

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CHALLENGES IN MISSOURI



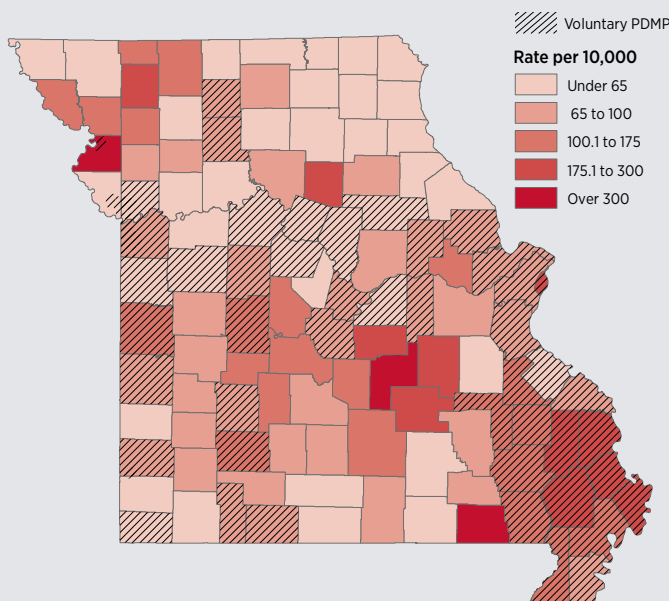
In 2017, more than **47,500 Americans died** from an opioid-related overdose. This marked a 165 percent increase since 2008 — over double in a decade. *Source: CDC WONDER Database*



In 2017, there were **954 deaths from motor vehicle accidents** and **957 deaths from opioid overdoses** in Missouri. This marked the first year that opioids claimed more lives than traffic accidents in the state. Since 2000, the rate of Missourians **dying from opioids increased 583 percent** while the rate of **deaths from traffic accidents decreased by 19 percent.**

Missouri is the only state in the country without a state-legislated PDMP. More than 80 percent of Missourians and 90 percent of providers are covered by the St. Louis County Department of Public Health's PDMP system. **Unfortunately, there still are more than 50 — primarily rural — counties and municipalities outside of the PDMP network.**

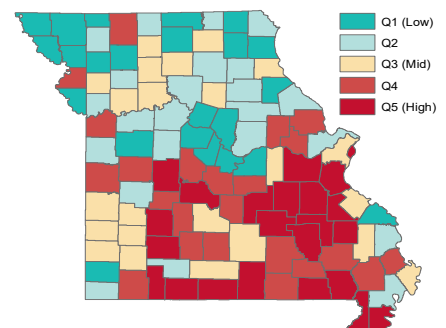
Opioid-Related Hospital Inpatient and ED Visits by County, Fiscal Year 2017



Source: Hospital Industry Data Institute, FY 2016 and 2017 Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Discharge Databases and Nielsen Pop Facts Premier.

Opioid Dependence Risk

Estimated with principal component analysis of unemployment, drug-related mortality, morphine milligram equivalents prescribed per capita and hospital utilization for opioid misuse.



Source: Authors' analysis of data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and HIDI.

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