevention activities, both the SPF Rx and SPF PFS grants are working to increase prevention workforce capacity through training. Two individuals held a current certified prevention specialists 1 credential in the state and seven held an active certified prevention specialist 2 credential during fiscal year 2019. The prevention specialists who are certified will increase over time with support from DHHR and funding from these grants, primarily the SPF PFS. In West Virginia, individuals are certified through the West Virginia Board of Addiction and Prevention Professionals (WVCBAPP). The WVCBAPP certifies the competencies and qualifications of professionals involved in prevention, treatment and recovery services in the state. WVCBAPP is a member of the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (IC & RC), which adheres to international requirements for certification of prevention specialists. The Prevention Specialist credential requires professionals to demonstrate competency through experience, education, supervision, and the passing of a rigorous examination. The Prevention Specialist Credentials are as follows:

Table 10: Prevention Specialists Qualifications

Level	Experience	Education	Prevention Education/Training	Ethics
WV Certified Prevention Specialists 1	Two years qualifying work experience and one year in direct service	Minimum two year college degree or 60 credit hours from an accredited college or university in a community health, education or related field, which 12 credit hours must be in the prevention content domains	180 hours of prevention specific education and training. Prevention specialist must pass the IC&RC International Prevention Specialist Examination	Must adhere to a prevention code of ethics
WV Certified Prevention Specialists 2	Four years qualifying work experience	Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university, which 24 credit hours must be in the prevention content domains	300 hours of education/training (240 must be prevention specific hours)	Must adhere to a prevention code of ethics

To maintain a credential, an individual must live or work 51% of the time in WV and re-certify every two years by completing 40 hours of continuing education, with 6 hours of addiction or prevention ethics

^{*}WVCBAPP at https://www.wvcbapp.org

In addition to these resources, capacity also includes information on a communities' readiness to address the problem, including knowledge of the problem, attitudes about the problem, support of local leaders, and resources. Prevention leads are currently working toward community readiness assessments. Two prevention leads have completed readiness assessments and three are in the process.

The evaluation team also conducted a confidential, online qualitative survey through Qualtrics with the prevention leads to examine resources, gaps, risk and protective factors related to prescription drug misuse and other related information regarding some of the prevention activities that could strengthen or challenge prevention activities around the state. Five of the six prevention leads completed the survey. The survey questions and findings are as follows:

What are the data sources to which you have access that help guide you with decreasing prescription drug misuse or other illicit opioid use? (i.e., including hospital assessments, county health improvements, National College Health Association, and local school climate data). If you don't have access to prescription drug data or other illicit opioid use data sources, what types of data would help you be more effective in your job?

- 3 out of 5 reported using the Office of Drug Control Policy Dashboards
- 2 out of 5 reported using the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup, the School Climate Survey, Hospital data or data plans, county health plans or health department data
- Other data sources that are used included the college assessment data (1), 911 data (1) local crime data (1), and using federal sources such as SAMHSA, NIH, and OJJDP for data (1)
- Data sources needed included information on homelessness (1), poverty (1), police reports (1), economic data (1), and overdose mapping (1)
- One participant reported wanting the school climate data shared and 2 out of five stated any additional substance use data shared with them would be helpful in their prevention efforts

What do you see as the biggest protective factor in your region in terms of reducing prescription drug and other illicit opioid use in your region? (with youth ages 12-17 and with adults 18 and older)

- 3 out of 5 reported activities in their communities (youth and adults), including after school activities, alternative activities, physical fitness, parks and recreational activities
- 2 out of 5 reported parental involvement
- 2 out of 5 reported parental and youth healthy support groups
- 2 out of 5 reported the healthcare and behavioral health including expanded school based mental health
- 1 out of 5 reported investments from the community for youth and adults
- 1 out of 5 reported evidence based programs

• 1 out of 5 reported education for youth and adults

What do you see as the biggest risk factor in your region in terms of reducing prescription drug and other illicit opioid use in your region? (with youth ages 12-17 and with adults 18 and older) What about other substance misuse?

- 4 out of 5 responded poverty, poor economic conditions and loss of jobs
- 1 out of 5 reported low education attainment
- 1 out of 5 reported a lack of community support
- 2 out of 5 reported risks related to their populations; older population who is still sharing medications, employed individuals experiencing injury, and younger populations who may be engaging in risk-taking behaviors

Please share how your prevention work intersects with health or behavioral health care in your region.

- 5 out of 5 mentioned specific programs and supports provided by health and behavioral health care in their regions (behavioral health centers, hospitals, providers, and health departments)
- 3 out of 5 mentioned the "continuum of care" and prevention's role in it
- 3 out of 5 mentioned partners participating in coalition meetings and training
- 2 out of 5 mentioned information and referral and their role connecting individuals to treatment sources
- 2 out of 5 stated prevention was a "top priority" for providers
- Other items mentioned included naloxone training (1), support for drug take backs (1), permanent drug boxes (1), harm reduction (1), needle exchange (1), quick response teams (1), and pregnancy prevention (1)

What types of activities do you think would help with substance use disorder stigma reduction in your region?

- 4 out of 5 reported more community wide trainings and education is needed
- 3 out of 5 reported more training on the "science of addiction" and 2 out of 5 reported training on "addiction as a brain disease"
- 1 out of 5 reported the need for professional development in the regions as it relates stigma and preventing individuals from seeking treatment
- 1 out of 5 reported the need for a media campaign to address stigma
- 1 out of 5 reported prevention's role to address basic needs and to connect to treatment services, such as information and referral

What groups would be important to focus substance use disorder stigma reduction efforts on in your communities?

• 4 out of 5 reported training needs for faith based groups in their communities, many are using ineffective prevention messages

- 2 out of 5 reported the need to train law enforcement and getting them to participate in prevention not only enforcement
- Other areas reported included the need to train judges (1), lawyers (1), child case workers (1), recover centers (1), parents (1), schools (1), and civic organizations (1)
- 1 out of 5 reported the need to engage all of the "12 sectors for prevention"

What role do you think health literacy around prescription drugs might play with individuals in your communities?

- 4 out of 5 saw health literacy as an opportunity to increase awareness and knowledge which may decrease misuse
- 1 out of 5 participants reported the need to make the information more holistic, focusing on multiple substances including alcohol and tobacco and how it affects health
- 1 out of 5 reported the training could assist with reducing stigma and reducing barriers to treatment

What resources would help you be more effective with decreasing prescription drug misuse or other illicit opioid use in your region?

- Many reported the need for more drug disposal items with 3 out of 5 wanted more safe drug disposal kits; 2 out of 5 wanted more permanent drug disposal boxes; 2 out of 5 wanted drug safety lock boxes for individuals in their communities; 1 wanted more community drug take back events
- Many reported the need for more information: 2 out of 5 wanted to promote Health and Hope more; 2 out of 5 asked for tools to help with information dissemination methods and media; 2 out of 5 wanted resources on other drugs (stimulants, benzodiazepines, and other substances); 1 out of 5 reported broadband needs to disseminate information
- 1 out of 5 reported the need for professional trainings

What other types of substance misuse are you concerned about in your communities? Please share your thoughts on this as it relates to different populations of focus, such as youth, transitioning adults (18-25), adults, and older adults (65 and older) or different types of counties in your region, such as urban vs. rural.

- 3 out of 5 reported concerns about stimulants
- 3 out of 5 reported concerns about alcohol misuse
- 2 out of 5 reported concerns about marijuana use, particularly with medical marijuana
- 2 out of 5 reported concerns about tobacco
- 2 out of 5 reported needs and training related to addressing substances in urban vs rural settings
- 1 out of 5 reported needs for training on benzodiazepines

- 1 out 5 reported concerns related to veterans and older populations in their communities
- 1 out of 5 reported the need to address deeper areas related to substance misuse, such as poverty, lack of opportunities, local economics as it relates substance use

Do you have any other thoughts that you'd like to share regarding the SPF Rx project?

- 2 out of 5 reported the need to look at this from the community "lens"
- 2 out of 5 wanted to survey the community for what they think the problem is or to conduct a statewide survey with communities to ask about prescription drugs and what they see as the problem
- 1 out of 5 wanted to focus on larger issues and to take a "deeper dive" into health policy and addressing community basic needs such as poverty
- 1 out of 5 saw the need for more training to address stigma

Other Important Policy Related Findings

This assessment report also presents findings regarding PDMPs in order to inform stakeholders about important policy level information. A number of studies regarding the use and effects of PDMPs have been conducted across the nation. While results regarding the effects are mixed, possibly reflecting the individualized nature in which state-level PDMPs function, there are several promising lines of research outcomes. For example, there is evidence that consistent prescriber use of the PDMP for monitoring of trends in prescribing patterns can be used to reduce over-prescription of substances such as opioids (Elder et al., 2018). Such surveillance has also been successfully used to document emerging trends that may signal the next substance crisis, thus allowing states to anticipate and put prevention measures in place (Kaye et al., 2017a; Kaye et al., 2017b). There are a number of promising innovative practices, such as improving efficiency and ease of access, that demonstrate increases in use of the PDMP by providers (National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws, 2017; Rutkow et al., 2017). These innovative practices include: integrating electronic health records with the PDMP, especially for emergency departments (Rutkow et al., 2017; Elder et al., 2018); integrating training/education for updated guidelines for prescribing into the PDMP (Rutkow et al., 2017); and allowing access to data from neighboring states (Elder et al., 2018). Thus, PDMPs do offer promising options to reduce the overuse and misuse of prescription medication.

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Attachment A. Classification of Medications in PDMP Report

Classification	Description	Agents Included
Benzodiazepines	Sedative agents which are	Alprazolam,
	used to treat anxiety and	Chlordiazepoxide, Clobazam,
	seizures.	Clonazepam, Clorazepate,
		Diazepam,Estazolam,
		Flurazepam, Lorazepam,
		Oxazepam, Temazepam,
		Triazolam,
Opioids	Pain agents used to treat a	Butorphanol, Codeine,
	wide variety of pain	Dihydrocodeine, Fentanyl,
	conditions.	Hydrocodone,
		Hydromorphone,
		Merperidine, Methadone,
		Morphine, Opium,
		Oxycodone, Oxymorphone,
		Pentazocine, Tapentadol,
		Tramadol,
Stimulants	Agents that stimulate the	Amphetamine,
	Central Nervous System.	Dexmethylphenidate,
	Often used for Attention	Dextroamphetamine,
	Deficit Disorder and weight	Lisdexamfetamine,
	loss.	Methylphenidate,

^{*}Other medications included in the PDMP dashboard include naloxone and buprenorphine, which were pulled out separately. Other medications included in the dashboard not included in this report are baclofen, carisoprodol (Soma), gabapentin and zolpidem (Ambien).

Attachment B. County Data

Region 1 Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, and Wetzel

Brooke	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	713,554	605,836	465,894
Opioids	1,495,879	1,281,565	1,062,238
Stimulants	134,404	127,269	114,741
Hancock	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	1,227,540	1,107,049	884,539
Opioids	2,112,213	1,827,340	1,550,589
Stimulants	241,384	236,160	203,598
Marshall	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	2,993,271	885,483	694,066
Opioids	2,329,283	1,828,980	1,546,219
Stimulants	211,441	185,522	150,936
Ohio	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	1,030,584	931,456	737,227
Opioids	2,338,371	1,931,165	1,659,343
Stimulants	363,606	344,419	296,496
Wetzel	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	572,101	492,734	406,730
Opioids	1,123,201	887,547	672,273
Stimulants	85,191	89,806	81,463
Region 1 totals	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	6,537,050	4,022,558	3,188,456
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Opioids	9,398,947	7,756,597	6,490,662

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard. See Attachment A in this report for a list of drugs reported in each classification.

Region 1 Prescriptions Greater/Equal 90 MME (Estimates)			
	2017	2018	2019
Brooke	2,200	1,600	1,000
Hancock	2,900	2,200	1,700
Marshall	4,100	3,100	2,400
Ohio	4,000	3,000	2,600
Wetzel	995	803	469
Region 1 Totals	14,200	10,700	8,200

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 1 Naloxone Prescriptions				
	2017	2018	2019	
Brooke	90	80	84	
Hancock	48	93	106	
Marshall	56	49	113	
Ohio	8	58	106	
Wetzel	6	50	74	
Region 1 Totals	208	330	483	

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 1 Buprenorphine Prescriptions				
	2017	2018	2019	
Brooke	146,030	159,862	149,177	
Hancock	199,426	259,572	285,144	
Marshall	181,977	166,054	149,168	
Ohio	231,014	214,062	194,051	
Wetzel	64,067	58,613	46,194	
Region 1 Totals	822,514	858,163	823,734	

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 1 ER Over	dose Data (Morbidity a	and Mortality)			
County	Total Overdoses	Overdoses Highest Overdoses by Age group			
			M	F	U
Brooke	Not Reported				
Hancock	146	30-39 (44)	73	73	0
Marshall	106	30-39 (24)	63	43	0
Ohio	382	30-39 (100)	184	198	0
Wetzel	70	20-29 (28)	9	7	54
Region 1 Totals	704	30-39 (mode)	329	321	54

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy ER Overdose Data Dashboard.

County	Total Overdoses	Highest Overdoses by Age group	Sex Male,	Female,	Unknown	Nalox Giver	
			M	F	U	Y	N
Brooke	78	30-39 (18) 40-49 (18)	51	27	0	49	29
Hancock	90	30-39 (29)	48	33	9	69	21
Marshall	51	20-29 (13)	30	18	S	28	23
Ohio	103	30-39 (38)	60	41	S	45	58
Wetzel	75	30-39 (22)	37	35	S	28	47
Region 1 Totals	397	30-39 (mode)	226	154	9	219	178

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy EMS Data Dashboard.

Region 2 Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, and Pendleton

Berkeley	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	2,215,312	1,919,667	1,563,719
Opioids	7,012,240	6,139,168	5,331,069
Stimulants	985,283	977,703	882,883
Grant	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	383,382	351,150	279,910
Opioids	684,285	588,083	471,412
Stimulants	95,188	87,826	72,444
Hampshire	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	577,222	494,313	415,257
Opioids	1,218,227	1,019,622	965,903
Stimulants	134,033	125,265	132,965
Hardy	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	300,556	278,196	236,752
Opioids	567,259	486,747	414,948
Stimulants	133,870	116,962	81,976
Jefferson	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	971,860	838,753	676,792
Opioids	3,049,652	2,516,756	2,217,115
Stimulants	565,886	542,945	499,435
Mineral	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	2,295,980	814,938	652,468
Opioids	1,497,746	1,282,060	1,193,207
Stimulants	228,810	207,987	200,166
Morgan	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	299,267	265,324	250,319
Opioids	1,127,109	982,960	871,391
Stimulants	88,820	80,380	63,959
Pendleton	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	207,519	175,042	150,682
Opioids	419,422	305,459	255,967
Stimulants	52,716	52,848	50,439
Region 2 totals	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	7,251,098	5,137,383	4,225,899
Opioids	15,575,940	13,320,855	11,721,012
Stimulants	2,284,606	2,191,916	1,984,267

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard. See Attachment A in this report for a list of drugs reported in each classification.

Region 2 Prescriptions Greater/Equal 90 MME (Estimates)			
	2017	2018	2019
Berkeley	18,500	13,800	9,900
Grant	576	430	244
Hampshire	3,300	2,300	1,800
Hardy	668	567	463
Jefferson	9,200	6,400	4,400
Mineral	1,800	1,400	1,100
Morgan	3,000	2,400	1,800

Pendleton	700	607	517
Region 2 Totals	37,744	27,904	20,224

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 2 Naloxone I	Prescriptions		
	2017	2018	2019
Berkeley	581	1,150	1,359
Grant	16	34	72
Hampshire	65	288	217
Hardy	30	61	60
Jefferson	330	580	704
Mineral	48	174	148
Morgan	51	166	250
Pendleton	12	42	50
Region 2 Totals	1,133	2,495	2,860

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 2 Buprenorp	ohine Prescriptions		
	2017	2018	2019
Berkeley	342,259	385,144	394,724
Grant	8,180	9,890	14,345
Hampshire	37,388	55,025	57,407
Hardy	10,830	9,575	8,409
Jefferson	136,555	157,343	170,226
Mineral	43,844	84,190	77,232
Morgan	20,382	32,734	38,953
Pendleton	5,253	5,076	3,835
Region 2 Totals	614,791	738,977	765,131

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 2 ER Overo	dose Data (Morbidity a	nd Mortality)			
County	Total Overdoses	Highest Overdoses by Age group	Sex		
		1180 81 001	M	F	U
Berkeley	666	20-29 (167)	363	298	S
Grant	48	0-19 (11), 20-29 (11), 30-39 (11)	25	23	0
Hampshire	83	20-29 (24)	56	26	S
Hardy	NA				
Jefferson	200	30-39 (54)	107	92	S
Mineral	55	0-19 (16)	29	26	0
Morgan	68	0-19 (17)	37	31	0
Pendleton	NA		-	-	-
Region 2 Totals	1,120	0-19, 20-29 (mode)	617	496	S

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy ER Overdose Data Dashboard.

Region 2 EMS Overdose Data (Morbidity and Mortality)							
County	Total Overdoses	Highest Overdoses by Age group	Sex Male, Female, Unknown			Nalox Given	-
			M	F	U	Y	N
Berkeley	765	30-39 (205)	451	304	10	349	416
Grant	24	S	13	11	0	1	23
Hampshire	87	20-29 (26)	57	22	8	45	42
Hardy	31	20-29 (11)	17	14	0	4	27
Jefferson	252	30-39 (73)	150	98	S	137	115
Mineral	64	30-39 (17)	42	22	0	32	32
Morgan	70	30-39 (22)	45	25	0	35	35
Pendleton	12	S	S	S	S	4	8
Region 2 Totals	1,305	30-39 (mode)	775	496	18	607	698

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy EMS Overdose Data Dashboard.

Region 3 Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt and Wood

Calhoun	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	155,776	131,746	101,942
Opioids	425,675	344,236	272,559
Stimulants	38,342	33,222	27,451
Jackson	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	867,153	751,625	657,545
Opioids	1,797,789	1,389,538	1,075,761
Stimulants	252,770	251,160	222,959
Pleasants	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	224,134	191,145	172,738
Opioids	453,833	349,229	295,760
Stimulants	56,236	56,197	48,172
Ritchie	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	314,401	281,145	230,896
Opioids	663,914	541,687	484,784
Stimulants	88,733	73,369	61,888
Roane	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	397,694	343,706	275,737
Opioids	961,519	835,694	692,463
Stimulants	96,770	77,512	77,546
Tyler	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	219,810	185,065	155,369
Opioids	470,947	364,866	296,327
Stimulants	40,862	40,874	36,326
Wirt	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	157,671	142,603	115,314
Opioids	392,760	339,136	281,329
Stimulants	47,898	48,770	43,838
Wood	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	3,652,286	2,625,462	1,887,779
Opioids	5,132,133	4,093,716	3,313,558
Stimulants	1,096,678	1,027,425	876,913
Region 3 totals	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	5,988,925	4,652,497	3,597,320
Opioids	10,298,570	8,258,102	6,712,541
Stimulants	1,718,289	1,608,529	1,395,093

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Region 3 Prescriptions Greater/Equal 90 MME (Estimates)				
	2017	2018	2019	
Calhoun	422	321	249	
Jackson	1,900	1,100	754	
Pleasants	646	396	232	
Ritchie	745	443	352	
Roane	804	624	384	
Tyler	507	293	239	
Wirt	473	288	151	·

Wood	5,500	4,400	3,500
Region 3 Totals	10,997	7,865	5,861

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 3 Naloxone I	Region 3 Naloxone Prescriptions			
	2017	2018	2019	
Calhoun	0	47	32	
Jackson	92	162	176	
Pleasants	2	20	24	
Ritchie	4	60	24	
Roane	20	130	144	
Tyler	2	35	20	
Wirt	4	50	23	
Wood	67	420	612	
Region 3 Totals	191	924	1,055	

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 3 Buprenorp	hine Prescriptions		
	2017	2018	2019
Calhoun	7,973	6,068	3,396
Jackson	186,031	172,894	155,994
Pleasants	4,580	5,460	8,384
Ritchie	10,494	12,564	17,953
Roane	33,601	34,336	35,674
Tyler	17,286	15,183	15,540
Wirt	9,100	9,825	10,535
Wood	145,594	176,573	189,967
Region 3 Totals	414,659	432,903	437,443

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

County	Total Overdoses	Highest Overdoses by Age group	Sex	Sex			
		11ge group	M	F	U		
Calhoun	NA						
Jackson	19	S	10	9	0		
Pleasants	NA						
Ritchie	24	S	17	7	0		
Roane	23	S	13	10	0		
Tyler	NA						
Wirt	NA						
Wood	480	30-39(150)	267	212	S		
Region 3 Totals	546	30-39	307	238	0		

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy ER Overdose Data Dashboard.

Region 3 EMS O	Region 3 EMS Overdose Data (Morbidity and Mortality)						
County	Total Overdoses	Highest Overdoses by Age group	Sex Male,	Female,	Naloxone Given		
			M	F	U	Y	N
Calhoun	6	S	S	S	S	3	3
Jackson	74	20-29 (13), 50-59 (13)	49	24	S	43	31
Pleasants	9	S	S	S	0	7	2
Ritchie	10	S	S	S	0	2	8
Roane	31	50-59 (8)	13	18	0	14	17
Tyler	13	S	13	0	0	3	10
Wirt	14	S	14	0	0	9	5
Wood	678	30-39 (229)	381	276	21	390	288
Totals Region 3	835	50-59 (mode)	470	318	21	471	364

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy EMS Data Dashboard.

Region 4 Barbour, Braxton, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Marion,

Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Upshur, Taylor and Tucker

	andolph, Upsnur, Taylor		2010
Barbour	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	468,182	429,202	385,834
Opioids	1,134,020	964,559	773,109
Stimulants	109,256	107,712	87,201
Braxton	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	350,075	311,798	247,639
Opioids	881,457	760,019	629,582
Stimulants	79,273	60,732	61,262
Doddridge	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	146,847	130,555	104,765
Opioids	284,096	233,419	200,986
Stimulants	25,422	21,254	17,950
Gilmer	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	145,900	133,480	111,442
Opioids	350,746	290,157	234,731
Stimulants	33,811	30,631	29,782
Harrison	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	3,952,829	3,026,468	2,512,054
Opioids	5,640,399	4,836,633	4,120,999
Stimulants	730,493	660,500	
			595,866
Lewis	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	666,351	603,313	490,256
Opioids	1,218,747	1,054,807	898,116
Stimulants	131,141	109,258	89,004
Marion	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	2,698,099	1,710,845	1,399,682
Opioids	3,178,533	2,493,442	2,178,735
Stimulants	575,555	525,366	519,361
Monongalia	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	1,992,433	1,264,219	1,028,611
Opioids	3,733,641	2,645,899	2,185,427
Stimulants	977,711	927,346	813,222
Preston	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	739,424	665,808	573,517
Opioids	2,163,000	1,922,486	1,615,736
Stimulants	340,552	286,761	251,851
Randolph	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	784,178	707,159	580,787
Opioids	2,083,485	1,760,176	1,408,399
Stimulants	135,685	139,208	125,851
Upshur	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	432,110	398,562	335,264
Opioids	1,027,091	855,048	742,915
Stimulants	143,422	141,836	122,659
	2017	2018	2019
Taylor			
Benzodiazepines	431,672	398,632	345,927
Opioids	933,886	829,306	722,927

Stimulants	130,400	110,407	108,482
Tucker	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	126,461	115,798	97,223
Opioids	319,210	281,633	237,116
Stimulants	37,933	41,647	39,988
Region 4 totals	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	12,934,561	9,895,839	8,213,001
Opioids	22,948,311	18,927,584	15,948,778
Stimulants	3,450,654	3,162,658	2,862,479

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Region 4 Prescription	ons Greater/Equal 90	MME (Estimates)	
	2017	2018	2019
Barbour	1,400	1,200	741
Braxton	919	622	550
Doddridge	387	348	278
Gilmer	377	296	283
Harrison	6,700	5,800	4,700
Lewis	1,500	1,300	962
Marion	3,500	2,800	2,400
Monongalia	4,900	4,100	3,000
Preston	3,300	2,900	2,100
Randolph	2,700	2,300	1,400
Upshur	1,300	932	636
Taylor	1,100	862	724
Tucker	289	230	199
Region 4 Total	28,372	23,690	17,973

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 4 Naloxone I	Prescriptions		
	2017	2018	2019
Barbour	10	52	102
Braxton	76	127	150
Doddridge	2	6	10
Gilmer	6	26	38
Harrison	146	295	459
Lewis	28	97	184
Marion	111	161	400
Monongalia	238	729	1,123
Preston	79	100	412
Randolph	20	96	170
Upshur	22	108	130
Taylor	26	62	104
Tucker	16	6	20
Region 4 Totals	780	1,865	3,302

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Buprenorphine Pres	scriptions Region 4		
	2017	2018	2019
Barbour	30,852	35,559	39,134
Braxton	46,640	52,228	52,673
Doddridge	7,211	5,867	4,693
Gilmer	6,942	7,986	9,394
Harrison	340,429	310,499	313,780
Lewis	75,009	72,756	64,646
Marion	240,877	226,473	222,502
Monongalia	308,477	312,984	255,266
Preston	196,193	193,517	170,548
Randolph	44,597	39,256	57,582
Upshur	60,181	63,242	58,367
Taylor	7,574	6,135	8,984
Tucker	44,266	44,361	47,851
Region 4 Totals	1,409,248	1,370,863	1,305,420

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

County	Total Overdoses	Highest Overdoses by Age group	Sex		
			M	F	U
Barbour	NA				
Braxton	20	20-29 (8)	9	11	0
Doddridge	NA				
Gilmer	NA				
Harrison	439	30-39 (100)	198	241	0
Lewis	77	0-19 (26)	31	46	0
Marion	215	30-39 (64)	115	100	0
Monongalia	762	20-29 (183)	406	356	0
Preston	42	30-39 (12)	20	22	0
Randolph	94	0-19 (31)	46	48	0
Upshur	105	0-19 (34)	44	61	0
Taylor	28	0-19 (7)	13	15	0
Tucker	NA				
Region 4 Totals	1,782	0-19 30-39 modes	882	900	0

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy ER Overdose Data Dashboard.

Region 4 EMS O	verdose Data	(Morbidity and Mo	rtality)				
County	Total Overdoses	Highest Overdoses by Age group	Sex Male, Female, Unknown			Naloxone Given	
			M	F	U	Y	N
Barbour	23	S	15	8	0	14	9
Braxton	30	30-39 (8)	16	14	0	17	13
Doddridge	20	S	20	0	0	6	14
Gilmer	9	S	NR	NR	NR	4	5
Harrison	339	30-39 (88)	175	153	11	131	208
Lewis	79	20-29 (21)	38	41	0	22	57
Marion	243	30-39 (68)	132	111	0	107	136
Monongalia	456	20-29 (139)	271	185	0	121	335
Preston	93	30-39 (24)	47	46	0	41	52
Randolph	71	40-49 (16)	31	40	0	32	39
Upshur	112	20-29 (26)	53	59	0	34	78
Taylor	21	S	9	12	0	5	16
Tucker	9	S	NR	NR	NR	3	6
Region 4 Totals	1505	30-39 (mode)	807	669	11	537	968

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy EMS Data Dashboard.

Region 5 Boone, Cabell, Clay, Kanawha, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, Lincoln, Logan, and Wayne

Region 5 Boone, Cabell, Clay, Boone	2017	wason, wing	2018	m, Emcom, E	2019	wayne
Benzodiazepines		1,471,440	2020	1,279,147		1,033,699
Opioids		2,588,664		2,232,433		1,936,413
Stimulants		254,874		234,909		203,397
Cabell	2017	20 1,0 / 1	2018		2019	
Benzodiazepines		4,139,698		3,502,914		2,576,471
Opioids		7,457,948		6,418,959		5,747,377
Stimulants		1,615,353		1,476,125		1,378,402
Clay	2017		2018	, ,	2019	
Benzodiazepines		250,919		205,800		168,495
Opioids		812,761		714,820		635,102
Stimulants		63,331		61,675		66,277
Kanawha	2017		2018		2019	
Benzodiazepines		7,578,208		6,536,255		5,089,505
Opioids		12,582,076		10,446,895		8,932,613
Stimulants		2,787,965		2,550,650		2,195,232
Mason	2017		2018		2019	
Benzodiazepines		968,390		812,231		680,347
Opioids		1,525,168		1,284,368		1,154,764
Stimulants		246,580		212,761		193,803
Mingo	2017		2018		2019	
Benzodiazepines		887,645		1,077,212		887,645
Opioids		1,287,908		1,547,206		1,287,908
Stimulants		75,121		77,210		75,121
Putnam	2017		2018		2019	
Benzodiazepines		1,415,132		1,814,042		1,415,132
Opioids		2,423,085		2,797,156		2,423,085
Stimulants		781,704		848,799		781,704
Lincoln	2017		2018		2019	
Benzodiazepines		773,800		930,245		773,800
Opioids		1,831,091		2,097,727		1,831,091
Stimulants		200,618		213,166		200,618
Logan	2017		2018		2019	
Benzodiazepines		2,039,139		2,343,858		2,039,139
Opioids		3,237,017		3,717,867		3,237,017
Stimulants		267,523		300,604		267,523
Wayne	2017		2018		2019	
Benzodiazepines		611,057		812,262		611,057
Opioids		1,453,764		1,679,781		1,453,764
Stimulants		225,382		235,509		225,382
Region 5 totals	2017		2018		2019	
Benzodiazepines		20,135,428		19,313,966		15,275,290
Opioids		35,199,482		32,937,212		28,639,134
Stimulants *Data from West Virginia Controlled Subs		6,518,451		6,211,408		5,587,459

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard. See Attachment A in this report for a list of drugs reported in each classification.

Region 5 Prescription	s Greater/Equal 90 MM	IE (Estimates)	
	2017	2018	2019
Boone	2,600	1,800	1,300
Cabell	5,900	4,500	3,800
Clay	646	457	497
Kanawha	12,300	9,200	6,800
Mason	1,200	943	847
Mingo	1,500	1,000	739
Putnam	3,400	2,800	2,200
Lincoln	2,200	1,700	1,400
Logan	3,300	2,600	2,200
Wayne	2,000	1,500	1,000
Region 5 Totals	35,046	26,500	20,783

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 5 Naloxone Pr	rescriptions		
	2017	2018	2019
Boone	39	127	94
Cabell	119	377	748
Clay	18	46	109
Kanawha	156	839	1,129
Mason	32	146	232
Mingo	126	84	126
Putnam	256	250	256
Lincoln	166	132	166
Logan	182	133	182
Wayne	164	75	164
Region 5 Totals	1,258	2,209	3,206

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 5 Buprenorp	hine Prescriptions		
	2017	2018	2019
Boone	248,544	244,485	209,291
Cabell	475,765	595,941	629,217
Clay	35,039	33,537	36,044
Kanawha	654,491	684,746	721,076
Mason	99,976	98,196	109,872
Mingo	192,420	208,762	192,420
Putnam	133,262	149,211	133,262
Lincoln	165,123	179,545	165,123
Logan	517,515	596,687	517,515
Wayne	156,662	170,845	156,662
Region 5 Totals	2,678,797	2,961,955	2,870,482

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 5 ER Over	dose Data (Morbidity a	and Mortality)			
County	Total Overdoses	Highest Overdoses by Age group	Sex		
			M	F	U
Boone	NA				
Cabell	885	30-39 (239)	475	400	10
Clay	NA				
Kanawha	1291	30-39 (337)	662	629	0
Mason	471	30-39 (112)	218	253	0
Mingo	14		0	14	0
Putnam	100	30-39 (30)	65	35	0
Lincoln	NA				
Logan	234	30-39 (62)	122	112	0
Wayne	NA				
Region 5 Totals	2995	30-39 (mode)	1542	1443	10

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy ER Overdose Data Dashboard.

Region 5 EMS Overdose Data (Morbidity and Mortality)								
County	Total Overdoses	Highest Overdoses by Age group	Sex Male, Female, Unknown			Naloxone Given		
			M	F	U	Y	N	
Boone	158	40-49 (39)	85	63	10	62	96	
Cabell	835	30-39 (278)	503	316	16	476	359	
Clay	2	S	S	S		0	2	
Kanawha	1331	30-39 (427)	777	524	30	787	544	
Mason	103	30-39 (36)	65	37	S	51	52	
Mingo	100	30-39 (21)	53	47	0	24	76	
Putnam	184	30-39 (51)	108	75	S	109	75	
Lincoln	73	40-49 (25)	37	31	S	50	23	
Logan	101	40-49 (37)	53	47	S	1	100	
Wayne	222	30-39 (58)	127	84	11	101	121	
Region 5 Totals	2951	30-39 (mode)	1,808	1,224	67	1,661	1,448	

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy EMS Data Dashboard.

Region 6 Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers, Webster and Wyoming

Summers, Webster and	Wyoming		
Fayette	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	2,137,728	1,460,253	1,455,547
Opioids	3,054,790	2,497,647	2,084,424
Stimulants	434,547	376,842	321,806
Greenbrier	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	1,303,573	1,038,723	991,275
Opioids	2,560,171	2,177,072	1,877,508
Stimulants	340,087	299,960	257,038
McDowell	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	1,121,546	962,861	843,578
Opioids	1,768,100	1,569,604	1,136,661
Stimulants	79,979	71,059	67,430
Mercer	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	2,900,382	2,218,354	2,114,422
Opioids	4,583,487	3,662,454	2,953,422
Stimulants	429,134	350,427	292,489
Monroe	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	333,520	239,978	239,443
Opioids	651,027	520,354	438,097
Stimulants	62,362	42,759	44,882
Nicholas	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	1,179,794	853,733	830,194
Opioids	2,320,988	2,003,020	1,689,813
Sti13mulants	164,626	155,809	141,422
Pocahontas	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	206,273	176,604	150,995
Opioids	448,918	411,101	359,889
Stimulants	33,261	34,214	32,145
Raleigh	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	3,781,126	2,675,611	2,819,734
Opioids	4,835,475	3,848,404	3,249,754
Stimulants	898,133	778,539	652,773
Summers	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	504,678	382,103	399,495
Opioids	1,119,267	903,779	846,768
Stimulants	75,593	65,886	56,360
Webster	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	243,599	172,535	185,858
Opioids	965,798	859,521	780,030
Stimulants	49,292	42,438	40,042
Wyoming	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	1,418,088	961,487	1,132,378
Opioids	2,061,675	1,683,829	1,381,920
Stimulants	249,023	208,593	156,251
Region 6 totals	2017	2018	2019
Benzodiazepines	15,130,307	11,142,242	11,162,919
Opioids	24,369,696	20,136,785	16,798,564

Stimulants 2,816,037	2,426,526	2,062,638	
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^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard. See Attachment A in this report for a list of drugs reported in each classification.

Region 6 Prescriptions Greater/Equal 90 MME (Estimates)				
	2017	2018	2019	
Fayette	3,300	2,500	2,000	
Greenbrier	3,900	2,900	2,200	
McDowell	2,000	1,800	1,300	
Mercer	5,200	4,300	3,800	
Monroe	1,100	862	718	
Nicholas	2,400	1,700	1,200	
Pocahontas	695	668	490	
Raleigh	5,800	4,300	3,200	
Summers	1,300	843	856	
Webster	887	649	543	
Wyoming	1,700	1,600	1,300	
Region 6 Totals	28,282	22,122	17,607	

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Region 6 Naloxone Prescriptions					
	2017	2018	2019		
Fayette	138	453	557		
Greenbrier	118	245	245		
McDowell	250	208	403		
Mercer	558	665	782		
Monroe	50	77	72		
Nicholas	26	137	201		
Pocahontas	14	72	61		
Raleigh	410	553	935		
Summers	68	56	111		
Webster	24	40	69		
Wyoming	91	244	320		
Region 6 Totals	1,747	2,750	3,756		

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 6 Buprenorphine Prescriptions				
	2017	2018	2019	
Fayette	195,113	201,688	230,692	
Greenbrier	95,448	100,646	100,923	
McDowell	214,646	258,944	226,950	
Mercer	218,246	329,257	379,625	
Monroe	28,255	33,124	29,675	
Nicholas	184,331	192,098	152,146	
Pocahontas	20,709	16,822	21,101	
Raleigh	456,685	526,121	466,861	
Summers	51,886	69,267	63,414	
Webster	43,077	44,841	42,122	
Wyoming	248,768	284,379	250,086	
Region 6 Totals	1,757,164	2,057,187	1,963,794	

^{*}Data from West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program 2014 to 2018 Dashboard.

Region 6 ER Over	dose Data (Morbidity a	nd Mortality)				
County	Total Overdoses	Highest Overdoses by Age group	Sex			
		8.81	M	F	U	
Fayette	136	30-39 (30)	83	53		
Greenbrier	182	0-19 (41)	85	97		
McDowell	3	S	S	S		
Mercer	460	30-39 (95)	234	236		
Monroe	NA					
Nicholas	136	40-49 (31)	81	54		
Pocahontas	17	30-39 (103)	S	12		
Raleigh	408	S	216	192		
Summers	NA					
Webster	NA					
Wyoming	NA					
Region 6 Totals	1,339	30-39 (mode)	699	644		

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy ER Overdose Data Dashboard.

Region 6 EMS O	Region 6 EMS Overdose Data (Morbidity and Mortality)								
County	Total Overdoses	Highest Overdoses by Age group	Sex Male, Female, Unknown			Naloxone Given			
			M	F	U	Yes	No		
Fayette	103	30-39 (28)	47	52	S	4	99		
Greenbrier	132	20-29 (35)	80	52		55	77		
McDowell	49	40-49 (17)	27	22		2	47		
Mercer	498	20-29 (107) 30-39 (107)	233	255	10	124	374		
Monroe	52	40-49 (15)	28	23	S	34	18		
Nicholas	58	40-49 (14)	25	32	S	16	42		
Pocahontas	33	40-49 (10)	18	15		22	11		
Raleigh	285	30-39 (80)	163	107	15	24	261		
Summers	39	20-29 (9) 30-39 (9) 50-59 (9)	22	17		20	19		
Webster	20	S	S	13	S	10	10		
Wyoming	41	40-49 (11)	23	18		6	35		
Region 6 Totals	1,310	40-49 (mode)	666	606	25	317	993		

^{*}Data from West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy EMS Data Dashboard.