



Overview

Ohio is among the top five states with the highest rates of opioid-related overdose deaths. In 2016, there were 3,613 opioid-related overdose deaths in Ohio—a rate of 32.9 deaths per 100,000 persons and more than double the national rate of 13.3 deaths per 100,000. Since 2010, the rate has tripled from 10 deaths per 100,000. In the same period, the number of heroin-related deaths increased from 355 to 1,478 deaths, and deaths related to synthetic opioids rose from 175 to 2,296 deaths (information via [NIH](#)).

For a complete guide to opioid resources in Ohio, please see [the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team Compendium](#) and the [2018 Action Guide to Address Opioid Abuse](#).

Infrastructure

The Single State Authority for Substance Abuse Services is the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ([MHAS](#)). In 2011, Ohio Gov. John R. Kasich established the e [Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team](#) to fight opiate abuse. In 2019, new Gov. Mike Dewine announced the [RecoveryOhio Advisory Council](#).

OhioMHAS administers the Substance Abuse Block Grant from SAMHSA, and awards funds to providers and county ADAMH Boards for local services. Ohio received \$26,060,502 for Year 1 of the grant and the same amount for the second year.

Data Related Resources

- [Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring \(OSAM\) Network Drug Trend Reports](#)
- [GCOAT Data & Statistics](#)

Other Opioid Related Initiatives

[State Opioid Response Program Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative \(RALI\) Ohio](#) is an alliance of local, state and national organizations focused on providing tools to enable the safe disposal of unused prescription medicines and raising awareness of the warning signs of opioid misuse. Launched in February of 2019.

[Project DAWN](#): (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone): a community-based overdose education and naloxone distribution program

[Take Charge Ohio](#): public awareness campaign aimed at prescribers.

[The Ohio Opioid Technology Challenge](#): a three-phase, prize-based competition to find technology-based solutions that address or improve opioid abuse prevention, treatment and overdose avoidance and response.

[Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System \(OARRS\)](#) collects information on all outpatient prescriptions for opioids dispensed by Ohio-licensed pharmacies and Ohio prescribers.

[Stop Overdoses](#) - Ohio Department of Health's naloxone campaign.

[Start Talking!](#) - a multi-pronged, youth focused prevention campaign aimed at parents in Ohio

[Regional Prevention Coordinators The Statewide Prevention Coalition Association](#) brings together local coalitions, professionals, and community champions to strengthen substance misuse prevention efforts.

ODUs Resource Centers

Ohio's Opioid State Targeted Response Project has created an [interactive resource map](#) for all counties in Ohio.

Opioid Conferences

- The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities Foundation and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services host [Ohio's Opiate Conference](#).
- [Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio \(ADAPAO\) Annual Conference](#)
- [Ohio Promoting Wellness and Recovery \(OPEC\) Annual Conference](#)
- The Prevention Action Alliance hosts the [Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network Adult Allies Summit](#).
- [The Ohio Collective Impact Summit by the Prevention Action Alliance](#)
- [Annual Ohio Recovery Housing Conference](#) by Ohio Recovery Housing



Opioids Research

OhioMHAS has a page to find all of their [published research and reports](#).

[Ohio Automated RX Reporting System](#) offers county-specific data on substance use and objectives for addressing the community concerns.

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