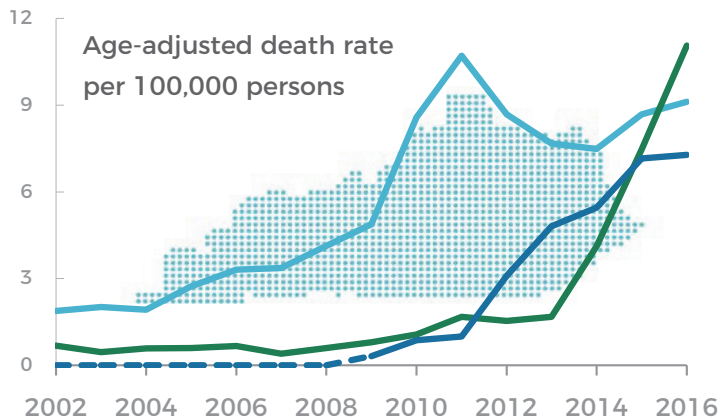


THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN KENTUCKY

Opioid Overdose Deaths in Kentucky



Dotted line indicates the number of Heroin deaths prior to 2009 in Kentucky was too small to calculate a stable death rate.

PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS. Since 2011, prescription opioid deaths have dropped, due to statewide and national efforts. However, opioids are still the TOP TWO prescribed controlled substances in Kentucky.

HEROIN. After policies reduced access to prescription opioids, many turned to heroin. Heroin deaths have been on the rise since 2011.

FENTANYL and other Non-Methadone Synthetic Opioids. Heroin is increasingly being laced with fentanyl, a synthetic opioid much stronger than heroin. Its death toll has continued to rise steadily.

Source: Produced by the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center, a bona-fide agent for the Kentucky Department for Public Health, July 2017.
Data source: Kentucky Death Certificate Database, Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics, Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Data are provisional and subject to change. Deaths were classified based on ICD-10 codes: heroin (T40.1), pharmaceutical opioids (T40.2), non-methadone synthetic opioids (T40.4).

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ✓ **TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR** when you are being considered for a prescription pain reliever.
- ✓ **PROPERLY STORE YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS** in a lockbox. Locate a prescription drug drop box for your unused medicine:
<https://odcp.ky.gov/Pages/Prescription-Drug-Disposal-Locations.aspx>
- ✓ **NALOXONE (Narcan, Evzio)** is a non-addictive medication that reverses an opioid overdose. There are 457 pharmacies in Kentucky that dispense naloxone. Find the one nearest you:
<https://odcp.ky.gov/Stop-Overdoses/>
Find a training on how to administer naloxone:
<https://kyhrc.org/events/>





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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For patients struggling with opioid use disorder, encouraging them to seek treatment is critical.

TREATMENT RESOURCES

<http://findhelpnowky.org>

A real-time treatment locator to help patients, providers, and loved ones find local substance use treatment centers with available beds.

1-833-8KY-HELP (1-833-859-4357)

A statewide toll-free Treatment Referral Line for anyone seeking assistance with a drug addiction in Kentucky. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Additional Treatment Resources

<https://odcp.ky.gov/Pages/Treatment-Resources.aspx>

CASEY'S LAW

Casey's Law provides a way for parents, relatives, and/or friends to petition the court for involuntary treatment on behalf of a person with substance use disorder.

Read more here: <https://odcp.ky.gov/Stop-Overdoses/Pages/Caseys-Law.aspx>

GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

The Good Samaritan Law protects people from prosecution for possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia if they are seeking assistance for themselves or another person experiencing a suspected drug overdose. Read more here: <https://odcp.ky.gov/stop-overdoses/>

KY STOP OVERDOSES WEBSITE

A comprehensive resource site for details on opioid overdoses, naloxone and Harm Reduction Syringe Exchange Program locations, recognizing overdose and response, and more helpful links:

<http://odcp.ky.gov/Stop-Overdoses/>

PREVENTION RESOURCES

Find substance use prevention resources for your community here:

<http://dbhdid.ky.gov/ProviderDirectory/ProviderDirectory.aspx>

ADDITIONAL DATA

The Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center's Drug Overdose Technical Assistance Core (DOTAC) provides the most recent local data on drug overdose trends:

<http://www.mc.uky.edu/kiprc/DOTAC/>