



OVERDOSE RESPONSE STRATEGY

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Situational Awareness Bulletin

Fatal and Non-Fatal Overdoses in Arkansas for 2023

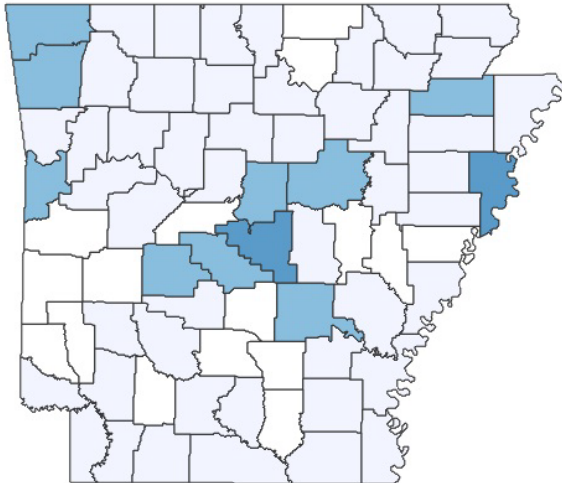
Overview

(U) The purpose of this bulletin is to promote awareness among law enforcement, public health, and first responder agencies, and it offers a look in to drug overdose trends in Arkansas.

Details

(U) According to Arkansas Department of Health Vital Records data, Arkansas saw a 13% decrease in overdose deaths from 2022-2023. The total number of overdose deaths in Arkansas were 591¹ and 510² for 2022 and 2023 respectively. Despite the decrease in overdose deaths, there was an increase in non-fatal overdoses from 3,848³ in 2022 to 3,936³ in 2023. This is possibly due to the widespread availability of naloxone in the state.

2023 Fatal Overdoses by County



Age Adjusted Rate per 100,000



510 Total Overdoses in the Arkansas

County	Total OD	Per 100K
<i>Pulaski</i>	121	30.59
<i>Benton</i>	42	13.83
<i>Sebastian</i>	33	26.31
<i>Washington</i>	32	12.6
<i>Saline</i>	27	21.54
<i>Craighead</i>	23	21.44
<i>Garland</i>	21	22.43
<i>Crittenden</i>	13	31.05
<i>White</i>	12	18.97
<i>Faulkner</i>	12	10.69
<i>Jefferson</i>	10	17.22

Overdose numbers under 10 in a county are suppressed due to HIPAA concerns



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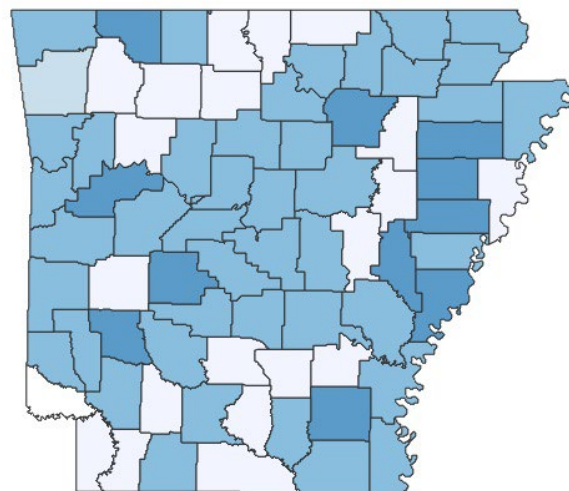
2023 Non-Fatal Overdoses by County

County	Total OD	Per 100K
Pulaski	379	96.95
Garland	318	355.62
Craighead	299	262.62
Benton	252	83.52
Faulkner	251	197.57
Sebastian	205	163.3
Pope	129	211.87
Mississippi	113	291.03
Independence	112	303.81
St Francis	107	495.15
Poinsett	95	447.04
Boone	90	257.07
Hot Spring	83	247.4
Carroll	75	301.84
Crawford	70	116.55
Logan	62	325.08
White	62	84.53
Ouachita	59	265.09
Saline	58	49.31
Cross	56	364.8
Drew	51	315.29
Lonoke	51	69.67
Randolph	49	281.18
Lawrence	46	282.62
Polk	46	239.43
Phillips	45	335.52
Ashley	43	251.93
Sharp	41	257.41
Cleburne	38	161.63
Franklin	38	236.72
Greene	36	75.89
Columbia	35	167.8
Pike	33	304.53
Hempstead	32	175.38
Clark	31	148.34
Yell	29	160.77
Howard	27	211.71
Bradley	25	261.28
Washington	24	8.34
Stone	23	211.59
Scott	22	245.99
Monroe	19	305.08

Chicot	18	196.06
Clay	17	121.87
Perry	17	177.9
Conway	16	87.2
Bradley	25	261.28
Washington	24	8.34
Stone	23	211.59
Scott	22	245.99
Monroe	19	305.08
Chicot	18	196.06
Clay	17	121.87
Perry	17	177.9
Conway	16	87.2
Van Buren	15	119.96
Arkansas	14	96.34
Grant	14	71.07
Sevier	14	90.02
Izard	12	103.75
Lee	12	138.59
Jefferson	11	16.47
Desha	10	104.48

2023 Non-Fatal Overdoses by County

State Wide Case Count: 3,936



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For questions or to provide additional information please contact arorsa@gchidta.org.

Feedback can be provided at: <https://www.nhac.org/SurveySite/SurveyPage.aspx?LMSID=ea3fd276-a7f2-43dd-af56-b039e95dc333>

This report was prepared based on information received from: The Arkansas State Crime Lab

¹ <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/2ad87ac5b6934707a7625fc6068bb198/page/Home/?views=Fatal-Overdoses%2C2022->

² <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/2ad87ac5b6934707a7625fc6068bb198/page/Home/?views=Fatal-Overdoses%2C2023->

³ <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/2ad87ac5b6934707a7625fc6068bb198/page/Home/?views=2023-%2CNon-Fatal-Overdoses%2C2022>

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