

Hospitalizations for Opioid Overdose

Fiscal Year (FY) 2019: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

The continued focus on the opioid crisis in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic is particularly important for people who experience an opioid overdose. These individuals, who often have other chronic health problems or socioeconomic issues, are more likely to suffer from the severe respiratory symptoms associated with COVID-19. Additionally, the stress and isolation commonly experienced during this pandemic increase the likelihood of an overdose occurring.

The hospitalization rates reported include Pennsylvania residents, age 15 and older, who were admitted to a Pennsylvania general acute care hospital for opioid overdose during fiscal year (FY) 2019: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This analysis does not include overdoses that did not result in a hospital admission (e.g., those treated with naloxone and/or treated in the emergency department and not admitted to the hospital or overdose deaths that occurred outside the hospital setting).

Hospitalizations for Opioid Overdose per 100,000 County Residents, FY 2019

	FY 2019	
	Number of Hospitalizations	Rate of Hospitalizations
Statewide	2,541	23.9
Adams	13	15.1
Allegheny	239	23.2
Armstrong	NR	NR
Beaver	36	26.0
Bedford	NR	NR
Berks	84	24.5
Blair	25	24.6
Bradford	NR	NR
Bucks	151	28.8
Butler	23	14.6
Cambria	22	19.8
Cameron	NR	NR
Carbon	15	27.7
Centre	NR	NR
Chester	75	17.6
Clarion	NR	NR
Clearfield	15	22.2

	FY 2019	
	Number of Hospitalizations	Rate of Hospitalizations
Clinton	NR	NR
Columbia	11	19.7
Crawford	15	21.2
Cumberland	39	18.6
Dauphin	48	21.3
Delaware	134	29.0
Elk	NR	NR
Erie	46	20.5
Fayette	31	28.2
Forest	NR	NR
Franklin	14	11.1
Fulton	NR	NR
Greene	NR	NR
Huntingdon	NR	NR
Indiana	10	13.9
Jefferson	NR	NR
Juniata	NR	NR
Lackawanna	28	16.0

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	Number of Hospitalizations	Rate of Hospitalizations
Lancaster	72	16.5
Lawrence	26	36.0
Lebanon	23	20.0
Lehigh	81	27.0
Luzerne	68	25.5
Lycoming	17	18.0
McKean	NR	NR
Mercer	26	27.8
Mifflin	NR	NR
Monroe	19	13.3
Montgomery	131	19.2
Montour	NR	NR
Northampton	49	19.2
Northumberland	20	26.1
Perry	NR	NR
Philadelphia	582	45.0

	FY 2019	
	Number of Hospitalizations	Rate of Hospitalizations
Pike	NR	NR
Potter	NR	NR
Schuylkill	31	26.0
Snyder	NR	NR
Somerset	NR	NR
Sullivan	NR	NR
Susquehanna	NR	NR
Tioga	NR	NR
Union	NR	NR
Venango	NR	NR
Warren	NR	NR
Washington	23	13.2
Wayne	NR	NR
Westmoreland	74	24.8
Wyoming	NR	NR
York	113	30.8

Rates were calculated using PHC4 data and US Census Bureau data.

NR: Not reported due to low volume.

About PHC4

Created by the PA General Assembly in 1986, the PA Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4) is an independent state agency charged with collecting, analyzing and reporting information that can be used to improve the quality and restrain the cost of health care in the state. Today, PHC4 is a recognized national leader in public health care reporting. PHC4 is governed by a board of directors representing business, labor, consumers, health care providers, insurers and state government.

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