

# Office of Drug Control Policy

## Updates

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# Overview



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# ODCP Mission



- The West Virginia Drug Control Policy Act, passed in 2017, created the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) within the West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), formerly a part of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR).
- ODCP is tasked with leading the statewide response to the substance use disorder crisis by developing strategies related to the prevention, treatment, and the overall reduction of substance use disorder.
- One of the ODCP's chief responsibilities, as defined in the W. Va. Code (§16-5T-2), is to develop a strategic plan to reduce the prevalence of substance use disorder, overdose fatalities, and smoking.
- ODCP is the central repository for all Overdose Data in West Virginia.

# ODCP Values



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1. Recovery is possible for every West Virginian with a substance use disorder (SUD).
1. Data-driven programming should drive our efforts – we know what works.
1. All recovery is legitimate regardless of the path.
1. Anyone ready for help should never be turned away.
1. Anyone not ready for help should be referred to evidence-based services at every opportunity.

# HB 3306 Funded Programs Dashboard



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## Funded Programs for Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

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### Disclaimer:

The information presented within the dashboard is extracted from known entities that have received allocation for substance use disorder response programming through state grants, federal grants, or opioid settlement funds. The information identifies the location of the funding recipient and not the location of the programming.

The West Virginia Department of Human Services, Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP), is consistently improving the process to provide the most current identification of funds for substance use disorder programming.

County

- Select all
- All Counties
- Barbour
- Berkeley
- Boone

### County Grantee Name Program Name

| County       | Grantee Name                                | Program Name   |
|--------------|---|--|
| All Counties | WV Board of Pharmacy                        | OD2A/CSMP  |
| Barbour      | WV Board of Pharmacy                        | OD2A/CSMP  |
| Berkeley     | Berkeley Medical Center                     | Peer Recovery Support Specialist - Mosiac                        |
| Berkeley     | Berkeley Morgan County Board of Health      | Harm Reduction Program   |
| Berkeley     | Berkeley Morgan County Board of Health      | OD2A /QRT  |
| Berkeley     | Corrections Confirm                         | RSAT/GOALS   |
| Berkeley     | Eastern Panhandle Mental Health Center, Inc | Peer Recovery Support Specialist – Division of Corrections and R |
| Berkeley     | Eastern Panhandle Mental Health Center, Inc | Uninsured/Undersinsured  |
| Berkeley     | Martinsburg Institute                       | 1115 Waiver  |
| Berkeley     | Mountaineer Behavioral Health               | Peer Recovery Support Specialist                                 |
| Berkeley     | Mountaineer Behavioral Health               | Peer Residential Boarding  |
| Berkeley     | Mountaineer Behavioral Health               | Treatment  |
| Berkeley     | Mountaineer Behavioral Health               | Uninsured/Undersinsured  |
| Berkeley     | WV Board of Pharmacy                        | OD2A/CSMP  |
| Boone        | Boone County Health Department              | OD2A /QRT  |
| Boone        | Boone Memorial Hospital                     | Peer Recovery Support Specialist - Mosiac                        |
| Boone        | Boone Memorial Hospital                     | Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Mobile Units                        |
| Boone        | Boone Memorial Hospital                     | Treatment  |
| Boone        | Boone Memorial Hospital                     | Uninsured/Undersinsured  |

Data updated through: 12/31/23



**Provisional Fatalities:  
Confirmed and Pending**

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**Historical Overdose  
Fatality Data**

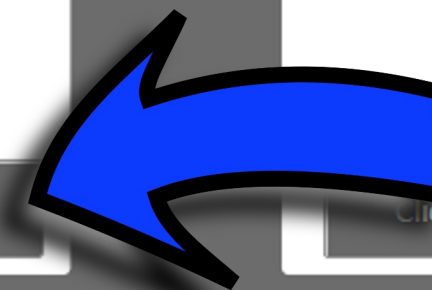
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**Funding  
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**Definitions and  
Additional Information**

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# HB 3306 Outcomes Dashboard



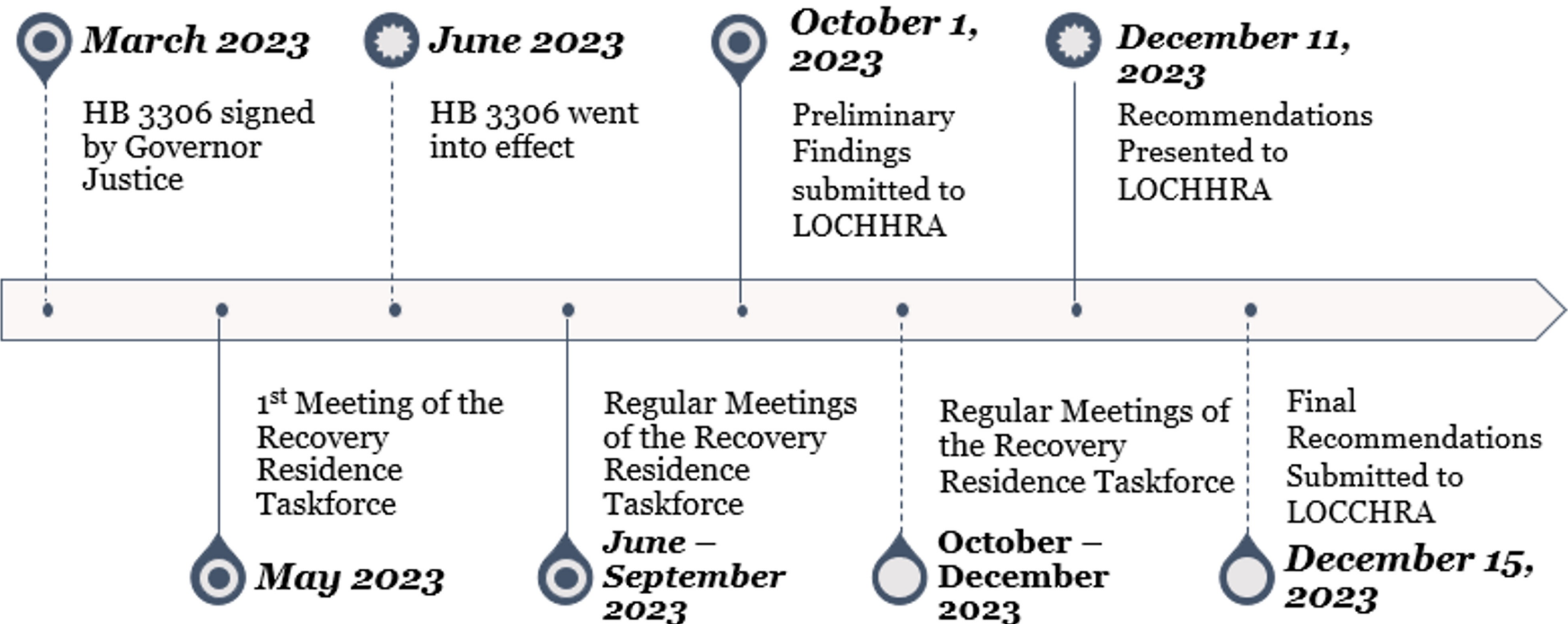
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- ODCP has contracted with West Virginia University Health Affairs Institute (WVUHAI) to inform the development of the ODCP data dashboard updates specified in HB 3306.
- The outcome of this work will include a report of finding based on a feasibility assessment of the merit and cost of conducting this assessment for all programs relevant for HB 3306 reporting and a plan to implement the work for all programs.

# HB 3306 Recovery Residence Taskforce



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# West Virginia Data and Trends



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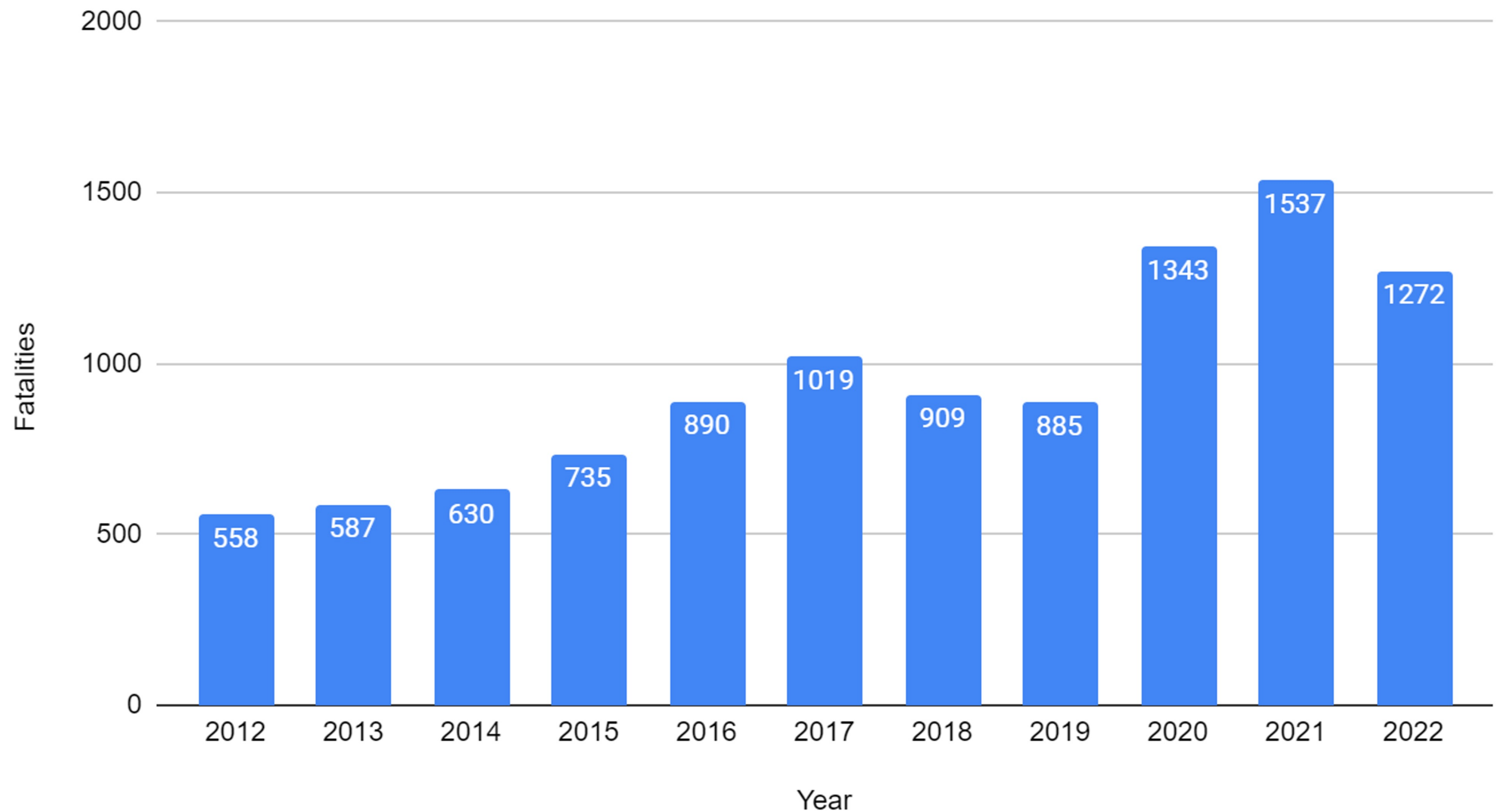


# WV Overdose Data 2012 to 2022



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## All Drug Overdose Fatalities by Year

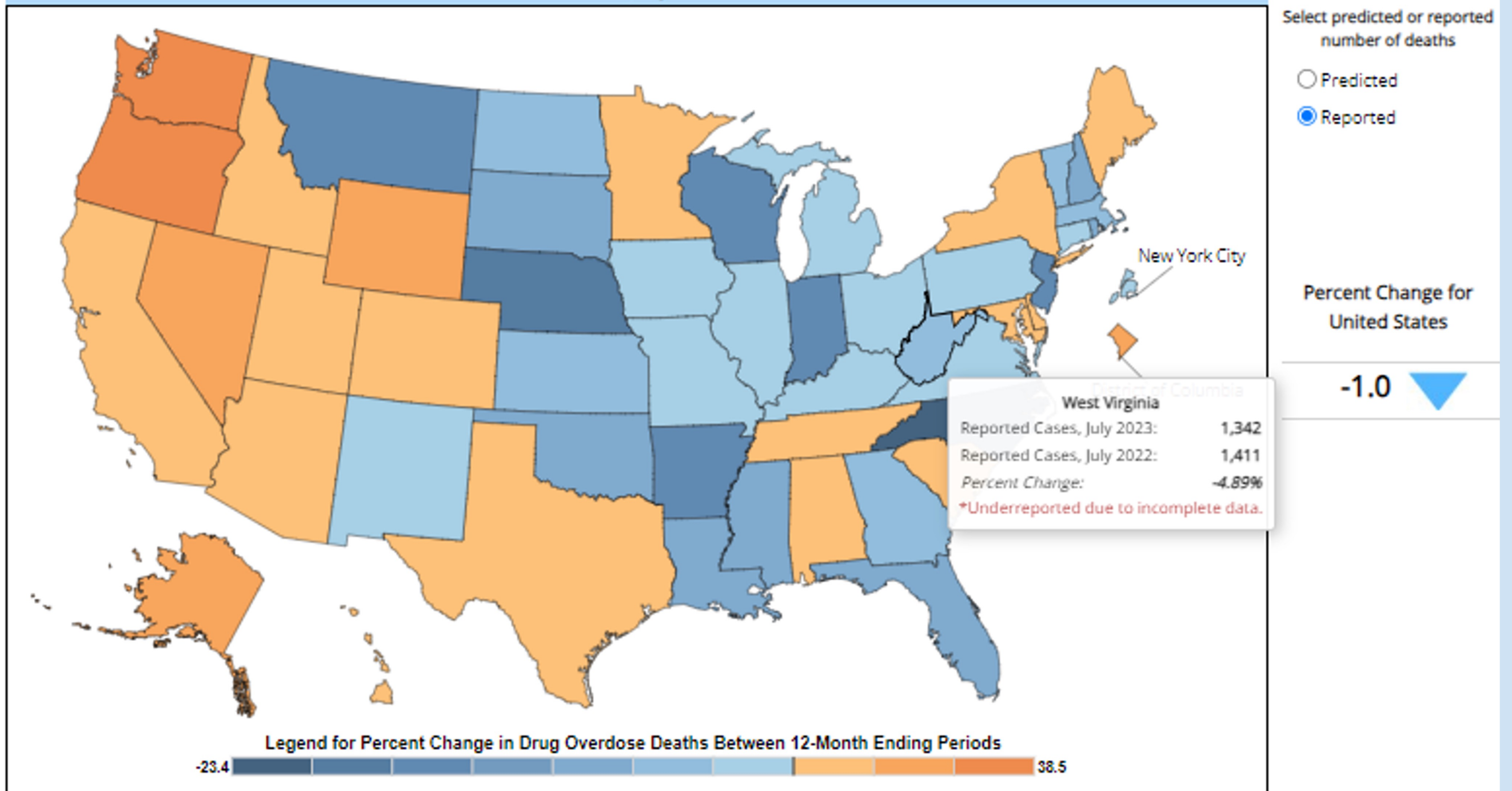


# CDC Provisional Drug Overdose Counts



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Figure 1b. Percent Change in Reported 12 Month-ending Count of Drug Overdose Deaths, by Jurisdiction: July 2022 to July 2023

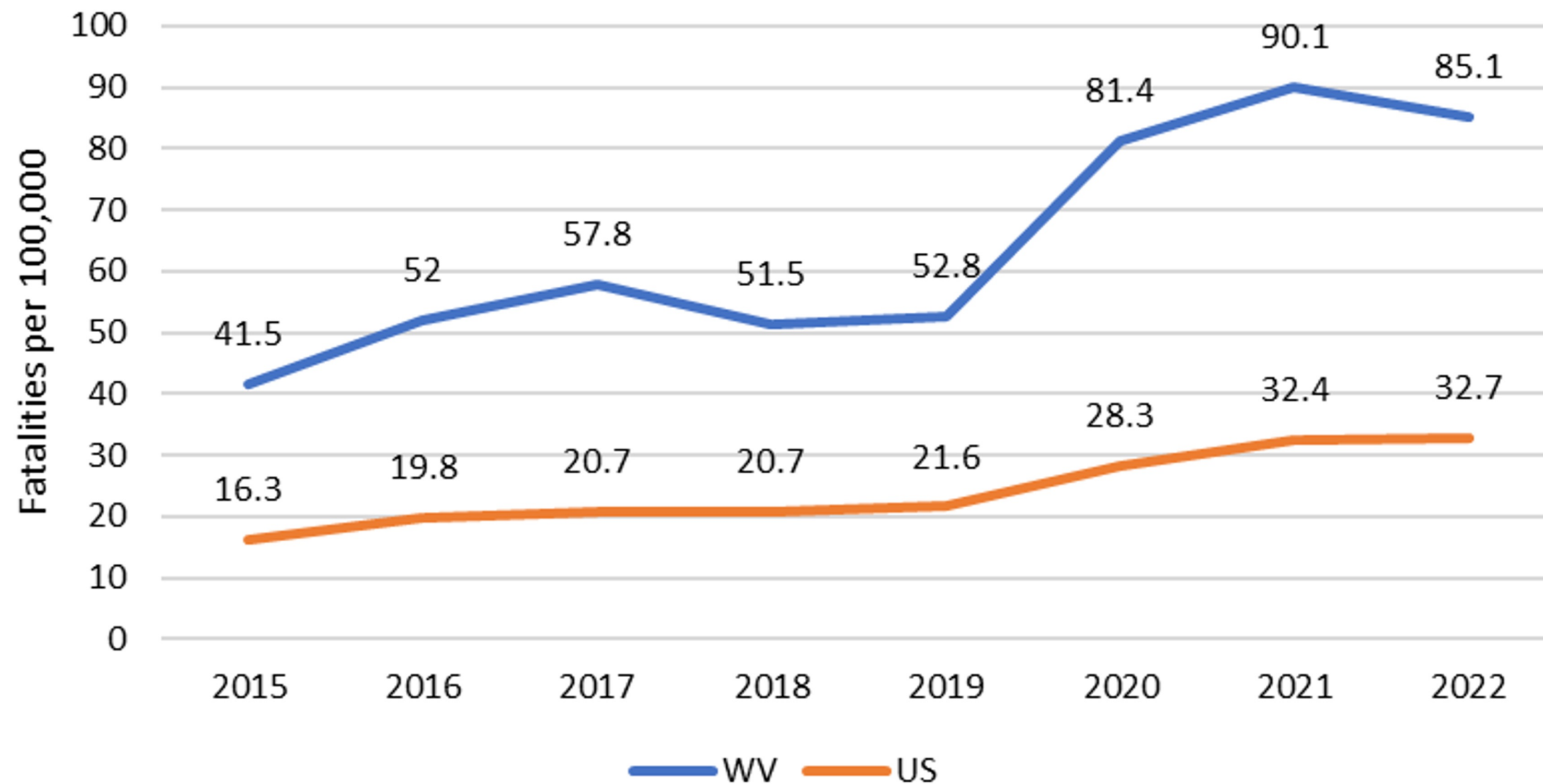


# Comparative Overdose Fatality Rates



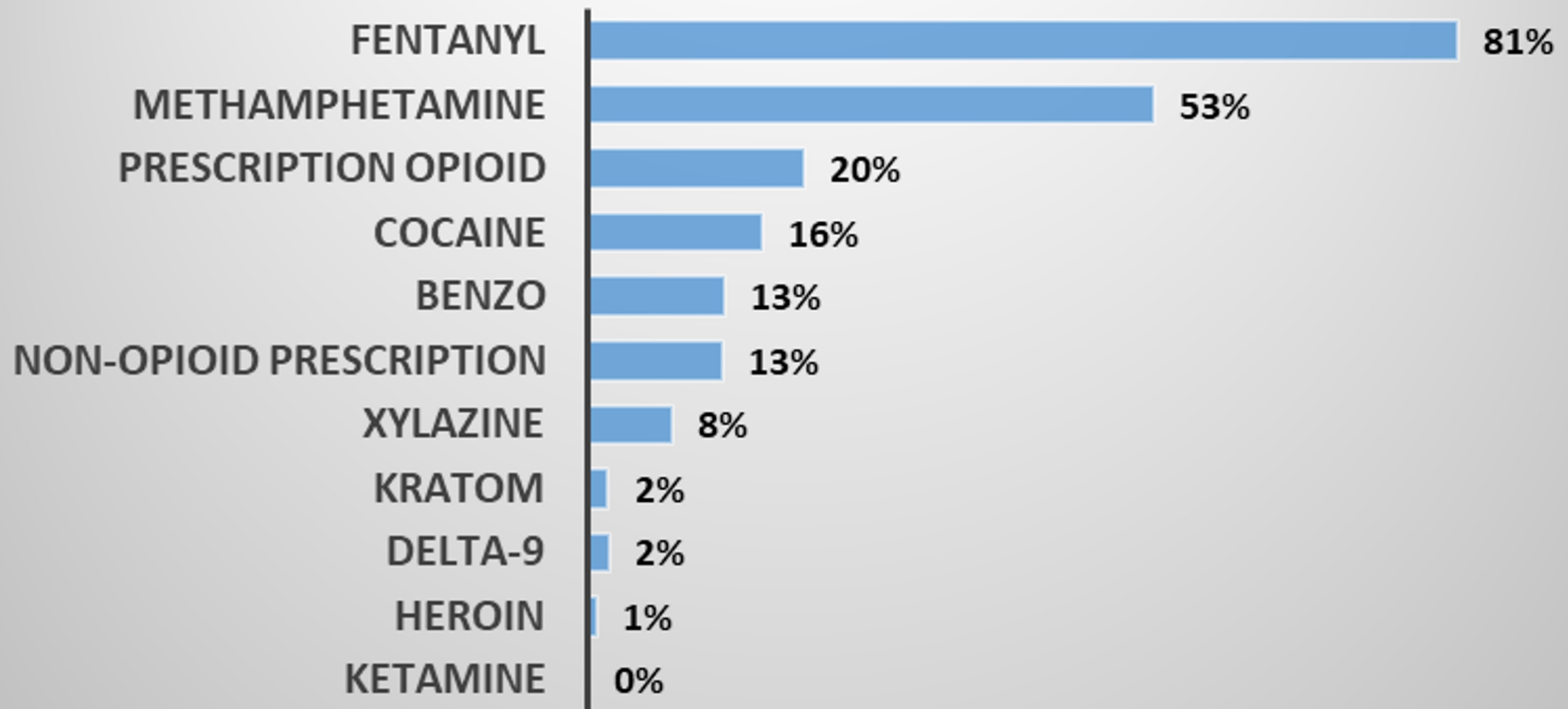
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## Rate of Overdose Fatalities 2015 - 2022 WV vs. US





## Percentage of Decedents Found with Drug by Category through October 2023

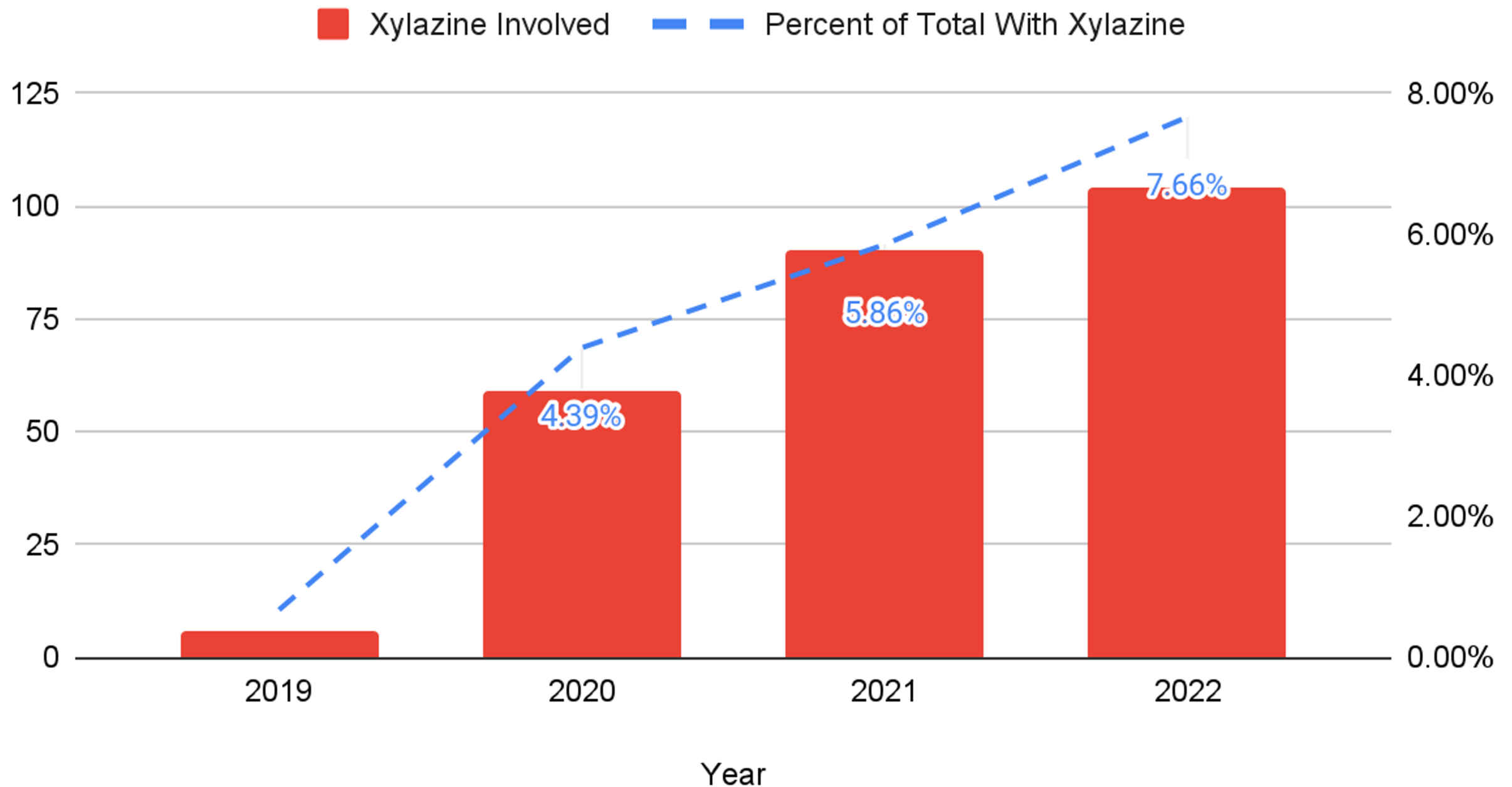


# Casual Substances



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## Total Overdose Fatalities and Xylazine Involved





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# Prevention

# Primary Prevention



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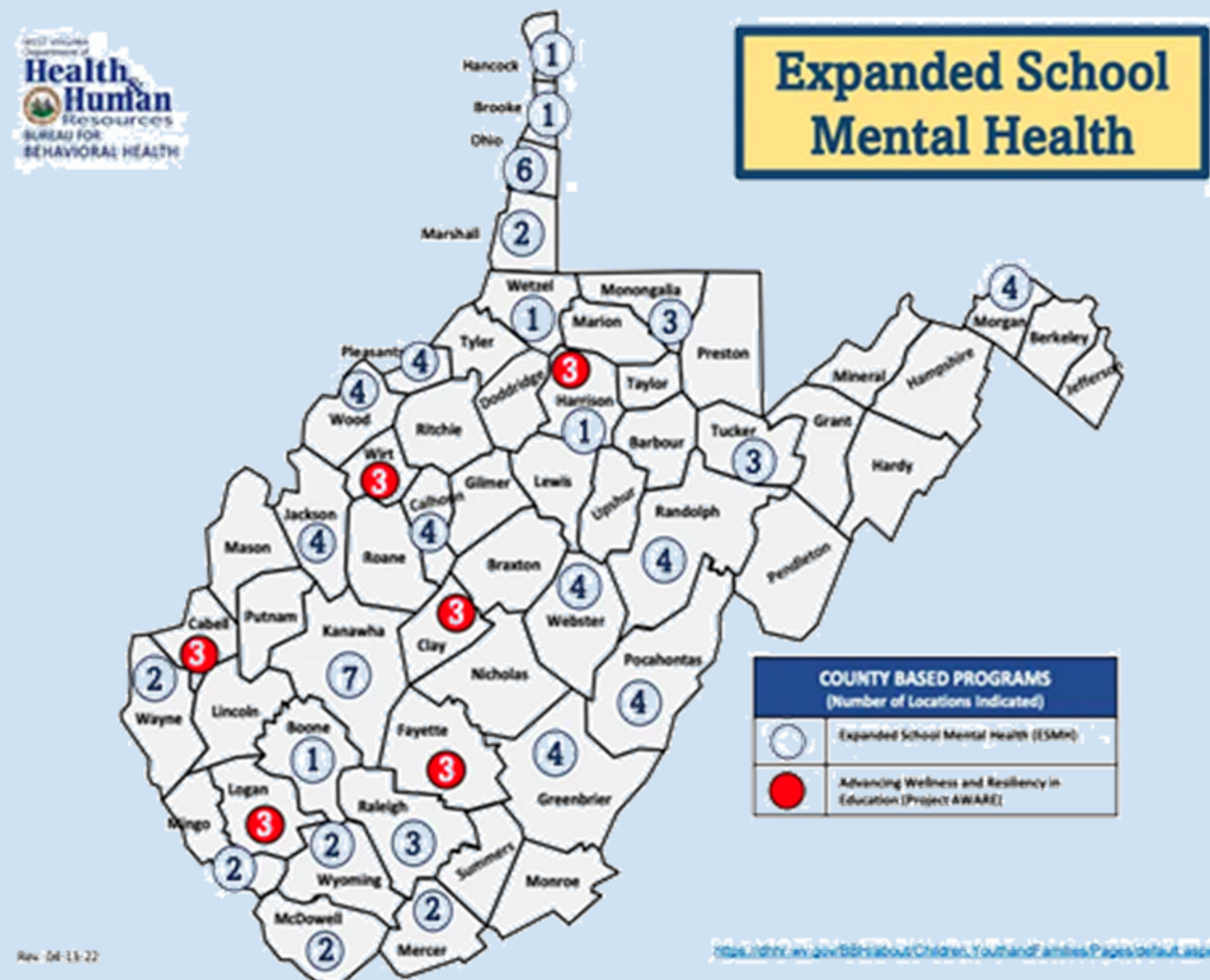
## Don't Keep Rx Around

- A curriculum and public health campaign that utilizes evidence-based practices to teach medication safety to students and families in West Virginia was implemented in 60% of counties.
- First and second grades implemented the program by the end of 2023.
- Third and fourth grades will implement the program in early 2024.

# Primary Prevention

## Expanded School Mental Health (ESMH)

- Grant-funded ESMH services are now available in 90 schools across 30 West Virginia counties.
- ESMH is a multi-tiered system of support where schools, families, and strategic community partners work together to enhance student mental health in schools.



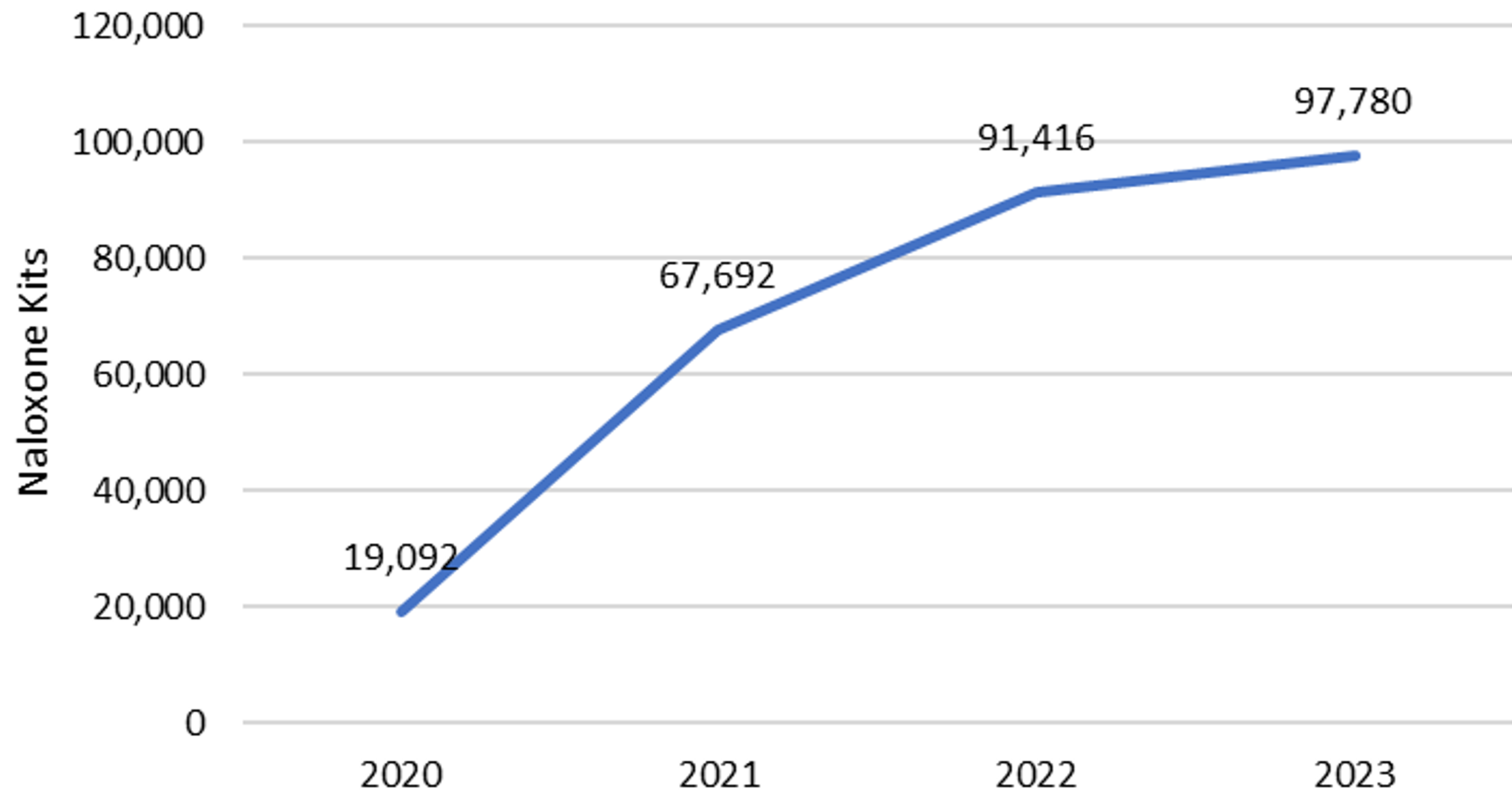


# Overdose Prevention



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## Naloxone Distribution

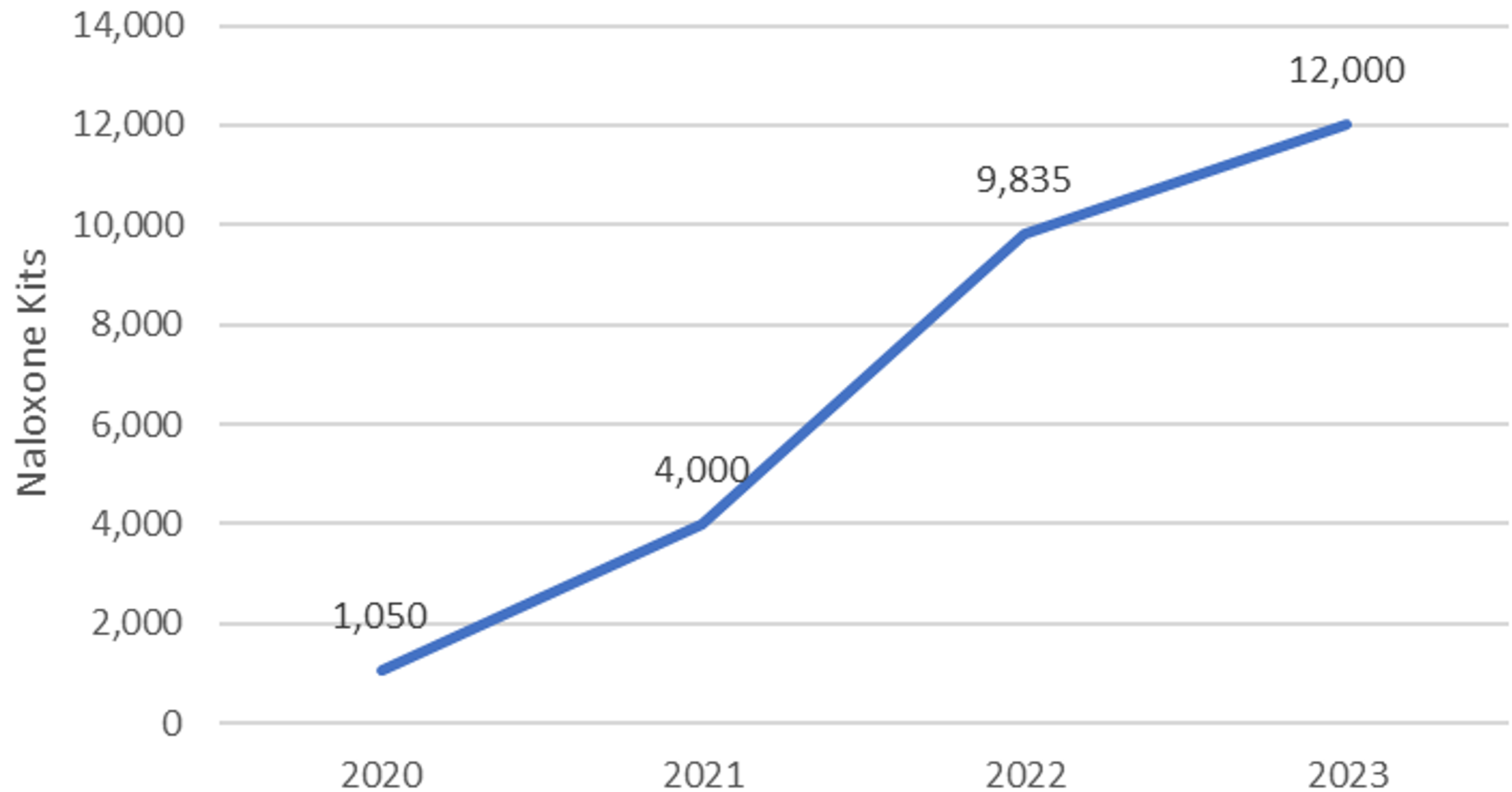


# Save-A-Life Day



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## Save-a-Life Day 2020 - 2023



# Naloxone in Schools



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## Narcan Updates for Public Schools in West Virginia



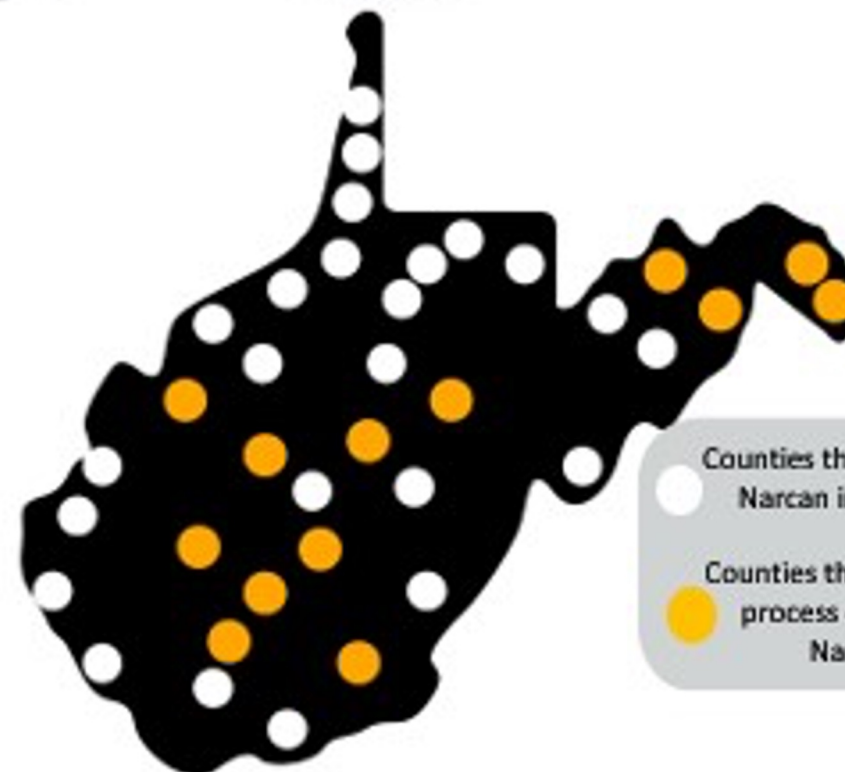
Schools may use stock  
opioid antagonist  
permitted by W.Va. Code  
§18-5-22(d).



County boards must  
follow the  
protocols/standards  
for dosage set forth  
by the West Virginia  
Department of  
Health.



A certified school RN  
may train other  
designated school  
personnel to  
administer an opioid  
antagonist.



Counties that have  
Narcan in stock

Counties that are in the  
process of getting  
Narcan

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## Regional Drug Control Coordinators

- Provides strategic linkage to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) programs, harm reduction initiatives, and the targeted distribution of Naloxone and fentanyl test strips.
- This program uses real-time data to drive active overdose response efforts for those at most risk for overdose.
- Distributed over 25,000 doses of naloxone and 20,000 fentanyl test strips.
- Over two million digital messages have been disseminated with the use of geofencing technology to increase impact.
- Functional overdose predictive models are operational in Ohio, Berkeley, Wood, and Cabell counties to identify areas at high risk of overdose spikes.



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# Education & Outreach

# SUD & Stigma Trainings

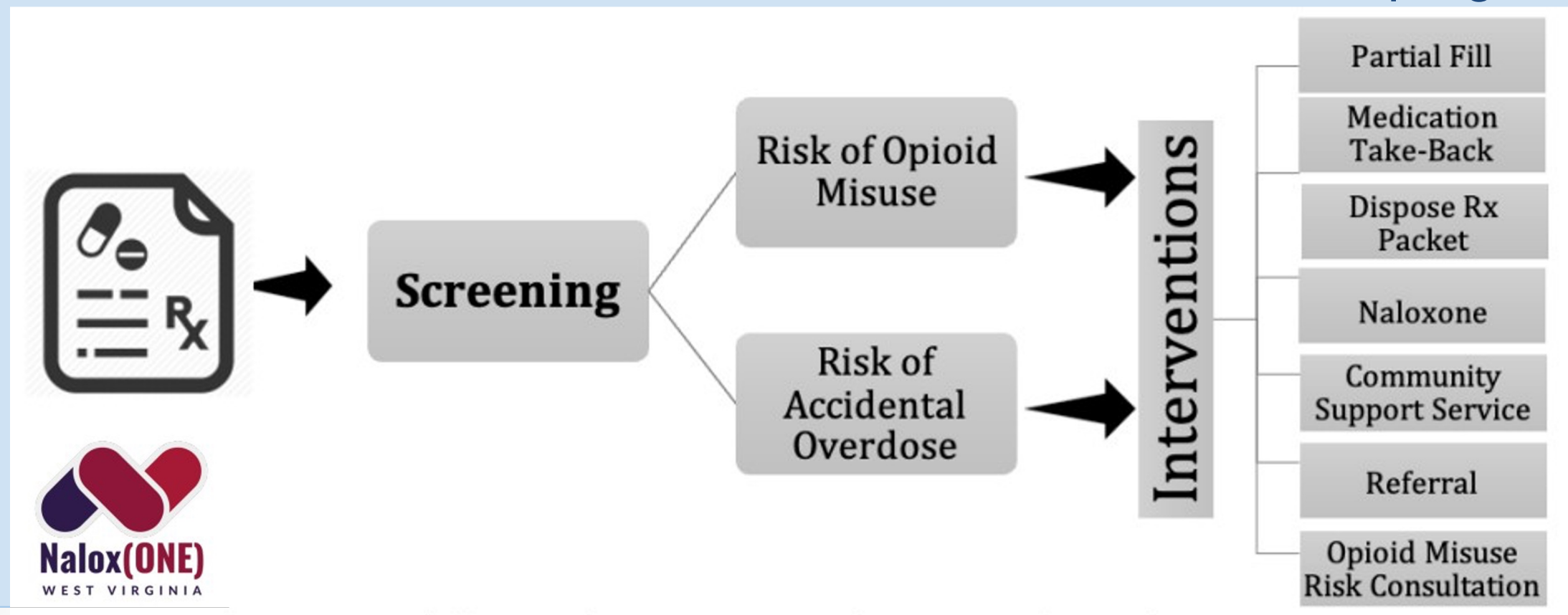


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- ODCP continued to conduct quarterly stigma trainings to 69 Child Protective Services (CPS) workers.
- For the first time, ODCP was invited to provide Addiction 101 training to all West Virginia jail unit managers and all prison associate wardens.
- ODCP staff provide new cadets at the West Virginia State Police with SUD training.
- DoHS's Bureau for Behavioral Health's (BBH) State Opioid Response (SOR) office is working on the First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act that will provide first responders with a series of three trainings focused on compassion fatigue and stigma.

# Nalox(ONE)

- Program was launched in April 2022.
- The program assists pharmacists in educating patients about the dangers of opioids, how to administer naloxone, and proper disposal of medications.
- Seventeen individual pharmacies across West Virginia opted to participate in the NaloxONE program.
- To date, 153 doses of naloxone have been distributed via this program.





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# Treatment

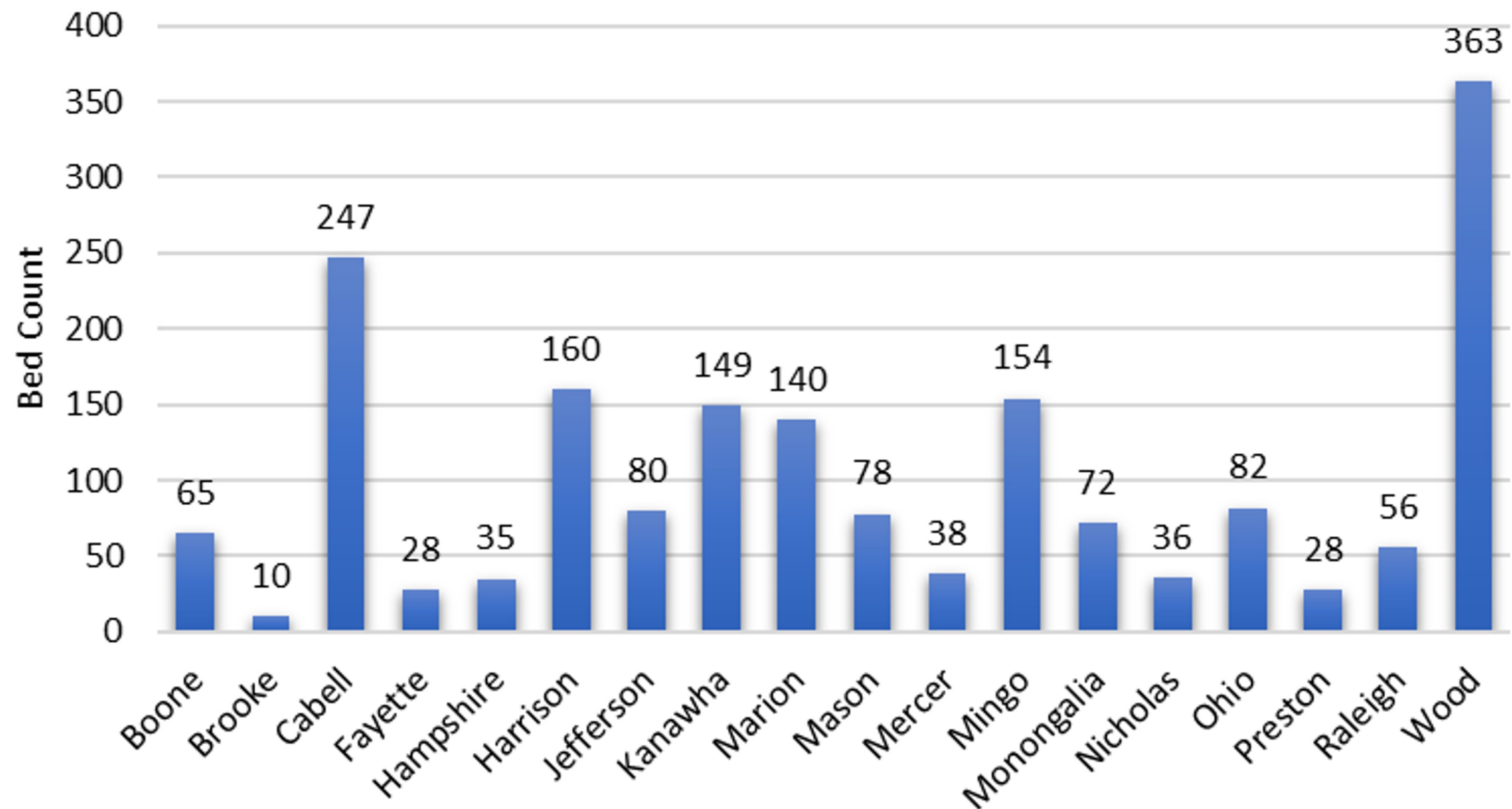


# Residential Treatment Capacity



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## Licensed Treatment Beds by County (1,677) +36 Beds (St. Francis) = 1,713



# Law Enforcement Response

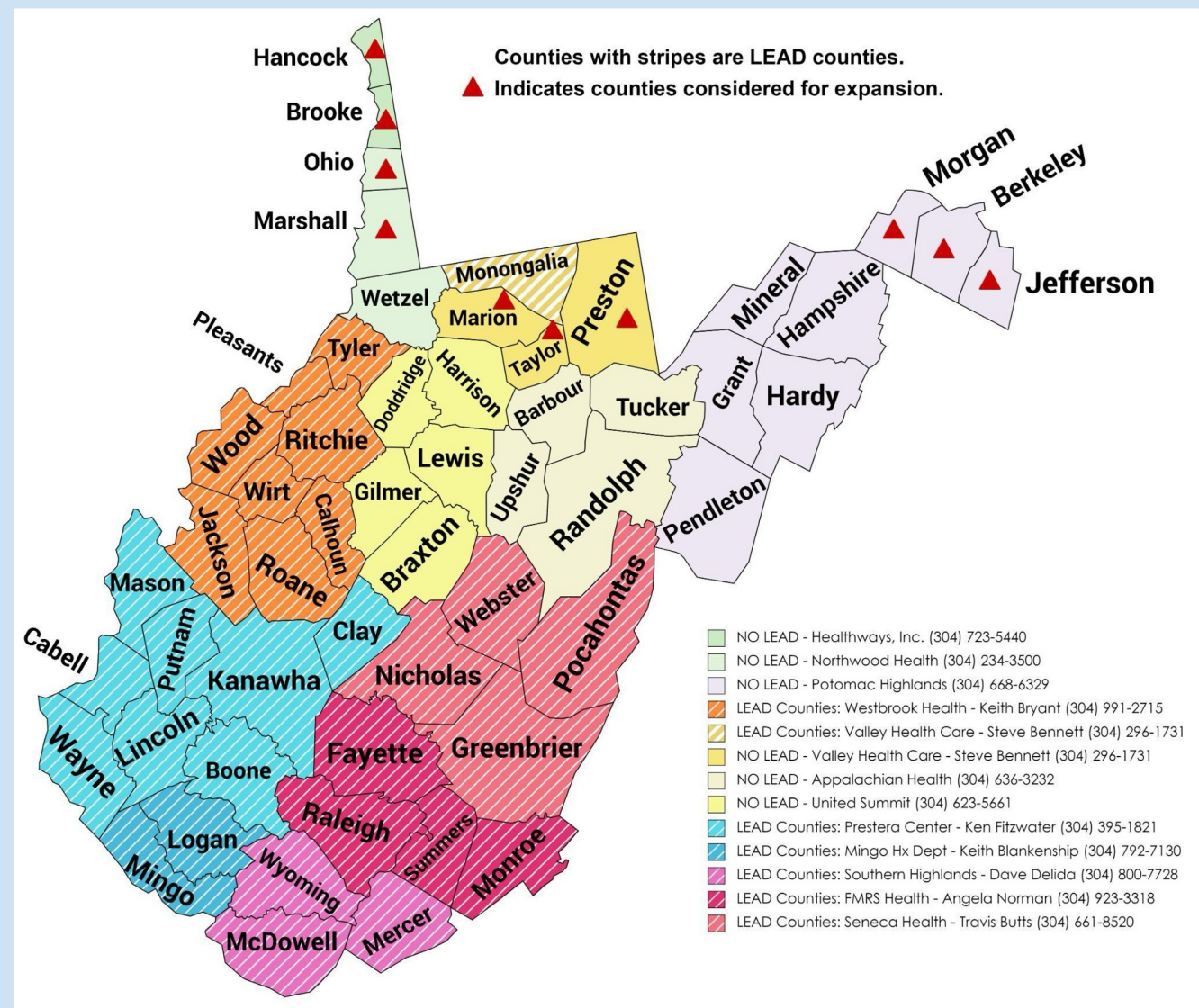


## Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)

- 1,111 individuals referred to treatment in 2023
- 30 counties covered with expansion to Ohio, Marion, Taylor, Preston, and Berkeley counties and include two additional comprehensive behavioral health centers for 2024

## Angel Initiative

- Began in March 2023
- Three referrals tracked



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## Police and Peers (PnP)

- The Fayetteville Police Department, Morgantown Police Department, and Logan County Sheriff are actively implementing the PnP program.
- Since program start-up earlier in the year, PnP staff has distributed 363 naloxone kits and 238 fentanyl test strips.
- The Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS) have referred 32 individuals to treatment and four have initiated MOUD.

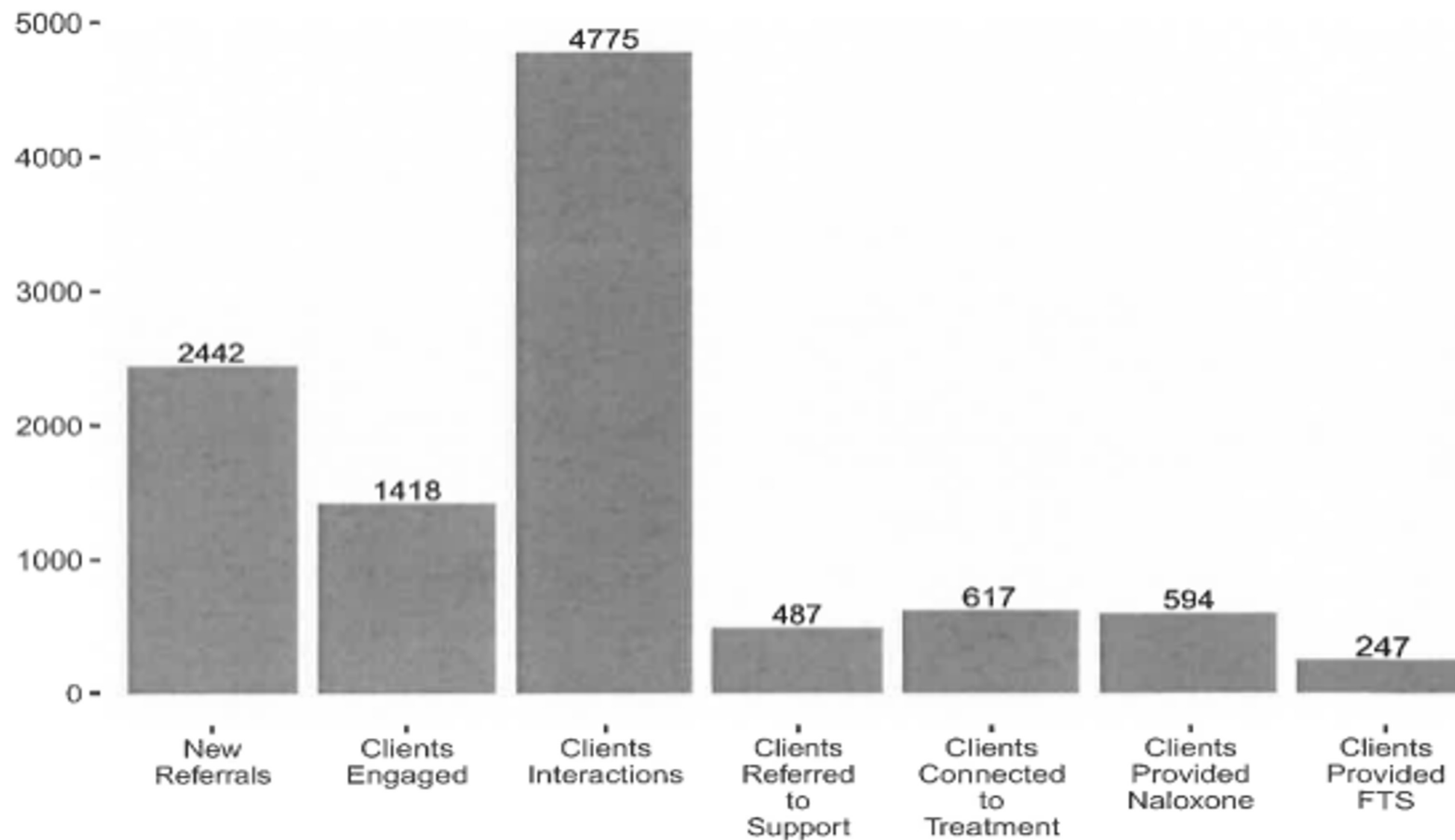
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## Quick Response Team (QRT)

- 35 QRTs cover 39 counties



# Courts & Justice Involved Populations



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## FAMILY TREATMENT COURTS



**473 OUT  
OF 763**  
Admitted from referrals

**672**

Dependents served since  
October 2019

**176**

Graduates since October  
2019

### PHYSICAL REUNIFICATIONS

**242**

Dependents reunified since  
October 2019

**306.8**

Overall average days to  
reunification

### LEGAL REUNIFICATIONS

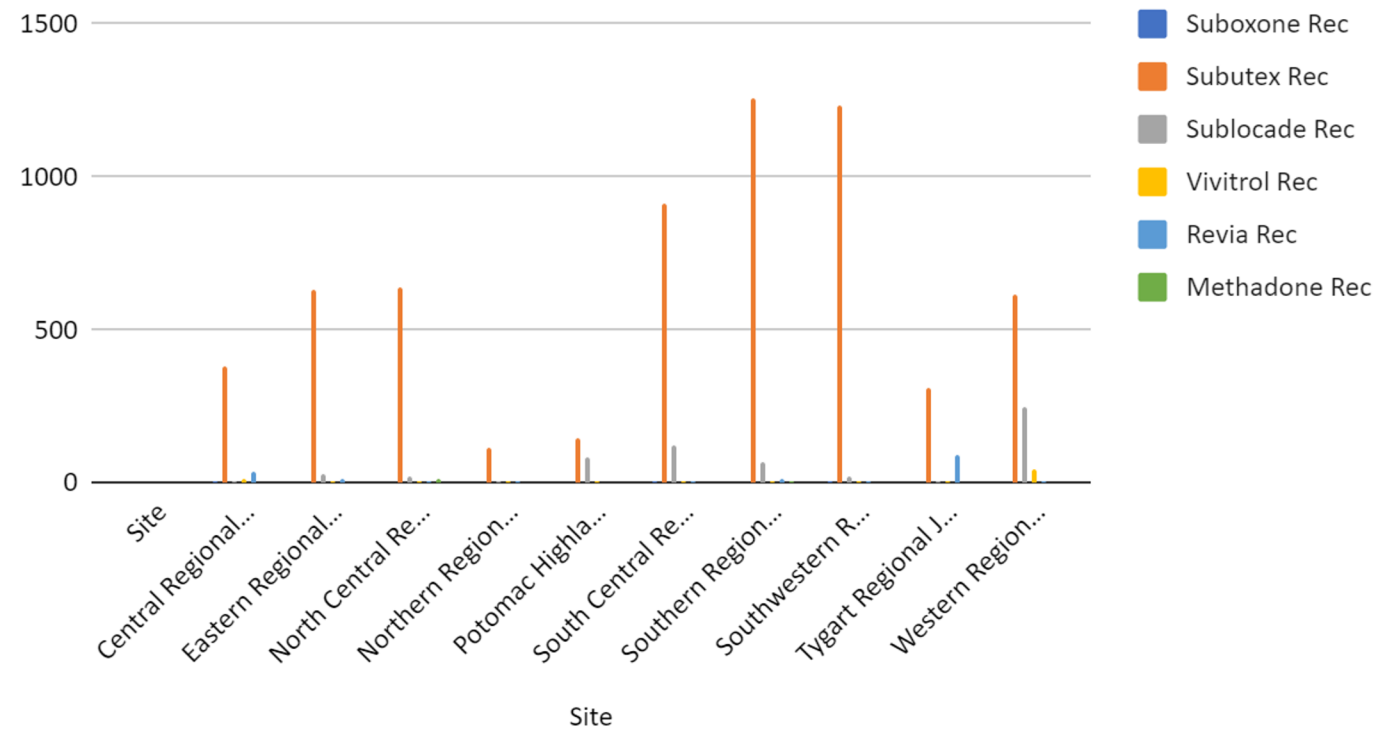
**266**

Dependents achieving  
permanency since October  
2019

**464.5**

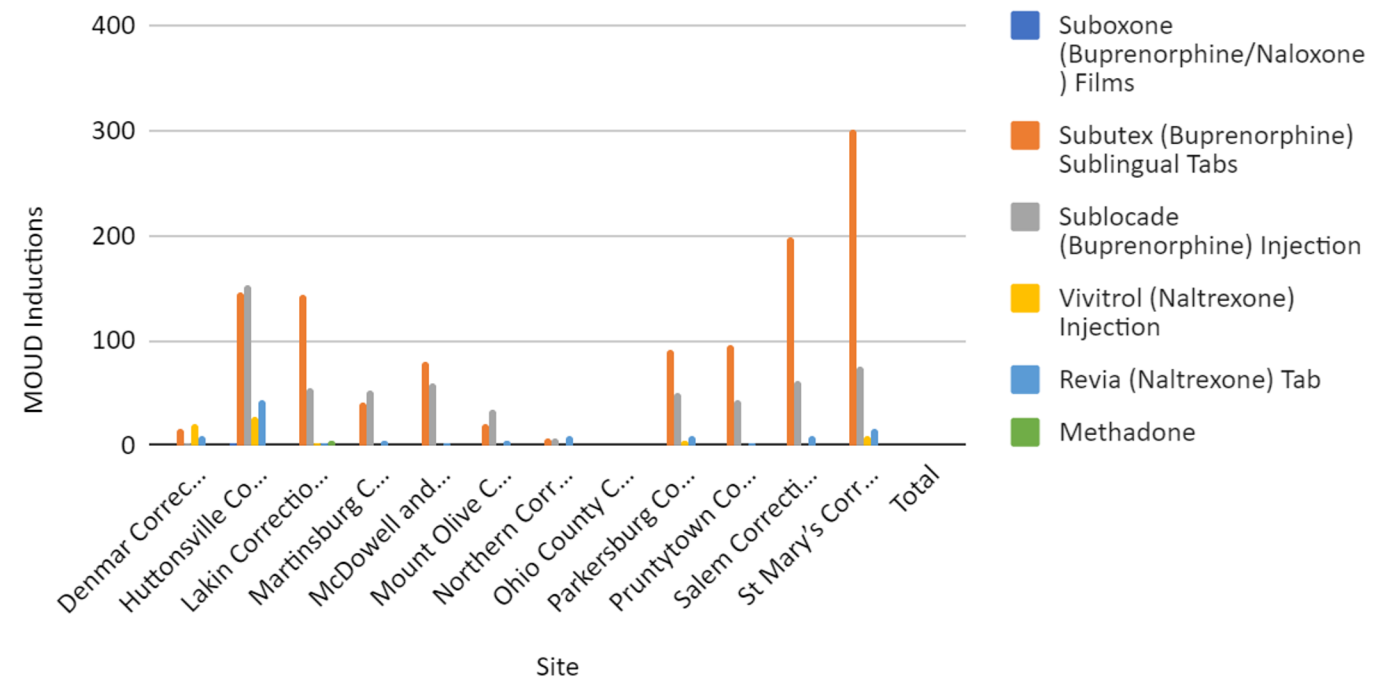
Overall average days in  
permanency

### MOUD IN JAILS



### WV MOUD IN PRISONS

August 2023-December 2023



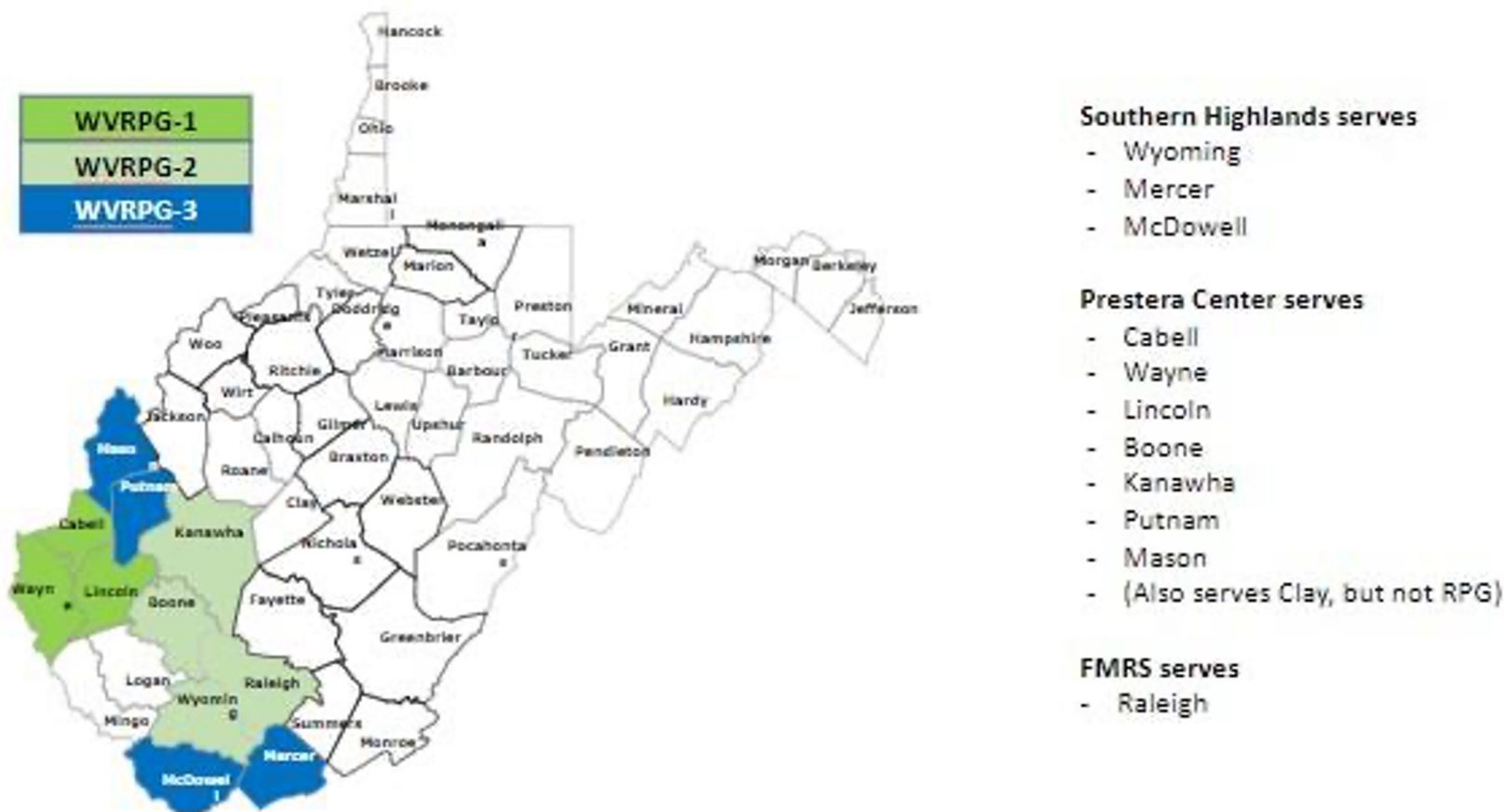
# Child Welfare Response



## Regional Partnership Grant (RPG)

- In mid-2023, the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) program was dissolved and RPG was expanded to increase wrap around services.
- 1,000 families were served.

*The West Virginia Regional Partnership Grant Service area*



# Hospital Response



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## Project Engage

- The Project Engage model focuses on expanding the capacity of hospitals to treat those with SUD to include SUD protocols embedded in the EMR, access to a PRSS on the inpatient floors, universal screening, MOUD induction, and referral to care post discharge.
- Launched in January 2023.

## West Virginia Hospital Association Opioid Response Initiative

- The initiative for hospital-based access to treatment and recovery was established to encourage universal screening, ED-based peer recovery specialists, and ED-initiated MOUD in hospitals across West Virginia.
  - Level 1 - Engagement highlights hospitals that are in the process of planning for the implementation of education, screening, intervention, and Naloxone distribution.
  - Level 2 - Implementation highlights hospitals that have instituted best practices.
- The Honors Program released the SUD topic in January and ended 2023 with 29 hospitals completing Level 2 engagement.



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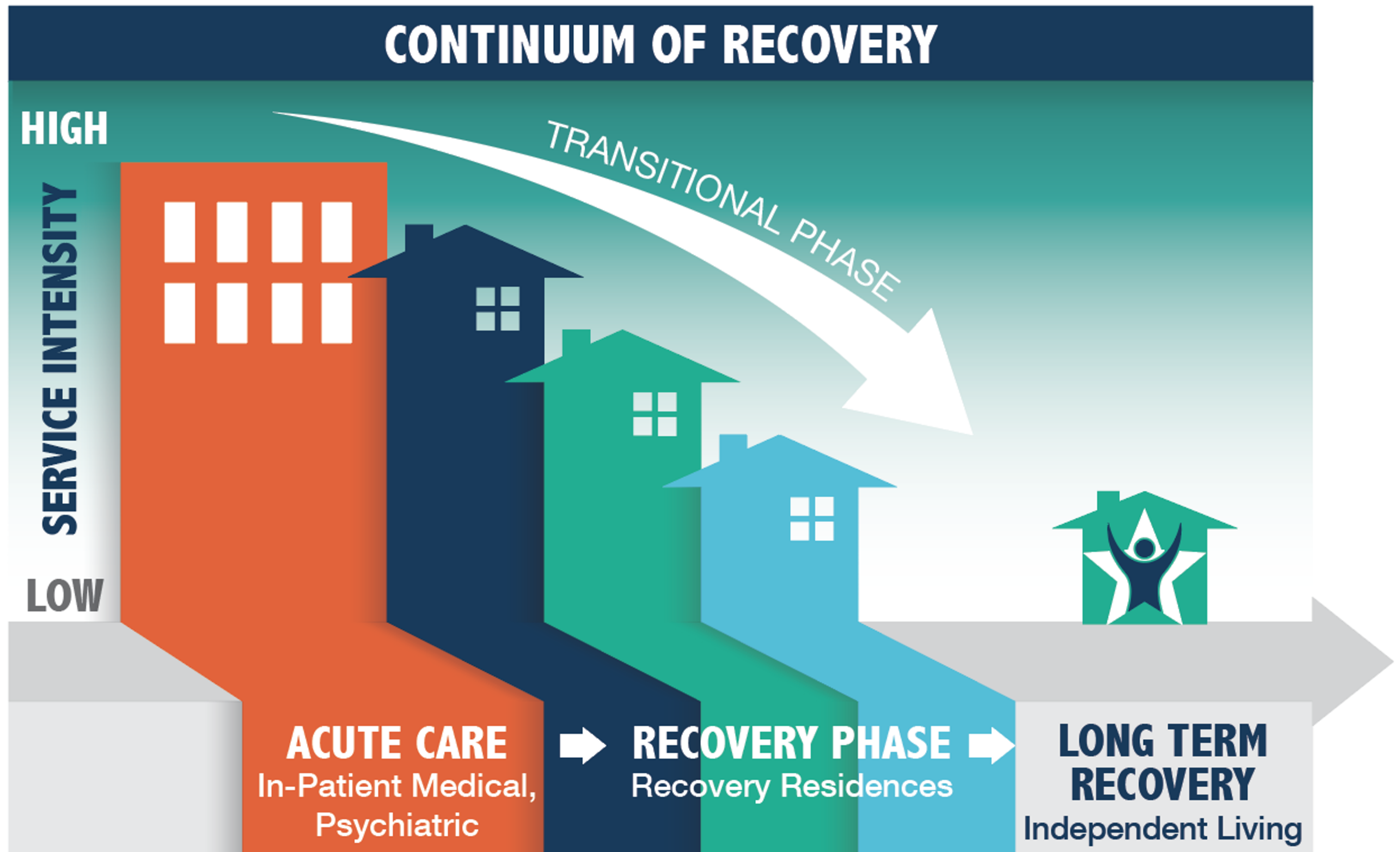
# Recovery



# Service Intensity Spectrum



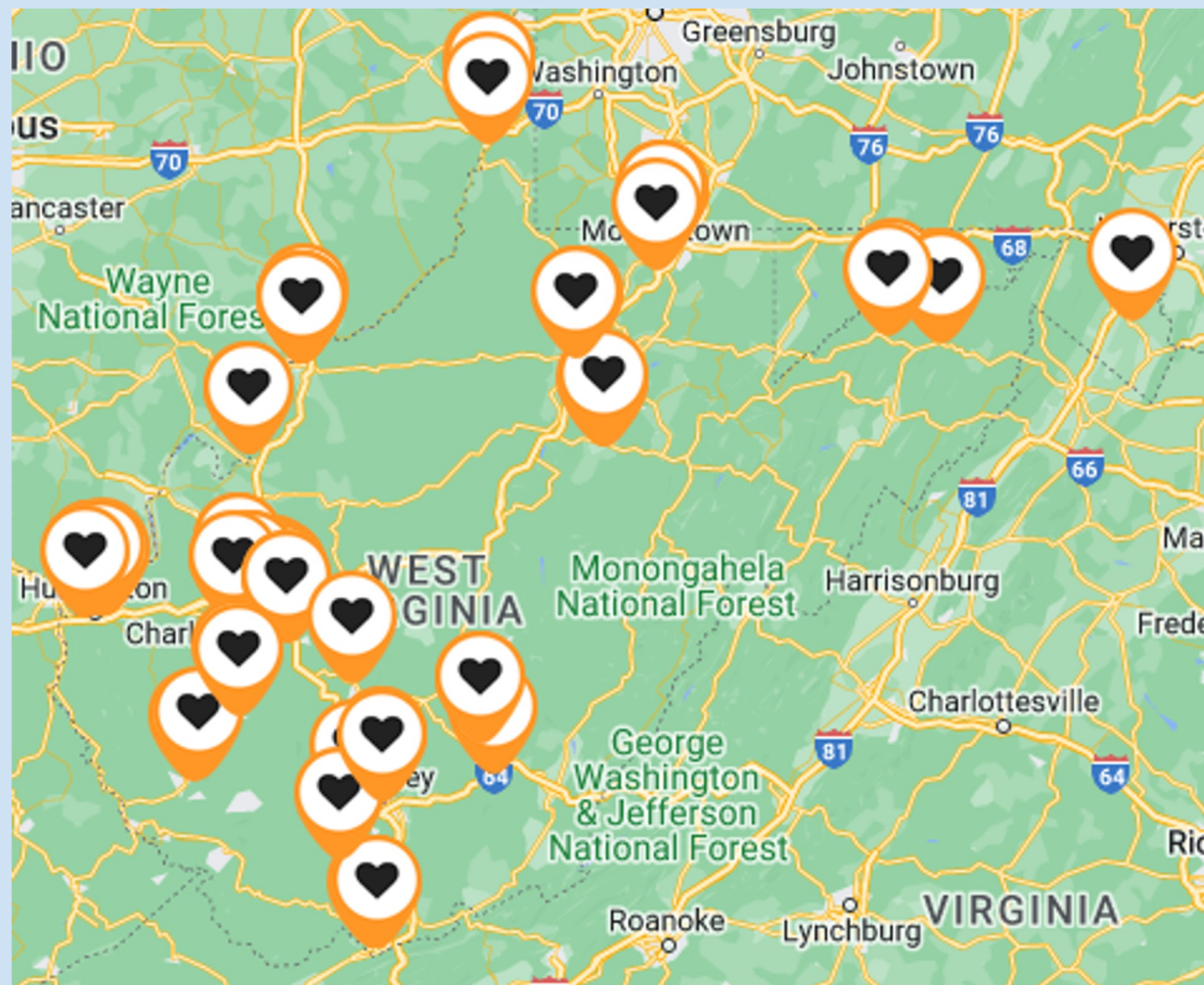
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# Recovery Housing



## West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR)



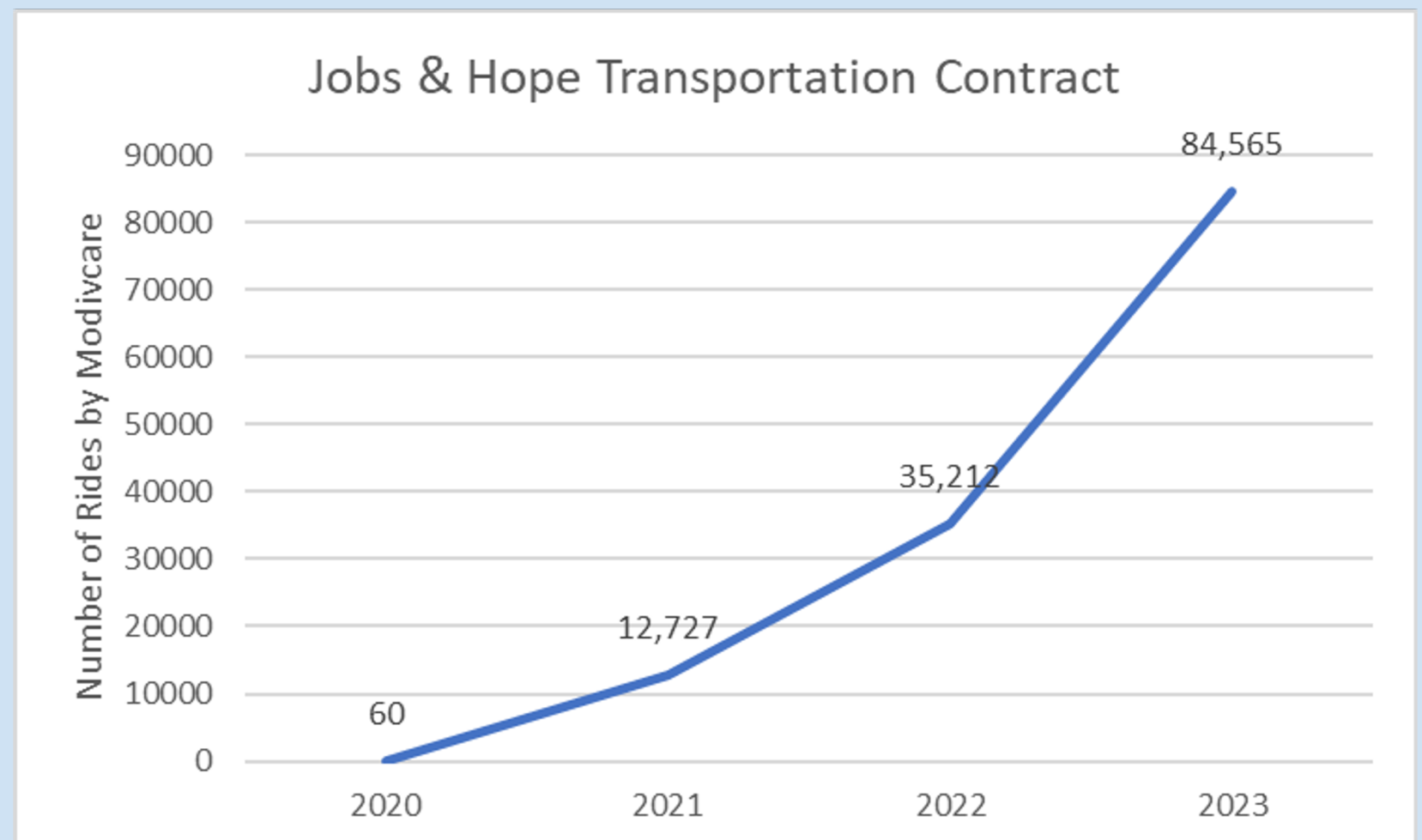
- Total Residences currently in process: 217
- Total residences in West Virginia: 228
- Percent engagement: 95%
- Percent certified of total residences: 50%
- Percent of certified engaged residences: 53%
- Certified Residences: 115
- Total certified beds: 1,597
- Beds for Women: 541
- Beds for Women with Children: 74
- Beds for Men: 929
- Coed Beds: 125

# Jobs & Hope WV



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- **ODCP provides recovery support services and funding to eliminate barriers for Jobs & Hope WV participants:**
  - PRSS services - 788
  - Drug Screening Services - 8,445
  - Referral Call Line - 11,497
  - Dental and Vision - 1214
  - Transportation - 84,565
  - Cars Donated - 170
  - Childcare - 76
  - Tattoo Removal - 12
  - 50+ Jobs Created



# Collegiate Recovery Programs



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**2927**

Individual  
Support Sessions  
Provided



**5264**

Group Support  
Sessions  
Provided



**7589**

Trained on  
Overdose  
Prevention



**8436**

Naloxone  
Kits  
Distributed



**4773**

Rx Disposal  
Kits  
Distributed



**3724**

Fentanyl Test  
Strips  
Distributed



**22584**

Outreach Encounters

# Priorities & Next Steps



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- **The 2024 Priorities and Implementation Plan will be published once approved by the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment**
- **Development of Outcomes Dashboard in accordance with W. Va. §16-5T-4**
- **Continued engagement of the Recovery Residence Taskforce**
  - Recovery Rights Advocacy Network in Recovery Community Organizations
- **Overdose prevention through targeted interventions using near real-time data**
  - Regional Coordinators
  - Spike alerts
  - Naloxone and Fentanyl Test Strip distribution
- **Continued collaboration with Jobs & Hope WV to eliminate barriers to education, training, and career employment**
  - Statewide Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative
  - Transportation Innovations
- **Public Education initiatives to increase understanding of Substance Use Disorders and Stigma Awareness**
  - Identify groups, that interact with substance use disorder/high-risk population frequently, to train

# Strategic Plan & Next Steps



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- **Expanding treatment and recovery supports for families interacting with the Child Protective Services (CPS)**
  - Regional Partnership Grant match to provide wraparound services and Peer Recovery Support services to individuals with CPS involvement
  - Expansion of RPG in areas with inflated CPS involvement
- **Expanding emergency department and hospital engagement in best practices for SUD treatment**
  - Project Engage
  - West Virginia Hospital Association Opioid Response Initiative
- **Strengthening relationships with partners in Law Enforcement and Corrections**
  - The Angel Initiative
  - Police and Peers
  - Law Enforcement Liaison embedded at ODCP
  - Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
  - Naloxone vending machine pilot with BBH
  - Law Enforcement Liaison

# Contact



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