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**Purpose:** The NH Drug Monitoring Initiative (DMI) is a holistic strategy to provide awareness and combat drug distribution and abuse. In line with this approach the DMI will obtain data from various sources (to include, but not limited to, Public Health, Law Enforcement, and EMS) and provide monthly products for stakeholders as well as situational awareness releases as needed.

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**Previous versions of the Drug Environment Report can be found at:** [https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bdas/data.htm](https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bdas/data.htm)


⇒ Year/month overview charts are based on annual estimates from the above website. County charts are based on a 2016 estimated population of each county.

⇒ If your agency is looking for further breakdowns than what is in this document please contact the NHIAC.*
Overview: Trends for Narcan, ED Visits, Treatment Admissions, and Overdose Deaths:

EMS Narcan Administration, Opioid Related ED Visits, and Treatment Admissions per 100,000 Population
July 2017 - June 2018

- Opioid Related ED Visits
- Opioid/Opiate, Methamphetamine, & Cocaine/Crack Treatment Admissions
- EMS Narcan Administration

Source: NH Division of Public Health Services, NH Bureau of Drug & Alcohol Services, and NH Bureau of EMS

Drug Overdose Deaths By Year
Data Source: NH Medical Examiner's Office

* 2017 Numbers are based on analysis as of 12 June 2018 - 2 Cases Pending
**Drug Overdose Deaths:**

Data Source: NH Medical Examiner’s Office

**Trends:**
- At this time, there are 114 confirmed drug overdoses and 70 cases pending toxicology for 2018.
- In 2017 thus far, Hillsborough County has the highest suspected drug use resulting in overdose deaths per capita at 4.82 deaths per 10,000 population.
- Belknap County had the next highest suspected drug use resulting in overdose deaths per capita at 4.47 deaths per 10,000 population.
- The age group with the largest number of drug overdose deaths is 30-39 which represents 26% of all overdose deaths for 2017.
- As released by the Attorney General’s Office, there have been 12 deaths related to the use of carfentanil in 2017.

*** IMPORTANT DATA NOTES***
- 2017 and 2018 Total numbers are based on analysis as of 3 July, 2018.
- There are currently 2 cases “pending toxicology” for 2017.
- Analysis is based on county where the drug(s) is suspected to have been used.

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**Overdose Deaths by Age 2017***

Data Source: NH Medical Examiner’s Office

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**Overdose Deaths by Year per 100,000 Population**

Data Source: NH Medical Examiner’s Office

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**2017* Overdose Deaths by County per 10,000 Population**

Data Source: NH Medical Examiner’s Office

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* 2017 Numbers are based on analysis as of 3 July, 2018

* 2017 Projected numbers are based on analysis as of 12 June, 2018 - 2 cases pending

* Cocaine and Fentanyl/Heroin Related deaths are not mutually exclusive, several deaths involved both categories
Drug Overdose Deaths (Continued):

Data Source: NH Medical Examiner’s Office

Fentanyl Combinations (Top 10)

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Cocaine Combinations (Top 10)

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*2017 Numbers are based on analysis as of 3 July, 2018
Source: NH Medical Examiner’s Office
Overdose Deaths by Town* - 2017 *
(Data Source: NH Medical Examiner’s Office)
*Location where the drug(s) is suspected to have been used.

+2017 data was reported on July 3, 2018
There are many more deaths that are suspected to be drug related, but the official cause of death is pending until the toxicology results are received.
2 cases pending

There are many more deaths that are suspected to have been used.

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EMS Narcan Administration:
Data Source: NH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Trends:
- EMS Narcan administration incidents decreased by 8.5% from May to June.
- In June Hillsborough County had the most EMS Narcan administration incidents per capita with 1.70 incidents per 10,000 population.
- Carroll County had the second highest EMS Narcan administration incidents per capita with 1.46 incidents per 10,000 population.
- The age group with the largest number of EMS Narcan administration incidents was 30-39 which represents 36% of all EMS Narcan administration incidents for June.
- NH Bureau of EMS Percentage of “lives saved” decreased by 2%

*** IMPORTANT DATA NOTES***
- Narcan data in this report involves the number of incidents where Narcan was administered, NOT the number of doses of Narcan during a certain time period. Multiple doses may be administered during an incident.
- Narcan is administered in cases of cardiac arrest when the cause of the arrest cannot be determined. It therefore cannot be concluded that all of the reported Narcan cases involved drugs.
EMS Narcan Administration (Continued):

Data Source: NH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

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EMS Narcan Administration—Lives Saved

Source: NH Bureau of EMS

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RODS, or Revised Over Dose Score is based on the combined delta of documented respiratory rate (RR) and Glasgow Coma Score (GCS - measure of alertness) before and after Narcan administration. For example, RR improved from 6/min to 12/min (delta of 6) and GCS improved from 10 to 13 (delta of 3), the RODS score would be 9. The delta of the vital signs is calculated per incident, so the patient may have received more than one dose of Narcan to achieve the effect in the RODS.

EMS Narcan Administration by County per 10,000 Population

Source: NH Bureau of EMS

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EMS/Narcan Administration by Town
7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018
Data Source: New Hampshire Bureau of EMS

*Incidents Where Narcan Was Administered*

- 0
- 1 - 10
- 11 - 25
- 26 - 50
- 51 - 100
- 101 - 200
- 201 - 500
- 501 - 750

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Scale: 1:1,150,000
Trends:
- Opioid related ED visits decreased by 7% from May to June 2018.
- In June residents from Strafford County had the most opioid related ED visits per capita with 6.28 visits per 10,000 population.
- Belknap County residents had the second highest number of opioid related ED visits per capita with 5.92 visits per 10,000 population.
- The age groups with the largest number of opioid related ED visits were 20-29 and 30-39 with 35% of all opioid related ED visits for June.

*** IMPORTANT DATA NOTES***
- County represents where the opioid use patient resides.
- These data represent any encounter with the term “heroin, opioid, opiate, or fentanyl” listed as chief complaint text. These data also represent any encounter with an ICD-10 code that was designated for heroin and opioids.
- Currently all but three of the hospitals are sending ICD-10 data.
- These data include other opioid-related encounters such as poisonings, withdrawals, and detox.

Emergency Department Opioid Use Visits by Month per 100,000 Population

June Emergency Department Opioid Use Visits by County per 10,000 Population

June Emergency Department Opioid Use Visits by Age

Source: NH Division of Public Health Services
Opioid Related Emergency Department Visits (Continued):

Data Source: NH Division of Public Health Services

Emergency Department Opioid Use Visits per 100,000 Population
July 2017 - June 2018

Source: NH Div. of Public Health Services

Emergency Department Opioid Use Visits by County
per 10,000 Population

Source: NH Div. of Public Health Services
Trends:
- Opioid/opiate, Methamphetamine, & Cocaine/Crack treatment admissions increased by 4% from May to June.
- In June residents from Strafford County were admitted most often for opioid/opiate treatment per capita with 2.07 admissions per 10,000 population.
- More males than females were admitted to treatment programs in June for opioid/opiate, Methamphetamine, & Cocaine/Crack use.
- Methamphetamine treatment admissions decreased by 11% from May to June.
- Cocaine/Crack treatment admissions increased by 8% from May to June.
- Heroin/Fentanyl treatment admissions increased by 4% from May to June.

*** IMPORTANT DATA NOTES***
- County represents where the patient resides.
- These data represent treatment admissions to state funded facilities.
- These data have decreased due to numerous factors. The Affordable Care Act has been fully implemented, resulting in increased access to affordable health insurance and coverage for substance use disorder treatment in NH. New Hampshire expanded its Medicaid program, which also provided increased opportunities for substance use disorder treatment in the state. Substance use disorder treatment in the state has increased sharply in response to these policies which has shifted clients served by State of New Hampshire contracted treatment providers to other payment models and facilities.
Treatment Admissions (Continued):
Data Source: NH Bureau of Drug & Alcohol Services

Heroin/Fentanyl, Rx Opiate, Methamphetamine, & Cocaine/Crack Treatment Admissions by Month per 100,000 Population
July 2017 - June 2018

Opioid/Opiate Treatment Admissions by County per 10,000 Population
Source: NH Bureau of Drug & Alcohol Services
Situational Awareness:

AG Sessions Promises to Drop Federal Hammer on NH Dealers of Deadly Synthetic Dope

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said federal prosecutors will bring drug dealing charges against anyone suspected of dealing fentanyl and other synthetic opioids such as carfentanil in New Hampshire, one of 10 states targeted in a crackdown on the powerful, deadly drugs.

Sessions said he will add an additional prosecutor to the office of U.S. Attorney in New Hampshire as part of the nationwide effort, labeled Operation Synthetic Opioid Surge.

Sessions announced Operation SOS after meeting the federal law enforcement officers and prosecutors at the U.S. District Court offices in Concord, followed by a similar meeting with state and local officers. Other prosecutors will be provided to areas of Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maine, California, and Pennsylvania. All have some of the highest overdose death rates in the country, Sessions said, ranking New Hampshire and Ohio second behind only West Virginia.

State Opioid Response Grant Additional Funding

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced today that it has received further information from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that the award announced last month for the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant was a total of $22.9 million for each of two years, totaling $45.8 million over the two-year award period. The Department yesterday received confirmation of the total amount from SAMHSA.

The additional $22.9 million for the next fiscal year will allow the State to fund many of the needs identified by providers, families and other stakeholders to an even greater extent than planned. Confirmation by SAMHSA of the state’s eligibility for 45.8 million over the next two years will now allow a broader range of services and programs for prevention, treatment and recovery across the entire state.

Source: www.UnionLeader.com 7/12/2018
Substance Abuse Treatment/Recovery Directory:
State funded treatment facilities in NH (NOT a complete list) - Data Source: NH Department of Health and Human Services

**BETLEHEM**
North Country Health Consortium (NCHC)/ Friendship House
262 Cottage St. Suite 230 Bethlehem, NH
Phone: 603-259-3700

**CANAAN**
HALO Educational Systems
44 Roberts Road Canaan, NH
Phone: 603-359-3321

**CONCORD**
Concord Hospital
250 Pleasant Street, Suite 5400 Concord, NH
Phone: 603-225-2711 ext. 2521

**DOVER**
Southeastern NH Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services
272 County Farm Road Dover, NH
Crisis Center: 603-516-8181
Main: 603-516-8160

**DUBLIN**
Phoenix House Comprehensive Addiction Treatment Services
3 Pierce Rd. Dublin, NH
Phone: 603-563-8501 option 1

**FRANKLIN**
Farnum Center
Ray House (Women)
14 Holy Cross Rd. Franklin, NH
Phone: 603-263-6287

**GILFORD**
Horizons Counseling Center
25 Country Club Road Suite #705 Gilford, NH
Phone: 603-524-8005

**KEENE**
Phoenix House Comprehensive Addiction Treatment Services
106 Roxbury St. Keene, NH
Phone: 603-358-4041 option 1

**LEBANON**
HALO Educational Systems, LLC
1 School St. Lebanon, NH
Phone: 603-359-3321

**MANCHESTER**
Families in Transition - New Horizons
161 South Beech St. Manchester, NH
Phone: 603-641-9441 ext. 401

**MASHUA**
Greater Nashua Council on Alcoholism :Keystone Hall
12 & 1/2 Amherst St. Nashua, NH 03063
Phone: 603-943-7971 Ext. 3

Greater Nashua Open Doors Program
615 Amherst St. Nashua, NH
Phone: 603-881-4848

The Youth Council
112 W. Pearl St. Nashua, NH
Phone: 603-889-1090

**PORTSMOUTH**
Families First of the Greater Seacoast
100 Campus Drive, Suite 12 Portsmouth, NH 03801
Phone: 603-422-8208 Ext. 150

**SOMERSWORTH**
Goodwin Community Health Center
311 NH -108 Somersworth, NH 03878
Phone: 603-749-2346

A full list of Substance Abuse and Treatment Facilities can be found [here](#).
A treatment locator can be found [here](#).